

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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**February 1, 2026**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Worship on February 1**  
10 am – St. Thomas’ MP

## Today's Readings

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Christ Church, Cherry Valley

## Provincial Prayer Care

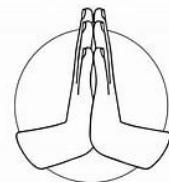
Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Council of General Synod

## DCS Cycle of Prayer

St. Thomas', Spring Brook

## Prayer Partner

Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside



# IN MEMORIAM

The Bulletins used within the Parish  
are given to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of

## CARL THOMPSON

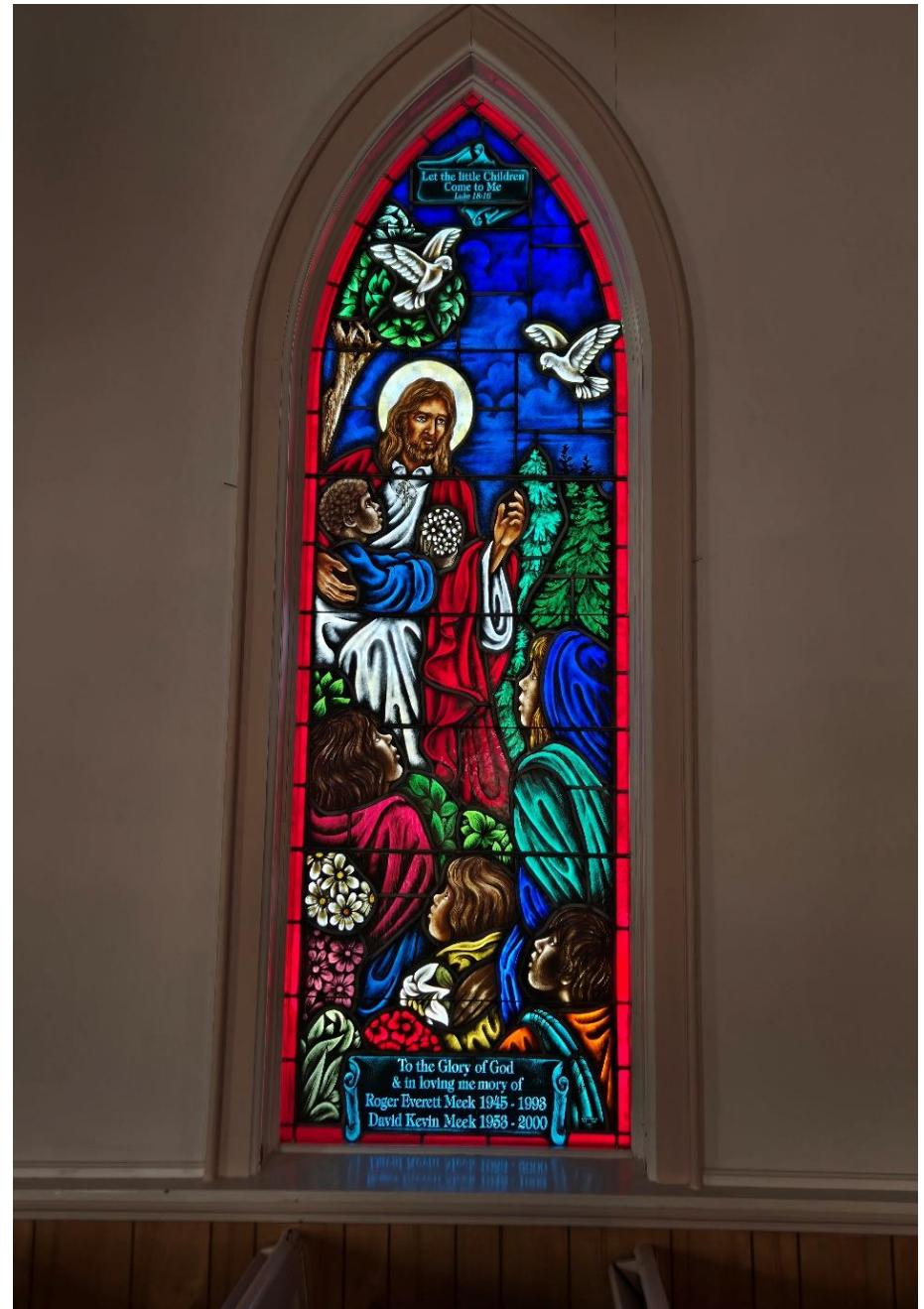
July 16, 1944 – February 1, 2022

*“Remember me with thoughts of peace,  
live each day with your heart.  
Grieve not for me, though I am gone,  
we’re never far apart.”*

Always loved and remembered  
by wife Norma  
Lesley, Andrew, Edward  
and families



Installed in 2013 at St. Mark's Church



Installed in December, 2001, at St. Thomas' Church

## **February 8 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (green)**

**Worship Time:** 10 am – St. Thomas’ HE

**Readings:** Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9;  
1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

**Readers:** Jim D, Darlene L

**Prayers of the People:** Lola MO

### **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

- St. Stephen’s - Monday, February 2, 7 pm (alt. Wed., Feb. 4)
- St. Elizabeth’s – Sunday, February 8, 2 pm at the Rectory
- St. Mark’s - Monday, February 9, 7 pm (alt. Wed., Feb. 11)
- Parish – Monday, Feb. 16, 7 pm at St. Mark’s (alt. Thurs., Feb. 19)

~ **Parish Annual Reports** are due at 9:00 a.m. on Wed., February 11.

~ **Bible Study** - Thursday mornings, 9:45-10:45 at the Rectory.

~ **Valentine Social** will take place at St. Thomas’ Church Hall on Tuesday, February 10, at 10:30 a.m. (storm date - Wed., Feb. 11). Come and join us for some Valentine fun, games, stories, food, and fellowship! If you wish please bring a food item for the Food Bank and an unsigned Valentine card. The cards will be signed at the event and delivered to a shut-in within our area. All are welcome! To help the organizers, can you please let us know if you are attending: Amy McCarville (902-786-9300); Sandra Harrington (902-836-4571). If you haven’t reserved ahead of time, you are still welcome to join in.

~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month is **Food Bank Sunday**.

Please bring non-perishable items for the Food Bank. Thank you!

~ **Ash Wednesday Service** will be held on February 18, 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark’s. More information to follow.

~ **Kensington & Area Christian Council** meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s Holy Family Parish, Kensington.

**Heart & Stroke** - February is Heart Month, and Sheila Harrington is raising funds again this year to support research, advocacy, and education initiatives that help Canadians live longer, healthier lives and enjoy more moments with people they love.

Here are ways you can give:

**ONLINE** at <https://heartandstroke.crowdchange.ca/128299>

**MAIL** cheque (to Heart and Stroke) to: Heart & Stroke Foundation, 1200-2300 Young Street, Box 2414, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1E4.

(Write “CANVASS” and “Sheila Harrington” on the memo line.)

**IN PERSON:** Sheila will take cash or cheque, made out to Heart and Stroke, from February 1st to February 28th. All donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a receipt. Your mailing address must be provided.

From February 1st to March 31st, 2026, Canadian Pacific Kansas City will triple match your donation (up to \$500,000) so your donation will have triple the impact. *Thank you from Sheila (902-836-5299).*

~ **Margate Pastoral Charge games afternoon** will be held on Saturday, February 21 (storm date February 28) 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. at Southwest River United Church, Margate. Come along and bring a friend or two for some fun and fellowship. If you have a favourite game, bring it along to share with others. Light refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome!

~ **Free Seniors’ Lunch!**

Saturday, February 28, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

At Kensington Presbyterian Church (fully accessible).

Come out and enjoy lunch with your friends and neighbours!

All seniors are welcome! Offered by the Kensington Senior’s Lunch Program and Funded by the Gov. of PEI through the Seniors Community Meal Grant.

## **COLLECT**

Living God, in Christ you make all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **A READING FROM MICAH 6:1-8**

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

## **PSALM 15**

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?\*  
**who may abide upon your holy hill?**  
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,\*  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**  
There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend;\*  
**he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.**  
In his sight the wicked is rejected,\*  
**but he honours those who fear the Lord.**  
He has sworn to do no wrong\*  
**and does not take back his word.**  
He does not give his money in hope of gain,\*  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**  
Whoever does these things\*  
**shall never be overthrown.**

**God of love, teach us to walk blamelessly in your ways,  
that our whole life may be established in you,  
and that we may come to the place prepared for us  
by your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

## **A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of steadfast love,  
may our offering this day,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
renew us for your service.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Source of all goodness,  
in this eucharist  
we are nourished by the bread of heaven  
and invigorated with new wine.  
May these gifts renew our lives,  
that we may show your glory to all the world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

