

## RICHMOND E-NEWS

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*“Not only with our lips but in our lives”*

### **RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY**

- Communion at **Holy Trinity** (9 am) and **St John's** (11 am)
- **Sunday School** at the Parish Centre (11 am)
- Find Sunday's Bible readings:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=206>

Among those we hold up in prayer: **Billie, Carolyn, Cathy, Cole, Doreen, Frankie, Freda, Gail, Gary, Glenn, Helen, Jack, James, Jason, Jean, Jeremy, Joanne, John, Katherine, Ken, Kevin, Kim\*, Lawrence, Lewis, Linda, Marg, Margaret, May Izabella, Meghann, Melba, Melissa, Nadine, Nicole, Pauline, Peter, Ralph\*, Robert, Russel, Steven**

*\* new*

To **add** (or delete) a **name** to the parish prayer list, speak to Pat Margison (328-8146) or Wendell Parkinson (325-9519).

This coming week's birthdays: **Niki Carpenter, Shelley Parkinson, Robert Carpenter**

Please continue to **remember the Food Bank** when you shop. **Particularly needed** are tinned tomatoes, vegetables and soups and tinned tuna, ham etc suitable for school lunches.

Have you checked out the parish Facebook page?

<https://www.facebook.com/parishofrichmond/> There's a great deal there this week, including a photo of the touching Holy Innocents shrine at St John's.

Congratulations to this month's parish-connected graduates: **Allyson Cummings, Evan Findlater, Ethan Goodwin, Riley Mae Martin, Kendra Minard, Nicholas Veinot.**

Did you know that in recent days this parish delivered **209 lbs of food** to the Food Bank?

Did you know that last week **Mothers' Union** members delivered to **Sanctuary House 135 pair of socks and 5 pair of mittens** donated from parishioners as part of the **Thy Kingdom Come** observance?

**Foundation work at St Mark's** continues. See a great photo on the parish facebook. Photos attached here show front and back doors and a look underneath. By coincidence, the frame of St Mark's was put up 117 years ago yesterday.

The Anglican Foundation has made a special appeal for support for a **Say Yes to Kids** initiative. The Foundation will match monies raised and then turn the whole into grants to parishes in support of initiatives to children, youth and their families. Please spread the word and together let's *Say Yes! to Kids* in the Diocese of Fredericton! Join and/or donate to our diocesan team (Fredericton Helping Families) [here](#).

**Vestry** meets next Thursday at the Parish Centre, 7 pm.

Due to the pandemic **Camp Brookwood** will not be operating in the normal way this summer. However, there are plans in the works for a small Counsellor in Training camp in August. This event will be by invitation only and hosted by Rev. **Chris Ketch**. A COVID operational plan has been developed and will be updated as Public Health guidelines continue to evolve over the next few weeks.

Next Friday/Saturday Archbishop Edwards presides over the **synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada**, to be held via

Zoom. (Here, “Canada” means all the dioceses in Quebec, NB, NS/PEI and Nfld.) At least one of our own parishioners is a Synod member.

**Sometimes we wish the World would just hit pause.** When we have hardly had our fill of fiddleheads we see the peonies and roses rushing into bloom. But the complications of life do not stop, and Jesus commands us to embrace and confront, not run away, and offers to stand by us. This week’s enews from both the national church and our own diocese are full of items of interest. Many relate to the tragedy of the unmarked graves, the hate murder of the Muslim family in London (Ont) and the continuing toll of the pandemic. See many stories at:

- <https://mailchi.mp/national/anglican-church-of-canada-update-for-june-9-2021?e=3ae6af7ca3>
- <https://nb.anglican.ca/newsletters/166/display>

Many people are now aware that Canadian attempts to Christianize or Protestantize native Indians **began in New Brunswick** in the 1780s with, among other things, the Indian school at what is now Lower Woodstock. In terms of economic and sexual exploitation, the worst known abuses were at Sussex. Read the story at

<https://journals.lib.unb.ca/index.php/Acadiensis/article/view/11301/12051>

Among sad events of recent days is the death from Covid of an important servant in urban aboriginal ministry, **Margaret Seegers**: <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/the-reverend-vivian-margaret-seegers-priest> At the end of the obituary is a reference to her pursuit of what is called the *via media*. Usually that concept imagines Anglicanism as a middle way (*via media*) between Roman Catholicism and Reformed Christianity (Protestantism). But for Native Anglicans in Canada, the *via media* is the combining of Anglican spirituality with the insights of traditional aboriginal spirituality. Recently some of us had a challenging encounter with this, courtesy of the remarkable Archbishop Mark MacDonald. It’s a striking idea.

**Each Wednesday evening** since the covid crisis began, the Archbishop and others meet on Zoom for a brief service of Litany. Find the Zoom link at <https://nb.anglican.ca/events/litany-6/2021-02-17>

*Bibleproject.com* is a Bible understanding resource available in video format. For the books I checked, it has proved really good. **Have a look at the video on the oldest surviving Christian writing**, the epistle to the Philippians: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/philippians> You'll be impressed.

**Remember that there's a convenient way to get a cheery greeting to someone stuck in hospital.** The hospital will deliver it. Check out: <https://en.horizonnb.ca/home/facilities-and-services/services/other-services/send-a-message-to-a-patient.aspx>

Please consider benefitting the "Corporation of the Anglican Parish of Richmond" **in your will**. The parish has received **many bequests** over the years, without the interest on which we could not make it financially.

#### *Richmond next Sunday*

- Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9 am) and **St John's** (11 am); **St Mark's** tba