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Saint Alban's

 **MESSAGE**

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Lectionary Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 16:9-15](#)

[Psalm 67](#)

[Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5](#)

[John 14:23-29](#)

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

8:15am - Torchbearers (2), Coffee Hour (2)

10:15am - Torchbearers (2), Ushers (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 2022



The May issue is here!

[Read this month'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 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)

Holy Eucharist - Rite II | 8:15am & 10:15am

May 21 | Saturday

Funeral for the Rev. Bruce Alan Gray | St. John's, Richmond | 2pm

May 22 (Sunday)

Belvedere Elementary Packing | Parish Hall | After 8:15am Service
Chorister Program Parents' Info Session | Room 11 | After 10:15am Service
Graduate Articles due to Barbara Hallman (see below)

May 26 (Thursday)

Poe Middle School Feeding | Various Times/Needs (see below)

May 29 (Sunday)

Chorister Program Parents' Info Session | Room 11 | After 10:15am Service

Calling all Graduates!

If you have a new graduate of high school, trade school, or college, please let us know! We like to feature all our graduates in *The Word*, but we need your help.

Please send a few paragraphs about your graduate to Barbara Hallman with a picture to go with it. Consider including information such as what they liked in school, major, sports, any accolades, awards, summer plans, further education, next steps, job prospects, and/or anything else you'd like people to know.

Please contact [Barbara](#) ASAP if you plan to submit so she can save space or if you know of any other graduates from St. Alban's so we do not miss anyone. Articles are due by May 22 (this Sunday). Thank you!

Belvedere Elementary Packing This Sunday

In anticipation of the long Memorial Day weekend, we will be packing food for students at Belvedere Elementary *THIS* Sunday after the 8:15am service in the Parish Hall. There will be a good amount of food to pack so that the children have more than enough for the long weekend and many hands make light work (with more than enough time for coffee). Additionally, if anyone can come about 7:30am, extra help is needed for set up as several regular volunteers will be out of town.

Information for Funeral of the Rev. Bruce Alan Gray

The funeral service for our former rector, the Rev. Bruce Alan Gray, who served St. Alban's from 1987 to 1994, will be held **Saturday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m.** at St. John's Church in Richmond. A reception will be held in the Parish Hall following the service. All are welcome to attend. Clergy are invited to vest (white stoles) and process.

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 on May 22 or 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@stalbandsva.org** if you'd like some information before the meeting.

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**.

Update Your Info Drive Update

Thank you everyone who stopped by, introduced themselves, and updated your information. It was the rare person who had nothing to update. Please **email the office** if you did not get a chance to update information. Also, if you have not been formally confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church *and would like to be*, email **Fr. Jeff** or **Fr. Paul** for more information.

Episcopal 101 Continues this Sunday

Sundays at 9:15 am | Room 11 / Zoom

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

Poe Middle After-School Meal Program - May 26

St. Albans will be serving a hot meal to middle schoolers who participate in Poe's after-school activities on **Thursday, May 26**. More than two-thirds of the students in the after-school programs receive free- or reduced-priced breakfasts and lunches, and so our meals support those who face food insecurity at home at the end of the day. Here's your opportunity to support this outreach!

Volunteers are needed to shop on your own schedule beforehand, cook, transport, serve, and clean up on the day-of.

Click this [link](#) to learn more and to sign up. Contact Remy with any questions by phone at 703-593-9831 or by email at rjurenas@aol.com.

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](#).

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, 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, Ralph Kelley, Steve Lusk, Duncan McBride, Elizabeth Ninde, Elayne O'Loughlin, Jerry Sare, Sally Sare, Debbie Schrag, Ginger Shea, Cheryl Sinsabaugh, Dottie 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., 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, 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, Harold "Beau" Whittington.

Altar Flowers

Bill and Nancy Calvert in celebration of their anniversary.

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

Mary Lou Cooper (5/23), Joann Phillips (5/23), Rich Rosse (5/25), Steve Peck (5/25), Phil Huheey (5/27), Finley Devereux (5/27), Carolyn Krafft (5/27), Fritz Gilbert (5/28)

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Holy God, fill us with conviction in the vows and promises we made at our Baptism, that we will act as your hands and feet in this world that is so in need of your healing power and love.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Christ Church, Lucketts, Leesburg; St. John's, McLean; St. Peter's, Arlington

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.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Church of the Province of South East Asia

*To place a name on the prayer list contact the parish office
at 703-256-2966 or email info@stalbandsva.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.

