



Teacher
Installed at St. Stephen's Church in 1998

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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March 1, 2026 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Worship on March 1
10 am – St. Thomas' HE

Today's Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ St. Alban's, Sydney, NS

~ The Collieries Parish in the County of Cape Breton

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Samuel Rose

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. Peter's, Foxley River

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

March 8: 3rd Sunday in Lent (violet)

Worship Time: 10 am – St. Mark's HE

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Readers: Martyn C, Laura N

Prayers of the People: Bronwyn C

~**REMINDER:** All Worship Services in March will take place at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mark's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend!

~**Thank you** to all who came out for the Parish Annual Meeting last Sunday, to St. Thomas' for hosting, and to all who brought food to share for the luncheon. The highlights of the meeting included the confirming of the new Parish Council and Church Councils-Executive for 2026. Please see the pamphlet included regarding Officers. Thank you to all those who have served on Councils and are stepping down, and to all those staying and coming on to Councils-Executive.

~**The first Parish Council meeting** for the new Council will be held on Monday, March 9, 7 p.m. at St. Mark's.

~**Thanks** to Lola Meek Ogilvie for organizing a cleaning party at St. Thomas' Hall. Added thanks to those who came to clean!

~**Kensington & Area Christian Council** meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 7 p.m. at Kensington United Church.

~**St. Thomas' Family and Friends** meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m. at the church hall. All are welcome!

~**Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long** takes place on Thursday, March 5, 2:15 p.m. Come and enjoy time with the residents!

~**World Day of Prayer Service** will be held on Friday, March 6, 10:30 a.m. at Kensington Presbyterian Church. This year's service was written by the WDP committee in Nigeria, with the focus scripture being "*I will give you rest: come*" (Matthew 11:28-30). All are invited and encouraged to attend.

~All are invited to a **Surprise 65th Birthday gathering** for Stephen Locke on Saturday, March 7, from 2-5 p.m at St. Thomas' Church Hall. All are welcome to join in celebrating with Stephen!!!!

ITEMS NEEDED

There is a need at Kensington High School for items, both at the breakfast program and Student Services, where support is often offered to students who are hungry. Items are being collected by our local churches for KISH. If you can help out, please bring donations to St. Mark's Church during the month of March, and they will be delivered to the high school. Items needed are: granola bars (nut-free), Cheese Whiz, Rice Krispie squares (individually wrapped), KD Cups (individual serving), gold fish crackers (individual serving), Welch's fruit snacks, Mr. Noodles, pudding cups, fruit cups, apple sauce (individual serving), men's & women's deodorant (non-scented), disposable forks and spoons. Thank you for your generosity!

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

We do simple taxes for low to moderate income individuals & families.

When: Thursdays only, March 5th - April 30th

Where: St. Eleanor's Lions Club, 121 East Drive, Summerside

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Eligibility: based on your income

1 person - \$40,000

2 people - \$55,000

3 people - \$60,000

4 people - \$65,000

5 people - \$70,000

* \$70,000 plus \$5,000 for each additional person

Phone for Appointment: St. Eleanor's Lions Club (902-436-9380)

- Please leave a clear message stating your name and phone number. Someone will call you back within 2 days to book your appointment.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross,
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM GENESIS 12:1-4A

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred
and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of
you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so
that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one
who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall
be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went
with him.

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;*

from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,*

the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved*

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel*

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you;*

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day,*

nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;*

it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,*

from this time forth for evermore.

**Be present, merciful God, and protect us in times of danger, so that
we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest
in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

A READING FROM ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor
according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has
something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the
scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him
as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned
as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him
who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For
the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham
or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of
faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null
and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is
no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith,
in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his
descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who
share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is
written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence
of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls
into existence the things that do not exist.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO JOHN 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that
you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these
signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him,
"Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without
being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone
be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the
mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you,
no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and
Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit
is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born
from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound
of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said
to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you
the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of wisdom,
may the light of the eternal Word,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
guide us to your glory.
We ask this in his name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creator of heaven and earth,
we thank you for these holy mysteries,
which bring us now a share in the life to come,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Upcoming Services & Events

March – 10:00 a.m. – Services at St. Mark's

March 21 – *Morning (everyone welcome); Afternoon (Clergy only)*
Strategic Planning Day with Diocesan staff – Future-Focused
Conversation at St. Paul's, Charlottetown

March 26 – 7 p.m. *Regional Service with Bishop Sandra at St. Paul's, Charlottetown*

March 27 – 10 a.m.-3 p.m. – *Regional Quiet Day with Bishop Sandra at St. Thomas'*

***March 29** – 10 a.m. PARISH Service – 5th Sunday in month at St. Mark's

***March 30-April 2** – Noon Ecumenical Holy Week Services at St. Mark's

***April 2** – 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at St. Thomas'

***April 3** – Noon Good Friday Service at St. Mark's

***April 5** – Easter Sunday – 7 a.m. Service at St. Thomas' (or 8 a.m. – may include Baptism); 9 a.m. Service at St. Stephen's; 11 a.m. Service at St. Mark's; 7 p.m. Service at St. Elizabeth's

Note: April on – as per other years, unless Rector away, or other issues arise – St. Stephen's HE 1st and 3rd Sunday, St. Thomas' 2nd and 4th Sunday, St. Mark's alternates.

April – July – October – 9 a.m. St. Stephen's, 11 a.m. St. Thomas' and St. Mark's

May – August – November – 9 a.m. St. Thomas', 11 a.m. St. Mark's and St. Stephen's

June – September – December – 9 a.m. St. Mark's, 11 a.m. St. Stephen's and St. Thomas'

***April 19** – 6 p.m. Fishers Service at St. Thomas'

***May 31** – 10 a.m. PARISH Service – 5th Sunday in month – St. Stephen's

****June 7** – 3 p.m. – *Confirmation Service – St. Thomas'*

****June 26** – *Ice Cream Social - St. Thomas'*

***June 28** – 11 a.m. Flower Service - St. Thomas'

***August 30** – 10 a.m. PARISH Service – 5th Sunday in month – and Parish Picnic St. Thomas'

***November 29** – 10 a.m. PARISH Service – 5th Sunday in month – St. Mark's