

Gospel Grapevine

The newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Edmonds, WA

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Sunday School—News From the Other Building

from Joyce Carver



Sunday School is up and running again. It was a pleasure to welcome the children and teachers back to a regular Sunday routine. There was a lot of excitement shared as the children had just completed their first few days of school.

We're welcoming helpers from the congregation to lend an extra pair of hands in the pre-school, kindergarten, and primary classrooms.

Jeannie Wells and Barbara McLain have joined the teaching staff, which includes

Chris and John Greenlaw, Shannon Dugan, Liz Bee, and Joyce Carver.

Pray for a successful educational year with lots of fun. Pray for the children and their families. Pray for the teachers.

Jesus said,

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

—Matthew 19:14



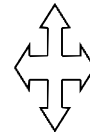
Do You Have an Hour?

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to be a Sunday School Helper. We are now booked through October, but there are spaces available in November and beyond.

If you're willing to give one Sunday, watch for Maryellen Young with the Sunday School sign up calendar. You can also call or email her with a date. All you have to do is arrive early to help greet the children as they arrive, observe and participate in the initial gathering as the children sing and give prayer requests, and then help with the craft time. Also, you can provide the simple treats for your Sunday. You'll be through in time to take communion. Help us show our children how important they are to us and show our Sunday School teachers that we appreciate all they do to lead our children. Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461, maryellen@comcast.net.

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Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite I
10:00 a.m. Nursery Open
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II

From the Rector's Study



Why would you get him a book?

There's a story that one day Peter Bogdanovich was visiting the director John Ford. "I got Duke a book for his birthday," said Bogdanovich. There was a long pause as Ford thought about this. "He's already got a book," he finally said.

Well, gee, so do I. But – is one book really enough? Not all books are alike; we read different books different ways. How to read a book... depends on the book.

For example, we read *War and Peace* with ... a sturdy bookstand – and patience: it's as long as eight of the world's best-loved novels bound in one convenient volume.

We read some light entertainment quickly – and easily set it aside if we look up once before page 50 (the infamous 'fifty page rule'). Or we consume it like candy until we're done with it.

A 'non-fiction' bestseller we might read dutifully, hoping to be informed as well as engaged. And perhaps we read it with a critical eye, wondering what the author's argument is and how important it is to learning the subject matter. "It's not as simple as the clichés say it is," goes one cliché – and we're glad to have an argument to propel us through a mound of useful, good-for-you, facts.

When we read a devotional book we may read for inspiration or contemplation. There is something peaceful about the reasonable, charitable tone of some author's voices – like a quiet oasis in the midst of the bustle of the city.

When we read a more in-depth work of religion we may want to do so, as C. S. Lewis put it, "with a pencil gripped between our teeth," working our way through the argument. And you might ask, where does this book lead me? Is it compatible



with what I know of God from Scripture, prayer, and the teaching of the Church?

When we read the Bible we encounter the foundations of faith through several types of literature all bound together. For example: there is narrative – the stories of David and of Ruth come to mind; there is poetry – the Song of Songs and the prophecies of Isaiah; there are the hymns of God's people, the Psalms; there are aphorisms – Proverbs; exhortations and arguments – in some of Paul's writings; and there are the incomparable Gospels.

And of course all of these can be read both critically – to inform our minds – and as prayer, to warm our hearts. A cousin remarked to me there is a great difference between reading Scripture in these ways; to have the message clear in our minds is part of mature Christian life, and to bring the message into the heart – is pure joy.

What I'll be reading this fall probably will include some of each kind of book – from recreational to theological to devotional - and among them will be a list of 'required reading'...

This fall I'm embarking on a new adventure in lifelong learning. With the recommendation of the bishop, I've applied to - and been accepted into - the Seattle University program in Pastoral Leadership. This means that for a couple of days a month, from September through May, on my own time, I will be a student again. In that program I expect I will learn much that will inform my work as a pastor and refresh my soul as a believer.

—Fr. John +



Book Club Meeting Date Changes

The book club meeting has been changed from October 1 to October 15. Two times have been scheduled to allow people to attend the meeting either during the day or in the evening: 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. At this meeting we will review input from the questionnaire and make plans to get started.

For more information about the book club, contact Sarah Leech, 425-672-2470 or Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461.

Reflections on Stewardship

The season of harvest is upon us and we will soon have time to reflect on all the things that we are so thankful for. Please include in your thoughts and reflections our wonderful church and parish family and all the good things we have enjoyed over the past year. Our parish is growing and being strengthened by our faith and is witness to Gods love.

The yearly pledge effort is starting, so please look for the envelopes that will be appearing soon in your mailboxes. St. Alban's operates only with our generosity. The fire of faith burns brightly here and among us. Let it not be dimmed or extinguished.

Sincerely, John Greenlaw & John Bee

*Holy, holy, holy, perfect Lord of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of the holiness of your glory.
You have created all creatures with your word.
You carry them all without being weary,
and feed them all without ceasing.
You think about them all without forgetting any.
You give to all without being diminished.
You water all the earth without running dry.
You watch over all without sleeping.
You hear us all without neglecting any.
While your presence fills every place,
they have told us about you in a way we can receive.*

—An Ethiopian prayer; from Richard Marsh,
Black Angels: the Art and Spirituality of Ethiopia

From Your Editor—

by Nancy Boor

First: Our website will now be under the direction of Phil McClelland. Please send any notices you have to him at philrobin_mcclelland@yahoo.com. I've enjoyed working on the website and look forward to great things from Phil and his team.

And: Each month I place generic clipart in the newsletter. I would love to use pictures of our parish family and encourage you to send pictures of your kids, yourself &/or your family doing activities that you love, whether it be sports, school, crafts, etc. It would be best if you could send them to my email address in a digital .jpg format.

Halloween & Church?

How does Halloween (or the Eve of All Hallows) relate to the life of the Church today?

The first centuries of the Christian era were marked by great sacrifice on the part of the faithful. Thousands were put to death because of their faith. The persecutions began during the First Century and continued for three hundred years until the Emperor, Constantine decreed that Christianity should become the official religion of the Empire.

Many of those who died were remembered on special days set apart for them. Today we have an official Church "calendar of Saints", and you will encounter both the Red Letter Saints (those who appear in the New Testament) and the Black Letter Saints (those who came in after years, including the present century). Still there were and are many other heroes and heroines of the Faith who are not remembered by name

but who have nonetheless contributed mightily to the life of the Christian community.

All Saints' Day is the Church's way of remembering them and holding them up to God in thanksgiving for their witness. All Saints Day - - has nothing to do with Ghosts and Ghouls, but everything to do with real people who, as a part of the Communion of Saints, live in God's nearer presence. We celebrate this day on November 1st - - and since the 1st does not always occur on a Sunday, we may celebrate All Saints' on the following Sunday, as we will do this year.

Originally, All Saint's Day was observed close to the Feast of Pentecost, but later it was moved to the fall - - the First of November. You see, the early church had a lot of wisdom. Instead of condemning pagan practices that were dear to the lives and hearts of the people, it, in a sense, "baptized" them and made them

Christian.

In our Anglican tradition, All Saints Day is one of the principal feasts of the Church and the only feast that can be celebrated on the following Sunday.

We need also to remember that in the teaching of the New Testament, the word "saint" is used to describe the entire membership of the Christian community—not only those of heroic quality or special sanctity. It was later on that "Saint" took on this particular meaning in the minds of most people, and because of this, there came to be another special day in the Church calendar; - - the day following "All Saints' Day" became popularly known as "All Soul's Day" which appears on our prayer book as "All the Faithful Departed."

—Canon Grant S. Carey, Trinity
Cathedral, Sacramento, CA

News From Your Vestry

from Carrie Cone, Sr. Warden

On September 4, 2008, your Vestry met. The meeting was opened with prayer and a short meditation reading. Those present included Vestry members: Phyllis Becker, John Bee, Carrie Cone (Sr. Warden), John Greenlaw, Barbara McLain, Phil McClelland (Jr. Warden), Reilly Mannery, Gaylord Sisk, Shirley Wilson, and the Rev. John Leech, representing a quorum. Interim Clerk Michael Sweeney was present to take minutes, and John Greenlaw presented the financial report in the absence of Treasurer Chris Greenlaw.

Boy Scout Chris Marshall, made a follow up presentation of his Eagle Scout project to build a gazebo for St. Alban's on the old Bell Tower pad in the woods on the northwest corner of the parish property. He presented final plans, reviewed by an architect, including dimensions, paint colors, and bench design. Some landscaping will also be included. Vestry voted unanimously to approve the project, which will be completed by year's end. Senior Warden Cone, introduced Michael Sweeney, who has volunteered to be the interim Clerk.

The treasurer's report showed another two months of more income than expenses, reducing the year's over all shortfall to \$2,769. This is particularly good, given that summer months are traditionally low in income. This shows a congregation dedicated to the continuation and success of the parish. However, the stock markets have not been as rosy, resulting in no distributions from the endowment funds in 2009.

Sr. Warden, Carrie Cone, reported that the Mutual Ministry Agreement working group has started its work, meeting with the diocesan facilitator. The Vestry approved Nov 16 for the Parish Annual Meeting date, and it was announced that the bishop will visit on Nov. 23.

Commission reports included: the announcement of a new curriculum for Sunday School, an adult education program for fall, a change in webmasters with Nancy Boor retiring and Phil McClelland taking it on, and 10 children participating in the Vacation Bible School last month.

Finally, the Vestry formally approved the following committee make up: the committee to nomination of new vestry members will be comprised of those Vestry members whose terms are expiring this year with the help of all Vestry members; Newcomers Committee will be chaired by Sarah Leech with members to be determined; Stewardship Committee will be co-chaired by John Greenlaw and John Bee (lacking someone not on vestry being willing to take it on) with membership to be determined; at the request of the Endowment Fund Board, Maryellen Young was appointed to another 3-year term. Formal establishment of a finance committee was tabled until a later date. A by-laws committee was established; members will be appointed at a later meeting. If you wish to serve on any of the latter committees, please contact its chair. If you wish to serve on Vestry, please contact any current Vestry member.

As always, the Vestry invites parishioners to prayer for our Rector, John Leech; the Vestry as they guide the affairs of St. Albans; and the parish as a whole as we together walk the road that Christ has prepared for us. We encourage all at St. Alban's to seek God's will first, rather than our own. Respectfully submitted by Carrie Cone, Senior Warden, who can be reached at 206-367-7402 or mccone@u.washington.edu.

The Meaning of Color

Someone once observed that Episcopalians worship God with all their senses—sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell. Worship is not just an intellectual pursuit, but one that should involve our entire being.

Colors are important since they may convey a deeper meaning.

- White, for instance, may remind us of "the light of God..." and is used to highlight days and events relating to Jesus as well as saints who were not martyrs.
 - Red reminds us of the Holy Spirit: "tongues of flame" at Pentecost (Acts 2) as well as those saints (martyrs) who shed their blood for the Faith.
 - Purple is traditionally used during Lent and signifies penitence, while we use ...
 - Blue (a color of "quiet expectation") during the season of Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.
 - Green is symbolic of "growth" and is most appropriate during the long summer months (from Pentecost until Advent when we begin the cycle of the Christian Year). During that time, the lessons read in church express teachings of Jesus that lead us in our quest for spiritual growth.
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Bits & Pieces—

▼ *Hands On Ministry*

Help distribute food at North Helpline Food Bank—
Saturday, November 22nd, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
12707 30th Ave NE in Seattle.

Some of us will be going again to the North Helpline Food Bank located in Lake City to volunteer on Saturday, November 22nd. We will meet at the church at 8:30 am to carpool. We'll be back at St. Alban's by 12:30 p.m. This is a fun time because we have lots of food to distribute for Thanksgiving. Not only do we have fellowship with each other, many of the clients are so grateful for our being there and the food they receive. Come see the face of Christ and be the face of Christ. If interested, please call Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 or watch for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

▼ *Compass Center Dinner*

On Sunday, October 19th, St. Alban's will be providing dinner to the Compass Center for about 25 people, sponsored by the Hands On Committee.

You can help by either donating food items, helping to cook or serve, or donating money for the purchase of food items. If you want to help cook, meet at the Edmonds Lutheran Church at 2:30 p.m. (come around to the side entrance to the kitchen off the street at the south end of the church). About four to six of us will be going to serve and visit with the residents at 5 p.m.

Watch the Sunday bulletin for a sign up sheet. For more information, contact Dan Mullene 425-776-8258 or Maryellen Young 425-776-2461.

▼ *Wills Awareness Seminar*

Save the date—Sunday February 8, 2009 following the 10:30 a.m. service. Carl Knirk and attorney Tim Burkart with the Garvey Schubert Barer law firm in Seattle will be our guests to present a Wills Awareness Seminar. Tim is an expert on wills and estate planning. He'll share information about the benefits of making a will, legal aspects of wills and also answer questions. Refreshments will be provided. This opportunity is provided by the St. Alban's Planned Giving Committee and Diocese of Olympia. Any questions, contact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461.

▼ *Lift Your Voice in Song!*

Our choir is experiencing growing pains and would like to encourage you to join them and carry us all away in song. They practice between services on Sundays beginning at 9:15 a.m. Won't you help us carry a tune? You'll even get special seating during the service. Everyone is welcome!

▼ *Just Words?*

What is the actual meaning behind those beloved Christmas carol lyrics? Eric Hanson knows, and will be teaching a course in the meaning of many Christmas carols and other hymns, with focus on how they are prophetic. There will be three different sessions offered between services from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on Dec. 7, 14 and 21. Come and enjoy the glorious music and bring your voices. Please contact Eric with any questions 425-743-3538.

▼ *Malaria Nets*

During his convention address, Bishop Greg Rickel issued a challenge to the diocese: help end malaria by buying enough disease-preventing nets to represent every member of the Diocese of Olympia. The challenge comes to an end at this year's diocesan convention Nov. 15-16. You may still contribute by writing your check to St. Alban's and noting on the comment line that it is for malaria nets.

▼ *Thank You Darla Lane*

On behalf of the Vestry, we would like to extend our appreciation to Darla Lane for serving as clerk of the Vestry for the past 1 1/2 years. We are most grateful for her good service and wish her well.

The Vestry welcomes Michael Sweeney as interim clerk. We now begin our search for a permanent clerk to serve beginning with our next term in November. Please let the Vestry know if you are interested and available to serve in this way.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

from Connie Forsberg, President



Birthdays

We had a glorious September dinner meeting on a beautiful night with the hall full of laughter and fellowship. Delicious salads, breads and desserts were brought by the ladies.

Marjorie Garrard and Evie Arneson were honored for their continuous dedication to hosting our coffee hour every week and providing beautiful receptions. We all felt obliged to consume a yummy cake in their honor. Please take a look at the beautiful acknowledgement banner hanging on the wall by the kitchen, too.

- 10/3 Reilly Mannery
- 10/8 Mary Fowler
- 10/11 Mary Minor
- 10/13 Maryellen Young
- 10/16 Kären Ford
- 10/31 Judy Fleenor

The ladies were entertained with stories of summer travels and vacations. Rita Bennett talked about her recent trip to the area of the 9/11 tragedy. Claudia Walker talked about her last trip and how she accidentally canceled their seats for the trip home. And, Susan Hanson had us in stitches sharing the adventures of her and Eric's recent cruise and tour of St. Petersburg.

In October, the ladies will be having an "Italian casserole" dinner with a Halloween theme. We are in for a treat as Shirley Wilson's son, Larry, is going to show us a slide show of his tour in Iraq. You won't want to miss this!

We ask that you bring a new Children's Book for the Sunday school and nursery to use. Also, thank you for your continued donations to our food bank basket.

Blessings,
Connie Forsberg, President

Mark Your Calendar—Future Events



- November 16: St. Alban's annual meeting
- November 22: Hands On Ministry helps at North Helpline Food Bank
- November 23rd: Bishop visits St. Alban's and confirms St. Alban's candidates
- December 7, 14 & 21: The meaning behind beloved Christmas carol lyrics
- January 4, 11, 18 & 25 Living our parish vision statement
- February 8 Wills awareness seminar @ St. Albans
- June 24-July 8 Pilgrimage to Ireland & Scotland

Nursery Room Volunteers Needed:

Because Shannon Duggan will be co-teaching the pre-school/kindergarten class we need some volunteers to cover the nursery from 10:15 a.m. to the time we're called into the service for Eucharist. The children involved would be under 2 years of age. If you find a calling to this ministry, please contact Shannon at 425-640-9017 or Joyce Carver at 425-640-9164 for details.

A Touch of Inner Healing— *Mothers & Daughters*

from Shirley Wilson

Elizabeth and her husband were childless for too long. They began planning for what they considered to be the perfect family, two boys and one girl. Through adoption they finally had their dream realized. Two wonderful little boys came into their hearts; then along came Joy. Adopted at birth, she lived up to her name bringing much “joy” into their family.

Joy was a happy outgoing little girl who loved sports, friends, and Bluebirds (especially since her mom was the leader). She was also very close to her dad, a strong, good man who gave his kids lots of attention. The family was solid and happy, with the church as their firm foundation.

Then, when Joy was 13 years old there was a tragedy that changed everything for this family. Her father was getting ready for work one morning when he sat down on his bed and suddenly died. He had always been in good health so there was no reason to suspect his life would be cut short. Needless to say this caused the whole family to fall apart; their grief was unbearable. After 20 years of marriage, Liz was suddenly now a widow with three young children to raise alone. She said it was as though their happiness and strength had been stolen away from them.



Another problem arose when, as a young teen, Joy expressed a desire to look up her birth mother. Liz never expected that to happen, since the adoptions of her children were closed and nothing about their birth was to be disclosed – ever; but times changed and that policy was no longer being respected. Liz felt deeply hurt by Joy’s request and a wedge came into their already fragile relationship.

When Joy was 17, Liz remarried. Although her new husband was a wonderful man, Joy had a hard time accepting him into her life, so she and her mother became even more estranged. The self-protective wedge widened as neither of them wanted to be hurt again. Five years went by with little communication between the two.

It was a baby that finally brought reconciliation between this mother and daughter. When Liz received an invitation to the baby shower from her daughter, she was reluctant to accept, not only because of the estrangement, but because she knew Joy’s birth mother would be there. But God had a plan; He changed Liz’s heart on the spot. He assured her that it would be okay for her to attend the shower because He would go with her. And sure enough, He was true to His word; Liz went, and not only did she have a wonderful time, she and Joy’s birth mother became good friends!

For more information about Inner Healing Prayer, please call Shirley Wilson 206-542-2944

" *The Lord shall guide thee continually... and thou shalt be like a watered garden...* " —Isaiah 58:11 KJV

Liturgically Speaking. . .

The Beadle

The question: *I attended a stage production recently in which one of the characters was called the beadle. I recall from Jane Austen's novels that a beadle had something to do with church. Do we have beadles today in the Church, and if so, what is their job?*

In England, a *beddle* is a person in charge of maintaining order in official gatherings. There were (and may still be) beadles in places where there are elaborate ceremonies. I personally doubt that there are **beadles** in the Episcopal Church today, although **ushers** may have evolved from the old English tradition of *beadles*.



It has been written that in puritan New England, **beadles** were responsible for making sure parishioners remained awake during long sermons by carrying a pole with feathers on the end in order to tickle the noses of those who had nodded off. Whether this is true or not, it makes a good story!

—courtesy of Canon Grant S. Carey, The Cathedral Cross, Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento, CA.

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown by Eric Hanson

A few weeks ago, Jo An chose a hymn by Charles Wesley, the greatest hymn writer in history (brother of John Wesley, the great reformer) that so beautifully illustrated the appointed Old Testament lesson about Jacob wrestling with God, #638 *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*. I heard some grumbling about it in the congregation, probably because of the hymn’s unfamiliarity. I thought I would jot down a few thoughts that might help to focus the light of this powerful hymn onto the lens of our understanding.

First of all, great hymns work prophetically; they help us to see ourselves as we truly are, the same way that God sees us. The best model for this is the prophet Nathan. Do you remember the account from 2 Samuel, chapter 12? Nathan told David a story about a rich man who had killed a poor man’s lamb. David was so incensed that he condemned the rich man, to which Nathan replied, “Thou art the man!” The prophet could simply have told David, “You’ve sinned; you’ve slept with Bathsheba and then had her husband killed to cover your crime,” and David could have rationalized and justified his actions. But instead, Nathan used metaphor; he spoke to David indirectly, through the artifice of a story. Hymn writers use such devices, e.g. allegory, anaphora, tautology, personification, chiasm, etc. to reach us prophetically.

Space doesn’t allow me to detail Charles Wesley’s compelling religious conversion of 1738 but it was quite dramatic. He penned *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown* that same year. There are 14 stanzas but our hymnal only prints these four.

Come, O thou Traveler unknown,
Whom still I hold but cannot see;
My company before is gone,
And I am left alone with thee,
With thee all night I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day.
I need not tell thee who I am,
My misery and sin declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name,
Look on my hands and read it there.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou?
Tell me thy name and tell me now.
Yield to me now, for I am weak
But confident in self-despair;
Speak to my heart, in blessings speak,
Be conquered by my instant prayer.
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,
And tell me, if thy name be Love.



For the final stanza, Wesley employs the poetic device of **apostrophe**, addressing an inanimate concept as if it were a person.

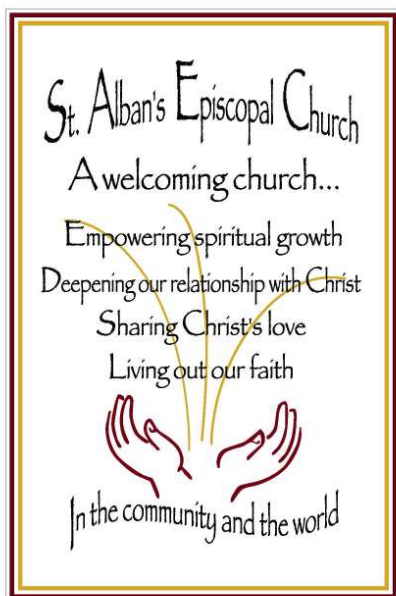
‘Tis Love, ‘tis Love! Thou diedst
for me!
I hear thy whisper in my heart:
The morning breaks, the shadows flee.
Pure universal Love thou art;
Thy mercies never shall remove,
Thy nature and thy name is Love.

This hymn is prophetic on so many levels. It speaks through indirection, for example, though Christ is never mentioned, we know, emotionally, that he is the Traveler Unknown. Wesley could simply have stated that God loves us but by addressing Love as a person, he bypasses our defenses and the truth of Christ as Love Incarnate hits us more powerfully. Also, this hymn moves back and forth across three different narrative planes – the account from Genesis of Jacob’s wrestling with God, Charles’ own wrestling with the Lord that led to his conversion, and our own experience. Put another way, there is a powerful dialogue or conversation between these planes. It’s like a dance and when we as the perceivers are pulled into this dance or conversation we learn about ourselves in the same way that David learned about himself through Nathan’s story. The account of Jacob and Esau had powerful resonance for Charles – he, too, was the younger brother. I also resonate with this hymn in terms of my own spiritual journey. I chased and chased after God – until he caught me! Isaac Watts, the second greatest hymn writer in history said of this hymn that it was worth all the verses he himself had written. After Charles had died, John attempted to teach this hymn to one of his congregations but when he came to the line, “My company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee,” he broke into tears and could not continue.

Our hymnal is full of great hymns through which the Holy Spirit can reach us. Let us allow the Lord to speak to us prophetically. Amen.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

—Hebrews 11:1



Living Our Parish Vision Statement

Start the new year off with a special course on how to truly live our church vision. Eric Hanson will be offering a guided mediation on the various aspects of St. Alban's vision statement.

This is a four week course with sessions Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25th between services from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Know our church vision statement and be prepared to live it! Please contact Eric with any questions 425-743-3538.

St. Alban's Vestry

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Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday
 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday & Thursday
 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Pilgrimage to Ireland, Scotland June 24-July 8, 2009

Led by the Rev. Carla Pryne and Tom Cashman, the itinerary of this pilgrimage will include Iona, Lindisfarne, Edinburgh, Tralee, Kildare, Dublin, Newgrange and Glendalough. This is believed to be the first Celtic pilgrimage that connects the emerging church communities of today with the sites, the spirituality and the ethos of historic Celtic monastic communities — which were the emerging church of their own era.

The group will visit a variety of emerging church communities, including more mature communities such as those of Iona and Lindisfarne.

For a complete brochure and details, contact Tom at 253-709-8414 or tomcashman@aol.com.

Grapevine Newsletter Articles for the November 2008 Issue:

Due October 15

Whenever possible, please send articles for the next issue via email to Nancy Boor at nancykitty@comcast.net. Send email messages, pictures, photos and Word and Publisher documents only. Be sure they have a .doc or .pub extension on the file for text files. Or, you may place items in the plastic holder marked "Grapevine" on the wall in the Narthex.

All articles and announcements are subject to editing for brevity, space and content and require name and contact number.

The Lessons Appointed for:

<u>October 5</u>	<u>October 12</u>	<u>October 19</u>	<u>October 26</u>
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalms 19	Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23	Psalms 99	Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17
Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 21:22-46	Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46

Calendar—October 2008



<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday	10/1	Prayer Beads @ 7:15 p.m.
Thursday	10/2	Vestry Mtg @ 7:00 p.m.
Sundays	Oct/Nov	Confirmation Classes @ 9:30 a.m.
Monday	10/6	Covenant Group @ 2:00 p.m.

Recurring Events:

Boy Scouts:
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
at St. Alban's

Holy Eucharist:
Wednesday's @ 9:00 a.m.

Annie's Kitchen:
Wednesdays at 5-6:30 p.m.
at Edmonds Lutheran Church

Giggle Box:

One Sunday after church Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. Her daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilts."

Needless to say, mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the Pastor stopped by for tea. Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said, "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."



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