

# RICHMOND E-NEWS

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*“Not only with our lips but in our lives”*

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## SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (8 Mar)

- Communion at **St Mark's** (9 am) & **St Luke's** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (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](#)
- Sunday services from St John's are broadcast live on the internet and remain available for viewing. Find them at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvzsfGEaRlzViE7bgTXvaTg>

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.

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: **Ralph Carpenter, Robert Jones**

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**Annual Meeting – Richmond’s annual parish meeting will be this Saturday 7 March**, 10 am (refreshments from 9:30). We will welcome as a guest Brendan Bates (architect), who will share a vision for a possible **community hospice**, which came from a parish visioning morning. Come and celebrate what God has enabled us to undertake together in service this year. Elections for Wardens and Vestry will take place. **Annual reports** have been distributed already or collect yours at the door.

**Home visits** – It’s the season of icy yards and extra home visiting. 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**.

Forthcoming ~

- **Tomorrow Friday 6 March: World Day of Prayer** is hosted at St James United Church, Woodstock, 11 am. (Complementary lunch follows.) This year’s country of focus is Nigeria.
- **Tuesday 10 March: general meeting** of Woodstock Archdeaconry Anglicans in preparation for Special session of the Diocesan Synod, at St Luke’s hall, 5 pm
- *Tuesday 17 March:* Lenten contemplation on the theme of **Betrayal of Jesus** today at 103 Searle St, Woodstock, 2 pm
- *Thursday 26 March:* **“We’re Here for You Canada”** presentation at St Luke’s hall, 2 pm
- *Monday 30 March:* Holy Week **meditation/prayer**, at Holy Trinity, 2 pm
- *Tuesday 31 March:* Lenten contemplation of **Stations of the Cross** (via dolorosa), at St John’s (2 pm) & St Luke’s (7 pm)
- *Thursday 2 April:* Dramatized **Last Supper** (music of Les Misérables), at St Luke’s, 7 pm
- *Friday 3 April:* **Good Friday scripture, music & reflection**, at St Mark’s (11 am) & St Luke’s (4 pm)
- *Saturday 4 April:* **Easter eve Communion** at Holy Trinity (4 pm); **Easter Vigil** at Christ Church (6 pm)
- *Sunday 5 April:* **Easter Communion** at St Mark’s (8:30 am), St John’s (10 am) & St Luke’s (11:15 am)

- *Saturday 18 April*: Special Diocesan Synod on **the future of Christ Church Cathedral** at Christ Church Cathedral
- *Saturday 7 November*: Regular **Diocesan Synod**, Christ Church Cathedral

**Update on Richmond finances** – The 2026 budget to be presented at **Saturday’s annual meeting** calls for contributions to the parish general Operating fund of \$1397/week. In January/February, weekly offerings to the Operating fund have averaged \$1204. This is better than last year at this time but only 86% of what is needed to meet the proposed budget target.

**Quiet Day** - On Saturday 14 March **Kathleen Snow** (world president of the Mothers’ Union) leads a Lenten Quiet Day of space, prayer and reflection at Christ Church Cathedral beginning at 9:30. Details at <https://nb.anglican.ca/events/lenten-quiet-day/2026-03-14>

“**We’re Here for You Canada**” is a group building awareness of Family Violence/Sexual Assault & Intimate Partner Violence. They also provide Comfort Kits given to Emergency Rooms for those fleeing abusive situations. People are invited to hear a presentation by **Sarah Sherman** on **Thursday 26 March at St Luke’s hall, 2 pm**. If you can bring along any of the following, it would be appreciated: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, hair care items, notebook & pen, tissues, pads, fidget/sensory items, footwear, facewipes, gum, gift cards for meals, gas etc, lip balm, hand/face creams (unscented preferred), new underwear and clothing for male and female survivors in soft colours (white, brown, black, grey). Donations from our area can be designated to go to the **Upper River Valley Hospital**.

Thanks to parishioners and others who supported the Synod Office staff in the **Coldest Night of the Year** fundraiser for the Fredericton branch of the John Howard Society. The team raised \$2560, nicely beyond their goal.

There is good news. In Advent, Shawn Branch stepped forward to lead a one-day retreat at Holy Trinity church, Andover. Despite stormy weather the event was well-received. Now Shawn is leading **Keeping Watch: A Pre-Holy Week Retreat Day**. He writes: “Holy Week is approaching. Before we enter those sacred days, this retreat offers time to pause and

reflect. To sit with the story. To notice where Christ is already present.”  
The Day is **Wednesday 25 March**, 10 am, at Holy Trinity Andover. Read more at: <https://nb.anglican.ca/events/keeping-watch/2026-03-25>

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