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“Not only with our lips but in our lives”

RICHMOND CHRISTMAS EVE

- Communion today at **Holy Trinity** (4 pm), **St John's** (6 pm) & **St Mark's** (8 pm)
- Find Christmas Day Bible readings:
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=99>
- No Christmas Day or Sunday services in Richmond parish
- Sunday 26 December: Lessons & Carols at **St Luke's**, 10:30 am
- Among those we uphold in prayer: **Brian, Carolyn, Cecil, Cole, Doris, Elizabeth, Frankie, Freda, Gail, Gary, Harry, Helen, Jack, Joanne, Lawrence, 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: **Ernest Clarke, Andrew Bell, Ian Carpenter** Anniversary: **Mark & Niki Carpenter**

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.

Special thanks to all who have helped provide food, and most especially love, for the hungry this holiday season. It's been overwhelming to see the **many gifts of food that have been provided under the tree at St John's**. The items will be delivered to the **Valley Food Bank** following in January, so their shelves can be replenished with many new items for the New Year. **Food Bank donations will continue to be**

accepted every week and delivered to the Food Bank every month.

Today's attached photo shows **St John's littlest angel** (though growing fast) with his parents beside the Food Bank Christmas tree.

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. Somewhat tighter rules are to come next week.

Today's (Christmas Eve) parish services are listed above, at 4pm, 6pm and 8pm. There will be no parish services tomorrow or on Sunday.

It was just over a century ago that an **Advent service of lessons and carols** was devised for the cathedral-like chapel of King's College at Cambridge University. Today, such services are held at many of the great colleges and cathedrals of the Anglican world and in countless more modest settings. The internet has a wealth of such services. Here's a recording in which the "loving purposes" of God in the incarnation are set out in the classic manner, complete with *Once in Royal David's City* and *In the Bleak Mid-Winter*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNg6Nv1Ey8Y>

Attached you will find the Vestry's summary of the **November financial report**.

RICHMOND NEXT SUNDAY

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