



Parish of St. Peter's Anglican Church,
Hackett's Cove, Nova Scotia
Serving the Churches of
St. John's, 8 Church Road, Peggy's Cove,
St. Andrew's, 8575 Peggy's Cove Road, Indian Harbour,
and St. Peter's, 10030 Peggy's Cove Road, Hackett's Cove

Service Schedule Winter 2021

24 December	Christmas Eve	St. Andrew's St. Peter's	BAS HC BAS HC	04:30 07:00
25 December	Christmas Day	St. John's (Virtual)	BAS HC	10:30
27 December	First Sunday after Christmas	St. Andrew's (Combined)	BCP HC	10:30
3 January	Second Sunday after Christmas	St. Andrew's St. Peter's	BAS HC	09:00 10:30
10 January	The Baptism of Our Lord	St. Peter's (Combined)	BAS HC	10:30
17 January	Second Sunday after The Epiphany	St. Peter's St. Andrew's	BCP HC BCP HC	09:00 10:30
24 January	Third Sunday after The Epiphany	St. Peter's (Combined)	BAS HC	10:30
31 January	Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany	St. Peter's St. Andrew's	BAS HC BAS HC	09:00 10:30
7 February	Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany	St. Andrew's St. Peter's	BAS HC BAS HC	09:00 10:30
14 February	Last Sunday after The Epiphany	St. Peter's (Combined)	BAS HC	10:30
17 February	Ash Wednesday	St. Peter's	BCP HC	7:00pm
21 February	First Sunday in Lent	St. Peter's (Combined)	BAS HC	10:30
28 February	Second Sunday in Lent	St. Andrew's St. Peter's	BCP HC BCP HC	09:00 10:30
7 th March	Third Sunday in Lent	St. Peter's (Combined)	BAS HC	10:30
14 th March	Fourth Sunday in Lent	St. Peter's St. Andrew's	BAS HC BAS HC	09:00 10:30
21 st March	Fifth Sunday in Lent	St. Peter's (Combined)	BAS HC	10:30
28 th March	Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday	St. Andrew's St. Peter's	BCP MP BAS HC	09:00 10:30
1st April	Maundy Thursday	St. Peter's	BAS HC	7 PM
2 nd April	Good Friday	St. Andrew's	BAS MP	10:30
4 th April	Easter Sunday	St. Andrew's St. Peter's	BAS HC BAS HC	09:00 10:30
11 th April	Second Sunday of Easter	St. Peter's St. Andrew's	BCP HC BAS HC	09:00 10:30
18 th April	Third Sunday of Easter	St. Peter's (Combined)	BAS HC	10:30
Meeting Dates	January 10, 2021 – Financial Committee meeting			TBA
	January 17, 2021 – St. Andrew's Church Annual meeting			TBA
	January 24, 2021 – St. Peter's Church Annual meeting			TBA
	February 21, 2021 – St. Peter's Parish Annual meeting with storm date of February 28			TBA

NB: This schedule is subject to our being permitted to resume public worship by January.

Parish News Highlights from Rev'd Taunya

We have kept active, in spite of, the limitations of the pandemic. Members of St. Andrew's have lovingly restored their sanctuary window. St. Peter's Church gazebo was painted by Virginia Tucker in the summer and decorated by Wes Richardson and Timothy Oakes last week. The highlight of our return to in-person worship this fall was being able to recognize the great contributions of volunteers Mike Cooper and Anne Boutilier. One of my greatest delights was recently meeting with some local children who like to scooter in our parking lot. They surprised me by chalking some lovely messages on the pavement near the church. I arrived one day to find "Don't give up hope!" and "the best Church ever"! While I hope and pray that we can return to worship soon, I think we should take these messages to heart. "...And a little child will lead them" (Isaiah 11:6)



Advent/Christmas Newsletter 2020

Dear Friends in Christ:

I am writing this letter to you on the morning of the first Sunday in Advent, when we celebrate the Hope that Christ's imminent Incarnation offers us. Over the coming weeks, we will celebrate Peace, Joy, and Love, before we celebrate the miraculous birth of the infant Jesus.

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us. I was only with you for worship as your Priest -in-Charge for eight weeks, when we first had to close our church doors due to COVID-19. Thereafter, we rapidly learned how to use technology to reach out to each other, during our weeks and months apart. We reopened our doors on Sunday, September 20th, only to have to close them for worship again just at the start of the Advent season!

We still hope to reopen by Sunday, December 13th. Hope and faith in the life of Christ have helped us to endure these challenging times when we've been away from our sacred worship spaces and fellowship. We have continued to hold each other in prayer and have reached out in many different ways. In our Parish, faithful volunteers delivered groceries and medical supplies to those unable to leave their homes. This continued pandemic is challenging us all to rethink how we worship and build the Kingdom! The Holy Spirit continues to move in this Parish despite these challenges. The Sanctuary at St. Andrew's has been lovingly restored. The East Window is now illuminated - and looking beautiful. The Gazebo at St Peter's was freshly painted and equipped with new chairs, offering us a safe place to pray and gather, at least in warmer weather.

And so, we light the first candle in our Advent wreaths and begin our journey to Christmas Day to rejoice in the birth of our Saviour. We will light four coloured candles in the darkness as we wait to light the white candle – the candle of the new-born Christ. We will celebrate that God gave his only begotten son – the Divine became incarnate on Christmas Day, in a stable in Bethlehem.

All of our Christmases should be like that first one! The world didn't know what a gift the Virgin Mary was carrying for humanity. Let us be thankful for Mary being willing to say "yes" to God. In the first lines of the *Magnificat*, we hear Mary's open heart: "... My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden."

The first Advent candle that we light this season is the candle of Hope. It is Hope that will see us through these shorter, darker days. So, as we journey together during the Advent weeks, may the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love prepare our hearts for Christmas. In this Advent season, our Church is a metaphor of the stable where Christ, sent down to live among us, was made incarnate.

Advent & Christmas blessings to all of you. Our spiritual home is in more than just our buildings; it is that sacred space within each of us, where we can all offer our love to God. Whether our churches are open or online, we will gather our hearts to be one in Christ. And, while our church doors are closed, we will look with hope for when they will be reopened.

I encourage you all to read our weekly bulletins, found on our website at [www. https://www.parishofstpeters.ca/](https://www.parishofstpeters.ca/), for updates on Parish events. I also invite you to join our Facebook group: **St. Peter's Hackett's Cove Virtual Anglican Church**.

Thank you all for everything that you continue to do and all best wishes for a blessed Christmas season and a joyous New Year.

+ Rev. Taunya Dawson
Priest-In-Charge
St. Peter's Parish