

Parish of Richmond E-News

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Crossing our threshold of pain

Any change is going to require some pain. Jesus teaches us that, like the grain of wheat, we need to die in order to live (John 12: 24-26). Are we willing to allow some of our convictions about doing church to die... so that we and the world we serve can truly live? A congregation's offerings ought to lead to life and growth. Where there is no sacrifice in the parish, the parish itself will die. Any parish that wants to stay alive must learn, in the end, to honour God with its sacrifices. Parishes that cross this pain threshold, freeing themselves to release all that they have to God, position themselves to develop and move forward in mission.

from last Sunday's bulletin, parish of WWPA

RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Communion at **St Mark's** (9:00) & **Holy Trinity** (11:00); Morning Prayer at **St John's** (11:00)
- **Sunday School** at the Richmond Parish Centre (11:00)
- **Readings:** Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37

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

This coming week's birthdays: **Lewis Parkinson, Glenn Martin, Patricia Margison**

Kindly remember the Food Bank when you shop. Next deliveries: **Holy Trinity** (11 December); **St John's** (18 December); **St Mark's** (27 December)

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** needs replenishing as we continue to show others God's love for them.

Tonight **singing fun with Lise-Anne Grant** resumes at the Richmond Parish Centre, 7 pm. All voices welcome.

See the massive noontime crowd that turned out on Monday for the first of **Bishop Hockin's Advent meditations**:

<http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/eneews/> The talks continue on the next two Mondays.

Operation Christmas Child update - Thanks to all who filled boxes, offered donations and helped at the collection centre and our promotional tables. We sent **44 boxes** from this parish; 2050 were sent from this area.

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. Should people choose to give a loonie or two for a ribbon, any proceeds will be given to **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.

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.

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, **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/>

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