

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 12, 2025

This Week

Music Notes for Sunday, January 12

“Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day” is a popular English folk carol sometimes associated with the Christmas season, though its theological themes resonate throughout the church year. The text narrates the story of Jesus’ life in the first person, presenting it as a dance. The origins of the text are somewhat obscure, but early versions are examples of syncretization between Christian and pagan folk beliefs, in which the symbols of each are interpreted through the lens of the other.

John Gardner (1917–2011) was a prominent British composer, conductor, and teacher known for his accessible and engaging music. His arrangement of “Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day” was composed in 1965 and has become one of the most widely performed versions of the carol. His setting is lively, rhythmically intricate, and richly harmonized. While not explicitly tied to any one feast, the anthem’s narrative of Christ’s life and its central theme of love resonate throughout the liturgical year. We offer this anthem to celebrate the Baptism of Christ.

An Ancient Epiphany Tradition: Chalking the Doors

Last Sunday after the 10am service, Rev. Pamela chalked the doors of the church with the symbols 20+C+M+B+25. If you would like to read about the meaning of this blessing and chalk your own home, we have explanation cards with chalk to give out. Pick one up on Sunday at church or during the week from 9am to 1pm at the church office.

Next Week

Presentation on Stained-Glass Window Restoration, January 19

We are grateful to have returned to worshipping in the church after being in the parish hall for almost three months while our ceiling stained-glass window was being cleaned and restored by Nzilani Glass Conservation. The window has been cleaned, cracks filled, and broken pieces reinstalled. Ariana Makau, the principal conservator for Nzilani, will be at St. Martin’s to give a presentation to all in the congregation who are interested on **Sunday, January 19 after the 10am service. She will show pictures and talk about our window and the restoration work that has been done.** You will not want to miss this chance to learn more about our beautiful ceiling window!

Happening Soon

Tree Planting Day at Forbes Ranch, January 20, 10am - 1pm

Join Rev. Pamela for a Tree Planting Day at the Ranch in Esparto on Monday, January 20 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). The event will be from 10am - 1pm, with lunch provided for those who RSVP. You can RSVP to the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

Evening Prayer with Bishop Megan, January 22, 5:30pm

On Wednesday, January 22 at 5:30pm, The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair will join us at St. Martin’s for a special Evening Prayer service. During the service, the Rev. Randy Demary, a hospice chaplain who attends St. Martin’s, will be received as a priest in the Episcopal Church and the

Diocese of Northern California. The service will be in-person and livestreamed with a reception following. We hope you'll be present for this special occasion!

A Place at the Table February Potluck

After a December and January break, our dinner fellowship program, A Place at the Table, is starting up again. Our next potluck will be on **Friday, February 7 at 6:30pm** and will be hosted by Sheri and Steve Reynolds at their home. The number of guests for this potluck is 6, plus the hosts. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org; 530-219-0607), indicating the number of adults and children in your party and any food restrictions. We are also seeking hosts for March and beyond. If you would be willing to host a potluck at your house, please let us know. Or if you don't have space in your home but would like to host, an outdoor location (weather permitting) or a room at the church are options too. As host, you can choose the date and number of attendees you are able to accommodate. All events were well attended in 2024. We hope to continue offering these events throughout 2025!

Service Opportunities

A Call to Prayer and Compassionate Action for Southern California Fire Victims

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California urges us to pray and take compassionate action for the victims of the fires in southern California. You can contribute to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund for Fire Recovery, using this link: <https://bit.ly/givetofirerelief> or by sending checks to the new Diocesan office address: 2394 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95825.

Seeking Volunteers for Belfry Floor Project

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to work on the Belfry floor installation project. St. Martin's Christmas Offering and Linda Frost Grant is helping offset the cost of materials and labor for the Belfry to upgrade its kitchen, pantry and bathroom. To help stretch our donation, a group from Social Justice and Outreach plans to install the new laminate flooring and wall base in the kitchen, pantry and bathroom. Tim Williams is heading up the project and is seeking six to eight volunteers (skilled or unskilled) that can work either during the week or weekends between the dates of January 19 and February 9. If you have not done this kind of work before, we will teach you. Please contact Tim Williams or the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) if you want to volunteer and give the dates/times you are available.

Seeking St. Martin's Representatives to DCMH Meals on Saturdays

St. Martin's has a church representative at every weekly DCMH meal on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Our job is to be the welcoming face of St. Martin's, to see that clean-up and lock-up are done properly, and to pitch in as needed and as we are able. The meals are at 5:45pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 11:30am on Saturdays. We currently need additional representatives for Saturdays. You would arrive by 11am and are done by 12:45pm. St. Martin's reps serve once a month. If you are interested in joining the Saturday team, talk to Janet Lane or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

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. Bring your nonperishable items and put them in the basket in the narthex at church services or bring them to the office during the week (9am - 12pm). 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. 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, Office Hours, Prayer Requests

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Buildings and Grounds: Tuesday, January 14 at 4pm on Zoom

Choir Practice: Thursday, January 16 at 7pm in the church

Vestry: Monday, January 20 at 7pm in Room 6/7

Social Justice and Outreach: Monday, January 27 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Rector’s Office Hours

Rev. Pamela holds office hours on Mondays from 3 - 4:15pm. Her next office hours are on Monday, January 13. 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: <https://tinyurl.com/StMsPrayerRequest> or contact the office.

Church Office Hours

The church office is open from **9am - 1pm Monday - Friday**. Stop by in person or contact the office at 530-756-0444 or info@churchofstmartin.org. (The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).