

RICHMOND E-NEWS

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“Not only with our lips but in our lives”

RICHMOND THIS WEEK

- On Sunday, Parish Communion at **Holy Trinity** (10 am)
- On Wednesday, Evening Prayer at **St Mark's** (7 pm)
- Find Sunday's Bible readings:
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=214>
- 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 birthdays: **Heather How, Melba Parkinson, Alexis Cullins, Joseph Williams, Wendell Parkinson, Moriah Martin**

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?
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Parishioners **are welcome to continue to wear masks** according to personal choice and comfort. Theologically speaking, the act of communion is complete on reverent reception of the bread only.

On Sunday, combined worship continues **for all congregations at Holy Trinity** (Orser Street, Hartland) **at 10 am**. Last Sunday's inaugural service was very special.

Quiet evening worship continues on Wednesdays at St Mark's, 7 pm. Next week's service will be **Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs**.

Edith Nutter, widow of Archbishop Nutter, has died: <https://blairandson.com/tribute/details/5005/Edith-Nutter/obituary.html> After services in Ontario and Fredericton, she will be buried in Lower Woodstock.

On Saturday 21 August there will be a **Blessing of the Animals** service plus an **Animal-themed Art Show** at Holy Trinity, 2:00 pm. **Rick Robinson** will lead the service on the large green behind the church and the artwork will be on display inside. Everyone in our communities and congregations is invited.

Participants are invited to bring their up-to-date-vaccinated **beloved pets** to the service. As some animals are not well-suited to travel and do not enjoy being in large groups, bring along a **photograph or artwork** to represent the companion animal. Folk are also welcome to bring **cremated remains** of a beloved companion animal to the service for blessing. A financial donation jar will be available in support of the **Carleton County Animal Shelter** (Debec). Limited seats are available, so bring your own if feasible. Water will be on hand for animals and something special for their human

companions, who will also have access to a washroom (steps involved).

Every Friday noon in August there are **free concerts at the Cathedral** in Fredericton. On 27 August the guest artist will be our own **Sally Dibblee**: <https://cccath.ca/2021/07/09/2021-summer-recital-series/>

Last Sunday' sermon from Rick Robinson brought to mind a comment by the late Steven Weinberg, remembered as one of the most groundbreaking physicists of modern times: "The more that the universe seems comprehensible, the more it also seems pointless". Among comments triggered by recent publication of his obituary is the following:

Of course the universe has no "point," if we exclude ourselves from the picture of its existence. The potential for life is encoded in the basic physical principles of the universe. And so life, in all its myriad forms, here and everywhere in the universe, is the purpose of the universe's existence - *from our point of view*. And what other point of view is there? And consciousness is the point of life. Life, consciousness, US, are all implicit in the Big Bang, are inevitable, in fact, and are its purpose. As Genesis explains, WE (along with all other sentient creatures) are the reason for the existence of the universe. We are its consciousness, and so we get to define its purpose. Did we create it? Of course not. It merely exists - as God is said merely to exist. "Who created God?" is a meaningless question, and so is the question: "Who created the universe?" So Weinberg's sad conclusion: "The more that the universe seems comprehensible, the more it also seems pointless," is correct only if we leave out our own existence.

If you haven't been to **the Cathedral** in a while, see <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Christ+Church+Cathedral/@45.9571468,-66.6358519,3a,75y,29.59h,90t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sAF1QipOlqylVJgH2U->

[T66eEyXGuddyLldEB6GxCrTJA!2e10!7i8324!8i4162!4m5!3m4!1s0x4ca418a7a3e9b2e1:0x45c0a9b126a5f10a!8m2!3d45.9575952!4d-66.6356148?hl=en](https://pwrdf.org/anglicans-invited-to-support-territory-of-the-people-in-aftermath-of-fire/?fbclid=IwAR0hdVjqlnqwDYopgwaTatqcau2dAE6LYxjoktkEHn6CY3yfb8lbDntPPWo)

In 2021 Richmond parishioners have given more than \$4000 to answer calls to support the **Primate's World Relief and Development Fund**. Please continue to give generously as the PWRDF reaches out in two urgent situations.

- To give **emergency support to the people of the Lytton area of BC** through the Emergency Response Fund. See <https://pwrdf.org/anglicans-invited-to-support-territory-of-the-people-in-aftermath-of-fire/?fbclid=IwAR0hdVjqlnqwDYopgwaTatqcau2dAE6LYxjoktkEHn6CY3yfb8lbDntPPWo>
- To support **covid Vaccine Equity** outreach in developing countries, see [Donation Form \(donorperfect.net\)](#)

Why we do not applaud in church services -- "Wherever applause breaks out in the liturgy because of some human achievement, it is a sure sign that the essence of liturgy has totally disappeared and been replaced by a kind of religious entertainment." (Pope Benedict, in *The Spirit of the Liturgy*). For a thoughtful Protestant perspective, see <https://www.reformedworship.org/article/december-1988/whats-wrong-applauding-church>

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.

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