

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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October 4, 2026 **Truth & Reconciliation Sunday** **End of Season of Creation** **19th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship on October 4

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

Today's Readings

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 11: Harvest Thanksgiving (white)

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Stephen's HE
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7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HE

Readings: Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65;
2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

Readers: Judy C, Jim E; Darlene L, Jean R; Martyn C, Laura N

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Doreen C, Marlene C

Bible Study is held every Thursday at 9:45 a.m. in the Rectory office.
All are welcome to attend!

Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14,
7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's.

All Souls and All Saints Service will be held on Sunday, November 1,
7:00 p.m. at Southwest River United Church, Margate. This is an
Anglican and United shared service, and all are welcome to attend.

Save the Date: November 7, 2026

St. Mark's Church Christmas Yard & Bake Sale Fundraiser:

9 a.m. – 12 noon. We would be pleased to accept Christmas-themed donations such as puzzles, games, accessories, jewellery, knick knacks, books, household items, Christmas clothing, giftware items, craft supplies, sporting equipment, or any other treasures you feel would make a great gift idea. All items should be clean and in good condition. Also included in our fundraiser will be a Bake Sale Table.

To schedule a donation pick-up, please call Marlene (902-439-9642) or Alan (902-439-1627).

St. Thomas' Council Highlights - Monday, September 28th, 2026.

Council reviewed minutes from the April meeting and confirmed: signing officers on accounts have been changed, Safer Church requirements are in progress with two criminal records checks pending, and Safer Church Online training is in progress. Combined worship during winter months was discussed, as was Christmas Eve Services. Since the last meeting: Flower Service was held and brought in over \$5000 for the cemetery. Also a successful ice cream social was held in June. Significant work was done to headstones and cemetery during the summer, and washouts from the recent rainstorm have been repaired. Five plots have been sold since June and three burials during that period. Rev. Shirley will ensure collection cards for those who use PAR printed for Sunday and outlined in Bulletin. Interest in exploring 'Cafe Church' was discussed and will be forwarded through Parish Council. Both St. Thomas' Family and Friends and Yarns 'n Tea will start this week. ~Amy McCarville, Church Council Secretary

I GIVE MY OFFERING THROUGH PAR

Offerings Through PAR

For those of you using Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) for your church offerings: as a way of recognizing your gifts are included when we offer the Offertory Prayer – Prayer over the Gifts together, could you please pick up a PAR card at the back of the church on the way in, and place it in Offertory Plate as it goes by. ~ Thanks, Rev. Shirley



Sign at St. Mark's

A huge Thank You to Marie Mill and family for the refurbished St. Mark's Church Sign one can't help but miss, in front of the church (it was so faded it was hard to read – now looks like new!).



Backpacks

A huge Thank you for all the supplies provided for our Backpack Blessings Ministry – we have pictures from each church – here's the combined results of your generosity.

Kensington United Church take-out roast beef supper will be held on Saturday, October 24; pick-up times – 4 pm & 5 pm. Tickets \$20 (adult); \$12 (ages 6-12); 5 & under free. Please call the church office (902-836-3639).

“Men of the Harvest” Fall Concert will be held on Sunday, October 25, 3:00 p.m. at Princetown United Church, Malpeque. Admission \$15 at the door; all donations gratefully accept

FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

COLLECT

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. You have rooted us in this vineyard, and you call us to be faithful stewards of your truth. Grant us grace to see the deep wounds left when your children are exploited and your land is scarred. Give us the courage of Saint Paul to forget our own status, to repent of our past betrayals, and to strain forward toward the prize of a renewed covenant. Keep our hearts soft, our ears open, and our hands ready to do the hard work of reconciliation, through Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of our peace, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM EXODUS 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,*

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,*

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,*

and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands,*

and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;*

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens

and runs about to the end of it again;*

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;*

the testimony of the Lord is sure

and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;*

the commandment of the Lord is clear

and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;*

the judgements of the Lord

are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,*

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,*

and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?*

cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;*

**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offence.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,*

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among
us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth
has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of
your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without
reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life.**

A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

If anyone has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the
tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,
blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss
because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of
the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I
have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in
order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a
righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes
through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I
want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing
of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may
attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained
this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own,
because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider
that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies
behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the
goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 21:33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who
planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and
built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another
country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the
tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat
one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves,
more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he
sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the
tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let
us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out
of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard
comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will
put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other
tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone
that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the
Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you,
the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people
that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone
will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."
When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they
realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him,
but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2 & 3 – Supplementary to the BAS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant: At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**People: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace.

We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on p. 211.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: As tenants in God's vast vineyard, let us bring our prayers before the Creator, holding in our hearts the calling of Truth and Reconciliation, the renewal of Creation, and the healing of our communities.

People: Creator, change our hearts and guide our steps.

Leader: We pray for the global Church, and for our own four-point parish. Deliver us from the hunger for power, ego, and internal division. Grant our leaders, our Bishop, our Rector, and our lay leaders the mind of Christ—humble, gentle, and steadfast.

People: Creator, change our hearts and guide our steps.

Leader: We pray for this land, and for the diverse peoples who walk upon it. On this weekend of Truth and Reconciliation, we remember the harrowing legacy of the Residential Schools run by our own church. We confess the multi-generational pain left behind. We lift up to you survivors and their families, especially remembering the elders, parents, and communities whose resilience shines in the darkness.

People: Creator, hear our confession and heal our land.

Leader: We pray for our families, our children, and our grandchildren. We give thanks for the beautiful young lives growing up in our cities and our northern reserves. We pray for the sacred family camps, for the preservation of Indigenous languages, cultures, and traditions, and for the passing down of wisdom from generation to generation.

People: Creator, bless our generations with your enduring peace.

Leader: As we reach the conclusion of this Season of Creation, we pray for the earth beneath our feet. Forgive us where we have behaved like abusive tenants, exploiting the land and neglecting our first calling to tend and keep your garden. Help us to defend your waters, your forests, and all living things.

People: Creator, restore our connection to all that you have made.

Leader: We pray for the quiet work of reconciliation in this place. Give us the courage to speak truth, to refuse the comfort of easy lies, and to choose love over reputation.

People: In the name of Jesus, make us instruments of your peace.
Amen.

Morning Prayer Service – Reconciliation Prayers

Holy Father, God of Love, You are the Creator of all things.
We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history
and the sufferings of Our peoples, and we ask your forgiveness.
We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures

Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus
to reconcile the world to you.
We pray for your strength and grace to forgive,
accept and love one another, as you love us
and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history
so that we may build a better future for our Nation.
Teach us to respect all cultures.
Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land.
Help us to bring about spiritual and social change
to improve the quality of life for all groups
in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.
Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.

May your power and love be the foundations
on which we build our families, our communities and our Nation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

– *Wontulp-Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group, 13 March 1997, Brisbane*
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Lord God, bring us together as one, reconciled with you and reconciled
with each other. You made us in your likeness, you gave us your Son
Jesus Christ. He has given us forgiveness from sin. Lord God, bring us
together as one, different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ,
together as your body, your Church, your people. Lord God, bring us
together as one, reconciled, healed, forgiven, sharing you with others as
you have called us to do. In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. Amen
– *Bishop Arthur and Mrs Colleen Malcolm, A Prayer Book for Australia p.203*