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“Not only with our lips but in our lives”

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SERVICES PENTECOST SUNDAY (19 MAY)

- Communion at **St Mark's** (9 am) & **St John's** (10:30 am); Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9 am) & **St Luke's** (11 am)
- Sunday School at the Richmond Parish Centre (10:30 am)

On most days the rector offers a brief **morning prayer time** live at 8:30 am (and viewable at any time later). See [Parish of Richmond and Woodstock - YouTube](#)

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

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

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/>

This coming week's birthdays: **Peggy Martin, Marg Wilson**

Please remember the **Food Bank** when you shop.

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

Thy Kingdom Come is the name of an annual global prayer discipline running between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday (19 May). **Its particular focus is daily prayer that people we know will feel moved to draw closer to Jesus.** In this parish it also involves a special activity **this**

afternoon (Thursday 16 May). **Meet at Hartland Library carpark**, 2 pm, to pray, walk the Bridge, and have a tea/coffee afterwards as we bless the St John and all rivers and pray for all Creation.

Celebratory Drop-In On holiday Monday (20 May) **Peggy Martin**, universal friend and Richmond's most senior parishioner, will receive church friends and family on the occasion of **her 99th birthday**. Drop by at Woodstock's Masonic Hall (211 Neilson Street), 2:30-5:30. Prayers and best wishes (only) for this remarkable woman of faith.

Brookwood! Next Saturday (25 May), Camp Brookwood's annual work day takes place, 9:30 to 3:30. Come for an hour or for the day. Any help will be much appreciated.

Beginning the **final Thursday** of this month (30 May), and continuing every last Thursday until 31 October, there will be a **drop-in open house at the Richmond Parish Centre**, 10am-noon.

If you know of someone who would like a taste of fiddleheads but is no longer in a position to pick, please advise dbell@unb.ca and we can see to it.

This week brought word of the death of **Alice Munro**, chronicler of the interior lives of women in by-passed Ontario rural communities. In 2013, when she won the Nobel Prize for Literature, the E-News included this excerpt from her story collection **The Lives of Girls and Women** (1971).

There was a board in front of each bench, to kneel on. Everybody slid forward, rustling open prayer books, and when the minister finished his part, everybody else began saying something back. I looked through the prayer book that I had found on the shelf in front of me but I could not find the place, so I gave up and listened to what they were saying.

...left undone those things which we ought to have done. And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us

and much more along this line. And the minister took it up in his fine, harmonizing though perhaps more restrained English voice, and this dialogue continued, steadily paced, rising and falling, always with confidence, with lively emotion safely contained in the

most elegant channels of language, and coming together, finally, in perfect quiet and reconciliation.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

So here was what I had not known – the theatrical in religion. From the very first I was strongly delighted. Many things pleased me – the kneeling down on the hard board, getting up and kneeling down again and bobbing the head at the altar at the mention of Jesus' name, the recitation of the Creed which I loved for its litany of strange splendid things in which to believe. ... The poverty, smallness, shabbiness and bareness of the church pleased me, the smell of mould or mice, frail singing of the choir, isolation of the worshippers. Ritual which in other circumstances might have seemed wholly artificial, lifeless, had here a kind of last ditch dignity. The richness of the words against the poverty of the place.

Lives of the Saints – World Day of Prayer, 1940

26 May 1940: "Went to church at the Falls this afternoon. Walked all the way so was a bit late. Quite a few there 31 or 32 altogether. Was surprised to see Bob in the choir. He, Pauline, Sara, Walter & Allison were down [from Centreville] calling around. ... Mr [Howard] Grimmer seems pleased to get back to Richmond. Took his text from Luke 11th chapter & 2nd verse & spoke on prayer. Hymn 603 -- Prayer is the soul's sincere desire. He repeated that hymn at the close of his sermon & spoke on the Lord's Prayer."

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