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October 25, 2026

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship on October 25
9 am – St. Stephen's MP
11 am – St. Mark's MP
11 am – St. Thomas' HE

Today's Readings
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

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November 1: All Saints Day (white or gold)
Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' MP
11 am – St. Stephen's HE
11 am – St. Mark's MP
Readings: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22;
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
Readers: Grafton C, Sandra H; Darlene L, Jean R; Doris M, Martyn C
Prayers of the People: Jim E, Doreen C, Marlene C

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~ Thank you to Rev. Margaret Collins for leading worship at St. Thomas' this morning.
~ Just a reminder to "fall back" on the night of Saturday, October 31 – turn your clocks back 1 hour!

One of our services each Sunday is now being recorded. It continues to be posted on Parish Facebook and PEI Anglicans Facebook pages. The service can also be viewed on YouTube "ParishofNewLondon" (@ParishofNewLondon). If you subscribe to the channel, you will be notified when there is a new service to watch.

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, with leadership by Rev. Shirley Cole and Ellen Locke, and a joint choir. All are welcome to attend.

The Parish will be presenting **Safer Church Training** group session at St. Thomas' (*note change of location*) 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. Deadline to get your completed certificates to Lori Coulson is November 2. Please contact Lori for the link (roblocou@gmail.com or 902-432-4674) and let her know if you plan to attend, to ensure enough supplies and refreshments.

St. Thomas' Church Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.

Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2:15 p.m. All are welcome to join in!

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 or any other treasures you feel would make a great gift idea. 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/Seniors Community Meal Grant.

IN MEMORIAM

The Bulletins used within the Parish are given to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of

CARL ADAMS

Nov. 21, 1953 – Oct. 31, 2025

Just as each season ends,
bringing its change:
so does life.

Greatly missed by
Jessie and Rocko

COLLECT

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our refuge*
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,*
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say,*
"Go back, O child of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past*
and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream;*
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;*
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?*
be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;*
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us*
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
Show your servants your works*
and your splendour to their children.
May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;*
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Eternal Father of our mortal race, in Jesus Christ your grace has come upon us. For his sake, prosper the work of our hands until he returns to gladden our hearts forever.

A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 22:34-46

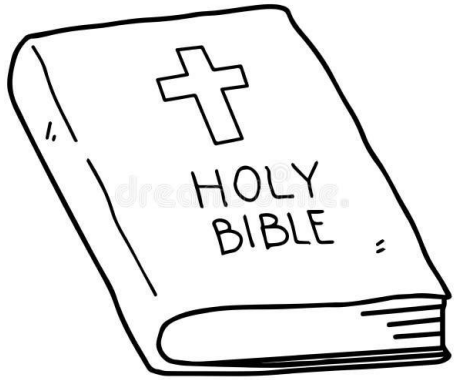
When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of constant love,
you have guided your people
in all times and ages.
May we who offer you our praise today
always be ready to follow where you lead;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our guide,
you have fed us with bread from heaven
as you fed the people of Israel.
May we who have been inwardly nourished
be ready to follow you all our days;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Highlights from Parish Council Meeting October 14th

Quorum with 8 members and each of the 4 Churches represented.

Regarding SafeR Church: Required training arranged for Monday November 2nd. 1-4 pm at St. Thomas' (changed from St. Stephen's). This is for those who have not completed online. Confirmation for having attended online should be passed on to Lori Coulson by November 1st. Those wishing to attend on November 2nd will be asked to let Lori know, to arrange for resources and refreshments. This will be included in upcoming bulletins.

- Most CRCs, and CRCs with vulnerable record checks, have been received. We have confirmed through the Synod office that the Diocesan Insurance provider requires all serving in the various roles and/or responsibilities outlined in the SafeR Church documentation will need to provide appropriate documentation for their role in the Church/Parish. While encouraging for now, we will be requiring compliance in the new year. More information will be provided for staying on or coming into roles/responsibilities in the new year.

- Service Scheduling Feedback for December and Christmas Eve Services: Having joint Services in December had a positive response, as did most wanting to be in their own Church for Christmas Eve. The fifth Sunday Parish Service will be at St. Mark's, November 29th at 11am. Following discussion: ***Blaine Carr moved the services be together in December St. Stephen's, January St. Thomas', February St. Mark's, and March St. Stephen's, with everyone back in their own Church for Easter Sunday. Seconded by Bronwyn Clark. Carried.***

Rectory/Office/Rector's Housing: Planning is underway regarding the details of Rev. Shirley remaining in her own home, with the office at the Rectory to continue as the Parish office.

Video Recording Update: One of our services each Sunday is now being recorded. It continues to be posted on Parish Facebook and PEI Anglicans Facebook pages. The service can also be viewed on YouTube "ParishofNewLondon" (@ParishofNewLondon). If you subscribe to the channel, you will be notified when there is a new service to watch.
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Content and Liability Insurance: Content and general liability insurance was discussed. Content insurance is the estimated cost to replace contents of the Church and Rectory. General liability is the same for each Parish to cover lawsuits again the Parish.

There was communication from Peter Fleming regarding an incident with a parishioner being hurt at one of the buildings. Please make sure Rev. Shirley is aware of the incident. An incident report detailing the time, place, weather, and other details. The report needs to be generated by a Warden, Church or Parish official, or someone who witnessed the incident and aftermath.
A copy of the report needs to be maintained in the Parish office and a copy submitted to the Diocese. This document is critical to protect the Parish in any ensuing litigation.

There have been a few Churches with leaks from the recent storms. The leaks do not necessarily generate a separate report other than the Property person that reports to Church Council. This report then can be forwarded to the Parish Council for consideration. There are opportunities for repair claims depending on the situation.

Regarding DCS and Region: Great Fall Gathering in September.
A good representation from our Parish. Currently we are the last Parish with a Rector from Kensington West. East of Charlottetown has a similar situation. Janet Forbes from Summerside has been an asset with Pastoral Care. It is a time of supporting each other. Archdeacon Cathy Pharo supported by the Synod office is addressing coverage and supporting Parishes who do not currently have Priests.

Beginning to plan for New Year – options for Church Governance:
A reminder this is the time of year to make any changes for Church governance. Churches Councils need to review their current governance model and report back any changes to Parish Council next month.
If you are going to adopt another option, this needs to be communicated by the end of the year.

Next meeting - November 18th at 7pm at St. Thomas'.