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"Not only with our lips but in our lives"

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SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK (22-28 June)

- Communion at **St John's** (9:30 am) & **Christ Church** (11 am);
Morning Prayer at **St Mark's & 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, Lawrence, 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: <https://horizonnb.ca/patients-visitors/send-a-message-to-a-patient/>

This coming week's birthday: **Jessica Smith, Logan Weeks, Riley Martin**
Anniversaries: **Roger & Pam Parkinson, Andrew & Louise Bell, Walter & Annette MacFarlane**

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](#)

Our condolences to the family, and to the people of St Luke's, on the death of **Glen Fletcher**. The funeral is tomorrow (Friday), with son-in-law

Harold Boomer officiating: <https://www.culbersonfuneralhome.com/obituary/frank-fletcher>

Congratulations to Ronald & Sandra Black on the arrival of a fifth grandson, **Fife Wiley Black**, born to Curtis & Caroline.

And congratulations to the following crop of **parish-connected graduates**.

- **Liam Wilson Murphy** (grandson of Mac & Marg Wilson), from high school
- **Matthew Shelton** (grandson of Ernest & Nancy Clarke), from high school
- **Nicholas Veinot** (grandson of Gary & Roberta Hoyt), from St Mary's University

Tonight (19 June) **Vestry** meet at the Rectory, 7 pm.

Forthcoming mid-week events/services ~

- ***This Saturday 21 June***: Celtic Morning Prayer marking **Summer Solstice**, Christ Church (Lr Woodstock), 8 am (breakfast follows). Saturday is also Anglican Canada's **Indigenous Day of Prayer**: https://www.anglican.ca/faith/worship/resources/nadpproppers/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=83c6a0bc13-ACC-eNews&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-ebbfc52706-243874537&mc_cid=83c6a0bc13&mc_eid=3ae6af7ca3
- **Tuesday 24 June**: Talking Tuesday explores **understandings of dying and death**, at the Rectory 2 pm & St Luke's hall 7 pm
- **Wednesday 25 June**: Between the Birches **outdoor meditation** at the Rectory, 7 pm
- **Thursday 26 June**: **Do-Drop-Inn** get-together at the Richmond Parish Centre, 10 am-noon
- **Saturday 28 June**: Holy Trinity **Open House**, 1-3 pm
- **Sunday 29 June**: **Breakfast church** at St John's 8:30 (breakfast) & 9:30 (service)
- **Monday 30 June**: **Celtic Evening Prayer** at Christ Church, 6:30 pm
- **Wednesday 2 July**: **Communion** at St Mark's, 7 pm
- **Thursday 3 July**: Between the Birches **outdoor meditation** at the Rectory, 7 pm
- **Monday 7 July**: **Celtic Evening Prayer** at Christ Church, 6:30 pm

- *Tuesday 8 July*: Talking Tuesday exploration of **Poetry & God**, at the Rectory 2 pm & St Luke's hall 7 pm
- *Wednesday 9 July*: **Taizé Prayer** service at St Mark's, 7 pm
- *Thursday 10 July*: Between the Birches **outdoor meditation** at the Rectory, 7 pm
- *Saturday 12 July*: Holy Trinity **Open House**, 1-3 pm
- *Monday 14 July*: **Celtic Evening Prayer** at Christ Church, 6:30 pm
- *Wednesday 16 July*: **Evening Prayer** (w/ K. McLean) at St Mark's, 7 pm

Note: In the churches for pick-up is a **full guide to Rich/Wood services & activities** across the summer.

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.

The US government has ended most of its foreign aid to crises and development projects around the world. In response **Alongside Hope** (better known as Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) is inviting people to contribute to a **Resilience Fund** that will pick up a bit of the slack. An anonymous donor stepped forward to match the first \$250,000 who people contribute but the **offer expires in about 10 days**. Visit <https://alongsidehope.org/news/anonymous-donor-will-match-gifts-to-resilience-fund-up-to-250000/>

Camp Brookwood ~ Brookwood is looking forward to another great camping season. Staff wait eagerly for campers to return. **Weekly camping fees this year are \$250 per camper**. To support a camper or donate to the operation of the camp, put your additional offering in the collection plate and it will get to the Camp.

Again this year the **flowers outside St Luke's** are eye-catching and a great asset to Woodstock's Main Street. What if every business and church followed this example?

General Synod convenes officially on Tuesday and runs to a big concluding day next Sunday; committee work begins Monday. The prolocutor calls the Synod a meeting of Jesus's disciples. Think of that. The 7-person diocese of Fredericton delegation has met in person already to talk things over. The primatial choice begins to weigh heavily.

There is good news. This Sunday, just before he leaves for General Synod, **Archbishop Edwards** will lead morning service at Christ Church (Lower Woodstock) to mark the 220th anniversary of start of construction of the first Christ Church, then the **only house of worship above Fredericton**. Progress on completing the edifice was slow, as apparently people in those days were quite tiny. On 24 June 1813 Parson Dibblee writes:

*The carpenters are now finishing the pews of the church, & when they are finished the remaining purchase money will be due. It is supposed that after all expenses are settled there will be sufficient for a handsome railed fence round the whole yard & church. When that is completed there will be an excellent, decent church 60 miles from Fredericton capable of accommodating **300 persons**, where 26 years since was an entire wilderness.*

At last Sunday's service at St Mark's the **Sunday School kids** presented everyone with a gorgeous hand-painted tile. Two examples are with this week's e-News but each was unique. People were impressed and grateful.

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

- Communion at **St John's** (9:30 am) preceded by parish breakfast (8:30); Morning Prayer at **St Luke's** (11 am)