

## RICHMOND E-NEWS

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

### **RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY**

- Communion at **St Mark's** (9 am) & **Holy Trinity** (11 am); Morning Prayer 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=96>
- Among those we uphold in prayer: **Brian, Carolyn, Cole, Elizabeth, Frankie, Freda, Gail, Gary, Harry, Helen, Jack, Joanne, Lawrence, Lewis, Marg, Melba, Nadine, Nicole, Steve, Stevie, Stephen, Theresa, Trina**

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

This week's birthdays: **Glenn Martin, Patricia Margison, Emma Sewell, Lewis Parkinson, Nancy Clarke**

**Quite a few parishioners** are staying close to home from health considerations or as caregivers. Let us remember them faithfully by telephoning or sending a card just to let shut-ins know we care about their well-being. The recent obituary of **Gerald Briggs**, 97, of the Bangor area, who with his late sister **Joan Paterson** of Massachusetts was a faithful attender of the St Mark's memorial service until covid, notes the pleasure he derived in receiving regular cards and letters from a young friend in his local Episcopal Church. If you are interested in being such a telephoner or letter writer to a shut-in, the **Canadian Red Cross** is looking for such volunteers:

<https://www.redcross.ca/volunteer>

And remember, there's a convenient way to get a cheery greeting to **someone 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 canned tomatoes, vegetables and soups, and tuna, ham etc suitable for children's lunches. Can you lug 50 lbs over short distances? If so, **you may be interested in a volunteer shift at the new Food Bank**. Call **328-4417**. It is enjoyable to work with folk who are highly dedicated.

Have you checked out the parish Facebook page this week? <https://www.facebook.com/parishofrichmond/>

**Covid** -- The province's emergency declaration requires all people (infants excepted) attending public worship to remain masked. Sunday attenders at **St Mark's** and **Holy Trinity** must be double vaccinated (children under 12 excepted). At **St John's**, attenders must remain socially distanced and refrain from singing.

On next Monday 6 December the Hockin Ministries **Advent talks** continue with a reflection by **Albert Snelgrove**, 12 noon. Tune in either live or later: <http://billhockin.ca/wp/> **Bishop Hockin's** own talk from last Monday has been heard already by more than 250 people.

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

Next Sunday 12 December the Advent service of **Lessons & Carols** takes place at St Mark's, 7 pm.

The **advent of Advent** was marked throughout the parish. *Attached photos* show Canon Walter talking with children on "Hope" Sunday, cookie bakers contemplating the magnitude

of their labours and mysterious masked visitors doing something at Holy Trinity.

In each church is a **blue box** inviting support for the **Seafarers' Mission's** annual Christmas outreach to seafarers visiting the port of Saint John from distant places. With each box is a list of suggestions, such as toiletries, warm items, playing cards, game books, individually wrapped candy. **Sunday 12 December** is the deadline for donated items. Bev from the Mission is amazed each year that our landlocked parish supports this outreach to welcome strangers to NB.

Did you know that, as well as being Advent, this week is the festival of **Hanukkah**, also referred to commonly as the Festival of Lights. Literally, Hanukkah means "dedication", referring to the re-dedication of the Temple. That is what the Gospel of John calls it when it says (John 10: 22-23) "*Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch*".

Did you miss getting the October **NB Anglican** (with its full front page photo of the Blessing of the Animals) or the November issue (with its full front page photo of Holy Trinity's dark and stormy night)? **You can receive the print issues regularly just by sending name and address to [circulation@national.anglican.ca](mailto:circulation@national.anglican.ca)**

In 2021 Richmond parishioners have been able to give over \$6000 to answer calls to support the **Primate's World Relief and Development Fund**. **For over 60 years, PWRDF has worked to improve the lives of marginalized people** around the world through development programs and relief efforts.

Please consider benefitting the "Corporation of the Anglican Parish of Richmond" **in your will**, like the recent **Bobby Carpenter bequest**. The parish has received many bequests

over the years, without the interest on which we could not make it financially.

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