

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 26, 2024

This Week

Baptism at 10am Service

On Sunday, we baptize Henry James Brown and welcome him into the household of God. Please join his parents and other family members for cake immediately following the service.

Music Notes for Sunday, May 26

There are too many interesting things I could write about today's Trinity Sunday music! I will narrow it down to our offertory anthem. "St. Patrick's Breastplate" is a very old prayer used as a hymn text; it is found in its entirety in an 11th-century Irish hymnary housed in Dublin, and, in fragmented form, in a few other medieval Irish manuscripts. It was translated into English in 1888. Legend has it that as St. Patrick faced the army of the High King of Tara and recited this prayer, he and his followers became invisible to the army, who saw only a herd of deer. Thus, the prayer is also known as "The Deer's Cry." The eleven-part prayer is very long. It is composed in the form of a binding spell, invoking the Persons of the Trinity, but also many other aspects of God, as well as calling upon the powers of angels and nature.

This hymn appears in our hymnal as 370, where it is set to music composed largely by Charles Villiers Stanford (*St. Patrick's Breastplate*), with one verse set by Ralph Vaughan Williams (*Deirdre*). The ultimate Trinitarian hymn, number 370 is considered by many to be too long and difficult to follow for modern church-goers; however, it is an interesting and powerful hymn with deep historical roots, and it is a shame that we rarely hear it anymore. The choir will sing it Sunday as our Offertory Anthem; we will leave out the two verses calling upon the angels and the natural world, only for the sake of length. **The congregation is welcome to join the choir in singing verse 7.**

Sidewalk Painting in Solidarity with Davis Pride, Sunday, May 26

Pride month is fast approaching, and we want to show our support and solidarity. Because most of the Pride events in Davis are happening on the morning of Sunday, June 2 (a big day at St. Martin's already), we've decided to start the celebration early—we'll (chalk) paint rainbows and other symbols of support on our walkways and in our parking lot this Sunday, May 26, after church. That way, when people come to church in June, they will see that we fully support our LGBTQIA+ siblings and mean it when we say, "love is love." Plan to stick around to have some fun with chalk and chalk paint, all for a great cause.

Mellon Music Festival

St. Martin's is pleased to be one of three venues for the Mellon Music Festival 2024, which takes place in Davis with dynamic chamber music collaborations between globally acclaimed artists that include international competition winners, conservatory and university faculty, and musicians from the country's leading professional orchestras. The programs explore the power of music to inspire resilience and empathy through the beloved chamber music repertoire. **Three of six concerts will take place at St. Martin's on Sunday, May 26 at 2:30pm, Friday, May 31 at 7:30pm, and Saturday, June 1 at 7:30pm.** Tickets are \$20 online or at the door, with free admission for students and kids. For more information about the festival:

www.mellonmusicfestival.com

“Season of Courage” Exhibit Continues at St. Martin’s

We are honored to be the first parish in the Diocese to host the Season of Courage exhibit that was unveiled at the Fearless Faith Revival in Roseville at the end of April. The exhibit was the brainchild of Miriam Casey, who co-chairs both the Commission on Intercultural Ministries and the Commission on the Environment (the latter with Rev. Pamela).

Miriam asked seven leaders around the Diocese to tell a story of courage, something they are doing to strengthen their efforts at Becoming Beloved Community. Those stories were so inspiring that she asked several other leaders to add their stories to the project. The exhibit will be visible throughout the church for a few more weeks. You can interact with the exhibit by writing a response and adding it to a prayer tree. What a great opportunity to learn about all the good work going on around the Diocese!

Next Week

Ministry Fair and End-of-Year Celebration “Sundae” on Sunday, June 2

On June 2, we will have a combined First Sunday service at 10am (note: no 8am service that day). We’ll include special prayers celebrating Pride Month. After church we’ll have a Ministry Fair, where you can find out about the many ministries going on at the church and talk to people participating in them! If you are a ministry leader and want to show off the great work you do for the church and the world, here’s your chance. This will be an all-generation event. **We’ll have ice cream with toppings, a bounce house, and Davis Scales and Tails visiting with reptile exhibits. We hope all will be here to be part of the festivities!**

Last Chance: Are You Graduating? We’d Love to Congratulate You!

Tuesday, May 28 is your last chance to let us know you or one of your family members is graduating. We would love to recognize any recent or upcoming graduates (high school, university, and any other) on June 2. Please let us know about your accomplishment by emailing the church office at info@churchofstmartin.org and, if you are comfortable, include what school you are graduating from and degree(s) earned.

Save the Date!

New Adult Formation Class Begins Sunday, June 9 at 11:30am

Please join future seminarian Anthony Amato as he presents "Understanding Our Roots," a 6-part course which explores the rich and complex history of the Christian Church from the apostolic age to the present day. Learn about the Nicene Creed, the Protestant Reformation, and the Anglican approach to reading scripture, while discovering how we as modern-day Episcopalians fit into the broader Christian landscape. Whether you're new to the faith or just looking to deepen your understanding, this course aims to offer valuable insights and meaningful discussion for all. The class will be offered every Sunday at 11:30 from June 9 to July 14. The first class will meet in Room 6/7. Don't forget to bring in your coffee and snacks!

Other Announcements

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

The non-perishable food item collection, sponsored by Social Justice and Outreach, is still going on in the narthex every Sunday. We are now delivering to four locations on a weekly rotating basis. Food goes to Dixon Family Services, The Belfry and CA House, STEAC, and the UC Davis Pantry. Now that we’ve added the Belfry, please feel free to bring non-perishable food items as well as toiletries, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other such items. Our motto is Every Person...Every Week...One Item of Food. Thanks for your support of this long-standing

program. And thanks to Jerry Hulbert for coordinating the volunteers who deliver food each week.

Cross Reinforcement and Ceiling Stained-Glass Window Update

Cross Reinforcement Completed

You may remember that when our ceiling window was inspected by a structural engineer, the engineer recommended that we reinforce the cable holding the large wooden cross—for redundancy. That reinforcement was completed last week and the scaffolding removed this week. We are now awaiting a proposal from Nzilani Glass Restoration on possible next steps in restoring our beautiful ceiling stained-glass window. We post updates regularly on our website on our progress on the stained-glass window. Read them here:

<https://churchofstmartin.org/2024/02/16/upgrades-and-repairs-to-stained-glass-window#currentwindowupdate>

Prayer Opportunities on Weekdays

Morning Prayer: Wednesdays, 8:30am in the narthex. Join Rev. Pamela and others for this 25-minute service.

Centering Prayer: Wednesdays, 5pm in Room 6/7. Join Kim Andrup and others for this 60-minute session.

Compline: Fridays, 8:30pm on Zoom. Join Deacon Margaret and others for this 20-minute service. Find the Zoom link on our website under “Worship.”

Meetings and Office Hours

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Social Justice and Outreach: Tuesday, May 28 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, May 31 at 4pm on Zoom.

Vestry: Sunday, June 9, at 4pm in the church library

Rector’s Office Hours on Monday

Rev. Pamela has office hours on Monday from 3 – 4:15pm in the church library or outdoors, depending upon the weather. The office will be closed on Monday, May 27. **Her next office hours will be on Monday, June 3.** To reach Rev. Pamela at a different time, feel free to contact her directly (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or to contact the church office. As a reminder, Rev. Pamela’s usual day off is Friday.

Looking for an Event? Check the Church Calendar

Are you looking for a church service or event at the church? We keep our church calendar up-to-date and you can always find worship services and events by using the drop-down menu item “Calendar” on our website (www.churchofstmartin.org) or by clicking on this link:

<https://churchofstmartin.org/calendar/>

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, May 27 for Memorial Day.