

Parish of Richmond E-News

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RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Communion at **St Mark's** (9:00) and **St John's** (11:00); Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9:00)
- **Readings:** Exodus 3: 1-15; Psalm 26: 1-8; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28

Prayers of the people list: Brenda, Cathy, Cindy, Clara, Cole, James, Jason, Katherine, Nadine, Peter, Robert, Ronald, Steven, Tammy
This coming week's birthdays: Jodi Gould, Irene Parkinson

Kindly remember the Food Bank when you shop. Next deliveries: **Holy Trinity** (11 Sept); **St John's** (18 September); **St Mark's** (25 September).
The Food Bank welcomes paper towels and toilet tissue in the donation bins.

Our Vestry reminds us of the famine conditions in east and central Africa. It asks that everyone to continue making special offerings to the PWRDF. Envelope holders may use the convenient blue envelope but any offering may be marked "Africa Appeal".

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

Next Saturday (9 September) the annual **diocesan stewardship conference** takes place at St John the Evangelist (Main Street, Fredericton North), with worship beginning at 10 am. The theme is innovative mission. The leaders are **Bishop Edwards** and **Bob LeBlanc**. Pre-register at <http://anglican.nb.ca/events/>

Next Sunday **Sabbath School resumes** under **Jennifer Sewell** at the Parish Centre, 11 am. All youngsters welcome.

Also 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. Overheard at one Richmond parish Bible studies: "It's the highlight of my week".

Heartfelt thanks to those who joined in the mid-week worship this summer. We had very special services, including that final one. Leaders/preachers were Bishops **Hockin** and **Edwards**, Fr **John Keoughan**, **Wandlyn Snellgrove**, **Geoff Hall**, **Bruce McKenna**, **Chris Hayes**, **Harold Boomer**, **Marilyn Wilson**, **Cindy Derksen** and **Rod Black**. Sharing their musical talents were The Glass Girls (**Joan Tremblay**, **Wanda MacFarlane**), **Mary Lee McKenna**, **Lise-Anne Grant**, **Kevin Briggs**, **Marjorie Burt Hewson** and a no-name choir. Particular thanks to **Lawrence Carpenter** for producing so many cheques, often on quite short notice. Over the eight years of these services, Lawrence has been the most faithful attender by far. This summer, service attendance exceeded 400, with an average of 34. St Mark's improved sound system did its job and the waterless bathroom annex continues to fascinate.

Fr **John Keoughan** is retiring and moving back to his hometown in Miramichi. There is a farewell gathering Tuesday 5 September at St Gertrude's Church. Mass is at 5 pm followed by pot luck supper at the church hall.

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.

Save the Dates ~

- On Sunday 10 September, **Bishop Edwards** inducts **Roderick Black** as rector of this parish at St John's, 4 pm. Pot-luck reception to follow
- On Sunday 17 September, **St John's memorial service** takes place, 3 pm
- On Sunday 24 September, **St Mark's memorial service** takes place, 3 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/eneews/> Find Diocesan **forthcoming events** at <http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/eneews/upcoming-events/>

Bishop Edwards offers the following guidance for people who are not confirmed but who feel called to take communion: **ALL BAPTIZED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO MAKE THEIR COMMUNION.** Those who have not been confirmed in any tradition are encouraged to become confirmed as Anglicans after due preparation. Any who have been confirmed by a bishop, such as a Roman Catholic bishop, may be received into the Anglican Communion as prescribed on p 629 of the *Book of Alternative Services*.

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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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