

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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2nd Sunday of Easter



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Worship on April 12
9 am – St. Stephen’s HE
11 am – St. Thomas’ HE
11 am – St. Mark’s MP

Today’s Readings

Exodus 15:1-11; Psalm 111; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ St. George’s, New Glasgow, NS
~ Strait-Chedabucto, NS

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Quebec, Bishop Bruce Myers

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

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

April 19: 3rd Sunday of Easter (white)

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Mark's MP

6 pm – St. Thomas' Fishers Service

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 34:1-10;

1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Readers: Jim E, Grafton C; Bronwyn C, Doris M

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Marlene C

St. Stephen's Church Executive meeting will be held on
Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 pm.

Note from Revd Shirley...

I will be away on vacation from Sunday evening, April 12, through Tuesday morning, April 21. Revd Cathy Pharo will be covering for me for Pastoral Emergencies. As necessary, please alert your Church or Parish Warden. The Warden can make contact with Revd Cathy, or you can contact her directly at 902-300-1457. For any other pressing matters, please contact a Parish Warden - Leigh Adams, Alan Paynter, or Lori Simpson-Coulson, or leave a message for me on email, and I will get back to you when I return. Regarding Administrative matters, please leave a message for Bonnie through the Parish email or phone, as you normally would.

St. Thomas' Annual Fisher Service will be held on Sunday, April 19, 6:00 p.m. Rev. Cathy Pharo presiding; Dennis Cole preaching; Kim Gallant children's ministry; combined choirs offering special music. Anyone wishing to purchase "In Memoriam" flowers, please contact Lola (902-303-5795).

The Diocesan Environment Network will be visiting Prince Edward Island from April 19-22. The Diocesan Environment Network has as its mandate the 5th Mark of Mission - to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. On Sunday, April 19th, the Rev'd Marion Lucas-Jeffries will celebrate Earth Day at St. John's, Ellerslie, at 10:30 am. At 2 pm at the Parish Hall at St. Mary's Church (74 Summer Street), Summerside,

you can hear more about DEN and discuss how your parish can engage in eco-spirituality, participate in the Pollinator Seed Project, and answer God's call to be a greener church. The Pollinator Seed Project is a seed share programme from the Parish of Blandford, Nova Scotia. They distribute envelopes of pollinator seeds and ask that the seeds be planted widely. The seeds are approved by the Department of Agriculture. Come to the meeting on Sunday afternoon to get some for your own and parish use.

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*Note from Louise Doucette, School Counselor, KISH-
about the food and other items we gathered through March and
dropped off in response to expressed student needs, through Christian
Council.*

Good morning,

I want to say a huge thank you on behalf of the many students who have already benefited from the donations that have been received. I believe we have enough to do until the end of the school year.

The amount received was incredible!

Staff may not realize the scope

of what is happening through not only the breakfast program but also Student Services. Unfortunately, there is a need among our students for a variety of items at times, but what is handed out would be done in a discreet manner so many staff would not know where things come from.

Again, I want to thank you, the congregation, as well as the other community members and churches that have donated. It is sincerely appreciated.

Take care,

Louise

**Thank!
you!**

COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM EXODUS 15:1-11

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:
“I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.
“The Lord is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.
Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea.
The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea.
The deep waters have covered them;
they sank to the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.
Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.
“In the greatness of your majesty
you threw down those who opposed you.
You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble.
By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up.
The surging waters stood up like a wall;
the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.
The enemy boasted, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake them.
I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them.
I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.’
But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them.
They sank like lead in the mighty waters.
Who among the gods is like you, Lord?
Who is like you— majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory, working wonders?

PSALM 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord!*

They are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendour,*

and his righteousness endures forever.

He makes his marvellous works to be remembered;*

the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him;*

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works*

in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;*

all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever,*

because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant forever;*

holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;*

those who act accordingly have a good understanding;

his praise endures forever.

**Generous and bountiful God, give us grace always to thank you
and share your gifts with others, that the world may be filled
with the joy of our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

A READING FROM 1 PETER 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of grace,
you have freed us from our sins
and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in the new life
you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father, we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love
for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.