

Parish of Richmond E-News

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RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Communion at **St Mark's** (9 am) & **St John's** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9 am)
- **Sunday School** at the Richmond Parish Centre (11 am)
- **Readings:** Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Luke 1: 46-53; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Among those whom we hold up in prayer: **Billie, Cathy, Clara, Cole, James, Jason, Katherine, Martha, Nadine, Robert, Ron & Sandra, Russel, Steven, Tammy**

This coming week's birthdays: **Sharon Lutwick, Lisa Cummings**

Kindly remember the Food Bank when you shop. Next deliveries: **St John's** (18 December); St Mark's (27 December); Holy Trinity (15 January)

For pastoral emergencies and other concerns and home visits, contact the Rev Rod Black at the Rectory 328-3042.

Did you know that the parish's Facebook page has new photographs added almost daily? See <https://www.facebook.com/parishofrichmond/>

Please note that the Parish's **Compassion Fund** wants replenishing as we continue to show others God's love for them.

Our condolences to Bryce and Chantel McIntosh on the death of little **Saphira**; to Ruth Hall and all the people of St Luke's on the death of **Peter Hall**; and to Jordan and Martha Graham on the death of Jordan's father, **James Graham**.

***Tonight* Vestry** meets at the Rectory, 7 pm.

It is a week for special thanksgiving within a whole season of giving thanks ~

- To the **Sunday School** at the Parish Centre, which presents its Christmas pageant this Sunday at St John's
- To the mystery parishioner who produced a **box of hand-knit mittens** for our annual children's mitten appeal (*see attached photo*)
- To volunteers from the parish who are watching **Salvation Army** kettles
- To those many people who helped with last Sunday's Advent service, particularly **Lise-Ann Grant** and **Andrew Bell**. See *extensive* coverage at <https://www.facebook.com/parishofrichmond/>
- To **Marilyn Wilson**, for organizing the Seafarers' Mission appeal
- To those who supported the **Mother's Union** white ribbon campaign
- To the residents of sundry **seniors' and special care homes** in Woodstock and Hartland for hosting 12 carolers from our parish (Monday) and 9 more (Wednesday), and to **Susan Black** for organizing and **Ronda Foster** for accompaniment.

In November's parish financial statement (distributed last Sunday) **Lawrence Carpenter** announces **THAT THE MORTGAGE ON THE RICHMOND PARISH CENTRE COMPLEX IS NOW PAID OFF** (after only ten years). Many thanks to those whose recent contributions put it over the top. Many more thanks to those whose constant, sacrificial generosity over the last decade has made it possible for the Parish of Richmond to begin 2018 debt free.

Confirmation preparation begins in January for those who will be 12 years old or older by the end of 2018. There will also be adult preparation. Anyone one interested please email the rector or call the rectory.

During Lent the parish will be studying **Bishop Hockin's popular meditation on the Lord's Prayer**. The cost is \$10. **Email the rector ASAP** if you want a copy as the Synod office is pre-ordering them.

During Easter this parish will join the rest of the diocese in studying **Surprise the World** by Michael Frost, the book recommended by the recent Diocesan Synod. The cost is \$8. **Email the rector ASAP** if you want a copy as the Synod office is pre-ordering them.

Upcoming Events ~

- On Sunday 17 December, **children's Christmas pageant** at St John's, 11 am
- On Tuesday 30 January, the **Woodstock Greater Chapter** (clergy, wardens, synod delegates/alternates) meets at Trinity Church Andover, 7 pm
- On Tuesday 13 February, **Camp Brookwood's** annual meeting takes place. Details TBA.

The parish has received a bequest under the will of the late **Gladys Tracey**. When writing your own 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.

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

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/>

RICHMOND NEXT SUNDAY

- Communion at **Holy Trinity** (4 pm), **St John's** (6 pm) & **St Mark's** (8 pm)

- Christmas service at **St John's** (10 am)