

St. Martin's Announcements – February 11, 2024

**New Announcement*

***Sunday School – February 11, 2024** - We look forward to Sunday School during the 10:00 AM Service. All are welcome!

***Black History Month Service - February 11, 2024 – Guest Soprano Denise Williams** – Soprano Denise Williams, a 30-year veteran of the concert, opera, and theatre stage, has electrified audiences from Canada to Cuba, and many points in between. Moving effortlessly between vocal styles, she has worked with The Nathaniel Dett Chorale, The Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, Mirvish Productions, and most recently, the Orquesta Sinfonica de Oriente in Cuba.

Ongoing projects include WALK TOGETHER CHILDREN, a Cross-Cultural Concert Celebration of Black, Jewish, Muslim diaspora and MELANATTÉ a fusion of Classical and Romantic hits with a modern Black context, in collaboration with its brainchild, Rapsodius. “Denise Williams offers powerfully authentic renditions of the most beloved songs - all in a fresh, sometimes striking new musical context that will have audiences clamouring for more.” Rapsodius

Denise holds a BSc, ARCT Diploma in Singing, and a Masters in Community Music. She dedicates her time to leadership in the performing arts: as founding artistic director of the charitable theatre organization, No Strings Theatre, on the music theatre voice faculty of Sheridan College, and operating her Voices of Colour Music studio.

Denise is honoured to be on the 2024 list of 100 Black Accomplished Canadian Women Honourees.

***Richard and Gord** depart for Antarctica this week, doing an expedition cruise (small ship) to this remote part of the world. Many people have asked Richard to send photos, so to make his life easier he has an Instagram account, by which you can “follow” him. He plans to upload one photo daily (cost permitting, as it will be via satellite) so you will be able to journey along. His Instagram handle is richardnewland60. Follow him there and see the penguins!!!

***Ash Wednesday Services – February 14, 2024** – This year there will be two Ash Wednesday Services with the imposition of ashes this year; 10:30 AM (BCP) and 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

***Worship Schedule – Friendly Reminder** – When you are scheduled for a Sunday morning and are unable to attend. Please switch with someone and let the office know of the switch. If you are unable to find someone to switch, please let your team lead know.

Vestry – Save the Date – February 25, 2024 – Join us immediately after the 10:00 AM service for our annual vestry meeting. Light Lunch will be provided.

Pancake Supper – Shrove Tuesday – February 13, 2024 from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Pancakes, sausage, dessert and beverages provided. Pay what you can - eat as much as you want. Proceeds being used to support the Peace Lutheran Warming Centre being run by DARS as well as to support our own ministries. We are again asking for support from the congregation to donate ingredients and supplies. Specifically we need pancake mix (please only the mix that requires water added), and precooked breakfast style sausages brought to the church on the day of the event. Also other items such as butter, syrup, napkins etc. We're also in need of volunteers to help with mixing batter, making pancakes, serving meals etc on that evening. There are sign up sheets for ingredients and volunteers at the back of the church and we appreciate all the help we can get. For more info please contact Rob Mackay through the church office at 905-839-4257 or office@smartinsanglican.ca.

Faith in Action Add Your Voice Series– Begins February 15, 2024 @ 7:00 PM – Please join us during Lent for a series of films and discussion focusing on the Diocesan Vestry Motion: Protecting and advancing the Right to Housing. Hosted by the St. Martin's Social Justice Committee. We will be joined by local community partners, including staff from Durham Youth Services. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Thursday, February 15, 2024 @ 7:00 PM; March 4, 2024 @ 7:00 PM; and March 18, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

Faith Formation – Save the Date – Begins Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM on Zoom and Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 11:30 AM in person. We will be doing a study from the Diocese of Gloucester (The Church of England)

called Seeking Shapes for Living. This five week study will look at examining a Rule of Life. We will engage with scripture and discussion to help us in our Lenten Journey. All are welcome to attend as they are able.

Black History Month Guest Speaker – February 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM - Please join us for an in person event on February 28th at 7pm. We will hear from a leader and community advocate in the Black community and have the chance to engage in discussions. Light refreshments will be served.

February 17, 2024 Crock-a-Doodle @ 6:30 PM - Due to popular demand the Social Committee is organizing another evening at Crock-a-Doodle pottery studio on Saturday, February 17th at 6:30pm. Tap your creative side and create a masterpiece to take home. There are many different ceramic pieces to choose from to paint, at various price points, starting as low as \$15. If you are interested in joining us, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table. Last day for sign-up for this event is Sunday February 11th.

Donations for St. Paul on-the-Hill Community Food Bank - The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in filling the red wagon with your donations for the food bank. An Outreach volunteer will take the donations to St. Paul on-the-Hill. Grocery gift cards are always greatly appreciated. For a comprehensive list, please visit this link to [St. Paul's-on-the-Hill Food Bank](#).

***Spring Flowers Fundraiser** - Support a well-known local business and St. Martin's this spring! Your Fundraising Committee is collaborating with Vandermeer Nursery for an exciting fundraising opportunity. You can now order locally grown seasonal plants and gift cards in time for Easter and support St. Martin's at the same time – a portion of your money spent will go back to our church.

Please take an order form from the Welcome table and fill it out with orders from you, your family, friends and co-workers. Bring back the completed totals form, and your payment to the church (cash or cheque payable to St. Martin's Anglican Church) by **Sunday, March 17**. Your purchases will be available for pickup at the church on Easter weekend – more specific details to follow closer to pick-up date. Please contact Debbie C, Lee L, or church office for more information.

Week @ a Glance *SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE*

February 10, 2024

7:30 PM AA Meeting; in person lower level

February 11, 2024 – Black History Month Service & Transfiguration

10:00 AM Sunday Service; In person and live streamed
10:00 AM Sunday School during service

February 12, 2024

5:30 PM Stewardship Committee; in person
7:00 PM Social Committee; on Zoom

February 13, 2024

5:00 PM Pancake Supper; in person
7:30 PM AA Meeting; in person lower level

February 14, 2024

10:30 AM Ash Wednesday Service (BCP); in person
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Person; in person and live streamed

February 15, 2024

11:30 AM Choir Practice; in person

**St. Martin's Anglican Church
The Rev. Shelly Pollard (she/her), Incumbent**

Honorary Assistant: The Rev. Richard Newland
Rector's Warden: Rob Mackay
People's Warden: Moyah Morgan
Deputy Wardens: Elaine Watters & Denise Farrugia
Parish Administrator: Sharon Jones, ODT (she/her)
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