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"Not only with our lips but in our lives"

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SERVICES THIS COMING SUNDAY (15 NOV)

- Communion at **Holy Trinity** (9am) & **St Luke's** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **St Mark's** (9 am)
- Most weekdays the rector offers morning prayers and reflections live at 8:30 am and viewable any time later. See *Parish of Richmond and Woodstock - YouTube*

Among those we uphold in prayer**: Cole, Connie, Doris, Ivan, Joyce, Lewis, Lynn, Melba, Michelle, Phyllis, Sheila, Shirley, Steven**

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 families rely on our weekly and monthly generosity.

This coming week's birthdays: **King Charles**, **Terry Wilson, Wendy Cowper**

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

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This coming Sunday is the due date for **Operation Christmas Child** shoe boxes.

Woodstock/Richmond Christmas 1916 rehearsals at St Luke's, 7 pm:

- ☞Thursday 12 Nov: Actors and singers
- Thursday 26 Nov: Everyone
- Thursday 3 Dec: Everyone
- Thursday 17 Dec: full run-through
- Friday 18 Dec: full run-through

A highlight of last Saturday's diocesan synod was the three presentations from **Shawn Branch** on the state of various types of mission here and there in the diocese. One of them was a colourful and moving video account of **Camp Medley's** mission to youth and a pitch for support for its on-going funding campaign for an overdue replacement swimming pool. Whoever produced it has talent.

But we left the Synod thinking not about Camp Medley's pool but the news that our immensely hard-working bishop/metropolitan **projects to retire** in 2027. Launching us into prayer for Archbishop David and Debbie as they prepare for this great change, Archdeacon Ham's voice was breaking. This was the reaction of many. We alone can be consoled with the thought that, though he will cease to be bishop of Fredericton, he will still be bishop of Grafton.

In the spring there will be **another diocesan synod**, this one to elect Bishop Edwards' eventual successor.

In more uplifting Synod news, **Marilyn Wilson** was affirmed as this region's lay member of the Diocesan Council for the next two years. Thank you, Marilyn.

Forthcoming ~

- ☞ *Sunday 15 November*: deadline for **Operation Christmas Child** boxes
- *Tuesday 17 November*: **Faith in the Movies** (pt 2): concluding study of "Two Popes", a film on the friendship of Popes Benedict and Francis. St Luke's hall at 2 pm and Rectory 7 pm. (evening Zoom link also available from Maria).

- *Thursday 19 November:* **Take-out Turkey supper** from St Luke's, 4:30-6 pm. Tickets (until 18 Nov) are purchased from the Church office weekday mornings.
- *Thursday 19 November*: **Vestry** meets at the Rectory and on Zoom, 7 pm
- *Monday 23 November*: free **soup/roll lunch** at St Luke's hall, 11:30-1:00
- *Tuesday 24 November*: **LA Henry** talks about her recent pilgrimage- Where did she encounter love, joy, peace and hope on her travels in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Northumbria. St Luke's hall 2 pm and Rectory 7 pm. (evening Zoom link also available from Maria).
- *Sunday 29 November*: **40th anniversary service** for Parish of Richmond **Mothers' Union**, 9 am
- *Sunday 29 November*: deadline for donations to the **Saint John Mission to Seafarers** blue boxes. For financial donations, see *https://www.facebook.com/sjseafarers*
- *Tuesday 1 December*: **Understanding John the Baptist –** comparing the gospels to explore his significance in the narrative of Christmas. St Luke's hall 2 pm and Rectory 7 pm. (evening Zoom link also available from Maria).
- *Friday 4 December*: C**hristmas concert in support of Camp Brookwood** at St Luke's, 6 pm. Free-will offering.
- *Saturday 5 December*: Light in the Longing: Christ in the Waiting, an **Advent Quiet Day led by Archdeacon Shepherdson** at the Cathedral Memorial Hall (Fredericton), 10 am-2:30. See *https://nb.anglican.ca/events/light-in-the-longing-christ-in-the-waiting/2026-12-05*
- *Saturday 5 December:* **ACW Bake Sale**, St Luke's hall, 10-2
- *Tuesday 8 December:* The **Christmas Narrative –** How does each Gospels writer share the story or Jesus' birth? What might each of the accounts tell us of the importance of Emmanuel - God dwelling with us? St Luke's hall 2 pm and Rectory 7 pm. (evening Zoom link also available from Maria).
- *Tuesday 15 December*: **Prince of Peace for a war-torn world**. What does Jesus as Prince of peace mean? What does His peace look like in our troubled times? St Luke's hall, 2 pm (only).
- *Tuesday 15 December*: **Vestry** meets at the Rectory and on Zoom, 7 pm

- *Saturday 19 December*: **Christmas 1916: A Nativity Story** at St Luke's, 3 pm (door opens 2:30)
- *Monday 21 December*: free **soup/roll lunch** at St Luke's hall, 11:30-1:00

Home visits – In times of crisis the rector will be there. Other visits can be arranged by speaking to her or leaving a call back message at **506-328-3042**.

Parish Finance #1: Recently the **water pump and tank** serving the Rectory/Parish Centre for the last quarter-century failed. Necessary water was imported for a time. Replacements were installed quickly, all things considered. Cost to the parish: $2600.

Parish Finance #2: As of the end of October, 2026 offerings to the Parish's operating fund (the fund that pays the every-day bills) are **running $3000 under budget**. People are reminded that, in a shared ministry situation, an end-of-year financial setback in Richmond parish has implications for Woodstock too.

Why bother with church? *https://www.kootenayanglican.ca/blog/why-bother-with-church-at-all*

There is good news. At last Saturday's Diocesan Synod we learned that Shawn Branch are now shepherding **twenty** folk through a process of discernment, many with a view to ordained ministry. One of them is our own **LA Henry**.

This week the e-News circulates a photograph of the folk at the final **Do Drop In(n)** for 2026. Also shown are the Rich/Wood parishioners at the 141st Diocesan Synod. Included are **Barb Belyea, Jessica Smith, Cindy Derkson, Jennifer Taylor and Marilyn Wilson**. In one shot they pose with the future bishop of Grafton.

SERVICES FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

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