

SAINT ANTHONY ON THE DESERT EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**BELONG
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Events Calendar

Welcoming All to An Oasis on the Way

We welcome all to Saint Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church. Here you will find a diverse community that respects the dignity of every person and practices the Episcopal traditions of the Good News of the Gospel message that binds us together. We strive to follow the example and teachings of Jesus Christ as his disciples in all we do, growing more and more into people of faith, hope, and love, nourished by God's Word and Sacraments. Wherever you are in your journey of faith, we invite you to get to know us better. We are exploring what it means to belong, believe and become within the context of a faith community. If you are seeking a new church home, or if Saint Anthony has been your home, we offer a variety of occasions that celebrate our lives as a family and our lives as beloved children of God. Join us for some of our upcoming offerings throughout the year.

Sunday, Sep 3 Labor Day Weekend
Sunday, Sep 10 Kick Off Sunday—Christian Education and Formation Begins (all ages encouraged)
Sunday, Sep. 10 “Welcome to Church” for Children 4 years of age (those joining from “The Oasis”)
Sunday, Sep 24 Belong: 4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch

Sunday, Oct 1 East Valley Episcopal Youth— Prayers for Fall Activities
Sunday, Oct 8 Indigenous Peoples Day Weekend
Sunday, Oct 15 Evensong for Feast of Saint Luke
Sunday, Oct 22 Belong: 4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch—Student Care Package Prep
Saturday, Oct 28 Make a Difference Day—All Parish Service
Sunday, Oct 29 Belong Believe Become Ingathering—Pumpkin Carving
Community Meal with No Christian Education and Formation

Sunday, Nov 5 All Saints' Day—Holy Baptism—‘All Saints’ Go’ Scavenger Hunt
Sunday, Nov 5 Julian Nguyen and Friends Concert
Sunday, Nov 5 East Valley Episcopal Youth
Sunday, Nov 26 Belong: 4th Sunday Brunch Bunch

Saturday, Dec 2—3 Christmas Market with Saturday—Visit from Saint Nicholas (Advent Greening)
Sunday, Dec 3 Advent I
Sunday, Dec 3 East Valley Episcopal Youth
Sunday, Dec 3 MusicaNova Concert
Sunday, Dec 10 Advent II—Caroling on the Way
Sunday, Dec 17 Advent III—(Christmas Greening and Chili Lunch)
Sunday, Dec 24 Advent IV
Saturday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services— (4 & 8p)
Sunday, Dec 24 *No Christian Education and Formation—No 4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch*
Monday, Dec 25 Christmas Day—Regular Worship Schedule

Holiday Break Winter Family Camp—Chapel Rock: Prescott, AZ
Sunday, Dec 31 Congregational Christmas Lessons and Carols—*No Christian Education and Formation*

Wednesday, Jan 3 Snow Day—Epiphany Pageant Rehearsal and Fun (1/2) Day for Children and Youth
Sunday, Jan 7 East Valley Episcopal Youth
Sunday, Jan 7 Epiphany Pageant—Holy Baptism
Sunday, Jan 14 Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend
Sunday, Jan 14 The Feast of Saint Anthony—Eucharistic Celebration for Children and
Visit from Bishop Reddall
Sunday, Jan 21 Belong: 4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch
Sunday, Jan 28 Annual Parish Meeting
Community Meal with No Christian Education and Formation

Events Calendar (Continued)

Saturday, Feb 3	St. Brigid Day Blessing of the Animals and Animal Adoption
Sunday, Feb 4	East Valley Episcopal Youth— Prayers for Winter Activities
Sunday, Feb 11	Shrove Sunday <i>Community Meal with No Christian Education and Formation</i>
Wednesday, Feb 14	Lent—Ash Wednesday (7a, 1 & 7p)
Sunday, Feb 18	Presidents' Day Weekend
Sunday, Feb 25	Belong: 4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch
Sunday, Mar 3	East Valley Episcopal Youth—Blessing of the Car Keys
Saturday, Mar 9	All Parish Service Day
Sunday, Mar 24	4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch
Sunday, Mar 24	Palm Sunday
Thursday, Mar 28	Maundy Thursday
Friday, Mar 29	Good Friday
Sunday, Mar 31	Easter Day Services—TBD <i>No Christian Education and Formation</i>
Sunday, Apr 7	Holy Baptism
Sunday Apr 7	East Valley Episcopal Youth—Prayers for Exams and End of Year Activities
Sunday, Apr 21	Saint Anthony Anniversary Celebration and Spring Evensong
Sunday, April 28	Belong: 4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch
Sunday, May 5	East Valley Episcopal Youth— Prayers for Summer Activities and Travels
Saturday, May 11	Diocesan Confirmations at Trinity Cathedral
Sunday, May 12	Mother's Day Observance—Graduation Celebrations—All Graduates Recognized
Sunday, May 19	Sundaes on Sunday— Final Day of Christian Education and Formation for All Ages
Sunday, May 19	Day of Pentecost Celebration—Whitsunday—Holy Baptism
Summer 2024	Camp and Summer Activities—TBD

Children and Worship

Relax! Infants and children are always welcome at any service. Little ones wiggle about and make “happy kid” noises. We expect that they will. You need not feel you have to suppress them in God’s home. Whether they are coloring or squirming, God has a special place for them. The presence of children is a gift to the Church, and they remind us that our church is growing.

Wear what is comfortable for you and expect friendly smiles from clergy and members alike. If your child is struggling with the new habits of attending church, don’t give up! After several weeks of the same thing each Sunday, your child will “get with the program” and come to enjoy listening to the service while (s)he plays quietly in the pews. We encourage water, dry cereal, and quiet stuffed and toys for children. Remember that God is seeking them as much as you.

The Oasis: The Nursery @ Saint Anthony is nursery care for children from birth to the 4th birthday. This is also a quiet space for parents or adult caregivers who may be nursing or feeding. The Nook in The Chapel of Saint Luke is a quiet corner in the chapel for *accompanied* children or youth who are struggling to settle in. Two pews have been set aside for families with young children at the front of the church, closest to the choir. Families are invited to sit anywhere in church.

Belong

It can be hard to follow Jesus as a disciple. What really builds our character is to have friendships with those who encourage us in our Christian lives. We offer a variety of ways to connect with fellow members at Saint Anthony. Christian Community gives us a place to share our joys and sorrows. We are here for each other, and we love to have fun together!

Sunday, Sep 24	Belong: 4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch
Sunday, Oct 1	East Valley Episcopal Youth— Prayers for Fall Activities
Sunday, Oct 22	Belong: 4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch—Student Care Package Prep
Sunday, Oct 29	Belong Believe Become Ingathering—Pumpkin Carving <i>Community Meal with No Christian Education and Formation</i>
Sunday, Nov 5	East Valley Episcopal Youth
Sunday, Nov 26	Belong: 4th Sunday Brunch Bunch
Sunday, Dec 3	East Valley Episcopal Youth
Sunday, Dec 10	Advent II—Caroling on the Way
Sunday, Dec 17	Advent III—(Christmas Greening and Chili Lunch)
Wednesday, Dec 27	Snow Day—Epiphany Pageant Rehearsal and Fun (1/2) Day for Children and Youth
Holiday Break	Winter Family Camp—Chapel Rock: Prescott, AZ
Sunday, Jan 7	East Valley Episcopal Youth
Sunday, Jan 21	Belong: 4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch
Saturday, Feb 3	St. Brigid Day Blessing of the Animals and Animal Adoption
Sunday, Feb 4	East Valley Episcopal Youth— (w/prayers for winter activities during church)
Sunday, Feb 11	Shrove Sunday <i>Community Meal with No Christian Education and Formation</i>
Sunday, Feb 25	Belong: 4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch
Sunday, Mar 3	East Valley Episcopal Youth—Blessing of the Car Keys
Sunday, Mar 26	Belong: 4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch
Sunday, April 7	East Valley Episcopal Youth— (w/prayers for exams and end of year activities)
Sunday, April 28	Belong: 4th Sunday Family Brunch Bunch
Sunday, May 5	East Valley Episcopal Youth— Prayers for Summer Activities and Travels
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+ Arts on the Desert offers monthly artist openings from September through May. Children, youth, and families are encouraged to attend; this is a great opportunity to bring guests and neighbors to join you in our faith community. Opening receptions are on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 2-4p Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar & Apr.

++ Music on the Desert welcomes parents into conversation about children and youth participating with choir and instrumental worship offerings.

Believe

We believe that learning is a lifelong pursuit. We offer fine Christian education and formation for children of all ages. To learn more about the faith, whether in a class or a group or through a sermon, helps us see our daily lives more and more through the eyes of Christ.

Children: To the 4th Birthday The Oasis: The Nursery @ Saint Anthony 8:30a—12:30p

The Oasis is a place of peace and quiet set apart for babies (to the 4th birthday) to find rest and refreshment during the worship service and any after church activities which parents and adult care givers wish to attend while their children remain in nursery care. The Oasis is still a place of learning as God’s youngest disciples may engage scripture, prayer, and the tradition of the church through story books and listening to the worship service. Children hear the basic stories of the Bible and also play with age appropriate toys. Parents and adult caregivers may also utilize The Oasis for nursing and feeding.

The Oasis is currently open for parents and adult caregivers to utilize while accompanying their children. We are working to hire one team member and call upon volunteer disciples to join this new team members in The Oasis. This is a priority for our community.

+ All disciple volunteers and team members have completed all applicable diocesan “Safe Church/Safe Communities” modules.

Children: K—1st Grade Eucharistic Preparation TBArranged

When baptized, regardless of our age, we are welcome to receive Communion. Our Book of Common Prayer (p. 858) indicates that, at the time of Baptism, we receive the inward and spiritual grace of union with Christ in his death and resurrection, birth into God’s family (the Church), forgiveness of sins, and new life in the Holy Spirit. First and foremost, children learn from attending church and participating in Children’s Christian Education. Families may wish for their children to receive additional education in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. An informal course of instruction is available and serves this purpose. Please contact our Dir. of Childrens Ministry.

Children: Age 3–5th Grade Godly Play 10:30—11:30a

Sep 10	Kick-Off Sunday	Mar 3, 10, 17, 24	Children’s Christian Ed
Sep 10, 17, 24	Children’s Christian Ed	March 31	No Children’s Christian Ed
		Apr 2	Children’s Christian Ed
Oct 1, 8, 15, 22	Children’s Christian Ed	Apr 7, 14, 21, 28	Children’s Christian Ed
Oct 29	No Children’s Christian Ed		
	Pumpkin Carving	May 5, 12	Children’s Christian Ed
		May 19	Final Children’s Christian Ed
Nov 5, 12, 19, 26	Children’s Christian Ed		
	All Saints’ Day Scavenger Hunt		
Dec 3, 10, 17	Children’s Christian Ed		
Dec 24	No Children’s Christian Ed		
Dec 31	No Children’s Christian Ed		
Jan 7, 14, 21,	Children’s Christian Ed		
Jan 28	No Children’s Christian Ed		
Feb 4, 18, 25	Children’s Christian Ed		
Feb 11	No Children’s Christian Ed		

+ Some dates may change depending on school schedules and holidays. Please be attentive to emails, weekly e-blasts, and church announcements.

Believe (Continued)

Youth: 6th—12th Grade

EPIC (Endless Possibilities in Christ)

10:30—11:30a

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		Apr 2	EPIC Christian Ed
Oct 1, 8, 15, 22	EPIC Christian Ed	Apr 7, 14, 21, 28	EPIC Christian Ed
Oct 29	No EPIC Christian Ed		
	Pumpkin Carving	May 5, 12	EPIC Christian Ed
		May 19	Final EPIC Christian Ed
Nov 5, 12, 19, 26	EPIC Christian Ed		
Nov 13, 20, 27	EPIC Christian Ed	+ Some dates may change depending on school schedules and holidays. Please be attentive to emails, weekly e-blasts and church announcements.	
Dec 3, 10, 17	EPIC Christian Ed		
Dec 24	No EPIC Christian Ed		
Dec 31	No EPIC Christian Ed		
Jan 7, 14, 21	EPIC Christian Ed		
Jan 28	No EPIC Christian Ed		
Feb 4, 18, 25	EPIC Christian Ed		
Feb 11	No EPIC Christian Ed		

Youth Confirmation: 6th—12th Grade

10:30—11:30a

Beginning in 2024 adults and youth will gather for intergenerational Christian formation. Here those who gather will find answers to such questions as:

- What does it mean to be Episcopalian?
- What do Episcopalians believe?
- How is the Episcopal Church organized?
- What can I expect when I come to worship at Saint Anthony?

These gatherings will provides answers to many frequently asked questions and is designed for those who are familiar with The Episcopal Church and newcomers alike. All families have their own traditions, and The Episcopal Church is no different. We want everyone to feel comfortable and welcome. As such, we want to make a place for everyone to find information about the theology, practices, and traditions of The Episcopal Church.

For those youth who wish to make a public affirmation of their faith by being confirmed, they must complete the course work and attend scheduled sessions. We will work, as a community, to schedule times for those who wish to participate to attend. Attendance does NOT mean that a youth MUST be confirmed, only that (s)he MAY be confirmed (at any time during their junior and high school education). The Diocesan Confirmation date at Trinity Cathedral in downtown Phoenix will be on Saturday, May 11th. All seeking to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed must attend this service.

Parents and Adult Caregivers

10:30—11:30a

Parents and adult caregivers are invited to gather together with our intergenerational Christian education group or gather in fellowship groups around campus. Parents and adult caregivers of children and youth 3 years of age through 12th grade may leave campus from 10:30—11:30a. All others with children in The Oasis: The Nursery @ Saint Anthony must remain on campus.

Become

When we find a place to belong, and we begin to understand how our faith community lives into what it may believe, we are nourished and strengthened to live out our faith in the world around us and become the beloved children of God whom we are intended to become. We offer many opportunities to serve those in need at our church and in our neighborhood and community at large. Some of these are ministries in our parish community and others are with our various partnerships in ministry. Often our most effective service is in our daily life and work, as God places us in environments where we can make a difference.

Families

July	Back Pack Drive for A New Leaf and Fort McDowell Yavapai School District
September	Saint Anthony Charity Golf Tournament
October	Make a Difference Day—All Parish Service
November	Food Drive for Extended Hands Food Bank
December	Santa's Sleigh for A New Leaf
December	Caroling on the Way
January	Annual Parish Meeting
February	Animal Adoption Day
March	Lent—All Parish Service Day
April	Socks for Souls
May	TBD

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Parish Small Group Ministries

Hospitality: Ushers

Contact Kelle Hohl, small group ministry leader
kellehohl@gmail.com

Children pre-K—5th grade with parent or adult caregiver
or youth grades 6th-12th unaccompanied, and parents

Hospitality: Greeters

Contact Jill Kyler, Minister for Evangelism
jillkyler@st-anthony.net

Children pre-K—5th grade with parent or adult caregiver
or youth grades 6th-12th unaccompanied, and parents

Stream Team

Contact Jill Kyler, Minister for Evangelism
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Children grades 4th—7th with parent or adult,
Confirmed youth 8th grade and older w/o parent

Eucharistic Ministers

Contact Cyndi Sax, small group ministry leader
cyndi.sax@me.com
Confirmed youth 16 and older and parents

Lectors

Contact Gail Austin, small group ministry leader
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Children and Youth grades 4th—12th and parents

Altar Guild

Contact Canon Holly
hollyherring@st-anthony.net

Children grades 4th—7th with parent or adult,
Confirmed youth 8th grade and older w/o parent

Altar Servers

Children 1st through 12th grade; See Suzette & Will

Definitions

The Oasis: The Nursery @ Saint Anthony: available for infants to the 4th birthday, as well as parents who need to use a diaper-changing table, nurse or feed a little one, or find a quiet spot away from commotion for a time. (available 8:30a—12:30p)

The Nook in The Chapel of Saint Luke: The Nook is for accompanied children of all ages who are struggling to settle into the Sunday activities. You need not remove a child who is fussy, as they may just need a space away. This is a soft space with soft stuffs and cloth books. The floor surface is a covered mat block surface. This area is also available for and welcomes older children or youth (still accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver) with special needs who may be more comfortable on the floor. You need never be embarrassed to head out to the narthex (lobby) or even the courtyard. We all have days that are more difficult than others, and a walk and a cup of water can be helpful. (available 8:30-10:30a)

Childrens Chapel: Available for children accompanied by parents or adult caregivers (to the 4th birthday), children through 3rd grade, children 4th grade and older who serve as lectors, confirmed youth 6th grade and up as chapel helpers, and parent chapel helpers. Parents are otherwise encouraged to attend church to receive age appropriate education and experience. (available 9—9:30a)

Godly Play—Childrens Christian Education (formerly called “Sunday school”): available for pre-K—5th grades with exceptions made for 3 and 4 year olds on a case-by-case basis; from 10:30-11:30a.

EPIC—Youth Christian Education (formerly called “Youth Group”): available for 6th—12th grades from 10:30-11:30a.

Parents: parents include those who are caregivers to children and youth (parents, grandparents, guardians, adult family members, mentors) as well as those expecting children or planning a family.

Official membership: at Saint Anthony is not required in order to participate in our common life All baptized Christians from any church background may receive Holy Communion. Only a few ministries require membership, including serving on the Vestry, our elected board of lay leaders. We encourage newcomers and guests to get to know us before committing to membership.

What is expected of members:

Official church members are expected to follow the Baptismal Covenant (BCP p. 304), which we renew at every baptism. At Saint Anthony, this takes form in our shared commitment to follow Jesus Christ as we belong, believe, and become.

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No matter what we have believed or how we have behaved, we belong to God, and God is calling us to open our hearts and minds to become the healing, hope, and love that we all need on this journey we call life. We invite you to belong, believe, and become at Saint Anthony on the Desert in Scottsdale—the Episcopal and Anglican Church in Fountain Hills and the Northeast Valley.