

**The Episcopal Church of St. Martin**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 19, 2025**

**This Week**

**This Sunday! Learn About Our Ceiling Stained-Glass Window Restoration, January 19**

Look up at the glorious stained-glass window that forms the ceiling of the sanctuary and give thanks for its beauty, colors, and unique design! First installed in 1967, the *dal de verre* window is one of the largest ceiling windows of its type, perhaps in the world. *Dal de verre* is a glass art technique common in the 1950s and 1960s that features pieces of glass set in epoxy resin or other material.

Nzilani Glass Conservation based in Oakland, CA completed the cleaning and restoration of the window this past December. **On Sunday, January 19, at 11:30am, Ariana Makau, Principal Conservator of Nzilani Glass and stained-glass conservation expert**, will be at St. Martin's to give a presentation on the window and the complex process of restoring it. You will not want to miss this chance to learn more about our beautiful ceiling window! The talk will be in-person and livestreamed.

**Music Notes for Sunday, January 19**

Harold Friedell (1905–1958) was an influential American composer, organist, and educator, primarily known for his contributions to church music. His works often blend elements of traditional Anglican church music with a distinctively American style. His anthem “Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether” (composed in 1945 to a text by poet Percy Dearmer) is one of his best-known choral works, and is a dear old friend to us here at St. Martin's. Sunday's New Testament passage from 1 Corinthians discusses the diversity of spiritual gifts in the church, and their purpose in building a beloved community. Our Gospel passage emphasizes transformation, celebration, and the manifestation of Christ's presence. Friedell's anthem, “Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether,” beautifully captures the essence of these passages by portraying the Spirit's power to unite and sanctify the church community. The music, with its gentle yet profound setting, reinforces the sacredness of communal worship and the transformative presence of Christ among his followers.

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

Looking to do something in community on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day? Join Rev. Pamela for a Tree Planting Day at the Ranch in Esparto. The event will be from 10am - 1pm on Monday, January 20, with lunch provided for those who RSVP. You can RSVP to the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)). The Ranch is located about 30 minutes from Davis at 19100 County Road 86A, Esparto, CA 95627

**Evening Prayer with Bishop Megan & Reception of Randy Demary, 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!

## **Next Week**

### **Annual Meeting January 26 after 10am Service - One Service Only**

Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 26 immediately following the 10am service. **We will only have one service at 10am.** Godly Play will meet and the Nursery will be open. Our main speaker for the meeting will be The Rev. Dr. Portia Hopkins, chaplain of The Belfry. Please be there to hear Rev. Portia speak, to have a voice in church governance, and to help elect Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates. If you are a ministry leader or chair of a committee, your report was due on January 10. Thanks to those who submitted reports.

## **Happening Soon**

### **Celebration of Abraham, February 2, 3 - 5pm at Lutheran Church of the Incarnation**

The Celebration of Abraham aims to “expand the interfaith tent in Davis.” Their annual Community Conversation will take place at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation from 3 - 5pm on Sunday, February 2. Featuring the theme *Finding Strength to Move Through Challenges*, the program will include speakers from the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faiths. Rev. Pamela will be the speaker representing the Christian tradition. There will be table conversations and a breaking bread ritual. Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network (YIIN) and Sahaya International will receive the free-will collection. Registration is required to ensure sufficient materials. Please register here: <https://bit.ly/COAstrength>.

### **A Place at the Table February Potluck**

The next A Place at the Table potluck is on **Friday, February 7 at 6:30pm** and will be hosted by Sheri and Steve Reynolds. The total number for this potluck, including the hosts, is 8. **One space is still available.** If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org); 530-756-0444), 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 able 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. We hope to continue 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. One hundred percent of your donation will go to fire victims.

### **Seeking Volunteers for Belfry Flooring 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 helped offset the cost of materials and labor. A group led by Tim Williams from Social Justice and Outreach plans to install the new laminate flooring and wall base in the kitchen, pantry and bathroom. Tim is seeking six to eight volunteers (skilled or unskilled) who 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. Contact Tim Williams or the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)) to volunteer. Please indicate the dates you are available.

### **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.*

### **Winter Shelter Food Thank You**

We extend a huge thank-you to the 30+ St. Martin's congregants who brought main dishes, side dishes, salads, and other dinner and breakfast items to the Winter Shelter the week of January 12 - 18 (St. Martin's week to cover). Special thanks go to Marianne Wilcox and residents of the University Retirement Community (URC), who covered all the food for one day! If you are still interested in providing food, you can do so as an individual by signing up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAEAA23A46-53260322-congregate/26989668#/>.

### **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**

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

**Choir Practice:** Thursday, January 23 at 7pm in the church

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

**Buildings and Grounds:** Tuesday, February 18 at 4pm on Zoom

#### **Rector's Office Hours (temporary change)**

Rev. Pamela generally holds office hours on Monday afternoons; however, due to conflicts the next couple of weeks her next open office hours will be on Friday, January 24, from 3 to 4:30pm.

If you'd like to meet with Rev. Pamela at a different time, you can email her ([pamela@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:pamela@churchofstmartin.org)) or the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)).

**Prayer Request Submissions:** <https://tinyurl.com/StMsPrayerRequest> or contact the office.

#### **Church Office Hours**

We are open 9am - 1pm Monday - Friday. Contact us at 530-756-0444 or [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org).

**The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**