

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

NOVEMBER 23, 2025
LAST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST:
REIGN OF CHRIST

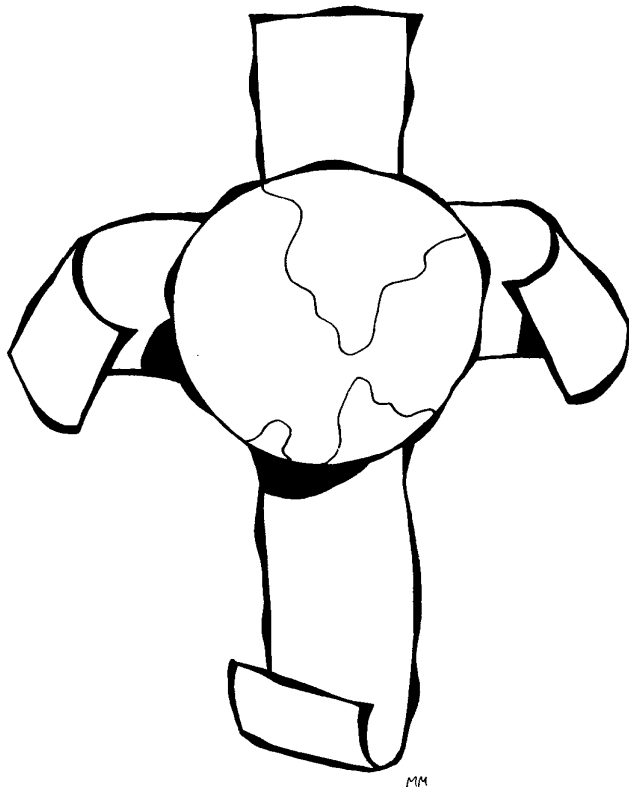


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November 23, 2025
Last Sunday after Pentecost:
The Reign of Christ

Worship on November 23

9 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Mark's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' HE

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79;

Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Christ Church, Shelburne, Nova Scotia

~ Petite Riviere, NS

~ Chester, NS

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

~ Bishop Samuel Rose

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. George's, Montague

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

November 30: 1st Sunday of Advent (blue)

Worship Time: 11 am - Parish Worship at St. Thomas' HE with pot luck to follow. Bring along a favourite dish, or simply come and enjoy...there's always lots to eat! Joint choirs will be singing.

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;

Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Readers: Judy C, Judy M; Darlene L, Jean R; Martyn C, Laura G

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Amy M, Bronwyn C

2026 Anglican Church calendars have been ordered, and the cost this year will be \$7.00. Myrna Profitt will notify you for pickup when they have arrived. Thank you for your support.

St. Thomas' Church Council meets on Mon., November 24, 7 pm.

St. Mark's Church Council meets on Wed., November 26, 7 pm.

St. Stephen's Church Council meets on Wed., December 3, 7 pm.

Kensington & Area Christian Council meets on Monday, November 24, 7 pm at Kensington United Church.

Choir practice will be held for all the choirs, on November 26, 2 pm at St. Stephen's, in preparation for Parish Worship on November 30 and the Ecumenical Carol Service on December 1.

Annual Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service will be held on Monday, December 1, 7:30 p.m. at Kensington United Church (storm date: December 8). Come and hear the sounds of the season!

Kensington Community Care Home has invited our Parish choir to sing Christmas carols on December 11 at 1:30 pm. Hugh Jones will be organist; all are welcome!!! Please mark your calendar!!

Parish Executive/Financials will meet on Thursday, December 11, 6 pm at the Rectory.

Parish Christmas Luncheon will be held at Lotus Garden Restaurant on Friday, December 12, 11:30 a.m. Contact Sandra (902-836-4751), Lola (902-303-5795), or Doreen (902-886-2207). All are welcome!

MISSION TO SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES 2025

We continue to share with seafarers the joy and spirit of the holidays through gift-giving, and the Mission has acknowledged the generosity of the Anglican Parish of New London in recent years.

This is the updated list of essential items requested for this year:

- Hat/toque - Scarf or neck warmer - Gloves/mitts - Socks - Soap
- Wrapped hard candy (no chocolate) - Toothpaste - Toothbrush
- Shampoo or body wash (maximum 350 ml) - Shaving foam - Razors
- Deodorant - Lip Balm - Playing cards - Comb - Pen/pencil
- Christmas card - Small packages of tissues - Bible (supplied by mission) - Mementos/souvenir of NS, PEI, Canada.

Items can be placed in shoeboxes, but please **do not wrap** the boxes. Mission volunteers need to check all items and then will wrap them. Please bring donations to St. Thomas' by **November 30** for the Parish Worship Service, at which point they will be blessed and organized for Beryl Carr to deliver to Halifax later that week.

Diocesan Church Society of PEI (DCS) ANNUAL MEETING

will be held on Saturday, November 29, at St. Mark's Church, Kensington. The meeting will run from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. with coffee and refreshments available at 9 a.m. This gathering is for all Island Anglican Clergy, DCS Delegates, and interested parishioners. Come help us dream and plan for our life as the Anglican community on Prince Edward Island. RSVP to The Rev. Margaret Collins at brigadebucket@hotmail.com.

Christmas House Tour – Friday, December 5, 3-9 pm

~ Clinton Pond Bed & Breakfast (11339 Rte. 6, Clinton)

~ Heaney Farmhouse (3044 Kerrytown Road, Clinton)

Tickets (\$10) to support Southwest River United Church in Margate.

- Amanda Bonnell (902-315-1052)
- Janet Cotton (902-886-2528)

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,
grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

CANTICLE 19, BAS (LUKE 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;*

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,*

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,*

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers*

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear,*

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation*

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God*

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,*

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

A READING FROM COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO LUKE 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God,
by your grace you have raised us up
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and lead us in those good works
for which you have created us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Highlights from Parish Council Meeting – November 18, 2025

~ Christmas Eve Services are confirmed for:

- * 4 pm – St. Stephen's HE
- * 6 pm – St. Thomas' HE
- * 9 pm – St. Mark's HE

~ Christmas Day Service (tentative)

- * 10 am – St. Elizabeth's HC

Follow-up to Survey re: Services Jan., Feb., March

- * 10 am – full month January – St. Stephen's
- * 10 am – full month February – St. Thomas'
- * 10 am – full month March – St. Mark's

~ 1st and 3rd Sunday MP; 2nd and 4th Sunday HE

~ 5th Sunday in March (29th) – Palm Sunday HE

~ Holy Week Services – St. Mark's

~ April 5 – Easter Sunday

- * 7 am – St. Thomas' HE
- * 9 am – St. Stephen's HE
- * 11 am – St. Mark's HE

~ April return to regular schedule (HE – 1st & 3rd St. Stephen's; HE 2nd & 4th St. Thomas'; HE changes for St. Mark's) and the agreed-upon rotation:

April: 9 am – St. Stephen's; 11 am – St. Thomas; 11 am – St. Mark's

May: 9 am – St. Thomas; 11 am – St. Mark's; 11 am – St. Stephen's

June: 9 am – St. Mark's; 11 am – St. Stephen's; 11 am – St. Thomas'

~ Required Insurance considerations (re: snow removal & regular checks of property for vandalism, Log Book) were reviewed and will be outlined further.

~ Communication considerations (phone tree, posting on website for cancellations re: weather/road conditions) were reviewed and will be outlined further.

Further Highlights from Parish Council Meeting

~ Leanne Brister is in Formal Process for Discernment for Holy Orders-Diaconate. There will be a presentation by someone from Diocese early in the new year.

~ Interest has been expressed in Confirmation by spring.

This will be canvassed and advertised further in the new year.

~ There will also be further canvassing to determine if there is an interest in training/preparation for Licensed Lay Ministry in the near year.

~ Much discussion regarding the upcoming new Church Governance Processes re: Bi-laws, changes to make-up of Parish Council, and ongoing discussions regarding adjustments to Financial practices to be in line with Canon, Insurance, and CRA. These will be reviewed at upcoming Church Council meetings for continuing attention to key issues - now, for end-of-year annual reporting, and for implementation in new year.

~ PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) has now been set up for St. Thomas', St. Stephen's, the Parish, and remains in place for St. Mark's. This does not replace envelope offerings, but is an option for those who wish. An insert in this week's bulletin explains PAR further and how to set oneself up to use this method for offerings.

~ \$1650.00 budgeted end-of-year donations agreed at Parish Annual Meeting were confirmed.

~ There will be additional Parish Executive/Financial meetings in early December and early January. Unless another Parish Council meeting is deemed necessary, next Meeting will be Parish Annual in February.

**The Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
Diocesan PAR Program – Attention: Tammy Cummins**

**1340 Cathedral Lane, Halifax NS B3H 2Z1
tcummins@nspeidiocese.ca 902-420-0717**

Full information is available at the back of the Church.

To use PAR Program, please:

- ~ Complete the PAR Authorization Card (see over)
and attach a Void Cheque (or form provided by your banking
institution)
- ~ Do not use the Credit Card option.
- ~ Ensure you specify the Church to which you are providing the
offering, specifically:
 - St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Spring Brook, PEI;
 - St. Stephen's Church, Irishtown, PEI;
 - Parish of New London
 - St. Mark's, Kensington, PEI (has been set up for some time)
- ~ Send directly to the email address noted above (this is the preferred
method for registering. We can help you with this at the office.)

This form and information are available on the NSPEI Diocesan
website if you wish more information and/or to complete the form
electronically.