

# RICHMOND E-NEWS

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*“Not only with our lips but in our lives”*

## **RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY**

- Communion at **St Mark's** (9 am) & **St John's** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9 am)
- Find Sunday's Bible readings: <https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2022-05-08&submit=show+new+date>
- Formal **Covid restrictions** are ended in the parish but the pandemic continues. Consideration for the health of others remains the golden rule.
- Among those we uphold in prayer: **Brian, Carlene, Carolyn, Cecil, Charlotte, Cole, Doris, Elizabeth, Frankie, Freda, Gail, Gary, Harry, Helen, Joanne, Lawrence, Lynn, Marg, Melba, Nadine, Nicole, Steve, Stevie, Stephen, Theresa, Trina, Wendell**

To add/delete a name to the parish prayer list, speak to Pat Margison (328-8146) or Wendell Parkinson (325-9519).

Remember that there's a convenient way to get a cheery greeting to the hospitalized. The hospital will deliver it. Check out: <https://horizonnb.ca/patients-visitors/send-a-message-to-a-patient/>

This coming week's birthdays: **Louise Bell, Trina Weeks, Marilyn Wilson**

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 Facebook lately? [\(16\) The Anglican Parish of Richmond, Diocese of Fredericton | Facebook](#)

As we have come to expect, but must not take for granted, the **Primate's World Relief and Development Fund** is already responding to the **Ukrainian refugee crisis**. To make a donation to this response, [click here](#), or go to [pwrdf.org/give-today](http://pwrdf.org/give-today) and click on Response in Ukraine. You may also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and

*we will return your call, or mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. Please mark **Ukraine** in the memo field.*

Unlike our fellow humans in Ukraine, who experience daily the complicated sorrows and cruelties of an unjust war, our challenge here in western NB is to thank God for the opportunities of spring. We see about us the annual wonder of the snowdrops, the bluebells, the millions of bloodroot at the roadsides, and soon the deep drifts of daffodils and other narcissi at **Ernest & Heather How's** home at Jackson Falls. When May baskets appear, fiddleheads are not far behind. Let us open our eyes and hearts to these multiplied blessings.

Syncretism was evident last Sunday at St John's and St Mark's and perhaps at Holy Trinity, too, as the third Sunday of Easter coincided with the ancient pagan associations of May Day. Lovely **May baskets** were in church windows and others were for taking home. *Two photos are attached here.* Sunday's gospel reading involved the miraculous catch of fish at the end of the Fourth Gospel. At St John's it became **fishers-of-men Sunday**, with a fish prominent at the altar table and the Sunday School children taking part in the service. *Two photos are attached.*

The **Parish Prayer Meeting** continues at St John's on Tuesday 17 May, 6:30 pm. All are encouraged to attend.

Monday evening's **Bible/book discussion is adjourned** until after the harvest in the Fall.

**Bishop Edwards** remains in England. Though his Mother died on 16 April, the funeral will not be until 11 May. It is a trial for the family and particular trial for the bishop and his wife to be absent so long from the diocese. However, he continues to broadcast a short message every Wednesday, as he has since the beginning of the pandemic:

<https://nb.anglican.ca/the-bishop/weekly-videos>

#### **RICHMOND NEXT SUNDAY**

- Morning Prayer at **St Mark's & Holy Trinity** (9 am) and at **St John's** (11 am)