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"Not only with our lips but in our lives"

RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9 am) & **St John's** (11 am);
Memorial service at **St Mark's** (3 pm)
- Sunday School at the Parish Centre, 9 am

Among those we uphold in prayer: **Brian, Carlene, Carolyn, Cecil, Charlotte, Cole, Doris, Edna, Frankie, Freda, Gail, Gary, Harry, Helen, Joanne, Joyce, Lawrence, Lynn, Marg, Melba, Nadine, Nicole, Peggy, Steve, Stevie, Stephen, Trina, Wendell**

To **add/delete a name** to the parish prayer list, speak to Pat Margison (328-8146).

This coming week's birthdays: **Roger Lutwick, Sabrina Lutwick, Pam Parkinson**

Anniversaries: **Robert & Karen Parkinson** (and apologies for missing **Allan & Judy Clark**, whose **50th** is this very week)

Remember that there's a convenient way to get a cheery **greeting to the hospitalized**. The hospital will deliver it. **Parishioners receiving these cards have mentioned how important they are**. Check

out: <https://horizonnb.ca/patients-visitors/send-a-message-to-a-patient/>

The Compassion Fund challenges each congregation to supply three backpacks with school supplies suitable for younger students starting the school year. Suitable items include: **Hilroy scribblers or other notebooks, pencils/pens, markers, erasers, binders, dividers, glue sticks, highlighters, lunch containers, post-it notes, water bottles**. The need is now.

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.

The Queen will be entombed on Monday, alongside husband, mother and sister. She was prepared for death – having ordered her coffin 30 years ago – but the rest of us were rather taken by surprise.

- The internet shows scores of memorial and thanksgiving services from most everywhere -- other than the diocese of Fredericton. One which I followed was an Anglican requiem mass from London. It features a thoughtful sermon, a small but accomplished choir singing excerpts from the gorgeous Fauré Requiem, and what must be the tallest altar candles in the world. Those unfamiliar with the decorative art characteristic of a very high Anglican church interior will also find interest:

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

- Many are meditating on the Queen's quiet but evident Christian spirituality. Here's a fine article from the Billy Graham organization's *Christianity Today*:

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2022/september/obit-queen-elizabeth-ii-personal-faith-christian-bible.html>

- Here's another, from *First Things*:

<https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2022/09/why-the-world-loved-queen-elizabeth>

A few years ago I attended the funeral of a friend's wife at the Cathedral. She had ordered that her liturgy be *exactly* as written in the Prayer Book. The funeral lasted 20 minutes, including the explanation of why the funeral was exactly as written in the Prayer Book. It was spiritual. In contrast, Monday's funeral liturgy for the Queen will be interrupted by extraneous singings and sayings. But one musical part that will be authentic to the Prayer Book is the opening **Sentences**, which in our version are at 591-92, and 601-02. Probably they will be sung to the very old settings used for royalty since the time of the first Elizabeth. When Mary II's funeral came along in the 1690s, the setting for one element had been lost, so Henry Purcell composed in replacement this gorgeous rendering of "Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts...":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-2cpZvoJl4>

Have you checked the parish's Facebook page lately? [\(16\) The Anglican Parish of Richmond, Diocese of Fredericton | Facebook](#) It publishes a striking photo of last Sunday's baptism of **Audrey Marie Miller**. *Another is attached to this email.*

Unofficially we hear that the **Vestry** is to meet tonight, presumably at 7.

Shawn Branch will be leading this Sunday's morning services.

In the afternoon, a 90th anniversary **Memorial Service** will be held at **St Mark's**, 3 pm. This year's service invitation features one of the stunning photographs taken by **Marjorie Burt Hewson** at Evening Prayer on 27 July. *See attachment.*

Parish Prayer time is scheduled for St Mark's on Monday 19 September, 6:30. All are encouraged to come out.

Camp Brookwood's 2022 camping season has wrapped up. From all accounts, it was a solid summer. The number of campers was down this year compared to 2019 – the last summer of operation. That's to be expected as the aftereffect of the pandemic, from a health point of view but also from an economic standpoint. The Brookwood board anticipated that camper fees might be a challenge and reduced it by 50%, bringing the weekly rate to only \$100 per child. In all, 86 campers attended as well as a full complement of staff. There were a few challenges, an extended power outage being one of them. The staff pulled together to keep everyone's spirits high and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all. A special thank you is extended to the **Parish of Richmond** for its continued support for the camp and especially for sponsoring campers this year.

Do parishes die because congregations are too self-absorbed? One priority need in our communities is for a safe, radically welcoming environment in which to make genuine friendships. Congregations can address issues of isolation and loneliness through a few intentional practices. Read missiologist Michael Frost's article [The Lonely Crowd: Churches Dying Due to Friendlessness](#)

Advance notice

- **Shawn Branch** is convening a new “**Medley Lecture**” series on-line and in-person at the Cathedral. The first will be offered by the Baptist scholar **John Stackhouse on the fate of mainstream Protestantism**. It takes place on Wednesday 12 October, 7 pm. It's free, but to watch on-line we need to put in for a link here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/thick-churches-hybrid-lecture-tickets-414824660727>

- Our **Greater Chapter** meeting for **Wardens and Synod Delegates and Synod alternates** takes place on Tuesday **25 October**, 7 pm at Church of the Good Shepherd, Main Street, Florenceville.
- The twice-cancelled **138th Diocesan Synod** will take place finally at the Cathedral on Saturday **5 November**.

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