

# Meet your Candidates here ...

*and at the  
Parish Forum  
Sunday, April 19  
10:30 am  
Satterlee Hall*

On May 3, 2009, at the St. Alban's Annual Meeting, the election for vestry and diocesan delegates will be held. Below are the candidates for these offices. At the Annual Meeting four (4) vestry members will be elected and three (3) diocesan delegates. The vestry members will be elected for a full three year term. In the case of the diocesan delegates, two will be elected for full three year terms and one for a partial term of two years. The person not elected for diocesan delegate will serve as an alternate delegate.

These nominees were selected by the Nomination Committee appointed at the February 17 vestry meeting and were approved at the March 17 vestry meeting. The Committee is composed of those members leaving the vestry and of diocesan delegates that choose not to run for a second term. This year the nomination committee consisted of Marc Fetterman, Kammie Hedges, Sam Lewis and Bob Woolfolk. By choice no diocesan delegates were on the committee. The Rector and the Wardens can appoint other members to the committee, if desired. This was not done this year.

The elections on May 3 will choose four new Vestry members and three Diocesan Delegates. The following Vestry members will continue in office: Kate Bouvé (Sr. Warden), Jim Sottile (Jr. Warden), Christopher Holmes (Treasurer), Nathalie Bramson, Bill Edgar, Andrea Farr, Chuck Holmes, Keith Jones, Danette (Dani) Kauffman, Jennifer Thorson-Martin, Eric Melby, and Joanne Brainard (WSA Board Rep). Marc Fetterman, Kammie Hedges, Sam Lewis, and Bob Woolfolk are completing their terms on the Vestry.

## Voting

Voting on May 3 will begin at 8 am and close when the Annual Meeting begins. There will be no voting while worship services are in progress.

## Vestry

Four candidates will be elected to the Vestry. The four top vote-getters will be elected for full three year terms.

### Ruth Cline



St. Alban's has been my spiritual home since 1972. I was a cradle Episcopalian, and Bill was received after we both attended Adult Inquirer's class. I worked for many years as a government translator of French, Spanish, and Portuguese while our two daughters were involved in choir, acolytes, and church school. The whole family trained as lay readers in the 1980s, and I spent four years as a co-director and drafted its manual. Thus I personally appreciate and support our Christian-education and music programs.

In a career change I pursued graduate study at Georgetown University in Medieval and early American history and received a Ph.D. in 2000. As a member of the committee that organized Jubilee 150 in 2004-5, I wrote *Chronicle* articles and the script for the parish video and delivered and taped a lecture series. On History Day in September 2006 to celebrate Scott's new ministry, I noted that we were still a mission church at a crossroads, open to all comers. Northwest D.C. is becoming more densely-

populated, however, with new high-rises filling up with potential parishioners and more people in need of spiritual and tangible support. I anticipated greater demands on our local outreach ministries. I predicted a closer relationship with the National Cathedral, requiring negotiation to ensure cooperation while preserving our identity and independence. All have come to pass.

I am presently a member of the Arts and Memorials Committee and have edited the brochure and conducted tours of our magnificent stained-glass windows. Having lived in France and Brazil (with one daughter's family in New Zealand), I support increasing our international and local outreach. More interaction with our former missions in Northwest D.C., Alaska, Japan, the Philippines, and Bogotá, Colombia, might be enriching. Attracting more pledging members is critical to our spiritual vitality, financial stability, and building programs.

The early records of St. Alban's intrigued me, and I welcomed the opportunity to write its history. Recently-published *Church at the Crossroads* reveals an inspirational story showing the importance of individual action and the tremendous impact of coordinated efforts. Communication and consensus-building have been the

key to our success as a parish, and the vestry deliberations together with the rector's leadership are at the heart of the decisions we make. Participating would be a great honor.

### Martha (Marcy) Fisher



I have been a member of St. Alban's parish since 1990 when I returned to the DC area with my two-year-old son. A major part of my story at St. Alban's revolves around raising that child as a single parent. I don't know how I would have done it without your support.

Through this parish, I have learned a great deal about the value of community. Being a healthy and loving community is not easy, but it is worth the enormous effort it takes. One of the contributions I have tried to make to our community has been as co-chair of Foyers. Although I became a Foyers participant with some serious reservations, I have come to value the activity as one that builds relationships and, by doing so, weaves a strong community foundation.

### If you are not able to vote on May 3 ...

Stop by the Parish Office weekdays between 8:30 and 4:30 pm for an absentee ballot. Results of the election will be announced during the Annual Meeting and posted on our website by 9 am, Monday, May 4.

I am also a lay reader, an activity I find immensely rewarding and enriching and I am a first year student in Education for Ministry. Last fall, I coordinated the parish collection and sale of coats, an effort that was tremendously successful thanks to all of your donations and the help of an extremely capable committee.

I am a cradle Episcopalian raised at St. John's, Bethesda, and confirmed at the National Cathedral.

I manage federal housing programs for low-income families working as a consultant to local housing agencies or HUD. My career has provided me leadership and management skills that I hope may be useful to the vestry.

### Kim Hurst



As a member of St. Alban's for just over 2 years now, I am a relative newcomer. I was not raised in the Episcopal Church; I

attended Episcopal schools and became a confirmed member of St. Martin's Church (Williamsburg, VA) in 1996. I am health care consultant for an international human resources consulting firm. For the past 12 years, I have helped large corporations and non-profit organizations manage their financial obligations by negotiating for health care benefits on behalf of my clients and their employees. I share my life with a very large yellow lab, Maddox, and a rich community of family and friends.

Since joining St. Alban's, I have been the beneficiary of many invitations to come deeper into the parish community; I am grateful for the opportunity to be an active member of the body of Christ. For the past year, I have been a

member of the Hospitality Commission and co-leader of the Greeters. I am currently nearing completion of Stephen Minister training.

I feel passionately about welcoming all – the faithful, the seeker, the doubter – into our community. I would love to see each and everyone of us become a greeter – welcoming newcomers and long-timers with love and compassion.

As a relative newcomer, I believe that I would bring a different perspective to the vestry – the perspective of someone who very recently chose St. Alban's as my church home. I would like to extend that warm and loving hand to other newcomers.

### Richard Parkins



My involvement with St. Alban's began in 1990 when I joined the parish. Since then I have

served on the committee which established the Crossroads Shelter, served as a lay reader and worked with the parish's feeding ministries – Grate Patrol and Christ House. I shall soon be trained as a Stephen Ministry leader. For the past 14 years I served as Director of Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) – the refugee and immigration advocacy and assistance arm of the Church with 26 affiliate offices nationwide.

Having retired in 2008, I am eager to deepen my involvement in the life of the parish which has been a constant source of spiritual nourishment and fellowship for me. As a member of the vestry, I would seek to work in enhancing the parish as a dynamic center of spirituality that seeks to play a

transformative role in the life of our community.

My professional life has included a time as a college teacher, a federal program manager concerned with civil rights and later refugee issues followed by an extended tour with The Ford Foundation in India and Nepal, a stint with the Asian Development Bank in Malaysia, and overseas assignments with the UNDP in Jamaica and the World Bank in Thailand. For the past 28 years I have been involved in refugee and immigration work and recently served as Chair of the Refugee Council USA – a coalition of 25 NGOs concerned with refugee rights issues. As director of Episcopal Migration Ministries, I represented the Church in meetings of the World Council of Churches focusing on internal displacement and migration and have visited refugee situations in West Africa, Sudan, and Tanzania. Currently, I serve as Executive Director of American Friends of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan (AFRECS) – a network of Episcopalians and Episcopal institutions who partner with the Episcopal Church of the Sudan in securing a just and stable future for that war ravaged country.

### Sherwood (Woody) Pierce



My family and I have been members of St. Alban's Parish for over thirty years. My eldest

daughter was married here, Frank Wade married my younger daughter down at River Farm, my grandson was baptized here and my granddaughter will be this Easter.

I was confirmed at the Episcopal school, Choate, but was not an active church member for a while. After my marriage, my wife, Nan, and I worshiped at a number of Episcopal churches in Connecticut, but found them cold, stark and forbidding (like the one in which I was raised) and it wasn't until we moved to Washington and found St. Alban's did we experience the uplifting spirituality of such a loving community.

At first, our main involvement was to be active Foyer's participants (founding members of the legendary group that continued to meet for twelve years), but my career in international finance and project development required me to be away for lengthy periods. Consequently, it has been Nan who has been more involved in the extended life of St. Alban's. Two years ago I assisted her in organizing the St. Alban's Thanksgiving dinner and for the last ten years I have been member of the hand bell choir.

Things change; not only in our parish but the whole Anglican community. We have weathered the storms fairly well but there still are many challenges ahead. I would welcome the opportunity to help keep (and grow) this faith filled parish the warm welcoming tent that it is.

### Ann Ramsey-Moor



It amazes me to realize that I've been involved at St. Alban's for almost a decade now. What event-

ful years these have been! Since becoming a member in 2001 (my husband Andrew, our daughter Deborah and I were all confirmed by Jane

Dixon that spring), I've covered many ministry bases. I've made pesto for J2A fundraising dinners (for the 2002 pilgrimage to Ireland); attended WIN actions; and gone to New Orleans to muck out flooded homes in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. I facilitated focus groups at the outset of our most recent rector search. I've been a Lay Reader for the past eight years. Three years ago, I became coordinator of our Eucharistic Visitor ministry, training and supervising the EVs who take Communion to ill or infirm St. Albanites in their homes, at hospitals, and at The Washington Home. During the 2007-2008 season, I was one of three co-chairs of the Every Member Pledge campaign. That same year, I also was one of four St. Albanites who met regularly with several members of the new Cathedral Congregation on a Covenant Committee to discuss the ins and outs of our relationship on the Close and prepare a document to help guide and govern it.

Last spring, together with Andrew, I embarked upon my most challenging and rewarding ministry yet: chairing the Sunday Forum Committee. It's genuinely exciting to work with this committed group of parishioners to develop Christian education programs that can nourish and inspire all adults in the parish. The possibilities are almost unlimited; and as we explore various theological and ethical issues, examine current events from a faith perspective, and keep abreast of developments in the Episcopal Church and our sister denominations, we are drawn together as Christ's people in an inexorable and compelling way.

In daily life, I am both an ethicist and an editor. For almost seven years, through the Interdisciplinary Health Care Ethics program at Howard University College of

Medicine, I've taught students in five health care professional fields -- Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Nursing, and Allied Health -- how to think through the complicated ethical issues they'll encounter in practice. I also have an editorial business called Well Care for Words, and several decades ago founded and edited a quarterly newsletter/journal for a national organization seeking full equality for women in the churches. Avocationally, I am a seasoned choral singer -- a proud member of The Washington Chorus. I also love hiking in the national parks and enjoy live theatre and films.

What special qualities do I have to offer as a candidate for Vestry? I am a good listener who remembers names. I know people from all four St. Alban's services; and what matters most to them is of concern and interest to me. I deeply believe that while these are difficult times, learning to pull together and "bear one another's burdens" will make us stronger as disciples and as a Christian community. Finally, I take very seriously the job of representing members of the parish. I would count it both an honor and a privilege to serve St. Alban's further as a member of our Vestry.

### James (Jim) Tate



When I said "yes, I accept the call to present myself to be a member of the Vestry and to work

cooperatively to help manage the temporal affairs of the church," I had to ask myself why do I think I am worthy of such a responsibility? My church background includes the Lutheran Church of my mother's family, the Southern Baptist Church of my father's family, and the Episcopal

Church in which I was baptized and confirmed as a child. With this as my background, I try to follow Christ's teachings and work to follow the example of the apostles. My work career as a wildlife biologist has been in the natural sciences, philosophy, and education. Philosophically, I strive to continue to learn, and grow as a person. And, perhaps most importantly for the Vestry responsibilities, I have experience in managing public facilities, budgets, and people. I want to bring those talents to bear to help serve St. Alban's as it continues to grow into this new century with its many challenges. My wife, Lin, and I came to St. Alban's about ten years ago. We have become part of this church community in many ways, including ushering at the 11:15 service, participating in the church's feeding programs and fundraising activities, in its educational activities, in Foyers, in the Faith and Everyday Leadership program, in the Parish planning workshops, and by initiating the BlueBag program- a ministry which helps travelers carry with them a big blue duffle bag containing clothing, medicines or school supplies to be distributed to the needy in the countries they visit. I intend to continue in my service to others through the Millennium Goals and the programs of the St. Alban's Church Community because to paraphrase Scott's recent sermon, St. Alban's is not the Church I go to, it is the church I am from.

### Eve Zartman-Ball



We knew from the minute that we visited St. Alban's, it was the place for us and we relish being

our true selves in its commun-

ion and finding others with that same spirit of joy in service. St. Alban's was more than just a good daycare and church, it embodied the ideal world in which we wanted to raise our child. A church in which anyone could serve Christ as they were called to, and what mattered was the content of your character not your zip code, orientation, country, sex, color, or resume.

While here I have served through the transitions of two ministries - as President of the Board of the St. Alban's Early Childhood Center and Children's Ministry programs (Church School, VBS, Catechesis) . My paying job is as the Senior Director of Public Affairs & Advocacy for a Non-Profit and I have formerly worked in other trade associations, PR agencies and in many facets of politics; as well as on other boards such as the Optical Women's Association and My Sister's Place.

My husband flourishes in lay ministry, my child embraces greeting at the church and Washington Home, my sister has found her church and career home, and my niece has been baptized and transformed through Grate Patrol. St. Alban's has given us so much, I can only ask but to continue to serve in gratitude and grow in God's calling whatever it may be.

### Diocesan Delegate

St. Albans Parish has five lay delegates to the Diocesan Convention. This year two will be elected for full three terms and one for a partial term of two years. The top two vote-getters will serve for three years and the next vote-getter will serve the partial term. The person receiving the fewest votes will serve as an alternate.

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## Michele Bond



I grew up attending St. Alban's, was confirmed here in 1966 and have been a member of the

parish for almost 50 years. Cliff and I were married here in 1982. St. Alban's has given so much to our family. Our four children have been nurtured and lovingly guided by fellow parishioners and the clergy, and when they were young we were busy with Sunday school, vacation Bible camp and other activities. I am energized and inspired by our diverse, engaged and welcoming congregation, the energy, warmth and dedication of our clergy, the splendor of the music program and the range of ministries and initiatives we engage in together. I am a member of the Altar Guild and the handbell choir, and have recently become a Lay Reader. Inspired by an article that Kitty Bayh contributed to the St. Alban's Chronicle a couple of years ago, I tutor once a week at the Washington Literacy Council, an experience I heartily recommend.

I joined the Foreign Service in 1977 and have served at diplomatic missions in six countries. In my current assignment at the Department of State, I am responsible for ensuring that we provide sensitive, efficient, responsive assistance to American citizens overseas, both for routine services and during crises. I am a good listener, and – thanks in part to our large family and frequent moves – have developed a talent for building consensus and finding common ground. I would welcome the honor of representing St. Alban's as a Diocesan Delegate.

## Paul Brewster



When I was asked to stand for Diocesan Delegate, I thought back to my previous four year tenure on the ves-

try. Those were probably the most exciting times in the life of the parish that my wife Linda Vitella and I have witnessed in our 25 years here. They included the search for Scott, service with Frank and Carlisle and the building effort. Our meetings were lively and event filled. So it was with surprise that I found myself saying "yes" to this call. I miss this element of service in my life and enjoy the challenge. The dislocation caused by this present economic downturn has and will stretch the Diocese, our parish and ourselves.

During the past year I've embarked on my first year in the Education for Ministry (EFM) program. The ritual associated with a common meal, discussion and reflection has encouraged me to renew my commitment to the Episcopal way of life. I've continued as a Lay Reader and cherish every opportunity to read the scriptures and serve the church.

In my life outside church, I'm an information technology consultant but my best times are watching my Lindsay and Heather grow into young women.

## Edmund (Ed) Frost



I am seeking a second term as Diocesan Delegate for the purpose of building on the relationships which

started forming during my first term. This includes current discussions about starting a stone carving curriculum at the John Walker School in Anacostia, and the prospect of seeking addi-

tional responsibilities with the Diocese. I would also enjoy continuing to be an identified part of the St. Alban's team.

I have been a member of St. Alban's for most of my adult life. Molly and I have raised four children here and I have participated in parish life in many ways including Parish Choir, lay reading, stone carving, and as a member of the vestry. I served as chair of the Christian Education Commission in the 1980's, participated in the founding of the Samaritan Ministry, and represented St. Alban's at the Community Council for the Homeless as a board and executive committee member, chair of the long-range planning committee and co-president.

Looking toward the future, I want to encourage expanding outreach from St. Alban's to the whole community. I also want to hold up as an example St. Alban's positive experience in supporting a diversity of ministries.

## Amanda Hobart



A life-long Episcopalian, I have been a member of this diocese forty-five years, an active member of St. Alban's

for sixteen. I'd like to be more deeply involved in our Parish's life and future. I believe my background qualifies me for the Delegate's role.

My various assignments with the Federal government, non-profits, and corporations include: Training and administration for the Adams-Morgan neighborhood redevelopment in the 60's; heading the Lady Bird Johnson D.C. Beautification Program; integrating the Levine School of Music into our city; initiating a children's education program while Board Chairman of The Wash-

ington Opera; programming Canadian Arts' first performances in the U.S.; coordinating social programs for children of Ireland after The Troubles with caregiving organizations in England and the U.S.; working for Hillary Clinton in the White House. These experiences have made me adept on different social and interpersonal levels, moving new ideas and reforming necessary programs.

Leadership with a broad and compassionate view is required. My background of service as program initiator, editor, public information officer, and personnel assessor is pertinent: The HHS and NIH Ethics Advisory Board; Leadership America's community advancement efforts; The President's Committee on the Arts; the Promotions and Performance Board at the State Department; and, twice, public election to the Board of WETA. In the Diocese, but another parish, I initiated the first between-service forums, a city outreach program, and a regular after-services community luncheon.

It would be an honor and privilege now to serve St Alban's with our Diocese.

## CALL FOR ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 3rd. So it is time to get your reports written and emailed to me to be included in the Annual Report to the Parish. Reports are due to me no later than Friday, April 10th. It will be a big help if your report is created in Word and e-mailed to me as an attachment. In the past, reports included: Reports from the clergy, Senior Warden's Report, Junior Warden's Report, Treasurer's Report, Stewardship Pledge Campaign, Transformation Fund Report, Building Committee Report. This does not limit other groups, ministries or guilds from including a report. All reports are welcome. They do not have to be long; one page or less is usually sufficient. —Eric G.