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“Not only with our lips but in our lives”

RICHMOND ADVENT SUNDAY

- Communion at **Holy Trinity** (9 am) & **St John's** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **St Mark's** (9 am)
- **Sunday School** at the Parish Centre, 11 am
- Find Sunday's Bible readings:
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=95>
- 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: **Rosanne Carpenter, Gail Lewis**

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?
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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.

The nave of **St John's** is now graced by a **new old window** from the former church, freshly installed. The project was funded by the **Brewer family**. *See attached photo.*

Next Monday 29 November, **Bishop Hockin** will launch the first of his much-appreciated **Advent talks**, 11:30. You can hear it in person at Christ Church (Parish Church) on Westmorland St in Fredericton or by tuning in at:
<http://billhockin.ca/wp/>

The parish Advent service of **Lessons & Carols** will take place at St Mark's on Sunday 12 December, 7 pm.

Abundant in good works is the parish of Richmond branch of the **Mothers' Union**. Congratulate its members as it marks its **35th anniversary**, which is next Tuesday.

The advent of Advent marks the appearance in churches of the blue Seafarers boxes. During the Christmas season, the **Saint John Seafarers' Mission** provides gifts -- necessities and a little extra -- to seafarers visiting the port of Saint John from homes in 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.

From the parish **Compassion Fund** a donation of children's snowsuits and other children's gear was made recently to **Sanctuary House**, Woodstock. *Attached to this email is a photo from Sanctuary's House's website.* To date this year the Fund has been able to spend \$3000 in good works, all of which has come from parishioners' special donations.

Operation Christmas Child outreach produced 31 shoeboxes. Thanks to all packers.

With the bishop's permission the Vestry have entered into a **short-term rental** arrangement for the Rectory. **Andrew Bell** is manager.

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**

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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