

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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July 5, 2026 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship on July 5

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ St. Paul's, Halifax
~ Trinity Church, Halifax

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
~ Bishop Sandra Fyfe

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. James, Port Hill

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

July 12: 7th 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 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112;
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Readers: Judy M, Jim E; Darlene L, Jean R; Doris M, Martyn C

Prayers of the People: Grafton C, Doreen C, Bronwyn C

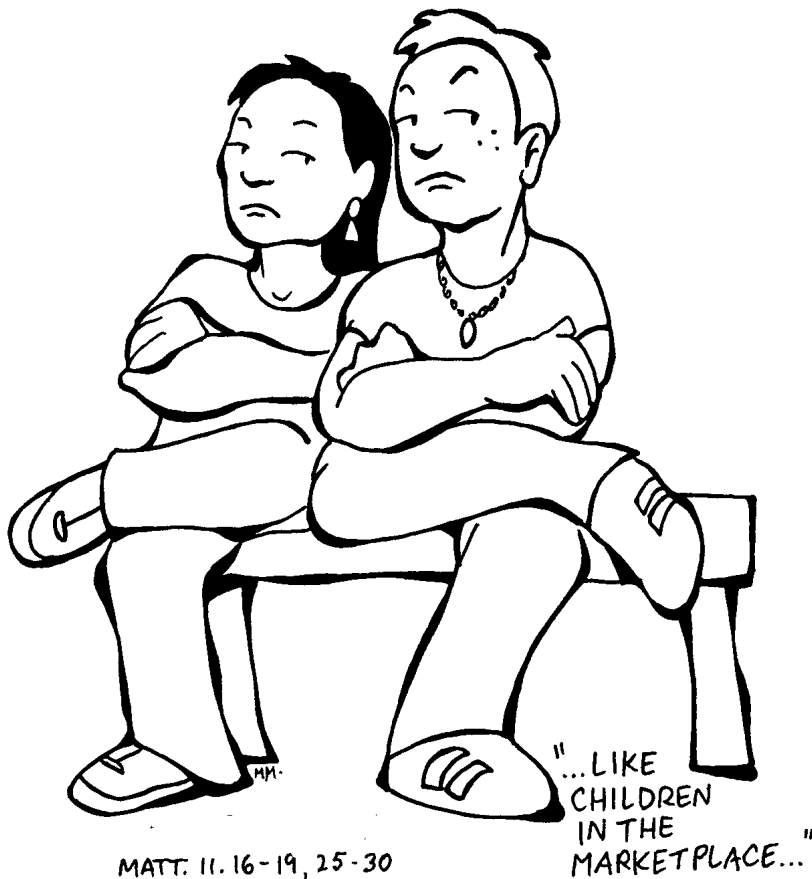


Illustration by Rev. Mel Malton

This coming week, **Vacation Bible School** is happening in Kensington! Please remember to pray for participants, leaders, and families, as they enjoy a week of Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, and snacks! On Friday, July 10, at 11:00 a.m., the children and youth will present their songs at Kensington United Church; all are welcome!

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). Bulletins will be available for pick-up on Thursday.

You are invited – Come Walk in Faith

Are you looking to spend an hour with Parish friends?

Beginning **Thursday, July 9**, bi-weekly (July 23, Aug. 6, Aug. 20, 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.

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).

Camp Triumph in Malpeque is a unique summer camp, which fills a need for an often unrecognized and overlooked group of children -- children who have a sibling or parent with a chronic illness or disability. Camp Triumph relies greatly on volunteers and support from the community to provide programs without cost to the families. If you are able to give even a small amount of your time, or a donation, contact Camp Triumph (902-303-2909); email:matt@camptriumph.ca.

COLLECT

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM GENESIS 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also' let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men.

And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

PSALM 45:11-18

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;*

forget your people and your father's house.

The king will have pleasure in your beauty;*

he is your master; therefore do him honour.

The people of Tyre are here with a gift;*

the rich among the people seek your favour."

All glorious is the princess as she enters;*

her gown is cloth-of-gold.

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;*

after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

With joy and gladness they are brought,*

and enter into the palace of the king.

"In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;*

you shall make them princes over all the earth.

I will make your name to be remembered

from one generation to another;*

therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Gracious God, your love unites heaven and earth in a new festival of gladness. Lift our spirits to learn the way of joy that leads us to your banquet hall, where all is golden with praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord.

A READING FROM ROMANS 7:15-25A

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of heaven and earth,
receive our sacrifice of praise,
and strengthen us
for the perfect freedom of your service,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, may we who have shared in holy things
never fail to serve you in your world,
and so come to the fullness of joy,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.