

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 3, 2024

This Week

All Saints' Day, Sunday November 3

This Sunday, November 3, we celebrate All Saints' Day. We will read the necrology, the names of those who have passed into eternal life in the last year, at both services.

Children's Activity in the Church Library, Sunday, November 3 at 10am

We will not have Godly Play or our First Sunday approach to worship at 10am on All Saints' Day, but we will still have a **special craft activity for children during the 10am service**. Children who want to participate can meet the Godly Play teachers in the church library at 10am. They will join you in the parish hall for Communion.

Music Notes for Sunday, November 3

Our offertory anthem for November 3, "My Eyes for Beauty Pine," by Herbert Howells (1892-1983), was first published in 1925 and is a setting of a poem by Robert Bridges (1844-1930). This anthem was chosen for the Feast of All Saints because it expresses the desire for the presence of God, a yearning for communion with the saints, and a vision of Light as a symbol of holiness. Howells was an English composer best known for his choral and organ works. His music is traditional and lyrical but is marked by a sometimes surprising harmonic modernity and a shifting sense of time and meter. Howells belonged to that generation of English composer deeply affected by the horrors of the First World War. His music was also influenced by the death of his son, Michael, in 1935, which led him to compose his *Requiem* and the *Hymnus Paradisi*, arguably his greatest works. "My Eyes for Beauty Pine" is a small jewel of an anthem, exemplifying Howells' flexible melodic style in both the vocal and accompaniment lines. Our closing hymn will be the first four verses of Ralph Vaughan Williams' festival hymn *Sine Nomine* ("For all the saints"). Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was older than Herbert Howells, but of the same artistic generation, and Howells viewed him as a mentor and teacher. After the closing hymn, the congregation will follow the crucifer, clergy, and choir to the columbarium during the postlude.

"Make Me an Instrument of Peace: A Guide to Civil Discourse," November 3 and 10

On November 3 and November 10 at 11:30am, Rev. Pamela will offer additional classes in a series designed to be helpful during the election season and the generally contentious times in which we find ourselves. **We'll meet in the church library.** This is a drop-in class; come when you can, as you are, ready to listen deeply and be heard with respect.

November 5: Election Day Prayer Opportunities

St. Martin's labyrinth, meditation garden, and prayer chalkboard will be open. Room 8 will be open for prayer from 9am – 12pm and 2pm – 5pm. The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations will offer virtual prayers from 5 - 7pm PT. Episcopalians from around the church will hold silence and lead participants in prayers for peace, the nation, and all people and countries. Join the Zoom event by registering [HERE](#) or watch a livestream on The Episcopal Public Policy

Network's Facebook page [HERE](#). (If you would like simultaneous Spanish interpretation, please register for Zoom.)

November 6: Morning Prayer, Centering Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Labyrinth Walk

If you would like to pray with others in your local community on November 6, the day after Election Day, we have two opportunities. **At 8:30am**, we will hold our weekly Morning Prayer service, led by Rev. Pamela. This is a brief service based on the Daily Office, as found in the Book of Common Prayer. We will include a litany for our nation. That evening at **5:00pm**, we have Centering Prayer in Room 6/7. **At 5:30pm**, we will offer Evening Prayer outside (a brief service) and will also make the labyrinth available for a candlelight walk. Whether the results of the election lead you to lament or rejoice, or even if we are still awaiting the results, prayer is always a faithful response to the circumstances.

Update on Worshiping in the Parish Hall and Simple Ways You Can Help

Nzilani Glass Conservation continues working on our ceiling stained-glass window. The timeline for moving back to the church has not changed, so we still expect to be in the parish hall for the full month of November. We really appreciate everyone's flexibility in moving to this smaller space and wanted to share just a few simple ways we could all help continue to make the experience as smooth as possible for the next month:

- Some of our parishioners are sensitive to perfume and other scents. If possible, minimize the amount of perfume, cologne, and other scents that you wear. We will also set up a few chairs outside the west door of the parish hall for those who need to sit outside.
- As best as you are able, please fill in seats in the middle of the rows so that latecomers can find aisle seats easily.
- If you need Holy Communion brought to you at your seat, please take an aisle seat, if possible.
- Contact the office if you can help set up on Saturday, November 9, 23, or 30 at 2pm.

A big thank-you to those who help set up on Saturdays and put away chairs on Sundays! Please let us know if there are aspects of our parish hall worship you think we could improve.

Update on Walk in Love Stewardship Season

We have received 88 pledges so far. You can see our progress on posters at the front of the parish hall. **If you haven't submitted your pledge, you can still do so.** Fill out a pledge card and put it in the offering plate. Or you can email us your pledge at stewardship@churchofstmartin.org. St. Martin's is supported almost entirely by the financial gifts of our parishioners and friends. We are very grateful for all pledges and for all of you who are considering pledging. To learn more about this year's stewardship season and to see videos of the reflections given in church, go to <https://churchofstmartin.org/2024/10/03/stewardship-2024/>.

St. Martin's Annual Thanksgiving Gift Card Project

Accepting Donations for the Christine Blanchard Thanksgiving Project

The Social Justice & Outreach Committee requests donations to the Thanksgiving Project, an outreach effort through which we provide grocery store gift cards to community members in

need at the holidays. This year, we are distributing the gift cards to local organizations that serve families with school-age children, undocumented UC Davis students, and seniors. In a change from prior years, we will provide the cards exclusively to mission partner organizations, as they are best positioned to distribute them in the community. To donate, write checks to the Episcopal Church of St. Martin with “Thanksgiving Project” in the memo line, or use the blue GIVE button on St. Martin’s website (www.churchofstmartin.org). The deadline for donations is November 17. For questions, go to the Thanksgiving Project table after both services on Sunday or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org; 530-756-0444).

Other Announcements

Last Chance! Nominate Organizations for Linda Frost Grants

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee and the Vestry invite parishioners to nominate nonprofits to receive financial support through the Frost Grant program. Typically, the organizations are local (within the Diocese of Northern California), although some outside-of-diocese nonprofits may be chosen. To nominate a nonprofit, provide a one or two-paragraph summary of your rationale for nominating this organization, including its key work and goals. Include leadership, contact information, website, and any other useful information. Submit nominations to the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org). For questions, contact Bob Polkinghorn or the church office. **Nominations are due by Sunday, November 3.**

Acorn Stories at International House, November 9, 4-6pm

I-House, Davis and YoloSol Collective present Acorn Stories with presenters Diana and Chrissy Almendariz, native California practitioners of Maidu/Wintun and Hupa/Yurok heritage. The program includes an acorn processing demonstration, storytelling for all ages, a cultural demonstration, and light refreshments. The event is free. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/AcornStories>.

Save the Date! St. Martin’s Night at The Belfry, November 21, 6:30pm

On Thursday, November 21 at 6:30pm, join Rev. Pamela and others from St. Martin’s at The Belfry Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry for Holy Eucharist, followed by dinner for those who wish to stay. The Belfry hosts Holy Eucharist and dinner every Thursday night, but on November 21, a group from St. Martin’s will be going. Parking is very limited, so carpools are encouraged. Address: 216 A Street in Davis.

Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food.

The Social Justice and Outreach non-perishable food item collection is one way you can help those in need. We deliver food to four locations on a weekly rotating basis: 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!

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

Worship Committee: Monday, November 4 at 10am in the church library

Pastoral Care Team: Thursday, November 7 at 2pm in the church library

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

Buildings & Grounds: Tuesday, November 12 at 4pm on Zoom

Vestry: Monday, November 18 at 7pm in the church library

Social Justice & Outreach: Monday, November 25 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Rector’s Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Mondays. Her next office hours will be Monday, November 4, 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).

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 emailing info@churchofstmartin.org.