

# SANCTUARY

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

## Calendar

Sundays, Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.  
(Eucharistic Prayer Form B until Trinity  
Sunday, when Form C begins).  
Sunday, May 13, SafeHouse Sunday

Sunday, May 6, Vestry meeting after  
Eucharist

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School  
(until Memorial Day weekend, when  
summer recess begins)

Mondays, noon, Bible study (until  
Memorial Day weekend, when  
summer recess begins)

May 12, community workday for  
SafeHouse Ministries (see p. 7)

May 12, Letter Carriers' Stamp Out  
Hunger Food Drive (see p. 7)

May 20, Day of Pentecost

May 27, Trinity Sunday

June 10, cookout at Nancy and Joel  
Seymour's lake house, 5 p.m.

## May Birthdays

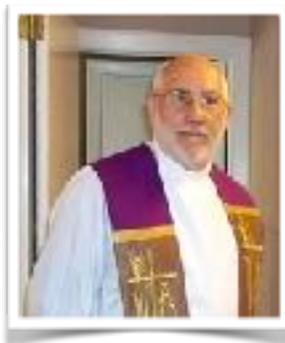
May 17, Carole Oglesby

## Prayer List

Anna and the mission to Prague,  
Betty & Richard, Carole O., Cathy,  
Dennis, Herschel, Jackie, James,  
Jason, Laura, Mary S., Natasha and  
the members of the PCOM, Ray and  
Dolores, and others in our hearts.

*Prayers for the departed:* Mary and  
others in our hearts

## Rector's Reflection



We are approaching the end of the Easter Season. The responses to the Easter Acclamation are getting weaker each week. We're looking ahead to what comes next. The day of Pentecost is the culmination of the Easter Season. It's time to ask ourselves: What do we take with us, what will sustain us during the long green season?

Are we looking for a change, a new look at the old, an opening up of the scriptures, a new breath of the Holy Spirit, blowing the clouds to let us see more clearly?

We'll read each week from the Old Testament, Psalms, Epistles, and the Gospel. We'll experience stories and statements that can enlighten us, teach us, and sometimes confuse us.

This season after Pentecost we should be open to the voice of the Holy Spirit to sustain us by opening not just our minds but our hearts as well.

We should be open to the fresh wind that came into the world through the resurrection and stays active in the world through the Holy Spirit!

We should embrace, be part of the change, the new look at the old, the opening up, the adventure that's waiting for us.

Blessings, *Fr. John Keeler+*

## *From April Vestry Minutes*

Robyn Keeler gave the treasurer's report. We have recently received some very generous donations totaling \$8,604.31, which more than balanced the (hopefully temporary) \$4,000 decline in the Merrill-Lynch account since the end of January.

In his senior warden's report, Charles Duke said that, with Fr. John Keeler and Allen Nicas's help he has replaced the high altar lights. There was discussion of replacing the hot water heater, but the vestry decided to leave it alone as long as it continues to work. The furnace vent cap is a job for the future. Charles intends to trim the bushes around the church.

Fr. John Keeler gave the rector's report. The services in Easter Week were very nice and very well attended. He and other ministers are trying to grow the Ministerial Association in Elbert County. He is trying, as always, to be a presence in the community and show that the Episcopal Church in Elberton is alive and well.

Under Old Business, Fr. John said that Steve Jenkins will do the necessary legal work connected with the lot on Lake Russell that the church has accepted. Fr. John still is working on the sign matter, looking around the church to make sure there are no spare signs before checking on prices of new ones.

Under New Business, the vestry considered a query by Ashley Barclay on whether St. Alban's would be willing to cover part of Thomas's fees for Camp Mikell this summer. Anne made a motion that the church pay half the cost of Thomas's attending the camp. Natasha seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Fr. John called our attention to copies of an email from Wynn Callaway that had been handed out. The subject was church insurance coverage. Fr. John's understanding is that we don't need to take action; we seem to have the type of coverage we should have. However, he will contact Wynn Callaway to make sure this is the case.

A second hand-out concerned a Leadership Study Day presentation to be given at St. Matthew's in Snellville on Saturday, May 12. Fr. John feels that attending this presentation may benefit us in charting a course for St. Alban's in the future. He will have the information sent out to members by email. [Note: This event has been postponed until later in the year.]

Louise Martin, Vestry secretary

## Easter Week

The Easter Week services, most of which were ecumenical, were well attended: Maundy Thursday (St. Alban's), 32; Good Friday (St. Alban's), 30; Good Friday (Eliam), 35; Easter Sunrise (First Methodist), 35; Easter (St. Alban's), 21. The ecumenical services were put on jointly with First Methodist, First Presbyterian, and Eliam Methodist churches. After the Maundy Thursday service at St. Alban's we served refreshments downstairs in the Parish Hall. Parishioners from the various churches seemed to have a good time eating and socializing together.



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## Spring at St. Alban's



(Above) A view from the  
hall window. (Right) Our  
palm tree looks a lot  
taller up close. (Below)  
Barbara's bench would  
be a lovely spot to sit and  
meditate on a spring day.



# Thank you, Mary!



## Obituary for Mary Randall

Mrs. Mary Isabel Davey Randall, 83, of Anderson Highway, Elberton, GA, died Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

Mary was born on August 1, 1934, in Canton, Ohio, to William E. Davey and Delilah Brown Davey. She was educated at Sacred Heart High School in Atlanta, Georgia, University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, and Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia.

She worked for the Federal Reserve Bank, Retail Credit Company (now Equifax), was then hired by Southern Bell, and retired after thirty years. After retiring she was a training director for Byers Engineering Company, then Vice President of MTP Engineering Training Company, She was a certified FIFA soccer referee and worked for the Decatur/Dekalb Soccer Association. After coming to Elberton, she worked at Truett McConnell College, Athens Technical College, and volunteered at Elbert Memorial Hospital.

She was a member, Parish Administrator, and Verger at St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

She is survived by daughter Mytra D. Randall of Long Creek, South Carolina; sons Michael D. (Barbara) Randall of South Lake Tahoe, California, and Matthew D. (Faye) Randall of Elberton, Georgia; grandson William E. Randall of Folsom, California; step-granddaughters Christy (David) Hendrix of Elberton, Georgia, and Kerry (Joe) Byrum of Anderson, South Carolina; step-great-grandsons Adam, Nathan, and Michael Hendrix of Elberton, Georgia.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Richard Alton Randall.

Mrs. Randall was cremated, and a memorial service will take place at a date still to be decided.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials in Mary's memory to the Elbert County Humane Society or to St. Alban's Episcopal Church Funds to be used for altar goods.



## SafeHouse Letter

Happy Spring from SafeHouse Ministries! The cool weather will soon fade away and warm, sunny days will be our forecast. Just as seasons change throughout the year, we too have seasons at SafeHouse. Sometimes it's a busy season, sometimes it's slow. Sometimes it's a dry season, sometimes it's a season of harvest. Sometimes we are preparing for what's to come, sometimes we are reaping the benefits. With that being said, we are focused on preparing for the harvest and then we plan to reap. We have several projects ahead of us and can't wait to see what all God does in 2018 through SafeHouse Ministries as his vessel.

Time to prepare! We have planned a community **workday for SafeHouse Ministries on Saturday, May 12**. We have a lot that we hope to accomplish this day and need any and all volunteers to show up early to help us. We plan to finish a few paint projects, move some old/damaged items to the dump, and clean up shrubbery and bushes. We also have a granite marker donated to SafeHouse that needs to be set, as well as an outdoor bathroom to finish. We could also use female workers to help us move/organize clothing to an outside facility. SafeHouse will provide drinks and snacks for all workers. Plan to begin at 8 a.m. at the SafeHouse Ministries Resource Center (old Coke building).

Also, on **May 12 is the twentieth-sixth annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**. SafeHouse Ministries will be the recipient of this campaign for Elbert County. We ask that everyone please mark their calendars and place a bag of food at your mailbox on Saturday, May 12. The following Monday or Tuesday (May 14 or 15) we will meet at the post office at 9 a.m. to pick up all the donated food. If you would like to help with pick-up, please contact our office at 706-213-7657. We are so thankful for the letter carriers' participation in this event, and also the JROTC from ECCHS who are always eager to help.

Last, we are looking for places to come and share about the progress happening at SafeHouse Ministries. We operate solely on donations from churches, businesses, and individuals. We covet everyone's prayers and cannot thank our volunteers enough that help keep this ministry running smoothly. However, without funds and donations, we cannot operate. We would love to update your organization, school group, community group, or church group with the most up-to-date news about SafeHouse Ministries. The more involved we can become in our community, the more people we can reach. Please do not hesitate to call and set up a speaking engagement with some of our team, or a tour of our new operations facility, SafeHouse Ministries Resource Center.

Sue Beitzel, Director, SafeHouse Ministries









