

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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June 21, 2026 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship on June 21

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

Today's Readings

Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 19; Philippians 4:4-9; John 1:1-18

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ St. Mark's, Halifax
~ Church of the Apostles, Halifax
~ St. Peter's Birch Cove, Nova Scotia

Provincial Prayer Care

National Indigenous Archbishop Christopher A. Harper
and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. Mary's, Summerside

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

June 28: 5th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Mark's MP
11 am – St. Stephen's MP
11 am – St. Thomas' MP-Memorial Flower Service

Readings: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13;
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Readers: Jim E, Grafton C; Jim D, Darlene L; Marie M, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Amy M, Doris M

- ~ **St. Elizabeth's Church Council meeting** - June 21 (after worship)
- ~ **St. Mark's Church Council meeting** – 7 pm, Monday, June 22
- ~ **St. Thomas' Ice Cream Social** – Friday, June 26, 6-8 pm.

St. Thomas' Memorial Flower Service will be held on June 28 at 11 a.m. If you wish to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Lola or Susan before June 22. Thanks!

Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long - Thursday, July 2, 2:15 p.m.

For the summer months (beginning July 1), secretary Bonnie LaFrance will be in the office on Wednesday evenings (5-7 p.m). Please forward information for the bulletins by noon on Wednesday (nlparish@eastlink.ca). Bulletins available for pick-up on Thursday.

Thanks to the organizers and those hosting (Lola, Amy, & Sandra most notably) and to those who attended the recent Parish Luncheon at Lotus Garden on June 12. So nice to get together, have a laugh, and share a meal!

Parish Council Meeting Highlights from Wednesday, June 10

- Re. Safer Church- Lori noted most of the Criminal Record Checks now in-thanks, Church Wardens given names to follow up on those outstanding. Also, re. 2 trainings that need to be completed- Lori will send out the links with instructions to those needing to complete. Group sessions will be set up for the fall for those who would rather complete it as Group.

- Re. Survey Results for single Sunday Services, shared month about through January, February and March. Strong support to do again, some suggested for longer period. There were easily fixable suggestions/comments re parking issues for those with mobility issues especially as well as ramps and parking areas need to be cleared. There were comments 10am vs 11am with some people finding it hard or impossible to get to Church for 10, with some preferring 10 as home earlier, agreeing we usually are 9 and 11, and folks could still choose to come for 11, vs. those who can't come for 10. There were strong positive comments on the music and the choirs working together. There was interest expressed of Services together in December- with Christmas Eve Service still at individual Churches. This will be deferred until the fall, where informal feedback will be sought regarding December before Parish Council determines. Council passed motion that, based on the survey feedback results,

there will be one Service Sunday, at 11am, rotating Churches from January 1st until Easter, 2027.

- Re. Fall Schedule: Each Church will be responsible to provide leadership for one Sunday Service in their Church over the summer: July 12th St. Mark's, August 16th St. Thomas' and St. Stephen's. Harvest Festival is August 23rd. Parish Service August 30 with Parish Picnic after. Council passed motion that as of September we will continue to schedule one Service at 9am and two services at 11am among the three Churches. We will schedule LLM Dennis from our Parish and LLM's from other Parishes as possible. Otherwise, churches would be responsible to provide leadership on some Sundays on rotation.

- Re. St Mark's Painting- The painting of the Church will start next week with the preparation work.

- Re. Parish Service and Picnic in August at St. Thomas'. While hosted at St. Thomas', as this is a Parish Service and Picnic- there will need to be input and help from the other Churches. Currently looking for those interested to join a planning committee, asking for folks to let their Church Warden know if willing to help.

- Re. changes at St Elizabeth's- David Haslam has submitted resignation as Church Treasurer, and Bishop Sandra has accepted his resignation. A Special Congregation Meeting was held, and it was agreed congregation wished to continue to Worship as a community and wished to continue with a Church Council. The election of new Church Council was moved and passed. A motion was passed at Parish Council ratifying the St. Elizabeth's Church Council as elected. Paperwork will be completed re. notification to Diocese and re. changes to banking/signing authority re accounts.

- Re. Leanne Brister entering Diocesan Discernment Program toward Vocational Diaconate. Assessment process has been completed with Diocese, and Diocese has requested a formal Letter of Support from the Parish. Council indicated strong support for Leanne continuing and as required, a letter will be written by Lori, Alan, Beryl, Tim, and Revd. Shirley using a template provided indicating support.

- Re. use of Rectory Over Summer: Over the summer, as Revd. Shirley is residing in her home in Spring Valley, and with several Parishes without Rectors, the Rectory may be used for Clergy coming in to cover Services in vacant Parishes. Any related expenses would be covered by the Parish for whom the Clergy is covering, i.e. cleaning.

- Lots for discussion- Meeting still over by 9pm!

- Next Parish Council Meeting is Scheduled for September 16th at St. Stephen's.

COLLECT

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

A READING FROM ISAIAH 40:25-31

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,*
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,*
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language,*
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands,*
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;*,
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;*

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;*

**the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;*

**the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;*

**the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,*,

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,*,

and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?*

cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion over me;*

**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offence.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,*,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life.

A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation. Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

