



# The Good News!

**January  
2011**



## St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Church office hours: Monday — Friday 8 am to 4 pm

### Rector's Reflections



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope you received the most important gift of all this Christmas—LIGHT! The gift of knowing that you walk in the Light; the gift that you are surrounded by the Light; the gift that you are a child of the Light, all of those are gifts of the Light. We do not generate this Light. It is generated by the One who sent Jesus to be among us.

What our faith does is to establish a place within us that receives and trusts in the Light. It is as though we have an account within us in which God makes gifts of his light. As the light within us gets stronger, it emanates into the world through us.

At Christmas, "great joy has filled the narrow and the sad" (Auden's Christmas Oratorio). May that joy be yours this Christmas, filling you with light, guiding you through the darkness, and making you one with the Light of Christ, an everlasting light.

My prayers and love for 2011,

*Susan +*

### Welcome James Taulbee

We are happy to welcome James Taulbee as our Interim Minister of Music. Following the resignation of Darren Motise, James stepped in and provided glorious music and solid leadership during Advent and Christmas. We are very grateful to him.

James is a graduate of Westminster Choir College with degrees in organ and organ performance. He received the Alexander McCurdy prize for organ performance. He also holds a Masters degree in Music from USC. He has served churches in Los Angeles for the past 30 years.

We are delighted and thankful that he has accepted the Interim position through June of 2011. Please welcome him warmly!

### Stewardship 2011 — We're Almost There..

**THANKS to all of you** who have sent in a pledge for 2011. We appreciate the generosity of many who either sustained their pledge or increased it. We are also thankful for the new pledges we've received. However, we still need to hear from around 40 households and your contribution will make the difference between meeting our goal and having to make further cuts in our budget. God bless you all! You can print a pledge card from our website:

[www.stalbanswestwood.com/giving.htm](http://www.stalbanswestwood.com/giving.htm) or go green and use our e-pledge system.

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#### COMING IN JANUARY

*Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 30  
After the 10 am service.*

#### Parish Staff

The Rev. Susan W. Klein,  
Rector  
The Rev. Warner Traynham,  
Assisting Priest  
James Taulbee,  
Interim Minister of Music  
The Rev. Norm Ishizaki,  
Rector Emeritus  
Nancy John, Administrator  
Gordon Toler, Sexton

#### Church School

Sonya Nimri,  
Church School Director  
Lisa Atmodjo, Assistant

#### Vestry

Christine Mason, Sr. Warden  
Dan Howe, Jr. Warden  
Rudy Marloth, Treasurer  
Vivian Hay, Clerk

## Parish Annual Meeting

Please come to our Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 30, following the 10:00 a.m. Unity Service of Holy Eucharist. We will be electing ---- 6 new members of the Vestry, new delegates to Diocesan Convention, and we will hear and discuss reports about our mission, ministry and plans for the future. We will also discuss the budget for 2011. There will be a catered brunch at the meeting. Please do sign up to indicate that you are planning to join us. (sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.)

## Lunch Bunch!

Join us, Wednesday, January 19, starting at noon for Eucharist and lunch\*. It is always an uplifting time of fellowship and spiritual encouragement. Share in the fun and RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the table. We hope you can join us!

\*The lunch is a suggested donation of \$5.

## Kerygma

On Wednesdays, from 10:30 am—11:45, we pull out Bibles, commentaries, and our own beliefs and ideas to explore the scriptures in depth. Meet us some Wednesday in the library and join in a very stimulating conversation. We are studying the Psalms.

## Mid-week Holy Eucharist

Take a mid-week moment and refresh yourself spiritually by joining us for our Noon-time Holy Eucharist.

**Every Wed. at noon** in the Chapel. Bring a friend!

## Join us for These Weekly Services and Activities!

### Sunday

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist  
(Chapel)

**9:00 am** Adult Forum  
(Library)

**10:00 am** \*Choral Eucharist  
(main Church)

\*Nursery and  
Church school available

\*See usher or website for  
Sunday Parking permits

### Tuesday

**12:00—7pm** Canterbury Outreach  
(580 Café-Chapel)

### Wednesday

**12:00 Noon** Holy Eucharist  
(Chapel)

### Thursday

**5:30 pm** Centering Prayer  
(church apse)

**7:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal  
(choir room)

### Friday

**1:00 pm** Pilgrim's Way  
Small Group  
(Library)

### January Activities

**Jan 9** Social Outreach  
Sun. 11:45 am project  
(Craft Room)

**Jan 9** Book Club  
Sun. 7:00 pm TBA

**Jan 10** Finance Mtg.  
Wed. 6:17 pm (Library)

**Jan 17** Office Closed  
Martin Luther King

**Jan 19** Lunch Bunch!  
Wed. 12:30 pm (Library)

**Jan 24** Vestry Mtg.  
Mon 5:00 pm (Library)

**Jan 30** Parish Annual Mtg  
Sun 11:45 (parish hall)

## "Collecting and Connecting in Addis Ababa" by Luisa Del Giudice



In February of 2010, I was invited to teach a graduate seminar entitled "Oral History, Oral Tradition: Praxis and Theory" at Addis Ababa University (Dept. of Ethiopian Studies) and there enjoyed an intense six weeks of teaching, touring, and learning. It was my goal to expose students to real-life applications of the fieldwork methodologies they would be studying in class thereby creating opportunities to connect academic work with community development projects. I further seized the opportunity to add a diasporic and global dimension to our seminar goals by inviting Tefesse Woubshet from the LA-based Fregenet Foundation for an in-class interview. First-person narrative is a compelling tool to engage an attentive audience. I wanted us all to learn from Tefesse's own lips the story of his founding of, and continuing involvement with, the Fregenet Foundation—and, who knows, perhaps also to encourage the students' direct involvement with this LA-Addis project. We set up the newly-purchased, state-of-the-art pocket digital camera I arranged to have donated to the Department, and as the camera rolled (operated by student, Yewondwosen Awlachew), I interviewed Tefesse while the class listened in. Then they asked questions of their own. Of course, Tefesse's personal narrative was extremely moving. As was the entire idea of transforming his and his wife's personal grief after the loss of their only child, Fregenet (fruit of heaven in Amharic), into a life project serving a community in need and especially the children of Ethiopia, whom their daughter had so loved. And what a surprise to learn that Desta Amare, a journalist and student in the class, had known Fregenet personally. Desta and I arranged a visit to the school to see for ourselves what this "oasis" actually looked like (see pictures). (to read the entire article: <http://fregenetfoundation.ipower.com/2009fregenet/?p=681> )

## Parish Community News Board



### Prayer List

Betty Jones, Ann Shannon, Courtney Williams, Miranda Reem, Katherine Wright, Josephine Donor,

Gene Woods, the Lacey Family, Janet Humphrey, Chuck Doak, Jill Baldauf, John Murray, Cindy Lavery, Ann Andrus, Don Guelff, David Guelff, Bob Callison, Bob Oppelt, Dobbie Heimer, Brian Duffield, Jack and Joan Hay, Sally Newman, Ros Swartz and Tonya Biava, Kathryn McDonald, Bruce Merzon. **For our military personnel:** Lt. Ryan Klint, Sgt. Jeremy Aldrich.

*For those looking for employment:*  
Scott Rogers, Susan Agnew

### St. Alban's "Lunch Bunch"

**(pray and stay)** Each month's Lunch Bunch gathering continues to be a blessed time of fellowship as we get to know our fellow parishioners.

The lunch is open to anyone in the congregation. We will have our next lunch (\$5 per person) **on Wed., January 19 starting with the Noon Eucharist and finishing with lunch from 12:30 —1:30 pm** A sign-up sheet will be on the patio for you to indicate whether you can join us. Please do!

**Small Group** Each Friday, we are looking at one of the upcoming Scripture readings for Sunday. We've enjoyed doing this in the past and comparing our discussion results with the content of the sermon. Will the preacher visit some of the same ideas that the Friday discussion group has discussed, or will s/he take the sermon in an entirely different direction? All are welcome! If you have any questions, please

feel free to contact John Hirning for more information:  
310. 985. 5144/ [jhirning@ucla.edu](mailto:jhirning@ucla.edu).

**Centering Prayer** Create some quiet time in the middle of the week to refresh your spirit with fellow parishioners by joining the Centering Prayer group on Thursdays at 5:30 pm. Join us in the Church Apse.

**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving...** It's so easy to set up electronic donations. Just follow the instructions on our website: [www.stalbanswestwood.com/giving.htm](http://www.stalbanswestwood.com/giving.htm). It's simple! You can even give to the MUSIC FUND online! As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving!

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# WANTED...

## *Choir Members ...*

**POSITIONS OPEN:** Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. No others need apply.

**PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS:** Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the Sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see director twenty feet away.

**EXPERIENCE:** No application accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the tub or shower.

**WAGES:** Satisfaction and joy in God's service.

**FRINGE BENEFITS:** Social Security – we promise you security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.

**HOURS:** Sunday mornings, with occasional opportunities for overtime at above mentioned wages.

**VACATION:** Missed rehearsals and worship services are primarily a matter of conscience and ability to return the glares and pointed remarks of the director.

**RETIREMENT:** No particular age, but it is generally determined by prayer, printed notes getting too small, robe too heavy, notes too high, sanctuary too hot or cold or organist unable to play the notes you sing.

**REHEARSAL:** Every Thursday evening at 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., September – June.

**APPLY:** By talking to Interim Minister of Music James Taulbee at the organ console after service or by emailing him at: [jtaulbee@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:jtaulbee@mednet.ucla.edu).