

AROUND THE PARISH

April 30, 2021

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

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday Eucharist on Facebook or YouTube, 10:30am

Adult Bible Study, 9:30am; Romans led by Eric Hanson. Link through April

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84765370758?pwd=OEFMd20xL0NjNkkzQ0xJbHdaRGJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 847 6537 0758 Password: SeekFirst

Zoom Coffee Hour, Link through June

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85174822634?pwd=aW0vdTYrNGtZTGVBQmdzbEJQYm9BZz09>

Meeting ID: 851-7482-2634 Password: 657057

NOTE: If you don't have a Facebook account, you can watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on the Facebook link



By Father Greg

At our retreat last Saturday, the Vestry identified a list of our congregation's core values. I hope I got them all, because it's a good long list. Here it is:

Care for others – within the church

Welcoming

Outreach – care for those beyond the church

Love keeps us bound together

Acceptance

Humility

Service

Building each other up

We also said that St. Alban's is a place that:

Is a place of healing

Rejoices in and is guided by the Holy Spirit

Allows people to use their gifts

Encourages, nourishes, stimulates growth in the knowledge and love of God

Is open to new things

Encourages people to share their interests

This is how these core values are embodied – incarnated – at St. Alban's.!

A final core value that particularly stood out to me, and unfortunately I forget who offered it up, was this:

Obligation: to care for those who have brought this congregation to where we are now.

I love this list, these core values, these guiding principles. They describe a place that I want to be, a people that I want to be counted among. I imagine that I'm not the only one, you all for sure, but many others too. Some of

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

5/1 **MAY DAY FOOD DRIVE, 10:00am-2:00pm**

5/2 **Taizé, 7:00pm, Facebook and YouTube**

5/4 **Becoming Beloved Community, 6:30pm, Zoom link through June**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84587330526?pwd=amo2Y0dldlUxUmxB2pGcUNuMGFpdz09>

Meeting ID: 845 8733 0526 Passcode: BBC

5/19 **Evening Prayer 6:00pm, Facebook**

Soup Supper, 6:30pm, Zoom link thru June

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86376914554?pwd=Zm02Y0xkMmFjVGZRaVc0bFVBL1htdz09>

Meeting ID: 863 7691 4554 Passcode: Soup

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- Mail check to church
21405-82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026
- Drop off through the slot in Greg's door.
- Bank Bill Pay – ask bank to send check to St. Alban's
Online go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org
and click on "Donate Now."

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

Zoom Coffee begins at 12:00pm. Click on Zoom link above. OR go to "zoom.us" on Internet, click on "Join A Meeting" in upper right hand side, at the prompt enter meeting code and then password (noted above). Next prompt is "Enter Meeting." Click on "Join" with audio.

our work going forward is making ourselves known in ways that others beyond our doors get to know us and, more importantly, get to know Christ through us. Others, who share these values, will join us on this earthly pilgrimage.

Naming these core values will also greatly help us as we face difficult decisions in the future. Well, any decision really, but particularly the difficult or complicated ones. They help because we can say, “how does this agree or conflict with our core values? Is it congruent with who we know ourselves to be, who were are called to be?”

I want to also note that these are qualities of Jesus himself. It simply makes good sense that this part of the Body of Christ should resonate the qualities of Christ. This Body of the Faithful is a manifestation of the Body of Christ. Not a club, not an association of like-minded people or of people who share a common interest, but a practical, physical, community discerning the mind of Christ and striving to live out the self-emptying, self-giving, forgiving, mercy giving, blessing bestowing, peacemaking, healing, inclusive ministry and life of Christ Jesus.

This doesn't mean that we always get it right. The church is still comprised of short sighted, bent and broken, anxious, sometimes self-centered sinner-saints – with real human beings!. And yet, these core values also point to our desire to learn from mistakes, missteps, and outright sins, and to change our ways, to plead for the Holy Spirit to amend our (common) lives – to grow more and more into the Body that God intends us to be.

I'd very much like to hear from you all if you have other core values to add to this list. I'd very much like us all to work together to live into them more fully. I very much expect us to hold ourselves to these values to grow in faith, in trust, in love, and in holiness.

May the One who creates and restores everything that is,
The One who is Mary's child and child of God,
The One who is the Holy Spirit,
May this Holy One bring your compassion and peace,

And bless your lives with joy. Amen

Winter Talk Worship Bulletin (2019) –
Closing Blessing, One Service for Turtle Island



GATHER AROUND FOR FOOD DRIVE!!

Tomorrow, Saturday, May 1, 10:00am – 2:00pm is date for our next Food Drive. Our goal is to break the March 30 drive of 1,379 pounds. Our parish and neighbors have been incredibly generous contributing to the many people and families in need of food assistance. This need is everywhere at this time. We can't help everyone, but we can help those in our area! And we are!

Gather from family, friends and neighbors any non-perishable foods – peanut butter particularly is treasured, as are jam/jelly, spaghetti/noodles, tuna fish, canned chicken, fruits and vegetables, soups, dried and/or canned beans.

Thanks to Lee Forsberg and those volunteers who greet donors. Your personal contact is vital in encouraging neighbors to contribute.

CHASE LAKE SHOPPING



This week St. Alban's is providing tuna, spam, pancake mix, mac & cheese, syrup, peach and pear fruit cups and a box of Rice Krisp treats. The total spent this week is \$170. Thanks for your support for Chase Lake families.



TAIZÉ SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MAY 2

Our gifted Music Director John Lehrack shares his talent with us at Sunday services and also with his special Taizé programs. The next one is this **Sunday, May 2, 7:00pm, on Facebook and YouTube.**

John plays the piano, sings chants, reads poetry and selects beautiful photographs to accompany his presentations. Taizé gives you the opportunity to participate, meditate or just listen and enjoy the peace.

John's poem selected for May 2:

A Gift from God

Love can't be described.
It has no shape, it has no form.
Love is not an object.
Love does not conform.

Love enters our lives
The moment we are born.
From the cradle to the grave,
Love's in everyone.

Love burns like a candle
That sometimes flickers but never dies.
Love may be invisible,
Although it's right before your eyes,

Love can leave you empty,
Love can make you whole.
Love can make or break you,
Love is in your soul.

Love is in your heart,
Love is in your mind.
Love doesn't discriminate,
Love is always blind.

Love is universal,
It encompasses the globe.
No matter where you are,
Love has a language all its own.

Love is all around you.
There's plenty of love to spare.

You cannot see or touch it
But love is everywhere.

Love's the greatest power,
And yet it is so small.
Love's a gift from God
To be shared amongst us all.

John P. Read, published October 2014

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/loves-a-gift-from-god>



ECW ZOOM GATHERING – MAY 15

Although it's hardly the same thing, it is really nice to see friendly faces and chat via Zoom. ECW is giving us this opportunity on **Saturday, May 15, at 10:30am.**

The topic is "Fellowship," and you are invited to share a good book you have read or are reading, TV programs you enjoy, hobbies, etc. Do you have plans for your yard ofrgarden?

Get a cup of coffee or tea, a cookie or two and join us for ECW camaraderie.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88340149726?pwd=M01RU25LVUVGL3pBcTd6b3dOMDRmQT09>
Meeting ID: 883 4014 9726 Passcode: ECW



ONE SERVICE FOR TURTLE ISLAND

This service on Sunday, April 25, was an opportunity to worship Jesus with Episcopalians from all over the Diocese of Olympia, planned and led by our Circles of Color and focused on the languages, cultures and experiences of the First People of Turtle Island. (Turtle Island is the geographic

region covering Canada, United States, Central America and South America).

The presentation began at 10:00am with music performed by choirs and individuals representing the various dioceses of Province VIII and their congregational and ancestral identification.

The Prayers of the People were led by representatives of several congregations and a number of ancestral groups. It was a delight to see our own Fr. Greg, Hanni and Sarah Peters reading one of the segments.

Following the Eucharist was a special Town Hall with Bishop Rickel and members of the Ethnic Ministries Circles of Color discussing the worship experience and issues of race and culture in the Diocese of Olympia.

The service is still available to watch clicking on the link below

[One Service for Turtle Island | The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia \(ecww.org\)](http://One Service for Turtle Island | The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia (ecww.org))



MARCH FINANCIALS

Income for March was \$11,626 compared to the budget of \$11,944, or only (\$368) under budget. Year-to-date we are (\$1,775) under budget.

Expenses for March were \$12,817 compared to a budget of \$13,710 or (\$ 893) under budget. Year to date we are (\$180) under budget.

Although we are under running income slightly, it's too early in the year to be overly concerned. We are very close to budgeted expenses. It is common during the beginning of the year to have our expenses exceed our income, especially in winter when our utility expenses are higher.

Total Actual Income	\$36,936
Total Budget Income	\$38,711
Total Actual Income minus Budget	(\$1,775)
Total Actual Expenses	\$42,862
Total Budget Expenses	\$43,032
Total Actual Expenses minus Budget	(\$180)
Actuals Minus Budget	(\$1,595)
Net Total Income minus Total Expenses	(\$5,926)

MEET MAISY HOCHSTETLER

Maisy was born in Cheverly, Maryland. She first came to St Alban's in 2019 because she was able to find a bus route that made it easier to get to our church rather than the one she had been attending in Kenmore.

Maisy had not attended an Episcopal service before, but missed the high church of east coast Lutheran churches, so her soul felt as though it was home at St. Alban's. She loved how welcoming our members are, and the fact there is true Bible-based ministry and a prayerful congregation. Ephesians 2:8-9 is her favorite scripture: "By grace you are saved through faith. It is not your own doing; it is a gift from God, lest anyone should boast." Her favorite saint is the controversial St. Paula, who helped St. Jerome translate the Bible from its original Hebrew and Greek to Latin.

Maisy hopes that by serving on Vestry, she can help bring more families into St. Alban's. "Our church is a beautiful place that can bring comfort and joy and community to many." Maisy currently serves on Vestry as Fellowship Liaison, where she was instrumental in the Easter POP projects. She also serves on Altar Guild and after-service hospitality and coffee.

AN EVENING WITH THE REV. CANON STEPHANIE SPELLERS

May 6, 2021 4:00 pm Pacific Time

The President and Board of Directors of the Episcopal Church Foundation invite you to an evening of learning and conversation with The Rev. Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Stewardship of Creation on May 6, 2021, at 4 pm Pacific Time. In this conversation, we celebrate and discuss Canon Spellers' latest book – *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community*. Church Publishing Incorporated describes, "in this critical yet loving book, the author explores the American story and the Episcopal story in order to find out how communities steeped in racism, establishment, and privilege can at last fall in love with Jesus, walk humbly with the most vulnerable and embody beloved community in our own broken but beautiful way. *The Church Cracked Open* invites us to surrender privilege and

redefine church, not just for the sake of others, but for our own salvation and liberation.”

*Stephanie Spellers serves as Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s Canon for Evangelism and Reconciliation. The author of *The Church Cracked Open*, and *The Episcopal Way* (with Eric Law), she has directed mission and evangelism work at General Theological Seminary and in the Diocese of Long Island. A native of Kentucky and a graduate of both Episcopal Divinity School and Harvard Divinity School, she lives in Harlem, New York.*

REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT



Note: Dame Julian voluntarily confined herself to a cell in the sole company of her beloved cat with whom she is often depicted.

DAME JULIAN OF NORWICH **Nun, Writer and Teacher**

Dame Julian, or Lady Julian, so named from her gentle birth, was born in 1342. She claimed to be a simple, unlettered person; but though she was not learned, she was by no means uneducated. She knew her Bible and the teaching of the church, and she could express herself in vigorous English. It is possible, though there is no proof, that she became a Benedictine nun. On May 8, 1373, at the age of thirty, she received a series of “Sixteen Shewings” which are recorded in the first version of her *Revelations of Divine Love*. These came in response to prayers for “three gifts from God”; to have the mind of Christ’s Passion, a bodily sickness, and the gift of three wounds – contrition, compassion and a “willful longing toward God.” Some twenty years later, her Revelations were expanded as a result of “inward teaching.”

After the experience of 1373, she retired, with a personal servant, to a hermitage in the churchyard of St. Julian, Conisford, Norwich, so situated that she could witness the celebration of Mass in the church and receive visitors. The date of her death is unknown. The latest document that mentions her is dated 1416. Her book reveals tender meditation on the Passion of Christ and the mystery of the Holy Trinity, combined with a keen intellect and

shrews common sense, and a concern for the salvation of Jews and pagans. Her remarkable sense of balance and proportion is exhibited in her *Revelations*. Forward Movement Calendar of Saints



Contributed by Dave Wilson

Sign found in a French church:

- When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear the sound of God.
- However, it is unlikely that he will call you on your cell phone.
- Thank you for turning off your phone. If you want to talk with God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to him.
- If you want to see him personally, send him a text while driving.

Lot’s Wife

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot’s wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, “My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,” he announced triumphantly, “and she turned into a telephone pole.”

CLERGY RETREAT

Beginning the evening of Sunday, May 2, and concluding with noonday prayers on Wednesday, May 5, Fr. Greg will be participating in the online Clergy Retreat with the clergy of the diocese. This year’s retreat will be focused on rest and renewal. During this time of retreat, Fr. Greg’s response to emails and telephone calls will be very limited. In the event of an emergency, please contact the church office.



ST. ALBAN’S YouTube CHANNEL

There is an alternative option for viewing our Worship services, and you now have two options for your viewing: Facebook or YouTube. In the center of our website front page, there is a link to YouTube, pictured above. If you have problems with Facebook, try YouTube.

"Our Father" from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer was the Lord's Prayer used at the One Service for Turtle Island, April 25, 2012

Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need or today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

MAY 2 – EASTER 5

When Philip hastens to the Ethiopian's chariot, it is to help him understand his unfamiliar reading and to interpret it in the light of Jesus as the Good News. As "stewards in training," what part does the intentional study of Scripture play in our search to know and serve God – and to then proclaim the Good News to others?

May 2 – Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

MAY 9 – EASTER 6

"You did not choose me, but I chose you." On a much more trivial scale, can you remember the childlike elation of being chosen for a team, for a part in a play, for a special class project? Shouldn't it be a natural and gladsome thing, then, to love and

serve the Holy One, the Creator of the Universe, who first loved and chose you as special to Him?

READINGS

MAY 2 – EASTER 5

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:24-30
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

MAY 9 – EASTER 6

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank
2nd week—Discretionary Fund
3rd week—Outreach – Compass Health
4th week—Capital Improvements
5th Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

ST. ALBAN'S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10:30 - 12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday 2:00 - 4:00pm
Friday 1 0:30 -12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00pm

The office isn't open on Sundays, but there are people around from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Before and after services, people are available for quick business activities.

To maintain social distancing and minimize any possible exposures to Covid-19, please observe the following:

- Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or stalbansedmonds@gmail.com to make appointment.
- Call the Office to inform them that you have arrived.
- Wait in car, outside in the garden or under the eaves.
- Wait for further instructions – to be let in, to meet your party, to pick up or make a delivery.
- Wear a mask.

In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

GREG'S HOME OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8:30am – 2:30 pm
Via email: gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com
Cell: 206-778-1506

WEDNESDAY in CHURCH OFFICE—discontinued for now due to increase in Covid cases.

SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
Available by appointment