

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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August 16, 2026 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship on August 16

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

Today's Readings

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133;
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ St. Francis by the Lakes, Lower Sackville, NS
~ St. Andrew, Timberlea, NS

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Montreal – Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson

DCS Cycle of Prayer – Christ Church, Kildare Capes

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

Worship on August 23

9:30 a.m. – Kensington Harvest Festival Ecumenical Worship Service
NOTE: There are no Services in New London Parish.

August 30: 14th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Worship Time: 11 am – Parish Worship at St. Thomas' HE
followed by pot luck lunch & musical entertainment

Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Readers: Darlene L, Jean R

Prayers of the People: Doreen C

Did you know that you can watch one of our weekly Church Services online?

One service each Sunday is taped and then put online. The link can be found on the Parish of New London Facebook page.

For the month of 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). ***Please note:** Bonnie will not be in the office on August 19, as there is no bulletin to prepare for August 23.

Rev. Shirley Cole will be on holidays 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. There are Anglican Priests who will be available as necessary. Leanne Brister as Parish Council Secretary will coordinate as necessary with Rev. Calvin and the Church/Parish Wardens. Leanne can be reached at 905-867-5378. General administrative messages can be left on the office voicemail or the office email and will be responded to as necessary, or upon Rev. Shirley's return. Thank you to the LLMs and congregational members who will be covering the three weeks of Church Services while Rev. Shirley is away. All the Services will be Morning Prayer for August 2, 9, and 16. There will be no services in the Parish on August 23; please join us for the Harvest Festival Ecumenical Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. at the Kensington Rink.

Kensington and Area Christian Council is planning the Annual Harvest Festival Ecumenical Service to be held on Sunday, August 23, 9:30 a.m. at the rink. There will be an ecumenical choir formed from churches in the area, and participants are welcomed. If interested in the choir, there will be one practice at Holy Family Church, Broadway Street, Kensington, on Monday, August 17, 10:30 a.m. Please contact Mary Pendergast if you have questions (marygpendergast@gmail.com). Food and/or monetary donations for the Kensington & Area Food Bank will be collected at the service. 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!

You are invited – Come Walk in Faith

Are you looking to spend an hour with Parish friends?

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.

Windows to Hope – Annual DCS Gathering will be held on Saturday, September 26, at St. Mary's Church Hall, Summerside; 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. What happens when we gather, listen, share our stories, and look toward the future together? Come for a joy-filled, interactive day of discovering, sharing, and learning. PEI Anglican Trivia, Café Church, Workshops, Stories, Music, Lunch, Door prizes. Everyone is welcome! Register: dcspeievents@gmail.com

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

PSALM 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,*
when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head*
that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron,*
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon*
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:*
life for evermore.

**Creator of the universe, from whom all things come,
to whom all things return, give your people such unity of heart
and mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal
kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

A READING FROM ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Loving God and Father,
you have adopted us to be your heirs.
Accept all we offer you this day
and give us grace to live as faithful children.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
we have received a token of your promise.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.