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“Not only with our lips but in our lives”

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SERVICES ADVENT SUNDAY (30 Nov)

- Richmond Parish Communion at **St John's** (9 am) (light breakfast from 8 am onwards) & **St Luke's** (11 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 coming week's birthdays: **Gail Lewis, Lewis Dickinson**

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 – The Food Bank distributes its **Christmas hampers in mid-December, closing on 19 December** until the New Year. To make our difference, we need to do so forthwith.

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

This Sunday – Advent Sunday – features a **Richmond parish service** at St John's, 9 am. A light **breakfast will be on offer** from 8 onwards. One does not attend church for a breakfast, but these occasions have become very pleasant. Invite a friend.

Operation Christmas Child – Richmond packed 23 shoeboxes along with a few money donations. Thank you for these Gospel opportunities for the children.

Best wishes to our good friend **Sandra Culberson** on her retirement as long-time music director at St Luke's.

Congratulations to St Luke's for appointing our good friend **Marjorie Burt Lyons** as its new music director.

Forthcoming ~

- **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 **Seafarer Mission** contributions
- Sunday 14 December: Richmond service of **Lessons and Carols**, St Mark's, 7 pm
- 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
- Wednesday 25 December: **Richmond Christmas Communion**, St John's, 9:30 am

This coming Tuesday (2 December) **Shawn Branch** hosts a webcast interview with **Cleo Cyr** from the Parish of Hammond River. She explains how her **small parish is making a big difference in its local community** and what we can learn from their journey. It is live at 12:10 pm via <https://nb.anglican.ca/events/the-synod-commons/2025-12-02>

This coming Wednesday (3 December) brings the first of Bishop Hockin's Advent broadcasts on **Finding the Light of Christ in the Darkness of December**. It will be carried live on the Christ Church Parish Church Youtube channel at noon: <https://www.theparishchurch.ca/services?wix-vod-comp-id=comp-lqwez33>

One of our standing forms of Christmas outreach is support for the Saint John branch of the Christian **Mission to Seafarers**. See

<https://www.sjseafarers.com/> 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.

The McCain Gallery (Florenceville) has launched its 2025 **Small Works exhibition**, running to 20 December. Fine art and quality crafts will be on sale and display, including from parish artists. Always worth viewing or showing to a visiting friend.

Last week's Vestry meeting set the price of burial rights in Richmond's **cemetery single lots** as \$600. This is the same as Christ Church cemetery, but only two-thirds of the price in Woodstock's two cemeteries.

There is good news. Last Sunday brought quite a surprise at St Mark's. Electricity finally reached that neighbourhood in the 1950s, and at some later point **Gerald Briggs** (1924-2021) of Maine donated hanging lanterns of milk-white glass and Art Deco gold scrolling in honour of his parents. Later, however, the wire crossing the road to bring electricity to the church was snagged by a passing pulp truck. This tugged the wire so

sharply that two of those lanterns hanging in the church smashed to the floor. Something prompted a member of the congregation to salvage some of that shattered glass. Recently – decades later -- that congregant had bits of the white/gold glass embedded into the centre of locally-created stained-glass crosses. Last Sunday **Marilyn Wilson** presented these crosses featuring such historic glass to each of the households in St Mark's congregation. See attached photos.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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