



# World AIDS Day December 1st

The **Red Scarf Campaign** recognizes World AIDS Day as a time when we reflect on the impact of AIDS not only in our communities but around the world. Although many treatment advances have taken place and HIV infection is no longer the death sentence it once was, there is still tremendous stigma and fear regarding this disease. Vulnerable populations are often the marginalized and stigmatized, preventing people from testing and seeking effective treatment.

On World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, red scarves, with an educational message attached, are tied around lamp posts and trees throughout many towns and cities. Then, on a cold December day, anyone who needs a scarf can take a scarf and incidentally, learn a bit about HIV infection.

Since 2017 St. Andrew's congregation in Grafton has supported the **Red Scarf Campaign** by knitting scarves and hanging them in the main thoroughfare of the town. This year, we are hoping to involve the wider Grafton Community, as an outreach project, and are inviting anyone in Grafton who wants to knit a scarf or two to join us in this project. If we get a good response we will be able to blanket Grafton with red scarves.