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## RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Parish service of Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity (10 am)** (followed by Richmond annual meeting)

Among those we uphold in prayer: **Allen, Cecil, Charles, Cole, Connie, Debbie, Doris, Fern, Frankie, George, Græme, Helen, Ivan, Joyce, Lawrence, Lynn, Maddie, Melba, Michelle, Nadine, Nicole, Peggy, Phyllis, Robert, Ronald, Shawn, Sheldon, Shelley, Steven, Tara**

Please advise Pat Margison (328-8146) of name deletions as well as name additions.

This present week's birthdays: **Peter Carpenter, Betty Haynes**

**Whom do we 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/>

Archbishop Edwards has authorized **Cindy Derksen to provide home communion** to people associated with the parish of Richmond. For further information please contact her at 506-375-4642 [cinder46@bellaliant.net](mailto:cinder46@bellaliant.net)

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

Tomorrow (Friday 16 February) is the appointed day for **fasting, prayer and humiliation for the crises in Israel/Gaza and Ukraine**. The Primate that the Lutheran National Bishop write: *The practice of fasting is a concrete way to focus our hearts and minds by letting go of something we enjoy or expect. We then use that time and mental space to pray throughout the day. You may choose to fast from food or from social media, computer time, music, television or whatever is appropriate for you. During the day, whenever your heart remembers*

*or at times you designate, you stop and cry from your heart to God about the situations in Israel/Palestine/Gaza and Ukraine.*

This coming Sunday (18 February) the **parish Annual Meeting** takes place at **Holy Trinity** following the 10 am parish service. **Shawn Branch** has indicated willingness to be chosen as chair. Volunteers are needed for various parish offices, especially **warden (2), vestry (6) and vestry clerk**. We need all generations represented in the parish corporation.

**Maps of our two parish cemeteries** will be available for inspection at the Annual Meeting.

This annual meeting, taking place as it does only a couple of weeks before the (hoped for) arrival of a new pastor, will be a special opportunity to acknowledge the **faithful service of our parish layreaders**. How fortunate we have been and continue to be.

This coming Monday (19 February) Parish **Prayer Time** resumes at St John's, 6:30. **All invited** to pray silently or offer what it is on your heart to share (up to 5 minutes).

This coming Tuesday (20 February) The **Lenten book study** begins in the Library of the Parish Centre, 10:30. It will be based on *Lent with the Beloved Disciple*: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/ca/lent-with-the-beloved-disciple-9781399404907/> It gives a bird's-eye view of Jesus's final days through the lens of the gospel of John, the disciple who stayed by Jesus from Last Supper to Crucifixion. Contact Bonnie or Cindy for the book. The first session considers the book's prologue and chapter 1.

Next Saturday night (24 February) **Cheryl Jacobs, Bishop Edwards** and a Synod Office crew will be walking in the **Coldest Night of the Year** fundraiser in support of the **John Howard Society's** work with ex-offenders. See [PLEASE SPONSOR Anglican Energy \(e2rm.com\)](https://e2rm.com)

**Vocation Day -- Saturday 6 April** Are you discerning a Christian vocation? Have you wondered what it means to be an **evangelist, priest, deacon, layreader, parish nurse or pastoral visitor**? Join for a day of presentations on these ministries and explore what God might be calling you to. **Hear from others** how they heard God's call and explore some questions you might be wrestling with. See [Discerning Your Ministry? | Vocations | Anglican Diocese of Fredericton](#)

***Update from the Food Bank*** Back in January 2023, Volunteer Family Services (aka the Food Bank) was feeding 650 people (one-third of them children). **This January it fed 782.** The Food Bank is always in need of soups, non-sugary cereal, canned beans, canned pasta, dry pasta, tuna/hamburger helper, vegetables (fresh, frozen, canned), oatmeal, pancake mix, tea, shampoo (men & women), deodorant (men & women), razers (men & women), toothbrushes.

The **Compassion Fund** continues active and it's time for us to consider adding a Compassion Fund donation to weekly offerings. Since September the Fund **has provided assistance in the amount of \$1,200.** This includes a Sobeys gift card and monetary assistance for a person living alone and recovering from surgery; a Sobeys gift card for a mother with young children at Christmas; a Christmas donation and personal hygiene items (much appreciated) for Sanctuary House; and a donation and Superstore gift card for a family in need.

#### ***RICHMOND NEXT SUNDAY***

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