

RICHMOND E-NEWS

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As we look hopefully to gathering in our congregations at some point in May, those able to get out for a drive can view tokens of God's renewing love in the form of a carpet of bluebells just coming on display at **Ralph & Rosanne Carpenter's** house and the thousands of spring bulbs that will bloom next week in the roadside ditches at **Ernest & Heather How's** farm.

More neighbourhood tokens of spring -- **Holy Trinity** has received an external clean-up and May baskets have appeared on doorknobs in the vicinity of **Jackson Falls**.
A fiddlehead watch is underway.

Though we are forbidden from entering our houses of worship, did you know that **every Sunday at 12 noon** a largish but well-distanced congregation has gathered at **St Mark's** to ring the bell for 10 minutes and greet one another?

While the Richmond e-News has no immediate parish gatherings to report, never have there been so many opportunities to worship from the comfort of our own kitchens.

The same technology that allows us to tune into services from Moncton or Fredericton allows us to continue our **Vestry** and **committee meetings** and **Bible discussions**.

SERVICES ALL 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>
- To join in **daily services** within this diocese, see
 - **Litany at 6:00 pm:** online reading of a prayer litany Monday through Saturday at 6:00 pm. Join [via your web browser for video](#) or via telephone at 647-374-4685 (not a toll free number but is Canadian). The meeting id is 726-239-602. *This is an excellent, brief (15 minute) daily tune-up and prayer service. One of our own layreaders often leads. Check it out. (Audio option alone is enough; it is not necessary to be on camera.)*
 - The Rev. Paul Ranson hosts **Morning Prayer** on the Zoom platform, every weekday morning at 8:00 am. Join [via your web browser](#) for video or via telephone at 647-558-0588 (this is not a toll free number but is Canadian). The meeting id is 844-546-952.
 - **St. George's, Parish of Moncton**, live-streams its services each weekday at 8:30 am (MP), 12 noon (MDP) and 5 pm (EP); Wednesday 5:15 (HC); Thursday 10 am (HC); Fridays in Lent 7 pm (Stations of the Cross); Saturday 8:30 am (MP), 5 pm (EP), 5:15 (HC); Sunday 8 am (HC), 9:15 am (MP), 10:00 am (HC), 5 pm (EP) and 5:15 (HC); Sundays in Lent 8 p.m. (Compline). [Click here for the Facebook Live link.](#)
- To join **Sunday worship** services within this Diocese, see:
 - **Sunday Morning Prayer** (BCP) worship [streamed from the Cathedral via YouTube](#). View the [Order of Service here](#) and the [Book of Common Prayer \(BCP\) here](#).
 - **St Paul's, Parish of Rothesay**, offers a [live-streamed celebration of the Holy Eucharist](#) at various points in this Holy Week. The services are also archived.

- All of the larger parishes livestream and archive their Sunday services on Facebook. Find **Richmond's Sunday services** on the parish Facebook.

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

Do you have a friend/relative isolated in the Upper Valley or other New Brunswick hospital? Did you know that you can send the person a cheery email that the hospital will deliver for you? Check out:

<https://en.horizonnb.ca/home/facilities-and-services/services/other-services/send-a-message-to-a-patient.aspx>

Birthdays this coming week: **Mark Carpenter, Andrew Martin, Trina Weeks**

Be sure to be checking out the extra-special material appearing on the **parish's facebook page**:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/parishofrichmond/posts/>

Watch this space for a report from the **Vestry**.

In these weeks/months when in-person collective worship is suspended, the Parish is still called on to pay bills. Some parishioners help by using the **e-offering service**. A set amount is automatically deducted from their bank account and credited to the parish, to the PWRDF, to Camp Brookwood, etc as they have directed. Deductions are weekly or monthly, according to choice, and go through even when Sunday worship is cancelled by storms and viruses. **If you are able to help the parish to pull through this crisis financially, get in touch with Cindy Derkson (375-4642)**. You will need

your bank account number (if you still use cheques, it's the numbers on the bottom of a cheque) and the amount of your automatic contribution to the parish general fund and any others you support. In the best of times, a parish's finances are touch-and-go. These are times of challenge.

Forthcoming events:

- On Sunday 31 May, Holy Trinity hosts a **liturgy of the old carpet** service. Not to be missed.

You can 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 many wills. **They are helping it survive financially at this strange time.** When writing a 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).