

RICHMOND E-NEWS

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“Not only with our lips but in our lives”

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RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Communion at **St Mark's** (9 am) & **St John's** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9 am)
- Sunday School at the Parish Centre, 11 am

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

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

This coming week's birthdays: **Lisa Kennedy, Gail Wilson**

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

Please continue to remember the Food Bank when you shop. They are currently in need of canned beans, saltine crackers, canned cranberry sauce and non-sugary breakfast cereal.

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

The parish of **Richmond annual meeting will be held on Sunday 18 February** (11 am) following a parish service of Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity (10 am). It is anticipated that **Shawn Branch** will be chosen as chair.

Deadline for Annual Meeting reports is this coming Sunday (28 January). Direct them to Marilyn Wilson momathome4@hotmail.com

Courtesy of **Ralph Carpenter** and **Andrew Bell** there are now **up-to-date maps** for both **parish cemeteries**. Maps will be available for inspection at the Annual Meeting.

Sunday Shopping (Woodstock) - The town council of Woodstock - which now includes most of the territory covered by our parish - is considering **ending restrictions on Sunday shopping**, so that any business could operate at any time. (Currently large businesses are restricted to noon til 5 pm.) Until next Wednesday (31 January), people - whether within Woodstock or living nearby - may take a **brief (yes/no) survey** on the subject. It is found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwhPBjkRfjU>

Last Thursday's Vestry meeting decided to write to the Woodstock town council expressing opposition to the proposed **end to restrictions on Sunday shopping**.

Attached to this E-news is a year-end **parish financial statement for 2023**. Several large, unbudgeted expenses contributed to a loss on the year. The loss would have been much worse but for the annual interest on financial **endowments provided by the wills of deceased parishioners**. When making your own will, consider leaving legacies to the *Corporation of the Anglican Parish of Richmond*.

Also attached to this E-news is a **revised schedule of Sunday services** for February and March. Still to be finalized are arrangements for Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

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 Sobey's gift card and monetary assistance for a person living alone and recovering from surgery; a Sobey's 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.

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

Did you know that **Maria Shepherdson's** current charge includes a church building that has bits surviving from the 9th century? Did you know that the church and its village are surrounded by the largest pre-historic megalith in the world, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site? Stones, village and church can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwhPBjkRfjU>

RICHMOND NEXT SUNDAY

- Parish Service of Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (10 am) [note time/place]