

AROUND THE PARISH

January 28, 2022

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

1/30 10:30am Eucharist, Live Streamed only

1/30 Adult Bible Study, 9:15am, Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

1/30 Templo Emanuel, 2:00-5:00pm

NOTE: No Facebook account? Watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on Facebook



Fr. Greg Peters

Holocaust Remembrance Day

77 years ago today, a unit of the Soviet military, part of the Allied forces, entered and liberated Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp. What they found there was horrific: over 7,000 sick, emaciated, abandoned prisoners, mounds of dead bodies, store houses of clothing, human hair, and shoes, workhouses, barracks that would clearly have been overcrowded, ovens, and later mass graves.

The scene could have been much worse; earlier that month, as the Soviets approached and capture seemed imminent, the German commandant order the evacuation of the 60,000 healthier prisoners by forced march to concentration camps in Germany. Most of them died enroute. Remember it was January.

Before abandoning the camp, the Germans destroyed buildings, records, and other evidence of the atrocities that had gone on there.

It is estimated that at Auschwitz alone, over a million people were killed. The vast majority of them were Polish Jews, but there were other "inferior" groups -- Romas (20,000 killed), Soviet POWs, political prisoners, homosexuals, resistance fighters, the disabled. All this in just five years of operation.

Here's a link to this year's powerful and moving US Holocaust Memorial Museum Commemoration, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZBDrFxTmXE>. On it you'll hear brief stories from a dozen or so survivors. It is harrowing.

I write about these things because, much like the remembrance of the Holy Innocents three days after Christmas, we must not forget the abominable things we humans sometimes inflict upon each other when we follow too much or too closely the gods of the nations; the idols of power, greed, and possession; the delusions of our individual and collective fears, shames, and weaknesses. We must not forget what we commit when we, in projecting our fears, make scapegoats of "the other," the foreigner, and the stranger.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

1/31 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

2/2 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Online

2/3 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

2/4 4:30-5:30pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex

2/8 6:30pm, Vestry Meeting

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 – have bank send check to St.Albans
- Online go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org and click on "Donate Now."



Lord Jesus, even you had days when you grumbled – at the bickering of your disciples, the lack of faith of your followers, religionists who turned your Father's house into a den of thieves. I thank you for loving me, even when I grumble. But help me such that my life is more than a basket full of lament. Give me eyes that see your hand at work in the world around me, and an open heart to allow your love to so fill me that what I offer you, and the world, is not my perpetual grumbings, but the very joy of heaven. Amen

Russell J. Levenson Jr., "Finding Shelter"

We must remember that God, who is Love, leads us toward greater, freer, more generous love, while the false gods, the little gods of fear, control, and scarcity, lead to rebellion against the truth of Love and quickly, so quickly, turn towards incomprehensible evil. We must not forget what we are capable of.

Here in the season of Epiphany, the season of the Revelation of Jesus Christ to the nations, we remember that God created and loves all human beings; that each of us in our different ways reflect the divine image; that Jesus, a Jew, out of love, redeemed the whole of humanity; and that this love leads to openness, inclusivity, and diversity, rich diversity.

So we pray for forgiveness of the past sins of our race. We pray to learn from our history. We ask to live better, more loving, more God-like, lives. We trust the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth.



Our Annual Parish Meeting was held on Sunday, January 23, via Zoom with over 40 parishioners in attendance.

Elected to the Vestry were Liz Bee, Eric Hanson, Jan Skidmore and Wendre Vaughan. One member will fulfill the remaining two years of a term; the others will serve three years each. The officer positions will be decided at the next Vestry meeting. Liaison assignments should be made by the March meeting. Cyndi and Jake Jacobson have volunteered to serve as our Convention Delegates.

Fr. Greg gave his thanks to everyone for their hard work, grace and resilience in navigating another difficult year of frequent changes. He noted especially the opportunities for St. Alban's to connect with the neighborhood and city in our ministry of feeding the hungry, the opening of a Warming Center, the Refugee Resettlement project and our various outreach recipients.

Maryellen Young reported on the 2021 budget that finished in the black. The 2022 budget is balanced and was approved by the Vestry at their January meeting.

Further reporting was on the three main goals of our Mutual Ministry Agreement between Fr. Greg, the Vestry liaisons and the Congregation.

Breakout rooms were established for discussion of updating and maintaining our website; reports from those groups will be conveyed to Roger Andersen and then to Vestry.

Copies of the Annual Meeting information are in the Brown Box outside the Sacristy door.



OUTREACH BALLOT

It is time to vote for our Outreach recipients for the next four quarters. The ballot will be emailed separately to a St. Alban's only email list or included with the copies of the ATP mailing list. You can vote for up to four organizations. The top four vote getters will be selected. Ballots are due by February 27th. You can mail your ballot to church, drop it through the mail slot in Greg's office door or email your selections to maryelleny@comcast.net. If you need another ballot, contact the church office. Copies are also available in the Brown Box by the Sacristy door.

For your convenience below are the organizations on the ballot:

Chaplains on the Harbor's Harbor Roots Farm; ChildStrive; Clothes for Kids; Cocoon House; Compass Health; Early Life Speech & Language; Edmonds Waterfront Center; Faith Action Network; Habitat for Humanity; Hand in Hand; Hopelink; Hope Works; Housing Hope; Kairos of Washington; Ladybug House; Literacy Source; Matthew House; PAWS; World Vision



JOHN LEWIS: GOOD TROUBLE

Screening Window Feb. 17-19

Panel/Community Discussion Friday, Feb. 18 at 6pm PT

Meaningful Movies Project offered by the Diocese of Olympia, the Black/African-American Ethnic Ministries Circle of Color, and PNW Union of Black Episcopalians are proud to present JOHN LEWIS: GOOD TROUBLE, which chronicles the life and career of the legendary civil rights activist and Democratic Representative from Georgia.

Using interviews and rare archival footage, JOHN LEWIS: GOOD TROUBLE chronicles John Robert Lewis' 60-plus years of social activism and legislative action. Using present-day interviews with Lewis, then

80 years old, the film explores his childhood experiences, his inspiring family and his fateful meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1957. Running time: 96 minutes

REGISTER TO RECEIVE A 72-HOUR SCREENING LINK TO USE ON YOUR OWN DEVICE – SCREENING WINDOW FEBRUARY 17-19.

JOIN US FOR THE PANEL DISCUSSION AND COMMUNITY CONVERSATION VIA ZOOM: Friday, February 18, 2022 at 6pm PT.

This event is free, but please register by using the Eventbrite link here.

[February Screening \(ecww.org\)](https://www.eventbrite.com)



CHASE LAKE
BACKPACKS

After a summer and fall break, shopping for Chase Lake Backpack program has resumed. Reilly Mannery and Maryellen Young spent about \$150 to help replenish the Food Pantry Shelves at Chase Lake Community School to use for their backpack program. We have more funds available so we can continue shopping. This week we got some requested items: cereal, pasta sauce, noodles, tuna helper and tuna, fruit snack cups, granola bars, spam, chili and a treat of Rice Krispy bars. Chase Lake personnel were glad to see us again.

DIANA BUTLER BASS
THE PADDOCK LECTURES 2022
FEBRUARY 15 & 16, 2022
HYBRID EVENT

Tuesday Feb 15, 6:30-8:00pm (EST)
Lost Histories: The Problem of Anglican Exceptionalism and Honest Remembering

Wednesday Feb 16, 6:30-8:00pm (EST)
Beyond Tradition: The Necessity of Experience & Memory as a Spiritual Practice

Forty years ago, Diana Butler Bass, then a student at an evangelical college, walked into an Episcopal Church and embraced Anglicanism as her own. In those decades, she has written specifically on the history of the Episcopal Church, but is known more widely as an historian

of American Protestantism, an observer of trends in religion, and an advocate of progressive Christianity.

In these lectures, Dr. Bass draws from decades of her work to reflect on the centrality of memory to Anglican identity, the craft of history, remembering as a spiritual practice, the relationship between tradition and experience, and the urgent need to strengthen churches as communities of narrative memory.

You can follow her online at www.dianabutlerbass.com, her public author page on Facebook, and Twitter @dianabutlerbass, or her newsletter, "The Cottage" at Substack.

[CLICK HERE To Register for the](#)

[Livestream](#)



For the **BEAUTY**
of the **EARTH**

The following is from Forward Movement publication, For the Beauty of the Earth (2018), a book of daily devotions that explore and celebrate the wonders of creation and the beauty of the Creator.

The author is James Derkits who lives in Port Aransas, Texas, with his wife and son and serves as rector of Trinity of the Sea Episcopal Church. He surfs, runs, writes, paints and enjoys the wonderful community of his island.

Early Sunday morning, I sit in my studio – a room on the end of a garage – to write sermons. I share my studio with some little critters, including geckos and lizards.

One morning I sat at my desk and saw a lizard. With its forefeet pressed against the closed window, the lizard sought a way out. I slid the window open a bit, expecting the lizard would dart past the opening pane and toward the light. Instead, it ran from the open window. I tried to shoo it toward the opening. I could see its terror at everything that was happening. That little lizard's whole world must have seemed to be ending.

So I left it alone awhile – either to escape or not as its instinct and creativity directed it. Later, I watched the lizard with its face pressed against the window,

lungs pumping in exhaustion and terror. I gave it one last scare as I picked it up and tossed it out the open window onto the morning glory growing underneath.

The terrified creature scurried off to a cozy shelter. It lacked the larger perspective I had of its situation. I pondered how often I must look like that lizard to God...my own face pressed up against what seems (to me) an impenetrable barrier, waiting and wanting God to pick me up and set me free – through the open window right in front of me.



FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com. Here's what you need to know about your order.

- ✓ Limit of one order per residential address
- ✓ One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen Covid-19 tests
- ✓ Orders will ship free starting in late January

Order form is available on website.

Websites: <https://special.usps.com/testkits> **OR**
COVIDtests.gov

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



jokes

From Dave Wilson

I went to visit a psychic. I knocked on her front door, and she yelled, "Who is it?" So, I left.

My therapist told me the way to inner peace is to finish what I start. So far, I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already!

Two construction workers talking:

"Why isn't John at work today?"

"He's in the hospital."

"But I saw him dancing with some chick last night."

"His wife saw him too."

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 30 – 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

1 Corinthians 13 is probably one of the most familiar parts of scripture, especially used at marriage ceremonies. But its description of love's attributes, and the advice to remember that we see only in part, and will only later be enlightened about the true breadth of God's love for all of us, is welcome reassurance for those of us who sometimes struggle to stay faithfully on the steward's path.

FEBRUARY 6 – 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 6:8 ends with the Lord saying: "*Who shall I send, and who will go for us?*" As those wishing to be faithful stewards, will our response be the same as the one in the lesson – "*Here am I, send me?*"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JANUARY 30 – 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jeremiah 1:4-10,

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

Collect for 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty and Everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us

your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

FEBRUARY 6 – 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People that are used during the Sunday worship.

Prayer Chain:

About a dozen people pray regularly for members of the congregation or other friends and relatives as requested.

Prayer Shawls:

Prayer shawls are available for those in need of comfort during challenging times.

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.

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)



WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Outreach - Everett Gospel Mission

4th week—Capital Improvements

5th Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn kiwicat1@gmail.com or

425-745-1390