

Parish of Richmond e-News

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from Canon Lownds

YOU are the 'reason for the season' – the reason Jesus came into the world. Jesus is more than the Father's gift. He is also a giver – the giver of life and health and all things we need for today and for eternity.

RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9:00), **Home Church** w/sermon discussion (9:30) & **St John's** (11:00)
- If you know of any **shut-in** who might like a home visit, contact **Pat Margison** or **Cindy Derksen**

This coming week's birthdays: **Lucas Lutwick, Linda Bell, Vanessa Goodwin, Stephen Kennedy, David Bell, Joanne Williams**

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD BANK WHEN YOU SHOP Next deliveries:
Holy Trinity (12 January); **St John's** (19 January); **St Mark's** (26 January)

Did you know that **an e-offering of only \$4 a week would send a child to Camp Brookwood?** Speak to **Lawrence Carpenter** to enroll.

Home Church is again offered in the parish, from this Sunday until Palm Sunday. Bishops Marsh and Hockin have cited participation in home church as among the most moving and memorable of their experiences of God among us. But home church is an intimate and moving experience even without a bishop and it includes sermon discussion. Until further notice, home church will be at the Blacks -- **1629 Route 550, Bloomfield**. All welcome.

Vestry meets on Thursday at **the Blacks** (address above), 7 pm. Open to all.

Sunday School resumes at the Parish Centre next Sunday (11 Jan).

That busy saint **Bishop Marsh** – now serving 5 churches -- somehow found time at Christmas to be in touch with the parish by telephone and email.

Thanks to parishioners whose donations to the **Compassion Fund** made possible the Christmas outreach to Woodstock's **Sanctuary House**. Special thanks to **Cindy Derksen, Nancy Clarke** and **Sandra Black** for assembling and delivering the 10 tote bags of well-chosen items, as well as other items and wrapping paper so that mothers might choose and wrap a gift for their own child.

Belated thanks to **Nancy & Ernest Clarke** and Holy Trinity for hosting a Advent/Christmas concert program by the music pupils of Ypie Shaver. Music was great, audience was large and appreciative, and HT proved an ideal venue.

Calling visionaries -- Bishop Edwards has called a "vision" diocesan synod for 2015. Its purpose is to move collectively towards a new vision for the diocese, particularly in how ministerial gifts (lay and ordained, paid and volunteer) are to be shared, within parishes and among parishes. It will be a **1-day Saturday synod, probably in November**. (The thought is to have a further, "action" synod in 2016.) The reason the 2015 synod is to be confined to a Saturday is so that parishes can more freely send delegates who have regular employment during the work week.

To order the new picture/story book of **NB Anglican heritage**, see http://anglican.nb.ca/events/141125_archives_corner_book_launch.pdf

Monday Night Bible discussion resumes on 12 January.

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