

Parish of Richmond E-News

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RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Communion at **Home Church** (9 am) and **St John's** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9 am)
- **Sunday School** at the Parish Centre (11 am)

Sunday readings in full text with related art and suitable hymns are available at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=120>

Among those we hold up in prayer: **Al, Billie, Cathy, Clara, Cole, Bishop David, Doreen, Frankie, Freda, Helen, James, Jason, Jeremy, Joe, Joanne, John, Kate, Kevin, Linda, May Izabella, Meghann, Nadine, Pauline, Peter, Robert, Ruby, Russel, Scott, Steven, Tammy, Wayne**

This coming week's birthdays: **Jack Parkinson, Roger Parkinson, Ronald Black, Jeremiah Miller, Joan Bowmaster**

Please remember the Food Bank when you shop. They especially need pastas (dry and tinned), soups, cereal & luncheon meat. Next deliveries: **St Mark's** (25 March); **Holy Trinity** (15 April); **St John's** (22 April)

Have you seen the latest photos on the parish's Facebook page?

https://www.facebook.com/pg/parishofrichmond/posts/?ref=page_internal

Today's special feature is parish smiles.

There's a list of major diocesan happenings and discipleship and learning opportunities at <https://nb.anglican.ca/events> One event to look forward to is **joining Bishop Edwards on his pilgrimage** through Kings County this May/June. View the preliminary itinerary: <https://nb.anglican.ca/the-bishop/bishops-pilgrimage/pages/2019-route-details> The Bishop has remarked that he counts on a pilgrim contingent from Richmond.

Teens and anyone interested in youth ministry can ask to be added to the Youth and Intergenerational Ministry team's email list by writing yigfton@gmail.com

What should the Vestry be thinking about? Pray, think, pray again and then send you thoughts for your congregation, your parish, your community to **Marilyn Wilson** momathome4@hotmail.com She will compile them and present them anonymously to the Vestry.

The **Compassion Fund** has been active very recently. This fund responds to local urgencies (burnt out families, gas money for hospital travel, etc). All funds come from our own extra offerings.

On Wednesdays Woodstock **Lenten services** continue at St Luke's, 12:05 pm. This parish is responsible for serving soup and rolls on **Wednesday 3 April** and **Judy Clark is looking for a dozen volunteers** to prepare soup makings, set up, serve and cleanup. Please let Judy know by this Sunday (24 March) that you can help on the Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. Reach her at judyclark7680@gmail.com

Meanwhile, in this parish:

- **Monday night Bible discussion** (favourite hymns and why) continues at 24 Hillcrest Ave, Hartland, 7 pm. Room for all.
- **Tuesday night Lenten study** continues at the Rectory, 7 pm. Room for all.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

- ***This Sunday/Monday*** 24-25 March Dr John Westin (Stone Church) leads a **Lenten retreat on listening to and hearing God** at Villa Madonna (Rothesay), 4 pm – 4 pm. Register at nb.anglican.ca/events/lenten-retreat

- **This Monday** Bishop Hockin's popular Lenten talks ("Springtime for the Soul") concludes at the Beaverbrook Hotel (Crowne Plaza), Fredericton, 12:15 pm. See <http://billhockin.ca/wp/index.php/2019/02/06/2019-lent-talks/>

What's upcoming right here?

- Next **Friday, 29 March** a Memory Café takes place at St Luke's, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. New participants and volunteers are welcome. Our Parish provides volunteers to support this wonderful cause in conjunction with Alzheimer Society alzheimer.ca/en/nb Any questions can be directed to **Bonnie Sparks** or **Marilyn MacDonald**.
- Our 5th mark of mission is 'take care of the planet'. Please consider joining **Earth Hour** on **Saturday, 30 March** by turn off your lights at 8:30 to 9:30 pm. This small gesture indicates our concern for the environment. See www.earthhour.org
- Spring is here (?) and the sap is a-running. One of the parish fellowship highlights of the whole year is just around the corner. The 8th yearly trek to the **Sugar Moon Cookhouse** at The Divide (632 Divide Rd) takes place after church on **Sunday 31 March**. See https://www.facebook.com/pg/SugarMoonCookhouse/posts/?ref=page_internal
Parish kids eat free!! There's pancakes, beans, bacon, sausages, eggs, toast, and unlimited maple syrup and a look at the operation (45,000 trees tapped). Arrive by 1:15.
- On Saturday 6 April our local **St Joseph's Guild** is hosting a Bowling Fundraiser to raise money to **Strike Out Child Hunger**, beginning 9 am. It supports the local **Food Bank**. People are invited to form five-person teams. **Home Church has already formed one team** of people who have never bowled and who knows what viral videos will end on Youtube? Many other congregations in NB will bowl on the same day. See a story on the good work being done by this project, published in March's **NB Anglican**.

- Our **Mothers' Union** will host the **provincial annual rally** on Saturday 27 April. This is for everyone who supports families, not just MU members! Consider joining people from across the province in worship and fellowship hosted by this parish. Please let **Pat Margison** or **Cindy Derksen** know by April 1.

It's easier to fill **Operation Christmas Child** Shoe Boxes when seasonal items become available at a good price. Suggestions are toothbrushes/ dental floss, harmonicas and band-aids.

The parish has received bequests under the will of the late **Gladys Tracy** and several others. 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

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

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