AROUND THE PARISH
Saturday, October 16, 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 – October 18, 2026

Pentecost 21

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

COMING EVENTS

10/17 11:00am, Indigenous Group, Parish Hall
11/20 2:00pm. "Garden Party"
10/21 6:00pm, Stew Fest, Parish Hall
10/23 & 24, Diocese Convention
10/24 Boy Scouts Grounds Cleanup
10:00am-2:00pm, Amer Legion/VFW Dropoff
10/26 12:30-4:00pm, Girl Scouts Crafts, Parish Hall
10/28 12:30-4:00pm, Girl Scouts Crafts, Parish Hall
10/29 1:00-3:00pm, Discussion Group, Parish Hall
11/7 12:00-2:00pm, Conflict Resolution, Parish Hall

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

Next ATP Issue: Friday, November 6
Article Deadline: Wednesday noon, November 4





Fr. Greg Peters

Report from the Vestry Meeting of Sunday, October 11.

The Vestry met after services last Sunday. It was another productive meeting. We got a lot done and want you all to know about what we decided.

First, the Vestry commends next Wednesday's **Stew Fest** to every member of the congregation. As you know Stew Fest is the main event of our Stewardship campaign, and this year features three members of the congregation sharing their insights and experiences of gratitude for God's generosity. Stew Fest begins **Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00pm** with Evening Prayer; the Fest begins at 6:30pm; and Mona Carter, Anne Richardson, and Jeannie Burpee begin their presentation at 7:00pm. See you there!

Second, we had a long discussion about a proposed venture with the Edmonds Food Bank. As I discussed at the Annual Meeting, the Food Bank is looking for a place to relocate. They need a new facility that is bigger, has more storage, and includes office and meeting spaces. Since then, we have been in dialogue with the Food Bank about the possibility of building their new facility on our property. As you can imagine the requirements of City regulations for such a building are complicated and numerous. At this point, an architect is drawing up proposals for a building and where it could fit on our property. We are still very much in the visibility phase of this proposition. The Vestry remains engaged and is waiting for the drawings so that we can decide on how and whether to proceed.

Third, the Nominating Committee was formed in preparation for our 2027 Annual Meeting (scheduled for next February). The Nominations Committee is charged with recruiting new Vestry Members and Diocesan Convention 2027 Delegates and Alternatives. The Nominations Committee members are Ron Austin,

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Brad Goergen, JL Krilevich, Linda Rowan, and Debby Wilson.

And last, the Vestry was informed by liaison Jim Gilman that the Edmonds Food Bank would like to have a second monthly distribution from our parking lot. They would like to do this to better serve our immediate community, so that people do not have to travel so far to access the Food Bank's services. While this did not require the Vestry's formal approval, they are very supportive. Logistics still need to be worked out by both the Food Bank and us, so the second distribution will not begin immediately, but we look forward to being able to better serve our neighbors.

As always, I am so grateful for the work of the Vestry. This is a dedicated, hardworking, engaged, and effective ministry of our congregation. I – and you! – are blessed.



Prayer for All Saints Day
Sunday, November 1, 2026

Almighty God, we thank You for the multitude of saints whose faithfulness brought light into the darkness of the world. Their lives bore witness to Your grace and mercy. Today, we celebrate their legacy and thank You for their prayers, their courage, and their perseverance. Help us carry their torch of faith into our generation.



"GARDEN PARTY" on OCTOBER 20

Jeannie Burpee

Be a super volunteer and join the "Garden Party on **Tuesday, October 20, 2:00pm.** We will meet in front of the church to do some seasonal gardening in the front area of the church. The usual fall tasks need doing – deadheading, weeding, pruning, etc. You don't need to be a professional gardener, just come with a few of your favorite tools and join in.



STEW FEST, WEDNEDAY OCTOBER 21

We hope to see you at our annual Stew Fest on **Wednesday, October 21st starting at 6:00pm**. This evening is an opportunity for us to come together in gratitude for God's blessings to St. Alban's.

For the program this year we are building on "Getting to Know Your Neighbor in the Pew." Jeannie Burpee, Mona Carter and Anne Richardson will be sharing their stories of why they are generous to St. Alban's and what being a part of St. Alban's means to them. We will then break into small groups for further discussion.

The evening begins with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary. We then move to the Parish Hall for our dinner and program. Stews are provided by a few of our great cooks. The rest of the meal is provided by the church, consisting of salads, breads, desserts and beverages of beer, wine and non-alcoholic options.

Come be a part of this opportunity for worship, food, fellowship and sharing.



EDMONDS AMERICAN LEGION, VFW and ST. ALBAN'S HOLD DROPOFF EVENT FOR VETERANS IN ST. ALBAN'S PARKING LOT
Saturday, October 24, 10:00am-2:00pm

Dan Mullene

Edmonds American Legion Post 66 and VFW Post 8870 will host a Dropoff Event on **Saturday, October 24, 10:00am – 2:00pm, in St. Alban's Parking Lot.** There are over 50,000 veterans in Snohomish County, and many of them continue to need help due to difficult circumstances.

Greeting donors and accepting donations of food, clothing and personal hygiene items will be members of American Legion Post 66, VFW Post 8870, and St. Alban's parishioners. Typical hygiene items include deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, lotion, body wash and sanitary napkins. Also needed are disposable diapers.

Lightly used or new winter clothing (coats, sweaters, new gloves, socks and underwear) can be contributed. Food donations will be given to the Edmonds Food Bank to provide for our local veterans. Also helping with distribution of items will be representatives from the Lynnwood Heroes Café.

Cash and credit/debit card donations can also be accepted. Checks should be made out to "American Legion Food Drive." The Posts can also accept used American flags in need of disposal at this event.

MAKING ROOM FOR PLENTY GOOD HARVEST

When I was a teenager, my grandmother loved her garden. She still does. Her garden required the kind of care that kept her hands in the soil and her attention fixed on the rhythms of the season. On warm afternoons she would call me outside to help her prepare the dirt, loosening the earth, pulling weeds, and clearing space for new seeds. I remember standing there sometimes, puzzled and very impatient. To me, the garden already looked fine.

After the winter season, I had grown accustomed to what it always looked like. To me, it was good enough. Why disturb what was already there? Why dig up soil that seemed just fine? The work felt slow and unnecessary, but my grandmother understood something I was still learning.

A healthy garden needs tending. She moved through those rows and buckets with patience, gently removing what did not belong, the stubborn weeds, the tangled stems, the crowded patches of soil that had no room left to breathe. She knew that if new life was going to grow, something first had to be cleared away. The garden would overflow with life, all because we made room.

Season after season, I was, and still am, amazed. Looking back now, I realize something I did not understand then: if the garden had stayed the way I wanted it, untouched, crowded, unpruned, we would never have seen that abundance at all. The garden required room, and a willingness to yield.

Sometimes that work feels uncomfortable. Sometimes it feels unnecessary. Sometimes we cannot yet see what God is preparing to grow. But the invitation remains the same: make room for new life, make room for deeper faith, make room for the Spirit to move in ways we may not yet understand. And when the seasons of harvest come, we may discover what my grandmother knew all along: when space is made in the garden, there is always plenty good room for the harvest.

The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37 (NLT)

Questions for Reflection:

What might God be inviting you to release or clear away in your life so that something new can grow?

Shannon Whittaker is a member of St. David's Episcopal Church in Cambria Heights, New York.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Our annual celebration of St. Francis Day on October 4 featured a Blessing of Animals belonging to parishioners. The dogs that were brought to church were on their very best behavior, acting like this was an everyday event.

Fr. Greg blessed the pets and companions of several proud "pet parents." The picture above is of "Rain," one of several beloved dogs belonging to Barbie Brooks. There are more photos attached to this ATP issue.

TREASURER's REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Nick Sharpe, Treasurer

September's Income of $13,428 fell $2,165 (13.9%) short of the $15,593 budget, but Expenses ran $654 under budget at $15,804, leaving a monthly deficit of $2,376 against a budgeted deficit of $865.

During September, year-to-date Income of $161,822 is $22,408 (16.1%) ahead of budget, while Expenses of $167,771 are essentially on budget, just $315 over. As a result, the year-to-date net loss stands at $5,949, well better than the budgeted loss of $28,042.

We remain grateful for the congregation's generosity and will keep a close eye on income through the final quarter.



2027 OUTREACH DONATIONS SUGGESTIONS

Do you have suggestions for charities to nominate for our quarterly outreach donations starting with the 2nd quarter 2027? **Recommendations are due by December 27th**. 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.

If you are interested in participating in this process, please contact a member of the Outreach Donation Ministry: Carrie Cone, Connie Forsberg, Mary Fowler or Maryellen Young. Our Vestry Liaison is Anna Sharpe.

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

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Be sure to look for and welcome:

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BASKET DONATIONS FOR 4th QUARATER

1st week—**Food Banks** for Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace Food Banks. At the end of September, we sent $1200 to each of the food banks we support from donations received since March.

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

3rd week— **Housing Hope** combines affordable housing with tailored services such as life-skills training, childcare, case management, and employment services. Housing types include emergency shelter, transitional housing, affordable rent units and homeownership opportunities.

4th Week— **Episcopal Relief and Development** works with an extensive network of faith-based and secular partners to advance lasting change in communities affected by injustice, poverty, disaster and climate change. They work in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East as well as in the US.

5th week— **Indigenous Women**: WomenSpirit Coalition. Our next 5th week is November 29th.

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



A CALL TO MINISTRY FOR OUR VESTRY

Debby Wilson, Vestry

Our Vestry is looking ahead to next year, one step being to identify faithful parishioners to serve as members of Vestry.

Vestry is the elected governing board and legal representative of our community, partnering with our clergy to oversee financial resources, care for our physical property, and guide our shared mission and spiritual vision.

Currently we are seeking three dedicated parishioners to step forward for new terms beginning after elections at our Annual Business Meeting in February 2027.

Do you feel called to offer your time and talents in this capacity? Or is there someone in our community you feel would be a good candidate for Vestry? Self-nominations will be welcome as well. If you do nominate someone, please ask him/her if they would be willing to serve.

The Nominating Committee will be named soon; in the meantime, please direct any questions to current Vestry members.

HELP SUPPORT MISSION FOR SEAFARERS

Averil Nicewarner

Please help us supports Mission to Seafarers by collecting needed items for men and women and by making and assembling individual ditty bags for distribution. **Items can be donated in the Parish Hall until November 10. Ditty bag stuffing will be November 14** at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, 3050 California Ave SW, Seattle, from 10:00am to noon. There are lists of donation items in the Parish Hall for you to contribute to this worthwhile and needed event.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

OCTOBER 18 – PENTECOST 21

Jesus talks about being a responsible citizen of the world, but balancing that with *"giving to God the things that are God's."* The government makes sure to tell us what we owe them, but how ever do good stewards begin to calculate how to faithfully return a share of their blessings to the gracious provider who has given us everything we have in life?

OCTOBER 25 – PENTECOST 22

The Great Commandment – love God and love your neighbor – how can we make it the basis of all we do in life? Perhaps the Holy Habits of prayer, study, sacrificial giving and being connected to a faith-filled community can be our stepping stones to living that commandment in a world that constantly tempts us into living only for ourselves and puts God in the less than primary place he deserves.

NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY

A favorite hymn, often used at All Saints Day celebrations is #287, *"For all the Saints…"* Who are the saints now on the "Godward" side of your life who encourage you to give thanks, not only for their lives by your examples of loving discipleship, but also by your willingness to be ever grateful for all they know (and you know) God has given you? This is our particular day to remember all the blessed saints – especially those who have gone before us here, having served God faithfully in this parish. They were good and diligent stewards – quietly and continually supporting His work in many ways while living lives of integrity and courage. May it be yet another of God's gifts for us to join them at the banquet when our days here are done. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OCTOBER 25 – PENTECOST 22

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthe 22:34-46

Collect for Pentecost 22

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS' DAY

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10,22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty God you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen

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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)

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

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

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.

