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## RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Parish Communion service at **St John's** (10 am) **note place/time**
- Sunday School at the Parish Centre, 10 am

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.

**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/>

Have you checked the parish's Facebook page lately? [\(16\) The Anglican Parish of Richmond, Diocese of Fredericton | Facebook](#) This week there's a lovely arrival-in-Fredericton photo of **Maria & Philip Shepherdson**.

Tomorrow (Friday 1 March), the appointment of the **Rev Maria Shepherdson** to combined ministry in Woodstock/Richmond takes effect. Her official email is: [maria.shepherdson@anglican.nb.ca](mailto:maria.shepherdson@anglican.nb.ca)

Also tomorrow, the annual **World Day of Prayer** service takes place at Trinity United Church, Debec. People are invited to join in a potluck supper at 6 pm followed by the service at 7. This year, by divine appointment, the host committee will be the **Christian women of Palestine**. The service will provide us with another perspective on the current situation in Gaza and Israel. We pray that these sisters in Christ and those they love will be safe.

This Sunday (3 March), our first worship led by the new rector will be a **combined communion service at St John's, 10 am.**

Following Sunday's parish service there will be a **time of meet & greet** for the Shepherdsons. Beverages will be provided, but anyone inclined to bring along a little treat is invited to do so. Please remember: **no cheese, cheesies, cream cheese frosting, etc.**

Congratulations to the faithful **Cindy Derkson** on completing this week her 20<sup>th</sup> year of service as a layreader.

In 1940 our Diocesan Synod voted "overwhelmingly against" the idea that women might be elected to parish offices. By 1974 women made up half of Richmond's vestry. After our most recent annual meeting, women hold every seat but one in the Parish Corporation. Chair: **Maria Shepherdson** Church Wardens: **Andrew Bell, Lisa Cummings** Vestry: **Sandra Black, Judy Clark, Patricia Margison, Jessica Smith, Bonnie Sparks, Marilyn Wilson**

On Tuesdays the **Lenten book study** continues in the Library of the Parish Centre, 10:30. It is based on *Lent with the Beloved Disciple*: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/ca/len-with-the-beloved-disciple-9781399404907/> Contact Bonnie Sparks for details.

Last Saturday night **Cheryl Jacobs** and a Synod office crew walked in the **Coldest Night of the Year** challenge. With many supporters, including from this parish, they raised over \$2000 in support of the **John Howard Society's** work with ex-offenders.

**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), razors (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 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.

### **This week 77 years ago**

Anna Bell, 3 Mar 1947: "Lovely day. Guild quilted a quilt at Doris [Stapleton]'s. Very large crowd."

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

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