

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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July 26, 2026 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship on July 26

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

Today's Readings

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11;
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ French Village, NS
~ Hackett's Cove, NS

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land
~ Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and the Provincial Council

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. Luke's, O'Leary

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

August 2: 10th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

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

Readings: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 16;
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Readers: Jim E, Grafton C; Darlene L, Jean R;
Bronwyn C, Doris M; Judy L, Blaine C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Doreen C, Bronwyn 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 will be provided by Rev. Calvin Burt, Chaplain at Prince County Hospital. Rev. Calvin can be reached at 902-715-4006. More information will be provided to the Church and Parish Wardens. 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?

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!

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

A READING FROM GENESIS 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

PSALM 105:1-11

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvellous works.
Glory in his holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
He is the Lord our God; *
his judgements prevail in all the world.
He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you forever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

A READING FROM ROMANS 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of grace, accept all we offer you this day,
as we look toward the glory you have promised.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, we have received the memorial
of the death and resurrection of your Son.
May your love, poured into us,
bring us to your promises.
We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ.