



The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church **November 23, 2018**

In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

Blane; Savannah Benton; Edwina Johnson; Jeanne Aycocock; Bobby Thomas; Eddie Farmer; Don Lester; Ryleigh Corcoran; James Powers; Edward Leon Graham; Jim Pair; Courtney Hay; Steve Landcomer; Donna Hubbard; Rachel; Rhonda; Eric; Family & Friends of Alice Mary Simmons; Gail Hammond; Lisa; Richard Emmons; Mrs. Valentine; Ron

Please pray for our Vestry and Clergy:

Marty Atkinson; Libby Martin; Marvin Gray; Judy Terry; Stan Brassie; Bob Emmons; Nicole Richards; and Rev. Pat Merchant



St. Alban's Intercessory Prayer

Group - Every **Tuesday** morning at 11:00 a.m. you are invited to come and pray for the needs of our church, our people, our community and nation.

If you would like for us to pray for someone or something special, please fill out a prayer card, which is found on back of the pews. You can place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Bible Readings

Readings for This Week:

II Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-19
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Readings for Next Week:

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-9
I Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Got Vergers?

Why, yes we do! There is a verger in every congregation whether one has been officially identified or not. The Verger's Guild of the Episcopal Church describes a verger as a full or part-time, paid or volunteer whose ministry is largely exercised behind the scenes. Vergers are sometimes described as the "Master of Ceremonies", because they are facilitators for all services of worship. All verger's efforts are specific to his/her parish and under the direction of the rector. They all have a love of helping and service to God.

As I "mature", I found that I'm more and more drawn to the study of Episcopal history, liturgy, traditions and love of reading and studying scripture while serving God in whatever way he leads me. When I found the Episcopal Church in 2006, I found my home, a place where all my interests and personal beliefs could happily co-exist. I enjoy helping the many groups in our parish and organizing in general.

I am currently a member of the St. Alban's Choir, Altar Guild and Women's Bible Study Group. I also am a member of the Verger's Guild of the Episcopal Church and the Mark Emory Graham Verger's Chapter of the Diocese of Atlanta. To better serve my Parish and Diocese, I am working to complete the training program, so I may become a Fellow Verger in the VGEC.

On The **first Sunday** of Advent, **December 2, 2018**, during our regular service there will be a brief commissioning ceremony. I would be honored to have you all attend and support me.

God's blessings,

Riley Tucker

Bishop's Blub

Blessed!

'You are blessed,' is what I say to people every **Sunday**. 'Blessed!' Some people nod and some even shed a tear. Some people's eyes stare upward, seeming to make a mental list of their blessings. Gratitude is a funny thing. It penetrates us-moves us to do good things. God things. Most consistently, gratitude drives us to share. With this **Thanksgiving** holiday, I pray we'll be overcome by the recollection of the ocean of blessings that we've received because of the goodness of God. And, that refreshed by this awareness such sharing will flow from us that we can hardly bear the joy of giving.

Happy **Thanksgiving**

Pause and Give "Thanks"

Many, many thanks to all that provided food for donation to F.I.S.H. to assist the less fortunate in our Walton community. The St. Alban's Altar was presented with an abundance of foods that was blessed **last Sunday** and delivered to F.I.S.H. this past week. We are sure God used these gifts to nurture those in need.



Looking Forward to Upcoming Events: Advent and Christmas

On **Dec 2**, we will have the honor of investing Riley Tucker as a new Verger. We have several visiting vergers from the Diocese to join us for worship and to support Riley.

Our annual Christmas Party will be on Saturday evening, **December 15** at the McDaniel Tichenor House.

On **December 23**, we will have a **Christmas** Pageant at the morning service. Please Let Shirley, Pat or Sam know if you would like to participate.

*Please let Pat know if you would like to participate in a Secret Santa/Friend during Advent this year.

"Celebrations"

Happy Anniversary!

November 26 - Joylou & Ron Mullis

Happy Birthday!

November 24 - Savannah Hammond

November 25 - Jim Sweeney

November 26 - Stan Brassie

November 27 - Bob Hay

November 30 - Ellis McDaniel

December 1 - Jane Hoglen

"Announcements"

Welcome! We welcome Rev. Claiborne Jones [this Sunday](#) as our guest priest. Rev. Jones has been with us before and it is always a pleasure to have her at St. Alban's!

Rev. Pat will be back at St. Alban's on [Thursday, November 29](#).

Pledge Cards - Thank you to everyone who presented your pledge card for blessing [last Sunday](#)! If you have not turned in your pledge card, please try to do so as soon as possible. For those bringing it with you on [Sunday](#), just drop it in the collection plate during the service. You can also mail the card to the church or drop it by the church office on a weekday. Additional pledge cards are available in the Narthex on the round table, if needed. Thank you!



St. Alban's Christmas Party

[Saturday, December 15, 2018](#)

6:00 p.m.

McDaniel-Tichenor House

319 McDaniel Street

Monroe, GA 30655

Please join us for our Annual [Christmas Party](#). Meat, mixers, and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring a festive side dish or dessert. Also, please sign the attendance sheet provided on the round table in the Narthex. *Childcare will be provided at the church.*

Directions: From the church, turn left on N. Broad St./GA-11; Turn right onto McDaniel Street.

VESTRY ELECTION 2019

At the end of 2018, two Vestry members, Marty Atkinson and Libby Martin, will rotate off the Vestry. We are asking for nominations of people to fill these two positions.

Qualifications are as follows:

- 1) Confirmed communicant in good standing of the Parish.
- 2) Not less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- 3) Regular attendant upon the services in the year preceding

- election.
- 4) Known by the treasurer to have made and maintained a stated financial commitment for church support in the year preceding election.

Please submit your nominations in writing to one of the Vestry members or to the church office. Nomination forms are available on the round table in the Narthex. Please return forms by **January 1, 2019**. The election will be held at the Annual Parish Meeting in January.



Tai Chi Classes
Thursdays - 6:30 p.m.
Instructor - Bill Carter
\$2.00 per Class



Women's Bible Study

The St. Alban's Women's Bible Study will not meet this upcoming **Tuesday**, Nov. 27th. Please join Pat and this enthusiastic ladies group the following week as the holy scripture is discussed using many references from the CEB Women's Bible.

November & December Calendars 2018

Lay Liturgical Schedule Fourth Quarter 2018