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"Not only with our lips but in our lives"

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SERVICES FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (8 NOV)

- Parish Communion at **St Mark's** (9 am) & **St Luke's** (11 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 birthday: **Bonnie Sparks**
Anniversary: **Jeremiah & Karen Miller**

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

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Last Thursday was the final session for 2026 of the monthly **Do Drop In(n)** at the Parish Centre. This was its third year. We asked **Pat Margison** why she got it going: *It was an idea brought up at Vestry. Rev. Maria, Phil and I wanted to try a once-a-month social gathering that might attract locals as well as parishioners, male and female. The idea was to share the ups and downs of everyday life while sitting around tables and knitting, crocheting, doing needlepoint, demonstrating the challenge of "felting" and all such as we had our coffee, tea, and a small lunch. We had music a couple of times and laughter definitely. Rev. Maria and Phil came up with a "Do Drop In" banner for the roadside. Attendance was anywhere from 4 to 10, ending last week with 12. Several gentlemen have dropped by to say hello and share a snack. The risk of a flop was taken on willingly. All is well with this Outreach.*

This Saturday Archbishop Edwards chairs the **141st Diocesan Synod** at the Cathedral, 8:50 am. The opening Morning Prayer and the bishop's Charge will be livestreamed via *https://www.youtube.com/live/tJ4Oy6KYwls* . About 300 people will gather. Of this event **Harold Boomer** writes: *As we continue to adapt to a changing world, it becomes more difficult for faith streams like ours, that traces its lineage back 1700 years to the early church at Nicaea, to bear the secular pressures placed on us by modern society. Through the pain and reconciliation that the Church has been a part of over the centuries, we continue to treasure what makes us who we are -- not what drags us down but the ritual and spirituality that raise us up.*
Our Synod will be the 141st gathering for a church that has existed in this province since 1768. After being made a diocese separate from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in 1845, Archbishop ***David Edwards*** *is the tenth priest to occupy the bishop's seat at the Cathedral. Under his leadership we are navigating the journey of ancient ritual and modern life, a job requiring vision and conviction. As we approach this Synod, Bishop Edwards decided the theme of our gathering will be "On We Go". It is based on Galatians 6:9-10: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up".*

November's **NB Anglican** [subscription info above] carries an item on a free lunch program at St Luke's with a lovely photo of our own **Corinne Silverton**. Corinne never leaves home without a carrot scraper and potato peeler. She will be found at many venues in our neighbourhoods volunteering quietly behind the scenes in food prep.

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

- ☞Thursday 5 Nov: Everyone

- 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

Parish Finance #1: Last week 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.

Forthcoming ~

- *Saturday 7 November*: **Diocesan Synod**, Christ Church Cathedral, 8:45 am
- *Tuesday 10 November*: **Faith in the Movies** (pt 1): a two-part study of "Two Popes", a film on the friendship of Popes Benedict and Francis. St Luke's hall at 2 pm and (if Maria's knows of demand) at the Rectory and on-line 7 pm
- ☞ *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 (if Maria's knows of demand) at the Rectory and on-line 7 pm
- *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
- *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
- *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*
- *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?
- *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?
- *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**.

There is good news. The Compassion Fund's **backpacks and donated school supplies** reached neighbourhood Hartland/Woodstock schools in October. In an attached photograph a charming youngster shows some of

them. Also charming are the continuing adventures of **Mark the St Mark's cat**. He's now living quietly in a domestic partnership with Jewel the German Shepherd.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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