

## AROUND THE PARISH

May 15, 2026

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 17

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30am, Eucharist Services in Sanctuary

9:30-10:15am, Adult Bible Study, Annex & Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNgIbbx30Er.1>

Meeting ID: 836 2506 3228 Pass Code: SeekFirst

2:00-5:00pm, Rental, Church

NOTE: Watch the Sunday service on YouTube either  
live or later.

[St. Alban's Episcopal Church Edmonds - YouTube](#)



Fr. Greg Peters

Cristi Chapman, our Canon to the Ordinary, will be visiting, presiding, and preaching for us this Sunday (May 17). This is a wonderful opportunity. Besides being an excellent preacher, she's a gifted, clear, and proactive leader in our Diocese. Prior to being called as the Canon to the Ordinary, Cristi has served as rector of St. David's, Friday Harbor, Executive Director of the Mission to Seafarers, and Head of the Diocesan Finance Committee. And those are only the positions I can think of off the top of my head.

The opportunity that I am thinking of, though, is to reconnect with the Diocese. In many ways, we are still recovering from the Pandemic. Those four years of forced isolation had impacts on our personal social lives, our community life, and our congregational, regional, and diocesan life. Certainly, there were other things that drew us apart prior to the Pandemic – busyness, narrow focus on community matters and ministries, miscommunications – so it feels good to me to hit reset.

I'm thinking of this because, as we prepared for Cristi's visit, the Vestry has been asked to think of ways that the Diocese can be encouraging and supportive of our ministries. At our Officers' Meeting, we were hard pressed to even know where to start, to know what to ask for or inquire about. Vestry is planning on having half an hour or so with Cristi, before we get down to our monthly business meeting. In that brief time, our first question will be, "Where do we begin? What can we even ask for?"

The whole congregation, by the way, will have the same opportunity at both Coffee Hours to ask these kinds of questions. You'll remember that we had a question-and-answer time with Bishop LaBelle when he made his first visitation with us last year.

While I regret that our relations with the broader Diocese, and with the Bishop's Office in particular, have atrophied to this degree, I am also heartened to

### UPCOMING EVENTS

5/16 10:30am, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall

5/18 1:30pm, Altar Guild Meeting, Parish Hall

5/20 4:00pm, Worship Comm Mtg, Parish Hall  
6:00pm, Evening Prayer/Soup Supper

5/28 1:00-3:00pm, Discussion Group, Parish Hall

6/6 9:00am-12:00pm, ECLA LMF, Annex  
2:00pm, Recital, Sanctuary

6/13 10:30am, Mens Circle, Parish Hall  
2:00pm, Recital, Sanctuary

6/20 5:00-7:00pm, St. Alban's Celebration - Wine  
& Appetizer Party/Silent Auction Event

6/27 10:30am, Indigenous Circle Field Trip

### RECURRING EVENTS

Mon: 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall  
7:00pm, AA Meeting, Annex

Tues: 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall, (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
6:30pm, AA Serenity Seekers, Parish Hall

Wed: 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, YouTube

Thur: 7:00-9:00pm, Rental, Sanctuary

Fri: 7:00-8:30pm, Rental, Sanctuary/Parish Hall

Sun: 6:30pm, AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Next ATP: Fri, June 5 Deadline: Wed, June 3

We welcome the Rev. Canon Cristi Chapman to our services on Sunday, May 17. Cristi is Canon to the Ordinary and works collaboratively with the Bishop and Diocese staff. Come meet and greet her at both Coffee Hours.

begin reestablishing these important ties. Every week we prayer for our Bishop and the churches of our Diocese; this is intentional, so we have not completely lost touch. Reengagement will make us stronger as a congregation and our Diocese stronger as a community of congregations.

So come with your questions for Cristi. One might be, “so, what is a Canon to the Ordinary, anyway?” (The short answer is that the Ordinary in Episcopal Polity is the Bishop, so the Canon to the Ordinary’s functions are similar to the way a Senior Warden works with a rector. But ask Cristi what the broader implications are.)

And yes, let’s begin to figure out how the Diocese can help empower and support our ministries. Let’s share what we are doing, how we minister in our neighborhood, and what we see as needed in this corner of the Diocese. And let’s begin to figure out how our ministries relate to and build on the ministries of the Diocese of Olympia.

### **PRAYER FOR FAITH AND TRUST**

*Heavenly Father,*

When my heart feels uncertain and my steps seem unsteady,

remind me that Your hands hold my life securely.

Teach me to lean not on my own understanding, but to rest in the truth that You are faithful in all things.

When fear whispers that I am alone,

let Your peace speak louder,

and when doubt clouds my vision,

open my eyes to see Your goodness at work.

Strengthen my faith to believe without seeing,

and my trust to follow without hesitation.

May my life be a quiet testimony,

that Your promises never fail. Amen



### **SOUP SUPPER & PROGRAM – May 20**

Join us on May 20<sup>th</sup> for Evening Prayer at 6:00pm followed by our monthly Soup Supper at 6:30pm. Our program, beginning at 7:00pm, will be on Rage Prayer, a practice pioneered by Rev. Elizabeth Ashman Riley,

the newly installed rector at St. Dunstan’s. Rage Prayers are about turning your pent-up frustrations, daily annoyances, and righteous anger into a raw and transformative dialogue with a compassionate God who is ready to listen.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please indicate if you are able to bring an item and join us for an evening of prayer and fellowship.



### **A PENTECOST REFLECTION**

Pentecost is the day when the Spirit rushes in like wind and fire, breaking down barriers and filling the Church with new life. People from every nation, speaking many languages, suddenly hear the Good News proclaimed as if in their own tongue. The miracle is not just the flame on each head, but the widening of God’s circle of love. The Spirit ensures that no one is left out – there is plenty good room.

The story of Pentecost overturns every instinct toward scarcity and exclusion. Where some would limit access to God’s presence, the Spirit pours out on all flesh. Where some would cling to privilege or power, the Spirit equips the young and the old, women and men, servants and leaders alike. Where some would fear difference, the Spirit transforms diversity into the very sign of God’s abundance.

The Church is born in this moment – formed not by walls, but by wind; not by scarcity, but by overflowing abundance. This is the Church we are called to be: a community that welcomes all, equips all, and sends all to be stewards of the Kingdom. Pentecost reminds us that every gift is needed, every offering has value, every voice matters.

In this season, we are challenged to let the Spirit move through our own giving. Stewardship is not just about sustaining budgets; it is about igniting mission. Our pledges and offerings are not obligations – they are fuel for the Spirit’s fire, resources that help the Church proclaim God’s abundance in every language and every place.

On Pentecost, the disciples discovered that there is no limit to God’s generosity. The same is true for us. When we trust the Spirit and share freely, God multiplies our gifts and sends us out as witnesses to love. There is indeed plenty good room – for every culture, every language, every person – in the household of God.

*“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.” — Acts 2:17*

**Questions for Reflection:**

How are your gifts wind, fuel, and language for abundance in the world? *J. Davey Gerhard is the Executive Director of TENS and believes in God’s all-inclusive invitation to find Love when we are gathered together. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.*



**LOOKING AHEAD TO PENTECOST**

**Pentecost is around the corner – Sunday, May 24.**

For several years, we have celebrated Pentecost by having portions of our service read in other languages. We are looking for parishioners who speak a foreign language to read scripture, prayers, and other liturgical texts. We’re also recruiting singers to sing a chant (Hymn 504) invoking the Holy Spirit.

Interested? Speak with Fr. Greg.



**EDMONDS WOODWAY HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND PLAYS AT DIMITRIOU’S JAZZ ALLEY**  
**Wed, May 27, 2026, at 7:00 PM**

Remember those wonderful high school musicians who played for our Christmas Concert last year? They’re playing at Seattle’s Premier Jazz Club. Treat yourself to a night out and support our local artists. Tickets are **\$32.00** and may be purchased online at a <https://www.jazzalley.com/www-home/artist.jsp?shownum=8751> or by phone at (206) 441-9729.

Jazz Alley is located at 2033 6th Avenue in the Bell Town/South Lake Union neighborhood of Seattle.

**PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We welcome...

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**LET’S CELEBRATE ST. ALBAN’S**

Join in the Celebration of St. Alban’s on **Saturday, June 20, from 5:00-7:00pm**, in the Parish Hall for our annual Appetizer and Wine Party. This is an annual event to celebrate St. Alban’s - our community, our history and the legacy we each leave as being part of our community.

It is always held on a Saturday close to St. Alban’s saint day (June 22<sup>nd</sup>). This is a social event where we can enjoy some beverages and snacks and visit with fellow parishioners. Appetizers, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages are being provided by the Endowment Board and the Vestry. This year Vestry will also be hosting a silent auction to help close the budget gap. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come!



**ST. ALBAN’S “SILENT AUCTION”**

**It’s a double-header on Saturday, June 20, from 5:00-7:00pm!!** In an effort to raise money to offset our 2026 budget deficit, Vestry is sponsoring a Silent Auction in conjunction with our traditional Celebration of St. Alban’s. We hope you will “shop” at this event, as well as help by donating items for the auction.

Auction donations can be gift certificates to a favorite restaurant, items such as art or jewelry. You may have a signature dish to offer, a baked dessert or choose to host a meal.

Perhaps you have hand crafted items to offer: themed baskets for relaxation or coffee are popular.

Currently there are donation offers for a dinner for four, knitted throw made in your choice of color, a Pendleton blanket, stone bookends and a basket of coffee. Every donation, big or small, will help make this event successful.

For more information or with questions, please contact Linda Rowan on 202-714-3348 or text to [Sharlin@aol.com](mailto:Sharlin@aol.com). Contact her by June 14 with donations.



**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2026**

Nick Sharpe, Treasurer

**INCOME:** March operating income of \$16,512.38 exceeded budget by \$858.38 (+5.5%). Year-to-date income of \$46,953.70 is ahead of budget by \$400.70.

**EXPENSES:** March expenses of \$20,045.57 came in \$105.57 over budget (+0.5%). Year-to-date expenses of \$58,924.28 are \$2,948.28 above the YTD budget - an area warranting attention going forward.

**NET POSITION:** The March net deficit of \$3,533.19 is slightly worse than the budgeted deficit of \$4,286.00. Year-to-date, the net deficit of \$11,970.58 exceeds the budgeted deficit of \$9,423.00 by \$2,547.58.



**GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Dear Friends at St. Alban's,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$109 to the Diocese of Olympia's Refugee Resettlement Office. (Note: Donations were from Lenten Soup Suppers.) Your support will help refugee families in our region purchase essential household supplies.

Greg Hope, Refugee Resettlement Office

Dear St. Alban's,

Thank you for your gift to Doctors Without Borders and for joining a global movement providing lifesaving humanitarian projects on the ground and speaking out about what we see.

Your support allows us to remain independent, impartial, and neutral – allowing our teams to respond quickly when emergencies strike. Our work relies on kindhearted individuals like you. Your donation helps ensure that our patients receive the care they urgently need. Support from caring donors like you enabled us to respond to a range of emergencies in more than 75 countries.

Tirana Hassan, Chief Executive Officer

Members of St. Alban's,

Thank You for thinking of us and giving back to your community! Food insecurity continues to be an issue for many of our neighbors.

Your generous donation will help us purchase the food necessary for our families; and will allow families to make the much needed decisions in regards to buying gas, paying rent and bills, and making medical appointments, if necessary, among of the important decisions that need to be made on a daily basis.

Thank you again for your "Concern for Neighbors."

(Note: Our 1<sup>st</sup> week Food Bank donations are sent to the three food banks in our area.)



**DAY BY DAY REFLECTIONS**

This reflection is written by Porter Taylor, a lifelong Episcopalian and who served as the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. He and his wife Jo live in Asheville, North Carolina.

Acts 1:8a - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

After his resurrection, Jesus appears often to the disciples during the forty days before his ascension, which we mark on May 14. He speaks about the kingdom of God, equipping them for the future and assuring them that they will receive power. Lest they forget, as they are gazing to heaven as Jesus is ascending, two strangers appear and remind the disciples of Jesus' promise that he will be with them.

So much of our lives is between the past and the promised future. And it's in these in-between times where our faith often grows. We do what we are called to do and then wait to see God's response. The longer we are alive, the more we experience these in-between times. For me, it was waiting to adopt two children. It was waiting to see if the bishop would make me a candidate for Holy Orders. It was sitting with my father in intensive care, waiting to see if he would live. It was wondering what to do when I resigned as the bishop of Western North Carolina.

At some point, we learn to accept this pattern of waiting for God. This acceptance not only diminishes our anxiety, but it can also greatly deepen our faith.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### MAY 17 – EASTER 7

From Psalm 6: “...let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them be merry and joyful. Sing to God, sing praises to his name...” Being a faithful steward does not mean we need always to be serious and bowed down with the weight of our own or the world’s problems. God loves music, and joy, and all those things that create full and thankful hearts in the children so dear to Him. Make it part of your daily discipline to find at least one thing in which you can truly rejoice.

### MAY 24 – FEAST OF PENTECOST

“Hail thee festival day, blessed day that is hallowed forever...forth from the Father He comes with sevenfold mystical offering.... pouring on all human souls the infinite riches of God.” (Hymn 225) How can whatever offerings we make begin to compare with “the infinite riches of God”? He is our perfect model, and we need to remember that we can’t outgive Him – it’s the spirit and gratitude with which we give that are all important.

### MAY 31 – TRINITY SUNDAY

Today’s Epistle concludes: “and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Family and friends may fail us; life may be full of trials and temptations; other groups may not live up to our expectations. But God never fails – He remains the rock of our hope and salvation. He is always present and ready to undergird our lives and faith....all we have to do is ask. What a gift!

where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen

### MAY 24 – DAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:25-35, 37  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 7:37-39

### Collect for Day of Pentecost

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### MAY 31 – PENTECOST 1

Genesis 1:1-2: 4a  
Psalm 8 or Canticle 2 or Canticle 13  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

### Collect for Pentecost 1

Almighty and Everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### MAY 17 – EASTER 7

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-1

### May 17 – Collect for Easter 7

O God, the King of glory you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place

### ST. ALBAN’S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

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| Monday    | 2:00 – 4:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 2:00 - 4:00pm  |
| Friday    | 2:00 – 4:00pm  |

Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or [stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank  
2nd week—Discretionary Fund  
3rd week—Outreach  
4th week—International Relief  
5<sup>th</sup> Week—Indigenous Women Support



### GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm  
Wednesday, Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm  
Thursday Home 10:00am – 2:00pm  
(Available by appointment)  
Via email: [gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sheilahreidburn@comcast.net)  
or 206-427-1920.

#### **Prayers of the People:**

Prayers of the People are used during 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.

### CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- \*Collection plates and baskets on Sunday.
- \*Mail check – 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026
- \*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](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org),  
and click on "Donate Now- or use  
pictured QR code

