

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 14, 2024

This Week

Music Notes for January 14

Ralph Vaughan Williams' anthem "O Taste and See" was commissioned for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, where it served as a Communion Anthem; it was also sung at her funeral. In a short space of time, this little anthem offers serene and simple assurance, while at the same time hinting at an underlying yearning. Composed in two short sections, each is introduced by a short, childlike melody in the treble voices. Vaughan Williams' music is often compared to the southern English countryside he loved so well, with its lapped hills and undulating vistas; "O Taste and See," is a good example of this pastoral style. The text is taken from Psalm 34. The anthem was chosen for our service today because it encourages us to accept Jesus's invitation to his disciples when he said, "Follow me."

Nursery Open on Sundays

Our nursery is open on Sundays for infants through age 5 from 9:30 to 11:30am. Children of all ages are also always welcome in church.

Godly Play Schedule

Godly Play meets three times a month – the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays – during the 10am service. During January, it will meet on January 14, 21, and 28.

Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 8:30am

Rev. Pamela and others lead Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 8:30am in the Narthex. Meet in the narthex to begin your day with this 25-minute service. All are welcome. Next Morning Prayer: January 17 at 8:30am.

Update on the Stained-Glass Window in the Church

You may have noticed signs of maintenance work being done on the ceiling stained-glass window in the church, including the scaffolding around the altar area that went up this week. The scaffolding will allow the glass maintenance specialists to work below the window as well as above in the cavity where the window sits. The damaged panel of glass, which will be used to determine what maintenance the entire window needs, will be removed on January 30. For a full update on the repairs and upgrades being done on the window, see [HERE](#). We also have copies of this update in the narthex. Please see the letter and if you have questions, reach out to Rev. Pamela, Jr. Warden Beth Capell, or Janet Lane or Pierre Neu from Buildings and Grounds.

Next Week

Sacred Ground Circle at St. Martin's - Begins January 21

Sacred Ground is a film-and-readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith, created by The Episcopal Church. St. Martin's new Sacred Ground circle will start meeting on January 21, 2024, with biweekly in-person sessions on Sunday afternoons through mid-June. The series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings. Want to know more? Talk to co-facilitators Carole Hom or Kimo Kimokeo.

Other Announcements and Updates

Prayer Trees in the Narthex

In the narthex, you may have noticed two prayer trees with lights on them. On a table next to the tree on your left as you walk into the narthex, you will find white circles on which you can write a prayer request or share a thanksgiving or memorial. You can hang your prayers on the tree using the attached blue ribbon.

Update from the Treasurer

There will be more details when we have final numbers for 2023, and a more detailed account in my Treasurer's Report for the Annual Meeting, but for now I wanted to let you know that there was a significant surplus in 2023 for three main reasons: the federal Employee Retention Tax Credit, the savings on the diocesan apportionment from the Creative Staffing program and a generous bequest from a parishioner. A portion of this surplus can be used for the capital expenses we face in 2024 for the stained-glass repair and restoration. We are extremely fortunate that this one-time surplus in the 2023 budget comes just when we needed it. We are also grateful to parishioners who not only fulfilled their 2023 pledges but also committed to an increase for 2024. Your support makes all the difference in the world. —Jessie Ann Owens, Treasurer

Nominate Yourself or Someone Else for Vestry

The Vestry is still accepting nominations for the 2024 Vestry. Serving on Vestry gives you a role in ensuring that St. Martin's does its best to care for the parish, the larger church, and the community. If you wish to nominate yourself or another parishioner, please e-mail the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) and include as much of the following information in your nomination as possible: a) the name of the nominee, b) the nominee's preferred email and phone, and c) the ministries the nominee has been involved in (at St. Martin's or elsewhere). Note that if you are nominating someone other than yourself, please talk to them first and get their permission to nominate them. **We need your nominations by January 19 at the latest.** Questions? Speak to a Vestry member or contact the church office.

Seeking Alternates for Diocesan Convention

We currently have seven nominees for Diocesan Convention lay delegates. If you wish to add your name to the list of nominees, please let us know right away. We still need at least one alternate, or someone who would serve if one of the delegates is unable to attend Convention. The Convention will be online only in mid-November (date TBA). Delegates and alternates also attend a half-day online pre-Convention Convocation on a Saturday about one month before Convention. If you wish to serve, please let the church office know right away.

St. Martin's Annual Meeting; Annual Reports Due January 12

Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 28 during the 10am service. Be there to help elect Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates. See the announcement above about how to nominate yourself or someone else for Vestry as well as how to let us know if you wish to serve as a lay Convention delegate. **Annual meeting reports are due to the church office by January 12.** If you are a ministry leader or chair of a committee, you should write a report.

Opportunity for Service

Meals Needed for the Winter Shelter, January 28 - February 3

About 8 slots are left to fill during the week St. Martin's will be providing dinners for the Davis Winter Shelter. Thank you to those who already signed up. If you can provide a side dish, salad, dessert, or optional to-go breakfast for 14 hungry individuals on one night during the week of January 28 to February 3, you can email the church office or sign up in the narthex on Sunday after either service. The food can be home-cooked or purchased and needs to be delivered to the shelter at 512 5th Street (corner of 5th and D) between 6:00 and 6:15pm on the day you sign up for. Thanks for considering this opportunity to serve our neighbors in need during the winter.

News from the Broader Community

Interfaith Vigil for Peace in Gaza, January 18, 5:30 - 6:30pm

The Davis community is invited to gather in Central Park for an interfaith vigil for peace in Gaza to remember and pray for the thousands of people, particularly children, who have lost their lives in Israel and Palestine. The vigil organizers see interfaith cooperation as an important part of building a path to peace. All are welcome!

Grace Garden - A Fundraising Poetry Event on January 21

Grace Garden will be having a fundraiser at The Veterans Memorial Center on Sunday, January 21 at 7pm. It will feature Rumi's Caravan performing mystical poems of Rumi, Hafez, Rilke, and others with musical accompaniment by Michael Grasso and Friends. Suggested donation is \$20. Grace Garden is an all-volunteer garden raising organic fruits and vegetables for people experiencing food insecurity. For more information or to donate, see <https://sites.google.com/site/gracegardendavis>.

Celebration of Abraham Meets In-Person in February

The Celebration of Abraham will be holding its annual interfaith community conversation in-person this year on February 4 from 3 - 5pm at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation. The theme this year is "Generous Listening" and will be a conversation on listening to and hearing each other. To reserve your seat: bit.ly/abrahamlistening. For more information: <https://celebrationofabraham.net/>

Diocese of Northern California Fearless Faith Revival in April

On April 26 - 27, The Diocese of Northern California will be holding a Fearless Faith Revival. As explained by the diocese, an Episcopal revival is a series of gatherings that combine worship, teaching, faith-sharing, intensified prayer, and engagement with the mission of God — all for the sake of the spiritual renewal and transformation of people and of society. The Revival will take place at Trinity Cathedral downtown Sacramento and at St. John's in Roseville. It will consist of workshops, a festival with food trucks and fun activities, and a revival service with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry as the featured speaker. For more information, see the website [HERE](#). If you are willing to provide advance input, the diocese is asking us to fill out a survey to help them plan the Revival. Find the survey [HERE](#).

Meetings, Rector's Office Hours, and Church Office Hours

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Choir Practice: Thursday, January 18 at 7pm in the church

Social Justice and Outreach: Monday, January 22 at 5:15 on Zoom

Vestry: Monday, January 22 at 7pm on Zoom

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, January 26 at 4pm on Zoom

Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 28 during 10am church service

Rev. Pamela's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Wednesday afternoon. Her next office hours will be on Wednesday, January 17 from 4 – 5pm. If you would like to see or talk with Pamela at a different time, contact the church office or Pamela directly (pamela@churchofstmartin.org).

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm. Stop by in person or contact the office by calling 530-756-0444 or sending an email to info@churchofstmartin.org

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.