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From the Rector

With the close of the Christmas season and the start of a New Year, my focus moves from the wish lists of my friends and family, to my wish list for St. Alban's – wishes for continued growth in our outreach and mission and wishes for a greater and more visible presence in our community.

Here are some highlights of my wish list for 2019:

Kitchen renovation — We've been talking about renovating our kitchen for several years now. I hope 2019 is the year we make some great strides toward making that renovation a reality. A renovated kitchen is about more than just a shiny new stove. With a new, better designed kitchen we can enhance our mission and outreach capabilities, and we will be positioned to someday implement a project I am very passionate about: a preschool for children of low-income families. Twenty percent of children five years and younger in Fairfax County live below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. In our area, preschool programs can cost families as much as \$15,000 per year. Affordable preschool is not just a "nice to have." It is an absolute necessity for our low-income families. We have the perfect facility for a preschool, and we should be sharing it with those who have less. What we don't have is a kitchen that would allow us to take on such an important ministry. My prayer is that you will be supportive, and give generously, when we begin our capital campaign to renovate our kitchen.

Recruiting a South Fairfax Region Council Delegate - As you'll read on page 3, St. Alban's doesn't stand alone. We're part of the Diocese of Virginia, and also part of the South Fairfax Region of Episcopal churches -13 Episcopal churches that are geographic neighbors. Together, our region's parishes can support each other, and engage in ministry so that we may better and more effectively serve Christ and the world. According to the canons of the Diocese of Virginia, each church must have a delegate to Region Council which meets quarterly to determine how our region can be a force for change in our area. Currently we do not have a delegate to represent St. Alban's at our Region Council meetings. If you feel called to engage with the larger family of Episcopal churches in the area, please see me or Fr. Paul.

Recruiting Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs), Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) and Acolytes—Our catechism, on page 855 in the Book of Common Prayer, is very clear that the ministers of the Church begin with the people of the parish. (Priests are almost an afterthought!) St. Alban's is large enough that our worship and pastoral care wouldn't run effectively without active and engaged lay people to assist during worship, and to bring the Sacrament (the Body and Blood of Christ) to our brothers and sisters who are house-bound and hospitalized. On numerous occasions our scheduler has expressed concern to me that very few people are doing the bulk of the Sunday work of serving the chalice, taking Communion to the homebound, and serving as acolyte to enhance the beauty of our Sunday worship. You don't need to wait for our annual Ministry Sunday to sign up! Talk with Deacon Theresa about the ministries of Eucharistic Visitor and Minister.





Children help **Edmund Keiper** carry the Baby Jesus to the altar manger on Christmas eve.

More participation in our social and fellowship activities and events — We have some great social events throughout the year, and part of being a Christian means becoming an active part in all aspects of our family of faith. Our chili cook-off is now entering its tenth year, but the past couple of years attendance has flagged a bit. Let me assure you, if you're missing the chili cook-off, you're missing some fine tasting chili and superb cornbread! Now, I'm not talking smack, but my chili can stand up to the best of them! Consider it a challenge, and I'll see you at the chili cook-off on January 26 — it is the Christian thing to do!

-Fr. Jeff

¹https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/sites/familyservices/files/assets/officeforchildren/school-readiness/pdfs/fairfax-county-equitable-school-readiness-strategic-plan.pdf

²https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/office-for-children/child-care-assistance-referral/learn-more

From the Associate Rector



Join us for Morning Prayer! Weekdays in the Chapel Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am (including most holidays)

At St. Alban's, there is more to corporate worship than our Sunday and Tuesday morning services of Holy Eucharist. A small group gathers five times a week for the daily office -- Morning Prayer, a simple spoken service of readings, canticles, prayers and psalms. You are most welcome to check it out!

How you can be a part of it: Attend in person (on weekdays) in the Chapel at the bottom of the short flight of stairs in the Narthex. Or, join via Facebook live -- either live or via archived broadcast videos. Make sure you go to the St. Alban's Facebook page and click "like" to get regular broadcasts and communications.

Now! With 100 percent better sound! Some who have "tuned in" on Facebook say that they have had a hard time hearing parts of the service. Please give it a try again if this is the case for you -- we've recently incorporated a new camera system which has a much better microphone, and the sound quality is MUCH improved. If you've tried to catch it before, but gave up because it sounded like everyone was mumbling...give it another try. We think you'll be pleased with the quality of sound.

What it is: Praying together daily in this particular format was developed in monasteries many centuries ago -- and many of the texts we use regularly have been used by Christians across the world for generations. Those who attend regularly, I think, find that it helps us prepare for the day ahead by focusing our attention in the right direction -- by hearing and responding to God's word, and by interceding for ourselves and others. It's a faithful bunch -- we tend to hold services regardless of bank holidays, church office closings and the like.

What to expect: There's no sermon, no communion, and no music. We often remember a saint of the day with a brief biography. The service is led by laypeople and clergy alike. It is small in scale, and brief -- usually around 25 minutes in duration -- and attendance is usually between 2 and 6.

-Fr. Paul

The Warden's Pen

New Year's Greetings!

The choir and altar rail project is complete! I hope you find it as lovely as I do. A lot of thought and discussion went in to this. We wanted to make sure it was practical, safe and beautiful. I'm sure the change in flooring will take some getting used to for some. I find it matches what we have beautifully.

The next big project the Vestry will be tackling is our kitchen. The kitchen committee has been working in the background for years and we're ready for the next steps. Keep watching The Word and SAM for updates and information.





Our new railings were ready just in time for Lessons and Carols on December 15.

The choir loft rails match the altar rails and add to the integrity of the design.

The altar floor, no longer carpeted, is a wood laminate that matches the wood colors of the church. The altar floor space was increased.

The final item I wish to discuss is the Vestry itself. We will have elections on February 24. We have four members completing their three-year terms who will need to be replaced. I currently do not have enough volunteers. Being a member of the Vestry is an important part of our community. I understand feeling you may not have enough time or are not sure if this is something you wish to do. I resisted myself. But the Vestry represents YOU! If you are 16 years or older and a member in good standing, please prayerfully consider running for Vestry. You may contact me or any other member of the Vestry to find out more. We need you.

-Nancy L. Harrell

Stewardship



Where we stand with our pledge campaign for 2019:

133 pledges for a total of \$538,849

For all who helped make this a very successful campaign, thank you!

And for those of you who have yet to submit a pledge, it's still not too late!

Pledge cards are available in the narthex.



My least favorite Christmas carol is The Little Drummer Boy. In addition to being one of those songs that is highly overplayed, it comes with a tune that once imbedded into your brain, simply cannot be turned off. It plays over, and over, and over, and over, and over, and nauseum. Moreover, the idea of some kid banging on a drum right next to the manger after Mary has given birth of our Lord just seems so very inappropriate. Somebody should have shoved the kid out of the stable before the cattle started to up the ante on their lowing.

But all this misses the point, doesn't it? The Little Drummer Boy is a song about giving back...giving back the very best you can in appreciation for the miracle of God's love and His gift of salvation through the birth, life and sacrifice of our Lord. Whether your gifts are financial, or your gifts are of service in the many opportunities that require our time and talents, The Little Drummer Boy reminds to give the best we can.

As we begin a new year, listen just one more time to this annoying little carol, and be inspired to find a new way to give back in thanksgiving. Happy New Year!

-Ron Vogel

WHAT WE DO WITH WHAT WE GIVE:

Our Diocesan Pledge

If you've ever taken a look at St. Alban's budget, you might have noticed that approximately 10 percent of our funds are directed to the Diocese of Virginia. Just as you bring your tithes and offerings to St. Alban's, our parish also makes its tithe to the Diocese. But do you know where that money goes, and for what?

The list is very long, and includes the obvious boring stuff: salaries of Diocesan staff, upkeep of the office, travel expenses of the bishops, etc. And there are the not so boring: new church plants; the Triangle of Hope initiative building relationships between the three former points of slave trade routes; discernment and vocation support for those who are called to serve God in ordained ministry; and tools and resources for almost every ministry one could think of in a parish church.

But something that we tend to forget is that the Diocese is the basic unit of the Episcopal Church and is where our church governance, administration, mission and outreach start. It can perhaps be viewed as a tree trunk: just as a tree remains strongly rooted, but supportive as it sends out branches, so also the Diocese remains steadfast in its support as it sends out churches into the world bringing the Good News of Christ to all.

The Diocese of Virginia is pretty old, but St. Alban's is not. And though we are now a self-sustaining, healthy parish, at one time we were a "mission church" needing the financial support provided by the Diocese until we were gradually able to support ourselves. But the support didn't end there. St. Alban's has been the beneficiary of two Mustard Seed Grants (that I am aware of); one when we underwent our major renovation project, and another to install doors in the parish hall that enabled us to meet county code so we could continue the hypothermia program.

Even now, Virginia currently has between 25 and 30 mission churches that still require some sort of financial assistance and, through the generous pledging of churches in our Diocese, these mission churches can continue to be nurtured as they do the work God has given them to do. At Diocesan Convention this year, we were privileged to witness a mission church - established in 1919! - as it transformed to parish status. As Ecclesiastes reminds us, to every thing there is a season. We can't always know when that season will arrive, but I'm sure the good folks at Trinity Church in Charlottesville are most grateful there was a time to plant, and that we as part of the Diocese have been able to support them all along.

-Kate Wettstein

Epiphany Pageant 10:15 am Service January 6

A thank you to our pageant cast:

Narrators Olivia DePasquale **Cecilia Howton** Angel Gabriel Kaela Huheey Angel of the Lord Sophia DePasquale Zechariah Ted Blanchard Elizabeth Maggie Rutherford Baby John **Melanie Allison** Emma Conkle Mary Joseph Sam Jillson Baby Jesus **Soren Farley** Innkeeper Will Peck Innkeeper's Wife **Betty Kiconco** Felix Howton Herod

Three Wise Men

Han Binkholder

Henry Martin

Heath Larson-Ensinger

Emily Rutherford

Head Angel Olivia Findorff
Head Shepherd Cole Lieberthal

A big thank you to **Elizabeth Howton**, who once again was director of the pageant. And thanks to all the adult volunteers who shepherded sheep, heralded angels and tended to other little assorted pageant cast, including:

Donna Archer Laura DePasquale Trish Huheey Chris Peck

Herod's Guard

Jane Cheek Olivia Devereux Carleton Jillson Sarah Traum



















































Greening of the Church December 23. Thank you Jane Cheek and many other volunteers! Shown here with Jane are just some of the volunteers: Barbara Cook, Emma and Elizabeth Cheek; Robby Larson-Ensinger, Will Peck, Casey and Linda Cummings and Ted Blanchard.











Thank you! Many thanks to all the saints at St. Alban's for your cards, calls, visits and prayers and for other support during my recovery from a broken ankle. -Betsy Murray

Youth Group Gift Wrapping

The youth group and adult volunteers once again wrapped gifts for free will offerings to support the youth group's summer mission trip to Appalachia. Shown on December 23 are Allison Blanchard, Jane Lesko and Kate Wettstein.





The Innkeeper Will Peck and the sheep Rory Lieberthal play a duet on piano as they await participating in the Epiphany Pageant on January 6.

December 23 Child Bishop and Children's Sermon

Felix Howton served the honor as this year's child bishop, handing out candy croziers as Fr. Jeff conducted a children's sermon. Felix is shown here with Declan Chilton and acolytes Emma Cheek and Ted Blanchard.







"If you want to know more about the Bible, church history, and theology that are the foundation of our faith, there's no better way to do it." Now registering new students for 2019. Classes meet Wednesday or Saturday mornings (your choice), starting January 9 and 12. Cost is \$375 per year. Take and read a brochure. Contact **Kay** or **Steve Lusk.**

Senior Volunteer Services

A note from Tanya Elway, M.S.W. Division of Adult and Aging Services, Fairfax County:

Is your new year's resolution to volunteer and make a difference in others' lives? Consider helping lonely older adults and adults with disabilities in various meaningful ways such as: delivering meals, social visiting, grocery shopping, driving, assisting in group settings, pets on wheels and much more. For more information, contact

<u>VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov</u> and 703-324-5406.

Exciting News for The Rev. Pierce and Family

Adam Pierce (our seminarian from 2016-2018) and wife Laurie welcomed a baby boy into their family on October 13. Lucas Miller weighed in at 9.1 lbs, 20.5 inches.

Also, Adam was ordained to the priesthood on December 22 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wilmington, NC.

Congratulations to **The Rev. Pierce** and his family on such exciting news!



Lucas Pierce

Congratulations to Deacon Evangreene

Gaelyn Evangreene, our seminarian from the Diocese of Western North Carolina, was ordained to the diaconate on December 15 at the Cathedral of All Souls, in Ashville, NC.

Congratulations to The Rev. Evangreene!

St. Alban's Welcomed Homeless People for a Week of Warmth and Dinners

The Fairfax Hypothermia Prevention Program is an integral part of Fairfax County's programs to prevent and end homelessness. Fairfax County emergency shelters that serve single adults activate a "no-turn-away" policy from December 1-March 31, known as the Winter Seasonal program. The program functions as an overflow system in coordination with the regular emergency shelter programs and in partnership with nonprofit agencies, faith communities and various community groups and individuals.

St. Alban's serves as one of the seasonal sites and welcomed our homeless neighbors to the warmth of our parish hall and simple warm dinners the week of December 23-29. Thanks to the many volunteers who selflessly gave of their time and care to serve and support these homeless people during Christmas week. A big thank you too, to **Delores Baisden**, who oversaw the program for St. Alban's.

A note from Delores Baisden: Many thanks to all those who sacrificed time with their families during this busy season to help feed our homeless neighbors when they spent the night in our parish hall. They were very grateful for the good meals you prepared and served them. We very much appreciate your kindness in supporting this important ministry.

CHOIR NOTES

January 6. As a vicar's son in England's Cotswolds region, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was unhappy with the hymn tunes he heard on Sundays, so he decided to write his own and to arrange catchy folk tunes to accompany hymn texts. The results merited RVW strong representation in our Hymnal. We will be singing his arrangement of *The Truth from Above*, a folk carol of uncertain origins (different versions can be traced to several English regions).

January 13. This Sunday's anthem is *Ye Princes that in Might Excel*, by the English composer Joseph Stephenson (1723 -1810), published in his 1757 collection, *Church Harmony Sacred to Devotion*. The text is from Psalm 29. Stephenson was clerk of the Hill Street Unitarian congregation in Poole.

January 20. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1781) excelled at composition in all genres of music. We have sung his *Ave verum corpus* on a number of occasions. This Sunday's anthem is the *Laudate dominum* (Praise the Lord), from Mozart's *Solemn Vespers for a Confessor*, K.339, composed in 1780. The text is from Psalm 117.

January 27. Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) was a giant in French music in the generation before Debussy and Ravel, and he taught many prominent musicians of the 20th century. We have sung his *Requiem*, or portions of it, on a number of occasions. This Sunday we will sing Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine*. The text is a translation by the poet and playwright Jean Racine (1639-1699) of a Latin hymn attributed to the 4th century bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose.

February 3. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), like Mozart, left us a large body of exceptional compositions in many forms of music, both instrumental and choral/vocal. And like many other musicians of his day, Bach also did arrangements of tunes by other composers, as is the case with *Bist Du bei mir* (BWV 508), which comes from an aria in the opera *Diomedes* by Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel (1690-1749). Bach's arrangement has been further arranged by Amelia Nagoski, Coordinator of Music at Western New England University.

February 10. Robert J. Powell (b. 1932) is the organist at Trinity United Methodist Church in Greenville, SC and previously held this position at Christ Church Episcopal Church in the same city. We will be singing his arrangement of the South Carolina spiritual, *Fisherman Peter*.

February 17. Our anthem this Sunday is the African-American spiritual, *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, harmonized by Carl R. Diton (1886-1962) and arranged by Elliot Schenck (1868-1939). Philadelphia—born Diton was an African-American pianist, organist, choir director and educator. Schenck was a composer and conductor who at one time was chorusmaster for the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

February 24. We have sung at least two musical settings of *The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee*, the text of which is from Psalm 145:15-16. Now we add another, this one by George J. Elvey (1816-1893), an organist, choirmaster and composer of hymn tunes (notably *Crown Him with Many Crowns* and *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*) who was born in Canterbury, England.

- Clarence Zuvekas

Muldoon Concert Series — The Celebration Singers Oh! What A Merry Christmas Day!

The Celebration Singers brought our audience into the holiday season with merriment and songs for all. Story sharing and memories from chorus members made the seasonal songs come alive in a more personal nature. Children were invited to join in the fun during one selection, which may have been the highlight of the evening. Who can resist festive costumes and flashing red noses? Parishioner **Karen Weinberg** is a Celebration Singer.

-Larry Hodgin





St. Alban's Muldoon Concerts

Come join us for a delightful afternoon of joyful music.
Reception following.
All concerts free. 4:00 pm

March 24 Dr. Mickey Terry, Organ

From the Deacon

I love that St. Alban's celebrates Epiphany with a pageant, telling the Gospel stories from the Annunciation to Jesus' birth through the visit of the wise men and their return home. Our children learn the story through their participation. We are reminded that people from all walks of life were changed through the Incarnation.

My extended family has celebrated Epiphany for generations. My grandparents brought their family traditions with them when they immigrated. We gathered at my maternal grandparents' and enjoyed the Christmas decorations, gifts and treats before everything was put away. My mother's generation tell about how they celebrated during the Great Depression, wars and other difficult times. Many of us still carry out some of the traditions. I light candles through the Epiphany season as a reminder that the Light of the World cannot be overcome by the darkness. It also reminds me that the Light is in me.

This year's long Epiphany season gives us time to reflect on the Light of the World in our own lives. I invite you to light candles (wax or battery-powered) as a reminder of the Incarnation. Take time to consider how the Incarnation changes lives and brings Love and Light. Then share the Good News as the shepherds, wise men and Jesus did. God is here. Now. Always.

-Deacon Theresa

Dear Friends in Christ, The Samaritan Ministry Open House was a success! Thank you for your contributions, your time, and your support. Co-hosts **Debbe Hughes, Fay Froh, Debbie Rosse** and **Helen Cassidy** met participants, staff and volunteers. The participants had a wonderful time and expressed their gratitude for the delicious food, our presence and the gift cards provided by St. Alban's. Through your generosity, you've shared God's love with members of our community.

Gratefully, Deacon Theresa





Samaritan Ministry Christmas Open House on December 12.
Shown above on photo left are: Gail Davis, Lead Caseworker; Bob Satre,
Front Office Coordinator and Sy Jones, Volunteer Manager.
Shown photo right are Fay Froh, Helen Cassidy; The Rev. David Wolf, Executive
Director of Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington; Deacon Theresa;
Fr. Paul, Debbe Hughes and Fr. Jeff.



Parishioners went Christmas caroling door to door at the Sleepy Hollow Healthcare Center on December 8: Lee Hoff, Kay Lusk, Bliss Miga, Harry Baisden, Ginger Caress, David Lesko, Kristi Potts, Dave Hammett, Mary Trice, Wendy Cleland-Hammett, Debbe Hughes and Deacon Theresa

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Christmas Eve 2018 5:30 pm Service











Taco Thank You Party January 6

Our parish youth served a delectable taco lunch following the 10:15 am service to say "thank you" to our church members for their kindness and generosity in support of the annual Youth Group mission trip to Appalachia.







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A Visit with Our Little Roses (OLR) in Honduras

Chris Peck and Jo and Larry Hodgin recently visited Our Little Roses in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. The photos reveal much fun with the younger girls decorating cookies for the holiday season. Fifteen years ago, the Hodgins began support of then 12-year-old Vivany. She graduated from USAP University with a degree in tourism on December 1. Vivany is the first member of her family to graduate with a university diploma.

We again thank St. Alban's parishioners for the support through our Outreach budget, and individually, for the huge amount of medicine and bandaids, topicals, and other medical supplies they donated to OLR. These much needed items were accepted with thanks and hugs from the OLR staff and community health clinic.

-Chris, Jo and Larry





Jo and Larry Hodgin with graduate Vivany.





ACCA Winter Clothing Drive

Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) will be collecting winter clothing January 7-14. Clothing will be distributed on January 16 to day laborers, then to the men and women residents of the Shelters (Safe Haven and Bailey's Crossroads) and children of the ACCA Child Development Center. Donated clothing includes heavy outerwear jackets and coats (not dress coats), sweaters, hooded sweatshirts, scarfs, gloves and pullover woolen hats.

Donations can be arranged by calling Don and Mary Lee Di Spirito at 703-256-9513. Drop offs can be made at the ACCA Furniture warehouse at Annandale United Methodist Church, 6953 Columbia Pike in Annandale on Saturday morning , January 12 from 8:00 am to noon. On Saturday afternoon January 12, an ACCA truck will be at the parking lot of St. Anthony of Padua Church from 1:30 to 2:30 pm to receive donations and at St. Michael Church 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Tax receipts are available if desired.

January Birthdays

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Trevor Hershner	3
Hillary Leersnyder	3
Bill Sargent	3
Mark Cummings	4
Steve Hershner	3 3 4 5 5 7 8
Jo Hodgin	5
David Allison	7
Cole Lieberthal	
Jack Martin	10
Dottye Stacy	10
Ben Dillard	12
Jeff Harre	12
Erica LaPrade	13
Lori Ebersohl	14
Charles Becker	15
Stephanie Rosse	18
Katie Slacin	19
Amy Perina	21
Chloe Achieng	22
Ginger Caress	22
Ella Jackson	23
Sandra Sawicki	23
Karen Weinberg	23
Steven Canales Romero	24
Natasha O'Loughlin	24
Kathy Moore	25
Fred Chatelain	27
Kris Keyer	27
Tom Tycz	27
Matt Gelman	28
Blaine Jackson	30

February Birthdays

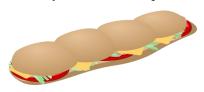
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Ed Caress	6
Gwen DeFilippi	7
Wendy Cleland-Hamnett	8
Marta Hyde	8 8 8
Bethia Sherman	8
Edwin Allison-Espinoza	9
Harris Andrews	9
Debra Becker	10
Robby Larson-Ensinger	10
Kit Ryan	11
Michael White	11
Han Binkholder	12
Bob Ensinger	12
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Bill Calvert	16
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Ann Gamber	17
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Sarah Rutherford	18
Henry Clune	20
Maggie Barker	21
Tammy Conkle	21
Kevin Moore	21
Linda Cummings	22
Malcolm White	22
Cathy Casey	23
Jean Stonesifer	23
Sipho Kargbo	24
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Al Avellino	29
Dennis Cook	29

Chili (and Cornbread) Cook-off January 26 5:00 pm See SAM for details



Youth Group Superbowl Sub Sale

February 3 during all services Subs your way! Proceeds support the youth mission trip.





January and February Calendar Highlights

- January 4 Lunch Bunch Tempo Restaurant, Alexandria; 11:30 am
- January 7-14 ACCA Winter Outerwear Clothing Drive
- January 18-20 Youth Ministry Ski Trip; Berkeley Springs, WV
- January 20 Caregiver's Session with light lunch, 12:00 pm Room 11 RSVP to church office or Deacon Theresa
- January 21 Martin Luther King Day; office closed.
- January 26 Chili Cook-off 5:00 pm in parish hall.
- February 3 Youth Ministry Mission Trip Sub Sale Fundraiser Lector and Intercessor Training 11:45 am
- February 5 St. Alban's hosts the February ACCA board meeting.
- February 9 Community Listening Session by Bishop Susan Goff St. Barnabas Church, 1:00 to 3:00 pm
- February 24 **Annual Meeting and Election** of new Vestry members One service only.

Diocese Listening Sessions: The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff will host five Community Listening Sessions around the Diocese in the season of Epiphany. Each session will include a time to share your dreams for our Diocese. The session in our area is on February 9 at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, from 1:00-3:00 pm. For further information and to register, please contact Sierra Gore, 804-643-8451 or sgore@thediocese.net