

The Good News!

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Sanctus Altissimus

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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

Rector's Reflections



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Easter/Pentecost 2010

There is so much going on in our parish, but let me point out the highlights:

On Sunday, **May 9**, we are so fortunate to have a **visit by The Right Reverend Chet Talton** to St. Alban's before he retires. Bishop Talton was elected as our Suffragan Bishop in 1990 and has served, therefore, nearly 20 years as a bishop in the Diocese of Los Angeles. He has served as pastor and leader to many clergy and lay members of our diocese, assisted both Bishops Borsch and Bruno, and been a familiar presence in many places in the whole Church, giving hope and inspiration to many people and causes.

On the next Saturday, **May 15**, the whole diocese will gather in the Long Beach Memorial Arena for the consecration of two women as our Suffragan Bishops. Much has been written about the ground-breaking nature of these consecrations of two women, one of whom is a partnered lesbian. But the interesting thing to me is how "normal" it feels to be thinking of both of these persons as bishops. They are faithful and gifted, but they are also quite ordinary priests. In many ways, their "ordinariness" is the real sign of how the Spirit has been moving us all along into a new day.

We are doing wonderful things with outreach. **Project Home Again** has started, giving us each the chance to lend a helping hand to our returning Veterans, most of whom suffer from PTSD and other issues. By the time you read this, many people will have participated in **Big Sunday**. We are exploring joining in a **Habitat for Humanity** "build". And during Lent and Easter we had a great supply of food given for the **Westside Food Bank**.

In the area of parish activities to help our community grow in spirituality and friendship, we have the **Lunch Bunch on May 19 at 12:30** and a potluck **Community Dinner on May 20 at 6:30**. After several years' hiatus, we have a new **Centering Prayer Group each Thursday at 5:30**. We have a small group, **Pilgrim's Way each Friday at 1:00** and **Kerygma Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:30**.

We also have **Choir at 7:30 on Thursdays**, **Altar Guild**, the **Vestry**, and various other committees doing great work.

In and through all of those programs and activities, we meet the Spirit of the Risen Christ. Every time we experience new insight, new grace, new ways of giving and serving, his Spirit is with us. That is how Easter becomes Pentecost---as the Spirit of the Risen Christ becomes more fully rooted in who we are we **live it out** in ways that build up his body, the church. This Easter and Pentecost, join in something new, that Christ's spirit may grow in you, and spill out generously in this community whose life we share.

Alleluia!
Susan +

CONFIRMATION



This year, on May 9th, we have the privilege of hosting the Right Reverend Chet Talton, our Suffra-

gan Bishop, on his last official visit before he retires. The Bishop will bless our new stained glass windows. We will present our candidates for Confirmation and Reception. After the 10 am service please join us in the Library for a festive reception.

Please call the church office to register to receive confirmation. If you did not make the classes but would like to be confirmed, please speak with The Rev. Susan Klein.

Morning Prayer will be said at the 8 am service that day.

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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
Darren Motise, Minister of Music
James Vail, Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus
Nancy John, Administrator
Gordon Toler, Sexton

Church School Attendants
Susan Agnew,
Imogen Eddington and
Lisa Atmodjo

Vestry

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

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!

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! **Pilgrim's Way (Small Group)** Join us Fridays at 1:00pm in the Library.

Last May the members of the SAM Committee (Social Action Ministries) requested your help in donating new or slightly used household and/or kitchen items for distribution to one of St. Alban's favorite outreach groups--the New Directions Program for homeless women war veterans. **Project: Home Again** is an annual event here at St. Alban's, and we are again requesting your help. Sign-up sheets will be on the Information Tables on the patio every Sunday in May. Collected items will be taken to the New Directions homes in early June where they will be distributed to the clients who are considered ready to move back into their own homes/apartments. More information will be forthcoming in early May!

Questions: call or email Sue MacLaurin, 818-501-3925, suemack@earthlink.net.

Centering Prayer

We have formed a Centering Prayer group on **Thursdays** at 5:30 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.

Community Dinner

Once a month we will be hosting a pot-luck supper for all members and friends of St. Alban's. **This month it will be on May 20th at 6:30 p.m. following Centering Prayer.** The dinner will be held in the Library. Please sign up on Sundays or call the office. We hope to see you there.

Mini-Retreat:

Our Journey with the Risen Christ Susan will offer a **pre-confirmation retreat/quiet day on Saturday, May 8th, from 9:30 to 11:30 am.** This is not for those being confirmed only. We hope you're able to take advantage of this day to refresh your spirit. All are welcome!

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

5:00 pm **UCLA Student Fellowship**
Episcopal and Methodist Chaplaincy to host
(St. Alban's-main church)

*See usher or website for Sunday Parking permits

Wednesday

10:30 am Kerygma Bible Study
(Library)

12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist
(Chapel)

Thursday

5:30 pm Centering Prayer
(Church Apse)

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

Friday

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

May Activities

May 8, Sat. 9:30 Mini-Retreat
(Library)

May 9 Sun. 10 am Bishop Talton Confirmation Sunday.
(Reception after 10 am service.)

May 19 Wed. 12:30 pm Lunch Bunch!
Join us for a \$5 lunch & million-dollar fellowship!

May 16 Sun 7:00 pm Book Club
Mtg place TBA

May 17 Mon. 6 pm Finance Cmte. Mtg
(Library)

May 24 Mon. 6 pm Book Discussion & Vestry Meeting
(Library)

Consecration of Bishops

Date & Time: Saturday, May 15, Doors open at 12 noon

Our two new bishops suffragan - **DIANE BRUCE AND MARY GLASSPOOL** - WILL BE CONSECRATED ON SATURDAY, MAY 15 at the Long Beach Arena, and all in the Diocese of Los Angeles are invited to attend. A gathering celebration with music from around the Diocese begins at 12:30 p.m., and the liturgy starts at 1:30 p.m. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will be chief consecrator, and Diocesan Bishop Jon Bruno will preach. There are 6,700 seats, and no tickets are required. Please plan to attend and help fill the Arena for this historic celebration.

Sign the clipboard on the Welcome Table if you'd like to CARPOOL.

Parish Community News Board

May Prayer List



Betty Jones, Ann Shannon, Courtney Williams, Doug Laidlaw, Herb Jones, Miranda Reem Galleta, Katherine Wright, Josephine Donor, Gene Woods, Fr. Norm Ishi-

zaki and Velda, Marti Adams, Kim Pendergast, Terri Putter, Ann, Gabbie Regalado, Nick Scarmack Sr., Lacey Family

For our Military: Capt. David Tanen, Lt. Ryan Klint, Grant Stone, and Rob Ruano

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., **May 19, 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. Please do!

Lectio Divina Sat., May 8.

Join us the second Saturday of each month from 9 am - 10 am, in the Library at St. Alban's, for prayer. We pray for each other, our parish, our community, the world, whatever is on

the heart!

Book Club

7 pm Sunday, May 16th: Tulipomania: The Story of the World's Most Coveted Flower and the Extraordinary Passions It Aroused, by Mike Dash — Meeting place to be announced.

E-Donations...

If you are interested in making contributions via the internet, go to Stalban-swestwood.com and go to the link "e-donations" and follow the easy directions! A small step in becoming "green" as a church as well as increasing the ease in which our parish body and community can give.

Friday Small Group

The Group was on brief hiatus, but we will be starting *Three Cups of Tea 365 Ways to Change the World* on Friday, May 7th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Hirning for more information: 310.985.5144/ jhirning@ucla.edu

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FUNDRAISER POSTPONED

We have MOVED the fundraiser for Haiti, originally planned for June 12, to October. Once our plans grew to include the professor, the signature drink, the possible merits of a beach venue (not to mention the goat) we realized we needed a few more months to pull off a spectacular occasion. Stay tuned!

Eileen McHenry

is now settled and happy in West Virginia. If you would like to get in touch with her, her new address is: #4 Wyngate Drive, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26104.

Bob and Betsy Cahall

are also happily settle in their new abode. They may be reached at : 3 Pursuit Drive, Aliso Viejo, Ca. 92656.

Confirmands

We congratulate those who will be confirmed or received on May 9th. Their names will appear in next month's **Good News**.

Community Dinner

Bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert to the Library for a pot luck supper on "Thursday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. Beverages will be provided. All are welcome!

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Welcome!

Bishop to Visit St. Alban's



Have you been confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church?

To become a full member of the Episcopal Church is to receive the laying on of hands by a bishop of our church, thereby signifying that you are officially a part of our international Anglican Communion, the third largest church in the world. More personally, Confirmation is a kind of lay ordination into the ministry of this church. It says that we have made the commitment to serve God through our local Episcopal congregation, to engage fully with God's people

in our parish. Only those who are confirmed can serve as officers of the Vestry or Lay Eucharistic Ministers. This year, on **May 9th**, we have the privilege of hosting the Right Reverend Chet Talton, our Suffragan Bishop, on his **last official visit before he retires.**

Bishop Talton was elected in 1990 and installed in 1991 as Fifth Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles. He was previously rector of St. Philip's Church in New York City, and a member of the clergy staff of the Wall Street Parish of Trinity Church, New York. He is a graduate of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California.

Stand for Peace

Stand for Peace on Mothers' Day

This Sunday after the reception, join us on the patio as we form a circle of prayer at 1:00 pm for five minutes. We are joining with hundreds of thousands of women and girls, along with the men and boys they love, in many countries and on all continents of the world in parks, on beaches, in churches, at graduation ceremonies, in their backyards and at school yards or anyplace they can find to stand in a global wave of humanity in support of a better world for our children.