

Parish of Richmond E-News
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Blessed be the Lord!
For he has shown me his steadfast love
when I was as a city besieged.

I had said in my alarm,
'I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.'
Nevertheless, you heard the voice of my prayer
when I cried out to you.

Psalm 31

RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- **COMMUNION AT ST JOHN'S (11 AM); MORNING PRAYER AT HOLY TRINITY (9 AM)** [NO SERVICE AT ST MARK'S]
 - Find Sunday readings in full text at:
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=277>
 - Find every day's Morning, Mid-Day & Evening Prayer and Compline (modern language) at:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer>

Among those we hold up in prayer: **Al, Barbara, Billie, Carolyn, Cathy, Cindy, Clara, Cole, Corinne, Darryl, Bishop David, Doreen, Frankie, Freda, Glenn, Helen, James, Jan, Jason, Jeremy, Joanne, Joe, John, Kate, Kevin, Lawrence, Linda, May Izabella, Meghann, Melba, Nadine, Pauline, Peter, Robert, Russel, Steven, Tammy**

This coming week's birthday: **Jodi Gould**
Anniversary: **Raymond & Nadine Anderson**

Please remember the Food Bank when you shop. They especially need pastas (dry and tinned), soups, cereal & luncheon meat. Next deliveries: **Holy Trinity** (16 September); **St John's** (23 September); **St Mark's** (30 September)

Contributions to the **Food Bank, the Compassion Fund, Camp Brookwood, Operation Christmas Child, the Haiti mission and the Seafarers' Mission** [details soon] are not add-ons to our parish mission. Justice for the poor and vulnerable was central to Jesus' mission and he was clear that it should be central to our mission.

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

https://www.facebook.com/pg/parishofrichmond/posts/?ref=page_internal Pictured this morning is last night's choir at St Mark's.

Remember TONIGHT's shower of love (and potluck lunch) at the Richmond Parish Centre. We welcome and support the **three little foster daughters of Martha & Jordan Graham**, 7 pm. (The girls are very young -- gift certificates appreciated.)

Next Wednesday (4 September) the WWPA ACW is hosting a **quiet day** at Church of the Good Shepherd, Florenceville, beginning 9 am. For details, contact **Wilma** at 278-3229 or **Cindy** 375-4642.

Haiti Mission -- Dr Allison Chandra is going to Haiti in mid September and is requesting support in the form of items for children in an orphanage and a medical centre. A collection bag/box is at each church; items will be collected on Sunday Sept 8. Further information is available at

<http://www.threeangelshaiti.org>. Monetary donations are welcome too. A little can do so much, when others have so little. For a list of items sought, see the parish facebook at

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Thanks to those who organized and participated on behalf of the parish in the recent **Richmond Corner parade**.

At Wednesday Evening Prayer it's often the smaller services that are most effective. It was not so last night. **Bishop Edwards** preached the sort of message that resonates and the **St Luke's choir** with **Sandra Culberson** were simply terrific. In that lancet window in the church's entryway was possibly the most beautiful adornment of flowers ever seen at St Mark's.

Days are now shorter, nights are cooler and St Mark's congregation offer gratitude to **Rod Black** and all who joined in 2019's nine mid-week summer services of Evening Prayer. For the first time this year, the liturgy came from the Book of Alternative Services. Our 29 special Wednesday guests were **Bishop Hockin, Linda Graham, Harold Boomer, The Martin Boys, Cathy Laskey, Kevin Briggs, Rick Robinson, Amy Anderson, Chris Hayes, Sally Dibblee, Fran Bedell, Leah Jones, Bruce McKenna, Mary Lee McKenna, Joan Tremblay, Wanda MacFarlane, Bishop Edwards, Sandra Culberson, St Luke's choir** and the ever wonderful **Marjorie Burt Hewson**. Quite a spell of hot nights did not hold them back. Many other folk from beyond the congregation also pitched in in various ways.

The effectiveness of worship is measured in Hope and Help (as Bishop Edwards might say), not by counting. This summer Wednesday evening attendance rose to an average of 38 (341 souls), ranging from 21 to 66. Participation from Woodstock inches up from year to year as attendance from within the parish inches down. Particular thanks go to **Quinton and Lawrence Carpenter**, who came up with many cheques over the summer. This year the Vestry made a grant towards this outreach. Will there be an 11th year for such services? If so, must they be at St Mark's or be only at St Mark's? Continuous discernment is vital to effective mission.

Forthcoming events:

- On Wednesday 11 September, Communion at **Carleton Manor** 10:30 am
- On Thursday 12 September, **Vestry** meets at Holy Trinity, 7 pm. Open to all.
- On Sunday 15 September, a **parish picnic** is hosted at the Jacksonville home of **Wes & Pat Margison**, 1 pm
- On Sunday 22 September, the St John's (11 am) & St Mark's (3 pm) **Memorial Services**
- On Wednesday 25 September, **Memory Café** at St Luke's. 11 am

The interrupted **Bishop's Pilgrimage** resumes October 12-20.

The busy ACW in the neighbouring parish of WWPA is collecting coats for free distribution late this fall. They are looking for a variety of **coats, hats, scarves and snowsuits**, from toddlers to adults. Contact **Wilma** at 278-3229 or **Roberta** at 324-8810.

The **Compassion Fund** helps us respond to immediate needs in our neighbourhoods and has been very active of late. Please assist.

It's easier to fill **Operation Christmas Child** shoe boxes when seasonal items become available at a good price. Suggested are candles and school supplies.

The parish has received bequests under the will of the late **Doris Kennedy Gartley Scott** (1921-2016) of Centreville and several others, in this case to support the **St John's Cemetery fund**. 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/upcoming-events/>

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Morning Prayer at **St John's** (11 am)