## **RICHMOND E-NEWS**

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"Not only with our lips but in our lives"

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## SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK (13-19 July)

- On Sunday, Communion at **St John's** (9 am) & **Christ Church** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9 am)
- On Wednesday, Evening Prayer at **St Mark's** (7 pm)
- On most days the rector offers a brief **morning prayer time** live at 8:30 am (and viewable at any time later). See <u>Parish of Richmond and Woodstock YouTube</u>

Among those we uphold in prayer: Allen, Cole, Connie, Doris, Ivan, Joyce, Lynn, Melba, Michelle, Nadine, Peggy, Phyllis, Shirley, Steven

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

Who doesn't know someone 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: <a href="https://horizonnb.ca/patients-visitors/send-a-message-to-a-patient/">https://horizonnb.ca/patients-visitors/send-a-message-to-a-patient/</a>

This coming week's birthday: Walter MaFarlane Anniversary: Glenn & Kathy Martin

**Food Bank** Let's fill those boxes and show gratitude to God by sharing with our neighbour the blessings we have been given.

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

Forthcoming mid-week events/services ~

• <u>Thursday 10 July:</u> Between the Birches **outdoor meditation** at the Rectory, 7 pm

- Saturday 12 July: Holy Trinity Open House, 1-3 pm
- Wednesday 16 July: Evening Prayer (w/ K. McLean) at St Mark's, 7 pm
- Tuesday 22 July: How to "read" a church, at St Luke's, 7 pm
- Wednesday 23 July: Communion at St Mark's, 7 pm
- *Tuesday 29 July*: How to use a **prayer labyrinth** -- at the Rectory 2 pm & St Luke's hall 7 pm
- Thursday 31 July: **Do-Drop-Inn** drop-in at the Parish Centre, 10 am noon
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Note: In the churches for pick-up is a **full guide to Rich/Wood services & activities** across the summer.

Next Wednesday's **Evening Prayer at St Mark's** will be led by one of the three St Luke's lads of the 1960s to become ordained in this diocese. Brigadier-General **Karl McLean** (son of Shirley) served as Chaplain-General of the Canadian Armed Forces. Karl asks those attending to prepare by reviewing **Romans**, **ch** 8.

Next week the rector will be serving as chaplain at **Camp Brookwood**.

**Archbishop Edwards** has returned to England on annual vacation leave.

NB Christian Ashram ~ Do you find it hard to break out of work and family routines, put away your cell phone and avoid other sources of social media in order to spend quality time with God? Even Jesus had to retreat from everyday life to pray. Consider the New Brunswick Christian Ashram as your opportunity to go deeper in your faith relationship. Held from August 7 – 10, 2025 at beautiful Beulah Camp and Conference Centre in Brown's Flat, you will experience a leisurely, interdenominational Christian retreat in a conference setting well-resourced to serve your needs. To learn more, speak to Cindy Derksen or visit www.nbca.ca.

**There is good news.** The **Anglican Journal** continues to produce in-depth stories from the General Synod. The latest reviews debate on a **motion to condemn homophobia** and similar unchristian attitudes towards sexual minorities. Given General Synod's meltdowns over same-sex marriage in

2016 and 2019 and the strange outcome whereby the marriage canon was unchanged but same-sex marriage in the church became available widely, this motion was an interesting taking of the temperature. Debate was serious and respectful of both underlying perspectives and resulted in a measure supported by the great majority. Read about it at <a href="https://anglicanjournal.com/queer-interfaith-coalition-letter-endorsed-with-amendment-recognizing-diversity-of-opinion-on-marriage-canon/">https://anglicanjournal.com/queer-interfaith-coalition-letter-endorsed-with-amendment-recognizing-diversity-of-opinion-on-marriage-canon/</a>

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