

# RICHMOND E-NEWS

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*"Not only with our lips but in our lives"*

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## SERVICES THIS THANKSGIVING SUNDAY (12 Oct)

- Parish Communion service of Thanksgiving at **St John's** (9 am – **note time; breakfast available from 8 am**); Communion at **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, Cindy, 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 birthday: **Mark Sewell**

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://horizonmb.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](#)

**Thanksgiving Sunday** will be marked by a parish communion service at **St John's**, with new technology, 9 am. Beginning at 8 a **light breakfast** will be on offer (fruit, croissants, pancakes, muffins, etc). Invite a friend.

Archbishop Edwards has announced that our rector soon will take up the additional role of **territorial archdeacon of Woodstock**. "Woodstock", in this sense, is a jurisdiction extending from Canterbury to Edmundston. Archdeacons – usually clerics, sometimes lay administrators – are consulted by local clergy and church wardens on the sort of question that need not go to the bishop. Archdeacons are expected to be informed of and give their consent to applications for significant changes to the structure or use of church-owned buildings. They have a particular role in staying in touch with vacant parishes.

With the appointment of an archdeacon for Woodstock, **Shawn Branch's** role as episcopal legate to the Upper St John valley comes to an end. We were always glad to have Shawn among us. His busy duties have shifted to other corners of the diocese.

Forthcoming occasions ~

- *Tuesday 28 October*: Sea Shanty **Church & chowder supper** at St Luke's hall, 6pm??; rsvp to [nancy.english86@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.english86@gmail.com)
- *Wednesday 29 October*: **Between the Birches** outdoor meditation at the Rectory, 7 pm
- *Thursday 30 October*: **Do-Drop-Inn** at the Richmond Parish Centre, 10 am-noon
- *Sunday 16 November*: **Maria Shepherdson** installed as canon of Christ Church Cathedral and collated as territorial Archdeacon of Woodstock
- *Saturday 20 December*: **Christmas with The Beatles** at St Luke's, 3 pm

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Among those attending the recent **Blessing of Animals** service at Holy Trinity was Dr Clive Baldwin of St Thomas University, Fredericton. Professor Baldwin writes: *I am conducting a research project on **companion animals and adults aged 55+**. It involves the creation of short video stories. We are looking for volunteers who might like to participate. The project involves creating a digital story (5-8 minute in length) about your companion animal and answering a few short questions.* If interested in participating, you can reach Dr Baldwin at [baldwin@stu.ca](mailto:baldwin@stu.ca)

There is good news. The diocese of Fredericton has a shortage of clergy. Yet the outlook is hopeful. In his role as Director of Ministry & Mission, Shawn Branch is assisting **15 people** in stages of the formation process - some for priesthood, some to be deacons and some for licensed lay ministry. Note the approaching **Discernment Retreat weekend** (31 October – 1 November) for those who find themselves wondering whether they are called to ministry, lay or ordained:

<https://nb.anglican.ca/events/discernment-retreat/2025-10-31> For more on surprising discernments, see Bishop Edwards' remarks at the ordination of Rob Pitman in this week's Diocesan e-News:

<https://nb.anglican.ca/news/rob-pitman-ordained-to-the-transitional-diaconate>

This week's e-News shares a recent photo of **Bishop Edwards** speaking beneath the bust of one of his predecessors at a Diocesan Council meeting. Also shown are remembrances of recently-deceased members at **St John's memorial service** and two scenes from last Sunday's **parish service** at St Mark's. We will not see such sunflowers again for quite a while.

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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