

# Parish of Richmond E-News

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## ***RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY***

- Communion at **Holy Trinity** (9 am) & **St John's** (11 am); Advent Lessons & Carols at **St Mark's** (7 pm)
- **Sunday School** at the Richmond Parish Centre (11 am)
- **Readings:** Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

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: **Nancy Clarke, Emma Sewell, Susan Black, Darla Martin**

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

***Tonight*** singing instruction with **Lise-Anne Grant** continues at the Richmond Parish Centre, 7 pm. Please join our no-name choir **next Wednesday (13 December)** as we go caroling to special care homes. *All* are welcome to gather at the Clarkes (24 Hillcrest Ave, Hartland) at 4:30 before heading out.

**This Saturday** Pat Margison will be at home to friends to mark her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, from 3-5 pm and again at 7. Wes and Pat live at 340 Rte 560, Jacksonville. Best wishes only.

**This Sunday** the parish **Advent service of lessons & carols** takes place at St Mark's, 7pm, with **Lise-Anne Grant** at the keyboard and a no-name choir occupying the chancel stalls. Last Saturday elves went out a-tipping, and this week the Warden of elves is filling the church with fragrant fir garlands of his own production. We may even have a bit of gorgeous snow on the ground for Sunday evening. Invite a friend.

Next Thursday **Vestry** meets at the Rectory, 7pm.

On our Parish prayer list is **Saphira**, the new daughter of **Bryce & Chantel McIntosh** of Richmond Corner. She was born severely underweight and has been in hospital ever since. To support this young family in our midst, Christmas cards are at the back of St John's to enable you to send words of encouragement and prayer and, if possible, to make a monetary donation or a gift card for gas, etc. You may make your donation anonymously if you prefer. The cards will be gathered shortly after Christmas and given to the family as, "for **unto us a child is born** - a gift from St. John's Anglican Church". The support of our church family will be much appreciated.

**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.

**Have you made your special offering** towards the final paying off of the **Parish Centre mortgage**? Response to date has been very encouraging. Perhaps a big announcement is near.

**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.
- This Monday's **Bible discussion** at 24 Hillcrest Ave (Hartland), 7pm will be the last meeting before January.
- On Wednesdays, **Bible discussion** continues at the Richmond Parish Centre, 7pm. Text is Bishop N. T. Wright's *Letters of John*.

**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 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).

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