

Parish of Richmond E-News

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When a bishop visits

The bishop preaches at St Mark's next Wednesday evening. When the bishop visits we go to the service expecting to hear spiritual wisdom and witness affability in the post-service shaking of hands. We wonder will he or won't he refer to this parish's prospects for a new resident priest. This is natural. But let us go to the service **not just to receive from the bishop but to give to the bishop**. If just 10 people made a point of saying to the bishop any of the following, perhaps he would be giving thanks for that encouragement all the way back to Saint John and for days to follow:

- *Bishop, I appreciate your leadership.*
- *Bishop, I pray for you daily.*
- *Bishop, your annual "pilgrimages" are an inspired idea. We look forward to hosting you here.*
- *Bishop, I sense new optimism in the mission of the diocese.*
- *Bishop, we appreciate your willingness to be here tonight and love to have you among us*

To minister to our chief minister, SAY something encouraging. Just blurt it out. Offer the bishop what he will value.

RICHMOND THIS WEEK

- *On Sunday, Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9:00) & **St John's** (11:00)*
- *On Wednesday, Evening Prayer at **St Mark's** (7:00)*

Prayers of the people list: Bobby, Boobo, Cathy, Cole, Gail, Gladys, Lisa, Louise, Ronald, Steven

This coming week's birthdays: **Joseph Williams, Moriah Martin, Sheila Smith. Alexis Cullins**

Anniversary: **Jennifer & Mark Sewell, Joseph & Joanne Williams, Dana & Cathie Dean**

Prayer for the Week: *Gracious God, help us to confess you not only with our lips but in our lives.*

Please remember the **Food Bank** when you shop. Next deliveries: **Holy Trinity** (15 August); **St John's** (22 August); **St Mark's** (29 August)

The **rector is on vacation leave** until 16 August.

Monday's meeting of vestry members and lay readers **in preparation for meeting with the bishop** made a good beginning. Assessment of the state of the parish continues. Thanks to four parishioners who offered their own comments. **If you have particular views on the future mission of the parish** of Richmond in light of the rector's pending retirement please speak to one of Andrew Bell, David Bell, Sandra Black, Lawrence Carpenter, Ernest Clarke, Lisa Cummings, Cindy Derksen, Pat Margison, Wendell Parkinson and Marilyn Wilson.

At next Wednesday's Evening Prayer Bishop **David Edwards** will preach and **Amy Anderson** will be at the keyboard. Invite a friend.

This parish is fortunate in its varied **ministries of music**. At last night's service at St Mark's a rare collaboration of hymns, worshippers and Spirit brought forth some memorable congregational singing. Marvelous in a different way was **Marjorie Burtt Hewson's** prelude to the service. Included was piano variations on two great hymn tunes, THAXTED ("I vow to thee my country...") and FINLANDIA ("Be still, my soul..."). A stranger who travelled up

from Fredericton on the spur of the moment commented afterward: "I would go anywhere to hear that woman play".

On Tuesdays the **Richmond Parish Singers** meet at the Parish Centre, 7 pm. All voices welcome.

This is **Brookwood's** last camping week for the 2016 season. A report will follow.

Did you know that Camp Brookwood support can be made by e-offering? **An e-offering of \$5/week for a year starting NOW would sponsor 1.25 campers next summer.** It's just that easy. What are our priorities? If 16 of us gave an e-offering of \$5/week we would be sponsoring *twenty* campers. Speak to Lawrence or Cindy.

St Luke's (Woodstock) is hosting a Brookwood fundraiser on Saturday, 10 September, 4-7 pm. (By coincidence, this is the same day that the Diocesan Council meets at Brookwood.) The fundraiser takes the form of a **silent auction, corn boil and dessert buffet.** St Luke's has solicited contributions to all of these efforts from neighbouring parishes. One contribution from the **Richmond parish Mothers' Union** will be a table of wrapped items for a mystery auction. The MU asks that parishioners donate a good quality wrapped or bagged gift for this table.

Forthcoming events:

- Wednesday 17 August: **Bishop Edwards** meets vestry/lay readers at the Parish Centre, 4:30
- Saturday 10 September: The parish of Woodstock hosts a **fundraiser for Camp Brookwood** at St Luke's Hall, with a mystery table sponsored by the **Richmond Mothers' Union**
- Saturday 10 September: **Diocesan Council** meets at Camp Brookwood, 10 am

- Saturday 17 Sept: **Informal meeting of synod delegates** at Christ Church Parish Church, Fredericton, 10 am
- Sunday 18 Sept: St John's **Memorial Service**, 3 pm
- Sunday 25 Sept: St Mark's **Memorial Service**, 3 pm
- Sunday 30 October: **Saint John String Quartet** presents a concert at Holy Trinity
- Saturday 5 November: **Diocesan Synod** at Christ Church Parish Church, Fredericton

To add a name (with permission) to the **parish prayer list**, speak to Pat Margison (328-8146), Wendell Parkinson (325-9519) or Cathie Dean (328-3042).

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/eneews/>
Find Diocesan **forthcoming events** at <http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/eneews/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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