

Parish of Richmond E-News

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RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Communion at **St Mark's** (9:00) & **St John's** (11:00); Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9:00)
- **Sunday School** at the Richmond Parish Centre (11:00)
- **Readings:** Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14 - 30

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

This coming week's birthdays: **Roderick Black, Pauline Jones, Charles Lutwick**

Anniversaries: **Jack & Carolyn Parkinson, Harry & Irene Parkinson**

Kindly remember the Food Bank when you shop. Next deliveries: **St John's (20 November)**; St Mark's (27 November); Holy Trinity (11 December)

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

Have you seen the parish's attractive new Facebook page? See <https://www.facebook.com/parishofrichmond/>

This Sunday at St John's the parish will mark the **9th anniversary** of the opening of the as-yet-unconsecrated house of worship and Richmond Parish Centre. **The Vestry are making a special appeal for donations to pay off the remaining mortgage**, which is now less than \$5000. Will YOU help?

Beginning this Sunday Mothers' Union branches across Canada are holding their annual **White Ribbon campaign**. Please support the Parish of Richmond MU in **raising awareness of gender violence**. White ribbons will be available in each congregation beginning on Sunday. Should people choose to give a loonie or two for a ribbon, any proceeds will be given to **Sanctuary House**.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes -- If anyone still has a shoebox to send, please contact **Rosanne Carpenter** by 24 November, who will make sure it gets on the truck (which is picking up on the 25th).

Next Saturday (25 November) **Irene & Harry Parkinson** will mark their **50th wedding anniversary** by receiving family and friends at the Parish Centre, 2-4pm. Best wishes only. Ladies (& gents), please bring refreshments.

Also next Saturday our tireless neighbouring parish of WWPA will hold their annual **musical fundraiser at the Juniper Community Centre**, 6-9 pm. Among the performers will be the fabulous **Glass Girls**. Freewill offering will go to the parish's Christmas outreach to local families and **Sanctuary House**.

Marilyn Wilson is collecting toiletries, adult mittens and caps, puzzle books etc, for the **Seafarers' Mission**, Saint John. They should fit into a shoebox and should be **unwrapped**. Donations welcome.

We hear a rumour that voices are being solicited for a second coming of last summer's singing group with **Lise-Anne Grant**. Something about the lessons & carols service...

The Vestry has written the various area funeral directors to insist that there be **no interments in the two parish cemeteries without advance notice, so that a member of the parish can be present**. This has long been the practice but an incident occurred that made a reminder seem necessary.

The **Salvation Army** is looking for volunteers to watch their kettles during their Christmas Campaign. Sign-up sheets with more information are at each church.

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.

The Synod has received a large donation (\$600,000+) from a Saint John charity, the interest on which is to support **youth ministry**.

Beginning 27 November **Bishop Hockin** (with Barry Craig) is once again offering a series of Monday noon **Advent meditations** at the Crowne Plaza (Beaverbrook) hotel in Fredericton. (The schedule is attached.)

Small Group ministries ~

- On Sundays, **Bible discussion** takes place at St Mark's, 10:15. Text is Ron Blankley's *John's Letters: Discovering Genuine Christianity*.
- On Mondays, **Bible discussion** takes place at 24 Hillcrest Ave (Hartland), 7pm. Study text is Bishop Hockin's *Gospel Therapy* (you don't need a copy).
- On Wednesdays, **Bible discussion** takes place at the Richmond Parish Centre, 7pm. Text is Bishop N. T. Wright's *Letters of John*.

Upcoming Events ~

- On Sunday 10 December, parish service of **Lessons & Carols** at St Mark's, 7 pm
- On Thursday 14 December, **Vestry** meets at the Rectory, 7 pm
- On Sunday 17 December, the **Sunday School Christmas** exercise 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).

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