

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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## April 19, 2026 -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Worship on April 19

9 am – St. Stephen’s MP

11 am – St. Mark’s MP

6 pm – St. Thomas’ Fisher Service

### Today’s Readings

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 34:1-10; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** ~ Ecum Secum, NS  
~ Parish of Musquodoboit/Ship Harbour

### Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Fredericton, Archbishop David Edwards

**DCS Cycle of Prayer** - Christ Church, Cherry Valley

**Prayer Partner** - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

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## April 26: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (white)

**Worship Times:** 9 am – St. Stephen’s MP

11 am – St. Thomas’ MP

11 am – St. Mark’s HE

**Readings:** Ezekiel 34:7-15; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

**Readers:** Sandra H, Judy C; Darlene L, Jean R; Martyn C, Laura N

**Prayers of the People:** Jim E, Lola MO, Bronwyn C

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*\*Beginning next week, bulletins can be picked up in the front porch.*

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

~ **St. Thomas’ Church Council meeting** will be held on Monday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.

*Revd Shirley* will be away on vacation until April 21. Revd Cathy Pharo will cover Pastoral Emergencies, or call your Church/Parish Warden - Leigh Adams, Alan Paynter, or Lori Simpson-Coulson.

### Highlights from Parish Council – Wednesday, April 8, 2026

It was confirmed early on that all the 2025 Financial information was submitted by the end of March, audits were completed by individuals not in conflict of interest and one step removed. The CRA information was also submitted by deadline. All but 2 of the Parish Council Members were in attendance, most had submitted necessary paperwork, and the new year seems off to a good start with lots of energy! New signing officers online banking and such is now complete for the Parish and underway for Churches. Feedback about the Churches worshipping together over the winter months was discussed, and it was agreed to seek feedback through a Survey in the Bulletin. St. Mark’s provided a summary of intentions of having the Church painted over the summer. It was moved and passed that Parish Council endorses the proposed painting project at St. Mark’s, fully supports and will offer practical supports as necessary. Discussion was held about the different kinds of meetings, membership and roles (Parish Council, Church Meetings, Special Meetings (attending and offering opinion vs voting). Agreed all was outlined clearly in the Canon, and we will continue to try and be transparent and communicate effectively, while continuing to go about the business of churches and parish. Parish Council has determined that we will be able to claim Missional activity exemptions for last year and moving forward in our Parochial Returns. More information will be circulated about this so we can keep in mind in planning Missional activities. Discussion was held confirming- when an investment is transferred to the Church operating or building account- it is money already reported as income at the time it came in, so is not income when transferred. Cemetery accounts cannot be transferred and used for regular church expenses or repairs. Next Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday, May 13 at St Thomas’.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

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

**CLAYTON  
SIMPSON MILL**

August 7, 1925 – April 24, 2023

*Within our hearts,  
the ones we love are never really gone -  
In spirit and in memory,  
their legacy lives on.*

Lovingly remembered by  
Marie  
Marvin & Christine  
Cameron & Mackenzie



*Illustration by Rev. Mel Malton*

## COLLECT

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## A READING FROM ISAIAH 51:1-6

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness  
and who seek the LORD:

Look to the rock from which you were cut  
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;  
look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

When I called him he was only one man,  
and I blessed him and made him many.

The LORD will surely comfort Zion  
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;  
he will make her deserts like Eden,  
her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.

Joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

“Listen to me, my people;  
hear me, my nation:

Instruction will go out from me;  
my justice will become a light to the nations.

My righteousness draws near speedily,  
my salvation is on the way,  
and my arm will bring justice to the nations.

The islands will look to me  
and wait in hope for my arm.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
look at the earth beneath;  
the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment  
and its inhabitants die like flies.

But my salvation will last forever,  
my righteousness will never fail.

## PSALM 34:1-10

I will bless the Lord at all times;\*

**his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

I will glory in the Lord;\*

**let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;\*

**let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord, and he answered me\*

**and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon him and be radiant,\*

**and let not your faces be ashamed.**

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me\*

**and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,\*

**and he will deliver them.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good;\*

**happy are they who trust in him!**

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,\*

**for those who fear him lack nothing.**

The young lions lack and suffer hunger,\*

**but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

**Hear us, Lord, when we cry to you. Calm our bodies and minds with the peace which passes understanding, and make us radiant with the knowledge of your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

### **A READING FROM 1 PETER 1:17-23**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE 24:13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins in water,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.