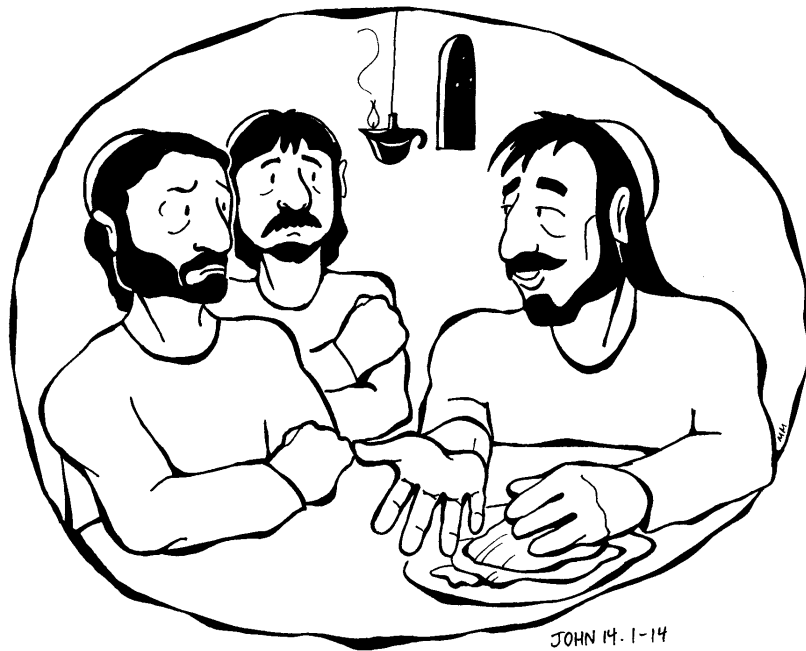


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**MAY 3, 2026**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



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## Worship on May 3

9 am – St. Thomas' MP  
11 am – St. Mark's MP  
11 am – St. Stephen's HE  
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

## Today's Readings

Proverbs 4:10-18; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;  
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Tangier, Nova Scotia

## Provincial Prayer Care

Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Council of General Synod

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. Peter's, Charlottetown

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

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**May 10: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (white)**

**Worship Times:** 9 am – St. Thomas’ HE  
11 am – St. Mark’s HE  
11 am – St. Stephen’s MP

**Readings:** Ezekiel 34:1-7a; Psalm 66:7-18;  
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

**Readers:** Grafton C, Sandra H; Darlene L, Jean R;  
Norma T, Bronwyn C

**Prayers of the People:** Jim E, Amy M, Marlene C

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If you didn’t receive a **Survey Follow-Up** last week, copies are available at the back of the church.

**Rectory yard clean-up** will be held on Monday, May 4, 6:00 p.m. (rain date May 5). Helpers would be greatly appreciated.

**St. Thomas’ Family and Friends** will meet Tuesday, May 5, 10:30 a.m. at the church hall. In recognition of “Red Dress Day”, please wear something red. All are welcome!

**Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long** will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

**Clinton View Lodge worship service** will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 10:30 a.m. Please join in worship with the residents.

**Parish Council meeting** will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 pm at St. Thomas’.

**Peoples Cemetery Kensington clean-up** will be held on Saturday, May 9, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (rain date May 16). Please bring rakes and shovels; all volunteers will be greatly appreciated.

**‘Men of the Harvest’ concert** will be held on Sunday, May 3, 3:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Kensington. Proceeds in aid of Kensington Food Bank. All are welcome!

**IN MEMORIAM**

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

Dad  
**Bill Pidgeon**

Gram  
**Etta Pidgeon**

Bill and Etta shared birthdays on May 2.

Always loved and remembered by  
Laura and family



### **St. Stephen's Church Survey**

As was provided last Sunday regarding survey on possible sale of small piece of land across from church, please note surveys should be returned by Sunday, May 10. Please note the following:

~ The prospective buyers agree that the church could continue to use the land for parking when the need arises.

~ It is just over half an acre, and estimated value of \$12,000 - \$15,000.

### **St. Stephen's Highlights from Executive Meeting - April 22**

-Reviewed request from Kensington People's Cemetery Committee to support build of the new vault. Wished clarity re: taking money from Cemetery Fund, and cost of the build - will decide the amount at next meeting. *Revd Shirley confirmed with the Diocese that this donation could be taken from the Cemetery Fund.* (\*Revd. Shirley added italics)

-Work will be sorted internally by the Cemetery Committee re: cemetery stones, etc.; same business will be asked to cut grass again this year; Bi laws will be reviewed to ensure up to date and taken to next meeting for further discussion.

-Discussion re: selling property across from Church to adjacent owners- they are interested and would allow parking there continuing, save grass cutting and other expenses - Agreed a survey would be provided to Congregation to canvas opinion.

-**Next meeting** -Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 pm

### **St. Thomas' Highlights from Council Meeting - April 27**

- Setting Day coffee and muffins on April 28

- Confirmation on June 7 at 3:00 pm

- Ice Cream Social June 26

- Flower Service June 28 with dedication of pew cushions, kneelers, and hymn books. Light lunch to follow.

- Lawn maintenance will be done by "Property Upkeepers"

- Cemetery work party date to be determined

- \$500.00 donation sent to Kensington People's Cemetery to support build of the new vault. *From the Cemetery Fund.*

- *Confirmed Missional Activity Exemption will be applied against costs for missional activities in 2025 and moving forward*

- *Appreciation to Family and Friends for hosting the recent Quiet Day with Bishop Sandra.*

\*from Amy-Secretary; Revd. Shirley added italics.

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

Give us grace to love one another

and walk in the way of his commandments,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

### **A READING FROM PROVERBS 4:10-18**

Listen, my son, accept what I say,

and the years of your life will be many.

I instruct you in the way of wisdom

and lead you along straight paths.

When you walk, your steps will not be hampered;

when you run, you will not stumble.

Hold on to instruction, do not let it go;

guard it well, for it is your life.

Do not set foot on the path of the wicked

or walk in the way of evildoers.

Avoid it, do not travel on it;

turn from it and go on your way.

For they cannot rest until they do evil;

they are robbed of sleep till they make someone stumble.

They eat the bread of wickedness

and drink the wine of violence.

The path of the righteous is like the morning sun,

shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

### **PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;\*

**deliver me in your righteousness.**

Incline your ear to me;\*

**make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,

for you are my crag and my stronghold;\*

**for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,\*

**for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,\*

**for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

"My times are in your hand;\*

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,**

**and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant,\*

**and in your loving kindness save me."**

**Helper of the helpless, comfort of the afflicted, may your servants  
who stand in the midst of evil find strength in the knowledge  
of your presence, and praise you for the wonders of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

### **A READING FROM 1 PETER 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN 14:1-14**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Gracious God,  
you show us your way  
and give us your divine life.  
May everything we do  
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of love,  
in this eucharist we have heard your truth  
and shared in your life.  
May we always walk in your way,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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**General meeting of Diocesan Church Society** will be held at  
St. Mary’s Parish Hall, 74 Summer Street, Summerside, 9:30 am-12:00,  
on Saturday, May 9. Mike MacKenzie, Director of Parish Relations for  
the Diocese, will join for a hot seat session, answering questions about  
governance, the consolidated trust fund, planned giving, how to avoid  
conflict in the parish, etc. Mike is a source of information for us all.  
There will also be a brief business meeting where Dennis Cole,  
Regional Rep on DEC, will report on recent developments on Executive  
Council.

**Vacation Bible School** registration is now open! Sponsored by  
Kensington & Area Christian Council. VBS will be held July 6-10  
at Kensington United Church Murray Christian Centre.  
Cost: \$25.00 per child/\$50.00 per family (2+children).  
More information to follow.

**SURVEY FOLLOW-UP**

Regarding 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service for January, February, March, 2026,  
with each Church providing the Service for a full month. Offering envelopes  
given to one’s own Church. Regular schedule resumed in April.  
\*Services recorded and able to be watched online.

**I generally attend:** St. Mark’s Church \_\_\_\_\_  
St. Stephen’s Church \_\_\_\_\_  
St. Thomas’ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
St. Elizabeth’s Church \_\_\_\_\_

**In January – March, I attended Service:** Regularly \_\_\_\_\_  
Occasionally \_\_\_\_\_  
Not at all \_\_\_\_\_

**\*I watched Services online:** As well \_\_\_\_\_  
Instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
Not at all \_\_\_\_\_

**When I attended Services in January – March, they were:**

Positive experiences \_\_\_\_\_  
About the same as regular schedule Services \_\_\_\_\_  
Less positive experiences \_\_\_\_\_

**This arrangement of January-March should be considered for another year:**

I agree \_\_\_\_\_  
I disagree \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Services should continue to be recorded on a regular basis:**

I agree \_\_\_\_\_  
I disagree \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note below barriers/benefits/further suggestions for improvement.**

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