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"Not only with our lips but in our lives"

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SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (26 Oct)

- Communion at **St John's** (9 am) & **St Luke's** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **St Mark's & Holy Trinity** (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: **Jennie Carpenter, Alyson Cummings, Quinton 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 -- Did you know that, during the first 9 months of 2025, **Richmond's contributions to Valley Family Services (the Food Bank) are only about half of what the total was in 2024?** We can do much better. Let's fill those boxes and show gratitude to God by sharing with neighbours 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](#) Posted this week is a declaration from the Primate, Archbishop Edwards and other metropolitan bishops welcoming the designation of **Sarah Mullally** as the next archbishop of Canterbury. They spoke out in response to those churches who have

broken communion because this high office would be held by a woman and by one who promotes an inclusive church.

Forthcoming occasions ~

- *Tuesday 28 October*: Sea Shanty **Church & chowder supper** at St Luke's hall, 6 pm; rsvp to nancy.english86@gmail.com
- *Wednesday 29 October*: **Between the Birches** outdoor meditation at the Rectory, 7 pm
- *Thursday 30 October*: **Do-Drop-Inn** concludes for 2025 at the Richmond Parish Centre, 10 am-noon
- *Sunday 16 November*: **Maria Shepherdson** installed as canon of Christ Church Cathedral and collated as territorial Archdeacon of Woodstock, 4 pm
- *Saturday 20 December*: **Christmas with The Beatles** at St Luke's, 3 pm

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 will be led by **Stephen Andrews**, former principal of Wycliffe College, one of the leading evangelical academies in the 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>

The Anglican Church seems to have an abundance of clerical titles. One of the more exotic labels is “metropolitan” of an ecclesiastical “province”. A few years ago **David Edwards** went from being a right reverend bishop to becoming a most reverend archbishop. This was when he was elected as **metropolitan bishop** of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. The province of Canada (its name is historical) refers to the seven Anglican dioceses east of the Ottawa River. For certain purposes (such as consecrating new bishops), these dioceses act as a regional unit, and the metropolitan bishop is their official head. The role has little formal content and is usually undemanding. However, an imbroglio in one of the Newfoundland dioceses, which began in January as a “cloud no bigger than a man’s hand”, has swept many in the ecclesiastical province into a whirlwind of frustration, grief and misunderstanding, including misunderstanding of how (little) power a metropolitan bishop has in relation to a diocesan bishop. Read about this sad affair – perhaps now on the way of some mending -- on the front page of October’s **Anglican Journal**: <https://anglicanjournal.com/#currentissue>

There is good news. He’s back. Bishop **Bill Hockin** has once again assembled three Advent programs on **Finding Light in the Darkness of December**. They consist of music and meditation and run at Christ Church Parish Church Fredericton on Dec 3, 10, & 17 during noon. We are awaiting word that they will also be available via the internet. See this week’s Diocesan e-News : <https://nb.anglican.ca/news/advent-talks-are-back-in-fredericton>

Images circulating with today’s e-news point to the approaching endtimes via last Sunday’s late -- still beautiful – floral offerings.

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