

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

NOVEMBER 30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent: HOPE



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Worship on November 30

11 am – Parish Worship at St. Thomas' HE
Followed by pot luck lunch

Today's Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Springhill, Nova Scotia

~ Parrsboro Shore, Nova Scotia

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Central Newfoundland

~ Bishop John Watton

DCS Cycle of Prayer - Christ Church, Cherry Valley

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside



December 7: 2nd Sunday of Advent (blue)

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' MP
11 am – St. Stephen's HE
11 am – St. Mark's MP

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19;
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Readers: Jim E, Grafton C; Hilda J, Tim O; Marie M, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Lola MO, Doris M

First Sunday of Advent: HOPE

*(Light the first purple candle - The Hope Candle represents
the anticipation and hope of the Messiah's coming.)*

Prayer: Lord, as we light this purple candle of hope, we remember
that Your light pierces the darkness and brings hope to all
who trust in You. Fill our hearts with anticipation for Your coming,
and may we carry this hope into every corner of our lives. Amen.

A Candle is Burning (tune: "Away in a Manger")

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of HOPE in December's dark night.

While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed items to the Mission to
Seafarers Christmas Shoeboxes. Your generosity is appreciated!
THANK YOU to Beryl Carr, who will be delivering them this week.

2026 Anglican Church calendars have arrived, and Myrna Profitt
has the orders. There will be an invoice attached, and the money
will be payable to the Parish. Just a reminder, calendars are \$7.00 each!
Special thanks to Myrna, Doris, Velma, Sylvia, and Lola!

Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service will be held on Monday,
December 1, 7:30 p.m. at Kensington United Church
(storm date: December 8). All are welcome to attend!
Non-perishable food items will be gratefully accepted.

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

Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long will be held on Thursday,
December 4, 2:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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!

St. Elizabeth's Church Council meets on Tuesday, December 16,
7 pm at St. Elizabeth's Church.

Christmas is coming, and we will be looking to send gifts to our friends
at **Hillsborough Hospital**. The most needed items are socks,
underwear, gift cards for coffee shops or McDonald's, and only
"**unscented**" products are allowed in the hospital. A gift bag would
be appreciated; please bring items to church by December 7.
If you have any questions, please contact either Doris, Sandra, or Lola.
Thank you in advance!

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)

Downhome Christmas Concert will be held at Southwest River United
Church on Sunday, December 14, 2:00 p.m. Admission by donation,
with proceeds shared between the church and Kensington Food Bank.
Music, skits, singing, readings, cookies & cider, fudge sale,
auction of cakes and crafts. All are welcome! Spread the word!

Lo, He comes with Clouds Descending

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.
2. Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.
3. Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!
4. Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly!
O come quickly! Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

You Servants of the Lord

1. You servants of the Lord, each in your calling wait,
observant of his heavenly Word, and watchful at his gate.
2. Let all your lamps be bright, and trim the golden flame;
attentive stand, as in his sight, for awesome is his name.
3. Watch; 'tis your Lord's command, and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand, and ready all appear.
4. How happy shall we be if in his service found!
We shall our Lord with rapture see and be with honour crowned!
5. Christ shall the banquet spread with his own royal hand,
and raise each faithful servant's head amid the angelic band.

Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes

1. Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.
2. Christ comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst; the iron fetters yield.
3. Christ comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
and from the treasures of grace to bless the humble poor.
4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.

O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

1. O God, unseen yet ever near, your presence may we feel;
and thus, inspired with holy fear, around your table kneel.
2. Here may your faithful people know the blessings of your love,
the streams that through the desert flow, the manna from above.
3. We come, obedient to your word, to feast on heavenly food,
to eat the body of the Lord, and drink his precious blood.
4. O living Bread, enduring Vine, your words we shall obey,
and go, renewed with strength divine, rejoicing on our way.

Break, Day of God, O Break

1. Break, day of God, O break! The night has lingered long.
Our hearts with sighing wake; we weep for sin and wrong:
O bright and morning star, draw near;
O Sun of Righteousness, appear.
2. Break, day of God, O break! The earth with strife is worn;
the hills with thunder shake; hearts of the people mourn:
Break, day of God, sweet day of peace,
and bid the shout of warriors cease.
3. Break, day of God, O break, like to the days above!
Let purity awake, and faith, and hope, and love.
But lo! We see the brightening sky; the golden morn is drawing nigh.

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

PSALM 122

I was glad when they said to me,*

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing*

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city*

that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,*

the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgement,*

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:*

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls*

and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake,*

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God,*

I will seek to do you good."

Lord Jesus, give us the peace of the new Jerusalem. Bring all nations into your kingdom to share your gifts, that they may render thanks to you without end and may come to your eternal city, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

A READING FROM ROMANS 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 24:36-44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.