

Parish of Richmond E-News

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The Peace

The Peace occurs after the prayerful confession of sins and absolution from the priest, when worshippers are called on to demonstrate their reconciliation. They do this by greeting their pew neighbours with words – “The peace of Christ” – and a handshake.

The intention of the Peace is good and uplifting and even necessary. But it is a ritual that has completely got out of hand. During the exchange of the Peace at St Hilda's chapel, all hell broke loose. Worshippers struggled over pews to shake hands will all and sundry, one woman lost her footing and fell, and there was much hugging and catching up with neighbourhood news, commiserating about the previous night's football match, extending of invitations to dinner or drinks at the pub, and forays into the state of the economy. The Peace is anything but. It is the Great Interruption that fragments the solemnity of the service.

Jane Christmas, And Then There Were Nuns (2013)

RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- ✓ Communion at **Home Church** (9:00) & **St John's** (11:00);
Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9:00)
- ✓ Hymn-singing at **St John's** (7:00)

This coming week's birthdays: **Nellie Morgan, Jayden Martin, Katie Saunders, Blaine Carpenter**

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

From now until the end of February, **Home Church** is at Adrian Bell's home, 106 Sherwood Drive, Woodstock). *All welcome.*

Interested in Home church? Here's one person's experience:

<https://www.facebook.com/canadiananglican/videos/10153529416303751>

Material (reports & photos) intended of the **parish annual report** should be send to **Cindy Derksen** by this **Sunday evening** or handed to her or **Marilyn Wilson**.

January Vestry notes:

- ✓ Parish **offerings to the General Fund** were up in 2015.
- ✓ Parish **mitten donations** were gratefully received by schools in Hartland and Woodstock
- ✓ Vestry voted to pay the cost of **police checks** required in the operation of the parish. Police checks are required every three years for (1) rector, (2) persons in positions of trust, and (3) people who on behalf of the parish interact with children, youth or vulnerable adults.
- ✓ Other Vestry items are covered elsewhere in the e-news.

Helping out St Luke's pancake supper -- St Luke's asks if we can help them out at their annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on 9 Feb. They are hard-pressed as they are also hosting the Woodstock community Ash Wednesday service in their Hall on the next day. **As well as seeking volunteers for the usual supper jobs they would also appreciate offers to donate a cake.** With all jobs divided into two shifts there's a volunteering opportunity for everyone. To volunteer, email Jon Tait at a_jtait@rogers.com

Monday night Bible discussion meets at 24 Hillcrest Ave, Hartland, 7pm. All welcome. No prior attendance is required.

Art Group (painting, wood-carving, etc) meets at Holy Trinity's hall on Thursdays, 1 pm. All painters, carvers and apprentices welcome.

Forthcoming events:

- ✓ Saturday 6 February: 75th birthday reception in honour of **Nellie Wilson Morgan** at the Richmond Parish Centre, 2:00-4:00. All invited.
- ✓ Tuesday 9 February: **Pancake supper** in support of **Camp Brookwood** at St Luke's (Woodstock), 4:00-6:30 [see help-wanted notice]
- ✓ Tuesday 9 February: **Pancake supper** at Christ Church (Glassville), 4:00-6:00
- ✓ **Ash Wednesday** community service at St Luke's hall, Woodstock, 12 noon
- ✓ **Ash Wednesday** parish service at Holy Trinity, 7 pm
- ✓ Friday 12 February: **Valentine Luncheon** at Church of the Good Shepherd (Main St, Florenceville), 11:30-1:30. Chili, corn chowder, cheesy chicken chowder, rolls & dessert buffet for only \$6.00 (and take-out service available). This is a project of the parish's new **ACW chapter**.
- ✓ Saturday 20 February: **Gospel concert** at St John's church featuring **The Weavers** and **Violet Paisley**, 7:00. Love offering. Everyone welcome.
- ✓ Saturday, 27 February: parish of **Richmond Annual Meeting** at Holy Trinity hall, 10:00 followed by pot-luck lunch.

Diocesan news:

✓ The bishop remains heavily involved in trying to save **Safe Harbour Youth Transition House**, Saint John

✓ In 2015 over **700 children and youth** were involved in Camp Medley, Camp Brookwood and other diocesan summer programs. The goal for 2016 is 900.

✓ **Parish contributions to the Diocese's budget for 2015 totalled 103%** of what was asked (because of some parishes making up deficiencies in earlier years). This is encouraging. (Richmond is always in a position to pay its full allocation on time.)

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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