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"Not only with our lips but in our lives"

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SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (23 Nov)

- Communion at **St John's** (9 am) & **St Luke's** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **St Mark's** (9 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, 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 birthdays: **Charles Lutwick, Rosanne Carpenter**

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 – The Food Bank distributes its **Christmas hampers in mid-December, closing on 19 December** until the New Year. To make our difference, we need to do so forthwith.

Tomorrow night (Friday, 21 November) Maria and Phil Shepherdson will join 35 other vendors at a **Christmas charity market at the Woodstock Legion** (Carleton St), 5-9 pm. Admission is by non-perishable item for the **Food Bank**.

Have you checked the parish's Facebook page lately? [\(16\) The Anglican Parish of Richmond, Diocese of Fredericton | Facebook](#) Recent postings feature last Sunday's commissioning service at Christ Church Cathedral.

Vestry meet tonight at the Parish Centre, 7 pm.

Forthcoming ~

- *Monday 24 November: “**Born in Bethlehem**”* Advent study at the Rectory, 2 pm
 - *repeated Tuesday 25 November* at 103 Searle St, Woodstock, 2 pm
- *Monday 1 December: “**Born a Refugee**”* Advent study at the Rectory, 2 pm
 - *repeated Tuesday 2 December* at 103 Searle St, Woodstock, 2 pm
- *Tuesday 9 December: “**Born in Poverty**”* Advent study w/ **Jane Hanson** at 103 Searle St, Woodstock, 2 pm
- *Sunday 14 December: deadline for **Seafarer Mission** contributions*
- *Sunday 14 December: Richmond service of **Lessons and Carols**, St Mark’s, 7 pm*
- *Monday 15 December: “**Born a Saviour**”* Advent study at the Rectory, 2 pm
 - *repeated Tuesday 16 December* at 103 Searle St, Woodstock, 2 pm
- *Saturday 20 December: **Christmas with The Beatles*** at St Luke’s, 3 pm
- *Wednesday 25 December: **Richmond Christmas Communion**, St John’s, 9:30 am*

Hartland Community School has sent Holy Trinity a message of gratitude for the “generous donation of school supplies”.

Bishop Hockin’s Advent meditation/music series on **Finding the Light of Christ in the Darkness of December** will run Wednesdays December 3rd, 10th and 17th at 12 noon. It will be carried live on the Christ Church Parish Church youtube channel:

<https://www.theparishchurch.ca/services?wix-vod-comp-id=comp-lqwez33>

One of our standing forms of Christmas outreach is support for the Saint John branch of the Christian **Mission to Seafarers**. See

<https://www.sjseafarers.com/> The familiar **blue hampers** in each of the churches invites donations of toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, razor, shaving cream, deodorant, hand cream), warm clothes (toque, gloves, mittens, scarfs, wool socks, foot warmers), playing cards,

puzzle books, flashlight or headlamp with batteries, Canadian souvenirs like mugs, and snacks.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund – now renamed as **Alongside Hope** – offers many ways to show generosity to those in less fortunate parts of the world this Advent/Christmas season. Its gift catalogue is here: <https://wog.alongsidehope.org/world-of-gifts> Some NB parishes challenge themselves to see how many goats or bee colonies etc they can provide. Financial gifts to Alongside Hope may also be made through our weekly offerings, either envelope or e-offering. E-transfers to Alongside Hope are now possible: etransfer@alongsidehope.org Be sure to include your name, postal and email addresses if you would like a tax receipt.

Likewise, when making **interac transfers** to parishofrichmond@outlook.com, put your your name & email address in the comments window and, if 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.



This year's **Advent retreat** as sponsored by the Synod Office is led by bishop **Stephen Andrews**, former principal of Wycliffe College, one of the leading evangelical academies in the Protestant world. He is a polished, thoughtful leader whose decision to retire to NB is a boon to the diocese. This 24-hour retreat on praying the way through Advent runs from **4 pm Friday 5 December to 4 pm Saturday 6 December** at Villa Madonna, Rothesay. Registration details are at <https://nb.anglican.ca/events/advent-retreat-2025/2025-12-05> Deadline for individuals and couples to register is Thursday **27 November**.

This Saturday (22 November) the **McCain Gallery** (Florenceville) opens the 2025 version of its wonderful Small Works exhibition, running to 20 December. Fine art and quality crafts will be on sale and display, including from parish artists. Always worth visiting or showing to a visiting friend.

There is good news. Mark calendars for Tuesday, 2 December at 12:10 pm. At that time the freshy-canonized **Shawn Branch** hosts December's Synod Commons webcast. Shawn will be chatting with **Cleo Cyr** from the Parish of Hammond River about how her **small parish is making a big**

difference in its local community and what we can learn from their journey. Being ourselves a small and obscure parish, this should be of great interest.

Circulating with this week's e-News is a look at **Holy Trinity's** final floral richness until the bluebells of Spring. Also on view is the colourful **badge of a canon** of Fredericton's Christ Church Cathedral. [A certain Mother asks: Does this mean you can now do weddings and funerals?]

SERVICES ADVENT SUNDAY

- Richmond Parish Communion at **St John's** (9 am) (light breakfast from 8 am onwards) & **St Luke's** (11 am)