

## **RICHMOND E-NEWS**

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

### **RICHMOND PASSION SUNDAY**

- Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity & St Mark's** (9 am) & 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=77>
- **Find every day's** Morning, Mid-Day & Evening Prayer and Compline (modern language) at:  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer>

Among those we hold up in prayer: **Billie, Carolyn, Cathy, Cole, Doreen, Frankie, Freda, Gary, Glenn, Graeme, Helen, Jack, James, Jason, Jean, Jeremy, Joanne, John, Katherine, Kevin, Lawrence, Lewis, Linda, Marg, Margaret, May Izabella, Meghann, Melba, Melissa, Nadine, Nicole, Pauline, Peter, Robert, Russel, Steven**

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: **Joan Bowmaster, Judy Clark, Carolyn 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?

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Congratulations to **Melba and Wendell Parkinson** on the birth of **Jaelynn Grace**, a great-granddaughter (daughter of Jeffrey & Tara Parkinson).

**Earth Hour** arrives this Saturday evening. Consider turning off non-essential lights for **1 hour beginning 8:30** as a commitment to the planet and in conformity with the 5<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission. See <https://www.earthhour.org>

This Sunday Morning Prayer at St John's will feature a dramatic narration of the **passion story according to Mark's gospel**.

On Monday **Bishop Hockin** delivered the third of Bill Hockin Ministries' Lenten 2021 talks, which is now released on the internet. Eventually these talks generate an audience far larger than the hotel ballroom crowd of the "old" days.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZsNhkZBje3c> Some will find this talk exceptionally thoughtful, even by Hockin standards.

During one of last year's shutdowns, a **Woodstock Baptist** mentioned that her cable subscription brought a weekly Anglican service from St Andrews -- broadcast on Charlotte County Community Television -- and that she was appreciating it. It turns out she was not alone. March's **NB Anglican** explains the surprising route by which the St Andrews service has come to be **broadcast all across Canada**. It also makes the point that these popular Morning Prayer services don't just happen. They adhere to high production values and take hard work. All of our liturgical leadings and followings need to involve high production values.

What the story does not mention is that the parish of St Andrews has received a \$10,000+ **grant from the Synod** to further its broadcasting efforts. Twice a year the Synod makes a call for special grant applications, open to every parish.

The same St Andrews story explains **how the parish uses Zoom** for Thursday morning “**coffee hour**” devotionals led by laity, for **Bible discussions** and even for **craft classes**. It notes that Zoom participants can tune in from literally anywhere.

Also in the news is our own **Nancy Robinson**. Nancy has just released **Seekers of the Heart**, a sequel to **Hearts of Glass** (2015). A romantic Christian novel, **Seekers** reconnects the reader with many characters of the earlier book and introduces new ones, challenging their faith, and offering second chances at life and love. View it at Amazon: <https://www.amazon.ca/dp/B08X63B7KY>

Nancy is the spouse of **Rick Robinson**, who has just marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination as a priest.

Neither Nancy Robinson nor Stephen King has yet to write about **vestry meetings** but our own group met last week at the Rectory (thanks to those who did the set-up for it). Much business -- spiritual and financial -- was considered. **Rick Robinson** will join Walter Williams in interim ministry. **St Mark's foundation** work is again being priced. All Hartland is astir with the striking night illumination of **Holy Trinity's** east and west windows, accomplished with the most energy efficient of floodlights.

**Fresh flowers for Easter.** Cut forsythia shoots. Choose the ones with lots of buds. Immerse over night. Put in vase in warm location (but not direct sunlight). Change water every 4<sup>th</sup> day (a dash of plant food each time will yield bigger blossoms). If you do this **today**, you should have golden boughs for Easter.

**Tuesday Morning Bible discussion** continues in the Parish Centre, 10 am.

*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.

**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/eoents/litany-6/2021-02-17>

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 Easter Sunday*

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