

RICHMOND E-NEWS

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"Not only with our lips but in our lives"

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SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (16 Nov)

- Communion at **St Mark's** (9 am) & **St Luke's** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9 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, Cole, Connie, Doris, Ivan, Joyce, Lynn, Melba, Michelle, Peggy, Phyllis, Shirley, Steven**

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

This week's birthday: **Bonnie Sparks**

Anniversary: **Jeremiah & Karen Miller**

This coming week's birthday: **Pauline Jones**

Who doesn't know someone in hospital? There's a convenient way to get a cheery greeting to the hospitalized: hospital volunteers deliver it. Folk receiving these notes have mentioned how important they are. Check out: <https://horizonnb.ca/patients-visitors/send-a-message-to-a-patient/>

Food Bank -- Did you know that, during the first 9 months of 2025, Richmond's contributions to Valley Family Services (the Food Bank) **are only about half of what the total was in 2024**? We can do much better. Let's fill those boxes and show gratitude to God by sharing with neighbours 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](#) Recent postings feature the work of the **Anglican Foundation** (which helped Richmond build the rectory and

the new St John's/Parish Centre), **Alongside Hope** (the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund), and the **Mission to Seafarers**.

Forthcoming ~

- **This Sunday 16 November**: deadline for bringing **Operation Christmas Child** boxes to church
- **also this Sunday**: **Maria Shepherdson** installed as canon of Christ Church Cathedral and collated as territorial Archdeacon of Woodstock, 4 pm
- *Monday 24 November*: "**Born in Bethlehem**" Advent study at the Rectory, 2 pm
 - *repeated Tuesday 25 November* at 103 Searle St, Woodstock, 2 pm
- *Monday 1 December*: "**Born a Refugee**" Advent study at the Rectory, 2 pm
 - *repeated Tuesday 2 December* at 103 Searle St, Woodstock, 2 pm
- *Tuesday 9 December*: "**Born in Poverty**" Advent study w/ **Jane Hanson** at 103 Searle St, Woodstock, 2 pm
- *Sunday 14 December*: deadline for bringing contributions to the **Seafarer Mission** Christmas outreach to church
- *Monday 15 December*: "**Born a Saviour**" Advent study at the Rectory, 2 pm
 - *repeated Tuesday 16 December* at 103 Searle St, Woodstock, 2 pm
- *Saturday 20 December*: **Christmas with The Beatles** at St Luke's, 3 pm

Circulating with today's e-News is a poster with details of the **Advent study and reflection** opportunities in the Rich/Wood parishes. This 4-week program begins Monday/Tuesday 24-25 November.

This coming Sunday (16 November) is the day when the final **Operation Christmas Child** gifts are **due in the churches**.

One of our standing forms of Christmas outreach is support for the Saint John branch of the Christian **Mission to Seafarers**. The familiar **blue hampers** in each of the churches invites donations of toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, razor, shaving cream, deodorant, hand cream), warm clothes (toque, gloves, mittens, scarfs, wool socks,

foot warmers), playing cards, puzzle books, flashlight or headlamp with batteries, Canadian souvenirs like mugs, and snacks.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund – now renamed as **Alongside Hope** – offers many ways to show generosity to those in less fortunate parts of the world this Advent/Christmas season. Its gift catalogue is here: <https://wog.alongsidehope.org/world-of-gifts> Some NB parishes challenge themselves to see how many goats or bee colonies etc they can provide. Financial gifts to Alongside Hope may also be made through our weekly offerings, either envelope or e-offering. E-transfers to Alongside Hope are now possible: etransfer@alongsidehope.org Be sure to include your name, postal and email addresses if you would like a tax receipt.

Likewise, when making **interac transfers** to parishofrichmond@outlook.com, put your your name & email address in the comments window and, if a new donor, your postal address. Donations will be directed to the parish's Operating fund unless the donor directs otherwise. Eligible donations generate a tax receipt early in the new year.

This year's **Advent retreat** as sponsored by the Synod Office will be led by **Stephen Andrews**, a bishop and former principal of Wycliffe College, one of the leading evangelical academies in the Protestant world. He is a polished, thoughtful leader whose decision to retire to NB is a boon to the diocese. This 24-hour retreat on praying the way through Advent runs from **4 pm Friday 5 December to 4 pm Saturday 6 December** at Villa Madonna, Rothesay. Registration details are at <https://nb.anglican.ca/events/advent-retreat-2025/2025-12-05>

There is good news. Our good friend **Shawn Branch**, the bishop's assistant for Mission and Ministry, is developing a model for a **one-day parish retreat**. At Harold Boomer's invitation, the first offering will be offered on an experimental basis later this month in the combined parishes of **Andover and Denmark**. (On Sunday this same Shawn is to be installed as a canon of Christ Church Cathedral.)

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