

Parish of Richmond E-News

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Our central task is and will remain demonstrating the love of Christ in word and action for the love of the world. If we miss that imperative, then we have missed everything. ...

For signs of God's grace and mercy we must give thanks and for the hardships he puts in our way we must give thanks.

from Bishop Edwards' charge to the 135th Diocesan Synod
http://anglican.nb.ca/synod/sessions/2016/16_bishops_charge_to_synod.pdf

RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Communion at **Holy Trinity** (9:00) & **St John's** (11:00); Morning Prayer at **St Mark's** (9:00)
- **Sunday School** at the Parish Centre (11:00)

Prayers of the people list: Bobby, Boobo, Cathy, Cole, little Colin, Gladys, Louise, Robert, Ronald, Steven

This coming week's birthday: **Ethan Goodwin**

Prayer for the Week: *Gracious God, in this bleakest of months, inspire us with the courage to face life with a saintly vision and a rejoicing heart.*

Please remember the **Food Bank** when you shop. Next deliveries: **Holy Trinity** (14 November); **St John's** (21 November); **St Mark's** (28 November)
Please note that the Food Bank welcomes paper towels and toilet tissue in the donation bins.

The e-news welcomes **three new parishioners** as subscribers.

Vestry meets to night at the Parish Centre (Richmond Corner), 7pm. Open to all.

Also tonight **three talented parishioners** will be among 35 artists exhibiting at the McCain Gallery (Florenceville) annual sale of inexpensive

local art and craft, 7pm. Show continues until 10 December:

http://mccainartgallery.com/?tribe_events=small-works-group-exhibit-sale

On Saturday a roast beef **benefit supper for Louise Bell**, in support of her fight against breast cancer, will be held at the Lindsay Baptist Church (15 Briggs Rd), 4:30-6:30. By donation. (We are asked to clarify that the venue is made necessary by closure of the Lindsay community hall.)

Also on Saturday, **Reading Scripture in Public**, a course for everyone who does reading in church (not just layreaders), is offered at Trinity Church, Andover, 9-12. See <http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/layreaders/>

Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are due back this Sunday.

One key to personal spiritual growth and a healthy parish life is small groups that meet for fellowship through the week. Parishioners are invited to attend either of two **Monday night Bible discussions**:

- At the **Parish Centre**, 7pm. Bring a Bible and the most recent issue of **Upper Room** (available at the back of all the churches).
- At the **Clarks** ((24 Hillcrest Ave, Hartland), 7 pm. The discussion guide is Bishop Hockin's **Gospel Therapy** *but you do not need a copy*.

Everyone - inside and outside the parish - is welcome at either site. Come, and invite a friend. (No need to be a parishioner or to have attended a prior meeting.)

Next Friday (18 November) there will be a **fundraising concert & silent auction** for the **Brookwood 2017** appeal, held at Second Wind Music Centre (Curtis Road, Bristol), 7pm. Sponsored by the tireless WWPA.

Last Saturday's offering (\$1700) at Diocesan Synod was donated to the **Brookwood 2017** fund.

Extra chairs were needed to accommodate a very full house at the recent Saint John String Quartet concert at **Holy Trinity**. All proceeds went to

supporting local young musicians in financial need to pursue their music study.

“Great music -- great message” is the report from last Saturday’s well-attended **gospel concert at St John’s**. Many thanks to the organizers.

The big news of the week is that the Diocese of Fredericton has purchased the **Safe Harbour** Youth Shelter in the depressed south end of Saint John. It will reopen next year under new management, with provincial financial support. (The Church will own the building, not run the program.) **Bishop Edwards** and diocesan Treasurer **Irene Adams** worked quietly for a year to bring this about. It was never out of their sight. The facility is a beautiful one but the price was well over half a million dollars. How could the diocese afford it? Because news arrived that **George Bartlett**, a pious son of the diocese, had made the Synod an income beneficiary from a trust created under his will and put no strings on it. With a few years of that annual Bartlett income, the Diocese will be able to pay off the Safe Harbour purchase price.

Last Saturday four members of the parish attended the 135th **Diocesan Synod** in Fredericton as voting delegates. For the most recent news report see <http://anglican.nb.ca/> A full day of legislative revision is not to every taste but, once you actually look at the issues, you can see they’re important. For example,

- What happens if our bishop suffers a crippling stroke? How do we run the diocese during the recovery period? What happens to the diocese if the bishop is so disabled that s/he can neither recover nor resign?
- What happens to small parishes that want to continue but are too feeble to run a proper Parish Corporation?
- Should the Synod become smaller so that delegates can actually participate rather than just vote?
- How can we incentivize parishes to send younger delegates to Synod, thereby renewing the synod and also encouraging parishes to

involve younger people in parish affairs? What qualifies as a “young” person in this Diocese nowadays?

- Given that they’re both financial signing officers, can the two parish wardens be spouses? Can a warden also serve as parish treasurer? Can the treasurer and a warden be spouses?
- Can the bishop appoint a lay minister to head a parish?

This Synod addressed all of these questions and many more. Despite several close votes, it did so in harmony. It was a good day. Participants from Richmond were **Marilyn Wilson, Lisa Cummings, Ernest Clarke** and **David Bell**.

To add a name (with permission) to the **parish prayer list**, speak to Pat Margison (328-8146) or Wendell Parkinson (325-9519).

Cheques to assist Carleton County’s **support for Syrian refugees** should be made out to *St Gertrude's Parish – Refugee Fund*. They may be dropped off at the parish office (105 Union St, Woodstock E7M 2W4).

Find this week’s **Diocesan e-News** at <http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/enews/> Find Diocesan **forthcoming events** at <http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/enews/upcoming-events/>

When writing a will, do not leave money to a specific congregation as individual congregations are not incorporated. The way to handle it is to leave money to the parish *for the purpose of* supporting a particular congregation or house of worship, if that is what you want. For Camp Brookwood, you would leave money to the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton *for the use of* Camp Brookwood.

Courtesy of **Ken Tompkins**, the parish of Richmond has one of the nicest websites in the diocese: <http://www.parishofrichmond.ca> Websites always need fresh content. Ken welcomes scanned, **well-captioned photos** and even short video clips directed to webadmin@parishofrichmond.ca

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