

Parish of Richmond E-News

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Protestantism is unfaithful to its gift when it forgets the seriousness of the need to convert the good and bogs down in the satisfied complacency of a rather superficial and suburban goodness – the folksy togetherness, the hand-shaking fellowship, the garrulous witness of moral platitudes, the believing what we believe because we are found acceptable in the eyes of other believers.

Thomas Merton

RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Communion at **Holy Trinity** (9:00) & **St John's** (11:00); Morning Prayer at **Home Church** (9:00)

This coming week's birthdays: **Robert Flewelling, Jordan Graham, Mallory Martin, Jennifer Sewell, Roy Acott, John Wilson**

Please remember the **Food Bank** when you shop. Next deliveries: **St John's** (18 January); **St Mark's** (25 January); **Holy Trinity** (15 February)

January Home Church is at the Blacks (1629 Route 550, Bloomfield). All welcome.

Vestry meets on Thursday at the Blacks in Bloomfield, 7pm. Open to all.

Small group **Bible studies**:

- The **Monday night** group meets at 24 Hillcrest Ave, Hartland, 7pm
- The **Wednesday night** group meets at the Parish Centre, 7pm

All welcome. No prior attendance is required at either.

Art Group has resumed meeting at Holy Trinity on Thursday afternoons, 1 pm. Good work has come from this group.

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).

Part of Bishop Edwards' vision is **Christian education for all laity**. He has begun by making a new call for layreaders and offering new training. View the new website for layreaders: <http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/layreaders/> View the bishop's video call for and to layreaders: <http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/layreaders/2015/12/09/bishop-davids-video-message-to-layreaders/> Fittingly, the new warden of layreaders is for the first time a lay-person.

Another aspect of the Bishop's renewal vision is increased **youth membership in the diocesan synod**. There will be a **diocesan synod** on Saturday, **5 November**. The bishop has written all parishes to urge them to elect a younger person (age 16-26) as one of their three synod delegates at the forthcoming annual meeting. The next diocesan synod will consider a proposal to encourage this.

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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