

SANCTUARY

Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Elberton, Georgia

Calendar

Sundays, Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
(Eucharistic Prayer Form C)

Sunday, August 13, SafeHouse
Sunday

Sunday, August 20, vestry meeting
after Eucharist

August 13, John Thompson-Quartey,
diocesan Canon for Ministry, to
preach, lunch afterward and meeting
on congregational development

No Sunday School or Bible Study
until September

August Birthdays

August 1, Mary Randall

August 16, Steve Jenkins

August 16, Thomas Barclay

August 25, Allen Nicas

Prayer List

Betty and Richard, Mary, Mary S., Ray
and Dolores, and others in our hearts

Rector's Reflection



Sunday the sixth of August is the feast of the Transfiguration.

It's the time when Jesus is changed and God sends His angels to be present with Jesus as well as human witnesses: Peter, James, and John. A cloud, a sign of divine presence, envelops the angels, the humans,

and the representatives from the past, Moses and Elijah. A voice speaks proclaiming that Jesus is the son of God. It's an important feast in our church although more is made of it in the Eastern churches than by us in the West.

It's important for us to look at our own lives and see if there are moments when we've been transformed, times when the past, present, and future were all together and we felt very close to God, enveloped in a cloud of divine presence.

Most of us haven't had anything nearly that dramatic happen in our lives, but there might have been times when we felt a slight pushing or pulling on our souls to make a change. A big one or a small one. A pulling or pushing that brought us closer to God and then a pulling or pushing to go out and do something about it. I think transfigurations and transformations happen to us all the time. The question is, what new path do they lead us down?

Blessings, Fr. John Keeler+

Mr. Peyton Samuel Hawes Jr.

June 27, 1937-July 19, 2017



A service was held for Peyton S. Hawes (see obituary on p. 3) at St. Alban's at 11 a.m. on Friday July 28, 2017. Peyton S. Hawes IV, Lachlan McIntosh Hawes, and Jane Long delivered the readings, and Gregory Battle Hawes and Taylor E. C. Hawes gave Reflections on a life well-lived by their father. The Rev. John Keeler officiated, Nancy Seymour acted as crucifer, Charles Higgs was organist, Allen Nicas greeted, and Carole Coggins was responsible for Altar Guild duties. Hymns were "Amazing Grace," "Abide with Me," and "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God." Carole Coggins counted attendance at 84.

The reception at the Samuel Elbert Hotel following the service was also well attended.

Mr. Peyton S. Hawes (cont'd)

Mr. Peyton Samuel Hawes Jr., age 80, of Elberton, Georgia, died July 19, 2017, of cancer. Peyton is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Mary; his children, David, Gregory, and Taylor; his grandchildren, Peyton, Lachlan, Catherine, Alicia, and Samantha; his brother, Alexander, and his sister, Mary Minor; his daughter-in-law, Rachael Ryan, and his son-in-law, Rob Buirgy. Peyton was preceded in death by a son, Peyton Samuel Hawes III.

Peyton was born in Elberton in 1937 to Peyton Samuel and Virginia Smith Hawes. After graduating from Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a member of the Order of Gimghoul.

After college, he earned his law degree from the University of Virginia and subsequently joined the Attorney General's office in Georgia. From 1963 to 1966, he worked on civil rights issues during that fraught time. In 1966, he went into private practice with Jones, Bird and Howell; and in 1970, he became a founding partner of the law firm Cofer, Beauchamp and Hawes.

At the same time, Peyton served as a member of the Georgia legislature, representing much of Atlanta. With 650,000 constituents, he was Chairman of the Fulton County Delegation and helped found the Urban Caucus. He also served as Chairman of the Georgia Democratic Party and was a member of the Gridiron Club.

In 1974, he left the legislature and became the Fifth District member of the board of the Department of Transportation. There he worked to expand what is now the Downtown Connector and prevent an interstate from cutting through the residential neighborhoods around Emory University.

In 1980, he left public service and devoted his work to his law practice. In the course of his career, he argued before the Fifth Circuit and wrote briefs for the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribune. Much of his later practice was on behalf of the Georgia Textile Manufacturers.

Even before retiring from the law and certainly afterward, Peyton dedicated himself to the family farm in Elberton. For years he has built a home there that has bound three generations to the town he grew up in. Though he left Elberton as a young man, he made sure that it remains near and dear to his extended family.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Episcopal High School, 1200 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302.

A service for family and friends from the Elberton area will be held on Friday, July 28, at 11 a.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, with Father John Keeler officiating. Following the service, a reception will be held at the Samuel Elbert Hotel. A celebration of life service will be held in Atlanta in the fall.

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St. Alban Photos



Thomas Barclay on
his first Sunday as
acolyte, June 23.
Thomas has also
been helping at St.
Alban's by greeting
and ushering at
services. Thomas is
the son of Ashley
Moore Barclay and
grandson of
Suzanne Moore.

Tammy Clay, St. Alban's
resident painter, at work.
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