



St Stephen's Announcements Dec 21-27 2023

- **Christmas Bonus for Church Staff** – Please make a donation to our staff Christmas Bonus by donating to the Rector Discretionary Fund. Each year we like to give a little extra to our staff: Mark our parish administrator, Doreen our accompanist, and Debra our sexton. The donations for December to the Rector Discretionary will be dedicated to the staff bonus. Thank you for helping to show gratitude for the work these folks do for our church.
- **12 Steps for Christians meets on Wednesdays at 5pm in the Parish Hall.** New book “12 steps to a compassionate life” by Karen Armstrong began December 6th. Copies available from Rev. Allison.
- **Christmas worship services:** Dec 23rd – Saturday 5pm 4th Advent service. Dec 24th 5pm Christmas Eve service. Dec 25th 10am Christmas Day service with light brunch afterward.
- **The Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years Day.** You can still call and leave a message or send an email if you have an urgent need to contact Rev. Allison or the church office. We will be monitoring those communications in case of emergency. After hours (7pm to 7am), please call Rev. Allison at her home number: 520-335-2436, her cell phone is turned off at night.
- **Dec 30-31: New Year's service Sat 5pm and Sun 10am.** Bid goodbye to this year and look to the coming year with hope. Sunday morning service will also offer a champagne or sparkling cider fellowship time following the service...
- **5 January – First Friday Film Night: We will watch “The Lion in Winter”** starring Katherine Hepburn and Peter O’Toole in this historical drama about Christmas in the family of Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine. Some great one-liners in this movie. Soup supper. Bring your own beverage. Starts at 5:15pm goes to about 7:30pm. Bring a friend.
- **13 January – Second Saturday Supper: 6:30pm Join us for supper out at Native Grill and Wings** for a time of fellowship and feasting. Address 3950 Martin Luther King Jr Pkwy, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. Menu can be found at this link: <https://nativegrillandwings.com/menu/general-menu/> . Invite a friend to join us.
- **21 January – Sunday ANNUAL MEETING:** Be sure to come to church Sunday at 10am for the combined annual meeting and worship. This will be followed by a Mexican Food potluck in the Parish Hall with a build your own Taco Bar. Rev. Allison will use the sermon time to deliver the “State of the Church” address and present the 2024 church budget. New vestry elections and gratitude recognition.
- **26-27 January – New Vestry Retreat** for all vestry members in Parish Hall. Friday 26th 5:30 pm to 8pm. Saturday 8am to 2pm.

Looking ahead:

- **13 February – Pancakes and Sausage Shrove Tuesday Supper. 5pm to 6pm in Parish Hall.**
- **14 February ❤️ – Ash Wednesday. Services at 9:30am and 6pm.** Lent starts early this year.
- **23 February – 6pm Professional Pianist John Nilsen in concert** at St. Stephen's in the Church. Free will offering and wine/sparkling soda/h'ors d'oeuvres reception to follow.
- **Please continue to drop off your aluminum cans and pull tabs** – We will continue to take to Animal Shelter to donate for them.