

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 birthday: **Emma Sewell**

Who do you know in hospital? There's a convenient way to get a cheery greeting to the hospitalized. The hospital delivers 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. They also appreciate money donations to their **turkey fund**.

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

This Saturday (10 December) is the day of the **Diocesan Advent Retreat**. It will be at St John the Evangelist church, Fredericton North, 10-3. If you want a ride down, contact Cindy Derksen. For details and to register, see <https://nb.anglican.ca/events/journeys-in-the-desert/2022-12-10>

Shawn Branch returns to the parish this Sunday.

Also this Sunday the Parish service of **Lessons & Carols** takes place at St Mark's, 7 pm. **Marjorie Burt Hewson** leads the music.

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

Next Thursday (15 December) **Vestry** meet at St Mark's, 7 pm. Open to all.

On Monday 19 December **Parish Prayer time** meets at St John's, 6:30.

For one more Sunday the **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 still collecting toys to add to the Salvation Army's Christmas Toy drive. Deadline is coming on Thursday 15 December. *Note the photographs* attached to this enews.

A word from the Parish Librarian ~ I was processing some new and new-to-us books recently and thinking not only of the **wonderful selection of books we have**, but of the generosity of so many over the years who have donated books. Thank you so much for your kind, thoughtful, and giving hearts. There is a fount of knowledge contained on our shelves. **If you should ever want to spend time looking over the library, feel free to contact me** and I would be happy to have the library open for you. A thought: "A book is a gift you can open again and again". In this Christmas season may we be reminded of the beauty and love of the One who is Christmas. ... *Marilyn MacDonald*

The leading story in this week's Diocesan e-news was some of the many facets of the death of **Luke Landry**, for whom no room could be found in any of Moncton's several publicly-supported refuges. **Eden McAuley**, who knew and missioned to Landry over many years, is quoted in the

story and a link is offered to the **Fire Watch** ministries website:

<https://nb.anglican.ca/news/his-name-was-luke>

Government is still flatfooted, with the result that one of the supporters of St George's church Moncton has posted the following to-the-point message: **Help Wanted** -

St George's Anglican Church needs volunteers to help in the following areas-

✓ Kitchen staff to feed about **100 homeless and low-income people daily** Monday-Friday from 7 or 8am to 11:30am

✓ Laundry staff to sort, clean and fold laundry daily Monday-Friday, full-time daily

✓ Shelter staff to prep for some **60+ people coming in nightly** at 9:30pm (shift from 8:45pm-12am) make coffee, put out food, clean up

✓ Cleaning staff to turn over the shelter mornings at 7am into a meal hall to feed people

They have lots of physical donations but **monetary donations** and volunteer hours would be appreciated.

Father Chris has been working tirelessly and needs our help.

This intervention by St George's is merely interim, but what does interim mean in a crisis so long building? One way to help St George's financially is explained here: <https://www.stgeorgesmoncton.ca/donate>

Last Saturday's Diocesan Council meeting at Camp Medley enacted a **Cemeteries Regulation to govern some aspects of the administration of our 150+ Anglican cemeteries**. Its main feature is requiring written contracts of sale for burial rights.

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