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October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Worship on October 18
9 am – St. Stephen's HE
11 am – St. Mark's HE
11 am – St. Thomas' MP

Today's Readings
Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

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October 25: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Stephen's MP
11 am – St. Mark's MP
11 am – St. Thomas' HE
Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46
Readers: Judy C, Jim E; Jean R; Norma T, Bronwyn C
Prayers of the People: Grafton C, Lola MO, Doris M
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All Souls & 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. Choirs are invited to attend and participate.

The Parish will be presenting a **Safer Church Training** group session at St. Stephen's on November 2nd, 1-4 pm. This 2-part training is mandatory for all members of the Parish Councils, Church Councils, Licensed Lay Ministers, organists, and administration staff. Any person who is on a cemetery committee, or counts money envelopes, must attend the first part of the training only. Both of these sessions are available on-line if you wish to do them on your own. The deadline to get your completed certificates into Lori Coulson will be November 2nd. Please contact Lori for the link, if you don't already have it, at roblocou@gmail.com or 902-432-4674.

St. Mark's Church Christmas Yard & Bake Sale Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 7, 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. For donation pick-up: Marlene (902-439-9642); Alan (902-439-1627).

Free Seniors' Lunches! At Kensington Presbyterian Church: October 31, November 14, and January 23. 11:30 am – 1 pm. Funded by Government of PEI through the Seniors Community Meal Grant. All are welcome!

KARSI (Kensington and Area Refugee Sponsorship Initiative) is looking for help.
Three members of our newly arrived family are attending LINC (Language Instruction for Newcomers) at Holland College in Charlottetown. The classes are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from now until the end of May from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Pick-up in Kensington is at 4:45 p.m. to get the group to Belmont Street, where Holland College's LINC CENTRE is located. As well there are medical appointments, dentist visits, etc., for other family members. Any help will be very welcome. If you are able to assist, please email patriciabennett6870@outlook.com.
Text or call 902.315.3201.

St. Paul's Church is hosting a family-friendly afternoon in the hall (101 Prince St, Ch'town), called **Messy Church**. On Saturday, October 25, starting at 3:30 p.m. and followed by a potluck supper at 5. The day will include story time, crafts, games, music, a short worship service (just before we eat), and an opportunity for everyone to make some new friends. The idea behind this event is that it can be challenging to bring kids to church. It's a loooong time sitting still with very little excitement. This is a much more casual way to do things. If it goes well, we are hoping to make this a regular event. This event is open to everyone, not just St. Paul's and not just Anglicans. The more the merrier! For more information, call Amanda at 902-892-1691.



COLLECT

Almighty and everliving God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

PSALM 99

The Lord is king; let the people tremble;*
he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.
The Lord is great in Zion;*
he is high above all peoples.
Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;*
he is the Holy One.
"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;*
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;*
he is the Holy One.
Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,*
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;*
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;*
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;*
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Lord our God, ruler of the universe, you love what is right.
Lead us in your righteousness, that we may live to praise you,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.
So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God,
your word inspires our faith.
May we who offer you our praise
trust you in all things.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of peace,
you have nourished us in this sacrament
with the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have taken holy things
keep faith in our hearts and lives,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.