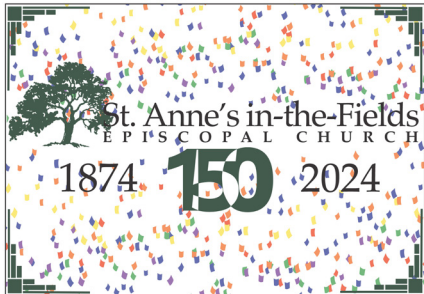




The Good News

St. Anne's in-the-Fields
Episcopal Church

Eastertide 2024



Celebrating St. Anne's: 150th News!

150th Anniversary Celebration Evening: Saturday, April 27

The parish is looking forward to celebrating our 150th anniversary over dinner on Saturday, April 27. Thank you all who have volunteered to help, have made donations in honor of St. Anne's birthday, and plan to attend this joyous occasion. While the deadline to RSVP has passed and we will miss those who cannot attend, we have many more anniversary events and projects to come over the course of the year, so keep your eyes open (and **visit the display in the offices hallway!**)

Commemorative Altar Frontal

Thank you for the many wonderful stories you shared with us during our listening sessions in February and March. **Tica de Moor** and **Lise Stahl Brown** have begun work on the frontal design and look forward to incorporating your memories. Stay tuned for design updates, as well as how to donate fabrics before Pentecost. Then, starting in June, we'll begin to build our quilt components with help from volunteer stitchers (we can train!). We plan to dedicate the frontal in late September during a special service.

Forums: Celebrating the Music & Stories of St. Anne's

We will hold two forums in April to celebrate our anniversary: on **April 14 at the special time of 11:15 am** come share your musical memories as a musician, choir member, and/or listener! Then, on **April 21 at 9 am**, we'll hold a Moth Radio Hour session to hear remembrances and stories of parishioners' time at St. Anne's. We have wonderful music and history to celebrate at St. Anne's, so please join us! (**Further details** under the Adult Formation heading.)

Your Ideas for Celebrating 150 Years!

We're still welcoming your ideas for how to mark this momentous year. If you have an idea that you're ready to share with energy to bring it to life, contact **Lise Stahl Brown** at lisestahlbrown@gmail.com, or any member of the 150th Steering Committee: **Anne Jones, Sarah Hubbell, Christie Kozak, and Garrett.**

Refugee Family: Update

After a rocky start, our extended family of nine Rohingya Muslims is making progress settling into their new lives in Lowell. They arrived on a bitterly cold day in late January, but because the heat wasn't working in their apartment, they crammed into that of the matriarch, Elam, and her youngest son, Nur (18), who arrived a month earlier. We were finally able to move them and their furnishings into the larger apartment on February 14.

Members of St. Anne's and the Interfaith Partnership for Refugee Resettlement have been supporting the family with transportation to the mosque, grocery stores, and medical appointments, and with learning the Lowell bus routes.

Bit by bit, we've been learning more about the harsh conditions they endured in Cox's Bazaar, the world's largest refugee camp, where discrimination, food restrictions, flooding, and gang violence are rampant. The family survived because Yasin (32) took a dangerous boat trip to Kuala Lumpur when he was only 17 to find construction work building skyscrapers. He sent money back, but was unable to see his family for 12 years before he returned, got married, and became a father. Yasin's wife, Rozina, lost family members in the 2017 genocide by the Myanmar military. Yasin's father and one of his sisters died in the camp and the family has been waiting there since 2008 to immigrate. They originally arrived in 1992, so most of them have spent their entire lives in the camp.

The girls, Monora (10) and Arbia (7) have enrolled in school and it's going well. The most exciting development is that two of the men have found jobs! Yasin is working the weekend night shift at a medical lab, and Nur is working at an Amazon warehouse. Sadly, Humira and Abdul, who apparently have long had a troubled marriage, have



separated, and Abdul is living in a rooming house where he shares an attic room. His lack of any English has been a barrier to employment, so a priority now is to provide extra English classes for him.

Our primary financial goal is to assist them with their rent for the first year. Please consider donating by 1) making checks out to St. Anne's with Refugee Family in the subject line, or 2) using the Give button on our website, click on Contribute to our 150th Celebration, then click on 150th Celebration Dinner, and scroll to Give to Other (with comments) notating: refugee family. If you have any questions, please contact **Beth Thompson** (bookkeeper@stanneslincoln.org). If you missed the recent forum on the family and want a copy of the presentation or want more information on the persecution of Rohingya Muslims, please contact **Anne Jones** (annemoylanjones@gmail.com).

Another way you can support the family is by donating your unwanted shoes to our Interfaith Partnership initiative; see the **Outreach** section below for details!

Worship

Bishop's Visit & Confirmation: Sunday, April 28

Get a good night's sleep after the 150th Celebration because the next morning Bp. Alan Gates will be joining us at St. Anne's for confirmation! We will hold just **one service that Sunday, April 28, at 9 am**, and we hope the St. Anne's community will be there to support our confirmands. After the service, cake and coffee will be enjoyed in Flint Hall where we will also have a chance to have some conversation with Bishop Alan.



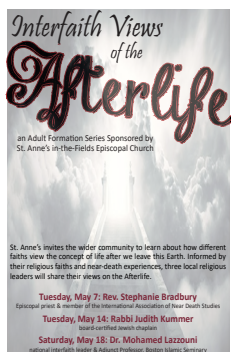
Two Musical Events on Pentecost: May 19

On Sunday, May 19, two notable (ahem...) musical events will be sure to entice! First, at 2 pm, the St. Anne's Sanctuary will host a free organ recital by members of the Merrimack Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, of which our own Jay Lane is Dean. Then, at 5 pm the St. Anne's choir will join other local Episcopal choirs at Trinity Church in Concord for a traditional evensong. Everyone is welcome at both events!

Summer Worship

Starting Sunday, June 9, we will transition to our summer schedule of one service of spoken Holy Eucharist at 9 am; Sunday, June 2 will be our last 8 am/10 am two-service offering until September. We will continue to livestream during summer.

Adult Formation



Interfaith Views of the Afterlife

What happens after death? Is there an afterlife? If so, what might it be like, and what difference might it make to our present lives here on Earth? Informed by their religious faith and/or near-death experiences, three local religious leaders will share their views on life after death. All lectures will be held in Flint Hall and run from 7-8:30pm (including Q/A time).

Tuesday, May 7: Rev. Stephanie Bradbury, Episcopal priest, IANDS member

Tuesday, May 14: Rabbi Judith Kummer, Jewish chaplain

Saturday, May 18: Dr. Mohamed Lazzouni, Adjunct Professor, Boston Islamic Seminary

Please join us to explore this important topic through an interfaith perspective. All are welcome!

Adult Forums

April 14 at 11:15 am: 150th Anniversary Celebration of Music and the Choir at St. Anne's. Please come share your memories of musical experiences as a musician, choir member, and listener. We have wonderful music at St. Anne's to celebrate. Let's share these experiences!

April 21 at 9 am: Moth Storytelling Hour: Sharing St. Anne's Memories. Whether you've been here 6 months or 60 years, please come and share your story of a special experience/event/feeling you've had at St. Anne's as part of our 150th Celebration. Tom Black and Mary Kitses will get us started! Your story can be 30 seconds or 5 minutes — we just want to hear from you! If you'd like to be included in the starting line-up or have any questions, please contact **Gary Poisson** at GaryPoisson@gmail.com.

May 5 at 9 am: Hagar's Sisters is our May Swift to Love recipient and Director Joyce Shetler Holt will lead a forum about the organization's good works (see below for a detailed description).

May 12 at 9 am: Spiritual Direction hosted by **Heidi Stahl**.

Outreach & Community

Social Justice Commission

All are warmly invited for a day of fellowship, learning, and celebration on Earth Day, Saturday, April 20, to mark the conclusion of the pilot program of "An Episcopal Path to Creation Justice," a new initiative from the dioceses of Western Massachusetts and Massachusetts to equip churches for deep and broad work in creation care. The event will feature presentations by Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker and, joining virtually, Bill McKibben and Robin Wall-Kimmerer, as well as opportunities for conversation and reflection. The day will conclude with a celebratory Eucharist officiated by Bishop Carol Gallagher. Suggested donation to attend is \$20 to offset the cost of lunch. Childcare and livestreaming will be available. Attendance limited to 150. RSVP in advance at: [Earth Day 2024 \(diocesewma.org\)](http://EarthDay2024(diocesewma.org)).

May Swift to Love: Hagar's Sisters



The focus for May's Swift to Love will be Hagar's Sisters, a Christian domestic violence organization. Motivated by God's loving kindness, Hagar's Sisters works to "break the cycle of abuse through the transforming power of God." Women in Boston and beyond are empowered to find hope and healing through its unique program of care planning, education, and compassionate community. Come learn about the complex issue of domestic violence and this amazing organization at the **Forum on Sunday, May 5, at 9 am**. The discussion will be led by Joyce Shetler Holt, Founding President and Executive Director.

Our B-Love Pantry: Filling a Great Need

Our St. Stephen's B-Love Pantry continues to meet a vital need in the greater Boston community, and we need your help to keep it going. As you may have read, the U.S. Congress recently voted to end all Pandemic-related SNAP benefits, putting many at greater risk of food insecurity. Each month, some of our parishioners buy, organize, and deliver 50 grocery bags to St. Stephen's in Roxbury, where they are distributed to those in need of additional food. The Pantry is located in the St. Anne's foyer, and we are always needing replenishment! Please pick up a shopping list bookmark and add a few items to your next trip to the market. You are welcome to join us on those days we fill the bags too! For more information or questions, please email **Patrice Barton** at patriceburnsbarton@gmail.com.

Shoe Drive for our Rohingya Family

Got shoes? If they're in good shape (clean, no rips, no tears), we want 'em! Members of the Interfaith Partnership for Refugee Resettlement (IPRR) are working together to collect shoes of any style and size to trade for cash donations to support our Rohingya refugee family. Collection bins will be in the St. Anne's foyer, and we will continue to collect shoes until May 5. Thank you!

SoHIP Concert Series Returns to St. Anne's

The Society for Historically-Informed Performance (SoHIP) will again hold part of its summer concert series in St. Anne's Flint Hall. Starting Tuesday, June 11, with Nota Bene Viol Consort's program "So Far from Home," SoHIP will present eight new concerts each week (except for July 2), starting at 7:30 pm. If you miss the performance at St. Anne's, you can catch it in Andover on Wednesdays or in Boston on Thursdays. To learn more about the organization, the programs, and/or how to buy tickets, visit: www.sohipboston.org/2024-concert-series.

Shoe Drive!

to benefit our Rohingya family



In conjunction with other member churches of the **Interfaith Partnership for Refugee Resettlement**, St. Anne's invites you to donate your un-needed shoes to raise funds for the sponsorship of our Rohingya Family in Lowell.

The shoes we collect will be given to micro-entrepreneurs in developing countries in exchange for a cash donation to the Partnership that we will then pass on the family.

All sizes and types are acceptable.
sneakers • heels • cleats • flip-flops • boots • loafers
Must be clean with no rips or tears.

Drive ends May 5, 2024.

For more information, contact Patrice Barton at patriceburnsbarton@gmail.com.

Children & Families

Teen Formation

Our next two meetings will be on April 21 and May 20, both from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Rectory. All teenagers are welcome to join us!



Atrium Calendar

- April 14: **school vacation**
- April 21: Atrium 9:30 am
- April 28: Bishop's Visit in the Sanctuary 9 am
- May 5: Atrium 9:30 am
- May 12: Children's Chapel 10 am
- May 19: Children's Chapel 10 am
- May 26: **Memorial Day weekend**

Fellowship

Women's Book Group Dates

The Women's Book Club has just two meetings left this program year - for our **next meeting on April 29**, we'll be discussing the book *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Our final meeting of the year - book selection TBD - will be on **Tuesday, June 4**. Meeting details will be sent by email. If you're interested in joining our discussion, please email **Katie Yates** at katharinecampbell Yates@gmail.com. We are always ready to welcome new members!

Parish Picnic!

Save the Date for the annual **Parish Picnic: June 2, 2024**, from 11:15 am - 1:15 pm at St. Anne's!



Parish Business

Election of our New Bishop

On Saturday, May 18, St. Anne's Diocesan Delegates, **Lise Stahl Brown** and **Heather Martino**, and **Garrett** will attend the special convention to elect our 17th Bishop Diocesan. A series of open meetings are scheduled around the Diocese May 7-11, giving the people of the Diocese an opportunity to meet and learn more about the nominees for election. All in the diocesan community are invited to attend. For more information, go to the Diocese's website at <https://www.diomass.org/bishop-search>.

Summer Office Hours Start June 10

As we do each summer, once we transition to a single service during the summer, we also pare down the hours of the Parish Office. Starting on Monday, June 10, we will be **closed on Mondays and Fridays, and open only between 9 am and 1 pm** for the rest of the work week. As always, **Jennie** can give you access to the building around these days and times, so feel free to email her at jennie@stanneslincoln.org. Other staff will move to their abbreviated schedules and vacation times, but everyone will be checking their emails. For emergencies of any kind, please call the main phone number (781.259.8834) and press #4 for further instructions.

Spring Calendar

Monday, April 8

7 pm, Education for Ministry Class (Library)

Tuesday, April 9

10:30 am, Church Service League (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 am, Men's Group (Library & Zoom)

Thursday, April 11

9 am, Women's Bible Study (Flint Hall, Zoom)

7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal (Flint Hall)

Saturday, April 13

5 pm, Breathe-Move-Pray (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 14

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)

11:15 am, **Forum on 150 Years of Music at St. Anne's**

Tuesday, April 16

11 am, Pastoral Care Commission Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, April 17

8:30 am, Men's Group (Library & Zoom)

7 pm, Vestry Meeting (Library)

Thursday, April 18

10 am, Women's Bible Study (Flint Hall & Zoom)

7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal (Flint Hall)

Sunday, April 21

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

9 am, **Forum: Sharing Stories of St. Anne's** (Flint Hall)

9:30 am, Sunday School (Atria)

10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)

11 am, Coffee Hour hosted by Zoe & Nandy (Flint Hall)

11:15 am, Confirmation Class

5:30 pm, Teen Formation (Rectory)

Monday, April 22

7 pm, Education for Ministry Class (Library)

Monday, April 15: Parish Office Closed for Patriots' Day

7 pm, Education for Ministry Class (Library)

Spring Calendar (continued)

Wednesday, April 24

8:30 am, Men's Group (Library & Zoom)

Thursday, April 25

9 am, Women's Bible Study (Flint Hall, Zoom)

7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

Saturday, April 27

5 pm, **150th Birthday Celebration!** (RSVPs Required)

Sunday, April 28: Confirmation & Bishop's Visit

9 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)

11 am, Coffee Hour with Bishop Gates (Flint Hall)

12 pm, Vestry Lunch with Bishop Gates (Library)

Monday, April 29

7 pm, Education for Ministry Class (Library)

7 pm, Women's Book Club (Flint Hall)

Wednesday, May 1

8:30 am, Men's Group (Library & Zoom)

Thursday, May 2

10 am, Women's Bible Study (Flint Hall & Zoom)

Sunday, May 5: Swift to Love: Hagar's Sisters

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

9 am, Forum: Hagar's Sisters

9:30 am, Atrium (Classrooms)

10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)

Tuesday, May 7

7 pm, **Afterlife Series: Christianity** (Flint Hall)

Wednesday, May 8

8:30 am, Men's Group (Library & Zoom)

Thursday, May 9

10 am, Women's Bible Study (Flint, Sanctuary)

7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal (Flint Hall)

Saturday, May 11

11 am, Funeral Service for Carol Westlake Quimby (Sanctuary)

12 pm, Funeral Reception (Sanctuary)

5 pm, Breathe-Move-Pray (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 12: Mothers' Day

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

10 am, Children's Chapel (Library)

10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)

11 am, Coffee Hour hosted by Risa Teksten (Flint)

Tuesday, May 14

10:30 am, Church Service League (Library)

7 pm, **Afterlife Series: Judaism** (Flint Hall)

Wednesday, May 15

8:30 am, Men's Group (Library & Zoom)

7 pm, Vestry Meeting (Library)

Thursday, May 16

10 am, **Women's Bible Study Year-End Celebration** (Flint Hall)

7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal (Flint Hall)

Saturday, May 18

7 pm, **Afterlife Series: Islam** (Flint Hall)

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

10 am, Children's Chapel (Library)

10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)

11 am, Coffee Hour (Flint Hall)

11 am, Women's Retreat Reunion Brunch (Library)

2 pm, **Organ Recital** (Sanctuary)

5 pm, Teen Formation (Rectory)

5 pm, **Multi-Choir Evensong** (Trinity Concord)

Tuesday, May 21

11 am, Pastoral Care Commission Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, May 22

8:30 am, Men's Group (Library & Zoom)

Thursday, May 23

7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 25

5 pm, Breathe-Move-Pray (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 26: Memorial Day Weekend

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)

Monday, May 27: Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 29

8:30 am, Men's Group (Library & Zoom)

Thursday, May 30

7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, June 2: Last Day of Two Services

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

9:30 am, Atrium (Classrooms)

10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)

11:15 am, **Parish Picnic** (Outside & Parking Lot)

Tuesday, June 4

7:30 pm, Women's Book Group (Library & Zoom)

Wednesday, June 5

8:30 am, Men's Group (Library & Zoom)

Sunday, June 9: Summer Worship Schedule Begins

9 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

Beginning Monday, June 10, the Parish Office will move to summer hours, open only Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 am to 1 pm.



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