

RICHMOND E-NEWS

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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) and at **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, Don, Doris, Frankie, Freda, Gail, Gary, Harry, Helen, Joanne, Joyce, Lawrence, Lynn, Marg, Mary-Lee, Melba, Nadine, Nicole, Peggy, Shawn, Steven, Trina, Wendell, Wendy, Yvonne**

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

This coming week's birthdays: **Rosanne Carpenter, Gail Lewis**

Remember that there's a convenient way to get a cheery **greeting to the hospitalized**. The hospital will deliver it. **Parishioners receiving these notes 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](#)

Tuesday morning **Advent book study** continues at the Parish Centre, 10:30. All are welcome to join in preparing for Advent with this study of Katie Dawson's *All Earth is Waiting: Good News for God's Creation at Advent*.

Blue Seafarers' Mission boxes are in the churches. They solicit donations for seafarers from distant parts who arrive at the **port of Saint John**. Donations must be *unwrapped*. With each box is a list of suggestions, such as toiletries, warm items (esp gloves, scarves), playing cards, game books,

individually wrapped candy. Financial donations are also accepted. Bev from the Mission is amazed each year that our landlocked parish supports **this outreach to welcome strangers** to NB.

St John's is collecting toys to add to the Salvation Army's Christmas Toy drive. Deadline is Thursday 15 December.

Attached to this email is a summary of parish 2022 **finances to the end of October**.

Forced by covid, a house church stopped meeting in person, moved entirely on-line, developed an international congregation and has never looked back. Hear their pastor talk about transitioning to on-line **community** on Monday 28 November, 8 pm. The Atlantic School of Theology is making this free talk available on Zoom. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/not-just-a-stopgap-building-genuine-community-online-tickets-450554820597>

This week's Diocesan e-News highlighted a recent presentation by Dr **John Stackhouse** of Crandall University (and St George's church, Moncton) on what he called "**Thick**" churches. In too many churches, he said, Christianity is a mile wide but an inch deep. In contrast, here is Stackhouse's account of Thick churches.

- **Teaching** that is substantial, broad and adequate for all of life's challenges. "Services now are mood elevators," said John. "It lasts until we leave the parking lot and someone cuts us off."
- **Worship** that is informative and transformative. "We need to spend time with God," said John. "It should have ramifications for our lives and it should show."
- **Fellowship** that includes serious conversations, actual accountability, and uncomfortable questions. "It should include practical help... and sustained consolation... We should have fun together." Said John, "I actually grew up in a church like this in Northern Ontario. They were friendly, even with people they didn't particularly like – to preserve the unity. "Most churches are not like this. Congregants are more like season ticket holders."
- **Investment** of money and time on task. **Imagination, attention and**

money are enough to make the necessary difference, “enough to make Jesus Lord of my life.” “Thick churches will displace our idols: our work, our sports, our hobbies.”

View of synopsis of his entire talk at: <https://nb.anglican.ca/news/thick-churches-presentation-has-some-bad-news-and-some-good-news>

The annual “**Small Works**” exhibition continues at the McCain Gallery, Florenceville. At least two of our fellow parishioners are among artists whose work is available for purchase. All works are priced suitably for seasonal giving.

Forthcoming~

- On Sunday 4 December a **Sunday School Lessons & Carols** will be held at St John’s, 11 am
- Saturday 10 December is the day of the **Diocesan Advent Retreat**. It will be at St John the Evangelist church, Fredericton North, 10-3. For details and to register, see <https://nb.anglican.ca/events/journeys-in-the-desert/2022-12-10>
- On Sunday 11 December a Parish service of **Lessons & Carols** takes place at St Mark’s, 7 pm. **Marjorie Burtt Hewson** will lead music.
- On Thursday 17 December **Vestry** meets at St Mark’s, 7 pm. Open to all.

RICHMOND NEXT SUNDAY

- Communion at **St Mark’s** (9 am) & **Holy Trinity** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **St John’s** (11 am)