

# RICHMOND E-NEWS

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*“Not only with our lips but in our lives”*

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## SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK

- *On Sunday*, Communion at **Holy Trinity** (9 am) & **St John's** (11 am); Morning Prayer at **St Mark's** (9 am)
- **Sunday School** at the Parish Centre (11 am)
- *On Ash Wednesday*, imposition of ashes at **Church of the Good Shepherd** Florenceville (11 am) and at **St Luke's** Woodstock (7 pm)

Among those we uphold in prayer: **Allen, Cecil, Charles, Cole, Connie, Debbie, Doris, Fern, Frankie, George, Græme, Helen, Joyce, Lawrence, Lynn, Maddie, Melba, Michelle, Nadine, Nicole, Peggy, Phyllis, Robert, Ronald, Scott, 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](mailto:cinder46@bellaliant.net)

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

**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.

**Shrove Tuesday (13 Feb) Pancake Supper @ St Luke's hall 4:00-6:30 pm** \$10 pp, \$5 per child under 6, \$30 per family. Dine In or Take-out. (To arrange take-out, call 328-4304.)

**Pancake Supper -- Help Wanted** St Luke's invites volunteers to help in: buffet line serving; kitchen area and cooking; cashiers; cleaning up; cake baking -- the list goes on. Come for an hour or stay for the day. Help will not be turned away! **Contact St Luke's** at: 328-4304 or [stlukes@nb.aibn.com](mailto:stlukes@nb.aibn.com)

The Anglican Primate and Lutheran National Bishop have appointed next **Friday 16 February as a day of fasting, prayer and humiliation for the crises in Israel/Gaza and Ukraine.** They write: *The practice of fasting is a concrete way to focus our hearts and minds by letting go of something we enjoy or expect. We then use that time and mental space to pray throughout the day. You may choose to fast from food or from social media, computer time, music, television or whatever is appropriate for you. During the day, whenever your heart remembers or at times you designate, you stop and cry from your heart to God about the situations in Israel/Palestine/Gaza and Ukraine.*

The parish of **Richmond annual meeting will be held on Sunday 18 February** (11 am) following a parish service of Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity (10 am). **Shawn Branch** has indicated willingness to be chosen as chair.

Volunteers are needed to put their name forward for various parish offices, especially **warden (2), vestry (6) and vestry clerk.** We need all generations represented in the parish corporation.

**Parish Prayer Time** resumes Monday (19 February) at St John's, 6:30.

**Lenten book study** The parish Lenten book study will be based on *Lent with the Beloved Disciple*: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/ca/lent-with-the-beloved-disciple-9781399404907/> It gives a bird's-eye view of Jesus's final days through the lens of the gospel of John, the disciple who stayed by Jesus from Last Supper to Crucifixion. Contact Bonnie or Cindy for the book. The group meets on **Tuesdays at 10:30 in the Library of the Parish Centre.** The first session (**Tuesday 20 Feb**) will look at the book's prologue and chapter 1.

**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](#)

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.

Again this year **Cheryl Jacobs, Bishop Edwards** and a Synod Office crew will be walking in the **Coldest Night of the Year** fundraiser (Saturday 24 February). It is in support of the **John Howard Society's** work with ex-offenders. See [PLEASE SPONSOR Anglican Energy \(e2rm.com\)](#)

#### ***RICHMOND NEXT SUNDAY***

- Pariah service of Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (10 am)
- Richmond Annual Meeting at **Holy Trinity** (11 am)