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RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Morning Prayer at St Mark's & Holy Trinity (9 am) and at St John's (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, Michelle*, Nadine, Nellie*, Nicole, Peggy, Shawn, Steven, Trina, Wendell, Wendy, Yvonne** *new

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

This coming week's birthdays: **Joanne Williams, Alice Flewelling**
Anniversary: **Roger & Connie Lutwick**

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.

Have you checked the parish's Facebook page lately? [\(16\) The Anglican Parish of Richmond, Diocese of Fredericton | Facebook](#) This morning's Facebook shows that the star followed by the mysterious Wisemen coming finally to rest, presaging their Epiphany. Where are we on that same journey?

The Journey of the Magi ~ About a decade ago one of our layreaders preached a very memorable Epiphany sermon. Its theme was the arduous nature of the long journey of the Biblical magi. Then it invited its hearers

to reflect on what efforts **they** were making to seek out and find the incarnate Jesus. Are we as zealous in our seeking as the Wisemen were?

In that talk our layreader was drawing on a 1620 sermon to the court of King James I by Bp Lancelot Andrewes. Here is its gist.

They came a long journey, and they came on an uneasy journey; they came on a dangerous journey and they came *now*, at just the worst season of the year. They stayed not their coming till they might have better weather and have longer days more seasonable and fit to travel in. So desirous were they to be there as soon as they possibly might, they broke through all these difficulties, and behold, come they did. ... And we, what excuse shall we have if we come not? -- if with so short and easy a way we come not? These wise men were never a whit less wise for so coming; nay, to come to Christ is one of the wisest parts that ever these wise men did. And if they and we be wise in one Spirit, we will follow the same star, tread the same way, and so come at last wither they are happily gone before us.

Parish Prayer Time resumes at St John's this coming Monday (9 January), 6:30 pm.

Two attached photos show some esteemed senior parishioners on Christmas eve.

Archbishop Edwards and suite have left for our companion **diocese of Ho** in Ghana. They will be particularly interested in the work of the **mobile medical clinic**, to which our own parish was a contributor.

RICHMOND NEXT SUNDAY

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