

## A BOX FOR SOCKS

The cold weather has arrived. Brrrrr!

For those living "rough" it is a challenge to stay warm.

Our parish is having a "warm sock" campaign for those in need.

"A Box for Socks" will be present at every church service starting on November 30<sup>th</sup> until January 4th.

New socks only please.

Contact Louise Christie 902-225-0832 with questions.

Thanks for your support.

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## NOVA SCOTIA PROPERTY TAX REBATE FOR SENIORS

Applications are now being accepted for this program. It provides a 50% rebate of residential municipal property taxes paid for 2024, for those receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), up to a maximum rebate of \$800.

Applications can be downloaded from:

[www.novascotia.ca/ptrs](http://www.novascotia.ca/ptrs) and must be mailed or dropped off at Access Nova Scotia by Dec. 31, 2025.

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## YOUTH PROGRAMS ARE BACK!

We are excited to announce the launch of a new youth program for our parish. There is something for everyone with 3 different programs beginning in October. Mark your calendars, spread the word and invite your friends. **Anglican Church Sunday Youth Programs** will be held during our 10:00 a.m. Sunday services.

- **High School Students** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month @ St. Margaret's Church, 36 St. Margaret's Cres., Tantallon
  - **Elementary School Students** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month @ St. James Church, 6991 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Boutilier's Point
  - **Junior High School Students** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month @ St. George's Church, 6310 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Head of St. Margaret's Bay
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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Wednesday, December 24 • Christmas Eve**

4 p.m. St. James' • Family Service with Eucharist

8 p.m. St. Margaret's • BAS Eucharist

10 p.m. St. Paul's • BCP Candlelight Eucharist

**Thursday, December 25 • Christmas Day**

10 a.m. St. George's • BCP Said Eucharist

## MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER PARTNER INVITE

You are invited to join the Mothers' Union members in their Prayer Partner Program. Prayer Partners (PP) will be kept secret throughout the year and will be revealed the following year. During the year, PPs are invited to send each other cards or notes on occasions such as birthdays, Christmas, Mothering Sunday etc. - always anonymously. If you are aware of something happening in your life, you might want to send them a quick note or card. Of course, the most important thing is to keep them in your prayers at all times. If you would like to participate in this program, please call:

**Debbie Boutilier** (902-497-0739) or email at [debbieboutilier@eastlink.ca](mailto:debbieboutilier@eastlink.ca)

or

**Linda Hills** (902-826-2546)

to give your name, address, birthday, anniversary, or any other significant dates. If you know of someone who would appreciate being included, but may not come to church, please pass this information along to them. Thank you!

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## MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The Mission to Seafarers is in desperate need of clothing to distribute to the men and women who arrive in port ill-prepared for our climate. Please consider donating your clean used clothing which you are no longer wearing. Sizes small and medium are most desired. Please bring to a church service or contact Mary 902-826-2847 for pickup. Thank you

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## MUSIQUE ROYALE

**Presents a "Yuletide Ceremony of Midwinter"**

Thursday, 18 December, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Church

\$26.25 in advance / \$30 at the door, youths free

Purchase your tickets at:

<https://musiqueroyale.com/event/2025/2025-12-18-yuletide/>

Janelle Lucyk (soprano, violin), Kerry Bursey (tenor, lutenist), and guest artists invite you to delve into the historical roots of Yule for a wintertime immersion into early song and folk dance music from around the world. Celebrating the ancient magic of midwinter, the concert weaves together the threads of Yuletide traditions and ancient customs and symbols still present in beloved Christmas carols.

## SHARING AT CHRISTMAS

At this time of year our minds turn to how we can help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The following are some of the programs in which our parish is involved. Look through and see if there's one that you'd like to help:

- **HELPING HANDS FUND**
- **THE CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL PROGRAM**

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### HELPING HANDS FUND

Throughout the year Archdeacon Brianna frequently receives requests from families in need, including 'back to school' season, during cold weather and in emergency situations. These requests often increase around Christmas as parents attempt to provide a joy-filled Christmas for their children.

Archdeacon Brianna has been pleased to offer assistance to many who are in need and she is able to do this using our "Helping Hands Fund".

So far this year over \$2100 has been given out, leaving a balance of about \$1150. Because of rising heating costs it is expected that there will be an even greater demand this winter (when needed, funds are paid directly to the oil company or NS Power).

If you are in a position to make a tax-deductible donation to this fund you are encouraged to do so either by designating an offering on Sunday morning or by contacting our Parish Treasurer Dorothy Dauphinee, 902-826-2305 directly.

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### CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

As in previous years, there are two Christmas projects. Your donations are much appreciated; however, in past years there was some confusion regarding which project donors were supporting.

Donations made as Christmas Offerings go to the support of the parish and the churches and should be placed in the Christmas Offering envelope included with this newsletter.

Donations made for the Christmas Memorial program to remember/celebrate friends and family go to Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF) for the Kenyan Well project and should be placed in an envelope labelled Christmas Memorial.

To ensure donations go to the intended place, it is important that the correct envelope is used. We appreciate your help with this.

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Help us help others, while remembering those dear to us! Through Alongside Hope ([www.alongsidehope.org](http://www.alongsidehope.org)), the Utooni Development Organization (UDO) in Kenya builds shallow wells using sand dams to clean the water. A solar-powered pump lets the sun do the hard work! Total cost of one well is \$3000.

More information on this project is at:

[www.utoonidevelopment.org/water-projects/](http://www.utoonidevelopment.org/water-projects/)

With a tax-deductible donation of \$10 or more, your memorial will be printed in the Christmas bulletin and listed on the parish website (**deadline is noon today, Sunday, December 14**).

For more information, please contact the Parish Treasurer, Dorothy Dauphinee, at 902-826-2305.

E-transfers should be sent to:

[treasurer@parishoffrenchvillage.ca](mailto:treasurer@parishoffrenchvillage.ca)

Donations can also be placed in the offering plate any Sunday.

Cheques should be payable to:

**"Anglican Parish of French Village – Christmas Memorial"**

Always remember to include your name, phone number, and the dedication information!

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## ADVENT 1 EVENING AT ST. JAMES'

