

RICHMOND E-NEWS

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“Not only with our lips but in our lives”

RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Morning Prayer at **St Mark’s & Holy Trinity** (9 am) & **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=221>
- 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: **Rebecca Cullins**

Quite a few parishioners are staying close to home from health considerations or as care-givers for a family member. Let us remember them faithfully by stopping by or telephoning or even sending a card just to let shut-ins know we care about their well-being.

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/> One item posted there is creating quite a stir with comments, likes and shares.

Covid -- The Vestry are grateful for feedback received on last Sunday's Covid precautions. Those steps have now been overtaken by provincial public health announcements. The province requires everyone (infants excepted) entering a house of worship to **wear a mask**. It also limits access to people who show that they are **vaccinated fully** (children excepted) or show a medical exemption. To help with contact tracing, this parish will continue keeping an attendance record.

This coming Sunday the service at **St John's** will be built around **season of creation** and **truth and reconciliation** themes. Parishioners are invited to **bring something from nature into the church**: produce from the garden, fall flowers (there are lots), coloured leaves, feathers found on trails, and so on.

At last Sunday's **St John's Memorial service** one faithful parishioner remembered was **Bobby Carpenter**, who died in 2017. He lived in humble circumstances but, rather like the poor woman in the Bible with her two mites, Bobby's will **left everything he had** to the parish of Richmond. He imposed no restrictions on how his bequest could be used. It amounts to nearly \$10,000. The Vestry has turned it into a **Bobby Carpenter Cemetery Fund**. It can be used for any cemetery purpose in the parish that the Vestry decides.

St Mark's Memorial service attracted quite a crowd to give special thanks for the new foundation. Despite the challenge

of our time, there were people attending from the other side of the province. The **layreaders led a memorable service**, and it was good to have **Marjorie Burt Hewson** back at St Mark's keyboard for the first time in two years. People were generous in support of the Memorial and Cemetery funds. See attached photos.

Last week's **Vestry** meeting dealt with issues large and small: Season of Creation, fall Bible studies, Operation Christmas Child, Thanksgiving letter, Compassion Fund terms of reference, covid, Rogers account for the Rectory, signing officers, fire extinguisher recharging, etc. Among other things:

- A **summary of the August financial report is attached** to this email.
- The large debit for 50% of the St Mark's foundation project's HST will get reimbursed.
- The Parish Centre Fund has been consolidated with the General Fund.
- The parish now has a permanent email address. It is parishofrichmond@outlook.com It will be used for all purposes except the e-news.

Did you know? According to an interview in last week's New York Times, one of two books that renowned CNN host **Anderson Cooper** has always on his bedside table is the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Anyone who would like to have Billy Graham's final book **Nearing Home: Life, Faith and Finishing Well** can contact dbell@unb.ca

In 2021 Richmond parishioners have been able to give nearly \$6000 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 Haiti**
<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E344492QE&id=3>
- To participate in the matching offer to provide **solar “suitcases” for rural baby delivery** in Mozambique, see <https://pwrdf.org/solarsuitcases2021/>
- To support **covid Vaccine Equity** outreach in developing countries, see [Donation Form \(donorperfect.net\)](#)

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

Richmond next Sunday

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