

AROUND THE PARISH

August 21, 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 – August 23

Pentecost 13

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwocNgIbbx30Er.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](#)

At the closing of our services last Sunday, our guest priest Mother Denae Ashley dismissed us with the following blessing. It is by Sister Ruth Marlene Fox, OSB, of Sacred Heart Monastery in Richardton, North Dakota.

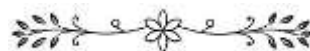
May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

May the peace of God and the God of peace be with you forevermore. Amen.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

8/21 9:00-4:00pm, St. Alban's Yard Sale

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10:30am, Indigenous Circle Field Trip

8/24 1:00pm, Discernment Work Grp Mtg, PH

8/29 10:00am-3:00pm, Templo Emanuel Kids Camp

8/30 Dean Steven Thomason Visit

8/31 1:00pm, Discernment Work Grp Mtg, PH

9/7 LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

9/8 1:30pm, Altar Guild Mtg, Parish Hall

9/10 & 9/11, 12:00-7:00pm, Set-up for Art Show

9/12 10:00am-2:00pm, Drive by Food Bank

1:00pm-6:00pm, Art Show

9/13 WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

9:00am, Early Service Breakfast/12:00pm, Picnic

RECURRING EVENTS

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

7:00pm, AA Meeting, Annex

Tue: 6:30pm, AA Serenity Seekers, Parish Hall

Wed: 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, YouTube

Thur: 4:00-6:00pm, Girls Scout, PH (every 2 weeks)

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

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

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

Next ATP Issue: Thursday, September 3

Article Deadline: Tuesday Noon, September 1

On Sunday, August 23, we welcome Rev. Allen Hicks as our guest preacher. He was with us two weeks ago, and we look forward to his return. Fr. Greg returns from vacation on August 26.

DON'T MISS ST. ALBAN'S YARD SALE

Friday/Saturday, August 21/22 - 9:00am – 4:00pm

Be sure to visit and support our Yard Sale today and tomorrow (Saturday).

This sale is a further effort by Vestry to raise funds to offset our projected budget loss for 2026. Much time and effort have gone into planning and bringing this project to completion by various parishioners led by Senior Warden JL Krilevich.

Many thanks to those who have donated items for our sale and to those who have assisted in its planning and preparation. Help put a big dent in that loss number and support all of us at St. Alban's!!



DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Results from Second Survey

Thanks to everyone in our congregation who responded to the second survey from the Discernment Committee with questions about your attendance and participation in our services.

The results are now in, and we want to share them with you.

Of the 82 surveys mailed, 42 individuals responded. Here is what we learned about you and the percentages of how you answered (note that some questions allowed multiple responses):

1. How long have you been attending St. Alban's Episcopal Church
 - 50%: 20 years or more
 - 21%: have attended between 1 and 5 years
 - 15%: are 6 to 10 years
 - 12%: are 10 to 20 years
 - 2%: have been here less than 1 year
2. What attracts you to St. Alban's (list all that apply)?
 - 81%: Liturgy and Eucharist
 - 69%: Hospitality
 - 60%: Location
 - 58%: Time of service
 - 57%: Food and fellowship
 - 26%: Accessibility
 - 17%: Other (Sermon/Gospel, history, family)
3. In a typical, 4 ½ week month, how many Sundays do you attend worship services at St. Alban's?
 - 43%: Almost every Sunday
 - 36%: Attends every Sunday
 - 10%: Attend 2 to 3 times a month
 - 7%: Attend less than once a month
 - 5%: Attend once a month
 - 5%: Christmas and Easter only
4. Which service(s) do you typically attend (check all that apply)?
 - 62%: 10:30
 - 29%: 8:00
 - 12%: Online
 - 5%: Irregularly
 - 2%: Alternate between 8:00 and 10:30
5. What are the main reasons for your preference (check all that apply)?

- 64%: Time fits my schedule
- 60%: Sense of community
- 53%: I like the service style
- 38%: Music
- 8%: Other (Sunday School, online
- available, I love the people, early riser)
- 5%: Transportation available

6. Are there Sundays when you choose a service you don't normally attend (e.g., you go to the 8:00 service rather than your usual 10:30 service or vice versa) because of your schedule?
 - 74%: No
 - 26%: Yes
7. How important is it to you to have two services on Sunday?
 - 36%: Not important
 - 31%: Very important
 - 26%: Somewhat important

We also received additional comments that included remarks about the time of service if changed, what rite would be used, whether there would be more or less music, and the impact on Bible study and adult education. Comments were also made about potential financial savings from any changes and, if so, how it might impact our paid staffing.

What Happens Next?

On Sunday, September 20, we will have a combined service at 9:30am. We will then hold a "Town Hall" meeting at 11:00am, where we will discuss pros and cons for reviewing our current service structure, answer questions and ask for your input.

Any changes to services will be determined by votes from all parishioners. Ballots will be mailed out on September 28th and tallied on October 12. Results of the voting will be published in Around the Parish to be sent out on October 16.



CHASE LAKE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We continue to collect school supplies for our neighbor Chase Lake Community School through August. A list of suggested items is in the Parish Hall along with a box for your contributions. Please note where specific brands are requested. Should you prefer to donate money, please designate "Chase Lake" on your donation and place it in the collection plate.



Travels abroad by the Peters' family.



DEAN THOMASON VISITS ST. ALBAN'S

Dean Steven Thomason from St. Mark's Cathedral will join us at St. Alban's on **Sunday, August 30, 2026.**

Dean Steve is the leading clergy presence guiding the current "Living Stones II" capital campaign at the Cathedral. He will share with us information about this major endeavor at a special Coffee Hour after both services. There will be no Sunday School on that day to give everyone the opportunity to meet Dean Steve.

LIVING STONES 11

As Saint Mark's Cathedral's iconic building approaches its centennial, we have embarked on a capital campaign to renew our sacred space and deepen our mission. This effort will address urgent infrastructure needs, support our goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2030, enhance the worship experience, and invest in the future of music through a new organ and endowment support for music ministries. Join us in building a sound future for the cathedral and the generations to come.



WELCOME BACK SUNDAY – SEPT 13 BREAKFAST and/or PICNIC

Join in the worship, fellowship and fun of our Welcome Back Sunday on September 13. There will be a special breakfast for the early group around 9:15am. The Annual Parish Picnic follows the 10:30am service, starting about noon. Come to one or both of these events.

St. Alban's will provide quiches, coffee and tea for breakfast. For the picnic St. Alban's will contribute hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, chips, sodas and non-alcoholic drinks. Parishioners are signing up to bring salads, sides and desserts. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.





NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Jim Gilman, Vestry Liaison

Beginning on, **September 16**, we will resume our Wednesday Soup and Supper Dinners. We begin the evening with **Evening Prayer at 6:00pm** in the Sanctuary and move to the Parish Hall for supper and our program.

The aim of this year's program – Neighbor to Neighbor – is to get to better know our fellow parishioner in the pew next to us. We will sit around dinner tables where 2 or 3 parishioners will share what they want others to know about themselves, about their life and spiritual journey. A "Study Guide" of possible questions and issues to discuss will be available to those who share.

At the first supper on September 16, Jim Gilman will be sharing what he would like you to know about his life and spiritual journey.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Addition of Email:

Diana Powell –
sabripowell@gmail.com

Email Correction:

Kathleen McCluskey –
kathleen.mccluskey1961@gmail.com



THURSDAY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

The Thursday Women's Discussion Group will begin meeting again on **Thursday, September 17th**. We will gather for fellowship at 1:00pm, and our discussion goes from 1:30 to 3:00pm. We meet every two weeks, breaking before Thanksgiving and then starting up again in January.

This fall we are starting a new book: For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional by Hanna Reichel. In an era of political polarization, eroding democratic norms, and rising authoritarianism, many Christians find themselves disoriented, wondering how

their faith should inform myriad daily decisions. Drawing upon both scholarship and pastoral wisdom, theologian Hanna Reichel offers a timely resource for believers seeking spiritual grounding amid societal upheaval.

You are invited to join the discussion. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jeannie Burpee (jandjburpee@gmail.com 541-430-1476, Susan Hanson (hansonsj2001@gmail.com 206-755-4896) or Maryellen Young (maryelleny@comcast.net 425-776-2461) to register for this group study. Books are provided thanks to the Rita Bennett Inner Healing bequest. Feel free to call with questions as well.

SAVE THE DATE

ECW COFFEE

SEPTEMBER 26.

10:30-12:00



Back by popular request, we are having Debbie Dimitre again! In her unique presentation, you will not only hear the life story and reminiscences of (Sarah Cannon) Minnie Pearl but have the opportunity to enjoy some of the favorite jokes and stories! Minnie Pearl was known for the Grand Ole Opry and TV Hee Haw!

Light refreshments and coffee and tea will be served. Donations will be welcomed! Please invite your friends for this wonderful and fun-filled presentation!



ST. ALBAN'S FEATURING

ARTIST ZUOLIE DENG IN SHOW –

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1:00-6:00pm

Dan Mullene

St. Alban's will host a special Chinese Art sale show on Saturday, **September 12th from 1:00-6:00pm**. The show will feature the artist Zuolie Deng, a renowned Chinese artist, best known for his oil paintings, calligraphy and seal carvings.

You are invited to enjoy an inspiring afternoon of Deng, dance performances, ink painting and origami activities. There will also be complimentary refreshments.

Proceeds from the sale of any works will benefit both St. Alban's missions and the artist.

Zuolie Deng was born on January 18, 1962, in Zhanjiang, China. He graduated from Guangdong Political College. He opened Deng's Studio and Art Gallery in 2001 in the Crown Hill neighborhood of Seattle.

More of his artwork can be viewed at the Tea House Gallery, located at 2015 NW 85th St in Seattle.

Information on the artist is available at the website <https://teahousegallery.com>.

The program is sponsored by International Charity Artists Association (ICAA), headquartered in Seattle. ICAA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to driving global philanthropic causes through artistic creativity.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

AUGUST 23 – PENTECOST 13

Near the end of Psalm 138, it says: *“Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe...your right hand shall save me. The Lord will make good his purpose for me...O Lord, your love endures forever.”*

As “stewards-in-training,” how can we strive to genuinely trust and believe these promises? Perhaps utilizing the Holy Habits (prayer, bible study, community worship, and service and thankful giving) can help. Why not covenant to give them a new or renewed try in the days ahead?

AUGUST 30 – PENTECOST 14

Now here's a very vivid vision. How can we live in God's love and power so it will seem to us and to others that we've had some radical surgery – and that the love of His name (and all that that implies) is truly *“grafted in our hearts”*? It's probably easier for us to consider the challenges of physical heart surgery than to pray for the blessed addition to our bodies and minds the true Healer can make if called upon.

SEPTEMBER 6 – PENTECOST 15

“For wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” I read or heard somewhere that Jesus said “feed my sheep, don't count them!” But in reality, numbers do count, and the support we give each other by faithful attendance at worship and by our personal and financial participation for parish

ministries is a morale boost to all who are involved. Pray (and do your part) to be an active part of a lively, God-centered congregation.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

AUGUST 23 – PENTECOST 13

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Collect for Pentecost 13

Grant, O Merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

AUGUST 30 – PENTECOST 14

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Collect for Pentecost 14

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

SEPTEMBER 6 – PENTECOST 15

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 18:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Collect for Pentecost 15

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

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

ST. ALBAN'S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

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

GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday, Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm
Thursday Home 10:00am – 2:00pm (by appointment)
Via email: gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com
Cell: 206-778-1506
SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)

Fr. Greg returns from vacation August 26.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn at 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,
and click on "Donate Now- or use
pictured QR code

