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Saint Alban's MESSAGE

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Lectionary Readings for the Feast of the Ascension

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

We are still in need of ministers for the following service:

8:15am - Torchbearers (2)
10:15am - Torchbearers (2), Intercessor (1), Usher (1), Lector (2), Coffee Hour (3)

Sign up HERE!

Happening This Week

Go to the Event Calendar
View the Sunday serving schedule | **Sign up to serve!**

Sign Up for Services

The Word: May & June 2022

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
The word

The **May and June issues** are here!
Read May's edition.
Read June's edition.
Previous editions of The Word available here.

Help Refugees of the War in Ukraine

Two churchwide Episcopal ministries, Episcopal Relief and Development and Episcopal Migration Ministries, have launched appeals to support their work in providing humanitarian assistance to refugees fleeing the disaster of Putin's War in Ukraine.

Donations can be made to support ERD's efforts on the **Episcopal Relief and Development website** while you can **give to EMM directly here** or by texting "EMM" to 41444.

May and June at a Glance

Weekdays
Morning Prayer | **Zoom** | 8:00am (further info **here**)

Wednesdays
Compline | **Zoom** | 8:30pm

Sundays
Episcopal 101 | Room 11 & Zoom | 9:15am (see below) **(cancelled 5/29, 6/5)**
Holy Eucharist - Rite II | 8:15am & 10:15am

May 29 (Sunday)
Chorister Program Parents' Info Session | Room 11 | After 10:15am Service

June 4
Fundraiser Organ Recital for Adam's Trip | Nave | 4:00pm

June 5
Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up | Meet Parking Lot | 2:00pm

June 19
Parish Picnic | Parish Hall + | after 10:15am Service

God Has a Dream and We Are the Realization of That Dream

We are excited to offer an exploratory five-week journey on the road of awakening our sense of calling as God's people in our community. Explore the possibilities offered by Verna Dozier through her adept storytelling and study in her empowering book, "The Dream of God." **Please click here for details** and to indicate your preference for meeting via Zoom on Wednesday evenings or Sunday afternoons. For more information, please contact **Moira Skinner** or the **church office**.

Chorister Program Information Sessions

Do you know a child eight years old or up with an unchanged voice who loves to sing? Join us in **Room 11, this Sunday (May 29) after the 10:15 AM service** for a presentation about our plans for children's music in the fall, specifically the launch of a Royal School of Church Music (**RSCM**) Chorister Program. These programs build music skills like sight-singing and theory, cultivate a healthy vocal technique, and build lifelong church musicians and disciples. We are well equipped to launch such a program here at St. Alban's.

Bring your questions, concerns, and vision for how such a program could be successful here! Please be in touch with Adam Detzner, Minister of Music and Organist, at **adetzner@stalbansva.org** if you'd like some information before the meeting.

Fundraiser Organ Recital for Adam's Trip - June 4

Our Minister of Music and Organist Adam Detzner will compete in the International Schnitger Organ Competition in the Netherlands at the end of June. On **June 4 at 4pm**, he will offer a recital featuring some of the music from the competition, including music by composers like J. S. Bach and Sweelinck.

A free will offering will be gratefully accepted to defray the costs of Adam's trip. Any money not used to reimburse Adam for his travel expenses will go to the general music fund. Please join us on June 4 to support Adam as he prepares to represent St. Alban's and the United States in the competition – he is the only American competing this cycle!

Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up - June 5

Let's pick up some trash along our adopted mile of Sleepy Hollow Road before summer gets here! Adults and children over 10 are invited to don gloves and orange vests to pick up litter and show our neighbors we care. The cleanup will be at **2 p.m. on Sunday, June 5**. It usually takes less than an hour. Meet in the church parking lot, and bring vests and grabbers if you have them at home. For question and to RSVP, contact **Elizabeth Howton**.

Save the Date: Parish Picnic June 19

Everyone, mark your calendars for the first in person St. Alban's Day Parish Picnic since 2019! The picnic will be on **June 19**, immediately after the 10:15am Sunday service. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided.

If your last name is A-M, please bring a side dish to share. If your last name is N-Z, please bring a dessert to share. Please sign up online **here** or in the narthex with what you're bringing and if you can help with set up and/or clean up. You can check responses to the form online to see what folks are bringing, which will help make sure we don't get 14 kinds of potato salad.

If you have questions or need more info, please **email Olivia Devereux** or, in a last ditch, email the **church office**.

ACCA Food Pantry Needs Donations

We are re-starting our regular collection for the ACCA food pantry! The food pantry has a number of empty shelves and may have to start purchasing food to get stocked. Although there have been two food drives recently, we want to be a regular part of sustaining their mission.

These are their most pressing needs: bar soap and deodorant, canned chicken and ham, cereals, cooking oil, dish soap and laundry detergent, dry black or red beans, diapers size 6, maseca/masa, regular condiments, paper towels and toilet paper, rice (1 or 2 lb. bags), spaghetti sauce, and tortillas. They do **NOT** need chicken noodle soup, mac and cheese, tuna, or canned vegetables. Remember to check the expiration dates.

Please bring your donation to the labeled bin in the Narthex. "Truly I tell you,

whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Episcopal 101 Continues this Sunday

Sundays at 9:15 am | *Room 11* / Zoom
(cancelled 5/29, 6/5)

New to the Episcopal Church? New to St. Alban's? Curious about your faith or your church? Come join us on Sunday mornings in Room 11 to find out everything you always wanted to know about the Episcopal Church... (but were afraid to ask!) Come prepared to ask questions!

Click on the button or link below to access the Zoom room.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88278566811

Episcopal 101 Zoom

Save the Date: Shrine Mont Weekend

Save the date for our 105th annual parish weekend at Shrine Mont:
Friday, September 30th through Sunday, October 2nd.
Registration and additional information to follow as the date approaches.

ACCA May Update

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Rebuilding Together Program! Look for a special highlight coming soon to the ACCA website!

Food Pantry
- Provided food for 74 households and 222 individuals during Apr
- Received 5,003 lbs. of donations last month
- List of current pantry needs was sent separately on 5/11
- Always looking for stocking and delivery volunteers

Family Emergency
- Provided rent assistance for 15 households during Apr many of which owed several months of back rent
- Distributed funds for rent assistance in the amount of $112K
- Was awarded $1.4M in rent assistance through Fairfax County

Furniture program
- Provided furniture for 14 families over 2 delivery dates
- A new baby received a brand new crib and mattress
- 3 volunteers stayed after the Apr 30 delivery to identify items not suitable for delivery
- Always looking for movers – next date May 28

Transportation
- Provided rides to medical appointments for 54 people in Apr provided by 16 dedicated volunteers
- Always looking for volunteer drivers

Next ACCA Meeting – via Zoom Tuesday, June 14 – 7 pm

Parish Prayers this week:

For the Sick and the Suffering in our Parish
Gail Allison, Alan Aument, Jenn Aument, Laura Barker, Nancy Calvert, Ava Campbell, Barbara Chatelain, Evangeline Clark-Wiles, Don Craver, Casey Cummings, Mary Ann Daymont, Nell Dillard, Moe Fraunfelder, David Hamnett, Nancy Harrell, Nick Huskins, Ralph Kelley, Steve Lusk, Duncan McBride, Elizabeth Ninde, Elayne O'Loughlin, Jerry Sare, Sally Sare, Debbie Schrag, Ginger Shea, Cheryl Sinsabaugh, Dottye Stacy, Bari St. Cyr, Camille Stern, Evie Tanner, Fran Walinsky, Kenneth Youngert, Kathryn Zimmerman, Sara Zimmerman.

For the Sick and the Suffering: Family and Friends
Michael Arnold, Larry and Jean Babb, Tom Baden, Aly Bailey, Daniel Ballou and family, Pat Beck, The Berry family, Rebecca Bullen-Peabody, Chris, Chris, Barbara Cook, Jean & Greg Cox, MerriBeth Cully, Dan Daddario, Grace Davidson, Tom Davidson, Kate Dora Games Thiel, Don Garner, Keith Heimann, Rev. Jackie Holcomb, Darla Hopkins, Dwight & Lydia Hutchinson, Rita Johnson, Juliana Jurenas, Margaret Kohutanycz, Frank Korff, Lee Sr. and Lee Jr., The Lees Family, Fred Lusk, Liz Lybrand, Sue Marshall, Donell Mathews, Heather Mayhew, Janet and Earnest McFall, Susan Metsala, Lynn and Bob Nanney, Anita O'Dea, Wilmot O'Loughlin, Evelyne Orlander, Mary Peters, The Premock Family, Harry Rees, Karen Rhett, Susan Rogers, Mark Roosma, Ema Rosasco, Woody Rosasco, Anne Sibert, Patricia Shepherd, Carolyn Shirley and Ben Berg,Susie Cooke Simko, James Vogel, Rick Wellinger, Cabell Westbrook, Harold "Beau" Whittington.

Altar Flowers
DeeDee and John Brinkema in loving memory of their son, Bobby.

The Departed
Karyn Premock, family friend of Adam Lees; Kenny Anderson, cousin of Betsy Anderson; Eileen Garnett, friend of the Leersynders and Vogels.

For Those in Military Service and Civilians Working Around the World
Cory Curran, Bobby Dubas, Mike Fitzpatrick, Matthew Hanson, Ian Jarvis, Susan Matthews, Annie Robinson and Daniel Stephenson.

For Birthdays This Week
Pam Watson (5/29), Virginia Shea (5/30), Jordan Gilmore (5/30), Rose Broberg (5/30), Jane Howard (5/31). Trish Huheey (6/1), Barbara Cook (6/4), Rory Lieberthal (6/4)

Parish Cycle of Prayer
We pray in thanksgiving for our rector, Fr. Jeff, and our associate rector, Fr. Paul, and give you thanks and praise for their examples of godly leadership, integrity, humor, and generosity of spirit. We pray a special blessing upon them, Kate and Gerardo, their spouses, and their families; and we ask that you bring them home to us safe and healthy.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
The Special Convention for the Election of the XIV Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Virginia; and the Students, Faculty, and Administrators at Diocesan Church Schools: Christchurch, St. Catherine's, St. Christopher's, St. Margaret's, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, Stuart Hall.

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop
Gracious Lord, guide the minds of those who will choose a bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Prayer for the Victims of Uvalde
Giver of life and love: you created all people as one family and called us to live together in peace. Surround us with your love as we face again the tragedy of gun violence. We pray for the children and adults who were killed at Robb Elementary School; the many who were wounded and hospitalized; the traumatized, grieving survivors; and those known to you alone.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer
The Church of South India (United)

To place a name on the prayer list contact the parish office at 703-256-2966 or email ***info@stalbansva.org***
Updates regarding those on this list are greatly appreciated.

For pastoral emergencies please call (571) 383-6096.

Deadline for submitting announcements for SAM is every Tuesday at 5:00pm.