



Bishop Megan blessing the final solar array.



St. Martin's parishioners working at the ranch to Valley Oak trees.

## **CREATING A LAND-BASED MINISTRY**

### **Church of St. Martin, Davis**

**After achieving carbon-neutral status, St. Martin's had to answer the "what's next?" question. The Rev. Dr. Pamela Dolan, rector, says that "Land-based ministry considers the land on which we live, work, and worship to be a key component of the church's mission of reconciliation and justice." They look at "the land" as more than a geographic location,**

considering its history, uses, original inhabitants, ecosystem health, and environmental threats.

One component of the project is an education series called “Seeds of Justice” that builds on learnings from the Sacred Ground curriculum. With a focus on the racialized history of the land, offerings have included presentations by local indigenous leaders on such topics as “Cultural Fire, Storytelling, and Indigenous Land Stewardship Practices” and “Indigenous Leadership in Restoring and Re-envisioning Watershed Stewardship.”

“We will continue to introduce activities and practices that cultivate and enrich both the soil and the community,” Dolan notes.