

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 20, 2025

Holy Week and Easter at St. Martin's

Good Friday, April 18, 12pm: Stations of the Cross in the church with optional veneration of the cross. Guided labyrinth walk follows the service.

Good Friday, April 18, 7pm: Good Friday Liturgy in the church with optional veneration of the cross.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19, 8pm: The Great Vigil of Easter with lighting of the new fire, dramatic readings, and ending with a festive Holy Eucharist. Feel free to bring bells and noisemakers to make a joyful sound. Reception following in the narthex.

Easter Day, Sunday, April 20, 8am: Festive Rite II Holy Eucharist with music and choir.

Easter Day, Sunday April 20, 10am: Festive Rite II Holy Eucharist and Baptism with music and choir. Easter Egg hunt for children of all ages and special Easter Coffee Hour after the service. Nursery open during 8am and 10am services for children 5 years and younger.

Easter Sunday! Special Easter Coffee Hour and Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday, April 20, stay after the 10am service for a special Easter coffee hour, a time to reconnect with our parish family and welcome all who are visiting our parish for the first time. We also have an Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages. Bring your baskets. The nursery is open during the 8am and 10am services for children 5 years and younger. Happy Easter to all!!

Easter Sunday! Baptism at 10am Easter Day Service

On Easter Day, we baptize Rene Raphael Aguilar and welcome him into the community of God. We also welcome his parents, Teresa and Gabriel Aguilar and his brother, Adrian, to our community at St. Martin's.

Music Notes for Sunday, April 20

On Easter Sunday, we will be joined by trumpet player Michael Smith, who will add a festival touch to our worship. Michael will also join us in our Offertory anthem, "Most Glorious Lord of Life," by William H. Harris (1883-1973), set to a poem by Edmund Spenser (c. 1552–1599). William Harris was an English organist, choral conductor, and composer in the Anglican choral tradition. He served as organist at several prestigious cathedrals and at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Harris's radiant Easter anthem, "Most Glorious Lord of Life," celebrates the resurrection of Christ with vivid imagery, a graceful melody, and rich, warm harmonies. Edmund Spenser was a poet of the English Renaissance, with a style rooted in Elizabethan humanism and classicism. His sonnet "Most Glorious Lord of Life" is Number 68 in a larger work, "Amoretti," a celebration of human covenantal love. However, "Amoretti" is not just a romantic journey—it's a theological one. The placement of Sonnet 68 in the work connects it both to marriage and to Christ—to Easter, new life, love, redemption, and victory.

Good Friday Offering for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

We join Episcopalians across the country in a 103-year-old tradition of collecting donations on Good Friday to support the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. As Bishop Megan said in a recent letter, "In addition to forming Christians, our denomination there supports schools, hospitals, and numerous other essential ministries in a time of so much difficulty. This Province

needs both our prayers and our financial support.” For more on the history of the Good Friday Offering, see The Episcopal Church website [HERE](#). **How to Give:** Write checks to The Church of St. Martin with memo “Good Friday Offering.” Or you can give on our website by clicking the blue GIVE button and choosing “Good Friday Offering” from the menu.

Easter Offering 2025 for the Social Justice and Outreach Committee

This year, the Easter offering goes to St. Martin’s Social Justice and Outreach Committee. This committee follows the tenets of Matthew 25 and contributes to projects, grants, and advocacy for nonprofits that serve individuals and families living on the margins. Your Easter Offering will allow the committee to reach wider and deeper in their service to others. You may write a check to The Church of St. Martin with “Easter Offering” in the memo line or use the blue GIVE button on our website. All donations in the offering plate at the Easter Vigil and Easter Day services will be given to the above ministry unless otherwise noted (e.g., “Pledge”).

Other Updates and Events

Vestry News and Review

Interested in the most recent Vestry news? See the latest issue of *Vestry News and Review* written by Junior Warden Beth Capell. She recaps the March 2025 Vestry meeting and extends thanks from the Vestry for two of St. Martin’s ministries. Read the article [here](#).

A Place at the Table Potlucks

Colette Chabbott will host a potluck at her home on **Easter Sunday, April 20 at 1pm**. There is still space. Contact Colette directly at this late date if you are interested. The May 15 potluck is full. On **Monday, May 26 at 4pm**, Rev. Pamela is hosting a Memorial Day potluck picnic at Forbes Ranch in Esparto (15 spaces available). Please RSVP with the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) if you’d like to attend.

Sowing Seeds of Hope and Resilience: Earth Day Gathering

Are you seeking more hope, resilience, and faithful groundedness? Join us for an Earth Day gathering on Zoom on **Tuesday, April 22, at 7 p.m.** led by Rev. Pamela, co-chair of the Commission on the Environment. Rev. Pamela will help us remember that caring for creation is one of the best ways we can care for our neighbors and for our own soul’s longing for peace, especially in times of anxiety and distress. Rev. Pamela is author of the book, *Contemplative Gardening*, has given talks on creation care for church gatherings, conferences, and retreats from Missouri to Tanzania. Join the Zoom gathering here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84713027890>. Questions? Contact Rev. Pamela (pamela@churchofstmartin.org).

LGBTQ+ Parish and Community Opportunities

On Saturday, April 26, from 1-4pm, St. Martin's members who identify as LGBTQ+ (and their partners) are welcome to gather and play board games (such as Ticket to Ride, Ascension, Pandemic, and others). Please RSVP to the church office so that we know how many to expect. The Diocese of Northern California also has a [Rainbow Ministry](#) to “celebrate and embrace the fabulous gender and sexual diversity of all God’s people, fostering education, invitation and connection throughout the diocese.” These meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the month. Questions? Contact the church office.

St. Martin's Teams Up for Woods to Waves Hike-a-thon, Saturday May 10th

On May 10th, St. Dorothy's Rest in Sonoma County is holding its annual Woods to Waves hike-a-thon. We invite you to join St. Martin's team for this 12-mile hike from St. Dorothy's Rest to the Pacific Ocean. The hike kicks off at 10:00 AM, with most hikers expected to take between 3 to 5 hours to complete the route. A \$50 per person participation fee includes refreshments and a meal provided along the way, as well as shuttles available after the halfway point, just in case! St. Dorothy's also offers the option to stay overnight the Friday before the event. All funds raised support St. Dorothy's Hospital Camp programs and provide camp scholarships for underserved and foster youth in the Bay Area. Hospital Camp is offered each summer in partnership with Lucile Packard Children's Hospital to youth who have undergone transplant surgery. To join our team, go to [this link](#) and use "The Episcopal Church of St. Martin" as your parish/team affiliation. Please also email communications@churchofstmartin.org if you join the team!

Newcomers' Brunch, Sunday, May 18

If you are a newcomer to St. Martin's within the past year, or if you have been here and wish to meet other parishioners, join us in Room 6/7 and on the patio in front of it for a Newcomers' Brunch after the 10am service on May 18. The event is sponsored by Vestry. More details to follow.

Serve for St. Martin's at a Meal Sponsored by Davis Community Meals and Housing

Looking for hands-on service? St. Martin's has signed up as the volunteer group for three upcoming meals in our parish hall sponsored by Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH). We are seeking volunteers for **Tuesday, May 20 from 4:30pm to 7pm** (meal served at 5:45pm). Six spaces are available. There are also two Saturday morning meals on **June 14 and July 5, from 9am to 1pm**. Please RSVP to the church office, telling us at which meal(s) you'd like to volunteer, and we'll send more information about what's involved.

Every Person. Every Week. One Item of Food

The Social Justice and Outreach non-perishable food 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.*

Vacation Bible Camp, June 16-20 for K-6th Grade and Teens

Davis United Methodist Church, St. Martin's Church, Davis Community Church, and Davis Lutheran Church of the Incarnation invite your children to participate in a collaborative Vacation Bible Camp held at Davis United Methodist Church. Celebrate faith, make lifelong friendships, and grow spiritually in a vibrant, engaging environment. Registration required. Read all the details about morning and afternoon options on our website:

<https://churchofstmartin.org/event/vacation-bible-school/>.

Bishop's Visit in December

On December 7, 2025, Bishop Megan Traquair will visit St. Martin's. The Bishop visits us approximately every two years, so you won't want to miss this visit! If you are interested in

being baptized, confirmed, or received in the Episcopal Church, please let Rev. Pamela know. Many licensed ministries in the Episcopal Church require participants to be confirmed. We will be offering a confirmation class in the fall if there is enough interest.

Weekday Prayer Opportunities, In-person and Online

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. This 60-minute session consists of 30 minutes of silent meditation followed by reflection on contemplative readings.

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

Social Justice and Outreach: Monday, April 28 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Vestry: Monday, April 28 at 7pm in Room 6/7

Buildings and Grounds: Tuesday, April 29 at 4pm on Zoom

Choir Practice: Thursday, May 1 at 7pm in the church

Worship Committee: Tuesday, May 6 at 8:45am in the church library

Rector’s Office Hours

Rev. Pamela’s next open office hours will be on **Thursday, April 24, from 4-5:30pm** and on **Monday, May 12, from 3-4:30pm**. Her Monday office hours are first-come, first-served, so sometimes you may have to wait to speak with her. If you’d like to meet with Rev. Pamela at a different time, you can email her (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or the church office (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.

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 21,
the Monday after Easter.**

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The Very Rev. Dr. Pamela Dolan, Rector

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