

## RICHMOND E-NEWS

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

### **RICHMOND THIS WEEK**

- On Sunday, Parish Communion at **St John's (10 am)**
- On Wednesday, Evening Prayer at **St Mark's (7 pm)**
- Find Sunday's Bible readings:  
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=215>
- Among those we hold up in prayer: **Billie, Carolyn, Cathy, Claire, Colby, Cole, Doreen, Frankie, Freda, Gail, Gary, Glenn, Helen, Jack, James, Jason, Jean, Jeremy, Joanne, John, Katherine, Kevin, Kim, Lawrence, Lewis, Linda, Marg, Margaret, May Izabella, Meghann, Melba, Melissa, Nadine, Nicole, Peter, Robert, Russel, Steve, Stevie, Steven**

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

This coming week's birthday: **Sheila Smith**

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 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 this week?  
<https://www.facebook.com/parishofrichmond/>

On Sunday, combined worship continues **for all congregations at St John's** (Richmond Corner) **at 10 am**. This is an accessible location, all on one level.

Thanks are due to Holy Trinity's congregation, including the cookie baker(s), for inaugurating these combined services so well.

Quiet evening worship continues Wednesdays at St Mark's, 7 pm. At next week's service the preacher will be the Metropolitan, **David Edwards**.

Last evening's experimental service of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs was much appreciated.

Next Saturday 21 August, there will be a **Blessing of the Animals** service plus an **Animal-themed Art Show** at Holy Trinity, 2:00 pm. **Rick Robinson** will lead the service on the large green behind the church and the artwork will be on display inside. Everyone in our communities and congregations is invited.

Participants are invited to bring their up-to-date-vaccinated **beloved pets** to the service. As some animals are not well-suited to travel and do not enjoy being in large groups, bring along a **photograph or artwork** to represent the companion animal. Folk are also welcome to bring **cremated remains** of a beloved companion animal to the service for blessing. A financial donation jar will be available in support of the **Carleton County Animal Shelter** (Debec). Limited seats are available, so bring your own if feasible. Water will be on hand for animals and temperance beverages for their human companions, who will also have access to a washroom (steps involved).

**Quite a few parishioners** are staying close to home from health considerations or as care-givers for a family member. Let us faithfully remember them stopping by or telephoning

or even sending a card just to let shut-ins know that we care about their well-being.

Every Friday noon in August there are **free concerts at the Cathedral** in Fredericton. On 27 August the guest artist will be our own **Sally Dibblee**: <https://cccath.ca/2021/07/09/2021-summer-recital-series/>

In 2021 Richmond parishioners have been able to give more than \$5000 to answer calls to support the **Primate's World Relief and Development Fund**. Please continue to give generously as the PWRDF reaches out in urgent situations, including:

- To give **emergency support to the people of BC** through the Emergency Response Fund. See <https://pwrdf.org/anglicans-invited-to-support-territory-of-the-people-in-aftermath-of-fire/?fbclid=IwAR0hdVjqlnqwDYopgwaTatqcau2dAE6LYxjoktkEHn6CY3yfb8lbDntPPWo>
- To support **covid Vaccine Equity** outreach in developing countries, see [Donation Form \(donorperfect.net\)](#)

**Last Sunday's OT lesson** told the haunting story of David's reaction to word that Absalom, his rebellious son, had been killed. Composers old and modern have been unable to resist setting David's cries of grief to music: *O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!*

Here is the best-known of many settings:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xm\\_dy3RKZWM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xm_dy3RKZWM)

**Why we do not applaud in church services** -- "Wherever applause breaks out in the liturgy because of some human achievement, it is a sure sign that the essence of liturgy has totally disappeared and been replaced by a kind of religious entertainment." (Pope Benedict, in *The Spirit of the Liturgy*). For a thoughtful Protestant perspective, see

<https://www.reformedworship.org/article/december-1988/whats-wrong-applauding-church>

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 Week*

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- *On Wednesday*, Evening Prayer at **St Mark's** (7 pm)
- *On Saturday*, Blessing of Animals/ Art Show at **Holy Trinity** (2 pm)