

Parish of Richmond E-News

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What is a consecration?

When a building is consecrated, the bishop sets it apart forever from “all profane and common uses” and reserves it for the worship of God.

What is being consecrated tomorrow night?

The worship part of the building, not the Richmond Parish Centre part. Altars and fonts are consecrated too, but those used at St John’s were consecrated when the old St John’s was consecrated on 30 May 1872.

The church has been in use since 2008. Why is it being consecrated only now?

A building cannot be “set apart from all profane and common uses” while it is mortgaged. The mortgage is now paid off. The Vestry thought that it would be the highlight of the bishop’s 2018 pilgrimage to be able to consecrate his first church. (The last consecration in this Diocese was St Clement’s church in Prince William in 2004.)

Have St Mark’s and Holy Trinity been consecrated?

Construction of St Mark’s began in summer 1904, with consecration on 7 July 1907 by Bishop John Richardson.

Construction of Holy Trinity began in summer 1917, with the consecration on 3 November 1929 by the same Bishop Richardson.

RICHMOND THIS WEEK

1. Tomorrow (Friday), **Bishop Edwards leads Noon Prayers at St Mark’s**, 12:15 pm
2. Tomorrow (Friday), **Bishop Edwards consecrates St John’s church**, 7 pm
3. On Sunday, Communion at **Holy Trinity** (9 am) & **St John’s** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **St Mark’s** (9 am)
 - Readings: 1 **Samuel** 3: 1-20; **Psalm** 139: 1-5, 12-17; 2 **Corinthians** 4: 5-12; **Mark** 2: 23-3:6

Among those whom we hold up in prayer: **Billie, Blaine, Cathy, Clara, Cole, Irene, James, Jason, Kate, Katherine, May Izabella, Nadine, Peter, Robert, Ronald, Ruby, Russel, Steven, Tammy**

This coming week's birthdays: **Marilyn MacDonald**

Anniversaries: **Robert & Pauline Jones, Matthew & Hilary Stockford**

Kindly remember the Food Bank when you shop. Next deliveries: **Holy Trinity** (11 June); **St John's** (18 June); **St Mark's** (25 June)

For pastoral matters contact the Ven Rod Black at the Rectory 328-3042.

Tomorrow's Pilgrimage highlights are **Mid-day Prayers at St Mark's (about 12:15, for 15 minutes) and the Consecration service at St John's (7:00)**. Everyone whose health permits should come out to the Consecration. Note also the pot-luck supper before.

Bishop Edwards' **complete** schedule for tomorrow (Friday) is as follows. All are encouraged to walk, pray and celebrate.

- 9:30 am Process potatoes at A & L Bell farm [5079 Route 540, Oakville]
- **10:30 am Explore "Bell Forest"** with Geo Peabody of the Meduxnekeag River Assn [200 Bell Settlement Rd] - 2 km
- **11:30 am Walk from Bell Forest to St Mark's Church** [4786 route 540, Jackson Falls] - 2.5 km (mostly downhill)
- **12:15 pm NOON PRAYER AT ST MARK'S & lunch** (bring your own lunch -- hot beverage supplied)
- 1:30 pm Walk from St Mark's to St John's church/Richmond Parish Centre [3667 Route 540, Richmond Cr] - 11.2 km
- **5:15ish pm Parish pot-luck supper at Richmond Parish Centre**
- **7:00 pm CONSECRATION OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH**

Last Thursday's **first leg of the Bishop's pilgrimage** among us was a wonderful time. The long walk along the River was cool and

pleasant, a good crowd was at the Covered Bridge (with the three carved walking sticks in use), the **confirmation service** was moving and crowded, the fiddlehead cake was tasty, the Bishop and Trevor got an excellent night's rest in Holy Trinity, and there was so much more. Particular thanks are due to **Ernest Clarke** for chairing the arrangements committee and to **Marilyn Wilson** for live colour commentary posted to the parish facebook site and running a taxi service.

Once again this year our Mothers' Union branch will be acknowledging parish **high school, college and university graduates**. Please give their names to **Pat Margison** or **Cindy Derksen**.

It's time to be adding support for **Camp Brookwood** to our weekly offerings. We count on Brookwood's ministry to children and youth. Brookwood counts on us.

Can you help?

- **This Saturday** is Camp Brookwood's **general clean-up day**, 9:30-3:00.
- Brookwood is seeking donations of **sneakers, water shoes and rubber boots** for campers who only bring one pair of footwear to camp. Footwear should be in good enough condition to wear. Please contact **Ken Tompkins** or camp director Allie Green (392-6401). Thank you for your continued support for camping ministry.

It's not too soon to be collecting small things for use in **Operation Christmas Child**. One idea is face cloths with soap, toothbrushes, combs, etc.

Have you viewed the latest photos on the parish's Facebook page? See <https://www.facebook.com/parishofrichmond/> This week there's a photo of three pilgrims at last night's Evening Prayer service at St Mark's.

Forthcoming events ~

- Next Tuesday 5 June, the **Bishop's pilgrimage for 2018 concludes** with an afternoon prayer service at **All Saints** church (Magaguadavic)
- Next Saturday 9 June, **Parish Quiet Day** at St Mark's, 9:30-3:00

Small group ministries ~

- **Monday evening** Bible discussion has adjourned until October
- **Wednesday evening** Bible discussion resumes, based on *Surprise the World* at the Parish Centre, 7 pm

The parish has received a 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.

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

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