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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

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: **Rebecca Cullins, Ezra Miller**
Anniversaries: **Wendell & Melba Parkinson, Ken & Kim Tompkins**

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/>

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.

Have you checked the parish's Facebook page lately? [\(16\) The Anglican Parish of Richmond, Diocese of Fredericton | Facebook](#)

Congratulations to Scott Goodine and Bonnie Sparks on the birth of granddaughter **Penelope Elizabeth**.

The Queen is now entitled to rest in peace. For those who can stand just one more salute to her, here is a performance of Franz Liszt's arrangement of "God Save the Queen" accompanied by a photo album. Liszt's composition seems deservedly obscure but the early photographs of the Queen are unusual and interesting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EksWdj7HK4>

A summary of **Richmond parish financials** to the end of August is *attached to this email*.

Thanks to our **Compassion Fund** for issuing the **school backpack** challenge and to parishioners for responding with items and funds. *Attached to this email* is a photo of one of the collections.

The parish is asked to pivot from the backpack challenge to another. **Love Atlantic** is appealing to each congregation in the Atlantic provinces to undertake **some activity of "radical generosity in Jesus' name"** in its neighbourhood during the week of **2 to 8 October**. According to **Shawn Branch**, "We have one parish collecting toiletries for a women's shelter in their community". "One is holding a barbecue for the school adjacent to them. Another is talking about doing a grounds clean-up at a local nursing home." **What might each congregation here do to show love for and in its neighbourhood?**

Last Sunday St Mark's held its 2022 **Memorial service** (the first was in 1932). **Sandra Black** preached on "fortitude and faith". In the front seat of the congregation both fortitude and faith were embodied in the person of a 97-year-old parishioner who had but recently broken a hip. Her example was a sermon in itself.

St George's church, Bairdsville, is probably the oldest church building in the upper St John valley. This coming Sunday, Archbishop Edwards preaches at its **175th anniversary**, 10:30 am.

October approaches, which in the flower garden is a month of busy prep work for Spring. Anyone needing bulbs of strongly scented lilies (nearly unlimited in number) or Stella d'Oro daylilies (small, but reblooming and hardy) is invited to contact dbell@unb.ca

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 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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