

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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MATTHEW 13.24-30, 36-43

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July 19, 2026 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship on July 19

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

Today's Readings

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23;
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ St. John's, Bedford
~ Fall River, NS

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Fredericton – Archbishop David Edwards
Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces Nigel Shaw
and all military chaplains

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. Peter's, Foxley River

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

July 26: 9th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Mark's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' HE

Readings: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11;
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33

Readers: Judy C, Judy M; Jean R, Jim D; Barb C, Norma T

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

St. Mark's can accept e-transfers for donations toward the church's painting fund. Donations can be sent to stmarks1887@outlook.com. Please write your name and full mailing address in the note when sending an e-transfer. Thank you for your support!

For July and August, Parish 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).

Rev. Shirley will be on holidays from July 31 until August 20. Pastoral coverage information will follow. Thank you to the LLMs and congregational members who will be covering the three Church Services while Rev. Shirley will be away.

You are invited – Come Walk in Faith

Are you looking to spend an hour with Parish friends?

July 23, Aug. 6, Aug. 20, and Sept. 3 from 10-11 a.m., weather permitting, meet at St. Mark's parking lot. Using faith cards as a conversation starter, either walk the trail or sit and enjoy a time of fellowship. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy refreshments on the Rectory lawn afterwards. All are welcome!

For more info, contact Leanne Brister – 905-867-5378; or the Church office – 902-836-3303 – nlparish@eastlink.ca.

Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2:15 p.m. All are welcome!

August 30 Parish Worship will be held at St. Thomas' (with Holy Eucharist) at 11:00 a.m., followed by pot luck lunch and musical entertainment. Recognizing that the end of August is moving us into the harvest season and knowing how much for which we have to be thankful, the theme for this Church Service will be *'To God be the Glory'* focusing on joy and happiness. All are welcome to attend!

~ **Princetown United Church fish fry** will be held on Sunday, July 19, 3-6 p.m. in Malpeque. \$25 (cash only) for fish, fries, and beverage.

~ **Southwest River United Church** in Margate will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, July 25, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM GENESIS 28:10-19A

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;*
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
You trace my journeys and my resting places*
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,*
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before*
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;*
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
Where can I go then from your Spirit?*
where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;*
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
If I take the wings of the morning*
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me*
and your right hand hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,*
and the light around me turn to night,"
Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;*
darkness and light to you are both alike.
Search me out, O God, and know my heart;*
try me and know my restless thoughts.
Look well whether there be any wickedness in me*
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

**God of mystery and power, even our minds and hearts are the veils
and signs of your presence. We come in silent wonder to learn the
way of simplicity, the eternal road that leads to love for you and for
your whole creation. We come as your son Jesus Christ taught us,
and in his name.**

A READING FROM ROMANS 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God,
accept our praise and thanksgiving.
Help us in all we do
to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;
through Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,
as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.