

## RICHMOND E-NEWS

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Again this week the Richmond e-News has no immediate parish gatherings to report and yet, in the warmth of our homes, we enjoy a wealth of worship opportunities.

### *SERVICES 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>

- 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 (this is not a toll free number but is Canadian). The meeting id is 726-239-602.
  - 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 **this parish's Sunday services** on the parish Facebook.
- For hand-washing specialized for Anglicans, see [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEjc2esVWNas&fbclid=IwAR3rLdlKVI\\_n8k7PsbzBzXEFU2WUEsHWINYIWQfNOGFNxBIwUDawTvBH\\_eAY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEjc2esVWNas&fbclid=IwAR3rLdlKVI_n8k7PsbzBzXEFU2WUEsHWINYIWQfNOGFNxBIwUDawTvBH_eAY)

Among those we hold up in prayer: **Barbara, Billie, Carolyn, Cathy, Cole, Connie, Corinne, Dana, Doreen, Frankie, Freda, Glenn, Graeme, 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: **Joanne Goodwin, Gary Hoyt, Ronald Bell**

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

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

Did you know that the parish's website is managed by **Ken Tompkins**, the weekly bulletin by **the rector**, the e-News by **David Bell** and the Facebook by **Marilyn Wilson**? To reach the rector, *use his direct email* (listed at the top of this page). "Reply" emails to the e-news go only to the e-news, not the rector.

**Women of any age** looking to deepen their spiritual focus within a women's religious community in Ontario for up to a year (apparently with expenses paid) should check out this story: [https://rupertslandnews.ca/spiritual-gap-year-gives-women-space-to-reflect/?utm\\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\\_campaign=076f889ee3-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_04\\_01\\_12\\_38&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6285aca377-076f889ee3-243874537](https://rupertslandnews.ca/spiritual-gap-year-gives-women-space-to-reflect/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=076f889ee3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_01_12_38&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-076f889ee3-243874537)

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.

Today is **Maundy Thursday**. For today, tomorrow and Saturday the church since ancient times has prescribed Evening Prayer services in which the readings are taken from the book of Lamentations, each reading ending: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God". These are called **Tenebrae** services (from the Latin word for darkness), because at each the lights are gradually extinguished, so that they end in darkness.

One of the masterpieces of 20<sup>th</sup>-century Canadian music are three musical meditations that **Healey Willan** wrote for the Maundy Thursday Tenebrae services at Toronto's church

of **S. Mary Magdalene**. Their short texts are not literally biblical but are drawn closely from the gospels' Thursday evening events just prior to Jesus' arrest and from Isaiah. In the youtube versions they are sung exquisitely by the choirs (liturgical and gallery) of S. Mary Magdalene. Notice how these quiet, restrained meditations, which begin chant-like, contain great drama.

Meditation 1: *On the Mount of Olives he prayed to his Father. Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak. Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.*  
Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Yn8vUZT7bw>

Meditation 2: *My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death. Tarry ye here and watch with me. Now shall ye see the multitude come about me. Ye shall **flee** and I go to be sacrificed for you. Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is **betrayed** into the hands of sinners. Ye shall **flee**, and I go to be sacrificed for you.*  
Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SEaRcHxx9c>

Meditation 3: *Behold, we have seen him without form or comeliness. His form is gone from him. He hath borne our sins and His sorrows are for us. He was **wounded** for our transgressions, and with his stripes we are healed. Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. And with his stripes we are healed. Behold, we have seen him without form or comeliness. His form is gone from him. He hath borne our sins and His sorrows are for us. He was **wounded** for our transgressions, and with his stripes we are healed.*  
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[Note: This concludes the Lenten musical notes, inspired by the hymn studies of the Monday Night Bible Study.]

***Forthcoming events:***

- 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 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).