

Meet Your Candidates

At the Parish Forum on Sunday, April 10
at 10:30 am in Satterlee Hall

Vestry members and Diocesan Delegates will be elected at St. Alban's annual meeting on May 1 following the 11:15 service. The Vestry has an important leadership role, and your help in electing people to represent you can help

determine the future life and ministry of this place. To get to know your candidates, come hear them speak.

The Nominations Committee has chosen a wonderful array of candidates for Vestry and Diocesan Delegates. Not all will be elected of course, but you should know that the Nominations Committee, in selecting these talented candidates, kept in mind that there are other important jobs to be filled outside of Vestry and Diocesan Delegates.

Standing for Vestry

The Vestry is the governing body of St. Alban's Parish. It is made up of the Rector, the Senior and Junior Wardens, and 12 members of the Parish. Vestry members are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting, held each May, to three-year terms. This year, four candidates will be elected. The four top vote-getters will serve three-year terms.

Bill Bond

I have been attending St. Alban's since September 2003. In that brief time I have participated in and now serve as one of the leaders the Disciples of Christ in Community program. I served on the Transformation Capital Campaign committee and a discernment committee for a candidate to the priesthood. I am a verger and a member of St. Joseph's Guild, the steward group of the buildings and grounds of St. Alban's.



Prior to joining St. Alban's, I was a member of a rector search committee, senior and junior wardens, capital campaign chairman, and youth group leader in a large parish which faced many of the same challenges of St. Alban's.

In my professional life I am a fund-raiser and a technology consultant. I am the Director of Membership Operations at Environmental Defense and consult with a number of not-for-profits on technology issues. I have run fund-raising campaigns for Habitat for Humanity and currently serve on an advisory board at Vanderbilt University.

In my personal life I am a parent of six-year-old twins. I am a Cub Scout parent, and I am delighted that my children want to attend church every Sunday and I gladly volunteer to make this place spiritually nourishing for them.

I firmly believe that the quality of the experience of parish life is directly related to the effort and involvement that one puts into

it and so it should be no surprise that I am running for a position on the Vestry and ask for your vote.

Margery Dunn

I reckon by now I'm an authentic old-timer, with many years of experience as a parishioner of St. Alban's. I attended our Sunday school and was confirmed here in the 1950's. After a time away at college and at St. Patrick's DC, I came home to St. Alban's almost 30 years ago. In 1976 I was invited to join the Altar Guild and have been a member ever since, service twice as its president. I have been a lay reader and a diocesan delegate and have dished up baked beans and ham biscuits at Parish bazaars.



After retiring as assistant director of National Geographic's book division in 1994, I signed on as a salesperson and cashier at our Opportunity Shop and served two years as its chair; today I handle Op Shop publicity. I'm on the Workers of St. Alban's board, which makes outreach grants of money raised by the Shop. I've served as WSA president and am now in my fourth year as treasurer.

I was a member of our Vestry more than 20 years ago, during the last interim and the first two years of a new rectorate. That interim was a difficult time for our Parish—financially and in other ways as well. But we kept the faith and pulled together and called Frank Wade to be our Rector. I felt honored to be closely involved in that process, and would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Vestry again.

Lansing Hewitt

My wife, Susan Kerner-Hoeg, and I began attending St. Alban's in the 80's. I was confirmed at St. Alban's in 1989 and have been an active member of the parish for



the past 16 years, serving as an usher at the 11:15 service and as ushering team captain for 13 of those years. Ushering has enabled me to get to know many of the members of St. Alban's as well as to participate in a vital parish ministry.

Since 1991, I have chaired the Diocesan Health Insurance Committee. During this period the committee converted the Health Insurance program from a costly indemnity program with shrinking participation to one that has saved the Diocesan participants significant premium dollars, without a reduction in benefits. Our objectives during the past 15 years, which spanned the terms of three Bishops, have been to be as inclusive as fiscally possible while adhering to good insurance practices for the program under our charge. During this time we have been able to keep premium increases significantly below industry levels, to add coverage for domestic partners, and to provide benefits for clergy taking early retirement.

These next few years will be full of challenges as we at St. Alban's continue to grow in both our ministry and our organization. With my experience and expertise at both the parish and Diocesan levels—along with lessons learned from 24 years in the military and my personal commitment to the work of this parish—I feel I can contribute to the development of solutions to these challenges, and help smooth the road during this transitional journey.

Nathalie Hubbard Bramson

I started attending St. Alban's Parish about ten years ago, formally becoming a member when I was confirmed at the Cathedral in 1999. A birthright Episcopalian from Boston (and now a happy Red Sox fan), I attended St. Timothy's [Episcopal] School in Stevenson, MD, where we girls attended en masse what I recently discovered was the church Carlyle grew up in. The school's motto of stewardship - O



Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust – is one I have always taken very seriously. I went to Radcliffe and graduated from Harvard, my years there coinciding with the beginning of the long road to merger. My graduate work includes financial planning certificates from Adelphi and New York Universities and I am now a part-time financial analyst and consultant. Before moving to the area, I spent 14 years with Macmillan in New York, rising to become the first female vice president (rattling the glass ceiling at the time!). My devotion to the institutions in my life is strong and lengthy: 30 years on the Governors' Board of St. Timothy's, class secretary/agent virtually forever; 16 as Radcliffe class secretary/treasurer; and 10 years as Board Chair, The Landon Symphonette. Since my son's time at Beauvoir, I have been a major volunteer and/or parents' association financial officer for every school he attended here, as well as treasurer of DC Stoddard Soccer for five years.

At St. Alban's I have been a member of the Finance Committee since its inception several years ago, helping with the serious work on Parish investments. For the last year I have served as secretary of the Vestry (and not missed a meeting!) and am now hoping to be elected for a full term. I usually attend the 11:15 service, usher in turn, and drive people from Friendship House to doctors' appointments. As part of a Vestry assignment, I attended a meeting of the Career Transition group, and now go regularly to help network and nurture. To my surprise, I also have mastered the industrial dishwasher to help out with Parish dinners.

Susan Morris

My friends and family know something about me that I have never shared with you. That is how much I love St. Alban's. In the 15 years I have been a member of the Parish, St. Alban's has changed my life and the lives of my husband, Michael, and our daughters, Haley and Charlotte. As a life-long Episcopalian married to an empathetic Jewish husband, I have found St. Alban's to be a loving, accepting and welcoming spiritual community where our daughters were baptized and where Haley was confirmed.

My life has been enriched through my participation in the many ministries of St. Alban's. I enjoy working on Parish Outreach, especially coordinating meal delivery with the Grate Patrol, serving food at Christ House, volunteering in the Op Shop,



serving as an officer on the WSA Board and on the Crossroads Shelter Committee. Our daughters have benefited from singing in the choirs, serving as acolytes and participation in youth groups, Rite 13, J2A, and the first youth pilgrimage to Ireland. I have enjoyed teaching Sunday School and serving as an acolyte team leader. Also, I love the fellowship at St. Alban's—participating in Foyers, helping with the Gala Parish Dinners, co-charing the Parish Bazaar and the 20th Anniversary Dinner for Mary and Frank. Suffice it to say, there would be a void in my life without St. Alban's.

It would be a privilege to represent you on the Vestry where my background as an attorney and my involvement in Parish life would be an asset in making the important decisions which will define the future of St. Alban's.

Jim Nix

I came to St. Alban's eight years ago, for the music and the preaching. I found a parish I wanted to be part of and to contribute to, a church that took Christ's message to its heart and to the world, an inquiring congregation with open hearts and minds and a wide welcome. In 1998, I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church and became a member of St. Alban's. My wife Ann and I were married in the church.



My activities at St. Alban's include five years ushering at the 11:15 service, participation in Disciples of Christ in Community (DOCC) and the Foyers programs, and participation in and support of many of the weekly and annual events of the church. I am a member of the board of the St. Alban's Early Childhood (education) Center. Last January, I preached in support of the every member pledge campaign. I also work with Ann in her parish service, including planning and preparing the annual Parish Gala Dinner in January this year and last.

Born in the deep South, I was baptized a Methodist and raised in the Baptist church. My religious education consisted of religious activities and bible study at the (Presbyterian) Westminster Schools in Atlanta, and courses at Princeton where I took my undergraduate degree in 1966. While there, I sang for four years with the University Chapel Choir and was a member of the Chapel Deacons. One summer, I taught infant nutrition to impoverished women as part of a program in Guayaquil, Ecuador with the HOPE hospital ship. Meeting Ecuadorians and seeing the ubiquitous, deep poverty of most with whom I worked led me to appreciate their struggles,

the needs, and resilience of people from the Third World, and the great blessings we have as citizens of the US and other wealthy countries.

After graduate school, I worked 35 years for the Federal Government, Bureau of the Budget and the Office of Management and Budget until I retired last September. My work addressed various security-related problems and programs in the Defense, State, and Energy Departments.

If elected, I will listen to the concerns of parish members, assist in choosing the new rector, and support the service activities of the parish. Also, I have experience in budgeting and finance that may be useful in strengthening the ministry of St. Alban's.

Jon Sawyer

St. Alban's has been a central part of our family's life since 1982, from the baptism of our youngest daughter to the weddings of both of her sisters. Early on we had the opportunity of teaching Sunday school and over the years since I've tried my hand at everything from Grate Patrol and organizing lecture series to lay reading and the capital campaign. I have treasured, like so many of us, the privilege – grace! – of worship and music and being together in supportive community.



I have spent my career as a journalist (with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch), and yet so many times I have felt the guiding hand of St. Alban's. I'm not sure that I would have found myself reporting from southern Africa without the example and influence of our former associate rector, Bruce Jenneker, and I know that it was the Africa Roundtable, more recently, that informed my reporting from Sudan.

I am happy to stand for vestry because I know that this is an especially important time, as we go about the search for a new rector. In a sense that's where Kem and I came in, as a couple who joined the St. Alban's community in the period just before Frank and Mary Wade arrived. We have benefited so much from the wisdom of those who led the parish during the transition then. I hope to do my part, on the vestry or in the congregation, in laying the foundation for the generation to come.

Mark Shima

I came to St. Alban's on Opportunity Sunday four years ago, following a friend's recommendation.

I was impressed by how active and involved our church community was, both globally and locally—so impressed that I promptly joined the Africa Round Table and transferred my membership from Christ Church, Bay St Louis, MS, where I had been active and served two Vestry terms.



Since that time I've volunteered in the Companions in World Mission. I currently teach the 4th Grade Sunday School, I serve on Seminarian's Lay Committee for Charles Fels, and the J2A Appalachian mission trip.

I was raised on a farm in Iowa, earned a mathematics degree, developed mathematical models for the GPS prototype, and applied computer solutions in many fields. I founded a computer consulting and training company which I managed for 15 years, before joining the 92,000-employee company for whom I presently manage global computer infrastructure project teams across several continents.

St. Alban's plays an important role in my life. It became spiritual home for my son and me when we moved to DC and is where I met my wife, Dr. Robin Boineau. Frank Wade married us last June, advising us to reach out to the world from our new marriage.

We will miss Frank Wade. The coming transitional time will be important to the church, and my abilities to work with and unify diverse people can help the Vestry in its mission to maintain and build our vibrant community.

Emma Wilson

My husband Neil and I first experienced St Alban's Parish on September 9, 2001. After years of constant moving between military posts in our careers, we were ready to engage in a spiritual community where we could make an impact. We did not know what "right" was, but we were sure we would recognize it when we saw it. After four months of searching for a parish community, we thought we were on to something with St Alban's's.

I thought the sermon was on target, the choir magnificent, and the



congregation friendly. After the events of Sept 11 2001, I saw the strength of St Alban's Parish community and decided to become fully engaged with the many ministries of this place we call St Alban's. Since joining St Alban's, we have led a Lenten reading group, devoted time to help plan and cook the Gala Dinners, and chaired the Newcomers' Dinner Ministry which gives us a great opportunity to share our enthusiasm with St Alban's and its wonderful programs with our newer members. Both Neil and I are honored to serve during the 11:15 service, I usher and Neil is an acolyte.

Having just retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army I hope to have more time to serve St Alban's Parish in a greater capacity. I want to use the leadership and teamwork skills I learned from the Army and the spiritual strength I have gained from St Alban's to meet the challenges St Alban's faces in the days ahead.

Bob Witten

I agreed to stand for Vestry because I believe I can help guide our St. Alban's family during our parish's coming transition and beyond. My family and I have worshiped and been active in this church for nearly a generation. My institutional memory will help provide the continuity that will be necessary during this time.



A brief history of my life and work at St. Alban's:

My wife Deborah [Potter], and I were married here by The Reverend Ted Eastman, just before Frank Wade was called as Rector. Our two children were baptized by Frank. Our oldest son was confirmed here, and our younger son will be soon. My service to this parish began 20 years ago when George Hooper recruited me as an usher. I remain an active usher today. Deborah and I have been lay readers. We have both served on prior vestries. I served from 1992 to '96. Our sons have served as acolytes and ushers. In addition, Evan is a leader in the Diocesan Committee on Youth, planning and carrying out activities for young people across the Diocese-wide. Along with Rick Dirksen, I presided over St. Alban's first million dollar pledge drive. In 2001, Rev. Wade asked me to preside over a first of its kind committee, one that would develop criteria for what would emerge as the Transformation Grant Fund. Today, I chair the Grant committee, which has awarded over 50-thousand dollars in support of parishioners outreach ministries and seminary studies. The Fund committee is in its second of three years

of considering grant requests. We worship during the 9:15 service, after which I assist in leading the Senior church school class. This is my 3rd year as a church school leader with this class.

St. Alban's Parish has been the glue and the guiding force in our family's life. It is important to us, as I know it is to you. Experience has shown me how critical Vestry service is to having a strong and advancing parish. I am eager to serve and I ask for your support.

Standing for Diocesan Delegate

St. Alban's Parish currently has five lay delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Our delegates represent our parish at all Diocesan Conventions, advise the Vestry and parish of all resolutions to be taken up at each convention, seek advice from the Vestry and parish as to positions that might be taken, and report back to the parish after the Convention.

Three are to be elected. The two top vote-getters will serve two-year terms. The third top vote-getter will serve as alternate.

Sandra Barker

I was received into the Episcopal Church at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in 1973. Since that time, the Episcopal church has been a fundamental part of my life. Throughout the years, I have been very involved in numerous church activities and ministries. As I look back on these activities and ministries, I realize I have chosen them based upon where my life was at a particular time. When my two children, Lori and Doug, were young, I was a Sunday school teacher at my church in Miami, Florida. When my children became teenagers, because we did not have a youth group at my church, I started a youth group.

I was active in youth ministry in Florida for 14 years. When I moved to Washington DC in 1994 and joined Saint Alban's, I continued my commitment to youth ministry and was a youth leader for five years. During these five years, I helped bring the Journey to



Adulthood Program to Saint Alban's.

As I have passed from the mother of youth to single person and grandmother, I have found myself active in a variety of St Alban's educational, community building, and outreach ministries. These have included active involvement in the Adult Forum Planning Committee, the Catechumenal Baptismal Committee, Grate Patrol, the Crossroads Shelter, the Sunday Night Live Planning Committee and the Africa Roundtable. My primary involvement for the past two years has been helping to start and lead the DOCC program, a spiritual development and community building program for St Albanites.

For my own spiritual development, I have participated in Education for Ministry ("EFM"), Bible Study, the Wednesday Theological Book Group, retreats and pilgrimages, and theology programs both at St Alban's and at the National Cathedral.

My profession is attorney, and I am Vice President / Chief Legal Counsel for Chevy Chase Bank's Mortgage Division in Bethesda, Maryland. I received by Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, my Masters from the University of Michigan and my J.D. from the University of Miami. I currently reside in a home in AU Park when I am not traveling to see my two grandchildren, Connor and Sydney.

Clem Dinsmore

I welcome the opportunity of continuing as a Diocesan delegate. During the past year I completed the term of Kate Sullivan.



Participating in the Diocesan Convention this year was exciting, energizing, and enlightening. I learned, shared, and participated. My education included a rewarding dinner conversation with a theologically informed member of Trinity Parish, Takoma Park. My participation included discussing with John Frizzell his resolution regarding the treatment of war prisoners. It, also, included my voting with care on resolutions and candidates for offices.

Bishop Chane means to call upon all of us to use our talents in responding to the needs of other congregations and parishes within the Diocese. Our rector has made known my interest in helping with financial management needs and concerns.

The institutional church can be a turnoff for many. After all we have to deal with each other with all of our idiosyncrasies and limitations. As a member of the parish Finance Committee, I have learned the immediate importance to the church of the mundane. The Diocese presents similar functional issues. I welcome helping address them in a responsible manner.

My principal outreach ministry is through the Washington Interfaith Network. This ministry draws upon my fascination since seventh grade with how cities realize communal change aspirations. It, also, calls me to voice my passion for social justice, which first fired up, when my Little League baseball team integrated racially prior to the Brown v. Board of Education decision.



Bill Hall

My family and I have been privileged to call St. Alban's Parish our spiritual home for a dozen years. All of us are involved in parish life: Rachel, our third-grader, attends Sunday School; Kathleen, our tenth-grader, is a Journey to Adulthood member and fledgling lay reader; Becky has served on the board of the Early Childhood Development Center, (i.e., the weekday nursery school in Satterlee Hall). I served as Vestry Secretary from 1997 to 1998, and as a member of the Vestry from 1998 to 2001. While on the Vestry, I helped draft changes to our bylaws that make it easier for parishioners to vote in parish elections. I have been a Pastoral Visiting Lay Eucharistic Minister, one of the group who regularly bring communion to people at the Washington Home and shut-ins' homes, and a Lay Reader. I helped coordinate the Summer Film Series, "Finding God in Unexpected Places", for two years. In addition, I completed the Sewanee University's four-year Education for Ministry (EFM) program here at St. Alban's in 2001. If elected to serve as a Diocesan Delegate, I pledge to listen to the concerns of fellow parishioners regarding issues that relate to the diocese and to represent those concerns. I also pledge to report back to the parish on the deliberations and decisions made at the Diocesan Convention. The Parish will experience significant changes in the coming years and I welcome the opportunity to serve St. Alban's during this important and dynamic period.

Pat Petrash



I am blessed to have been a member of St. Alban's since 1986 B.F. (before Frank). St. Alban's is a place where I first understood and experienced a relationship with God. From the baptism of my son to the present, the community of St. Alban's has been foundation in my life. I helped develop a group for cancer survivors and explore and deepened their spiritual life and was privileged to be a part of the establishment of the lay healing ministry. I have been a lay eucharistic minister and a member of the Way of Life community. I was privileged to serve as the convener of a P-Com. I am a self-employed clinical social worker and in the final year of training in psychoanalysis. The opportunity to serve as a Diocesan Delegate ties together my love of church with my interest and training in the development of the individual and the community.

Voting

To be a voting member at St. Alban's, you must have your baptismal records on file in the Parish Office. If you are not yet a voting member contact Ron Hicks, Director of Operations in the Parish Office at 202-363-8286, RonH@st-albans-parish.org.

It is advised that you begin the process of having your records transferred now, so that you will be eligible to vote for the candidate of your choice.

Voting on May 1 will begin at 8 am and close when the Annual Meeting begins. There will be no voting while worship services are in progress.

If you are not able to attend the annual meeting contact the Parish Office for an absentee ballot.