



# Jesus

*Luke 1:32*  
*He shall be great, and shall be called  
the Son of the Highest.*

## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2021**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am sure that I am not the only one who is marvelling at how another year has passed by. While the public health restrictions, vaccine appointments and debates may have, at times, made weeks seem longer than they were before—here we are. A year gone by and we are still talking about a virus that some speculated would be short-lived.

With everything going on in the world I feel that it is important to say thank you to the members of our parish for being so accommodating, adaptable and above all, for being so kind and loving. Not once did I have to debate with someone about the importance of public health measures or vaccine policies. You have all made this difficult time far easier to navigate through.

Our committees have been working diligently to plan for Christmas services however, as we learned last year, restrictions can change with very short notice and so we are not finalizing service details until much closer to Christmas. It is very important that you are signed up for our parish email list as this is the quickest and most effective way to reach everyone. If you are not yet signed up for our parish email communications please contact Margaret de Carvalho at [margaretdecarvalho@gmail.com](mailto:margaretdecarvalho@gmail.com) If email is not an option for you, and you would like to receive a phone call with updates, please call Rev. Brianna at 902-826-2154.

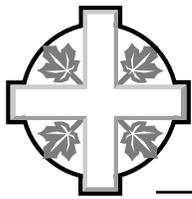
This year, as our traditional ways of celebrating Christmas continue to be affected by public health restrictions and guidelines, it is perhaps helpful if we take a few moments to remember the origins of our celebrations. We are not celebrating the family gatherings, staff parties, or Christmas concerts; we are celebrating the birth of Jesus, a man whose teachings, ministry, love and compassion would change how many live in the world. This year we celebrate Jesus' birth and the life of example he led by following in his path: caring for the sick and vulnerable, speaking up for those whose voices have been silenced, providing for those in need.

I pray that we all have opportunity to come together over Advent and Christmas in worship and in celebration but if not, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and that I look forward to the day when we can gather together.

In God's Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brianna Andrews". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rev. Brianna Andrews



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## PARISH NEWSLETTER • ADVENT 2021

SINCE ONGOING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO PLAN OUR CHURCH SERVICES MORE THAN A FEW WEEKS IN ADVANCE, WE CAN ONLY PROVIDE A TENTATIVE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE.

To receive the latest parish news, we suggest you join the Parish Email List—just email [margaretdecarvalho@gmail.com](mailto:margaretdecarvalho@gmail.com) and ask to be added. Each week you'll receive Rev. Brianna's *Notes from the Rectory*, the Sunday bulletin, and links for any upcoming events shared online via Zoom, as well as occasional notices of other parish events and programs.

You can also find the info on our website or, if you're not online, by phoning the rectory (902-826-2154).

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE\*

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 28

9 a.m. In-person BCP, St. Paul's / 11 a.m. In-person BAS, St. George's

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 5

9 a.m. In-person BAS, St. Margaret's / 11 a.m. In-person BCP & Zoom, St. James'

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 12

9 a.m. In-person BAS, St. Paul's / 11 a.m. In-person BCP, St. George's

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 19

9 a.m. In-person BCP, St. Margaret's / 11 a.m. In-person BAS & Zoom, St. James'

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE

4 p.m. In-person & Zoom – Family Service, St. James'

8 p.m. In-person – BCP Service, St. Margaret's

10 p.m. In-person & Zoom – BAS Service, St. Paul's

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY

10 a.m. In-person BCP Service, St. George's

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 • SCHEDULE YET TO BE DETERMINED

*\*PLEASE NOTE: All in-person services are subject to health restrictions, and CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY WILL REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION. Links for "Zoom" services will be posted on the parish website: [www.parishoffrenchvillage.ca](http://www.parishoffrenchvillage.ca) — as well as the pre-registration info, once finalized.*



The 2021 ADVENT CALENDAR will be posted to the parish website on the 1st Sunday of Advent (November 28). The theme for this year's calendar is 'Christmas Around the World'

### 2022 FRED MASON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the parish offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a post-secondary (university, community college, etc.) student. Applications must be received by January 31. More details are available on the parish website (just click on the Protocol tab) or call Denise at 902-826-1739.

**Parish Lobster / Ham Supper:** Our long-delayed takeout supper finally happened in September and was another huge success, with over 300 meals served! Thank you to those who helped with planning, food prep, and on the day, and to all parishioners and members of the community who purchased tickets. A profit of \$2644 was made, even though the price of lobster had risen since spring. **Your support is truly appreciated!**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SOUP SERVANTS** continue their monthly kitchen meetings to cook and distribute soup in our neighbourhoods "as an expression of friendship, love and caring." **For info or to sign up to help,** contact Janet: 902-826-2251 or Mary: 902-826-2847.

*If you, or a member of your family, have recently moved please contact Dorothy Dauphinee at 902-826-2305 or [d.dauphinee2009@gmail.com](mailto:d.dauphinee2009@gmail.com) to provide your current mailing address.*

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL PROGRAM - HELP US HELP OTHERS, WHILE REMEMBERING THOSE DEAR TO US!

This year we are once again supporting 2 charities:

• **PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND:** As in the past we have chosen a PWRDF program for half the funds raised. The program funds Indigenous groups working in the areas of Community Health, Climate Action, Empowering Youth and Safe Water. For more information visit <https://pwrdf.org/world-of-gifts>

• **SHELTER NOVA SCOTIA:** In addition we will be directing half the funds raised to Shelter Nova Scotia. At this time when affordable housing is such a dominant issue this organization has a number of programs, including the Community Trustee program which focuses on supporting people struggling to stay in their homes. For more information visit [www.shelternovascotia.com](http://www.shelternovascotia.com)

**With a tax-deductible donation of \$10 or more, your memorials will be printed in the Christmas bulletin and listed on the parish website (deadline is noon on December 19). For more information or to submit your donation/memorial please contact the Parish Treasurer, Dorothy Dauphinee, at: [d.dauphinee2009@gmail.com](mailto:d.dauphinee2009@gmail.com) or 902-826-2305**

Donations can also be placed in the offering plate any Sunday, just include your name, phone number, and the dedication info. **CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO "ANGLICAN PARISH OF FRENCH VILLAGE - CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS".**

Sign up to receive daily Advent Reflections at: <https://pwrdf.org/advent2021>

### MISSION TO SEAFARERS' SHOEBOXES:

At this time of year we prepare shoeboxes containing a variety of items to be given to seafarers visiting our port at Christmas. Boxes are available at the back of each church with instructions for what is needed, and they can be returned there for pick up each Sunday. If you are unable to fill a box, how about donating some of the required items and/or cash and we will make up the box for you?

For more information contact Janet Champniss at 902-826-2251 or [towerns@eastlink.ca](mailto:towerns@eastlink.ca)

**FYI: Our Parish Easter Memorial Program** raised \$3000, shared between Souls Harbour Rescue Mission and the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia.

### GLOBAL DAY OF AWARENESS 2021

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Global Day is centred around the disturbing fact that **"1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced domestic or sexual abuse."** Every 6 days in Canada, a woman is killed by her partner or spouse.

Researchers tell us that cases of domestic violence have increased during the pandemic. There is more need than ever to join together and say "No More 1 in 3".

**What can you do?** You can help to shed light on the issue of domestic violence. You can show your support for people suffering in silence. You can join us in a Gender Based Violence Awareness Walk.

**On Saturday, November 27, please join us in a walk to Paula's Purple Bench on the Rails to Trails.** We will leave the Bike and Bean at 12:30 pm. At 1:00 pm we will have prayers followed by 3 minutes of silence at the bench. If walking is an issue, you may drive up the new Bowater Mersey Road and stop near the bench.



#### What Does a White Ribbon Mean?

*"I will never commit, condone, nor remain silent about violence against women and girls."*

*This pledge is made across Canada to coincide with the "16 Days of Activism to Eliminate Gender Based Violence", November 25 to December 10. A white ribbon is pinned to the lapel as an outward sign that gender-based violence, particularly against women and girls, has no place in society.*

*White Ribbon is the world's largest movement of men and boys working to end violence against women and girls, promote gender equity, healthy relationships and a new vision of masculinity.*

*The white ribbon also serves as a reminder to us that on December 6, 1989, 14 females, most of them engineering students, were killed while going to classes at the École Polytechnique in Montreal. Following this tragic event, the White Ribbon Campaign was started by men in Canada in 1991 to work towards ending men's violence against women. It has become one of the largest men's anti-violence programs in the world.*

*Ribbons will be available in church on November 28. Please wear the white ribbon for the 16 days to show your commitment to end all gender-based violence. We are encouraged to love our neighbours as ourselves. Where this is followed, there will be no place for violence against anyone, particularly women and girls.*