

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON
January 25, 2026



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January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Worship on January 25
10 am – St. Stephen's HE

Today's Readings

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13;
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Alberton & O'Leary

Provincial Prayer Care

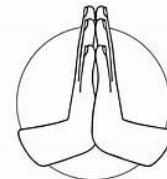
Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land
~ Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and the Provincial Council

DCS Cycle of Prayer

St. Stephen's, Irishtown

Prayer Partner

Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside



February 1 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany (green)

Worship Time: 10 am – St. Thomas’ MP

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

Readers: Hilda J, Tim O

Prayers of the People: Amy M

ANNUAL MEETINGS

- St. Thomas’ - Monday, January 26, 7 pm (alt. Wed., Jan. 28)
- 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.

~ **Clinton View Lodge worship service** takes place on Wednesday, January 28, 10:30 am. All are welcome!

~ **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.

~ 1st Sunday of each month is **Food Bank Sunday**.

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

Highlights from Parish Council: January 13, 2026:

Acceptance of the **new governance bylaws/structure** for the Churches and the Parish for 2026 received from the Bishop’s office. To be reviewed and accepted at Annual meeting. Confirmed Draft Members of Parish Council for 2026. Rodney will continue to be the Parish Book Keeper/Controller; offering expertise, attend meetings, reporting to Council- not a voting member of Parish Council.

Annual Reports: Annual meetings are set and the Report deadline is Jan. 21st / Parish reports Feb. 11th. When treasurers are providing Reports, they need to include a **financial forecast** for the coming year. **Annual meeting for St. Elizabeth’s was set for Feb. 8- 2pm at the Rectory.**

Grafton, Leigh, and Alan completed **work on the roof** over the entrance to the Rectory.

1 Service per Sunday for winter months now underway- For **Insurance** a **log book** needed to indicate the churches, when closed, are being checked regularly.

Regarding **cancellations communication tree** – St. Thomas’ / St. Elizabeth’s- Lola; St. Stephen’s- Grafton who will contact Jessie; St. Mark’s- Alan.

Rev. Shirley will provide a **letter to be included with tax receipts** as a thank you for the donation. Following the annual meetings/ prior to first Parish Council meeting- Treasurers, Rodney, and Rev. Shirley will **meet to work out details for financial reporting**. The **change over of signing authority** will also need to be addressed following the annual meetings- all signing officers for Church and Parish accounts need to be on Parish Council. Re.

Nominating committees- All churches have committed to the governance option chosen for 2026. Church Council and Parish Council make up and members need to be included in annual reports and voted at Annual Meetings and sent to Diocese. To facilitate Rodney’s work on the 2026 budget for the Annual Meeting, motions related to finances were moved- and will be included in Parish Annual Proposed Budget at Annual Meeting.

~ **Thank you** to Grafton Cole, Alan Paynter, and Leigh Adams for the amazing roof built over the entrance to the rectory office!

~ **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.

~ We are taking **applications** for another week for **Connectors Eight**, the Diocesan Missional Program. If you are interested, please speak with Rev. Shirley. Deadline for applications is January 31.

~ Margate Pastoral Charge is hosting a **games afternoon** 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. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

~ **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.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Husband and Father
GORDON MILL

+January 27, 2017

“In my Father’s house are many mansions” the blessed Master said, and to prepare this blessed place, He journeyed on ahead. Our loved one, too, has journeyed on, and free from every care, within God’s many mansions, is waiting for us there.

Always loved and remembered
by Mary and family

COLLECT

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM ISAIAH 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.
In the former time he brought into contempt the land of
Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time
he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond
the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked
in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived
in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke
of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day
of Midian.



Psalm 27:1, 5-13

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?*
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;*
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord*
and to seek him in his temple.
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;*
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
Even now he lifts up my head*
above my enemies round about me.
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling
an oblation with sounds of great gladness;*
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;*
have mercy on me and answer me.
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."*
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
Hide not your face from me,*
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
You have been my helper; cast me not away;*
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**Faithful God, the shelter of all who hope in you,
may those who seek your face be set free from fear and
distress, and come to see your goodness in the land of the
living; through Jesus Christ, our Light and our Salvation.**

A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For 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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Loving God,
before the world began you called us.
Make holy all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in that calling.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
our hands have taken holy things;
our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.
May we who have eaten at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.