

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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May 10, 2026 6th Sunday of Easter

Worship on May 10

9 am – St. Thomas' HE
11 am – St. Mark's HE
11 am – St. Stephen's MP

Today's Readings

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Christ Church, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
~ St. Andrew's, Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario
~ Archbishop Anne Germond and the Provincial Council

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. John's, Milton

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

May 17: Ascension Sunday (white)

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

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Readers: Judy C, Judy M; Hilda J, Jim D;
Doris M, Martyn C; David H, Grace H

Prayers of the People: Grafton C, Lola MO, Bronwyn C

"Happy 66th Wedding Anniversary to Wayne and Shirley Harrington on May 14th!"

The family of Norma Thompson invites you to a celebration of **Norma's 80th birthday** on Saturday, May 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Norma's home (12517 Margate Road). Best wishes only please. All are welcome!

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

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

Save the Date: June 6th, 2026 – St. Mark's Church Yard & Bake Sale Fundraiser from 9 a.m. – noon. We would be pleased to accept donations such as toys, games, accessories, knick knacks, books, puzzles, household items, giftware items, garden decor, craft supplies, small furniture items, sporting equipment, or any other treasures you might have hidden away. All items should be clean and in good condition. Also included in our fundraiser will be a Bake Sale Table. To schedule a donation pick up, please call Marlene (902-439-9642) or Alan (902-439-1627).

New London Community Complex is having an indoor yard sale, Saturday, May 16th, 8:30-1:30. Tables can be rented for \$15.00. Contact Laurie Blackett for more information (902-888-9593).

IN MEMORIAM

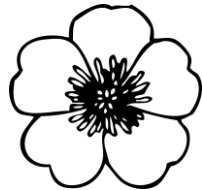
The Bulletins used within the Parish
are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of

BEVERLEY BRISTER

1936 - 2022

It has been four years without you, Mom.
Most days we smile at your memory,
some days our hearts ache; and every day,
we carry your love and wisdom with us.
Happy 90th Birthday Mom!!!

*Love always,
Leanne
Dianne and Bruce
Craig and Pauline
Jeremy and Ryan*



COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM EZEKIEL 34:1-7a

The word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord.’

PSALM 66:7-18

Bless our God, you peoples,*
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life,*
and will not allow our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us;*
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare;*
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;*
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows,*
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;*
I will give you oxen and goats.
Come and listen, all you who fear God,*
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
I called out to him with my mouth,*
and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had found evil in my heart,*
the Lord would not have heard me;
But in truth God has heard me;*
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,*
nor withheld his love from me.

**God of power and might, you bring your people out of darkness
and slavery into light and freedom through the waters of salvation.
Receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and keep us
always in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

A READING FROM 1 PETER 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN 14:15-21**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of glory,
accept all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,
where Christ is King.
We ask this in his name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father,
you restored us to life
by raising your Son from death.
May we who receive this sacrament
always be strengthened to do your will,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

