

AROUND THE PARISH

May 5, 2023

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 – May 7

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

9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom – Class is continuing the study of John – SEE NOTE BELOW
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNBmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

2:00-5:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Parish Hall

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



Fr. Greg Peters

Half of our vacation was spent in England where Hanni is in university (that's how she says it, so I'm following her lead). It was great to see her in her place, to get the grand tour of her university and haunts, and to grab fish and chips at the "Chippie" where she works. Exeter is a wonderful city. The Cathedral is amazing, with its statue of Richard Hooker, who was born and raised nearby (Anglophile theology geeks rejoice!), greeting us on the grounds, and its Norman architecture.

Here are a couple of other highlights from those nine days. (There's also a reflection, beyond the bragging about the trip, at the end, so please bear with me or just skip to the last paragraph to be spared the starry eyed recollections.)

First of all, and you may have heard about this, there is a coronation coming. Charles the Third will be crowned King tomorrow. I think we were off the plane about 30 seconds when we saw the first announcement of the grand event. Banners, Union Jacks, party announcements, special offers, special foods (crown shaped porkpies, crown shaped scones, fish and chips pressed with the royal image), coronation gins, anything you can imagine announcing this national event are everywhere.

So beguiled by this, we are having a coronation party ourselves tomorrow. Facetiming with Hanni, eating scones, and drinking tea. Frankly, it's an excuse to spend time with Hanni and to have tea, and scones. We all became rather fond of tea and scone (with jams and clotted cream).

Second, the coolest place that we had tea and scones and the best tea and scones (with jams and clotted cream) was at the end of our second day of

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 5/6 10:00am-2:00pm, Food Bank Drive By
5:00pm, Cookbook Club Dinner, Parish Hall
- 5/8 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 5/9 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Zoom
- 5/10 3:00-4:30pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot
6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook
- 5/11 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 5/12 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 5/13 10:00-11:30am, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall
- 5/17 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Supper & Program
- 5/20 8:00am-5:00pm, Private Event, Parish Hall

Wisdom and Understanding Prayer

Heavenly Father, you are the light of the world and your word says that you will give me wisdom and understanding. You do not leave me wandering through life but you are with me during every moment of every day. You will satisfy my needs when I feel frustrated and you will strengthen me when life makes me weary. Help me to follow your ways as you lead me into a life of fruitfulness and joy. May I be like a well-watered garden, thriving as I draw nourishment from roots firmly planted in your love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

hiking the Southwest Coast Path in Cornwall (the southwest peninsula of the UK). It was in the “Rector’s Farm House” in Morwenstow; right next to the Anglican Church of St. Morweena and St. John the Baptist. Besides the windswept locale, the proximity to the church and its graveyard, the incredibly delicious fare, the coolest thing was that the Rectory Farmhouse was built in the 13th Century!

Third and last, at least – yawn - for now. After our time in the Southwest we went to London for a couple of days before flying off to family and lots more walking in Munich for the second half of the vacation. The museums in London have no entry fees and we took great advantage of that; visiting several in the brief time we were there.

The very first thing we saw, and I had no advanced information about what we might see, was the Rosetta Stone. We nonchalantly walked into the British Museum, strolled through the entrance and lobby, conferred with the map, which indicated only the various regions of the world and/or time periods, wandered into the first exhibit room that suited our fancy, and there it was, rather simply displayed, unceremoniously, just being its 2500-year-old self– the Rosetta Stone!

I had such a visceral reaction that I had to check myself to keep from weeping. It was that cool!

As you probably know, the Rosetta Stone is the key to deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphics. It is inscribed with ancient hieroglyphics, Demotic (the script used by everyday ordinary Egyptians in more modern – 250 BC – times), and Ancient Greek (the Greeks, after Alexander’s conquests, controlled Egypt at that time). It was found in 1799 by French forces under Napoleon while Egypt was part of the French Empire.

I stayed there for quite some time, and returned to it before leaving the amazing Egyptian and adjacent Assyrian exhibits. I even went back for one last look on our way out of the museum.

Here’s the reflection. We people of faith are kind of like living Rosetta Stones. We hold something ancient – eternal even! And in our best, non-flashy, not-self-possessed, most authentic selves, we embody that faith and all its best attributes – its best declarations, practices, its deepest wisdom and its purest truths. And, by

grace, we are a means of translating all that for those around us who may speak different languages. We each can be ciphers for those around us, opening up that which is hidden in plain sight, revealing the mysterious, being doorways into the mysteries of eternal love.

It was good to be away, and it’s good to be home.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY, SUNDAYS, 9:15am

Join us for Adult Christian Education class (Bible Study) led by Jim Gilman, Sunday mornings at 9:15am. This hybrid class meets in the Annex and on Zoom.

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



BIG EVENTS ON SATURDAY, MAY 6

Our next Food Bank Drive By Event is Saturday, May 6, 10:00am-2:00pm

Join us in our ministry to help and support those around us who are in great need of food assistance! Lee Forsberg and super volunteers will be on hand to meet and greet all those donating non-perishable foods for the Edmonds Food Bank.

The actual Food Drive is not your only opportunity to contribute. The table by the Sanctuary door is a perfect spot for food to be dropped off at any time. It is included in the main Food Bank Drive By.

The Second Cookbook Club Dinner is also Saturday, May 6, beginning at 5:00pm.

For those who like to cook – and/or eat – good food, this event is for you! Join in the fun and fellowship of this special Cookbook Club dinner with recipes from “The Jerusalem Cookbook.” The cookbook is in the Parish Hall, along with some copied recipes.

Please invite your friends or family who enjoy cooking and eating to come along too. If you are unable to contribute a dish, come anyway and just let us know so we can have enough space for all.

There is limited oven and stove space, so last-minute cooking is not available.

A similar dinner in January was a great success. Please join us for this one! All are welcome.



INDIGENOUS CIRCLE, SATURDAY, MAY 13

Jim Gilman has formed an Indigenous Circle for those of us interested in indigenous Americans. Please join us for our first meeting on Saturday, May 13, 10:00am, in the Parish Hall.

Jim has asked us to:

- Come with PERSONAL stories of interacting with native Americans/tribes.
- Read one of the outline native news outlets and prepare to discuss an issue that strikes you as important. Outlets: *Indian Country*, *High Country News*, *National Native News*, *Native News Online*, *Native American Calling*.

Our gathering is informal and casual. Coffee is provided. Bring a snack to share if you would like. Please join us if you are able.



SOUP SUPPERS FOR MAY & JUNE

The programs for Soup Suppers in May and June will return to the theme of "Getting to Know Your Neighbors in the Pew." Bob Faley will share his story on May 17. Did you know the Faleys have moved 17 times??

The next Soup Supper evening will be on **Wednesday, May 17, beginning at 6:00pm** with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary. Our soup dinner is at 6:30pm followed by the program.

You are encouraged to attend this evening of good food, fun and fellowship. If you are able, please bring soup, salad, bread and/or dessert.



Dave Wilson

Our brother Dave left us with many stories from his vast collection, and we will continue to share them in gratitude and in his memory.

A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads, "Talking Dog for Sale." Intrigued, he walks in.

"So, what have you done with your life," he asks the dog.

"I've led a very full life," says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home."

The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?"

The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"

FROM THE READER BOARD

Jim Gilman



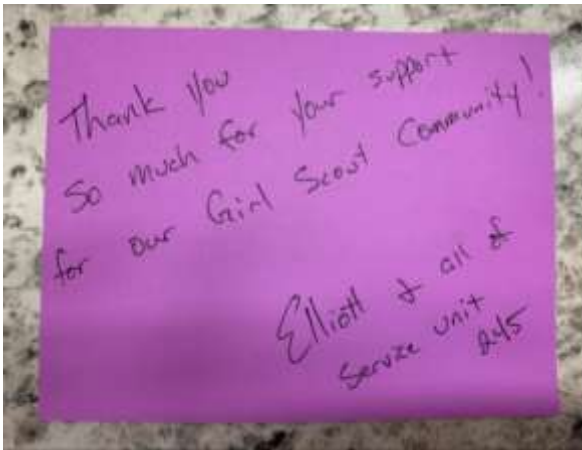
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

MAY 7 – EASTER 5

Christ is described as the head and cornerstone, and we are urged to come to Him as living stones to be built into a spiritual house. How solid is your spiritual house? As a steward, do your holy habits create a haven for God to inhabit and work through? Is Christ the cornerstone reflected to others through the mirror of your life?

MAY 14 – EASTER 6

“...that we, loving you in all things above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire...” Laying our lives in God’s hands and trusting His plans for us will provide blessings far above anything the words or other people can offer. But laying our lives in His hands is not passive. We need to study, pray, give, and be an active Christian community participant and servant to others to fully obtain those promises.



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.

MAY 14 – 6 EASTER

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:7-18
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank
2nd week—Discretionary Fund
3rd week—Outreach
4th week—Ukraine Refugee Offering
5th Week—Indigenous Women Support

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- *Mail check – 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98926
- *Drop off through slot in Fr. Greg’s door.
- *Bank Bill Pay – have bank send check to St. Alban’s
- *Online, go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org and click on “Donate Now.”

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

Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or stalbansedmonds@gmail.com to make an appointment. In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MAY 7 – 5 EASTER

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Collect for 5 Easter

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

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)

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn at sheilahreidburn@comcast.net
or 425-745-1390

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.

