

AROUND THE PARISH

Thursday, September 3, 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 – September 6

Pentecost 15

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

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

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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

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things came into being through him. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in was life, and the life was the light of all people.” John 1:1 - 4

With these words we enter into the Season of Creation.

A relatively new liturgical season in the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion, the Season of Creation is a celebration of God's creative, redemptive, and salvific being in the physical and material universe. Even using the word “universe” is too limited, too small, too incomplete to define the scope of God's presence or encompass God's Being. After all, God created and inhabits all things “seen and unseen.”

The Season of Creation begins September 1 and concludes with the Feast of St. Francis on October 4. And really, we've been celebrating this for close to 50 years. The impetus was the first Earth Day and its response to the environmental degradations leading up to the 1960's. The liturgical origin in the Episcopal Church was the Celebration of St. Francis which began in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, famous for the parade and blessing of the creatures (animals), and world musician Paul Winter's *Missa Gaia* mass setting.

This is the third year that we at St. Alban's have celebrated the Season of Creation. We celebrate the beauty that surrounds us; from the magnificence of the Olympics and Cascades and the Salish Sea to the flowers growing in our church gardens.

Just yesterday morning, on my way to work, some splashing caught my attention as I rode through Myrtle Edwards Park on Seattle's waterfront. The water was Easter morning still and the Olympics, ferries, and ships mirrored in it, which made the splashing all the

COMING EVENTS

9/7 LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

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

9/12 9:00am, LIVE, Annex

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

9/13 WELCOME BACK SUNDAY –

8:00am, After-Service Breakfast

10:30am, Parish Picnic following service

9/16 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Soup Supper, Program

9/17 1:30-3:00pm, Thursday Women Discussion, PH

9/19 11:00am, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall

9/20 **NOTE CHANGE--**

9:30am, One Combined Service

11:00am, Town Hall Meeting, Parish Hall

9/20 12:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Annex

9/26 10:30am-12:00pm, ECW Coffee

RECURRING EVENTS

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

7:00pm, AA Meeting, Annex

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

Wed: 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, YouTube

Thur: 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall

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

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

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

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Article Deadline: Tuesday noon, September 16

more obvious. It turned out to be a sea lion tenderizing a salmon for breakfast. I know myself to be blessed living here witnessing such a sight.

But, of course, this Season also holds the recognition of the many ways we have fallen short as good stewards of this bit of Eden we have been entrusted with. The Confession we use during this season states,

“We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.

We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life.

We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control.

We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.”

Examples of our poor stewardship abound.

- the increased severity and frequency of wildfires (worldwide), extreme weather events, abnormal heatwaves, melting of Himalayan glaciers and polar ice sheets bear witness to the denial of our impact on the climate and these climatic changes on people.
- the ever-increasing levels of pollution from microplastics, PFAS chemicals, increased levels of carbon in the atmosphere, and nuclear waste demonstrate our thoughtless inconsideration for future generations.
- empty office towers in the face of a housing shortage, the amount of food discarded into landfills in the face of hunger and poverty, limited access to healthcare all point toward hoarding, selfish, greed, and lack of creativity that leads to compassionate sharing.

So through this Season, God is calling us to truly appreciate Creation’s beauty, to the recognition of our place in it, and to repentance and amendment of life.

Really, it’s the same movement of the Spirit as ever. God is always creating that which is very good, while we struggle to make the best of it. We will never get stewardship or faithful living exactly right, we will always fall short, but we have been blessed with inquiring and discerning minds capable of growth, repentance, and change.



THANK YOU FOR BLESSINGS

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever. Psalm 136:11

Thank you for your great love and your blessing over our lives. Thank you that your favor has no end, but it lasts for our entire lifetime. Forgive us for sometimes forgetting that you are intimately acquainted with all our ways, that you know what concerns us, and you cover us as with a shield.

Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfillment all that you have given us to do in these days. We pray that you would make our way purposeful and our footsteps firm out of your goodness and love. Give us a heart of wisdom to hear our voice and make us strong by your huge favor and grace. In Jesus’ Name, Amen. (Debbie McDaniel)



WELCOME BACK – Is Summer Really Gone?

We acknowledge the return to autumn and to what is lovingly called “normal.” **Our Welcome Back Sunday is on September 13.** Some of our groups, classes and meetings have been on hiatus for some weeks. Keep an eye on ATP to see when your activity returns.

On Sunday, September 13, the early service group will be treated to breakfast following their service. At about 12:00pm the Annual Parish Picnic will take place.

The picnic consists of the usual hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips and non-alcoholic beverages. There are signup sheets in the Parish Hall for those who wish to contribute salads, sides and desserts. Volunteers are also requested to help setup/clean up.

Join in one or both of these fellowship opportunities.



SOUP SUPPERS & NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Jim Gilman, Vestry Liaison

Wednesday, September 16, brings the return of our third Wednesday Evening Prayer, Soup Supper and Programs. **Evening Prayer is at 6:00pm** in the Sanctuary, followed by Soup Supper and a program.

This year's programs should be fun and interesting. Neighbor to Neighbor will help us get to know our neighbors in the pew better. Those attending will sit around our dinner tables, and 2 or 3 parishioners will share what they want others to know about them, their life and their spiritual journey. A "Study Guide" of possible topics and/or questions will be available for those who wish to share.

Jim Gilman will break the ice at the first gathering on September 16 and share what he would like you to know about his life and spiritual journey.

IMPORTANT TOWN HALL MEETING **Sunday, September 20, 11:00am**

On Sunday, September 20, there will be a combined service at 9:30am followed by a Town Hall meeting at 11:00am. There will be a discussion of pros and cons for reviewing our current service structure, answering questions and asking for your input. **Any changes to services will be determined by votes from all parishioners.** This is your opportunity to be part of this discernment process. We are all in this together!

Ballots will be mailed out on September 18 with a return date of September 30. Votes will be tallied by the committee and the results published in the ATP on Friday, October 2.



INDIGENOUS CIRCLE FIELD TRIP

Jim Gilman

Members of the Indigenous Circle recently (8/22) took a field trip to two locations in West Seattle. First, we had lunch at "Nacho Mama's Fry Bread Cafe" in White Center. It is one of the few Native American owned restaurants in the Seattle area. What an interesting and substantial menu they served: from simple fry bread with compote, stuffed fry bread, fry bread tacos to a variety of native salads. All who feasted eagerly recommend this cafe.

After lunch we traveled to the Duwamish LongHouse and Cultural Center on West Marginal Way, overlooking the Duwamish River Valley. The Duwamish are a host tribe of Seattle situated at the mouth of the Duwamish River. Chief Sealth's mother was a member of the Duwamish tribe, and his father

was from the Suquamish Tribe on the Kitsap Peninsula. The Duwamish have long sought federal recognition but have not yet received it. Consequently, they have not been granted a reservation and other amenities that come with federal recognition. Their current Cultural Center and the land on which it is located, accordingly, were not granted by the federal government but was purchased by the tribe and friends of the Duwamish.

The Cultural Center's exhibits tell the history of the Duwamish, including the story of Princess Angeline, daughter of Chief Sealth, who was a resident of the Seattle waterfront until 1896. Online you can access photos of Princess Angeline and her unforgettably poignant, precious, irresistible face. How could you not love her?



INDOOR YARD SALE IS HISTORY

Debby Wilson

The August 22nd Indoor Yard Sale was a success! We earned approximately \$800 for St. Alban's, and what was left was donated to Bella's Voice, a nonprofit that supports animal welfare.

Many thanks to our multiple anonymous donors of items. We especially want to thank and give hats-off to our many volunteers, including Averil Nicewarner, Colyn LaVergne, Will Bitter, Connie Forsberg, Debby Wilson, Denise Robertson, Eric Hanson, Jim Gilman, Jan Lee (JL) Krilevich, Judy Fleenor, Kathleen McCluskey, Linda Rowan, Pam Pomeroy, Phil McClelland, Shannon Duggan, Susan Hanson, and Teddi Balagot.



COMING SOON -- ECW LADIES COFFEE

You really won't want to miss the next ECW Ladies Coffee scheduled for **Saturday, September 26, 10:30am – 12:00pm.** Our guest is a favorite -- Debbie Dimitre. For this visit, she will talk about Minnie Pearl of the Grand Ole Opry and TV's Hee Haw. Minnie Pearl, portrayed by Sarah Cannon, is a legend. Debbie will share some favorite jokes and stories.

Light refreshments and coffee/tea will be served. Your donations are appreciated and allow us to plan future guest speakers. Please invite your friends and family to this entertaining and fun event.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHASE LAKE

The above photo shows just a smidgeon of the many items you generously donated to our annual school supplies drive for our neighbor Chase Lake Elementary School.

The overflowing crates in the Parish Hall were turned into seven bags of supplies – spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, plastic folders, binders, pencils, color markers, pencil pouches, glue sticks galore, and other items. Maryellen Young and Reilly Mannery delivered them to the school.

You are helping make a good start for those students who are unable to provide their own supplies. Thank you for your love and compassion!

CHASE LAKE VOLUNTEERS

Bob Chaffee

I am seeking volunteers for Chase Lake Elementary, and I've been volunteering there for 10 years and really enjoy working with the staff and kiddos. Many students come from difficult backgrounds, have English as a second language, and/or have medical issues. The kids and staff are very appreciative of the time spent with volunteers.

To apply, go to the Edmonds School District website, click on "Volunteer." You will enter a site with two parts: 1) The harassment policy and 2) a

background check. Complete these forms. You will be notified by mail when you are approved. Or you can go to the main office and volunteer or contact me – Bob Chaffee 206-715-6610. Leave voicemail if I don't answer.

CHINESE ART SHOW – SEPTEMBER 12

St. Alban's is hosting a special Chinese Art sale show on **Saturday, September 12, 1:00-6:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

The show features artist Zuolie Deng, a renowned Chinese artist, best known for his oil paintings, calligraphy and seal carvings. There will be complimentary refreshments.

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

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of any works will benefit St. Alban's missions.

ST. ALBAN'S FAUNA & FOLIAGE.

In keeping with the Season of Creation and in honor of St. Francis' loving care of creation, please take photos of animals and plants on St. Alban's campus. Some will be selected for a lively ATP photo journal before the Feast of St. Francis (Sunday, October 4). All plants and critters great and small will be appreciated.

Send images to jeannie.stablansedmonds@gmail.com.

We will accept photos until September 27.



SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.

The Season of Creation began in 1989 when September 1 was established as a Day of Prayer for Creation for the Orthodox Church. The World Council

of Churches extended the celebration to October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home.

Around the Parish will include several Creation Collects for the next few weeks.

World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation (Sept 1)

Author of Creation: In wisdom you brought forth all that is to participate in our divine being, and to change, adapt, and grow in freedom. You make holy the matter and energy of the universe that it may delight you and give you praise. We thank you for gathering all Creation into your heart by the energy of your Spirit and bringing it through death to resurrection glory; through the One in whom all things have their being, Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and your Word. Amen

The Feast of Labor (Sept 7)

All-loving God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives. So guide us in our labor and leisure that it may be for the common good of all Creation; and, as we seek the proper share for all, make us supportive of the rightful needs of all creatures who live and love on this earth; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one Good for ever and ever. Amen

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

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.

SEPTEMBER 13 – PENTECOST 16

"Not seven times, but seventy times seven" says Jesus about how often we should forgive others. How hard it is for us not to hang on to our hurts and (real or imagined) "sins against us." But if we truly want to

live our lives in God, we need to use His extravagant model and not allow the “energy leak” of nursing those grudges and hurts to affect our own serenity and acceptance.

SEPTEMBER 20 – PENTECOST 17

“...are you envious because I am generous?” Do we spend more time lamenting our personal scarcity than being grateful and thankful for all we have been given and responding accordingly? It is certainly true that we can’t begin to “out-give” God, but would our lives perhaps be more contented and feel more blessed if we decided to be first-fruits or “I can’t wait to give” donors to the life and ministry to which God has called to all of us? Remember, Baptism tells us we are “marked as Christ’s own forever.” How do you respond to that gift?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

SEPTEMBER 13 – PENTECOST 16

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Collect for Pentecost 16

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

SEPTEMBER 20 – PENTECOST 17

Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-1

Collect for Pentecost 17

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever.

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.

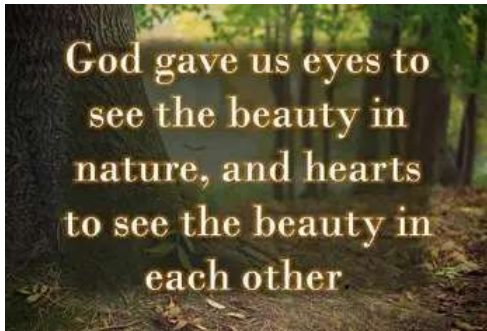
GREG’S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday, Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm
Thursday Home 10:00am – 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)

Via email: gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com

Cell: 206-778-1506

SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)



God gave us eyes to
see the beauty in
nature, and hearts
to see the beauty in
each other

