

RICHMOND E-NEWS

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RICHMOND THIS WEEK

- Find each day's **Morning, Mid-Day & Evening Prayer and Compline** (modern language) at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer>

- Parish worship services may possibly resume on **Palm Sunday**. From the Rector: *We are all walking in the desert during these last days of Lent. Palm Sunday will be even more special when it comes.*

- For specialized Anglican hand-washing, see

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEjc2esWNas&fbclid=IwAR3rLdlKVI_n8k7PsbzBzXEFU2WUEsHWINYIWQfNOGFNxBIwUDawToBH_eAY

Among those we hold up in prayer: **Barbara, Billie, Carolyn*, Cathy, Cole, Connie, Corinne, Dana, Doreen, Frankie, Freda, Glenn, Helen, James, Jason, Jean, Jeremy, Joanne, John, Josh, Kevin, Lawrence, Linda, May Izabella, Meghann, Melba, Melissa, Nadine, Pauline, Peter, Reg, Robert, Robin, Russel, Steven**

This coming week's birthdays: **Corinne Silverton, Annette MacFarlane, Shaelynn Weeks, Jack Parkinson, Roger Parkinson, Ronald Black, Jeremiah Miller**

A special thank you to all that donated food and money toward the **Lenten soup lunch** on March 11. Also, a hearty thanks to all the willing workers. It was a great time of Christian fellowship.

Monday night book discussion resumes on 6 April. **Tuesday morning book discussion** resumes on 7 April.

Next week, being nine months prior to Christmas, the Church marks the story from Luke's gospel of the **angel Gabriel appearing to Mary** to announce that she would bear a son to be called Jesus, who would sit on the throne of David. Among composers setting versions of this great announcement to music was the Russian/ American Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943).

**Rejoice, O Virgin Mother of God
Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.
Blessed art Thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb,
for Thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.**

Rachmaninoff intended his setting for use in the Russian Orthodox church, not in concert performance, but choirs have found it irresistible. Here are two versions from the internet. The first is an amateur Russian choir (and amateur videographer) singing in a packed Moscow church. The second is by one of the world's best small choirs. Each version announces hope in troublous times.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZgSRP1_MJ8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWa49aT6e8>

Forthcoming events:

- On Saturday 18 April, the parish will have a **mission focus discussion** with Shawn Branch at the Parish Centre.
- On Saturday 25 April, there will be a second **Striking Out Child Hunger** at the Jacksonville Bowlacade, 9 am. Teams of 5 are sought. Knowing how to bowl is not required.
- On Sunday 31 May, Holy Trinity hosts a **liturgy of the old carpet** service. Not to be missed.

You can be glad to know that **Compassion Fund** continues to do good work responding to immediate needs in our neighbourhoods. Contact **Wendell, Louise** or **Nancy C.**

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).