RICHMOND E-NEWS

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"Not only with our lips but in our lives"

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SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK (1-7 SEPT)

- On Sunday, Parish Communion at **St John's (9 am)**; Morning Prayer at **Christ Church** (11 am)
- On Wednesday, evening worship 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: Alice, Allen, Betty, Cecil, Christine, Cole, Connie, Debbie, Doris, Frankie, George, Græme, Helen, Ivan, Joyce, Lawrence, Lynn, Melba, Michelle, Murray, Nadine, Nicole, Peggy, Phyllis, Ronald, Shawn, Sheldon, Shelley, Shirley, 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/

Kindly remember the Food Bank when you shop.

This coming week's birthday: Connie Lutwick

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

Later this very morning (Thursday 29 August), the **Do Drop Inn** social morning will be open again at the Parish Centre, 10-noon.

This coming Sunday (1 September), public worship in the parish will be at **St John's**, 9 am. Canon Walter Williams will officiate.

The fall's **Talking Tuesday** initiative runs at both St Luke's hall (evenings) and the Richmond Parish Centre (afternoons) from 3 September onwards. A leaflet with details of the first nine sessions is at the back of each church. Anyone in our broader communities is welcome.

• Session 1, this coming Tuesday (3 Sept), looks at Death - the elephant in the room -- What happens when we die? Talking about death won't kill us but we don't do that - do we? How do we begin the conversation in a safe space, especially as Christians? In this session no question is barred and we may explore freely the physical, practical and the spiritual dimensions of death in safety. We will be able to ask questions of a funeral director, lawyers and priest and, through audio-visual presentations, understand what end-of-life care and Dying with Dignity might look like. After care is available for anyone wanting follow-up chats.

On Saturday 14 September, **Rob and Becky**, **missionaries on leave from their work with prisoners in the Philippines**, will offer a slide presentation on their ministry. Woodstock's Filipino Worship Band will lead the music. The presentation is at **St John's**, 7 pm. There will be an opportunity for a free will offering to help with their ministry. They return to the Philippines in January.

Beginning in September, the **Atlantic School of Theology** offers several encouraging internet-based offerings. Instructors are first rate. Parishioners who have taken these courses rate them as memorable.

- Look especially at the course around eight everyday challenges of modern discipleship: <u>The Atlantic School of Discipleship at AST |</u> <u>Atlantic School of Theology (astheology.ns.ca)</u>
- Note also the AST course on themes and variations in the history of Anglicanism offered by the distinguished rector of St Paul's Halifax: Roots and Branches: Anglican Tickets, Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite

The **Compassion Fund**'s ministry to purchase backpacks for children in need continues for the approaching school year. Congregants are invited to supply the materials to fill them -- **notebooks/scribblers**, **pens/pencils**, **coloured pencils/markers**, **highlighters**, **pencil cases**, **erasers**, **rulers**,

glue sticks, binders, water bottles and anything else that students might need.

The familiar blue **Seafarers' Mission boxes** are appearing in our churches. They solicit donations for seafarers from distant parts who arrive at the **port of Saint John**. Donations are *unwrapped*. With each box is a list of suggestions, such as toiletries, warm items (esp gloves, scarves), playing cards, game books, individually-wrapped candy, and all such. Financial donations are also accepted. Bev from the Mission is amazed each year that our landlocked parish supports this **outreach to welcome strangers** to NB.

Camp Medley is opening a campaign to build a much-needed new swimming pool. The current one is decades past its projected life. The camp is looking for 100 Anglicans able to pledge \$100 a month to the project across the next two years. Presumably this would cover the cost of technical planning. John Galbraith, Medley's director, is an impressive enthusiast. See the story and the pledge form in this week's Diocesan e-News: https://nb.anglican.ca/news/new-pool-maintenance-facility-in-the-works-for-camp-medley

Perhaps you recognize the subject of this week's e-News photograph. The aesthetic of **Holy Trinity**'s vivid red/orange carpet with its subtle crosses had drawn mixed reviews over the years. By now it has the warm charm of familiarity, having adorned public worship for 50 years. All three mothers of the church involved in its selection have fallen asleep in Christ, but one of them (Florence Britton) left a record of that historic day half a century ago: 30 May 1974 -- "Warmer. This morning I went to the bank after Mr [Roy] Evans' call. In between times I removed 5 storm windows, washed laundry, and put screens in the three doors. This afternoon I went to Woodstock with Gladys Tracy and Edith [Giberson]. We ordered carpet for the church. I mowed the back lawn after dinner tonight. A beautiful day!". Thanks be to God.

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- On Wednesday, Celtic Communion at **St Mark's** (7 pm)