



The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church January 25, 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; Jackie Reddick; Charles Henson; Mary Jane; Bob Lindsey; Donna Hubbard; Karen McGraw; Jo Ann Powers; Wilmer L. & Willodean Smith; Jackie Rolison; George; Dean & Mary Ann

Please pray for our Vestry and Clergy:

Marvin Gray; Stan Brassie; Bob Emmons; Nicole Richards; Chick Krautler; Riley Tucker; June Reid; 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:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
I Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

Readings for Next Week:

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
I Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Pat's Perspective

Dearly Beloved,

Thank you to everyone for attending the annual Parish Meeting last week, for bringing food, and for participating in our review of the 2018 year. If you would like a copy of the Report on 2018, there are copies available at church. We elected June Reid, Riley Tucker and Chick Krautler to the Vestry. Libby Martin is going off the Vestry, but is serving on the Search Committee and Chick is Chairing the

Committee. He will be the liaison. Many thanks to Marty Atkinson, Judy Terry and Libby Martin for serving on the Vestry.

On [Tuesday, January 22](#), the Vestry met and elected Riley Tucker to serve as Senior Warden and Bob Emmons to serve as Junior Warden. Following the [February 5th](#) Vestry Meeting, we will report to you our plan for this year's work.

On [Tuesday](#) night, we had a good discussion about our prayers for individuals and families. We shared how difficult it is to pray for someone when you do not know what the prayer request involves. We are going to ask people to give us some information and the prayer request will remain on the list for a month. Please, if you wish for prayers to continue longer than a month, email or call the church office and request these prayers to continue.

An example would be: Joe Smith...healing from pneumonia; Mary Jones for discernment; Harry Huff for courage. Praying for people who are in grief only needs to say prayers for grief, prayers for a grieving family, prayers for the death of our mother. We truly believe in the power of prayer. Our prayers need to connect to our hearts and minds so that we may ask God more specifically for help.

This week, in particular, please pray for Karen McGraw, Jan and Dennis Abernathy's daughter-in-law. Karen has been recently diagnosed with metastatic cancer. Also, please pray for Mary Jane Mallady for her eyesight.

Lovepat

Bishop's Blurb

Power

Back with "power" comes Jesus, Luke says. Power for the return to familiar surroundings as different. Power to be among people who raised you, only transformed. Power to teach where you formerly learned. Power to read the holy book differently-power to see yourself in God's ongoing story. Power to stand where you used to sit. Power to see the spirit's power to smear newness on us for the sake of the poor. Power to speak release to captives and sight to the blind. Power to speak freedom and God's favor. Power to endure the piercing gazes that accompany power.

[Luke 4:14-21](#)

Looking Forward to Upcoming Events

March 5 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - 5:30 p.m.

March 6 - Ash Wednesday Worship Service - 6:00 p.m.

"Celebrations"

Happy Birthday!

January 30 - Savannah Thomas

January 31 - Fay Brassie

"Announcements"

Vestry News - At a special meeting of the Vestry on [January 22](#), Riley Tucker was appointed Senior Warden and Bob Emmons was elected Junior Warden. Congratulations!

Chairpersons of Committees:

Stan Brassie - Outreach
Bob Emmons - Worship
Chick Krautler - Priest Search and Communications
Nicole Richards - Pastoral Care
Riley Tucker - Newcomers and Parish Life
June Reid - Christian Education
Marvin Gray - Building & Grounds

If you are interested in serving on any of the above committees, please contact the chairperson.

Vestry Meeting -The next Vestry Meeting is Tuesday afternoon, [February 5](#), at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the conference room and is open to anyone who would like to attend and observe. If you would like to address the Vestry, please contact Riley Tucker, Bob Emmons, or Rev. Pat.

It's a Girl!! Elizabeth James (Betsy) Warren was born on [January 23rd](#). The proud parents are Amarie & Bo Warren. Congratulations!!!

SAVE OUR ADOLESCENTS FROM PROSTITUTION THE SOAP PROJECT

[Saturday, January 26](#), 2019 - 9:30 am - 3:30 am
All Saints' Episcopal Church
634 West Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta's Commission on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) is a body of concerned lay and clergy representatives whose mission is to consolidate our efforts and provide resources and networking support to parishes who are working to end DMST.

DMST is a national problem; Atlanta is one of the top sex trafficking hubs in the United States. In Atlanta alone, the underground commercial sex economy is estimated to be worth approximately \$290 million a year, with traffickers making an average of \$33,000 per week.

On [Saturday, January 26](#), 2019 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, the Commission invites you and representative from all 114 worshipping communities in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta to participate in SOAP UP Atlanta, an educational and interactive service event. We will learn from the founder of S.O.A.P., Theresa Flores, who will share her personal experience of being trafficked at age 15. We will prepare to distribute the soap we label (with the National Trafficking Hotline) to the hotels surrounding the Mercedes Benz stadium. We will do this work just before Super Bowl 2019 is hosted in Atlanta; sex trafficking is known to increase around such large events.

Please register to attend: <https://tinyurl.com/supersoap2018>

We are asking for 2 to 3 people from each congregation to participate.

Please choose from the following:

1. Parish to donate \$150 to help pay for soap and expenses.
2. Label soap and prepare educational folders.
3. Deliver soap and materials to hotels.
4. Participate in all of the above.

Donations Welcome - Please make donations payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, Memo: DMST Commission SOAP UP Atlanta; 2744 Peachtree Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30305. Donations may also be made online through the registration website.



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 Parish Calendars 2019](#)

[Lay Liturgical Schedule First Quarter 2019](#)