

SANCTUARY

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

November Calendar

Sundays, Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m. (Eucharistic Prayer Form C). Nov. 26, Morning Prayer

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school (discussing current events). No Sunday School on Nov. 26

Sunday, November 12, SafeHouse Sunday

Sunday, November 19, vestry meeting after Eucharist

Mondays, noon, Bible study (studying Exodus)

November Birthdays

Oct. 20, Dolores Jefferson

Prayer List

Betty and Richard, Carole O., Cathy, Elijah, Jackie, James, Jason, Holman, Mary, Mary S., Matthew, Ray and Dolores, all those impacted by the hurricanes in Puerto Rico, and others in our hearts.

Rector's Reflection



We have just finished the Triduum, three days, that falls at the end of October and the first of November each year. The first day is All Hallows' Eve, which falls on the day before All Saints' Day, always the first of November, followed by All Souls' Day.

If we look at the readings for these special three days, we are reminded of the past. We're reminded of the people whose lives have been such fine examples for us that we call them saints. These are people from the distant past and the more recent past that we remember at various times throughout the year and collectively on All Saints' Day.

We also remember those whose lives have been linked with ours through family, events, or chance. We remember as the year is coming to a close those who have gone before us and what they left for us. We should resolve as we remember them to make our own lives memorable for those who will come after us.

It's a time for remembrance and renewal as we prepare for the Advent season.

Blessings, Fr. John Keeler+

From October 8 Vestry Minutes

Charles Duke gave the senior warden's report. He is in the process of getting estimates for the tree touching the roof and for the rusted-out vent.

Fr. John Keeler gave the rector's report. He will be absent from St. Alban's the Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 26). Morning prayer will replace the Eucharist that day, which will be a white Sunday, after which we will go blue for Advent. The blessing of the animals is scheduled for this afternoon (October 8) at St. Andrew's barring rain.* The Rev. Jim McCollough, pastor of First Methodist Church, and Fr. John are trying to form a ministerial association in Elbert County.

Under business, Charles reported that the church sign out by the fairgrounds is gone; Fr. John said he will call the city and ask for permission to replace it. We also need to check whether the church sign on the Lexington Highway is still there.

Anne Jaudon brought up the get-together at the church scheduled for October 29 at 5 p.m. She and Marilyn Slocumbe will confer on the menu. Charles agreed to make his ever-popular bread. Marilyn and Anne need a head count of how many will attend.

As an item of new business, Fr. John said it is about time to send out stewardship letters. He has been thinking about what to say. Charles suggested it would be good to explain St. Alban's finances and why members' contributions are needed.

The next meeting of the vestry was scheduled for November 19 after the service. There will be no December vestry meeting; the annual church meeting will take place in January.

Louise Martin, Vestry secretary

*The blessing of the animals was postponed until the next Sunday, October 15. See p. 3.

Marty Barclay, son of Ashley Barclay and grandson of Suzanne Moore, has been helping us out at St. Alban's on Sunday mornings by giving out bulletins and greeting parishioners as they arrive for Eucharist.



Blessing of the Animals 2017

Fr. John joined the Rev. Susan Louttit-Hardaway, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, at Hartwell on October 15 for the blessing of the animals that has become an annual event.



I wonder what the Rev. Susan Louttit-Hardaway is pointing out to Fr. John in the photo above—maybe the horses in the photo below. They were the most striking animals to be blessed this year. Numerous smaller animals were in attendance as always.



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Fifth Sunday Dinner



On Sunday October 29, there was a brief Comp-line service at St. Alban's followed by a lasagna dinner and fellowship in the church hall. (Left) Charles Duke, Fr. John Keeler, Suzanne Moore. (Below) Jerry Rucker, Anne Jaudon, Allen Nicas, Robyn Keeler, Andrea Martin. All seem to be having a great time.



Thanks to all those who contributed food and drink to the evening, especially Marilyn and Anne, who were in charge of arrangements. (Left) Charles takes a well-deserved rest after making his famous bread.

