



The Cloak



St. Martin's – A Christian Church for all people Sharing God's Love, Following Christ, Serving Others



Blessing of the Animals

Contents:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 2 ~ Father Lee's Message / Nov. Services | 11 ~ Deacon Day / Butterflies |
| 3 ~ What and When | 11 ~ ECW Update |
| 4-5 ~ United Thank Offering | 12 ~ October Lagniappe |
| 5 ~ Sunday School Note | 13 ~ Wine Club / God's Math Shirt |
| 6 ~ Outreach Comm. / Declan Savitz Birth | 14 ~ Conquer Chiari Walk |
| 7-8 ~ Parish Nurse | 14-15 ~ Blessing of the Animals |
| 8 ~ Condolences / Annual Meeting | 15-17 ~ Spaghetti Lunch |
| 9 ~ ECW Update | 17 ~ Parking Lot Before & After |
| 10 ~ Ministry Fair / Finance Comm. | 18 ~ Birthdays + Anniversaries |
| 10 ~ Greening of the Church | 19 ~ St. Martin's Yellow Pages |

Father Lee Hutchison

As we approach the Christmas season and the associated gift-giving season, there are two ministries you may like to support. They both are intended to bring some joy to a child in need.

The Prison Fellowship Angel Tree project is the first. At Christmas, they collect the names of children who have a parent who is incarcerated to make sure they receive a gift at Christmas. On the 1st Sunday of Advent, we begin to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. A tree will be set up in the parish hall. You can take a name off the tree and buy the gift listed on the tag. Bring the new, unwrapped gift and leave it under the tree with the name tag attached.

The second opportunity to give is Operation Christmas Child, which is a 4-star ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Take a box from the display table and follow the instructions. Return the box with 10 dollars to cover shipping. Samaritan's Purse supports hospitals in over 30 countries, providing medical care to people in need. They also supply food to countries going through famine caused by drought or war. Last month alone, Samaritan's Purse delivered over 85,000 pounds of food to people living in Gaza.

I look forward to worshipping with you in the season of Advent as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Fr. Lee



Special Services in November

Sunday, November 2 - The Sunday after All Saints' Day

All Souls Day

Sunday, November 9 - 22 Pentecost

The Patronal Feast of Saint Martin of Tours

Sunday, November 16 - 23 Pentecost

Annual Parish Meeting after 10am Service

Sunday, November 23 - 24 Pentecost

The Feast of Christ the King

Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

What and When

November

Wine Club Saturday November 1 at New Kent Winery (see pg 13)
Daylight Savings Time Ends! Fall back 1 hour: Sunday November 2
GriefShare Support Group Tuesday November 4 and 11 from 6:30-8:30pm
After Wednesday Service Social First Wednesday of the month (November 5) come and gather with us for a light brunch
Social Bridge Thursday November 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10am
ECW Meeting Saturday November 8 at 9am (see page 9)
Men's Breakfast Saturday November 8 at 9am @ Shorty's Diner all men welcome to join us
Ministry Fair Sunday November 9 (see page 10)
Vestry Meeting Tuesday November 10 at 7pm
St. Martin's Project Saturday November 15 at 9:30am - White Team
UTO Ingathering Sunday November 16 (see page 4)
Annual Meeting Sunday Nov. 16 after the 10am service (see page 8)
GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" Sunday November 16 and December 7 from 2-4pm
Operation Christmas Child boxes due Monday November 17
WE (West End) Quilters Tuesday November 18 at 10am
Cloak Deadline Thursday November 20
Greening of the Church Saturday November 29 at 10am (see page 10)

Regular Weekly or Monthly Events are usually not listed in the left column.

Regular Weekly Events

Event	Day	Time
Sunday Services	Sunday	8 am* & 10 am*
Boy Scouts	Monday	7 pm
MOW Meals on Wheels	Tuesday	10 am
Bible Study	Tuesday	10 am or
	Wednesday	7 p
Holy Eucharist	Wednesday*	10 am
Yoga Stretch (\$3)	Tuesday	1 pm
Choir Practice	Thursday	7pm
Ethiopian Christians	Saturday	6 am
Compline Service		
-live on Facebook	daily*	8 pm

* all these are streamed live on FaceBook

Regular Monthly Events

Event	Day	Time
Vestry Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	7 pm
Midweek Service Social	1 st Wednesday	after 10 am service
ECW	2 nd Saturday	9 am
Men's Breakfast	2 nd Saturday	9 am
St. Martin's Project	3 rd Saturday	9:30 am



Important: Only church dates/events are listed in this calendar but our Lord's building is used by other groups. If you are scheduling an event for your group please consult with the large calendar in the copy room or the church office first.

United Thank Offering - Kim Shook

The United Thank Offering (UTO) final ingathering is **November 16th**. This ministry was founded in 1883 for the mission of the whole Episcopal Church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings, and make an offering for each blessing.



100% of what is collected goes to support innovative missions and ministries throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. UTO has awarded almost 5,500 grants at just over \$102 million over 142 years! This year's grants support projects that address sanitation, access to water, water education, and climate change mitigation.

The easiest way to donate is to bring checks/cash (with the memo line "United Thank Offering") to church and put them in the collection basket on Sundays. We will happily send the donation on for you. The envelopes and boxes are on the table in the hallway outside the Parish Hall. I know that children like the ritual of filling the boxes with change.

Your donations are put to very good use and are greatly appreciated. See these spotlights below on how two of the 2025 grants (one international and one national) are being used and how grateful the recipients are.

Spotlight #1

The United Thank Offering 2025 Grant Recipient Spotlight: Diocese of Gitega in Burundi

The Diocese of Gitega, Anglican Province of Burundi

Tell us how this grant will transform your community.

This project focuses on preserving God's creation by availing clean water to the most remote communities through improving and protecting spring water sources. It is hoped that access to clean water will become less time consuming, will guarantee increased labor force and will lead to improved health, environment preservation, and increased food production. In short, this grant will help save lives as the mortality rate from diarrheal diseases decreases and will improve school performance of 1,469 children. Moreover, this grant will improve the welfare and living conditions of people by contributing to a reduction of household medical expenses.



What are you most grateful for about receiving this grant?

We are most grateful to God for receiving this grant as it enables to preach the Gospel by words and actions. It is an opportunity for us to express Jesus' love by addressing one of the needs of our community. It is a great occasion for our Diocese to also participate in preserving and caring for God's Creation.

Spotlight #2

The United Thank Offering 2025 Grant Recipient Spotlight: Diocese Western Louisiana

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Opelousas, Louisiana

How is gratitude expressed in your community or culture?

In our community, gratitude is most often expressed through food and neighborly love. We gather around meals, share what we have, and take care of one another. Water plays an essential role in this-whether it's preparing a pot of gumbo, washing vegetables from the garden, or brewing sweet tea to share at the table. Gratitude, for us, is less about words and more about hospitality and presence, with water and food at the heart of how we express love and thanksgiving.

Tell us how this grant will transform your community.

A quick search of "Opelousas Water" reveals a litany of articles detailing the ongoing water crisis in our city. From leaking infrastructure that loses nearly half of the water treated, to brown or yellow water flowing through our taps, to the possibility of lead-contaminated pipes, our struggles are well-documented. On top of these challenges, Opelousas faces a poverty rate of nearly 40%. Many of our neighbors cannot afford bottled water, yet they are still burdened with the high cost of unusable water from the city system.

This grant will allow us to establish a community water filling station right in the backyard of the church. Access to clean water, free of charge, will transform daily life for countless families. It will ease financial burdens, protect health, and restore dignity. For our volunteers, it will be a chance to embody Christ's call to love our neighbors in a direct, life-giving way. For our wider community, it will be a visible sign that we are not forgotten-that safe water is not a privilege, but a right.



What are you most grateful for about receiving this grant?

We are most grateful because water is the foundation of life together. This grant is not just funding-it is hope. It enables us to begin this vital project, while also positioning us to seek additional support so that we can keep providing clean water for as long as it takes for the city to restore its broken system. For now, and for the future, this gift helps us meet the most basic and essential human need: water.

*Photo is an AI generated Mock-Up of what we hope the Community Water Filling Station will look like once completed

Sunday School Making a Difference

All children participating in Sunday School are encouraged to bring a donation for St. Martin's Blessing Box on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The donation Sunday for this month is **November 9**.



Outreach Committee - Martha Sneary

In November, the Outreach Committee will focus on food for the Lamb's Basket food pantry and for the little free pantry, "Blessing Box", at St. Martin's. We encourage everyone to bring in something every Sunday to add to these collections. If the outside Blessing Box is full, feel free to leave it with the food for Lamb's Basket in the hallway of the Parish Hall, as we monitor St. Martin's outside pantry and add to it from that food as needed.



We are looking forward to The Angel Tree for Christmas project and are already beginning to get names for it. The Outreach Committee will begin shortly after Thanksgiving making calls to families to get wish lists for the children referred to us. Then, we will create the requests to put on the tree for parishioners to choose to purchase items for the children. Delivery will be scheduled shortly before Christmas.



We wrapped up the Coat drive at the end of October. But, if someone would still like to donate a coat, you are welcome to take it directly to Puritan Cleaners and let them know that it is for the coat drive. Puritan will clean, mend, and deliver the coat for distribution.



We give thanks for the safe delivery of

Declan James Savitz

born on September 22, 2025.

Congratulations to the happy parents Karlee and Matt Savitz and their extended families.



Family Connections

Declan has many familial ties with the Greenwood and Sykes families.

Nancye Greenwood's mother was the oldest of six children born to Nancye's grandparents, Mamaw & Granddaddy Harris. Karlee's mom (and Declan's grandmother) is Kathy. Kathy's father was the youngest of the six children born to Mamaw & Granddaddy Harris, making Nancye and Kathy 1st cousins. Mamaw & Granddaddy had 20 grandchildren born among their six children. Nancye is the oldest grandchild, and Kathy is the youngest.

This lineage makes Declan 3rd cousins to James, Addie, and William Sykes, and Jack, Elliott, and Garrett Greenwood.

In addition, Kathy's father is Nancye's godfather. Kathy is Carrilynn Sykes' godmother. And, Jamie Greenwood and Addie Sykes will be godparents to Declan.

Nancye shared that perhaps "the most special God wink in all of this is that Declan was born on my mom's birthday."

No doubt, Declan is a blessed addition to this wonderful family!



Parish Nurse by Betty Horne

November is National Family Caregivers Month

The month of November is dedicated to recognize and support the growing number of unpaid family caregivers. It is observed to honor more than 50 million family caregivers across the country. It helps to raise awareness of the value provided by caregivers and ask for greater support. I have observed some of these selfless people in action! Many have very little

or no healthcare experience but are willing to learn and do all they can to keep their loved ones at home. ***We owe a debt of gratitude to these providers who work tirelessly, often at the risk of their own health.***



What do family caregivers do?

They provide personal care

- Bathing, personal hygiene, dressing, and toileting
- Help in getting their loved ones out of bed or a chair, or help with walking
- Prepare meals and help with feeding

Medical care

- Managing pill box and giving medicines
- Ensuring that healthcare appointments are kept and updating medical records
- Knowing where records such as advanced directives or end of life care are kept
- Help with therapies and treatments such as wound care
- Perform basic medical tasks
- Help schedule nursing or therapy visits

Other tasks related to activities of daily living and home maintenance

- Grocery shopping and other essentials
- Providing or organizing transportation
- Managing finances, ensuring bills are paid, or needed repairs to the home is done
- Communicating with family members and other parties concerned
- Respite care is often needed and can be arranged by the caregiver

The following are some ways we can show our gratitude to caregivers:

- Respite care, as mentioned above, allows the caregiver to take a break, take some time for themselves.

- Allow them to talk about their experiences. Sometimes all that is needed is a listening ear. A word of encouragement often helps the caregiver know that their work is appreciated.
- Offering specific help, such as cleaning the house, cooking a meal, doing some laundry, doing some yard work, or running an errand can really help brighten a caregiver's day. They are often overwhelmed.
- You can keep a caregiver feeling less isolated by inviting them to an event or gathering they may enjoy, even if the response may be no. They will appreciate that you thought of them. They may even find a way to go if possible!
- A cheerful word, a thoughtful card, or something you know that caregiver may like goes a long way in showing that they and the service they provide are appreciated.

There may come a time when more care is needed. There are services provided by some home care agencies that offer personal care, nursing care, or other therapy as needed. Skilled care may only be provided for a short period. Assistive living facility or nursing home care may be other options. The loved one may have planned for further care or living arrangements ahead of time, which helps in making decisions easier.

If you are a caregiver, know that you are appreciated. Tell a caregiver that they are appreciated for the work they do. Sometimes these days it may not seem like we have a lot to be thankful for, but we do. So, think of the many things we are thankful for!



Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Condolences!

on the recent death of

Kolby Lambert

who passed away on September 25.

Chris Coombs-Patoray asked that we please keep his family and friends in our prayers.



Annual Parish Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 16** after the 10am service. Please try to attend. We will elect three new vestry members.

ECW Update

- Christa Burr

On September 27, five members of our church followed the invitation to a Tea Party at the Church of the Epiphany in Henrico to benefit the Diocesan Scholarship Fund. It was a rainy day but still a very enjoyable event. It is always nice to meet ladies from other Episcopal churches. And those of us who like to bake were happy for new ideas. Deacon Dawn won the prize on our table.



The regular meeting would have been on Saturday, October 11, but it was also the day of the Diocesan Fall Meeting. Because we had a long agenda with urgent topics that needed to be decided on, President Christa invited members to her house for an early lunch on Wednesday, October 8. We were only 8 at the meeting, but a lot was accomplished. Lots of good ideas and comments were shared. Of course, the upcoming bazaar was one of the topics. If you like to craft or sew, knit, crochet, etc., feel free to join us.



Our next regular meeting: will be on Saturday, November 8 at 9 am at the church. We will be working on items for the bazaar. Doing that every year is also our way to start getting into the holiday spirit. Good ideas for gifts are passed along between the members. One can always learn something new. We would love it if you have something to share.

CrossRidge Bazaar: Friday, November 14 from noon to 5pm

3300 Crossridge Glen Way, Glen Allen, VA 23060 (off Staples Mill next to Publix). It is a gated community, but just tell the gate attendant that you want to visit the bazaar.

Mark your calendar: the December meeting will be on Saturday, December 13 at 10 am (note time change!) This is always a very special Christmas celebration. All women of our congregation are invited. Details in the next Cloak!

There are no plans to send an ECW email to all women in the congregation this month. Impromptu emails to gatherings/workshops are sometimes sent or announced in the "Weeklies".

Let us know whether you want to be included on the list. **Don't miss the FUN!**

St. Martin's Ministry Fair

Place: St. Martin's Church

Date: November 9th

Time: 8:00 to 11:30 am



Don't miss the Ministry Fair on Nov. 9! Our Committee Chairs have decided to hold this event so that ALL of our members are acquainted with the many different opportunities for service at St. Martin's.

It would be nice for all the committees to set up a table/display so members at both services will see what's happening at St. Martin's. Some of our ministries are Altar Guild, Outreach, ECW, Choir, and Pastoral Care. We all look forward to seeing you there and having a chance to get to know you better.

Happy Fall. If you have questions give me a call.

—Rick Gibbs



Finance Committee Report

Garland Harwood

Financial Highlights 2025	YTD end of August	MTD September	YTD end of September
Income	\$152,066.84	\$16,055.04	\$168,121.88
Expenses	-\$168,282.03	-\$19,464.16	-\$187,746.19
Gain or Loss	-\$16,215.19	-\$3,409.12	-\$19,624.31

Greening of the Church

If you'd like to help set up the Chrismon Tree and decorate the church for Advent, come to St. Martin's on **Saturday, November 29 at 10am**. It's always a fun time and a great way to get into the holiday spirit!



Diocesan Deacon Day



St. Martin's hosted a diocesan Deacon Day meeting with Bishop Stevenson on Saturday, October 18th. Our very own Deacon Dawn was part of it. In his follow-up email, Archdeacon Frederico Garza expressed particular thanks to Thomas Anthony, Deacon Dawn, Father Lee, and "everyone at St. Martin's Richmond for all their work in hosting us."



Found on the butterfly bushes beside the parish hall in early October.

Monarch butterflies



As seen through Esmé Borders' camera lens

Some October Lagniappe. . .

Your editor was introduced to the term lagniappe by her Louisiana born and bred mother-in-law. It's a term for "a little something extra." It's quite a handy term to know and seems fitting for this page.



October 6, 2025 was a big day for the Burrs. Not only was it James' birthday, but it was also the **50th** anniversary of Christa's move to the United States (James preceded her by about three month) !



Carter Stanley, our newest lay reader, on his first Sunday



Khai and Jaden

A couple of children's sermons this month



St. Martin's Wine Club - Krestin Gibson, Nancy Greenwood, and Jean Rollins

New Kent Winery

November 1 is fast approaching! We plan to arrive at New Kent Winery by 11:30 am. Wine tastings are \$20, and they have food available on site. No outside food is allowed.

Please sign up to attend on the bulletin board at church, and put a check if you will need a ride.

There are several large tables on the covered back patio that we can use. If we are there by 11:30 am, we can sit at those and avoid the \$200 reservation fee!

Hope to see everyone there! Please don't forget the donation \$\$ to our food box!

Also we will talk briefly about December and then spring 2026 trips, so please bring your thoughts on February? And forward!!

Here is info from New Kent Winery's website:



New Kent Winery & Talleyville Brewing Company are a family-owned and operated farm winery and farm brewery where we pride ourselves on true southern hospitality and providing an unparalleled selection of estate-grown, handcrafted wines that showcase our dedication to quality from vine to bottle.

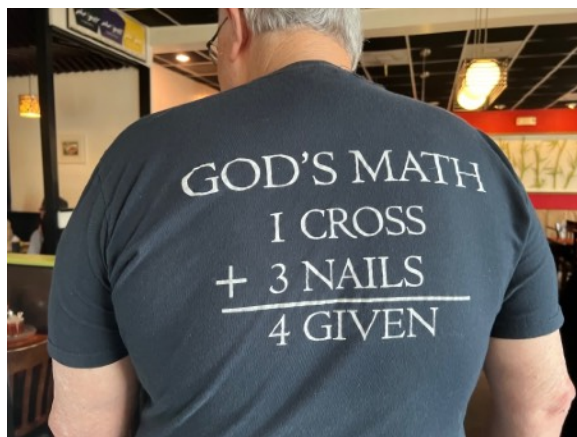
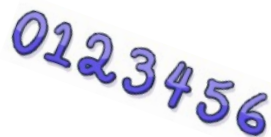
Address is:

8400 Old Church Road

New Kent, VA 23124



A t-shirt spotted by Christa Burr



Conquer Chiari Walk

- Saturday, September 27

Chiari malformation is a condition in which brain tissue extends into the spinal canal. It occurs when part of the skull is misshapen or smaller than is typical. The skull presses on the brain and forces it downward. There are three types of Chiari malformation, and treatment depends on the type.

Rick Gibbs is the Chair of the Richmond Conquer Chiari Walk Across America, and several other St. Martinites came out to participate in the annual on September. 27.



Blessing of the Animals

- Sunday, October 5



Blessing of Animals continued ... from previous page



Spaghetti Lunch

- Sunday, October 12



The Cloak 2025/11 page 15

Spaghetti Lunch continued ...
on next page



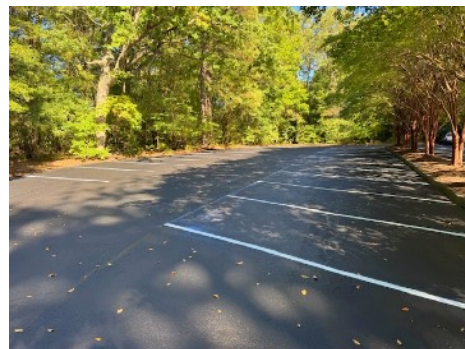


Parking Lot Repavement

Before



After





*

11/04 Claire Baughan
 11/07 Nancye Greenwood
 11/07 Linda Fairtile
 11/08 Melissa Machalinski
 11/10 Karen Hood
 11/12 Alexander Cooper
 11/14 Ashley Howdyshell
 11/15 Kevin Howdyshell
 11/18 Colin Borders
 11/18 Dianne O'Kelley Lamb
 11/19 Gina Reid
 11/19 Caleb Waller
 11/20 Mike Fiasco
 11/22 Kenzie Howdyshell
 11/24 Lee Hutchson
 11/26 Christine Watt
 11/27 Katie Hall
 11/28 Holly Thirion
 11/29 George Crowell
 11/30 Paris Lindsey

*

*

12/01 Lorelei Cooper
 12/01 James Logan
 12/02 Jennifer Cooper
 12/02 Lauren Slaughter
 12/03 Victoria Hughson
 12/03 Linda Nelson
 12/03 Errol Stephens
 12/07 N'neka Logan
 12/07 Joe Lamb
 12/08 Susan Stowell
 12/10 Nasira Horne
 12/14 Stephanie Dupaul
 12/15 Carter Hood
 12/16 Chris Patoray
 12/16 Krestin Gibson
 12/17 Beverly Stone
 12/17 Kevin Bailey
 12/18 Scott Goodman
 12/19 Austin Newcomb
 12/20 Sean Reid
 12/25 Merielle Horne
 12/25 Carl Newcomb
 12/26 Christa Burr
 12/26 Eliana Ponce

*

*

11/05/1966 Jim & Chris Smack
 11/16/2019 Rob & Lauren Rowley
 11/18/2016 Tatiana & Jonathan Horne
 11/26/1975 Christa & James Burr
 11/27/ Tiffany & Daniel Clements

*

*

12/01/1990 Jim Victoria Hughson
 12/14/2013 Amberlyn & Wilson Ponce
 12/21/2018 Sandi & David Mix
 12/21/1965 Ruth & James Barrett
 12/22/ Melinda & Darrell Jenkins
 12/24/2021 Jasmine & Isabella Pérez

*



Every Member and Friend of St. Martin's is important. If you have not given us your birth dates and wedding dates, please email them to registrar@saintmartinschurch.org. (We like to know the year too but only for demographic purposes. Birth years are sometimes published for children only.)

We would like to say a prayer for you too on your special day.

registrar@saintmartinschurch.org

Please send any changes to do with the directory like the portrait photos, addresses, emails, telephone/cell phone numbers, birthdays, and anniversaries to the above address as well.

Newcomers, please don't hesitate to let us know if you would like to get the weekly email and/or The Cloak.

St. Martin's Yellow Pages

This area is where you can post your service or product to let your fellow St. Martinites know how you can help them, and you can give those who post here your support.



OCEANFRONT BEACH HOUSE FOR RENT

Perfect for a couple or family of 4.

Located directly on the beach in Hatteras Village, NC.
Contact Bob or Max Barritt (h) 270-3862 or (c) 512-4586

For private Piano Lessons

contact

Carolyn Mowery

434-391-4938 (please leave message)

or

clmowery61@hotmail.com



Blessing Box

Stock the Little Free Pantry!

When you have to shop for your food anyway, why not also pick up a few non-perishable items for the "Little Free Pantry?"

No glass containers please.
Also, nothing which could spoil in the summer heat like mayonnaise, dressings, etc.

We are happy to report that the contents of the box is very well used. It is often empty.

Help to keep it filled!



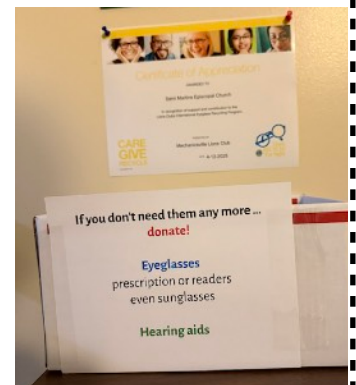
YOUR OLD EYE GLASSES & HEARING AIDS!

Please remember that those glasses you don't use any longer could mean a lot to somebody who can't see or read otherwise.

Same with hearing aids that are no longer needed. They can really help people who cannot otherwise get any.

The ECW will take care of them.

THANK YOU!



ST. MARTIN'S STAFF

Rector: The Rev. Lee A. Hutchison
Priest Associate: Rev. Dr. Sandra Levy-Mix
Priest Associate: Rev. Jerry Sneary
Deacon: Rev. Dawn McNamara
Monastic Associate: John Ogle
Organist & Choirmaster: Powell Johann

CHURCH OFFICE

(804) 270-6786 (Phone) (804) 270-3286 (Fax)
E-mail: office@saintmartinschurch.org
Website: <https://saintmartinschurch.org>

Office Hours

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10 am-2 pm

It is best to call the office or Thomas Anthony
(804-944-5620) before you come.

Trustee Emeritus: Robert I. Kirby,
Trustees: Kerry Alloway, Garland Harwood
& Jim Greenwood

VESTRY

2025	2026	2027
Linda Fairtile	Krestin Gibson	Rick Gibbs
Jim Moss	Garland Harwood	Joe Lamb
	Bill White	Elaine Markey

Senior Warden: Bill White
Junior Warden: Rick Gibbs

Clerk:
Treasurer: N'neka Logan (interim)
Assistant Treasurer: Mike Fiasco
Cloak Editor: Ashley Borders



St. Martin's Episcopal Church

9000 St. Martins Lane · Richmond, VA 23294
804-270-6786 (tel) · 804-270-3286 (fax)
Website: <https://saintmartinschurch.org>
E-mail: office@saintmartinschurch.org

To submit articles or ideas for The Cloak, email:
cloak@saintmartinschurch.org