

Parish of Richmond E-News

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Daily Morning & Evening Prayer

For many, the notion of reading or reciting set, pre-written prayers sounds stifling -- perhaps even phony and inauthentic. Why rattle-off a prayer that somebody else wrote when I could, instead, allow the words to flow spontaneously from my own heart? For one thing, the words provided in the daily office of morning and evening prayer are not merely "somebody else's words." They are the God-breathed words of scripture -- drawn, as they are, from both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Furthermore, they are the words of the church -- prayers dating back to as early as the first century AD -- written by prophets and martyrs, patriarchs and matriarchs, then prayed again-and-again by generations of Christians, some canonical saints, others humble servants of Jesus whose simple lives have been ignored by history. By using the words of the Prayerbook, I am not merely "reading prayers" but joining my voice with the vast and mighty chorus of our fellow Christians -- some still in the flesh but most now in glory. No, the prayers of the prayer book are not MY words insofar as they have arisen spontaneously from my own head. However, they ARE my words insofar as I am a member of the church -- a multi-generational, multi-lingual, transnational body of which I am a living member. These words are mine because they are my heritage.

from Terrence Chandra's <https://penniesandsparrows.org/2017/09/15/a-brief-history-of-my-prayer-life-or-how-i-learned-to-stop-worrying-and-love-the-prayer-book/>

RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Communion at **Holy Trinity** (9:00) and **St John's** (11:00)
- **Sunday School** at the Parish Centre (11:00)
- **St Mark's Memorial Service** (3:00)
- **Readings:** Exodus 16: 2-15; Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

Prayers of the people list: Brenda, Cathy, Clara, Cole, James, Jason, Katherine, Nadine, Robert, Ronald, Steven, Tammy

This coming week's birthdays: **Charles Wilson**

Anniversary: **Wendell & Melba Parkinson, Ken & Kim Tompkins**

Kindly remember the Food Bank when you shop. Next deliveries: **St Mark's** (25 September); **Holy Trinity** (16 October); **St John's** (23 October). *The Food Bank welcomes paper towels and toilet tissue in the donation bins.*

Hurricanes & Earthquakes – As usual, the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund is involved in relief work with victims of the hurricanes in the Caribbean islands and the earthquakes in Mexico. To assist, **mark your special offerings "Emergency response"**. And did you know that you can give regularly to PDRDF through **e-offering**? Speak to **Lawrence** or **Cindy**.

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

This Sunday the **St Mark's Memorial Service** takes place, 3:00.

Small Group Ministries Resuming soon will be parish **Bible studies**. No Christian community can be healthy unless its members are committed to the spiritual growth that is fostered in small discussion groups. If you find that the Bible studies on offer in the parish do not suit your schedule or your interests, start another. If you can't think of how to proceed, use the guides that are in every issue of the **Upper Room**. If you think you're not equipped to lead, rotate the lead each week.

The parish has received a kind **bequest under the will of the late Gladys Tracy**. 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*.

Forthcoming Events ~

- On Sunday 1 October our neighbouring parish of WWPA holds its annual **Harvest Supper at Camp Brookwood**. Free to all (with a donation jar for Camp Brookwood)
- On Tuesday 17 October, the **Woodstock Greater Chapter** (clergy, wardens, synod delegates/alternates) meets at the Church of the Good Shepherd Florenceville in preparation for the Diocesan Synod, 7 pm
- On Sunday 22 October, the **Saint John String Quartet** plays at Holy Trinity
- On Saturday 4 November, **Diocesan Synod** at Christ Church Parish Church, Fredericton, 8:45 am
- Also on Saturday 4 November, a **gospel concert** at St John's, 7 pm
- On Tuesday 30 January, the **Woodstock Greater Chapter** (clergy, wardens, synod delegates/alternates) meets at Trinity Church Andover, 7 pm

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/enews/> Find Diocesan **forthcoming events** at <http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/enews/upcoming-events/>

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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