

AROUND THE PARISH

As of August 15, 2015

St. Alban's seeks to be a welcoming, Christ-centered community,
committed to sharing Christ's love, empowering people to grow spiritually,
deepening our relationship with Christ and living out our faith in the community and the world.

COMING EVENTS

8/17 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH

8/24-9/8 Fr. Bob on vacation

(PH = Parish Hall; SS = Sunday School Rm.)

LOVE OF CHRIST KOREAN CHURCH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday:

7:30pm to 8:30pm – Annex

Sunday:

11:30am to 12:30pm - Annex

1:00pm to 3:00pm – Sanctuary, Annex
and Sunday School

PARISH DIRECTORY CHANGES

Email address correction:

Jeff Tobin – jltobin@gmail.com

PARISH DIRECTORY....

The Parish Directory has been updated and is available in the Parish Hall on Sundays. If you do not see them, please ask for one.

If there are corrections to your information, notify the office at 425-778-0371 or email stalbansedmonds@gmail.com. Updates are published in Around the Parish



“Times of great deliverance move us to thanksgiving, but we are apt to take daily blessings for granted. Do we have the habit of seeing God in everything and giving thanks? A thankful spirit sees more and more things for which to be thankful.”

Forward Day by Day

PARISH PROFILE COMMITTEE FORMED

As some of you may have heard, the Vestry has formed a parish profile committee. Over the coming months, the Profile Committee will be working to update the parish's profile. The profile will be used by a yet-to-be-formed Search Committee in connection with finding a new interim priest-in-charge to serve St. Alban's after Father Bob's departure later this year.

In general terms, the profile is a document that informs prospective priest candidates about St. Alban's history, our community, who we are now, and where we hope to go in the future. The profile will be an important part of the Search Committee's work. That said, a profile is only as good as the input the Profile Committee gathers. With that in mind, please watch for requests from the Profile Committee for your input. We anticipate reaching out to the parish for this input in early fall.

The Profile Committee members are: Liz Bee, Shannon Duggan, Brad Goergen, Cara Munson, and Shirley Wilson. In addition, the Profile Committee will be working with Paula Franck, who is a profile committee consultant provided to us by the diocese.

If you have any questions about the Profile Committee, please ask a committee member or a member of the Vestry.



A Note from Father Bob:



I have been asked how one becomes a member of the Episcopal Church at St. Alban's. Here is my answer.

Becoming a Member at St. Alban's Episcopal Church:

Attend church regularly, contribute in time, talent and treasure to the ministry of the church and be baptized in the Christian faith.

The Episcopal Church recognizes the baptism in any Christian tradition. For those individuals who have been baptized in another Christian tradition, they may deepen their understanding of this tradition by attending an adult confirmation class and then being presented to the Bishop for confirmation or Reception*.

Those individuals who have previously been members of another Episcopal or ECLA Lutheran congregation may request that their letter of transfer be sent to St. Alban's.

We are fortunate that over the past year or so more than a dozen new families and individuals have joined us in worship and ministry. On September 13th we will have an opportunity at both services to officially welcome many of these people as members. Between services we will have a social brunch to celebrate this blessing from God. You may have been attending St. Alban's for many years and have never had your membership affirmed during a time of worship; if that is the case please, talk to Fr. Bob and plan to be a part of this liturgy. If you are not baptized, please talk to him about being baptized on All Saints Sunday, November 1st. If you previously attended an Episcopal or Lutheran congregation and have not transferred your membership, this would be a great time to do that.

*Those who have been Confirmed in the Roman Catholic or Orthodox tradition are received.

HELPING A FELLOW PARISH: ST. STEPHEN'S, OAK HARBOR:

At the request of the Bishop, **on August 30 we will take up a special offering to assist our fellow parish, St. Stephen's, Oak Harbor, in restoring their sanctuary with a new cross and baptismal font.**

The Bishop has offered to match dollar for dollar money raised. They still need approximately \$30,000 to complete the funding of the project. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Olympia and marked for St. Stephen's, Oak Harbor.

Here's the story: Like St. Alban's, St. Stephen's started in 1952, under Bishop Bayne. They dedicated their new building in 1960 and became a parish in 1977. Following the 2003 General Convention, the priest and vestry voted to withdraw from the Episcopal Church and become an Anglican church. In doing so they also maintained occupancy of the building, thus displacing those that chose to stay in the Episcopal Church. The Diocese of Olympia allowed the Anglican Church to remain in the building for a determined number of years.

By 2006 it was shared by both churches until June of 2014. At that time the Anglican Church moved on, and St. Stephen's Episcopal remained as sole occupants. As a gesture of love, the Episcopalians allowed the Anglicans to take with them the sanctuary cross, baptismal font and other small objects. They now are seeking funding to replace these precious worship items for their sanctuary.

Please give as generously as you are able on August 30 for our sisters and brothers in Oak Harbor. **Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Olympia**, with St. Stephen's on the Notes line.

If you have questions, contact Carrie Cone at 206-367-7402 or cmcone@uw.edu.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We recently sent out contribution statements to anyone who has made a contribution on record – either via a check or in a donation envelope, or envelope with donor's name.

Please review this statement and notify the church office of any omissions or corrections. We have had members notify us of an occasional donation incorrectly credited to their account. We do our best to investigate errors, but it is not always obvious as to who has a missing donation. Your help in keeping our records accurate is appreciated.

Maryellen Young and John Kistner

WELCOMING GATHERING

Are you seeing new faces in the pews? Yes, we have had several visitors and new families join us over the past few months. So, to give us an opportunity to get to know each other, we are going to have a special gathering between services on Sunday, September 13th. Those of you who come to the 8:00am service will hopefully stay later, and those who attend the 10:30am service will hopefully come at 9:15am on this day. Invitations will be sent to newcomers and visitors.

Special refreshments will be provided, such as deviled eggs, cheese, salami, muffins, donuts and fruit. We can meet new people and make connections with those who may have been vacationing over the summer. Please save the date and plan to attend.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LOVE IN CHRIST CHURCH

St. Alban's extended an invitation to Love in Christ Church to join us at our church picnic. They were not able to do so as many of their parishioners were on vacation, so they presented St. Alban's with a check for \$100 to

help defray the costs associated with our picnic.

When I was handed the check, I told them that they have been a gift from God to our parish; and they said, No, that St. Alban's has been their gift from God.

Karen Ford, Junior Warden

WHILE FR. BOB IS AWAY, please contact the following if you need assistance:

Rev. Jenny Vervynck, Deacon, 619-823-5947

Dan Mullene, Sr. Warden, 425-412-3661

Karen Ford, Jr. Warden, 206-466-5254



CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT **featuring Jeff Johnson, Brian Dunning** **and Wendy Goodwin**

Date: Monday, November 30, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Admission: Donation to support Chase Lake Community School's Safety Net Program

St. Alban's Endowment Fund is sponsoring this Celtic Christmas Concert for the benefit of Chase Lake Community School's Safety Net Program. This program is aimed at meeting the basic needs (such as food, clothing and extra help with homework) of Chase Lake families who live below the poverty line.

The concert on Monday, November 30, will provide an evening of contemporary Celtic music celebrating the season of Christmas with recording artists Jeff Johnson, Brian Dunning and Wendy Goodwin. For more information about Jeff Johnson and his music, go to <http://arkmusic.com>

If you would like to help plan this event, please contact Maryellen Young at 425-776-2461 or email to maryelleny@comcast.net

THANK YOU FROM CHASE LAKE

To Our Friends at St. Alban's Episcopal Church,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$69.00 to our school's Safety Net Program! We are so thankful for all of the ways you continually support our school and our school's families.

*With much gratitude,
From Vonya King-Norton
Chase Lake Community School*

Community Event! JOY & LAUGHTER

On Saturday, September 19th, 2015

Bethany Lutheran Church at Green Lake is hosting, "Joy & Laughter"

You are invited to join them for inspirational speakers, laughter and a delicious lunch. Featured is Donna Oiland, Northwest Christian Speaker and Author. Donna will be joined by JeanAnn O'Brien, comedienne, certified Laugh Leader with the World Laughter Tour.

Cost of the lunch and program is \$15.00 per person. Please RSVP by September 15 to (206)523-4454. Bethany Lutheran Church is located at 7400 Woodlawn Avenue NE, Seattle 98115.

THIRD QUARTER OUTREACH SMITHWRIGHT SERVICES

We are still collecting outreach money during August and September for Smithwright Services, located nearby at Five Corners. You can donate either money (designate Outreach on the memo line) or they also could use white towels and wash clothes. There is a laundry basket in the Parish Hall for any donations.

One book about churches connecting with their neighborhoods suggested just walking about to see what the needs are. If we were to walk about our neighborhood, we might notice this house, kind of hidden away where sometimes a van for handicapped passengers

stops. Smithwright Group Home provides a safe, comfortable and homelike environment for adults with severe developmental disabilities, some of whom have ongoing medical issues. Please help us support this local neighbor and worthy cause. The third Sunday of every month is our special basket for outreach.

Maryellen Young on behalf of the Outreach Ministry Team



THANK YOU NOTE FROM MATTHEW HOUSE

Our sincere heartfelt thanks from all of us for your continuing support during these hard economic times. It has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you for your contribution of \$641.00 to Matthew House.

Rev. Linda M. Paz, Chaplain,
Executive Director

WHAT IS ATP AND HOW TO GET IT

"Around the Parish" (ATP) newsletter is sent to the parish twice a month around the 15th and the end of the month. Those with computers receive ATP via email; copies are mailed to those with no email. If you know someone who does not have a computer or email, let the office know, and we will be glad to mail out a copy. We want everyone to know what is going on in our Parish!!!

If you are having a church meeting or have news to share with parishioners, please send your information/article to attention of ATP at stalbansedmonds@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

August 16 – Pentecost 12, Proper 15

Ephesians says in part, “...*singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything...*” We are not asked to be thankful just when it is easy or convenient; that’s simple. Rather, we are asked to undergird all our lives with trust and gratitude for God’s vision for us through the highs and lows that come to all of us...a spiritual challenge indeed!

August 23 – Pentecost 13, Proper 16

John 6 says in part, “...*no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father...*” Through our Baptism, we have been granted that supreme gift for the whole of our lives. Does the stewardship of our lives reflect our unceasing gratitude to God for His unfailing mercy to us?

August 30 – Pentecost 14, Proper 17

We read in James:1, “*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father*” ...: If this is true, does our giving of all things – ourselves in service to others, our financial resources to support the Church, our loving responses to those around us – reflect God’s abundant giving, or our more scarcity-oriented attitudes?

September 6 – Pentecost 15, Proper 18

Part of Mark’s Gospel deals with the healing of the deaf man. The phrase Jesus uses is “*Ephphatha*” which translates as “*be opened*”. Perhaps this phrase should be part of our prayer as stewards. Do we have faith enough to ask God to help us be open with all our lives and resources as a joyful response to His gifts, which are indeed too many to number?

September 13 – Pentecost 16, Proper 19

In Mark 8:, Jesus says: *But who do you say that I am?* Your relationship with Jesus – personal or impersonal, constant presence in your life or “God, please help me just this one time, and I’ll never...”, savior and true friend or distant hazy religious figure – no doubt has a great deal to do with your life as a steward. Who do you say that He is? Wouldn’t your stewardship life be more meaningful if you could see Him as constant presence, true friend, and personal savior? He wants to be all of those things you know!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 16 - Pentecost 12

Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

8:00 Lector: JoAn Andenes

EM: Phil McClelland

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Mary Fowler

August 23 – Pentecost 13

Joshua 24:1-2a 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggen

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Reilly Mannery

August 30 – Pentecost 14

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 15

James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

8:00 Lector: JoAn Andenes

EM: Susie Nichols

10:30 Lector: Reilly Mannery

EM: Connie Forsberg

September 6 – Pentecost 15

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146

James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Claudia Walker

EM: Mary Fowler

September 13 – Pentecost 16

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-8

James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

8:00 Howard Hayden

Jeff Tobin

10:30 Barbara Lagozzino

Dan Mullene

Also serving as Crucifer/Acolyte

1st Sunday at 10:30: Sam Wells

Other Sundays at 10:30: Emily Goergen



CONTACTING FR. BOB

Fr. Bob will be in his office:

Wednesdays: 10:00am – noon

By appointment 1:00 – 3:00pm

Evening by appointment

Thursdays: 10:00am – noon

By appointment 1:00 – 3:00pm

Fr. Bob's phone numbers:

Church office 425-778-0371

Fr. Bob's cell 425-350-5065

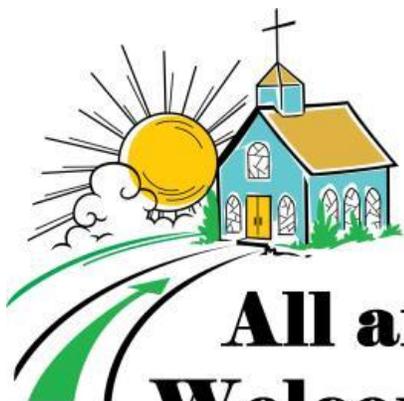
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**All are
Welcome**