

RICHMOND E-NEWS

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“Not only with our lips but in our lives”

RICHMOND THIS WEEK

- Communion at **St Mark's & Holy Trinity** (9 am) and at **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=93>
- **Every morning** between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday, attend Zoom Morning Prayer at 8 am:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85973570764?pwd=YUVmbWl0YXlxdGJU M2paamczT1NFZz09#success>
- Also, **every evening** there is Evening Prayer at 6 pm:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88080914193?pwd=VGtoVFFNZjZXSTR0 Q1F3b0xSUnVZUT09#success>

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, Lawrence, Lewis, Linda, Marg, Margaret, May Izabella, Meghann, Melba, Melissa, Nadine, Nicole, Pauline, Peter, Robert, Russel, Steven**

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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: **Margaret Martin, Harry Parkinson**

Please **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** lately?
<https://www.facebook.com/parishofrichmond/> Daily prayers for Thy Kingdom Come and parish photos.

Today being Ascension Day, it starts off the **THY KINGDOM COME** world-wide prayer event. At its heart is disciplined prayer **for 5 people on our hearts to experience the call of Jesus**. To assist with praying for your 5 there are daily features **on the parish Facebook**. For resources for children and family activities, see <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

During Thy Kingdom Come there will be **daily Morning and Evening Prayer services on Zoom**. See the links at this top of this email.

Suggestion for the **Vestry** agenda should reach a warden not later than Sunday. It meets on Thursday at the Rectory, 7 pm.

The layreaders has a great idea to lead a clean-up of the area between the rectory and the Parish Centre. See photos on facebook. A fun time was had, a bed of blooming trout lilies was admired and the remains of a campfire were discovered, perhaps the work of rectory children in ancient times. *What will these layreaders plan next?*

Last Saturday morning was set aside for Anglicans (if accompanied by an elderly Baptist) to **tour the new Woodstock Baptist church** on Upper Main St. The largest part of the building is devoted to youth outreach, and in particular an entire suite of adjoining rooms is set aside for high school students, with very comfortable sectional lounging furniture, pool and other games tables, a gymnasium and what looks like a full-size bar. In contrast, the building's worship space is spare and unadorned. The whole is most impressive, the work of a congregation in which lay leaders take leadership seriously. A couple of photos are attached.

One feature of the new Baptist complex is two **café spaces** (not counting the youth café), which are separate and yet adjoining at a right angle. The first such café in New Brunswick was at the Wesleyan megachurch in Moncton. The founding pastor says that he was entirely opposed to the idea of an entrance café in a church and went along with it reluctantly. Once the church was in use, he saw it as the building's best feature.

The wardens have now spoken in the three congregations about the letter they have written to parishioners asking for greater and more regular contributions to the general fund.

It makes the point that if the parish mission is to have the benefit of a full-time cleric, then offerings need to increase. It particularly recommends that **people consider the many benefits of e-offering**. Cindy Derksen is our parish co-ordinator for e-offerings.

~~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>~~ For this coming week only, it is **replaced by Evening Prayer** at 6. See the Zoom link at this top of this email.

From Easter to Pentecost this parish is collecting socks for a **Warm the Toes** donation to **Sanctuary House**. There are collection boxes in each house of worship.

Did you know that since January **parishioners have donated** more than \$1200 to the **Primate's World Relief and Development Fund**? As we continue to support the PWRDF, the Mothers' Union reminds us that until June the Canadian government will match donations to the Fund's **All Mothers and Children Count** appeal on a **6-1 basis**. Every donated dollar generates 6 further dollars. Read and donate at <https://pwrdf.org/give-today/>

On Monday evenings **Archbishop Edwards** and **Archbishop Mark MacDonald** (national indigenous bishop) continue their Zoom series on **How Shall We Forgive?** The duo is both engaging and challenging. Mark MacDonald is a particularly wise witty speaker. See the schedule and register for the Zoom link at <https://nb.anglican.ca/events/how-shall-we-forgive/2021-04-19>

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 Pentecost Sunday

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