

AROUND THE PARISH

September 24, 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

9/26 8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services
for those fully vaccinated.

9/26 Adult Bible Study, 9:15am, Annex & Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNBmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

Zoom Coffee Hour, 12:00pm, through August

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664979605?pwd=aEFjOHkyeHkwSEJQOXY1UjBCSElJZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 6497 9605 Passcode **Coffee**

9/26 Templo Emanuel, 2:00-5:00pm

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.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

9/27 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall

9/29 Evening Prayer 6:00pm, Facebook

9/30 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-9:00pm, Sanctuary

10/1 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-8:30pm, Annex

10/20 Stew Fest

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."



O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Book of Common Prayer)

Michaelmas



Feast Day of St Michael and All Angels

Michaelmas, or the Feast of Michael and All Angels, is celebrated on the 29th of September every year. As it falls near the equinox, the day is associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days. The Archangel Michael is the greatest of all the Archangels and is honored for defeating Lucifer in the war in heaven. He is one of the principal angelic warriors, seen as a protector against the dark of night and the administrator of cosmic intelligence.

Parishioners are invited to bring angels, photo or figurine, to church on **Sunday, September 26**, and place on the altar for blessing at both 8:00 and 10:30am services.

We will be celebrating Michaelmas during Evening Prayer on **Wednesday, September 29**.



FEAST OF ANIMALS & BLESSING OF PETS

Next Sunday, October 3, we'll celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. As is our tradition, part of our celebration includes the blessing of our pets, all the creatures of God. Please feel free to bring your pet or picture of your pet to church for blessings during both services or for a drive-by blessing in the parking lot after the 10:30 service until 12:45pm.

Believe God's love and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your rock is Christ, and it is not the rock that ebbs and flows but the sea.

Samuel Rutherford



**INVITATION TO A DAYTIME
SMALL GROUP STUDY: The Way of Love"**

Pat Chandler

We have all heard Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and other leaders of the Episcopal Church (both national and local) urge us to examine the spiritual practices in "**The Way of Love.**" You may also be familiar with the seven key actions: *Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go and Rest.*

St. Alban's is offering an opportunity to delve deeper into each of these practices in a small group setting. Starting Thursday, October 21, we will gather in the Parish Hall from 1:30 - 3:00 pm for a focused (COVID Safe) discussion using The Way of Love: A Practical Guide to Following Jesus by Scott Gunn, Forward Movement. This book will be provided for each participant by St. Alban's Faith Formation Ministry.

The first session on October 21 will be an introduction and overview of the seven spiritual practices. Then, we will devote one session to each of the seven practices: Nov.4, Nov.18, Dec. 2, Jan. 13, Jan.27, Feb. 10, Feb.24.

In order to have sufficient materials available for the group, we need to know how many of you are interested and able to attend on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Pat Chandler by email (patchandler5694@comcast.net) or phone or text at (425-248-9417) to register for this group study. Feel free to call with questions as well.



"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above"
...James 1:17 NSVR

This year's Stewardship Theme is **Every Perfect Gift**. And the scripture verse is: *"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above"* ...James 1:17 NSVR

The theme and image for **Every Perfect Gift** are wrapped in the metaphor of the butterfly and chrysalis. To the ancient Greeks, the butterfly represented the image of rebirth and freedom. The

word they used for butterfly was *psyche*, and if you are thinking that sounds familiar, you are correct! It also means spirit. The humble and beautiful butterfly contains the philosophical and spiritual idea of the soul breaking free from its shell — free to **discover, to inspire, to create, to communicate, to share.**

These are also spiritual gifts, gifts that, when we free ourselves to serve in the world, we need and share with others; and they are gifts of our stewardship. **As we share with our church and with the world, we unleash those same gifts in our communities: discovery, inspiration, creativity, communication, sharing.** Through the ministries that are enabled by our gifts, the inspiration we show to our neighbors to unlock their generosity in the world, and the stories we tell about ourselves and our experiences, we participate with God in an abundant vision for the world. **Every perfect gift comes from God above.**



**DITTY BAGS FOR MISSION
TO SEAFARERS**

Our speaker for Stew Fest on October 20th is Cristi Chapman, Executive Director for Mission to Seafarers. So we have decided to include support for the Mission as part of our Stew Fest event by collecting items for Ditty Bags. Watch for more specifics next week about the items we are collecting.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

At the Welcome Back Picnic on September 12, various ministries presented information about ministry opportunities. Here is the report from the Finance Committee.

Do you like money? Do you like numbers? Would you like more understanding about where the money for St. Alban's comes from and what it is used for? Then, maybe the Finance Committee is for you.

We are a small group that meets about five times a year. We review where we are with income and

expenses on a quarterly basis. We also provide input into the annual budget, making recommendations for additions or changes, based on history and projections. We use a software called Church Windows to track our income and expenses and generate reports along with Excel spreadsheets.

Each year a Financial Review is done by people not directly involved in handling our funds. This past year, Susan Hanson and Cyndi Jacobson undertook this task.

Current members of the Finance Committee are: Jeannie Burpee (who also has a ministry of counting our donations each week along with Reilly Mannery), Pat Chandler, Carrie Cone, Susan Hanson-Vestry Liaison, Greg Peters and Maryellen Young-treasurer. We would love to have you join us.



Thanks to Jeannie Wells for contributing the following.

The Lesson of the Falling Leaves
Lucille Clifton

the leaves believe
such letting go is love
such love is faith
such faith is grace
such grace is god
i agree with the leaves



Parishioner Carol Gordon was the guest featured at our September 15 Soup Supper program. She has been fascinated with words and been writing her own poetry since she was a girl. She writes about familiar times and events from her life experiences. Carol read her poems with great feeling and expression,

adding greatly to her audience's enjoyment. Carol's wry sense of humor enhanced several of her poems.

If you want to watch her presentation, it is available on the St. Alban's Facebook page. Scroll down until you find the entry for September 15.



Did you know you can shop on Amazon and they will give a portion to St. Alban's? This year we've received \$63.06 through the 3rd quarter. If you shop Amazon, consider participating in the AMAZON SMILE Program. It's easy to do:

- Log onto <https://smile.amazon.com> (NOT the www.Amazon.com site) using your regular Amazon User Name and Password.
- You will be prompted to select a charitable organization.
- Type in: St. Alban's Edmonds as "Your current charity." (Make sure it is the one located in Edmonds, WA!!)

Then, start shopping! As you shop, 0.5 % of each eligible purchase will be donated to St. Alban's.



DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTIONS

Jerusalem Greer, author of this meditation, lives with her family on a hobby farm in rural Arkansas and also writes books occasionally. She is the staff officer for evangelism for the Episcopal Church.

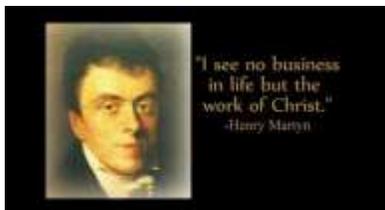
1 Corinthians 7:31b – For the present form of this world is passing away.

This epistle reading ends with the sentence: "For the present form of this world is passing away." Now I am pretty sure Paul wrote this thinking that Jesus was returning at any moment, and life on earth as people knew it was about to change. As it turns out, Paul's words were true, even if perhaps not in the way he originally intended.

The present form of this world is continually passing away. A good chunk of the world my grandmother was born into no longer exists; portions of the world I was born into no longer exist, and more are slipping away each day. Life as we knew it

before the coronavirus swept across the planet no longer exists. The pre-2020 form of the world has passed.

So, what then matters? What is it that lasts? As best I can tell, what remains is love. What holds true is the ability to give love and to receive it and the need to show that love to each other, God, and all of creation through word and action. In this, we can trust: love that is of God is the one thing that will not pass away, no matter how many changes we see in our lifetime.



HENRY MARTYN, PRIEST (died 1812)
Missionary to India and Persia

One good example is worth a thousand exhortations. The good example of young Henry Martyn led to a flurry of enthusiasm for the Church of England's missionary efforts in India and the East.

Martyn was born in Truro, England, and educated at Cambridge, where he was a friend of Chaplain Simeon. Henry was a very bright, lovable and dedicated young man, and it was probably Simeon who encouraged him to take up a missionary vocation. In 1805 Martyn became a chaplain for the East India Company, upon Simeon's recommendation, and sailed to India. There he served the Church in Calcutta, founded schools at Patna and Cawnpore, and translated the New Testament and the Book of Common Prayer into Hindustani. He traveled widely, preaching, teaching and helping those in need in every way he could.

He went to Persia and there translated the New Testament into Persian. Travel in those days brought few pleasures and many hazards. Exhausted and seeking some respite for soul and body, he went into Asia Minor where the climate and civilization were somewhat more hospitable. There, at Tokat (in modern Turkey), he became very ill and was befriended by Armenian Christians. He died there at age 31 and was buried by Armenian clergy.

(Forward Movement Calendar of Saints)

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



From Dave Wilson

The following questions were set in a GED examination. These are the genuine answers from 16 year olds.

- Q. Name the four seasons.
- A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.
- Q. How is dew formed?
- A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.
- Q. What are steroids?
- A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs. *(Give up; there is little hope!)*
- Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?
- A. Keep it in the cow. *(Simple, but brilliant!)*



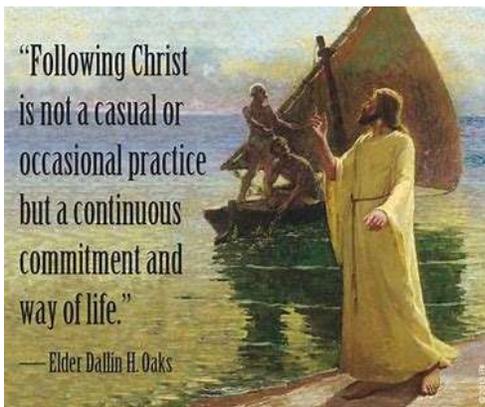
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 26 – 18 PENTECOST

“Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure.” Isn't this what stewardship is all about? It's not the treasure that's important here; it's growing our relationship with God in faithful expectation of the as-yet-unknown blessings to come.

OCTOBER 3 – 19 PENTECOST

Jesus says, “Let the little children come to me...for it is to such of these that the kingdom of heaven is given.” Can we trust as children do? Can we lay our lives in His hands, trusting His plan for us...and respond with gratitude and thanksgiving for all? Will we let Him lay his hands on us and bless us?



ST. ALBAN’S YouTube CHANNEL

There are two options for viewing our Worship services: Facebook or YouTube.

In the center of our website front page is a link to YouTube, pictured above. Problems with Facebook – try YouTube.

ST. ALBAN’S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

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

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SEPTEMBER 26 – 18 PENTECOST

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Collect for 18 Pentecost

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

OCTOBER 3 – 19 PENTECOST

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

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

GREG’S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am – 2:30 pm, Home
Wednesday Church Office – 10:00am – 2:00 pm
(Available by appointment)
Via email: gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com
Cell: 206-778-1506
SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)