

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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September 20, 2026 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship on September 20

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

Today's Readings

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

September 27: 18th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

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

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Readers: Judy C, Jim E; Darlene L; Barb C, Norma T

Prayers of the People: Grafton C, Amy M, Bronwyn C

Thank You!

On behalf of St. Mark's Anglican Church, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously contributed to our church painting fundraising project. Your donations have helped us care for and preserve our church, a special place that has been part of our community for generations. Every contribution has made a difference, and we appreciate your kindness and support. We are also pleased to announce that St. Mark's Anglican Church now has an e-transfer account, providing a safe and secure way to make donations to the church and support projects such as this one. E-transfer donations may be sent to: stmarks1887@outlook.com

*With sincere gratitude and appreciation,
St. Mark's Church Council and Members*

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

St. Thomas' Church Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 7 p.m.

Clinton View Lodge Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend!

Blessing of the Backpacks will take place on September 27, after which they will be taken to the school. Thanks for your generosity!

The family of Grace MacLeod, of French River, invites you to come and help celebrate her 90th birthday at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Spring Brook, on Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Best Wishes Only!

St. Thomas' Family and Friends meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 10:00 a.m. in the church hall. Come and join in!

'Our Daily Bread' devotional booklets are now available for October – December.

Save the Date: November 7th, 2026

St. Mark's Church Christmas Yard & Bake Sale Fundraiser from 9 a.m. – 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).

Kensington Food Bank -- Following is a list of items that are most needed, but **ALL** items donated are gratefully received and everything is used. Pancake mix and syrup, canned yellow and green beans, canned corn and peas, canned tuna, mayonnaise, rice, crackers, Mr. Noodles, applesauce, snack pack puddings, and macaroni. Thanks for each and every donation!!

Volunteer Food Safety Course will be offered on Tues., November 10 in Summerside. If you are interested, please call 902-368-4970 for details. Thanks!

'Men of the Harvest' Fall Concerts

- ~ Sunday, October 25 – 3 p.m. at Princetown United Church, Malpeque
- ~ Sunday, November 15 – 3 p.m. at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown
- ~ Sunday, November 22 – 3 p.m. at the College of Piping, Summerside (Christmas Concert)

KISH KD LUNCH

Would you like to take part in the KD lunch ministry at Kensington St. John's Presbyterian Church this school year? Lunches are Thursday, and we are looking for people to bake cookies, and/or serve in the kitchen. Please contact Nanette Clark if you're interested in helping or for more information: ngclark62@gmail.com OR 708-799-1544 (call or text). Come join our ecumenical team as we serve the youth of Kensington and area!

Highlights-St. Elizabeth's Church Council Meeting-September 6/26

Council reviewed minutes from last regular meeting in June, and updating on projects underway, and planning forward. Namely: Blaine has been sorting through the various church and cemetery accounts and ensuring all is up to date including signing authority on accounts; work continues on the church building, in consultation with a contractor; another Concert with Catherine MacLellan is being considered for the spring; and this year's Christmas Day Service is being planned as an in-home (Blaine Carr's) Service, with all welcome. Services will continue through September and early October, with last Service on Thanksgiving Day evening. A huge thank-you was offered to the Council for their continuing commitment and small but mighty 'getting things done'.

Highlights-St. Stephen's Church Executive Meeting-September 9/26:

Executive reviewed minutes from last regular meeting in June, and confirmed: ramp has been fixed, cemetery stones have all been fixed/cleaned, new vacuum has been installed, discussion has been held with Altar Guild regarding CRC for Keys (project still underway), boil water still in effect- *motion passed regarding purchase and installation of UV Light, motion passed regarding changing authority for cemetery account in comply with requirements (Signers on Parish Council).*

Regarding the Sale of School Yard Property: discussed the survey results- 20 returned, 15 agreed to sell, 3 disagreed to sell, 2 did not agree or disagree and indicated probably/need more information, so strong majority support; discussed property itself, noting, it has served its usefulness to the congregation and now rarely being used, does not have square footage for proper building lot, can't sell with an open well so would need to be sorted, folks who own the adjoining property are very interested in buying and allowing provision for using for parking as necessary (parameters would need to be discussed further) and they are aware of well (would need to be negotiated further). *Motion passed to move forward on selling the school yard property, looking at the Provincial appraisal of \$28,300 as a guide, specifically with owners of adjoining property, and will seek legal clarity regarding the well.*

Revd Shirley will follow up with Diocese- It was agreed this will be brought forward to Parish Council this month, for PC support to move forward with Diocese. A sincere thank you was offered and humbly accepted by the executive members who, with good cheer, do so much to keep things moving along.

Highlights-St. Mark's Church Council Meeting-September 14/26

Council reviewed minutes from last regular meeting in June, and further discussed/confirmed: Painting of the Church is completed and paid for, Capital Campaign has been successful- did not cover the total costs, yet helped ensure that there is money available to complete the additional work of roof and eavestroughs related to the Capital project. Separately, front door has been installed, sign out front, cemetery fence, railing, have all been repaired/painted. Anglican Church sign – rusted on and faded- is being attended to. Signing officers and other banking matters have all been sorted and Church now has e-transfer set up and are finding it useful. The 3 Yard and Bake Sales have been successful, and another Christmas themed Yard and Bake Sale is planned for early November. *Motions were passed regarding moving/securing money available for work continuing as noted above.* Thank you will be included in upcoming bulletin regarding Capital Campaign and about St. Mark's now having e-transfer available. Questions raised about Christmas Eve Service times will be brought to Parish Council Meeting upcoming. Gratitude was expressed for the collective deliberations of this small council, decisions made to move forward with these big initiatives, and positive energy put into new learning of new roles and tasks.



WINDOWS TO HOPE

Annual DCS Gathering

Sept 26, 2026 | 10 am.–3 p.m.

St. Mary's Church Hall, Summerside

*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 • LEARNING

Who are we as
beloved followers of Jesus?
How are we living
our Baptismal Covenant?
Where do you see
hope growing across PEI?

PEI Anglican Trivia • Café Church
Workshops • Stories • Music • Lunch
Door Prizes

COME. CONNECT. BE INSPIRED.

Everyone is welcome!

Register: dcspeievents@gmail.com

GODLY PLAY CORE STORYTELLING TRAINING

Godly Play Maritimer Trainers are pleased to offer a weekend of training at Southwest River United Church, Margate.

~ Friday, October 23 (2 p.m.) to Sunday, October 25 (4 p.m.).

Cost: \$350, includes 2 suppers, 2 lunches, and snacks.

Deadline to register is Friday, September 25.

For more information or to register, please contact Ellen Locke:
ellenmlocke@hotmail.com; 902-628-5460.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth,
and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand
in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM EXODUS 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

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 led out his people with silver and gold;*
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
Egypt was glad of their going,*
because they were afraid of them.
He spread out a cloud for a covering*
and a fire to give light in the night season.
They asked, and quails appeared,*
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
He opened the rock, and water flowed,*
so the river ran in the dry places.
For God remembered his holy word*
and Abraham his servant.
So he led forth his people with gladness,*
his chosen with shouts of joy.
He gave his people the lands of the nations,*
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
That they might keep his statutes*
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!
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 PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 20:1-16

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."