

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 22, 2024

This Saturday Night, September 21

Chamber Music Society of Sacramento Concert, Saturday, September 21, 7:30pm

St. Martin's is pleased to be hosting six Chamber Music Society of Sacramento concerts in 2024 - 25. The first concert will be this Saturday, September 21 at 7:30pm in the church. Cost is \$35 general, \$15 students, children free. **St. Martin's parishioners are welcome and will receive free admission.** For more information about the concert program, see <https://cmssacto.org/>.

This Week

Godly Play Meets on Sunday

Godly Play (for K-6th grade children) meets at 10am every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. Godly Play is a Montessori-based program that invites children to explore their faith through story, wonder, and play. To register your child/ren, see the registration link <https://forms.gle/DyjR6HjWiZe2p5WH9> or complete a paper registration form available in the Godly Play classroom (Room 4).

Music Notes for Sunday, September 22

On September 22, our celebration of the Season of Creation continues with an offertory anthem by Charles McCartha, "Awaken Creation." From the joyful opening fanfare to the dancelike middle section, this exuberant anthem calls upon all creation to praise God. Our Epistle and Gospel readings are reflected in the Communion hymn, "These three are the treasures." The words and music were composed by Colin Hodgetts (b.1940). A socially active Anglican priest, Hodgetts worked with the poor and refugees in England during the 1970s through the 1990s. He later traveled extensively in Asia, studying music and culture, and this interest is reflected in the hymn's tune, *The Song of Lao Tsu*, as well as its text, which is based on a quote from philosopher Lao Tsu: "I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures."

Christian Formation Opportunity - Starts This Tuesday, September 24

Rev. Pamela and Miriam Casey of the Commission on the Environment will lead a new curriculum from the Presiding Bishop's office called, "***Love God, Love God's World.***" Sessions include compelling films and readings, faith-based reflections, and discussion questions. Participants will also discover ways to learn, pray, advocate, and conserve. The course will begin on September 24 and continue every two weeks on Tuesdays (with a break in December). All will be on Zoom, from 7 to 8:30pm. **Please email pamela@churchofstmartin.org right away if you are interested;** there are only a few spots left!

Next Week

Worship in the Parish Hall beginning Sunday, September 29

The cleaning and restoration of our ceiling stained-glass window will begin this coming Monday, September 23, making September 22 our last Sunday in the church until the project is complete. Rest assured that all of our Sunday services will continue in the parish hall, uninterrupted and at their regular times. We are working hard to make sure all goes smoothly but wanted to let you know to expect the following changes during our time in the parish hall:

We will not be livestreaming our services. However, we will be **recording** our 10am service and posting it on YouTube on Sunday afternoon or Monday. You can view the recordings on our channel at this link: <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/YouTube>.

The deacon will not be reading individual prayer requests in church. These requests will still be prayed during the week. Also, we will allow ample time during services for you to share individual prayer requests either silently or aloud.

We will be reserving space for wheelchairs, walkers, and individuals with limited mobility along the side aisles on both sides of the parish hall.

The choir will be seated in the back section of the parish hall. This allows them to be close to the piano and to our music directors.

The choir will be rehearsing in the Dona Brandon music room starting on Thursday, September 26 at 7pm.

Eucharistic ministers and acolytes should bring their white albs to the office. We will have a clothes rack for you to place them on, and they will be available to you on Sundays. We will be using Rev. Ernie's and Rev. Debbie's office as a vesting room.

We will need ONE volunteer parishioner each Saturday (9/29, 10/6, 10/13, and 10/20) to help set up at 2pm. You will be working with three other people who will show you the ropes. We expect set-up to take an hour or less. Please contact Janet in the office if you can commit to one of the Saturdays (info@churchofstmartin.org).

We will also need help in putting away chairs after the 10am service on Sundays. We hope that those who are able will help us. This should go quickly.

Happening Soon

Showing of *The Philadelphia Eleven*, September 29, 4pm at St. Martin's

On Sunday, September 29 at 4pm in the parish hall, we will show the documentary film, *The Philadelphia Eleven*, about the first women ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church. We'll be joined by a guest speaker, The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, one of the first women ordained a priest in northern California. A short discussion and refreshments will follow the film. The event is free and open to the public—please invite friends!

"Make Me an Instrument of Peace: A Guide to Civil Discourse" Starts Sunday, October 6

For three Sundays in October, Rev. Pamela will offer a class designed to be helpful during the election season and the generally contentious times in which we find ourselves. We'll meet in Room 6/7 at 11:30 to watch and discuss short videos on topics such as "Context Matters," "Tenets for Civil Discourse," and "Values-Based Conversations." We'll take a break on October 27 as we celebrate Dia de los Muertos, and then finish up on Sunday, November 3. This is a drop-in class; come when you can, as you are, ready to listen deeply and be heard with respect.

A Change on October 6! Blessing of the Animals at 8am and 10am plus at 5:30pm Outdoors

On October 6, at both 8am and 10am, our Sunday services in the parish hall will include a blessing of the animals. Your pets are very welcome in the parish hall. We will also be having a Blessing of the Animals outdoors on Sunday afternoon at 5:30pm. Feel free to invite friends to any of these services on Sunday, October 6.

Other Announcements and Updates

St. Martin's Zoom Links Changing Soon

During our time worshipping in the parish hall, when we will not be livestreaming, we will transfer our current Zoom account to a new, non-profit Zoom account. This transition will require us to reissue all Zoom links, including the links to our Sunday worship service and weekly Compline services. We will share the new links as soon as the transition is complete.

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!

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical (interdenominational) celebration spanning from September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, St. Francis of Assisi Day. During this season, you will notice special emphasis on creation in our prayers and music during the 10am service on Sundays and also during Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 8:30am. You can find more information on the Season of Creation and the resources we will be using here: <https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/>.

National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 - October 15

National Hispanic Heritage month, recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States, began September 15 and spans through October 15. Our Diocese has a useful page of resources available here: <https://www.norcalepiscope.org/site/hispanicheritagemoth/>.

Announcements and Formation Opportunities from the Broader Church

New Episcopal "Gender Justice Jam" Series, September 23 - December 16

The National Episcopal Church invites Episcopalians and others to join a 12-week virtual education and formation series designed to inform and equip advocates for gender justice. It will focus on our response, as people of the Jesus Movement, to the most pressing gender justice issues in our society right now. The series will take place on Mondays from 4 - 5:30pm PT from September 23 - December 16 (no meeting October 14). The first session will be led by Aaron Scott, gender justice officer for The Episcopal Church. To read about all the other sessions, click [HERE](#). The **registration deadline is September 23 at 6pm.**

Diocesan Rainbow Ministry Regathering, September 25, 1pm

On Wednesday, September 25 at 1pm on Zoom, our diocese invites you to join us for a meeting of the diocesan Rainbow Ministry (RM) as we come together again after a brief summer break. The Rainbow Ministry welcomes everyone who identifies as 2S/LGBTQIA+ and their allies. Remember, God's love embraces us all, and we are all blessed by God's incredible grace. For more information, see [HERE](#).

Save the Date: Installation of Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe, November 2 at 8am PT

Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe's installation service will take place on Saturday, November 2 at 8am PT at the Chapel of Christ the Lord in The Episcopal Church Center in New York City. A prelude will begin at 7am PT. As announced at General Convention, this installation will be a simpler, scaled-down event with a view toward reducing carbon footprint and increasing virtual engagement and participation. We are hoping to have a watch party at St. Martin's. We'll provide details and links as soon as we have them.

Prayer Opportunities on Weekdays

Morning Prayer: Wednesdays, 8:30am in the church library. 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 & Outreach: Monday, September 23 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Buildings & Grounds: Tuesday, September 24 at 4pm on Zoom

Choir Practice: Thursday, September 26 at 7pm in the Dona Brandon Room

Worship Committee: Wednesday, October 16 at 10:30am in the church library

Vestry: Monday, October 21 at 7pm in the church library

Rector's Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Mondays. Her next office hours will be Monday, September 23, from 3pm - 4:15pm. If you'd like to meet with Rev. Pamela at a different time, you can email her (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or the office (info@churchofstmartin.org). Note that there will be NO office hours the week of September 30, as Rev. Pamela will be out of town.

Prayer Request Submissions

If you would like to submit a prayer request, go to <https://tinyurl.com/StMsPrayerRequest> 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