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“Not only with our lips but in our lives”

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RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY

- Communion at **St Mark's** (9 am) & **St John's** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9 am)
- Sunday School at the Parish Centre, 11 am

Among those we uphold in prayer: **Allen, Cecil, Charles, Cole, Connie, Debbie, Doris, Fern, Frankie, George, Græme, Helen, Ivan, Joyce, Lawrence, Lynn, Maddie, Melba, Michelle, Nadine, Nicole, Peggy, Phyllis, Robert, Ronald, Shawn, Sheldon, Shelley, Steven, Tara**

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

Whom do we know in hospital? There's a convenient way to get a cheery greeting to the hospitalized. The hospital delivers it. Parishioners receiving these notes have mentioned how important they are. Check out: <https://horizonnb.ca/patients-visitors/send-a-message-to-a-patient/>

Archbishop Edwards has authorized **Cindy Derksen to provide home communion** to people associated with the parish of Richmond. For further information please contact her at 506-375-4642 cinder46@bellaliant.net

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

Yesterday's message from the **Rev Maria Shepherdson**: *We have managed a few days of real holiday and a trip of pilgrimage to Canterbury cathedral, where we were prayed for and blessed ahead of coming to you and also joined a Taize service, where we prayed for all of you. See you very soon.*

This Sunday afternoon (25 February) the rectory will be open so that folk can deliver remaining loaned or donated items or just look it over.

DV, the **Rev Maria Shepherdson and Philip Shepherdson** will arrive in Fredericton next Thursday 29 February. They will be met by the bishop and Shawn Branch. She will subscribe the oaths of loyalty to the king and obedience to the bishop necessary to receive a licence for ministry. The bishop will licence her with the status of incumbent/rector in both Woodstock and Richmond.

- The Sheperdsons will arrive at the rectory that day or the next.
- The rector **will invite lay readers to meet with her** on Saturday 2 March at a time to be announced.
- On Sunday 3 March she will lead a **parish communion service at St John's, 10 am.**
- Bonnie Sparks (or the rector) may be enlisting lay readers from all points to take part in that Sunday service.
- The rector is **highly allergic to cheese and cheese derivative products. She cannot be in a room where they are present without consequences to her health.** So farewell to cherry cheese sandwiches.

On this Saturday night (24 February) **Cheryl Jacobs, Bishop Edwards** and a Synod Office crew will be walking in the **Coldest Night of the Year** fundraiser in support of the **John Howard Society's** work with ex-offenders. See [PLEASE SPONSOR Anglican Energy \(e2rm.com\)](https://www.anglicanenergy.ca/please-sponsor-anglican-energy-e2rm-com)

On Tuesdays the **Lenten book study** continues in the Library of the Parish Centre, 10:30. It is based on *Lent with the Beloved Disciple*: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/ca/len-with-the-beloved-disciple-9781399404907/>
Contact Bonnie Sparks for details.

Vocation Day -- Saturday 6 April Are you discerning a Christian vocation? Have you wondered what it means to be an **evangelist, priest, deacon, layreader, parish nurse or pastoral visitor**? Join for a day of presentations on these ministries and explore what God might be calling you to. **Hear from others** how they heard God's call and explore some questions you might be wrestling with. See [Discerning Your Ministry? | Vocations | Anglican Diocese of Fredericton](#)

Update from the Food Bank Back in January 2023, Volunteer Family Services (aka the Food Bank) was feeding 650 people (one-third of them children). **This January it fed 782.** The Food Bank is always in need of soups, non-sugary cereal, canned beans, canned pasta, dry pasta,

tuna/hamburger helper, vegetables (fresh, frozen, canned), oatmeal, pancake mix, tea, shampoo (men & women), deodorant (men & women), razors (men & women), toothbrushes.

The **Compassion Fund** continues active and it's time for us to consider adding a Compassion Fund donation to weekly offerings. Since September the Fund **has provided assistance in the amount of \$1,200**. This includes a Sobeys gift card and monetary assistance for a person living alone and recovering from surgery; a Sobeys gift card for a mother with young children at Christmas; a Christmas donation and personal hygiene items (much appreciated) for Sanctuary House; and a donation and Superstore gift card for a family in need.

RICHMOND NEXT SUNDAY

- Parish service of Communion at **St John's** (10 am)