

The Good News!



St. Alban's

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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

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Rector's Reflections

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Pentecost, 2011

The Greeks had a word for wisdom, *kalchaino*, which means, "to search for the purple fish." In the novel *Evensong* by Gail Godwin, a character who is a professor of theology explains that in ancient Greece, deep sea divers went to the bottom of the sea in search of a rare purple fish that contained a rich dye the color of its skin. The word for "searching for the purple fish" was *kalchaino*. The use of this word for wisdom meant to plumb the depths of one's experience and mind. To search for wisdom is like fishing deep into the ocean for an elusive and valuable fish.

Before Jesus is anything like a theological doctrine for us, he is a person of wisdom, a person who has searched deep and long for the purple fish. His teachings are the result of his perceptive insights into human life in all of its complexities and of his prayerful insights into the being of God. How often I keep coming back to certain verses, stories, and teachings, thinking I know what is there, only to find new insight and meaning for my own life. Truth has more than one level, and often the deeper you go in your own search for wisdom, and the more you take the unfamiliar path, the truer Jesus' teachings are.

How good it is that no matter how old we are—or how young—we have a teacher in Jesus, and teachers in so many who have followed him, those who have traveled this same pathway ahead of us, who have fished for meaning in the same ponds. That's why we are called disciples, students, of the One who plumbed the depths where God, where life, is to be found.

Yours in Christ's love,

Susan +

Worship Services

Sundays:

8 am Holy Eucharist
10 am Holy Eucharist

Parish Staff

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

Church School
Sonya Nimri
Lisa Atmodjo

Vestry

Christine Mason, Sr. Warden
John Hirning, Jr. Warden
Rudy Marloth, Treasurer
Vivian Hay, Clerk

Stair Chair Project



The Vestry has approved the installation of an additional stair chair. This new chair will extend from the main floor to the second story where the choir room is. We are very excited about this much needed addition to our church campus. Any donation to help defer the **\$7800.00 cost** of this project would be greatly appreciated. *Thank you!*

Kerygma: Study of the Psalms
Every Wednesday at 10:30 am! (*library*)

Mid-week Holy Eucharist
Take a mid-week moment and refresh yourself spiritually by joining us for our Noon-time Holy Eucharist.
On Wednesday in the Chapel
Every Wed. at noon in the Chapel.
Bring a friend!

Book Club

We are taking July off, but we'll be back in August!

Book: *The Man from Beijing*,
by Henning Mankell
When: Sun., August 21, 7 pm
Host: Rudy Marloth
Where: At St Alban's
Please Give Rudy a call at 310 649 4164 if you can't come.

FRIDAY SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP Fridays, 1-2:30: brief reading concerned with spirituality and lots of discussion. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact: John Hirning: 310. 985. 5144/ jhirning@ucla.edu. We are reading: *Walking the Bible* by Bruce Feiler.

CENTERING PRAYER

Join the Centering Prayer group (on **Tuesdays** at 5:30 pm in the Church apse under the Resurrection windows.

Bishop Mary Glasspool Visit

Bishop Mary Glasspool will be with us to preach and preside at the 8 am and 10 am services on Sunday, July 31. There will be a time of discussion with her in between the services. All are welcomed to join us from 9:15-9:45. More details to follow in the weekly bulletin and enews.

Lunch Bunch

The lunch is open to anyone in the congregation. We will have our next lunch (\$5 per person) on **Wed., JULY 27, starting with the Noon Eucharist and finishing with lunch from 12:30 —1:30 p.m.** A sign-up sheet will be on the patio for you to indicate whether you can join us.

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:30 am Study in Psalms

12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist
(*Chapel*)

Thursday

Choir is on hiatus for the summer!

Friday

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

July Activities

July 18 Mon. 7 pm Finance Meeting
(*library*)

July 25 Mon. 12:30 Vestry Meeting
(*library*)

July 27 Wed. Noon Lunch Bunch!
Join us! (*library*)

July 31 Sun. 8am/10am Bp. Mary Glasspool visitation

St. Alban's Bishop Johnson

Legacy Circle

The St. Alban's Bishop Johnson Legacy Circle has been launched. You should receive a mailing soon about the possibilities for making a donation to help ensure the future needs of St. Alban's. Thank you for your consideration, and thank you to Dyan Sublett, our Minister of Congregational Giving.

In Memoriam

It is with great love that we remember Virginia Tegnazian, a longstanding member of St. Alban's, who passed away the last week of June. It is impossible to verbalize all the wonderful qualities that this woman possessed. Virginia was a member of the St. Margaret Guild for many years, working tirelessly to support the many charities that the Guild and St. Alban's were involved with. This past year she was an enjoyable presence at the once-a-month gathering of the Lunch Bunch. We shall miss her very much. We ask that you keep the Tegnazian family in your prayers as they organize her memorial service. More information will follow as to where and when in the enews and weekly bulletin.

Parish Community News Board

July Prayer List Betty Jones, Ann Shannon, Miranda Reem, Jack and Joan Hay, Carol Cummings, Doug Laidlaw, Kerstin Stempel, Ed Gauld, Julie Jenkins, Jody Stump, Amy and Michael Vallarino, Phyliss Traynham, Arne Albertson, Edie Large, Sam Martin, Priscilla Walsh, Dean Rankin, Madison Smith, Pete RenouDET, Roger Coven, Kathy Bold, and Ron Hay.
For those in the military, especially Lt. Ryan Klint, Sgt. Jeremy Aldrich.



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New Directions Outreach

To, further support 17 formerly homeless women veterans who are graduating from the New Directions Women's Program, *we are now collecting toiletries* such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other personal items, (a list is available on our website), to make their transition easier. Please leave the items in shopping bags, clearly labeled New Directions, in the corridor near the church office, during the months of June and July and August.

Centering Prayer

The Centering Prayer group meets every **Tuesday** from 5:30 p.m. to approximately 6:15 p.m. We meet in the Church Apse. The practice of

centering prayer seeks to still the activity of the mind in order to experience a loving awareness of God's presence.

Outside Groups Assisted by St. Alban's Campus The Children's Musical Theater of Los Angeles is well into their first session with two more sessions to go. Putting a show together with 5-15 yr-olds in one-weeks time is not daunting to Amanda Baird, Director and her assistants. Our halls are filled with children's laughter and singing, it's great! We also are host to the Long Beach University Reading program— who will be here in August!

St. Alban's "Lunch Bunch" (pray and stay) The Lunch Bunch gathering continues to be a blessed time of fellowship. The gathering is open to anyone in the congregation. We will have our next lunch (\$5 per person) on **Wed., July 27, starting with the Noon Eucharist and finishing with lunch from 12:30 — 1:30 p.m.** A sign-up sheet will be

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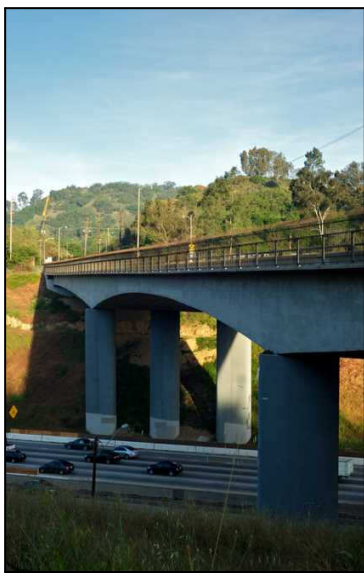
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405 Freeway Closure



South side of Mulholland Bridge
Looking west.

In what might be considered one of the most significant freeway events in Los Angeles history, the San Diego Freeway (I-405) will close in both directions for 53 hours **beginning Midnight Saturday, July 16 until 5 a.m. Monday, July 18.**

Northbound I-405 will be closed from the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) to the Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101). Southbound I-405 will be closed from U.S. 101 to Getty Center Drive.

The closure is necessary to replace the Mulholland Bridge as part of the northbound I-405 HOV lane (carpool lanes) construction project between the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) and the Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101). When completed, this project will create a continuous HOV lane in both directions of I-405 in Los Angeles County.

Motorists will be directed to use alternate freeways if they absolutely must travel over that weekend, however back-ups are expected to be severe on both freeways and streets. Those who must travel are advised to plan their routes in advance using prescribed detours, monitor real-time traffic and to be aware that they could be delayed by several hours.

St. Alban's Plan: We will worship at the usual times, but if we don't see you on the 17th, we will look forward to seeing you the next Sunday.