

## Share the Spirit; Spread the Word December 4, 2018

**Please Note:** We would like to include the times of the Christmas services for all of the churches in the deanery in the list posted on the St Francis Deanery website. <https://deaneryofstfrancis.com/calendar/> Could those churches which are not members of the Regional Ministry please send me the time of your Carol and Christmas services (Church of the Advent Sherbrooke, St George's Georgeville, St John's Waterville (already submitted), All Saints Hereford, Christ Church Stanstead) The churches which are members of the St Francis Regional Ministry are already included.

**Mental Health Estrie (MHE)** has launched its annual campaign: Walk in my Shoes: Hugs for the Homeless Campaign.. HUGS stands for Hats, Underwear, Gloves (and Mittens), and Socks and scarves. Every year MHE campaigns to receive new clothing items and toiletries for the homeless shelter in Sherbrooke (Accueil Poirier). All donations can be dropped off in a red bin at the Mental Health Estrie office at 257 Queen, Suite 900 in the Lennoxville Borough of Sherbrooke. For more info regarding this year's needs call: 819 565- 3777 or e-mail [mhe.info@bellnet.ca](mailto:mhe.info@bellnet.ca)

### **St John's Church, Waterville**

From now until Christmas the youth of St. John's Church will be collecting pop bottles and cans. If you have any and want to help, please contact the Rev. Ruth Charleau on Facebook or call 819-437-631 and arrangements will be made to pick them up by one of the youths. They will decide where the money will go and keep you all posted.

### **Saturday, December 8, 4:00pm**

Christmas Service, Church of the Epiphany, Way's Mills. All are invited to attend the annual Christmas Service on Saturday, December 8 at 4:00 pm. The church will be lit with the original gas lights. A reception and refreshments will follow in the Community Centre.

### **Carol Services – December 8 & 9**

The St. Mark's Chapel Choir hosts their annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Saturday, Dec 8 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, Dec 9 at 4:00 pm. Mark your calendars to attend one of these special, candlelit services. This year's services will feature mainly traditional anthems and carols – no better way to usher in the Christmas season! A freewill offering will be collected for local charities. Parking on campus is free on weekends. See attached poster.

### **Christmas Concert - St Anne, Richmond**

All are warmly invited to attend a Christmas concert presented by concert pianist Natalya Labiau and her students on Sunday, December 9th at 2:00 pm at St Anne's Church. Young musicians will perform works for solo piano and piano duets (accompanied by Mrs Labiau), written by composers of the 19th and 20th Centuries. This concert is free for those 12 and under, \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students.

***Monday, December 10, 4:00 pm***

If anyone is interested in Christmas Carolling around the village of Ayer's Cliff you will be welcome to join us. We will meet at Place Sanborn around 4:00 to sing to the Residents there and then travel a short route to a few shut ins' houses. After this we gather at the home of Liz Schoolcraft's for a Pot Luck Supper so bring along your favorite dish! Contact Rev. Barb Wintle if more info is needed at 819-838-4952

***Saturday, December 15, 4:00 pm***

Ecumenical Candle Light Service with an organ recital by Jocelyn Doucet, at l'Église St-Patrice, 115 Merry N., Magog. You are invited to sing along with members of the Anglican Pastoral Community of Magog (formerly the Parish of St. Luke) and l'Église St-Patrice at their annual Ecumenical Candle Light Service.

***Sunday, December 16, 4:00 pm.***

St George, Lennoxville - Ecumenical Advent Service. All are welcome to a gathering of Lennoxville and area churches to celebrate the season of Advent. Come, and bring your singing voice.

***Sunday, December 16, 7:30 am***

Annual Christmas Carol Service at the Moe's River Church with the Rev. Barb Wintle as guest speaker.

***December 24th, 2018, 9:30 a.m.***

St. John's, Waterville - Christmas Eve Service