

Parish of Richmond E-News

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When the end has come, moving forward

Assumptions can no longer be made that the people coming into our churches will be able to navigate their way around our prayer book or know when to stand and when to kneel. Assumptions can no longer be made that people will come into our churches at all. The question across our congregations is how we honour and utilize the gifts of the church passed down faithfully through generations and how we adjust to new realities in order to share our faith with others. For some congregations the question is how to go forward when the end has come.

The good thing is that God has given the church the richest of resources in meeting the challenges of a changing world. Our Hebrew Scriptures are written by people on the move – wandering people, imprisoned people, wilderness people, exiled people. The New Testament is written by a community not just on the move, but on the edge. These are people who are writing out of the grave danger of counting themselves followers of an executed criminal of the Roman state.

The church's sense of instability can open us to a new compassion for those who experience themselves as lost and struggling. That sense of instability invites us to be more aware, and more generous, with what God has actually given us to offer the world's need: Not an 'out' from the changes and chances of life, but the stories and rituals and prayers that will equip us for saying our goodbyes and giving thanks along the way; Not a protective armour that will shield us from vulnerability and grief, but God's armour of light, commissioned out of our vulnerability to better care for others; witnesses of how God our Shepherd and our Shelter is redeeming us, loving us and calling us by name.

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RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

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

Prayers of the people list: Bobby, Boobo, Cindy, Cole, Gladys, June, Louise

This coming week's birthdays: **Gail Boehler, Sophia Cullins, Niki Carpenter, Brandon Kennedy, Shelley Parkinson**

Prayer for the Week: *Gracious God, comfort the pilgrims as we navigate the hazards of our daily walk.*

Please remember the **Food Bank** when you shop. Next deliveries: **Holy Trinity** (13 June); **St John's** (20 June); **St Mark's** (27 June)

Vestry meets tonight at the Parish Centre, 7:00. Open to all.

"My initial thought is that God is saying 'Fear not'. The ways in which he has broken into our worship on the road suggests that he wants to deepen our relationship with him in order that we can trust him and step out in faith for him." So writes Bishop Edwards on the very wet 11th day of his pilgrimage. Follow his progress at <http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/pilgrimage/> Another of our Richmond pilgrims will walk with the bishop tomorrow.

Thanks for and to the many who assisted with the **Richmond/Woodstock yard-sale** last Saturday. Nearly \$2000 was raised for the **Brookwood 2017** appeal.

Next Saturday (18 June) **Diocesan Council members invite you to a DOORS OPEN event, 2-4pm.** Visit the synod office, tour the Cathedral and Farraline Place, view displays in Cathedral Memorial Hall that celebrate ministries in our diocese, visit Bishop's Court and learn more about the Discipleship House. This is a child-friendly event.

Next Sunday (19 June) Bishop Edwards will hold a **confirmation at St Luke's, Woodstock, 10:30.**

On Sunday 26 June Bishop Edwards will ordain **seven priests and deacons and receive one priest** from the Church of Rome at the Cathedral, 4 pm. All invited.

The 59th iteration of **Diocesan Choir School** runs at Rothesay on 7-10 July or adults. It's an opportunity to learn both traditional and contemporary sacred music. See www.anglicanchoirschool.com

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/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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