

# SANCTUARY

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

## Calendar

Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m. (Eucharistic Prayer Form C). June 12, SafeHouse Sunday

No Sunday School or Bible Study  
June through August

June 13, Vestry meeting, 6 p.m.,  
vestry room

June 19, Bishop Whitmore's visit.  
9:30 a.m., coffee with vestry. 10:30,  
Eucharist. 11:30, catered lunch in  
parish hall with opportunity for  
members to talk with bishop.

June 11, St. Barnabas, Apostle

June 24, Nativity of St. John the  
Baptist

June 29, St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles

## June Birthdays

Robyn Keeler, June 12

Arlene Whitlow, June 14

## Prayer List

Ann, Audrey, Betty & Richard, Bill,  
Bob, Brad, Carole, Diane, Dolores,  
Ethan, Jenny, Michael, Mike, Mike  
T., Paula, William, and others in  
our hearts, especially the Dove  
family.

## Rector's Reflection



We are now in the Season after Pentecost. The season begins on the Monday following the feast of Pentecost and goes through the feast of Christ the King, which is the Sunday before Advent.

This season is called Ordinary Time to separate it from the two great cycles of the year, Christmas and Easter. These might be thought of as extraordinary times. The season is not "ordinary" in the usual use of the word.

The color we use during this time is green. It reminds us of living things and all of God's creation. It also reminds us that all living things require water and nourishment to grow and be what they were designed to be, to live into their potential.

The season after Pentecost, the long green season, stretches from late spring through summer and into fall. It gives us time to reflect on the church's mission in the world, the Great Commission, and how we are a part of it. It gives us time to reflect on the promises made at our baptismal vows, to take a fresh look at them. It gives us time to reflect on how to live the Christian life, to reflect on the grace from the two cycles we have experienced and to prepare to more fully celebrate them as we pass from Ordinary to Extraordinary time.

*Fr. John Keeler+*

*Remember Bishop Whitmore's visit on June 19.*

*A catered lunch will follow the Eucharist.*

## In the Library

Andrea called my attention to one of the smallest books in our church library, *Think Small*, a collection of Volkswagen cartoons and short articles about cars that was distributed “compliments of your Volkswagen dealer.” The cartoon at the right is a product of Mischa Richter. Among the other writers and cartoonists represented are Charles Addams, William Steig, Harry Golden, and Virgil Parth.

You never know what unusual books you might find at our library. Come in and have a look.



“Oh, oh! I’m afraid it’s not going to turn out to be as old a civilization as we thought.”



## Members at Play

The 2016 Rotary Golf Tournament: (Above) Steve Jenkins and Joe Johnson from the First Flight, Second-Place team. Not pictured: David Anderson and Todd Voyles. (Right) Nancy Seymour with Lita Miller, her granddaughter Alex Oglesby, and Alex’s Mother Kate Miller.



## *From the Vestry Minutes of May 9*

Fr. John presented the rector's report about his continuing activities at St. Alban's and in the community. Bible study and Sunday school will be suspended during the summer months. He will meet with Bishop Wright in June or July when the Bishop's schedule permits.

Ms. Slocumbe, the junior warden, stated a plumber needs to be called to see whether the outside water faucet can be made functional to preserve the plants during the dry months. She volunteered to do so; the vestry approved.

Under old business, Fr. John presented Jason Brady's quote of \$250 to replace the hanging strip of aluminum siding at the end of the building facing Church Street and \$365 to repair the leak in the sacristy. Motion was made and seconded to accept this quote; motion passed unanimously. Fr. John will call him on Tuesday.

Also under old business, Fr. John stated he will continue to try to connect with Tony's Electric Service about the outside light in the back and other needed electrical work.

Under new business, Fr. John presented Charles Romine's letter of resignation from the Episcopal Church and St. Alban's and Debra Romine's letter of resignation from the vestry. Mr. Romine is still willing to train a new treasurer on the accounting software. Ms. Keeler stated she will volunteer to act as treasurer if someone who is not married to the rector will act as a co-treasurer. The vestry approved asking Anne Jaudon if she would be willing to take on this role.

Fr. John stated the vestry will need to decide whether to replace Allen Nicas and Debra Romine on the vestry. Canon law does not specify the number of members a vestry must have. A replacement for the term of Debra Romine would serve until the annual meeting in January 2017; a replacement for Allen Nicas would serve until 2018. The vestry approved Fr. John's asking Anne Jaudon if she would be willing to serve out the term ending in January 2017.

The vestry approved having a catered lunch for Bishop Whitmore's visit on June 19. No strong opinion was expressed about whether Bishop Whitmore should meet with the vestry with or without Fr. John; Fr. John will ask Bishop Whitmore his preference.

Fr. John asked the vestry to think about what to do when Mary Randall retires at the end of this year: hire another administrator or seek volunteers to do parish administration. (Ms Randall has stated she will continue to do scheduling for servers.) Regarding Fr. John's attaining age 72 next February, the vestry will need to decide by August whether they want him to seek an exception from the Bishop and the Church Pension Fund in order to continue to serve.

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Vestry

Steve Jenkins, Sr. Warden

Marilyn Slocumbe,  
Jr. Warden

Louise Martin

Suzanne Moore

Robyn Keeler, vestry  
secretary

Robyn Keeler and Anne  
Jaudon, co-treasurers

## Summer Fun



(Right) Holman and  
Sara Haley at this  
year's Magnolia  
Estates picnic.

## Pictures from the Past



Our two Caroles:  
Carole Oglesby  
(above) and Carole  
Coggins (left)



