



The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church January 11, 2019

In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

Blane; Edwina Johnson; Jeanne Aycock; Bobby Thomas; Eddie Farmer; Don Lester; Ryleigh Corcoran; Jim Pair; Richard Owings Emmons; Jim and Marian Sweeney; Jackie Reddick; Charles Henson; Mary Jane; Bob Lindsey; Donna Hubbard; Karen McGraw

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:

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Readings for Next Week:

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
I Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Pat's Perspective

Dearly Beloved,

One of the many famous quotes from Albert Einstein is "imagination is more important than knowledge." Many people think this is surprising as he is known for his intellectual brilliance.

In order to solve complex problems the seeker must be able to see through and beyond what is learned. Your imagination guides you to pursue a question. A good question can lead to hundreds of

more questions.

In order of our faith to be alive we question and look for answers. These answers will work for a time, but usually new questions emerge. Questions like: At what point did Jesus know that he was the Son of God? In what ways was Jesus imperfect? or Was he perfect? What does it mean to be perfect? Did Jesus practice what he preached?

One question becomes the basis of many. This is what makes faith alive. It feeds the heart and soul of curious people who want to know Jesus more truly. This takes energy and a consciousness for growth. In every relationship we have, the more we love the more we want to be better at understanding those we love.

After [Christmas](#) and New Year pass, I hear stories about the different ways we gather and celebrate. It is the practice and tradition to gather together at [Christmas](#) with our families. For many people who are separated from their families and are alone, or have small families, this is a lonely time. Often after a death it can be terribly painful, all the reminders of the absence of someone so precious.

The New Year offers an opportunity to make different choices about celebrations and what is it that is missing for you at this time of year. How could next year be different? Imagine you will be starting new traditions, what would you want to change or include?

Epiphany is the time we celebrate the Manifestation of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the fact that God is with us. What spiritual questions do you have for yourself. What questions and considerations do you have for your family. What would you like to change in your life and in your faith?

Life up your hearts!

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Bishop's Blurb

Speed-up

When the bible finishes its story, we are left with an image. It's a gathering of people, a family reunion. Every nation, language and tribe. We've all got on long white robes, and palm branches in our hands. And we're singing, all of us. Singing, "[thanksgiving](#), power and might be to God forever!" In that place there's no hunger, no homelessness, no wealth and no war. No more tears! No divisions. Just with God. In God. Raindrops returned to the ocean. Reconciled, Repaired, Rejoicing. But for now, we have the grace of knowing that we can speed up this day with our words and with our deeds. [Revelation 7:12](#)

Looking Forward to Upcoming Events

[January 20th](#), St. Alban's Annual Meeting for 2018

"Celebrations"

Happy Birthday!

January 11 - George Hart
January 14 - Mary Ann Lindsey

"Announcements"



A N N U A L P A R I S H

Meeting

St. Alban's Annual Meeting for 2018 is Sunday, **January 20th**, immediately following the worship service. Please mark your calendars to be here on that day. We will have a potluck lunch, then the short meeting. The financial report for 2018 and reports from all the Vestry members will be presented. We will also elect two new members to the 2019 Vestry. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet provided on the table in the Narthex.

The two people nominated by the current Vestry to serve a three year term (Libby Martin and Marty Atkinson are completing their terms) are Riley Tucker and Chick Krautler.

Charles (Chick) Krautler

Charles (Chick) Krautler, a lifelong Episcopalian, moved to the Georgia Club with his wife, Pat, in 2017. They transferred their letter to St. Alban's in 2018. A native of Maryland, the Krautlers raised their two children in Annapolis where they were active members of St. Margaret Episcopal Church. Chick served on the vestry and chaired a search committee. They relocated to Raleigh in 1994 and Atlanta in 2000. Chick was Director of the Atlanta Regional Commission. Pat was an elementary teacher and administrator. Both retired in 2011.

Riley Tucker

(Biography is not yet available)

Due to personal concerns, Judy Terry has recently resigned from the Vestry. She served loyally for 2 years, but has one year remaining. The Vestry asked, and June Reid accepted, to serve Judy's remaining term.

June Reid

June B. Reid is a Special Education teacher for students with intellectual disabilities at Loganville High School. Prior to becoming a teacher she was a Police Lieutenant for the Auburn University Police Department in Auburn, AI for 10 years. Her family is the most important thing in the world to her, she has two daughters, Sydney 17 and Gabriella 15. Her partner and she have been together for over 23 years. She was a state record holder in the shot put in high school and went on to college and competed for Auburn University as a shot put, discus, and javelin thrower on a full scholarship for athletics. She was a Girl Scout growing up and a Girl Scout leader for 10 years, she runs a special needs coffee shop at school, a special needs cheerleading squad, and is a sponsor for the Partnership for Success Club at Loganville High School. She is also the throwing coach for the track and field team. When she is not busy, she enjoys music, riding her motorcycle, and kickboxing. She was raised in the Episcopal Church in New York and baptized at the oldest Episcopal Church on Long Island, St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, NY.

Christmas Poinsettias - The Poinsettias used to decorate the church for **Christmas** are in the parish hall. You are invited to take as many as you like!



Tai Chi Classes

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

Please Note: There will be no class on Thursday, January 31.



Women's Bible Study

The St. Alban's Women's Bible Study meets every **Tuesday** at 1:30 p.m. Please join Pat and this enthusiastic ladies group as the holy scripture is discussed using many references from the CEB Women's Bible.

[January & February 2019 Calendars](#)

[Lay Liturgical Schedule 1st Quarter 2019](#)