

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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May 17, 2026 Ascension Sunday

Worship on May 17

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

Today’s Readings

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Holy Trinity Emmanuel, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
~ Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Montreal – Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. John’s, Crapaud

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

Reminder: Worship on May 31

10:00 a.m. – Parish Worship at St. Stephen’s HE

May 24: The Day of Pentecost (red)

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas’ HE

11 am – St. Mark’s HE

11 am – St. Stephen’s MP

Readings: Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:25-35, 37;

Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23

Readers: Jim E, Grafton C; Darlene L, Jean R; Laura N, Marie M

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Doreen C, Doris M

St. Thomas’ Cemetery Committee sends out a **big thank you** to all who came to help do a “Spring” tune up - what a great turnout and yummy snacks!!!! Cemetery looks lovely!!!

Thank you to all those who helped to clean up the Rectory property.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Follow-Up Survey. Parish Council will be reviewing the results at the Wednesday, May 13 meeting; more information will be provided in next week’s bulletin.

To St. Stephen's congregation regarding the Survey about exploring selling property across from the Church:

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the question, and adding your comments. 20 responses to the question of ‘I agree’ or ‘I disagree’ were submitted. 15 were checked agree, 3 indicated disagree, 2 were not checked with one noting neither, and one indicating probably but needed more information. Several agreeing and disagreeing added comments which were quite varied in their content. Now, firstly, the Executive will meet and review the results and comments related to selling the property, and communicate with you further. Other matters raised in the comments will also be given further attention separately. Thanks again for participating. Every voice is much appreciated.

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

Kensington & Area Christian Council meets on Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s Holy Family Parish, Kensington.

Preparations for Confirmation are well underway with Jacklyn Newrick and Andrea Gallant. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, June 7, 3:00 pm at St. Thomas'. Please consider celebrating this milestone with Jacklyn, Andrea, and their families.

Bible Study will be wrapping up on Thursday, June 4, with Bible Study and lunch to follow. For the summer, Walking in Faith will be offered every second Thursday morning beginning July 9; more info to follow.

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).

Save the Date: St. Thomas' Ice Cream Social, June 26, 6-8 pm.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 6-10, daily 9am -11:30am at Kensington United Church. This year's theme is "*Snowball Mountain Challenge*". Cost: \$25 per child, \$50 family (2+ children). Registration is available at <https://forms.gle/8ezPmp5ShhzzKik37>. Come and enjoy singing, games, Bible stories, snacks, and crafts.

'Here's to Song' with Abegweit Chamber Singers

The 25 voice Abegweit Chamber Singers will be presenting its first ever concert program at Summerside Presbyterian Church on Friday, May 29, at 7:30 p.m., and at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Charlottetown, on Sunday, May 31, at 3:00 p.m. The group was formed in February of this year with the aim of bringing singers from various Island communities together, to foster unity and peace through song. The choir is under the direction of Ruth Ann Read-Clay, with pianist Ellen Davis. The program is a celebration of our country and its people. Included are folksong arrangements from the east to the west coasts.

COLLECT

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ
ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord.
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of his peace,
and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

A READING FROM ACTS 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

PSALM 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;*

shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared,*

he is the great king over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us,*

and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us,*

the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout,*

the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises:*

sing praises to our king, sing praises.

For God is king of all the earth:*

sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations;*

God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together*

with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God,*

and he is highly exalted.

Blessed are you, God of all the earth; you have called us out of every people and nation to be a royal priesthood and citizens of your holy city. May our words of praise call the world to turn to the joy of fellowship with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A READING FROM EPHESIANS 1:15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO LUKE 24:44-53

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ
has promised to be with us until the end of time.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and renew us in his transfigured life;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.
Confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
