

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

This Week

July Service Schedule Change

On Sundays July 14, 21, and 28, we will only have ONE service at 10am. We will not have an 8am service on these three Sundays. It will be a special July schedule where we have an opportunity to worship all together at one service for three weeks. See below for a Bible study opportunity before the 10am service with Rev. Pamela.

“Engaging in Scripture” with Rev. Pamela Begins This Sunday, July 14

Do you wonder about how Episcopalians approach and interpret the Bible? Do you want to deepen your own connection to Holy Scripture? Rev. Pamela will be offering “Engaging in Scripture” from 8:45 to 9:45am on Sundays July 14, 21, and 28 in Room 6/7. The classes are designed to be interactive, and you may attend one, two, or all three. Bring your Bible if you have one, your curiosity and questions, and of course your coffee or tea, if you wish. Let’s see what we can learn together!

Music Notes for July 14

The Summer Choir’s Offertory Anthem on July 14 is “Wade in the Living Water,” by Rebecca Fair and Michael Barrett. It begins with a quote from the well-known spiritual, “Wade in the Water,” which prepares the way for a musical appeal to renewal and commitment framed in light jazz that alternates between swing and smooth. We chose this anthem to expand upon our Gospel and Epistle. These readings remind us of the importance of baptism, in reflecting the commitments we make and receive in becoming Christ’s own. We like to use our opening hymn, “Lift up your heads” (*Truro*) during Advent, but other times of year lend themselves to its message as well. In particular, Sunday’s Old Testament reading and Psalm deserve a hymn of triumphal entry. The Sanctus is a setting by Episcopal composer Peter Crisafulli, from his collection “Music for the Holy Eucharist, Rite II.” Over a dozen of his service music settings are represented in Episcopal hymnals and worship supplements.

Social Justice & Outreach Fence Building Project - Seeking Volunteers

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee (SJ&O) is still looking for volunteers to help building the fence at Dixon Family Services. Work parties will take place on July 19, 20, 26 and 27 (all Fridays and Saturdays) from 8am to 2pm. Please contact Tim Williams or the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) if you would like to help.

Next Week

What Really Happens at General Convention?

After worship on Sunday, July 21, grab coffee or tea at Coffee Hour and then come back into church for a presentation on General Convention 81. Rev. Pamela will share stories from being “on the floor” as a first-time deputy, explain what it takes to shepherd a resolution through the legislative process, and show pictures of some of the highlights of her time in Louisville. Come with questions or just to learn more about how our church works, what we value (as demonstrated by our budget and public statements), and what it’s like to be represented by a mythical beast, Sasquatch, when you’re from the Diocese of Northern California.

A Place at the Table Monthly Potlucks

Our July 28 A Place at the Table potluck is full. Our next potluck will be on August 24 at 6pm and will be hosted by Susan Lugo at her home. The total number for this potluck will be ten, and six spaces are currently available. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org), indicating the number of adults and children in your party and any allergies. Potluck dates for September and beyond will be announced soon.

Other Announcements and Updates

Fire Information and Ways to Help

Several fires are currently burning in California. According to the Diocesan Missioner for Disaster Resilience, the most useful way to help is to give money, which allows fire victims and evacuees to eat, travel to safety, settle down where it is safe and comfortable, and contact loved ones. The diocese has a disaster relief fund in which 100% of your gift will go to fire and disaster relief: [DONATE HERE](#). To get information about current fires, go to the Cal Fire incident page [HERE](#). The smart phone app Watch Duty is also useful for fire information.

Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food

The non-perishable food item collection, sponsored by Social Justice and Outreach, is one tangible way you can help those in need. We deliver food to four locations on a weekly rotating basis. The food goes to Dixon Family Services, The Belfry and CA House, STEAC, and the UC Davis Pantry. For The Belfry, please bring toiletries, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other such items. Our motto is *Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food*. Thanks for your support!

Update on Ceiling Stained-Glass Window

We are very excited to tell you that we have signed a contract with Nzilani Glass Restoration to clean and restore our beautiful ceiling stained-glass window. Work is expected to begin on September 23 and to last approximately one month. Scaffolding will be installed throughout the church so that the Nzilani team can work from above and from below the window at the same time. The size of the scaffolding will require us to worship outside the church building while the work is being done. We will continue to send updates on this project as plans are firmed up.

A Big Thank-You for Work Done at the Church

We would like to extend sincere thanks to members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, especially Tim Williams, Russ Gebhardt, Mike Rushton, Bob Holm and Pierre Neu. Despite the heat, they have been hard at work. Pierre and Bob recently did a large repair on the parish hall floor. Tim (in the lead), Bob, Pierre, Mike, and Russ are repairing and improving the trash enclosure behind the kitchen. We greatly appreciate their efforts for the church.

Prayer Opportunities on Weekdays

Morning Prayer: Wednesdays, 8:30am in the church. 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

Vestry: Monday, July 22 at 7pm in the church library

Social Justice and Outreach: Monday, July 29 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Caring Ministries: Tuesday, August 6 at 7pm in the church library

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, August 30 at 4pm on Zoom

Pastoral Care: Tuesday, September 17 at 2pm in the church library

Rector's Office Hours, Monday, July 22

Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Monday from 3 – 4:15pm. She will be taking some vacation next week, so her next office hours will be on Monday, July 22. If you would like to meet with Rev. Pamela at a different time, feel free to email her directly (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or to contact the office (info@churchofstmartin.org)

Prayer Request Submissions

If you would like to submit a prayer request, click [HERE](#) or contact the church office.

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