AROUND THE PARISH

November 6, 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 wo

SUNDAY – November 8

Pentecost 24

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

11/7 12:00-2:00pm, Conflict Resolution, Parish Hall
11/8 8:00/10:30am, INGATHERING
12:30-2:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Annex
11/9 1:00pm, Worship Committee Mtg, Parish Hall
11/14 10:00am-2:00pm, Food Bank Collection
10:30am, Men's Circle, Parish Hall
2:00-5:00pm, Recital
11/15 12:00pm, Episcoplayers Mtg, Annex
12:30-2:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Annex
11/16 1:00pm, Altar Guild Meeting, Parish Hall
11/18 12:00pm, Indigenous Lunch/Prayer Service, Sanctary/Parish Hall
11/21 11:00am, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall
1:00-6:00pm, Private Party, Parish Hall/Kitchen
11/25 12:00pm, Pre-Thanksgiving Eucharist/ Hors d'oeuvres
11/26 10:00an-4:00pm, Private Party, PH/Kitchen

RECURRING EVENTS

Mon: 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
Tues: 6:30pm, AA Serenity Seekers, Parish Hall
Wed: 12:00pm, Midday Prayer, Sanctuary/YouTube
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
Sun: 6:30pm, AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Next ATP Issue: Friday, November 20
Article Deadline: Wednesday noon, November 18



Fr. Greg Peter

The goblins and ghosties have gone back to their side of the veil. All the Saints have been cheered. The rains have finally arrived. Daylight Savings Time is taking its winter rest. The election is past. Winterizing continues in earnest. Happy November!

Now, in the liturgical year, we are preparing for the end of the time. Well, the end of the liturgical year anyway. The Gospel lessons these next three weeks include Jesus's last parables, his last teachings, about the Kingdom. In a nutshell: be prepared, expect to be surprised, and consider how you are conducting your life – how you interact with your neighbors has eternal implications.

In our congregation's administrative life, it's the season of our Ingathering, Budgeting, and Planning for next year. StewFest was really well attended. Our presenters were insightful and provocative (in the sense that they provoked us to deep discussions in our table groups). Well done, you all! The Financial Team met to begin the Budgeting process. The Endowment Board recently met continuing their good tending of our long-term investments and to ensure our long-term financial vitality. And all the ministry groups are planning for the coming year's programmatic possibilities and budgetary needs. It is a time of promise.

November is also Indigenous Peoples Month. So, as we have done for the last few years, our worship life will include liturgies with Indigenous elements. These include an indigenous translation of the Lord's Prayer, a Eucharistic Prayer from the Anglican Church of Canada that was written by First Nations People, and an Indigenous Evening Prayer service. The forms and structures of these

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prayers are the same as all our Christian and Anglican traditions, but the imagery and words are different.

I want to say that these liturgies are beautiful, they offer deep spiritual insights, and I love them, but I also lead them with some hesitation. As you know, I am not of Native American ancestry. The imagery and references are not necessarily part of my heritage; they are similar and they resonate. And again, I find them insightful, deep, and moving, but I am careful in using these prayers to not presume that they are of my tradition or heritage, to misappropriate them, to use them without great humility. I use them with respect for our Indigenous siblings and neighbors and their great, rich, and enduring traditions. We all have much to learn from and to grow into by being in conversation with each other.

If I think about it, whenever and wherever the faith has gone, it has been deepened by encounters with other cultures. Certainly, our roots are in Judaism, but as the disciples moved out from Palestine, they were influenced by and incorporated the harmonious spiritual insights of the Fertile Cresent, India, Ethiopia, the Mediterranean, northern Europe, and later the Americas. How much less rich would we be without the insights of the Celts! Next time you put up a Christmas Tree, thank the Germanic tribes! Have you seen liturgical dance? Thank the faithful of Africa! And we don't have time or space to talk about music and hymnody.

So here we are at the end of the (liturgical) time, and like we heard on All Saints' Day the host gathered around God is composed of the faithful from every language, tribe, clan, nation, and people, from every age and every era. The list grows longer, the host more diverse, the fullness of the community of faith richens. Just as it always has. Just as Jesus lived it. Just as the Spirit led and leads. Just as God has always intended.



THANKSGIVING FOR PEACEFUL ELECTIONS

Gracious God, who sustains the world and bestows blessings freely upon all creation, we give you thanks for peaceful elections in the United States. We give you praise when people everywhere live peaceably with one another, when we let love and mutual respect guide our disagreements, and when we faithfully honor your image in others. Keep this nation under your care as we endeavor to live as faithful citizens of the land you have entrusted to our stewardship. Increase our responsibility and love. Make us instruments of your peace and justice on behalf of our fellow citizens and the world. We pray for all newly elected and returning officials in this nation. Give them wisdom, strength, and courage to live out their call to serve the common good with diligence and integrity, through your well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INGATHERING – NOVEMBER 8

Our pledge Ingathering is on **Sunday, November 8, at both services.** Please bring your pledge cards to church to be placed on the altar for blessing. Your pledges are vital to St. Alban's and enable us to continue our ministries and mission.

Pledge cards were mailed to homes in October. There are blank pledge cards in the card holders on the back of the pews. Should you need one, please contact the office at stalbansedmonds@gmail.com.

Pledge cards can also be mailed, dropped off at church or put though the mail slot in Fr. Greg's office door.



ST. ALBAN'S FOOD BANK DRIVE

We can only imagine how difficult it must be for a family not to be able to afford a real Thanksgiving meal and Christmas celebration without food and gifts.

However, this is reality for a great number of our friends and neighbors. Stretching dollars to cover housing, heat, etc. is too difficult for there to be anything left over for incidentals or treats.

This Saturday, November 14, from 10:00am - 2:00pm, there will be a food drive at St. Alban's. This is our opportunity to follow the words of Jesus to care for those in need, to open our hearts to those in our area who are in great need of food assistance.

If you are unable to shop for non-perishables, please donate money generously to the Food Bank; it can make our money go further with bulk purchasing. Can't stop by church on Saturday, November 14? Put your check or cash in an envelope with designation "Nov 14 Food Drive" and place in the Sunday collection plate.



CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH WITH SOUP LUNCHEON – WEDNESDAY, NOV 18

Jim Gilman

During the winter months, we've changed our monthly Soup Suppers to Soup Luncheons. Join us on **Wednesday, November 18,** for our first Midday Prayer and Soup Lunch beginning at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Lunch begins at 12:30 in the Parish Hall with food provided by members of our Indigenous Circle including Fry Bread, Indigenous Stews and more.

At 1:00pm we will hear from a couple of Indigenous Circle members as they share with us their experiences as Native residents. Please join us for this time of prayer, good food, fellowship and learning.



PRE-THANKGIVING BLESSINGS & BITES

Linda Rowan, Junior Warden

PLEASE NOTE: The time has been changed to 12:00pm this year to enable those who prefer not to drive at night to attend.

Join us **Wednesday afternoon, November 25, beginning at 12:00pm,** for our Thanksgiving Eve Service and Fest. There will be a simple Eucharist in the Sanctuary at noon followed by food and beverages in the Parish Hall. We have invited our neighbors from St. Hilda St. Patick to share this wonderful event of worship and fellowship.

You are invited to contribute your favorite finger foods or hors d'oeuvres, hot or cold. Please save Thanksgiving food for The Big Day and bring other food options to this gathering.

EPISCOPLAYERS PLANNING SESSION

Jan Skidmore

Job 8:21 " He will fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy."

YOU are invited to attend an Episcoplayers planning session on Sunday, November 15, in the Annex at 12:00 noon. No requirements or commitments are expected.



Our plans will be for 2027 and will not add to your busy holiday schedule. We are excited to have you join us! Lunch is included if you RSVP to Jan Skidmore at 425-314-5412 or janskidmore72@gmail.com.



CHASE LAKE CHRISTMAS MONETARY DONATIONS

The Edmonds School District has changed their policy, and schools can no longer give out gift cards. Therefore, **this year we can only donate money for Chase Lake's Holiday Cheer** program. The PTSA will use the money to purchase food or gifts.

Timing is also very short. Please make donations by **Sunday, November 29th**.

Designate your donation as "Chase Lake" on the memo line of your check. You can also put cash in an envelope and label the envelope "Chase Lake." Place your name on the envelope so we can give you credit for your contribution.

Our congregation is very generous in support of Chase Lake Community School. Several years ago, Jim Nichols initiated our Chase Lake Christmas donations for the benefit of the school's families. Holidays can be very difficult for struggling families.



SUCCESSFUL STEW FEST

On Wednesday, October 21, we had a very successful StewFest with 29 people attending. The stews provided by Liz Bee, Mary Gitlin, Judy Fleenor, Debby Wilson, and Maryellen Young were delicious.

We appreciated the program, building on "Getting to Know Your Neighbor in the Pew," with Anne Richarson, Mona Carter and Jeannie Burpee sharing their stewardship stories. Getting to know each other continued with small group discussions.

Thanks to everyone who helped with cleanup afterwards.

MAKING SPACE IS AN INVITATION

A year ago I began practicing yoga at a studio near my home. The instructor is a grounded, gifted practitioner who sets the tone for movement, relaxation, and growth. Her class has grown in popularity and sometimes we are packed a bit close in the space. If someone comes in a little late, we all adjust our mats and make space graciously- although in my heart I grumbled at the inconvenience of it. That is, until I was stuck in traffic and arrived the very minute class was starting and opened the studio door to find the room full. I closed the door and felt frustrated.

Darn traffic! I stood outside alone in my disappointment when the door opened and a fellow student waved me in, mouthing the words: "we made room for you."

I felt tears welling up in my eyes as I hurried to the open space and rolled out my mat. Another person smiled and waved at me. It almost felt like too much to bear- this grace-filled way that my fellow students offered plenty good room for me to enter and find the balance I craved.

Making space for one another, without judgment, creates a powerful connection in community. I no longer grumble in my heart as a latecomer arrives because I've been there. And I hope they feel the acceptance I felt as we slide our mats to make more room.

There is plenty good room for us to accept one another, just as we are right now. I pray that in all aspects of our lives in community, and especially in our faith community, we learn to wave one another in and with a gentle smile mouth the words: "we made room for you." TENS.org

Questions for Reflection:
How might we shift a grumbling heart into a welcoming wave?

The Rev. Cn. Dina van Klaverenis Canon for Development at the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and is a past-president and member of the Board of Directors for TENS.

SUGGESTIONS FOR 2027 3rd WEEK BASKET

The Outreach Donations Ministry Team is asking for suggestions for charities for our quarterly 3rd Week Basket outreach donations starting with the 2nd quarter 2027. Recommendations are due by December 27. Suggestions can be given to a member of the Outreach Donation Ministry Team listed below or to the church office by telephone 425-778-0371 or email stalbansedmonds@gmail.com .



We also welcome new parishioners to join in participating in this process. The Team reviews the options and selects which ones will appear on the ballot. If interested, please contact a member of the Outreach Donation Ministry: Carrie Cone, Connie Forsberg, Mary Fowler or Maryellen Young.

We vote on the choices provided starting at our Annual Meeting. Recipients for the 4 previous quarters are ineligible for one year.

GRATITUDE FROM KAREN FORD

Kären Ford is sending her greetings and sincere thank you for all the cards, phone calls and visits she has had from her St. Alban's family. She is currently receiving rehab at Bethany Pacific, Room 641, in Everett.

Some weeks ago, Kären fell backwards and landed on her elbows, causing additional injury and pain to a shoulder that has been much trouble in the past. This injury will be reevaluated in the future, but her elbows are the primary issue and there have been a couple of surgeries. It's been a long road for her so far and will continue as rehab sessions are necessary to get her back to full use of her arms and hands.

Kären sends her many thanks to the parish for all the prayers and good wishes she has received. Kären feels "not quite so alone with your love and support." Therapy has begun and there is progress, but "it's too slow." She welcomes visitors, cards and phone calls.



BOY SCOUTS PERFORM FALL CLEANUP ALONGSIDE OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Once again our church grounds have been spruced up by our Boy Scout Troop 300. On October 24, Scouts, their leaders and parents, parishioners and neighbors blessed us with their help and gardening skills. As usual, there was a lot to be raked, cleared out and disposed of at this time of the year. A dump truck was on loan to haul all the debris away.

The October 20 "Garden Party" led by Jeannie Burpee had performed a lot of plant and shrub trimming which needed to be collected for disposal also. Among those helping with this work were Denise Robertson, Heather Small, Shen Yu and Ron Austin. Owen Smith helped clear the area for the Food Bank gardens. Colyn LaVergne and William Bitter cleaned off the roof, and the gutters were cleaned by Bill Hecox of the Scouts.

All in all, it's a great gift to St. Alban's from Scouts and various others who pitched in. Buildings & Grounds Junior Warden Phil McClelland said it is very satisfying to "receive help from a lot of different sources – the congregation and beyond."

Our sincere thanks to all who generously gave of their time and labor to benefit St. Alban's!!

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

There is still time to participate in the Mission to Seafarers collection – the drive goes through November 10. Please shop as you are able and help with the "ditty bag" stuffing on November 14, 10:00am-noon, at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, 3050 California Avenue SW, Seattle.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

NOVEMBER 8 – PENTECOST 24

We are warned about being unprepared when the Lord calls. How can we best assure that we will be ready? Living a life under-girded by the Holy Habits of prayer, study, sacrificial giving, and intentional involvement in a worshipping community, may help us to be ever responsible to God's call – for whatever – and whenever He asks.

NOVEMBER 15 – PENTECOST 25

The Gospel story of the parable of the talents may seem harsh in terms of the master's treatment of the distrustful slave. But we need to remember that God will provide for all our genuine needs. How many of us live a mentality of *scarcity* like the timid servant rather than rejoicing and using our own talents (money and otherwise) to show appreciation for our great *abundance*, and in thanksgiving for God's eternal beneficence.

NOVEMBER 22 – LAST SUNDAY PENTECOST

The final week of this Church Year has for its Gospel, the Great Commission, which ends, *"Just as you did it unto the least of these who are members of my family, you did it for me."* As we prepare for Advent and a new Church year, how will you covenant to feed the hungry, give sustenance to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the needy, visit the prisoner, and/or tend the sick? We live in a world crying for all kinds of compassionate care. Will you be the face and hands of Jesus?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NOVEMBER 15 – PENTECOST 25

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Collect for Pentecost 25

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior

Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

NOVEMBER 22 – LAST PENTECOST

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 9:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Collect for Last Pentecost

Almighty and Everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday Church Office 10:00am – 2:30 pm
Wednesday Church Office 10:00am – 2:30pm
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)

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.

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

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.



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