

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
EXTENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 2, 2023

This Week - Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday!! “First Sunday” Service at 10am with Pop Up Choir, Palms, and Donkeys

Start Holy Week with us! We will have an 8am Rite I and 10am “First Sunday” Service (which is interactive and accessible to all ages) with a Pop Up Choir, a passion play, and donkeys on the great lawn. Palms will be blessed and distributed at both services. If you want to spend a little time petting the donkeys, please arrive at 9:30am. *Both services will begin outside*, rain or shine. If you want to join the Pop Up Choir, please come at 9am to practice the anthem. Our nursery is also open from 9:30 - 11:30am every Sunday for infants through age 5. Children of all ages are also always welcome in church!!

Episcopal 101 This Sunday after 10am Service

Rev. Pamela will lead the class on the topic of Worship. All are welcome! **You don’t have to be a newcomer to take part.** *If you want to be confirmed, received, or baptized* when the Bishop is here in April, this is your opportunity to be prepared for those milestones. You must also talk with Rev. Pamela to let her know of your intentions. Future class topics include Sacraments, Worship, and Scripture.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Martin’s

Join us during this holy week! For more details, see: <https://churchofstmartin.org>.

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Labyrinth Walk, Wednesday, April 5: Guided evening labyrinth walk at 8pm. Enjoy a contemplative experience by candlelight as we enter the heart of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday, April 6: Holy Eucharist at 7pm with optional foot washing. This service will include music by the choir, the stripping of the altar, and will end in silence and darkness.

Good Friday, April 7: 12 – 3pm: Way of the Cross self-guided prayer walk; 3pm Stations of the Cross inside the church with an optional veneration of the cross; 8:30pm Compline (online only) with Good Friday prayers.

Holy Saturday, April 8, 11am - 12pm: Spirituality in Nature Gathering (SING). Join us for one hour of prayer and reflection on God's good creation and what it has to teach us about loss and the hope of resurrection. We'll experience an “Ecological Stations of the Cross” together. In the narthex and meditation garden.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8: Easter Vigil and Holy Eucharist at 8pm. This service is the heart of the liturgical year and is one of the most ancient and important traditions in the Church. We begin with the lighting of the New Fire and process through darkness into the light of Easter. Dramatic readings, beautiful music, and baptisms will move us through the story of salvation. This is truly a night not to be missed, and the perfect beginning of the Easter season.

Easter Sunday, April 9: Festive Choral Holy Eucharist at both services, 8am and 10am. **The 10am service will be followed by brunch, an Easter Egg hunt, and kid-friendly egg dyeing.**

Fun Activities for All Ages and Fellowship after 10am Service on Easter Day

The Easter Egg hunt is back! Following the 10:00 am service, we'll gather outside for the traditional St. Martin's Egg Hunt for children through 6th grade. Bring your baskets, invite your friends, all are welcome. After the hunt, we'll enjoy a church brunch along with some kid-friendly egg dyeing. If you can, bring your own hard boiled eggs in their shells; we will provide all the coloring items.

Living Well Through Lent Discussion Group – One Class Left on April 5

Living Compass is offering its Lenten reflection series, *Living Well Through Lent*, with a focus this year on compassion. Helen Campbell is facilitating a discussion group on Wednesdays during Lent from 10:30am to approximately 11:30 via Zoom. It is a drop-in class, so no problem if you haven't attended before. The last class is on April 5.

Zoom link to attend the discussions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81109316578?pwd=YWlkV3BvV1pZa29Ka210SzNITTdDQTo9>

Passcode: Lent Meeting ID: 811 0931 6578

Living Compass Living Well Through Lent booklets are available in the narthex OR you can get a PDF version at <https://tinyurl.com/LivingCompass>

Easter Plate Offering - Stay Tuned

All "plate" donations given to St. Martin's at any of our Easter services will be given away to an organization that helps those in need and is in alignment with the values of the Episcopal Church and St. Martin's. A committee of a Vestry member, a Social Justice & Outreach member, and a parishioner at large will choose where the Easter offering goes, based on your nominations submitted recently. Once we know the organization, and if you would like to donate toward the Easter plate offering, you can do so using the blue GIVE button at the top of our website or you can write a check to the Episcopal Church of St. Martin with memo line "Easter Offering," and mail us the check or drop it in the plate at any of the Easter services.

Last Call for Easter Flower Donations - Let Us Know by Monday, April 3

We are accepting Easter flower donations in memory of or thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to donate toward the Easter flowers, you can do so using the blue GIVE button at the top of our website or you can write a check to the Episcopal Church of St. Martin with memo line "Easter Flowers." Make sure you send your memories or thanksgivings to the office as we will print them in the Easter bulletins.

Volunteers Needed for Good Friday Outdoor Prayer Walk, 12 - 3pm

Could you lend a hand on Good Friday? We are having an outdoor Prayer Walk from 12pm to 3pm, on Good Friday, April 7. We still need a few volunteers to help with take down (3-4pm) or serving as a docent (12-1pm, 1-2pm or 2-3pm). Please let Joan Cavanagh or the church office know if you can assist.

New and Noteworthy

Celebrate the Completion of Paul's Place! Wednesday, April 19, 5 - 6:30pm

Join Davis Community Meals and Housing for heavy appetizers to celebrate the completion of Paul's Place, which provides emergency, transitional and permanent housing plus a resource center for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The program will include a brief report from Bill Pride on how the community's financial support is transforming lives. Senator Bill Dodd and other special guests will be in attendance. Location of Event: University Park Inn and Suites, 1111 Richards Blvd. in Davis. No charge for this event.

Earth Day is April 22! Kick Off your Earth Day 2023 Celebration

The Church of the Incarnation, Santa Rosa, and the Diocesan Commission for the Environment are excited to invite you to a screening of the documentary film *The Ants & the Grasshopper* on **Wednesday evening, April 19**. The film will be screened in-person at The Church of the Incarnation in Santa Rosa, and simultaneously broadcast over Zoom. We hope you'll watch with us! Please RSVP for the in-person event in Santa Rosa by letting the office know you are going.

Below is the Zoom information to participate online (no reservations needed):

The Ants and the Grasshopper Screening

Apr 19, 2023 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81516563752?pwd=WTQ3WW91QzFGRUUvRWc1TlZqOUNrUT0>

9 Meeting ID: 815 1656 3752 Passcode: 719100 Or dial in: +1 669 444 9171 US

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kb9EcQkofY>

Join us for an All-Parish Conversation on Sunday, April 23

The Vestry of St. Martin's invites you to a conversation about our budget, our ministry priorities, and how they are related. We'll begin with a presentation during both services on Sunday, April 23, followed by a conversation after the 10 o'clock service. The second conversation will take place on Sunday, May 21. Please mark your calendars and be part of this important conversation.

Grounding Our Bodies, Grounding Our Souls: A Day in the Garden with Pamela Dolan

The Bread of Life Center in Sacramento is offering a workshop on Saturday, April 29, with Rev. Pamela, based on her book *Contemplative Gardening*. For more information and to register, please go to www.breadoflife.org and look for "Contemplative Gardening" in their programs list. Or you can call the center at (916) 648-1803 or contact Rev. Pamela for more information. The event will take place at Table Farm at 23rd Street & Anita Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95822.

More Opportunities to Connect, Reconnect, and Learn Together

Sign Ups Open for "A Place at the Table"

Would you like to meet new people at St. Martins or get to know people better? Consider signing up for our fellowship program, "A Place at The Table." You will be placed in a small fellowship group (we are aiming for 6 - 8 people per group) that will meet monthly for a simple meal or coffee. When and where will be up to the group. Please sign up in person on Sunday after church in person or at this link: <https://forms.gle/U5nU1ZfLF6JSfCxZ7> For questions, contact communications@churchofstmartin.org. The program will start after Easter with groups meeting for about 6 months or so. All are welcome!!

Peace and Justice Film Discussion, Wednesday, April 26

In collaboration with Church of the Messiah in Santa Ana, you are invited to a Peace and Justice film discussion every 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:00 - 8:00p on Zoom. Watch the movie first on Netflix and then come to a discussion led by John Liu, Sociologist, and Biff Baker, Russian Studies. (St. Martin and Messiah parishioners). (Meeting ID: 892 6042 5215; Passcode: 878846). The April 26 movie will be [Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America](#) (Emily Kunstler, Sarah Kunstler; 2022: 117 min.), Watch the movie on Netflix before coming to the Zoom discussion. Join the Zoom meeting here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89260425215?pwd=YzJGU3ZjTWRZMDdtNXlIQQ1FLQWdGUT09>

Bishop Megan Traquair at St. Martin's on Sunday, April 30

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California, will be at St. Martin's on Sunday, April 30. This is your opportunity to be **confirmed, received, or baptized** by the Bishop, as visitations occur only every couple of years. You do have to attend preparatory sessions in advance of any of these sacramental rites; please contact Rev. Pamela for more information and to let her know of your intentions.

Congregational Leadership Conferences Offered by the Diocese, Saturdays 10am – 2pm

WordFest! – Psalms: Lament, Listen, Laugh: Lay Reader Training, May 6 on Zoom only. \$10

Stewardship for All: June 3 on Zoom only. \$10

Disaster Readiness Expo: St. John's, Roseville, September 16, \$25 (includes lunch)

For registration: <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/congregational-leadership-conferences/>

Help Needed

Every Person.....Every Week.....One Item of Food

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee reminds you of our long-standing program at St. Martin's to help three local food closets on a rotating basis: STEAC (located on our campus), Dixon Family Services and the UC Davis Pantry. We ask that you do everything possible to bring a non-perishable food item each week when you come to church. The collection basket is located in the narthex. Your donations are especially needed this year and are greatly appreciated!

Invite-Welcome-Connect Needs Your Help!

The Invite-Welcome-Connect program at St. Martin's focuses on making sure the community knows that, indeed, all are welcome. IWC is looking for a few souls who want to build up a stronger sense of community in our parish, both inside and outside our church walls. In the past year, Invite-Welcome-Connect activities have included relaunching coffee hour, creating pew cards, organizing several special events including two newcomer brunches, and hosting a St. Martin's table at the Davis Farmers' Market. If you enjoy meeting new people and planning fun community building events, please contact Colette Chabbott (information in church directory) or the church office to learn more about Invite-Welcome-Connect. The commitment is not enormous, but fun will be had!

A Spring Cleaning Opportunity: Forbes Ranch Seeking Outdoor Furniture and Tools

Want to declutter your stuff? Have something that's too good to throw away but you no longer need? The Ranch is very rustic and could use some used benches, chairs, and tables for outdoor seating as well as for inside the barn. Have good folding chairs? We can use them. For our soil restoration work, we need donations of push brooms, brooms, shovels, digging forks, rakes, hand trucks, and wheelbarrows. We won't turn down saws and pruners of any type if they still cut well. Have ladders? We'll take them. Together, let's make the ranch a place we can all enjoy. Please contact the church office if you have items to donate and you will be referred to Ann Liu regarding how to get the items to the Ranch.

We Need Your Help with Coffee Hour Hospitality!!

Do you enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship during coffee hour after the 10am service? Could you help host coffee hour? You can sign up on SignUp Genius for the date(s) you wish to host: <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/SundayVolunteers>. Tables will be put up for you in advance. We have 3 different sign-up slots for volunteers a) Make coffee and put items out on the coffee and snack tables starting at 9 or 9:15am; b) Bring snacks; c) Clean up after coffee hour (starting about 11:45am). Let's continue to have a great coffee hour, with everyone's help! To talk over what this ministry involves, contact Maria Acuna-Feldman (Hospitality Chair), Francis David (Life in Community Chair) or the church office.

Readers, Ushers, EMs, Crucifers

We need an array of liturgical ministers every Sunday for worship at both the 8am and 10am services. We have a sign-up system for volunteers that allows you to pick the days and ministries in which you would like to volunteer. Here is the link: <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/SundayVolunteers>

Grace Garden Seeking Volunteers

Grace Garden grows food for the hungry and is seeking volunteers. Coming from many backgrounds and abilities, we embrace all people equally with compassion. Anyone in need can take home food directly from the garden. Anyone seeking rest or spirituality in nature can find a place. If you are drawn to community service, come be a steward of God's Creation. We meet in the backlot of Davis United Methodist Church on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 9:00-11:00 AM to harvest, prune, weed, sheet mulch, and turn compost. Address: 1620 Anderson in Davis. For more information: <https://sites.google.com/site/gracegardendavis?pli=1>

A Note about Our Offering

St. Martin's is supported entirely by the financial gifts of our members and friends. We are grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings. Ushers pass collection plates on Sundays during church (where you may place cash or a check written to The Episcopal Church of St. Martin). You can also mail us a check or give online by using the blue GIVE button on our website www.churchofstmartin.org. Thank you!

Staying Connected with Each Other

Encouraging All to Wear Name Tags

Now that we have returned to church in person in larger numbers and since many joined us during the pandemic lock-down, we hope all will wear name tags so that we can learn each

other's names. If you need a name tag (new or replacement), just put your name on the list on the welcome table at church. Your new name tag will be available the following Sunday.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Choir Practice: Thursday, April 13 at 7pm (in the church)

Ministry Council: Tuesday, April 18 at 6pm (in the church library)

Vestry: Tuesday, April 25 at 7pm (in the church library)

Social Justice & Outreach: Tuesday, April 25 at 7pm (on Zoom)

Buildings and Grounds: April 28 at 4pm (on Zoom)

Rector's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours most Wednesdays, but is also available at other times too. **Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, April 5 from 4pm - 5pm.** If you would like to meet with Pamela at a different time, just email her (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

Parish Prayer List Requests

Do you have a prayer request? Please know that people you have placed on the Parish Prayer List are being prayed for. Please see the information on our website about how to make a prayer request (i.e., to have someone put on our written prayer list). You will also find other useful information, such as how long we keep people on the prayer list. [HERE](#) is the link (scroll down to the section that says "Do you have a prayer request?").

Church Office Hours

We are open in person Monday-Friday **9am to 12pm**. You can also reach the office by calling us at 530-756-0444 or sending an email to info@churchofstmartin.org.

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 10 in observance of an Easter Holiday.