

# Announcements – March 19, 2023

## *\*New Announcements*

**\*Thank you to Gordon Ratcliffe, flutist for his musical offering this morning.**

**March 19, 2023 - Sunday School** – We look forward to Sunday School during the 10:00 AM service.

**February 28, 2023 - Lenten Study – 5 Week Study – Preparing to Become the Beloved Community** (From the Episcopal Church USA) – Rev Shelly will lead us in this 5 week study beginning on February 28, 2023 (on Zoom) at 7:00 PM and on March 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM (in person) after the 10:15 AM service.

Please let Shelly know if you plan to participate so she can send you the questions in advance. You can speak to Shelly or contact the church office at 905 839 4257 or [office@stmartinsanglican.ca](mailto:office@stmartinsanglican.ca)

[Lenten Study Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 874 5595 7559 Passcode: 442114

### Session Four: Lent 4 – Telling the Truth about Our Churches and Race

- March 21, 2023, 2023 at 7:00 PM on Zoom
- March 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM in person at the church

### Session Five: Lent 5 – Practicing the Way of Love in the Pattern of Jesus

- March 28, 2023, 2023 at 7:00 PM on Zoom
- March 29, 2023 at 11:00 AM in person at the church

**\*March 22, 2023 – United Nations World Water Day** – This year the focus of the UN observance is on acceleration change to solve the water and sanitation crisis. The Global campaign, called “Be the Change”, encourages people to take action in their own lives to change the way we use, consume and manage water. [Link to World Water Day website](#)

**March 22, 2023 – 10:15 AM – Mid-Week Service** – All are welcome to join us for a mid-week BCP Eucharist

**March 22, 2023 – Advisory Meeting 7:00 PM on Zoom**

[Advisory Meeting Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 861 0422 7404 Passcode: 880626

**March 25, 2023 – In Person Earth Hour Event** – Please join the St. Martin's Green Team on Saturday March 25th at 6:00 pm for this FREE event. Bring your favourite entrée OR salad OR side dish to enjoy at our potluck dinner. **\*\*PLEASE bring your own plates, cutlery and cups.\*\***

We will then enjoy a short nature film, and a quiz before we turn out the lights at 8:30 pm to read/listen to nature/Indigenous poems, stories, and sing folk songs by candlelight to celebrate Earth Hour.

*Feel free to bring a story/poem/real-life life experience to share during lights out. All are welcome to attend.*

**March 26, 2023 Sign Up deadline – Social Committee Road Trip to Herrongate Barn Theatre** - Please join us on Friday, May 12 at Herrongate Barn Theatre, 2885 Altona Road, Pickering. Doors open at 6pm for a delicious buffet dinner, including Top Choice Roast Beef followed by the hilarious play “There Goes the Bride”. The cost is \$79 person with further price discount for a larger group. The venue can accommodate mobility aids such as walkers but is not wheelchair accessible. Please make your own travel arrangements to and from the theatre.

In order to confirm a reservation at the theatre, the Social Committee will need a firm number of attendees by **Sunday, March 26** and payment on **Sunday, April 16**.

A sign-up sheet is available on the back table. We look forward to this exciting event! Please contact Lee L. for more information.

**Lug-a-mug is Back!** - Did you know that most single-use coffee cups are not recyclable because they are lined with plastic and it takes 20 to 30 years for that coffee cup to breakdown in landfill?

Before the pandemic, a large percentage of the congregation were doing their part and bringing their own mugs to coffee hour to help decrease our carbon footprint. Now that the church is back to normal, we would like to get those numbers back up. A big THANK YOU, to those of you who have already been lugging your mugs since coffee hour was reinstated!

Starting Sunday March 12th, the Coffee Hosts will be handing out coloured slips of paper to those people who are lugging their mugs at coffee hour. If you receive such a slip of paper, please write your name on it, and put it in the Lug-a-mug draw box on the table at the back of the church.

Every 2 months the Green Team will draw a name from the box, and a prize will be awarded to that person. The more you lug your mug, the more chances you have to win, and the more our environment wins!

**\*April 1, 2023 - Food Bank Drive for St. Paul's-on-the-Hill Food Bank** - The Outreach Committee is hosting a Food Bank Drive at St. Martin's Church on Saturday, April 1 between 10am – 12pm. A friendly volunteer will be happy to greet you at your car with a smile and a treat to accept your donation. You can also bring your donation to the church on Sunday, April 2 until noon.

**\*\*Please note that volunteers will only be available after 11am on Sunday if you chose to do curbside drop off \*\***

Donation suggestions that are urgently needed at this time: canned fruit; fruit juice (tetra boxes); pasta sauce; canned tomatoes; tomato paste; Kraft Dinner; pancake mix; canned potatoes; cooking oil (1 litre); canned baked beans; caned pasta (Alpha-Ghetti, etc.); dry beans; rice; flour; jams, Cheeze Whiz; soup (large cans/hearty style).

Other items needed: baby wipes & diapers (size 5-6 & pull-ups); feminine hygiene products; deodorant (for men & women); body wash/soap; halal items; non-dairy milk.

**Please ensure all items are within the “best by” expiration dates!**

Grocery gift cards are always greatly appreciated. For a comprehensive list, please visit this link to [St. Paul's-on-the-Hill Food Bank](#).

**April 2, 2023-Easter Flowers** – Our Chancel/Altar Guild decorates the sanctuary with flowers. You may dedicate flowers “in memory of” or to honour those near and dear to your own heart. If you would like to dedicate flowers for Easter, please speak to Anne D. or contact the church office at [office@stmartinsanglican.ca](mailto:office@stmartinsanglican.ca) or 905 839 4257 on or before April 2, 2023.

**\*Candle Dedication** - It is common practice for people to donate flowers in memory or honour of someone, and this keeps our church bright and cheerful. As there are no floral decorations during Lent or Advent, it has been the practice, on occasion, to donate towards candles at the stained glass windows. If you would like to remember or honour someone in this way, please speak to Anne D. or contact the church office at [office@stmartinsanglican.ca](mailto:office@stmartinsanglican.ca) or 905 839 4257.

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