## **RICHMOND E-NEWS**

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"Not only with our lips but in our lives"

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## SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK (31 Aug-6 Sept)

- On Sunday, Parish Communion at **St John's** (9 am; light breakfast available from 8) & **Christ Church** (11 am)
- *On Wednesday*, Harvest Songs of Praise at **St Mark's** (7 pm)
- On most days the rector offers a brief **morning prayer time** live at 8:30 am (and viewable at any time later). See <u>Parish of Richmond and Woodstock YouTube</u>

Among those we uphold in prayer: Allen, Cole, Connie, Doris, Ivan, Joyce, Lynn, Melba, Michelle, Nadine, Peggy, Phyllis, Shirley, Steven

Please advise Pat Margison (328-8146) of name deletions as well as name additions.

This coming week's birthday: Connie Lutwick

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: <a href="https://horizonnb.ca/patients-visitors/send-a-message-to-a-patient/">https://horizonnb.ca/patients-visitors/send-a-message-to-a-patient/</a>

**Food Bank** Let's fill those boxes and show gratitude to God by sharing with our neighbour 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

Our condolences to Peggy Martin and the Martin and related families on the death of daughter **Janet Lou (Martin) Graham**:

https://www.gibersonfuneraldirectors.ca/obituaries/187025 Bob LeBlanc held the service at St Mark's, where she was interred. Peggy was able to attend.

This coming Sunday's Parish service (31 Aug) is at **St John's**, 9 am (note time), with a light breakfast available from 8 onwards.

At this coming Wednesday's **harvest songs of praise** service at St Mark's (3 Sept), **Marjorie Burtt Lyons** will again be at the keyboard and **Mia Hewson** will be soloist. For this service especially, people are encouraged/reminded to **bring food that can go directly to the Food Bank.** 

Last night Bishop Edwards preached on those occasions we all experience when we seem to be "touched" by God or to "hear" the Holy Spirit. The question is whether we are willing to notice these promptings and work with them. His words were a perfect introduction to the Richmond parish gathering of Friday (5 August) of next week. We are invited to come together at the Parish Centre to continue our Dream with God discernment work. Where are we, as a parish, being prompted? Are we listening? Do we have the courage to respond? Decline is familiar, even cosy. Listening for and to God takes work. Next Friday's gathering at the Parish Centre begins at 6 pm with a potluck supper, with presentation/discussion following.

**The rector** reached Ireland safely, albeit with a deviation to Paris, and is scheduled to return to Richmond tomorrow.

Interior renovation work continues at **Holy Trinity**. A neighbour has been moved to come forward with a substantial contribution to the cause.

Offerings and donations to the parish **by interact transfer** are now possible. Direct them to *parishofrichmond@outlook.com* (There is no longer a need to create a security question.) In the Comments window, give your name, email address and, if you are 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.

Forthcoming events/services ~

• *This morning Thursday 28 August*: **Do-Drop-Inn** drop-in at the Parish Centre, 10 am – noon

- *Monday 1 September*: **Between the Birches** outdoor meditation at the Rectory, 7 pm
- Tuesday 2 September: Talking Tuesday on God, Bible & Gender
   Orientation at the Rectory (2 pm) & St Luke's (7 pm)
- Wednesday 3 September: Harvest Festival Songs of Praise at St Mark's, 7 pm
- Monday 8 September: Between the Birches outdoor meditation at the Rectory, 7 pm
- Tuesday 9 September: Talking Tuesday on God, Bible & Gender
   Orientation at the Rectory (2 pm) & St Luke's (7 pm)

There is good news. In September's **Anglican Journal** Shane Parker describes the promptings that led him to let his name stand for election as Primate. He had declined the original opportunity. He was too old. He had more work to do in Ottawa. So his name was not among the three nominees submitted to the General Synod. But then, most unexpectedly, the lay delegates at General Synod asked for more names. Meanwhile, God had been labouring with Bishop Parker. Read of his journey to "yes" on page 5 of <a href="https://anglicanjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/aj-sep2025\_web.pdf">https://anglicanjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/aj-sep2025\_web.pdf</a>

This week's e-News includes shots of new banners for the Parish Centre, Archbishop Edwards last night at St Mark's, and some of the floral offerings at last Sunday's service at Holy Trinity.

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• Communion at **Holy Trinity** (9 am) & **St Luke's** (11 am); Memorial Service at **Christ Church** (3 pm)