



St. Martin's Anglican Church
March 8, 2026
10:00 AM
Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome Team: Joe M, Shirley V

Chalice Bearers: Shelley M, Sharon J

It is a great privilege to gather, share stories of faith and worship God on this beautiful territory, which we now know as Pickering, but which has been the site of human activity – and therefore storytelling and worship – for many thousands of years. We wish to honour the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterways: the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today many Indigenous peoples, including the Métis Nation, continue to call this land home and act as its stewards, and this responsibility extends to all peoples, to share and care for this land for generations to come.

Celebrant: The Reverend Shelly Pollard

Prelude: Partitas I - III from O God, Though Faithful God

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Sentence: Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world. Give us living water, that we may not thirst.

Opening Hymn: # 602 Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
teach us compassion for each human life.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!

Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!

Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!

Worlds to be born and children yet to be
come, take up this song into eternity.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!

CP 602-Lift High the Cross.

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,
**All: to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

707 Trisagion

Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

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holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

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The Collect

Celebrant: Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life,
may we always thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading EXODUS 17:1-7

Reader: David Bo

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no

water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95

Celebrant: Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Celebrant: For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

All: In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

Celebrant: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

All: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Celebrant: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that to-day you would hearken to his voice!

All: Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

Celebrant: They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
All: Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

Celebrant: So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest."

Celebrant: Creator of all, we give you thanks for a world full of wonder, but above all because you have called us into a holy fellowship with you and with each other. Guide us in the ways of this your new creation, rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Second Reading ROMANS 5:1-11

Reader: Quita

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Please stand in body or in spirit for the Gospel

Gospel Hymn: 553 Ubi Caritas et Amor

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.

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Gospel Reading JOHN 4:5-42

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is

true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Homily:

The Rev Shelly Pollard

Moment of Silent Reflection

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All : **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,**

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Moyah M

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love
and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites us to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Moment of Silence

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and
forgive us, that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #520 The King of Love my Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever!

*CP 520-The King of Love my Shepherd Is.
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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Spring of life and Source of goodness,
receive all we offer you this day,
and bring us to the living water,
Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer 4

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer
of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and
this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created
and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and
blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the
stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn
against one another. Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In
the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our

Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

CP 732 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord. Music: Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-). ©1971, 1977 G.I.A. Publications, Inc. CCLI Copyright Licence 11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit

upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray and sing,

All: Our Father in heaven hallowed be thy name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, amen, amen.

Text: BAS page 211. Music: Sibbick arr. Lambert.

Moment of Silence

Breaking of the Bread

BAS 7

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**ALL: if we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
If we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

THE COMMUNION

Agnus Dei

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

CP 745 Lamb of God.

Music: Becket Gerald Senchur (1946-).

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Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(for those who choose not to receive Communion, or are following the service online)*

Celebrant: Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

All: **My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you, and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

Communion Hymn: #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Tree of life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

Seed that died to rise in glory,
may we see ourselves in you;
if we learn to live your story

we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.

We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
come inflame our hearts anew.
We may all your joy inherit
if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

6d Third Sunday

Living Water of salvation,
be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole,
flow in us and make us whole.

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Anthem: Shepherd Me, O Gentle Lamb

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: God of our pilgrimage,
we have found the living water.

Refresh and sustain us
as we go forth on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

Doxology & Blessing

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge
and love of God and of his Son,
Jesus Christ the Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you and the ones you love
now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn: # 505 Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;

thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Partita IV from O God, Though Faithful God

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St. Martin's Weekly Announcements – 2026

**New Announcement*

Sunday School - Sunday School is every Sunday during the 10:00 AM service. All are welcome!

Mid-Week Service

Join us for our BCP mid-week service Wednesdays at 10:30am. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome. Friendly reminder, Rev Shelly's day off is every Friday.

***Faith Formation:**

Join us for 5 weeks of Faith Formation. Beginning on Feb 24th at 7pm on Zoom and Feb 25th at 11:15am in person. It will run for 5 weeks. We will be exploring 1 Thessalonians for 5 weeks during Lent. Please see the questions below.

Week 3: 1 Thessalonians 3

1. What stood out to you in this chapter?
2. What kind of hope is described here?
3. How does hope shape us?
4. What might you carry with you into this week?

Meeting ID: 864 8716 5286

Invite link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86487165286?pwd=kA4HkLOjyFIfkbfTTlkyF7t2WIWYrf.1>

SOCIAL JUSTICE VESTRY MOTION 2026

The St. Martin's Social Justice group will be putting forward the 2026 Diocesan Social Justice Vestry Motion at Vestry Recommitting to "protect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth." We pledge to honour our baptismal commitment to "safeguard the integrity of God's creation" and urge the Government of Canada to honour its commitments to the Paris Accord, 2015: to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 40-45% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. More information can be found on the Vestry Motion document which will be available on the Welcome Desk on Sunday, February 1 or online at this link <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/social-justice-vestry-motion/?lang=en>

Social Justice Event

The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee at the Anglican Diocese of Toronto is inviting everyone to join an online book study running from Wednesday, February 25 to Wednesday, March 25 at 7pm. Please see the details below.

Register Now: Lent Book Study on *Encampment* (begins Feb. 25) Join people from across our Diocese for a free online Lent book study on *Encampment: Resistance, Grace, and an Unhoused Community*, by the Rev. Canon Maggie Helwig, incumbent of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields. This study series aims to deepen participants understandings of the complex issue of homelessness, and inspire them, in the light of the Gospel, to seek justice for and solidarity with those who are unhoused. It will be held on five Wednesday evenings in Lent, from **February 25 through March 25, 2026**. Reading the book in advance will enrich the experience for participants, who are welcome to join on their own or as part of a parish watch party. Register [here](#) to get the reading list and Zoom link for the sessions.

The Stewards of Creation Committee would like to highlight this upcoming event from the Toronto Diocese:

Climate Action for Lifelong Learners (CALL) is hosting an online course, "*The Changing Climate: A Canadian Perspective*" over eight weeks from **Tues. Feb. 17 through Tues. April 7**. Led by Dr. Martin Bush, a leading expert in climate science and renewable energy, this series will explore what's driving climate change, how it's affecting Canada, the latest solutions in clean energy, and what we can do to make a difference. Each session begins at **1:00 p.m.** The cost for the full 8 weeks is only **\$25**. Register

here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ES1nOd-iRpif6zitB-P1Cg?link_id=1&can_id=6ca74437b12b239d3affb1538d4e700d&source=email-register-now-a-new-climate-course-from-call&email_referrer=email_3051767&email_subject=register-now-a-new-climate-course-from-call&&fbclid=IwY2xjawPnF85leHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETFlcndFNIVWcVFENE1LeWITc3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHm70fNP3Z41wzdtHAmoAp2zHhbcS1YW7OCfPKmseRuzfRRDXiYTM1TeQWuls_aem_818dbTcczDAxyJTdiUDpJQ#/registration

***City of Pickering Sustainable Neighbourhood Presentation - Monday, March 23, 12pm at St. Martin's**

The Social Justice team is excited to host staff from the City of Pickering's Sustainability department for an insightful presentation on local environmental initiatives and projects. This event is a fantastic opportunity to enhance our advocacy and education around critical environmental issues, and you'll have the chance to ask questions about your city and neighbourhoods.

Details

Date & Time: Monday, March 23, 12 PM

Location: St. Martin's Church

Lunch: A light lunch will be provided.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet at the welcome desk. We look forward to seeing you there and engaging in important discussions about sustainability in our community!

Vandermeer Nursery Spring Fundraiser

The Fundraising Committee is pleased to announce that we are once again partnering with Vandermeer Nursery for our annual spring fundraiser!

This is a wonderful opportunity to order locally grown, seasonal plants while supporting St. Martin's at the same time. Every order counts—no matter how small—and all proceeds help support our church community.

We kindly ask for your help by taking orders and collecting payment from family, friends, neighbours, and co-workers. Your participation makes a meaningful difference, and we are grateful for your continued support.

Orders and payment (*cash or cheque made out to St. Martin's*) are **due by Sunday, March 15** and can be given to Lee L or Debbie C.

Your orders will be ready for **pick up** on the weekend of **March 28-29**.

Order forms are on the Welcome Desk.

Thank you for helping St. Martin's bloom this spring!

***Messy Church Save the date!** Our upcoming Messy Church date is:



Sat March 7, 2026 10am-11:30am

Come for a morning of fun for the whole family! This is an alternative service for busy families. A fun morning for the whole family. Crafts, games, stories, music and snacks!

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](#).

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