

The Good News!



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St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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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
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Vestry

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

Rector's Reflections

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, June in Pentecost 2011

Our May Vestry meeting was a full one. We had two items that required prayerful attention.

The first item was about our proposal to start a preschool. We have been working on the plans to open one for four years. During that time, the City of Los Angeles has been revising the safety code for preschools. As we have modified our plans accordingly, the costs have escalated. Those costs are now upwards of \$250,000, and that is before we hire staff, buy supplies, or design the interior space.

Lisa Jackson, who has been instrumental in the planning process, presented the report to the Vestry and after much discussion and prayer, we decided that we want to go ahead, but will only do so after a capital campaign. We'll study, plan again, and come back to the congregation in 2012. While it would be so wonderful to start this ministry, unless we receive gifts or additional bequests, we just can't commit our resources at this point.

So, the answer is a "yes, but" answer: **yes** to going ahead, **but** only after raising new funds. However, there are some issues we can resolve without spending much money, and we'll go ahead with those.

What was amazing to me about our decision was that we lived out the passage from John's gospel with which we had begun the meeting. Jesus says before his arrest. "Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." We were of one mind, united in our discernment.

From that issue, we moved to one that was easy—the decision to call James Taulbee as our Minister of Music. His talent, faith, and love for the church are evident to all. After pulling us out of a bind last December, he has shown the enthusiasm and depth that we know will strengthen our musical offerings and build up the choir. It is clear that he has a vocation as a church musician and minister.

There is much to rejoice our hearts as Pentecost begins: a community at peace and full of mutual love.

For that I am thankfully yours, *Susan* +

Pentecost Sunday, June 12

Next Sunday is Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Please bring a friend with you to church! As we invite and welcome others into our community, we share our trust and confidence in God's love, and we enlarge the circle of our love for one another.

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

Ahoy online bookies!

What: Nine Tailors, by Dorothy Sayers
When: Sunday, June 19, 7 pm
Where: at St Alban's
Hostess: Margaret Davis
Please phone her at 310 470-3364 if you won't be able to make it.

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.

CENTERING PRAYER

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

Parish Picnic!!

On June 26th, the Sunday when we celebrate the Feast of St. Alban, join us for a Parish Picnic in Holmby Park. We ask that you bring something to share with others. We'll provide beverages. Sign up today. And —wear your **Picnic clothes** to church. Games for the kids will be provided.

Lunch Bunch

The lunch is open to anyone in the congregation. We will have our next lunch (\$5 per person) on **Wed., JUNE 22, 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

7:30 pm Adult Choir Reh. (*choir room*)

Friday

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

June Activities

June 9 Sun. 11 am Robert Oppelt Memorial Service (*main church*)
June 12 Sun. 9 am Lectio Divina Prayer/fellowship (*Cahall room*)
June 19 Sun. 4 pm Evensong (*main church*)
June 19 Sun. 7pm Book Club (*library*)
June 20 Mon. 7 pm Finance Meeting (*library*)
June 22 Wed. 12:30 Lunch Bunch! Join us! (*library*)
June 26 Sun. Noon Parish Picnic (*Holmby Park*)
June 27 Mon. 7 pm Vestry Meeting (*library*)

Evensong Concert

The Vestry and Rector announce with delight that James Taulbee has accepted the call to be the new Minister of Music at St. Alban's. Please greet him warmly, and mark your calendars for our final

Evensong

June 19,

4:00 p.m.

featuring our choir and Samuel Bindschadler, soloist, singing the **Requiem** by John Rutter.

Parish Community News Board

June Prayer List, Jack and Joan Hay, Carol Cummings, Anne Hibler, 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, and Kathy Boldy. Traveling mercies for Helen Elson and for those in

the military, especially Lt. Ryan Klint, Sgt. Jeremy Aldrich.

In Memoriam

We pause to remember *Robert Oppelt* beloved, longstanding member of St. Alban's. Bob joined St. Alban's in 1987 and over the years he sang in the choir, served as greeter, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector and spent several terms on the Vestry. He was a giving and loving husband, father, and fellow parishioner. We shall miss him very much.

All are welcome to join the family as

they celebrate his life in a **memorial service THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 11:00 am, here at St. Alban's.**

St. Alban's "Lunch Bunch"

(pray and stay) Last month's Lunch Bunch gathering continues to be a blessed time of fellowship. Please join us for our second lunch of 2010! The lunch is open to anyone in the congregation. We will have our next lunch (\$5 per person) on **Wed., June 15, 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.

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, 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.

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.

Lectio Divina Sun., June 12.

Join us the second Sunday of each month from 9 am - 10 am, The Cahall Room, at St. Alban's, for prayer. We pray for each other, our parish, our community, whatever is on the heart.

UCLA Campus Choir

Concert, Sunday, June 12, at 4 pm!

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Welcome!

Faithful Fathers: *Father's Day Sunday, June 19*



"Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!"

~ Lydia M. Child

Dad, you're someone to look up to no matter how tall I've grown.

~ Author Unknown

Any man can be a father. It takes someone special to be a dad.

~ Anonymous

You know, fathers just have a way of putting everything together.

~ Erika Cosby

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

~ Clarence B. Kelland

"One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."

~ George Herbert

