

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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## June 28, 2026 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Worship on June 28

9 am – St. Mark’s MP  
11 am – St. Stephen’s MP  
11 am – St. Thomas’ MP - Flower Service

### Today’s Readings

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

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Parish of Emmanuel, Spryfield, NS  
~ Parish of the Falklands

### Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada  
~ Archbishop David Edwards and the Provincial Council

### DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. John’s, St. Eleanors

### Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

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## July 5: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green)

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

11 am – St. Mark’s HE

11 am – St. Thomas’ MP

7 pm – St. Elizabeth’s HC

**Readings:** Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:11-18;  
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**Readers:** Sandra H, Judy C; Jean R, Jim D;  
Norma T, Bronwyn C; Beryl C, David H

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

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**St. Thomas' Annual Flower/Memorial Service** will be held Sunday, June 28, at 11:00 a.m. Following the service, there will be a potluck; all are welcome!!

**Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long** - Thursday, July 2, 2:15 p.m. Come along to sing and to visit with the residents!

**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.

**Save the Date: St. Mark's Church Summer Yard & Bake Sale:** July 11, 2026, 9 a.m. – noon. Come by and browse the new items that have been added to our present treasures. If anyone has other items to donate, please call Marlene (902-439-9642) or Alan (902-439-1627).

**With thanksgiving for faithful generosity  
at the St. Thomas' Flower Service this morning,  
we will dedicate:**

- ~ The Pew Cushions and Kneelers, with work done by Gerald Smith, donated by Norma and Murray Myles.
- ~ The Hymn Books donated in loving memory of great-grandparents Horace and Elizabeth (Bessie) Meek, from great-grandchildren Townsend, Declan, and Isabelle Ogilvie, and Audrey McCarville.
- ~ The Hymn Books donated in loving memory of Margaret and Cory Cole, by the Cole Family.

**Highlights – St. Stephen's Executive Council Meeting – June 17**

- Information received re:2 sponsored children - will be posted in church
- Passed motion to donate \$1000 to the vault project at Peoples Cemetery; will be taken from Cemetery account
- Passed motion to earmark \$2500 for cleaning headstones this year
- Discussed comments/questions raised in survey related to the selling of property; specifically noting: It is marketable not as a lot, but as a piece of land to the owners of the adjoining property who are interested in it. It has been assessed at \$28,000. While church doesn't need the money, it doesn't need the land either, and would be able to still use it for parking as needed. Money would go into General accounts. Executive Council now open to further feedback before moving a motion to sell – which is necessary before taking to Parish Council, then to Diocese. Congregation members are encouraged to speak with Jim, Grafton, or Leigh in coming weeks. Matter will be discussed further at Executive meeting in early September.

**Highlights – St. Elizabeth's Church Council Meeting – June 21**

- Clarified minutes from meeting in December, 2025.
- Motion passed to set aside up to \$5000 for further exploration of most urgent work necessary for church foundation/structure.

**Highlights from St. Mark's Church Council Meeting – June 22**

- Passed motion to donate \$500 to the vault project at Peoples Cemetery. Will be taken from Cemetery account, and Cemetery account will be closed.
- Painting project of Church starting this week. Diocese confirmed this structural project will be considered a Capital Project, so only donations received in excess of costs will be considered Income. A letter will be sent to all Parishioners on Parish list from the four churches. Also distributed to local businesses and others. A separate arrangement will be made for painting of fence and sign, as outside Capital Project. Contact will be made re: entering Rural Beautification.
- Yard Sale successful; another planned for July 11. Items will be gratefully accepted in advance.

**THE ISLAND HYMN**

1. Fair Island of the sea, we raise our song to thee, the bright and blest. Loyal now we stand as brothers, hand and hand, and sing God save the land we love the best.
2. Upon our princely Isle may kindest fortune smile in coming years. Peace and prosperity in all her borders be, from every evil free, and weakling fears.
3. Prince Edward Isle, to thee our hearts shall faithful be where'er we dwell. Forever may we stand as brothers, hand and hand, and sing God save the land we love so well.

## COLLECT

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## A READING FROM GENESIS 22:1-14 *(from The Message)*

After all this, God tested Abraham. God said, "Abraham!"

"Yes?" answered Abraham. "I'm listening."

He said, "Take your dear son Isaac whom you love and go to the land of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I'll point out to you."

Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey. He took two of his young servants and his son Isaac. He had split wood for the burnt offering. He set out for the place God had directed him. On the third day he looked up and saw the place in the distance. Abraham told his two young servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I are going over there to worship; then we'll come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and gave it to Isaac his son to carry. He carried the flint and the knife. The two of them went off together. Isaac said to Abraham his father, "Father?" "Yes, my son." "We have flint and wood, but where's the sheep for the burnt offering?" Abraham said, "Son, God will see to it that there's a sheep for the burnt offering." And they kept on walking together.

They arrived at the place to which God had directed him. Abraham built an altar. He laid out the wood. Then he tied up Isaac and laid him on the wood. Abraham reached out and took the knife to kill his son. Just then an angel of God called to him out of Heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes, I'm listening." "Don't lay a hand on that boy! Don't touch him! Now I know how fearlessly you fear God; you didn't hesitate to place your son, your dear son, on the altar for me."

Abraham looked up. He saw a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. Abraham took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. Abraham named that place God-Yireh (God-Sees-to-It).

That's where we get the saying, "On the mountain of God, he sees to it."

## PSALM 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? \*

**How long will you hide your face from me?**

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day?\*

**How long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God;\*

**give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**

Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"\*

**and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

But I put my trust in your mercy;\*

**my heart is joyful because of your saving help.**

I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly;\*

**I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.**

**Loving and merciful God, hear the prayers of those who cry to you, and shine with the light of your presence on those who live in the shadow of death. May we rejoice in your saving help and sing you songs of praise in the name of our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

## A READING FROM ROMANS 6: 12-23 *(from The Message)*

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations.

Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,**

**ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 10:40-42** *(from The Message)*

“We are intimately linked in this harvest work. Anyone who accepts what you do, accepts me, the One who sent you. Anyone who accepts what I do accepts my Father, who sent me. Accepting a messenger of God is as good as being God’s messenger. Accepting someone’s help is as good as giving someone help. This is a large work I’ve called you into, but don’t be overwhelmed by it. It’s best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won’t lose out on a thing.”

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this day.  
Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit,  
that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and serve one another in freedom.  
We ask this in his name.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace.  
Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ  
and fit us for his eternal kingdom,  
that all that world may call him Lord.  
We ask this in his name.