

## AROUND THE PARISH

June 5, 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 – June 5

#### Pentecost 2

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

The Vestry met for our regular monthly meeting on Sunday, May 17.

We had the good pleasure to meet with the Rev. Cristi Chapman, our diocese's Canon to the Ordinary. Cristi had presided and preached during our worship services that day. All of this was part of her visitation representing the Office of the Bishop. Lasting nearly an hour, our Vestry conversation was rich, encouraging, and very helpful. We gained much good advice, and I am looking forward to other such visits.

These visitations by members of the Bishop's staff are intended to build relationship and promote our mutual ministries. With close to 100 congregations in our diocese, the Bishop is only able to visit each congregation about once every third year. This new program will make it possible for each congregation to meet directly with members of the Bishop's Office every year.

After that we got down to our regular business. Here are the highlights-

**National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4.** We are excited to report that Anna Sharp will again organize this event. As you will remember, Anna put together a remarkable team last year, and the attendance and response by our neighbors was overwhelmingly positive. Please look for ways to join in.

Ron Austin, who is serving a one-year term, completing a vacated seat, has taken on the role of **Pastoral Care Liaison**. Liaisons serve as communicators between ministry groups and the vestry. Since joining our congregation, Ron has gradually assumed more leadership roles. We are all thankful for his filling this important ministry.

As I reported at the Annual Meeting, we are exploring the possibility of hosting the **Edmonds Food Bank** on our property. If this proposal goes through, it would entail constructing a facility on our property.

### COMING EVENTS

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

6/10 3:00pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot

6/13 10:30am, Mens Circle, Parish Hall

6/14 12:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Annex

6/15 2:30-3:30pm, Communications Comm, PH

6/19 Setup for 6/20 Celebration, Parish Hall

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

6/27 10:30am, Indigenous Circle Field Trip  
Hanson Decorate for Anniversary on 6/28

6/28 10:30 Coffee Hour, Hanson Anniversary

### RECURRING EVENTS

Mon: 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

6:00pm, Veterans & Friends AA Mtg, 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 Only Requirement Mtg, Parish Hall

Next ATP Issue: Friday, June 19

Article Deadline: Wednesday Noon, June 17

Far from making any kind of decision, we continue to meet with Food Bank leadership exploring the feasibility of this proposition. Most recently, we consulted a lawyer specializing in tax law and regulations to ensure that our non-profit status would not change.

Some may have noticed that a new cabinet has been placed adjacent to the **Blessing Pantry**. This cabinet is designated for personal hygiene supplies. In a recent supply run to Costco, I bought disposable diapers, which are in that cabinet. Diapers were the only things I found appropriate in quantities for the pantry. In the future, we hope to include toothpaste, toothbrushes, and floss; menstrual products; soap; and other personal hygiene products. As always, donations are very much welcomed.

Lastly, we set the date for our **Annual Picnic for September 13**. This coincides with **Welcome Back Sunday**. Please mark your calendars.

I very much appreciate the hard work, diligence, and passion your vestry members bring to promoting and leading the ministries of our congregation. Please join me in this and share your ideas, concerns, and suggestions with them.

*The following prayer expresses some of the joy and thanksgiving felt by St. Alban's prayer shawl recipients. Our knitters spread a great deal of comfort and love with their generous handmade gifts.*

### INSPIRATION

On the day  
I most needed  
to remember  
how to pray,  
a prayer shawl  
arrived in the mail.  
I wrapped myself in it  
and felt in the trinity stitch  
the singing of my name,  
felt the colors tether me  
to my own heart.  
Sometimes when we  
feel most alone,  
the world conspires  
through the goodness  
of others to remind us

who we are,  
remind us that now  
is the right moment  
to wrap ourselves  
in the kind of beauty  
no fear can extinguish,  
now is the right moment  
to feel how,  
though we are alone,  
love floats  
around our shoulders  
soft and so warm.

— Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, “For the Knitter of Shawls”



### MEN'S CIRCLE – JUNE 13 EVENT

Jim Gilman

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!** Both Male and Female!  
Recently Anna and Nick Sharpe traveled to Taiwan. On **Saturday, June 13, at 10:30am**, the Men's Circle is sponsoring a travel log presentation by Anna and Nick in St. Alban's Parish Hall. It's FREE, and no doubt a presentation that may very well rival Rick Steves. Everyone is invited! And, did I mention FOOD?



### ROOT BEER FLOATS FOR DADS

We will be celebrating dads at St. Alban's a week early this year. Since Fathers Day is on the same day as St. Alban's Legacy Sunday Celebration (June 21), we decided to celebrate dads a week early.

On **Sunday, June 14, at both coffee hours**, we'll enjoy root beer floats in honor of Dad. On Sunday June 21, we will enjoy strawberry shortcake in honor of our patron St. Alban. So much to celebrate!! Join in the fun and fellowship!



**TWO WEEKS TO ST. ALBAN’S CELEBRATION AND “SILENT AUCTION”**

**On Saturday, June 20, from 5:00-7:00pm**, we will gather to celebrate St. Alban, our patron saint. This annual event commemorates St. Alban’s church, our community, our history and the legacy we each leave as being part of our community.

This event is held on a Saturday close to St. Alban’s saint day (June 22). This is a purely social, fellowship event where we can enjoy some beverages and snacks and visit with our fellow parishioners. Appetizers, wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages are provided by the Endowment Board and the Vestry.

This year’s celebration will also feature a Silent Auction with all proceeds going to help offset our 2026 budget deficit. Vestry is seeking your donations for the auction – gift certificates to a favorite restaurant, hosting a special meal, donating a signature dish or baked dessert, items of art. Several parishioners have already signed up for donations. Every donation, no matter the size, will help make this event successful and fun for all!!

For more information or with questions regarding the Auction, please contact Linda Rowan on 202-714-3348 or text to [Sharlin@aol.com](mailto:Sharlin@aol.com).

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these special events. You just might find something at the auction you didn’t even know you needed!!



**YOUR CHANCE TO SHAPE OUR FUTURE WITH A SHORT SURVEY ON JUNE 21!**

Dan Mullene

Earlier this year the Vestry asked that a committee be formed to help them determine the best use of our limited human and financial resources to meet the needs of our congregation.

Called the “Discernment Committee,” it is made up of Jim Gilman, Judy Kistner, JL Krilevich, Dan Mullene, Linda Rowan, Anna Sharp, Harvey Smith, Debbie Wilson, and Maryellen Young.

The committee was asked to develop a presentation of the pros and cons of going to one service on Sunday. The Presentation is to be made to the whole congregation at a special meeting in September. Then the congregation will make an informed decision about the number of Sunday services we will offer.

The committee has developed the first step in this process. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, it will be sharing a 4-question survey to get your input on how you would feel about changing to one service, any preferences as to starting time if this might happen, and a question about your length of membership at St. Alban’s.

Following a review of the information received from your responses, a full congregation meeting will be held to review what has been received, discuss this and other options, and provide everyone with an opportunity to share in the next steps in the decision-making process.

It will be a short survey to make it easier to complete. Your thoughtful input will be invaluable in this process. The committee strongly encourages parish members to complete it so that their voices are heard.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak with any of the committee members.



**BASKET DONATIONS FOR JUNE**

**1<sup>st</sup> week—Food Banks** for Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace Food Banks.

**2<sup>nd</sup> week—Discretionary Fund** to help people who contact the church for assistance with gas cards, utility bills, rent and other emergency aid requests.

**3<sup>rd</sup> week— Washington Kids in Transition** is committed to providing basic needs to homeless children residing in Washington State, including food, emergency closets, motel vouchers, and transportation vouchers.

**4<sup>th</sup> Week— World Vision** is a global leader in improving and transforming the lives of children, their families, and their communities.

**5<sup>th</sup> week— Indigenous Women:** WomenSpirit Coalition. May had a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday; our next 5<sup>th</sup> week is August 30.

Donations can be made at any time by placing your donation in an envelope and designating category for your donation.



**LAST SOUP SUPPER UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

Our Wednesday Night Soup Suppers will be taking a break until mid-September. On **Wednesday, June 17, 6:00pm, we will gather for Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary, followed by Soup Supper at 6:30pm.** There is no program scheduled for this evening; instead, it will be a time for breaking bread together, relaxing and fellowship with other parishioners.

If you wish to contribute to the supper, please bring soup, salad, bread or dessert. Just come! There is always plenty of food!

Soup Suppers will resume in September.



**SHARE YOUR FAITH IN MINISTRY**

Debby Wilson, Vestry

Our shared life of faith at St. Alban's is sustained not only by worship, but by the many ministries that bring us together in service, fellowship, and care. These ministries flourish because of the time, gifts, and dedication of our members –and at this time, several important opportunities are open for those who feel called to take part.

We are currently seeking volunteers for key roles in our parish life:

Vestry Clerk – to help record and support the work of our leadership. Contact: Debby Wilson – [dgzrus@gmail.com](mailto:dgzrus@gmail.com).

Hospitality Coordinator – to oversee coffee hour and parish gatherings. Contact: Linda Rowan – [sharlin@aol.com](mailto:sharlin@aol.com).

Stewardship Chair – to guide and encourage our annual giving efforts. Contact Debby Wilson – [dogzrus@gmail.com](mailto:dogzrus@gmail.com).

Episcoplayers Lead – to coordinate and guide our parish theater group. Contact: Linda Rowan – [sharlin@aol.com](mailto:sharlin@aol.com).

Greeters/Newcomer Ministry Lead – to organize and support those who welcome visitors and new members. Contact: Linda Rowan – [sharlin@aol.com](mailto:sharlin@aol.com).



**ST. ALBAN'S BLESSING PANTRY/REFRIG**

Jim Gilman

Our Blessing Pantry and refrigerator are both in need of regular food donations. We have plenty of Mac & Cheese, but most other foods are welcome; both fresh and frozen vegetables/fruits, for example, are welcome, as well as packaged foods, including cans of food.

In addition, the church now maintains a **Hygiene Pantry** of basic items, like toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, toilet paper, and other bathroom items, but NO medications/pills. Thanks to all for your continued generosity of "Do unto others as you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:31).



**Endowment Fund**  
The Gift That Keeps On Giving

**BENEFITS FROM ST. ALBAN'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

When Clare Fisher died about 2005, she left a bequest to St. Alban's of about \$90,000. This was motivation for Vestry to create a small committee to investigate creating an endowment fund. Serving on this committee were: Daisy Beach, Barbara Lagozzino, Reilly Mannery, Dan Mullene and Maryellen Young.

After a couple of years of research with the Diocese, at least three other congregations and the Episcopal Church Foundation, the Clare Fisher Fund was created. In 2007 the documents governing the creation of the Clare Fisher Fund, Permanent Endowment Fund and Legacy Society were approved by Vestry.

We have received over \$130,000 in benefits from the earnings of our Endowment Funds and other memorial gifts. The largest benefit was the \$75,000 in matching funds for our Capital Campaign projects to replace the roof, repaving the parking lots and purchasing new furnaces. We have also paid for five Celtic and Christmas concerts to benefit Chase Lake Community School between 2015 and 2019. Our Endowment Funds also paid for the equipment to make it possible for us to televise our services during Covid and continue now with hybrid worship.

Other purchases to benefit the congregation are our AED system, the Owl that is used for Zoom meetings and Bible Study, a nationally known speaker for a StewFest, a fire safe for storing important church records and most recently upgrading our church electrical system with the addition of five new circuits. Each year the earnings from the Clare Fisher Fund and the Permanent Endowment Fund are set aside in the Distribution Fund for capital projects and outreach programs to enhance the life of St. Alban's. In 2025, monies from the Distribution Fund were used to: send JL Krilevich's grandchildren to Camp Huston; purchase a new office computer to upgrade to Windows 11; and supported community outreach with our participation in National Night Out.

We have also received memorial gifts and bequests that are not designated for the Endowment Fund that have been used for other purposes: About 10 years ago, Kay Castro's gift provided for kitchen improvements. In 2021, John Kistner's bequest paid for the repair of the back wall of the Sunday School building and Barbara Lagazzino's gift was designated for maintaining the organ and other musical opportunities.

In 2022, Rita Bennett's gift was designated to support Faith Formation and Inner Healing activities to grow our faith. Money from this fund has provided Advent reflection books offered to the congregation, Forward Day by Day pamphlets and books to support the Indigenous ministry and Thursday Discussion Group, and send members of our congregation to Christian Renewal Association's seminars for Inner Healing. In 2024, Howard Hayden's bequest was used to upgrade the lighting around the altar. We are so grateful for the benefits we have received from members of our congregation to provide for the future of St. Alban's.

Gifts can be made directly now or left as part of your estate plans. For more information, please contact a member of the Endowment Board: Jeannie Burpee, Mona Carter, Bob Chaffee, Eric Hanson, Dan Mullene, or ad hoc members Keith LaBelle and Maryellen Young.



### **JUNETEENTH LITURGY & CELEBRATION**

Join the Circles of Color for a special program, liturgy, and lunch as we celebrate freedom, history and the gifts of our Black community. The Black/African American Circle in the Episcopal Church of Western WA invites all to the 2026 Juneteenth celebration at St.

Margaret's Episcopal Church in Bellevue. June 19th commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and is one of the longest-celebrated African American holidays.

There will be a 9:30am program, and a Juneteenth Liturgy at 12:00pm. After the service, all are welcome to enjoy refreshments. BBQ lunch (vegan options included) will be provided; **all are invited to bring drinks and desserts.**

Beyond good food and conversation, there will be opportunities to learn more about Circles of Color, the PNW Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, and more.

Join us in celebrating freedom and the gifts of our Black/African American community!

Email Adrienne (<mailto:aelliott@ecww.org>) if you have questions.

### **“PHISHING” SEASON IS NEVER OVER!!**

Just a reminder that scam emails purportedly from Greg still are being received by parishioners. The emails ask you to purchase gift cards or send money.

One way to detect these emails is to carefully look at the actual email address, not just the “From” name. Also, take notice of the signature. Greg never signs off with “Rev. Greg Peters.”



### **“Vote Faithfully” Networking Calls on Thursdays June 4, July 2, Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5 10:30-11:30am**

On the first Thursday of each month from June through November, the Episcopal Church's Public Policy and Witness team will host a series of “Vote Faithfully” calls to support voter engagement in ways consistent with Episcopal values.

During the calls, hosts will share resources and ideas to help congregations promote voting and civic participation while remaining nonpartisan (avoiding support for specific political parties, candidates, or platforms).

The first call on June 4 will feature Kent Anker, chief legal officer of The Episcopal Church, speaking about compliance with IRS rules regarding election engagement by religious organizations.

Information and Registration:  
[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/Kivdobq5Tymcw1SEO0cvpQ?mc\\_cid=c6fed5363a&mc\\_eid=32487f50f3#/registration](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/Kivdobq5Tymcw1SEO0cvpQ?mc_cid=c6fed5363a&mc_eid=32487f50f3#/registration).

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### JUNE 7 -- PENTECOST 2

Hosea 5:15-6.6

Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

### Collect for Pentecost 2

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### JUNE 14 – PENTECOST 3

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

### Collect for Pentecost 3

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth and boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### JUNE 21 – PENTECOST 4

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:8-11, (12-17), 18-20

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

### Collect for Pentecost 4

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### JUNE 7 – PENTECOST 2

“O God, from whom all good proceeds...” Often it is so difficult for us to believe that simple statement. How can we learn to put our trust in the God who

created us and who will never forsake us, rather than in the “things” of this world, which are bound to disappoint and fail us? Pray that you may learn to discern the true source of support and direction for your life.

### JUNE 14 – PENTECOST 3

Both “*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few...*” and “*as you go, proclaim the good news*” should speak to us. Our names will probably never be preserved for posterity as were those of the disciples commissioned that day, but if we take our baptismal covenant seriously, we are called to join the laborers and, by our lives and words, proclaim the Good News.

### JUNE 21 – PENTECOST 4

And then there is that so-hard-to-believe phrase “*even the hairs of your head are all counted.*” How can that be? Does God really have time for such trivial details? But God truly does value and care for every aspect of His creation...that’s part of what makes him God! And the hair counting is meant to be some hyperbole to stress just how very important you and all of us are to Him. The world cannot offer that kind of blessing. What an incomprehensible gift He has given each of us who are willing to accept it.

## WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Outreach

4th week—International Relief

5th Week—Indigenous Women Support



