

St. Alban's Chronicle

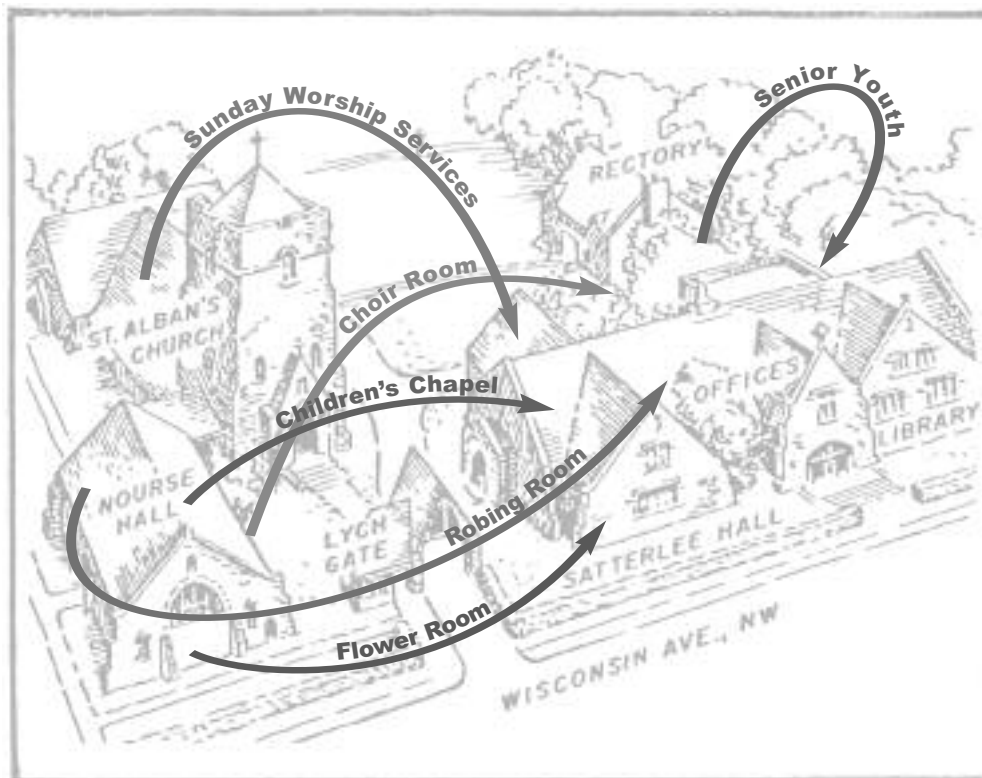
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
3001 Wisconsin Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20016

August 15, 2006

Sunday Worship Services moved to Trenbath Assembly

Tuesday and Wednesday Services will continue to be held in the Chancel of the Church

- On Tuesday, August 8 the electricity, including the air conditioning in the church was shut off—much sooner than expected. So, **all Sunday worship services will be held in Trenbath Assembly for the time being.** Services should move back to the Sanctuary by October. Just remember, it was only a few years ago we went through the process of refinishing the floors and pews in the Sanctuary, so we are familiar with worshipping in Trenbath.
- Childrens' Chapel will be held in the Corinth Room, this is one of the Church School classrooms on the lower level of Satterlee Hall.
- Coffee hour will be held on the Rectory lawn between the screened porch and the Peace Cross — weather permitting. On rainy Sundays coffee will be served in the kitchen/hallway area of Satterlee Hall.
- The Lych Gate will continue to be closed all week, beginning every Monday morning until the end of construction work on Friday afternoon, and Lych Gate Road will be blocked off. Please anticipate this when turning in from Wisconsin Ave., and be prepared to enter using South Road.
- During construction, the eight parking spaces along Lych Gate Road will not be available during the daytime (weekdays) to allow the large construction vehicles to maneuver. Plan on limited available parking near the church. Street parking is going to be your best option, other than public transportation.
- Groups, classes and events have been relocated during the construction. The map below shows the temporary locations.



During construction groups, classes and events have been temporarily moved:

Sunday Worship Services will be held in Trenbath Assembly beginning August 13. Services should be back in the sanctuary by October.

Children's Chapel will be now be held in Trenbath Assembly in Satterlee Hall

The Senior Youth has moved from Phoebe Nourse to the Bowen Room on the lower level of Satterlee Hall

The Choir Room has moved from Kloman to the lower level (Pheobe Nourse) of the Rectory

The Robing Room is now located in the Library in Satterlee Hall. Vestments are on the balcony of Trenbath Assembly.

The Flower Room has been relocated to Room 203 in Satterlee Hall



We welcome the
faithful, the seeker,
and the doubter,
for God's embrace is
wide and God's
Good News is for all.

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER
SCHEDULE AT ST. ALBAN'S**

SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

TUESDAY

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
7:30 pm Centering Prayer

WEDNESDAY

11:15 am Healing Eucharist

SATURDAY

9:00 am Prayers for St. Alban's

CLERGY

The Rev. Scott A. Benhase, Rector (beginning Sept. 1, 2006)
The Rev. Margot D. Critchfield, Senior Associate Rector
The Rev. Louis T. Wheeler, Jr, Associate Rector
The Rev. Douglas A. Greenaway, Assistant Rector
The Rev. Loren B. Mead, Honorary Associate

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The Rev. J. Carlyle Gill retires

On Sunday, August 6th, St. Alban's celebrated the ministry of Carlyle Gill, and said goodbye to both Carlyle and her partner, Carol Wzorek.

Carlyle is among the first women ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. She graduated from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1976, after having done her undergraduate work at Queens College and earning another graduate degree from Columbia University. Before coming to St. Alban's as Associate Rector in 1997, she served as Rector of St. Stephen and the Incarnation in Washington, DC; Associate Rector at St. Augustine-by-the-Sea in Santa Monica, California; and Assistant University Chaplain to the College at the University of the South. Carlyle has served St. Alban's as our Interim Rector since May 2005.

Carlyle has a special interest in retreat work, particularly the discipline of Centering Prayer, and will continue to offer Centering Prayer retreats and Spiritual Direction. Future plans for Carlyle and Carol include spending time at their Delaware beach house and on their sailboat.



A letter from Bishop Jane Dixon

Because of a family emergency, the Rt. Rev. Jane Dixon was not able to attend the August 6th celebration of the ministry of the Rev. Carlyle Gill. Bishop Dixon sent this letter to Carlyle and to the people of St. Alban's.

Carlyle,

Many thanks to you for your many gifts to the Church, the Diocese of Washington, and to me personally. As one of the first ordained female priests, you have been a witness to the goodness of women's participation in Holy Orders and you have been support to so many women who come behind.

There are many male priests who have been supported and encouraged by you as well.

How fortunate we were when you came to be among us in Washington. Your faithful service to both St. Stephen's and St. Alban's has been so important. Your leadership here at St. Alban's these past 15 months has given the parish a solid and secure time to choose a new rector.

And what a friend you have been to me! I will never forget the flowers and notes during my time as ecclesiastical authority. Those tangible signs of encouragement and support meant so very much.

So thank you, dear Carlyle, for your witness to the living God and your leadership and your friendship. Godspeed as you seek new and different ways to serve as the faithful priest you have been for 30 years.

May God bless you always,

+ Jane

Singing a New Song Choirs at St. Alban's - a place to belong

Participating in one of the choirs at St. Alban's provides an opportunity

- to join a community within our parish family,
- to learn and share musical skills
- to provide musical leadership for worship and parish events

For children in grades 2-3 - **St. Cecilia Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays, 3:45-4:30, beginning September 13.

For children in grades 4-9 - **Junior Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30, beginning September 13

For adults and teenagers - **Handbell Choir** - rehearses every Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 beginning September 19

For adults and teenagers - **Parish Choir** rehearses every Thursday, 7:30-9:00, beginning September 7.

NEW this fall - Music 101, Thursdays at 7pm in the choir room. Learn basic music reading and sight-singing skills. All are welcome though it will be aimed at those in Parish Choir who want to develop their skills in order to participate in choir more fully. We will be using the *Voices for Life* curriculum created by the Royal School of Church Music. Beginning September 21.

The Choir Room has been relocated to the basement of the rectory in the Phoebe Nourse room, most easily entered through the back of the rectory off of the staff parking lot. Any questions? Please contact Sonya Sutton at 202-363-8286, ext. 205 or at SonyaS@st-albans-parish.org.

Note from the Editor

Jane Volkema

Beginning with the September 1st issue, the *Chronicle* returns to being published twice a month.

The purpose of our newsletter is to encourage broader communications across this diverse community and to share stories of our faith. If you are interested in writing or contributing in any way, we are always looking for new and creative ideas to reach fellow parishioners and others who receive our newsletter. Submit your articles by the 1st of the month to appear in the issue that comes out on the 15th, and submit your articles by the 15th to appear in the issue that comes out on the 1st.

The delivery of this issue of the *Chronicle* was delayed because I broke my wrist. This injury will slow me down for the next couple months, so it will be helpful to receive your articles prior to the published deadlines. Send articles to JaneV@st-albans-parish.org

Anthony Glass Memorial

Penny and I can't find the words to thank you for your support during Anthony's year-long struggle with cancer, and at his memorial service August 3rd. Your prayers were felt even in Los Angeles, and helped to hold us up.

At the reception we had six large posters, containing dozens of pictures, including irreplaceable childhood ones belonging to Penny. The posters have been missing since the post-reception tumult.

If you saw them or see them, it would be a great gift to help us find them.

Deepest thanks,
Gordon

August Mustard Seed Offering

Jeff Harwood, parishioner

The August 20 Mustard Seed offering will go to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) to assist displaced people from Lebanon and Palestine. ERD is partnering with Action by Churches Together (ACT) and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem to deliver humanitarian aid to more than 12,000 displaced people. They work in turn with Middle East Council of Churches, Inter-Church Network Development and Relief, and Al Ahli Arab Hospital to provide: food rations, cleaning supplies, diapers and supplementary food for infants and children, and medicine for clinics and hospitals.

For more information go to ERD's website at www.er-d.org. The website also provides information on how to donate to this relief effort. Checks can be mailed to the parish and can be made out to St. Alban's Parish with "August 2006 Mustard Seed Offering" designated on the check. Please be prayerfully generous at the offertory during worship services on August 20, and use the Mustard Seed envelope you will find in your order of service.



Crossroads Shelter Golf Tournament

Monday, September 25

St. Alban's provides a structured, supervised living space in the lower level of Satterlee Hall for four men from mid-April through September. Our residents are referred by the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place or Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington. During the months of operation, our shelter needs many volunteers to provide breakfast foods, dinner, and to coordinate the meal schedule. There are many opportunities for service. Contact: Peter Spalding 202-337-0157 (h), pet202@aol.com

Each fall St. Alban's holds an annual golf tournament to raise money to help cover the cost of operating the Crossroads Shelter. Typically, tee off begins after lunch, followed by dinner, raffle, and awards ceremony. All are welcome to come and play. Volunteers are needed, e.g., at the registration table, to drive a beverage cart, etc. Those who volunteer are invited to stay for dinner. The cost to play varies, but usually around \$125; hole sponsorship starts at \$250. The 2006 tournament is on Monday, September 25, to help, contact: Steven Fox 703-407-7424, sfox@fsavings.com

Ft. Belvoir Golf Course is located within the Ft. Belvoir military base, all participants and volunteers need to submit their names for security screening. Please sign up and give your name to Steven Fox ASAP so the screening can begin.

AA celebrates its 58th year at St. Alban's

Gordon B Avery, Senior Warden

On May 31, Alcoholics Anonymous and St. Alban's celebrated the 58th year that St. Alban's Parish has been host to this, the oldest and continuously-meeting Alcoholics Anonymous group in the metropolitan Washington area.

As Senior Warden, I was invited to receive the group's thanks on behalf of the Parish. They awarded the Parish a "chip," a coin-like medal with the prayer of St. Francis on the back, and the number 58 embossed on the front. The number on the chip usually denotes one's years of sobriety, but in this case symbolized the 58 years of our life together at St. Alban's.

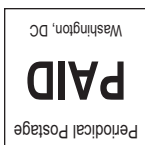
Satterlee Hall was absolutely packed, and there were standees at the back. The atmosphere was very cordial and supportive. Two speakers testified to the saving role of AA in their lives. At the end of the meeting, there were special refreshments in Nourse Hall, to mark the occasion.

I felt very proud that our Parish has been the host for this important activity, through all those years. Great going, Alcoholics Anonymous! Great going, St. Alban's! Thanks be to God.

Submit articles for the *Chronicle* to: JaneV@st-albans-parish.org

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