



The Good News!

October
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,

October in Pentecost, 2011

Several weeks ago, I attended a book reading at the Hammer Museum. The book, a novel about the decade in America following 9/11, portrays a character who struggles with economic and health issues. Among other things, the character is part of an experiment to see whether spiritual experiences can be artificially implanted in one's brain through electrical stimulation. The character puts on a helmet, is zapped, and off he goes into the wilds of a visionary experience.

The novel seems like a good read, (and if anyone's interested I'll find out the title of this recently published novel). In the Q&A session that followed the reading, the author discussed what led him to write this particular novel.

"I didn't know what the word 'spiritual' meant," he said. Then he went on to discuss an emptiness he'd observed in his own life. He said he knew he wanted something more, but he didn't know what it was he wanted. "But," he concluded, "I knew it had nothing to do with belief."

The hour was late, and I wanted to talk to him but couldn't. I thought his conclusion was both right and wrong. Belief, in itself, is not spirituality, but it is closely related to it. **Spirituality** is the way we **experience** the presence of the God. It is also about the ways we follow a discipline that leads more deeply into that experience. **Belief** is about what we **think**. Belief establishes the groundwork for spirituality. Without believing something about the ability of humans to experience the divine, for instance, why would we even try to make that kind of attempt at connection? And then when we do have the experience of God's presence, we want to make some kind of sense of it. That is also where belief is important.

As the author spoke, I was wishing he would stop by St. Alban's and get to know our worship and our community. We are characterized by believing Christians for whom faith and reason are not antithetical, but complementary. We are also characterized by a community that experiences the Spirit and reaches out in love, both to one another and to the world. I love who we are

And if you do, too, invite someone, especially someone who needs to know what the word "spiritual" means, to join you this Sunday.

Blessings, *Susan*

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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
James Taulbee, Minister of Music
Nancy John, Administrator
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Christine Mason, Sr. Warden
John Hinning, Jr. Warden
Rudy Marloth, Treasurer,
Glen Wright, asst. Treasurer
Vivian Hay, Clerk

Sacrament of Baptism

Our next baptism will be on All Saints Sunday, November 6, during the 10:00 a.m. service. If you or a member of your family wants to be baptized, please call the Church Office.

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Kerygma: Bible Study
meets at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays**
in the Library. We are reading *The Wisdom of Solomon* and would love for you to join us.

Mid-week Holy Eucharist
Take a mid-week moment and refresh yourself spiritually by joining us for our Holy Eucharist.
Every Wednesday at noon
In the Chapel.

Book Club!!
For our next meeting, we're reading
The Moonflower Vine,
by Jetta Carleton.
When: Sunday, October 16th at 7 pm
Who: Carole and Charles Magnuson
Where: 11147 Ophir Drive
L. A. 90024 310 472 9352



Dust off your sheets and and set your sights for some tasty Pumpkin pie and prizes as we celebrate All Hallows "Eve" with festive games, food, and surprises! All Kids are invited to bring their parents! Join us:
Sunday, October 30
After the 10:00 a.m. Service.

Watch the bulletin for important updates!

Lunch Bunch

The lunch is open to anyone in the congregation. We will have our next lunch (\$5 per person) on **Wed., October 12, 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!

Join us for These Weekly Services and Activities!

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
(Chapel)

9:00 am Adult Forum
(Library)

9:30 am Centering Prayer
(chapel)

10:00 am *Choral Eucharist
(main Church)

*Nursery and Church school available

Tuesday

10:30 am Bible Study in the library

Wednesday

12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist
(Chapel)

Thursday

Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm
Please come 15 minutes early if it's your first time!

Friday

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

October Activities

Oct. 11
Tues. 5 pm Faith and Reason

Oct. 12
Wed. 12:30 Lunch Bunch!

Oct. 17
Mon. 4 pm All-staff meeting
(library)

Oct. 16
Sun. 11:30 Dr. George Lough Wkshop (library)
7 pm Book Club

SEP 19
Mon. 6pm Finance Meeting
(library)

Oct. 23
Mon. 6 pm Vestry Meeting
(library)

Oct. 30
Sun. Noon Halloween Party

St. Alban's and Café 580 Unite...

Faith and Reason "The California Dream Act" What does it mean?

Tuesday
October 11, 2011
5pm—7pm

Save the date and stay tuned for more information as St. Alban's and U.C.L.A. students from the 580 Café combine their efforts for a Faith and Reason event. Refreshments will be served and scintillating conversation will be in good supply !

Global Music to Worship God

In October, we will be using music from many different national traditions. While we'll be singing the words in English, the music comes from Peru, South Africa, Scandinavia and the Caribbean. In this way, we hope many of our students from around the world will feel more at home.

What's Your Relationship Style?

Back by popular demand, Dr. George Lough, a psychologist adjunct member of the faculty at LMU, will lead a discussion after the 10:00 service on Sunday, Oct. 16th, in the library. He will lead a discussion about how the early relationship with our parents affects the development of intimacy.

Parish Community News Board

October Prayer List especially Betty Jones, Ann Shannon, Miranda Reem, Carol Cummings, Doug Laidlaw, Kerstin Stempel, Ed Gauld, Jack and Joan Hay, Dan Overmeyer, Claudette, Jody Stump, Linda Palmer, Ann Hibler, Linda Everett, Greg Heimer, and Kim Pendergast. For those in the military, especially Lt. Ryan Klint, Sgt. Jeremy Aldrich.



Are You Interested?

There are many ways to get involved at St. Alban's. And the blessings of working with fellow members in service to your spiritual community brings a network of support and strength not only to yourself, but to those you work with as well. The following is a list of opportunities. You can sign up for a one-time project, a temporary rotation- or for the duration! All are welcome =)

Ushering: 8am or 10am service, Rudy Marloth.

Altar Guild: setting sanctuary for service, Lisa Jackson

Welcome Table: Smile at visitors!
OFFICE HELP: answer phone, file, make copies, help with special mailings, Nancy John.

Building issues: are you handy with a hammer? Nancy John

Children's Ministry: one-time help for special meetings- or substitute for regular teachers, Sonya Nimri

Acolyting: See Vivian Hay

Lay Eucharist Minister: Vivian Hay

Lectors: Read lessons, Lorraine Secor

Outreach: Jake Nadal

To the Homebound: Susan Klein

Call the office to get started or if you have any questions!

St. Alban's "Lunch Bunch"

(pray and stay) The Lunch Bunch gathering continues to be a blessed time of fellowship. We will have our next lunch (\$5 per person) on **Wed., October 12, 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.

Coming in November...

Parish Dinner
Friday
November 4, 2011
6 pm—10 pm
U.C.L.A Faculty Center

*More information
To follow*

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love of God in worship and
prayer, and seek to follow
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Welcome!

Coming in November...

James Taulbee,
Minister of Music

All Saints' Solemn Evensong

Sunday, November 6 - 4 p.m.

Followed by Peter Fennema, Organist, Westwood United Methodist Church, in recital.

St. Alban's Choir will be joined by the Chancel Choir of Westwood United Methodist Church, Gregory Norton, Minister of Music. Musical offerings include the *Evening Service in G* by Henry Purcell and Edgar Bainton's *And I Saw a New Heaven*. Peter Fennema will present organ works by J.S. Bach, Alain and Duruflé.