

# THE WINDOW

St. Alban's Episcopal Church



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

## ST. ALBAN'S MOTHER'S DAY FOOD DRIVE

While St. Alban's parishioners bring impressive amounts of food for the hungry in Tucson week after week, for some 30 years we have made a special push on Mother's Day in honor of our mothers or other special persons in our lives. Again this year, we invite you to bring non-perishable groceries to St. Alban's on or before Mother's Day (May 12). You can also give a monetary donation through checks made payable to St. Alban's with "Mother's Day" noted in the memo—this is equally helpful, as food items can be purchased very efficiently in bulk. Forms to indicate in whose honor or memory you are donating food or money are available on the table in the narthex. You are not limited to honoring mothers—you can give food or a monetary donation in honor or memory of sisters, daughters, cousins, aunts, or friends. On a later Sunday in May, we will give thanks for and remember those in whose memory or honor your gift was given.

## VESTRY MINUTES

In the interest of transparency, we are making the minutes of each month's Vestry meeting available after they are approved. Minutes of the March 19 meeting appear at the end of this e-news, following the Order of Service and weekly calendar of events. To save paper, we will not print them in the Sunday bulletin, but worshippers will find them posted on the bulletin board. A link to the most recent minutes also appears at the bottom of the Clergy and Staff page of the parish website, <https://www.stalbansaz.org/clergy-staff>.

## SHOP FOR SHOES FOR "MORE THAN A BED"

More Than a Bed is a one-stop shop for families that have become foster parents in Tucson. From newborns to 18, foster kids can get a new bed, a needed car seat, clothes, shoes, and toys through this agency. This year Grace Stockdale, the director, has asked for shoes. Every child feels a little bit more at ease when given a new pair of shoes. It's a very big deal to have your very own shoes that are brand new. Our Outreach Committee is giving parishioners a \$25 gift card to Target or Walmart to pick out a pair! We have purchased the cards with outreach money, but we're letting you do the shopping! Any size, any color, it's your choice! This is a new idea that may or may not be as fun as we thought, but let's **make it happen!** Please drop your purchase off in the parish hall. We can't wait to see what you buy! If you choose to buy an extra pair... THANK YOU!

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 2

In June, July, and August, we will return to a summer worship schedule, with one service at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. The single service is a great opportunity for 8:00 and 10:00 worshippers to meet each other and renew friendships. If you watch online, please note the change in start time.

## NATIVE PEOPLES

The people of St. Alban's acknowledge the original caretakers of the desert in which we reside. The indigenous habitation of the Tucson Basin dates back approximately 12,500 years, likely representing the oldest continuously inhabited area in what is now the United States. Contemporary native people that constitute our ethnographic history include the Akimel O'odham, Apache, Hopi, Maricopa, Yaqui, Tohono O'odham, Yavapai, and Zuni people. —Source: *friendsofsaguaro.org*

**Memorial Service  
Joan Slater  
Saturday, May 4, 10:30**

## **CALLING ALL ACOLYTES AND HOPEFUL ACOLYTES!**

We need help over the summer months. I especially appeal to the young people who are not going on vacation or to camp and 8 o'clock attendees. If you are interested please let Laura Kemp know at 520-308-0205 or [kemp.laura@yahoo.com](mailto:kemp.laura@yahoo.com). We will organize a training session with all new and regular acolytes in early June.

## **SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS IN JUNE**

From June through August, St. Alban's Choir embraces the informality of a Tucson summer. We don't robe or process, and we take a summer break from weeknight rehearsals. We do meet at 8:15 each Sunday morning to learn an easy anthem and sing it at the 9:00 service that day. And we do invite you!

There's no audition—just come to the church at 8:15 a.m. ready to sing. Singers with any level of musical experience are welcome. A supportive group of choir regulars will be there to show you the ropes.

Our anthem might be a hymn, an easy, familiar piece, or a simple unison song that you can pick right up. Why not come and give it a try? Come for as many summer Sundays as you want, even just one.

## **CAMERA OPERATORS NEEDED**

Our team of video camera operators for live-streamed services could use a few more persons, especially as summer approaches. The streaming means a great deal to those who cannot attend in person due to illness or travel. Consider helping out. We'll train you (it's not difficult), and communion will be brought to you on the Sundays you're on duty. Contact Karl Trader in the parish office: 520-296-0794 or [albanslife@stalbansaz.org](mailto:albanslife@stalbansaz.org).

## **GRADUATES**

The parish office is compiling a list of spring graduates. If you or your daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, etc., will be receiving that high school or university degree this spring, please email the name of the graduate, relation to you, name of the school, degree received, and anything you'd like to add about future plans to [stalbans@stalbansaz.org](mailto:stalbans@stalbansaz.org), or call 520-296-0791 so that proper notice may be taken in a later May bulletin.

## **A HEARTFELT THANK-YOU**

St. Alban's extends gratitude to David Dutra for handcrafting the beautiful communion cushion holders near our altar rail. The holders provide some sacred space for storing the cushions when not in use and protect them from previous storage on the floor. Thank you, David for the beautiful additions to St. Alban's sanctuary!

## **FORWARD DAY BY DAY**

The new issue of Forward Day by Day for May through July is available in the narthex. Many use this daily devotional, with a suggested Bible reading, short meditation, and prayer for each day. Feel free to take a copy and use it at home! There is no charge, but consider making an offering to defray costs.

## **THE REV. DICK BROWN MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The late Rev. Dick Brown attended St. Alban's frequently during the lifetime of his wife, Ruth, herself an Episcopal deacon. Dick and Ruth both sang in our parish choir. Dick's memorial service will be held this coming Sunday, May 5, at 12:45 p.m. at the Vail campus of Desert Skies United Methodist Church, located in "The Peak" cafetorium at Mica Mountain High School in Vail, 10800 East Valencia Road, Tucson.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS FROM "THE MESSAGE"**

Our Scripture readings throughout the Easter season will use the translation from *The Message*. First published in 1997 and twice revised since, *The Message* consciously strives to render the biblical text accurately and in idiomatic contemporary American English. It is the work of the late Rev. Eugene Peterson, a Greek and Hebrew scholar, with advice from expert panels in both biblical languages. The entire translation is available online at <https://messagebible.com/>.

## **A PRAYER FOR HEALING OUR COUNTRY**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease, that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **AN EASTER AFFIRMATION**

We sing of God the Spirit,  
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,  
animating all energy and matter  
and moving in the human heart.  
We sing of God the Spirit,  
faithful and untameable,  
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.  
The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy  
not only in what is familiar,  
but also in that which seems foreign.  
We sing of the Spirit,  
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing  
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,  
transforming us and the world.  
We offer worship  
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe  
and a practice of opening ourselves  
to God's still, small voice of comfort,  
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.  
Through word, music, art, and sacrament,  
in community and in solitude,  
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world. Amen.

## **THE BREATH THAT MOVES IN ME**

*"Abide in my love."*

—John 15:9

Christ, you are the breath that moves in me,  
the heartbeat that makes me alive.  
I breathe in your love; I breathe out your love.  
Your compassion is the earth that holds me.  
Your delight is the sun that warms me, and energizes me.  
Your love is the vine I grow from,  
the root of my being.  
Your love is the path I walk, and the forest.  
Your love is my little boat, and the wind, and the sea.  
When I am brought low or exalted, you hold me.  
When I am challenged you enable me.  
I will not let go of the grace that clings to me;  
I will not abandon the mercy that never turns from me.  
I will not flee from the love that enfolds me.  
I will stay. I will endure. I will abide.  
In your love, rooted as a branch in the vine,  
I will abide.

*Breath prayer:*

In your love ... I abide

—Steve Garnaas-Holmes

**Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 5, 2024, at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Organ Prelude**

*Maria zart*

Arnolt Schlick

**At 8:00: Entrance of the Clergy** (*stand*)

**At 10:00: Hymn 400, stanzas 1, 4, 5, 7** (*stand*) All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Easter Acclamation and Collect for Purity** (*BCP 355*)

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*All:* **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Gloria in excelsis** (*musical setting at 10:00: S-280*)

Robert Powell

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Spirit of love, abide in us and in our worship. Whisper your song of love in our hearts, that love may flow through every word we hear, every thought we think, every word we speak, and every song we sing. Spirit of power and grace, abide in us, that we may abide in our love and proclaim your song of love for all. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 10:44–48** (*sit*)

Lector: at 8:00 Tiny Read; at 10:00 Cynthia Nocon

*Lector:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

No sooner were these words out of Peter’s mouth than the Holy Spirit came on the listeners. The believing Jews who had come with Peter couldn’t believe it, couldn’t believe that the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on “outsider” non-Jews, but there it was—they heard them speaking in tongues, heard them praising God.

Then Peter said, “Do I hear any objections to baptizing these friends with water? They’ve received the Holy Spirit exactly as we did.” Hearing no objections, he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay on for a few days.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**At 8:00: Psalm 98** (*spoken responsively*)

Psalmist: Dottie Lewis

Sing to the LORD a new song, \*

**for he has done marvelous things.**

With his right hand and his holy arm \*

**has he won for himself the victory.**

The LORD has made known his victory; \*

**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*

**and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*

**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*

**with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*

**shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*

**the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,**

**when he comes to judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall he judge the world \*

**and the peoples with equity.**

**At 10:00: Choir Anthem**

*Easter Bells*

Peter Mathews

Young People’s Choir

**Second Reading: I John 5:1–6**

Lector: at 8:00 George Hall; at 10:00 Michael Owen

*Lector:* A Reading from First John.

Every person who believes that Jesus is, in fact, the Messiah, is God-born. If we love the One who conceives the child, we’ll surely love the child who was conceived. The reality test on whether or not we love God’s children is this: Do we love God? Do we keep his commands? The proof that we love God comes when we keep his commandments and they are not at all troublesome. Every God-born person conquers the world’s ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees is our faith. The person who wins out over the world’s ways is simply the one who believes Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus—the Divine Christ! He experienced a life-giving birth and a death-killing death. Not only birth from the womb, but baptismal birth of his ministry and sacrificial death. And all the while the Spirit is confirming the truth, the reality of God’s presence at Jesus’ baptism and crucifixion, bringing those occasions alive for us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**At 10:00: Hymn 489** (*stand*)                      The Great Creator of the Worlds

*Tallis' Ordinal*

**The Gospel: John 15:9–17** (*stand*)

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love. That's what I've done—kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love.

"I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father.

"You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you. But remember the root command: Love one another."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** (*sit*)

**The Nicene Creed** (*stand*)

All: **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People, Form III** (*stand or kneel*)

Intercessor at 8:00: Jim Lewis;  
at 10:00: Colleen Fabel Epstein

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for (\_\_\_\_\_); *and for* all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We honor and pray for our Indigenous neighbors,

**That we may dwell together in respectful harmony.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in (\_\_\_\_\_, *and in all*) the nations of the world,

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on (\_\_\_\_\_, *and on all*) those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to (\_\_\_\_\_; *and to all*) the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially for the care and healing of \_\_\_\_\_,  
and all others in our hearts and minds.

Let us pray for those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who  
will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Let us pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, let us pray for \_\_\_\_\_; and let us pray for St.  
Alban's Cathedral; and for \_\_\_\_\_.

And let us pray in thanksgiving for (\_\_\_\_\_; *and for*) all the blessings of life.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace** (*stand*)

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Announcements; Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

*BIRTHDAY:* Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. May they increase in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with God and man; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY:* Grant your blessing, O Lord, to your servants, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love, they may continue to honor and keep their vows and promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*GENERAL ANNIVERSARY:* Look with favor, O Lord, upon your servants affirming commitment to Christ. Give them courage, patience, and vision; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*ABSENCE DUE TO TRAVEL:* Watch over your servants, O Lord, while they are apart from us, and keep them safe until we are reunited with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine).*

*Kneel or stand at the altar rail. Wine is offered from the chalice.*

*If mobility is a challenge, please alert an usher. Communion will be brought to you.*

*Everyone is welcome to receive bread and wine at St. Alban's.*

### Offertory (sit)

**At 8:00: Organ Voluntary**

*Primi toni*

Schlick

**At 10:00: Choir Anthem**

*Set Me as a Seal*

René Clausen

*At the Presentation the People stand and sing*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Offertory Response

*Celebrant:* Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day.

*People:* **Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer C; stand)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People:* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People:* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.



*People:* **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,** (*music at 10:00: S-125*) Richard Proulx  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People:* **We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant:* Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People:* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant:* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*All:* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread, Great Silence and Fraction Anthem**

*Celebrant:* Be known to us, risen Christ, in the breaking of the bread.

*People:* **The bread which we break makes all of us one with you.**

## Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Communion

### Organ Voluntary

*Da pacem—Hoe losteleck*

Schlick

### Sending-Out Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread, one cup.**

### Post-Communion Prayer

*All:* **God of love, Spirit of everlasting life,  
our hearts now sing with a new song—  
a song of justice for the oppressed,  
a song of joy for the broken-hearted,  
a song of love for those who feel unlovable.  
As we live your commandment to love one another,  
may our lives bear fruit that lasts—  
the fruit of kindness and compassion,  
the fruit of friendship and welcome,  
gifts we share in your name. Amen.**

### Blessing

*Celebrant:* As God has loved us,

*People:* **so we will go to love those despised by the world.**

*Celebrant:* As Jesus has forgiven us,

*People:* **we will go to forgive everyone who has hurt us  
and to bring healing into their brokenness.**

*Celebrant:* As the Spirit calls us 'friends,'

*People:* **so we will go to befriend the outcasts,  
the lonely, and the lost of our society.**

*Celebrant:* Go then with God, Jesus, and Spirit, as the people of God.

*People:* **Amen.**

**At 8:00: Hymn 400, stanzas 1, 4, 5, 7 (stand)** All Creatures of Our God and King

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**At 10:00: Hymn 413 (stand)** New Songs of Celebration Render

*Rendez à Dieu*

**Dismissal (congregation responds "Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.")**

### Organ Postlude

*Salve regina*

Schlick

***The flowers are given to the glory of God  
by the Slater family  
in loving memory of Joan Slater  
and by Colleen Fabel Epstein  
in thanksgiving for a successful Preschool year***

## **NEXT EGG DROP MAY 8-9**

The next hard-boiled egg collection for Casa Maria will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, May 8 and 9. In partnership with our neighboring parish of St. Michael's, it's an easy way to help the hungry in Tucson. Boil the eggs, but do not peel them. Bring them in their cartons to the fridge in the parish kitchen during office hours. You may bring as many as you like; there is no minimum or maximum. St. Michael's will pick them up and deliver them to Casa Maria. Thank you for continuing to help the hungry in Tucson!

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. ALBAN'S**

### **Parish Office open Monday-Friday, 8:30-1:00**

Saturday, May 4	10:30 a.m. Joan Slater memorial service
Sunday, May 5	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8:55 a.m. Coffee Hour 9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m. St. Alban's All-Stars
Monday, May 6	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 2:00 p.m. St. Alban's Flute Circle
Tuesday, May 7	8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II 2:00 p.m. Book Study: <i>Falling Upward</i> 6:00 p.m. Young People's Choir rehearsal
Wednesday, May 8	8:30 a.m. Bring hard-boiled eggs to refrigerator for Casa Maria until 1:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Prayers for Healing 7:00 p.m. Parish Choir rehearsal
Thursday, May 9	8:30 a.m. Bring hard-boiled eggs to refrigerator for Casa Maria until 1:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys 2:00 p.m. Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
Friday, May 10	12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Fellowship

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St Alban's Vestry Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2024 5:00pm

Members Present: (ALL) David Baker, Bill Barlow, Jessica Field, Bob Gallerani, Tom Hines, Laura Kemp, Creston King, Dottie Lewis, Fr. Richard Mallory, Ed Morton, John Munger, Lynette Patton, Randy Trimble Guest: Bob Swift

I. Opening Prayer, 5pm - Dave Baker

II. Check in

III. Approval of Minutes of February Meeting - motion to approve, with amendment by Laura Kemp to update Dave Dutra's kneeler project; seconded and passed.

IV. Rector's input - Father Richard Mallory

Fr Richard expressed thanks for the approval of the pension increase.

Possible interest in an outdoor chapel, i.e. "Church in the Wild"

Discussion was continued by Bill Barlow about a possible outdoor service in Sabino with the idea of drawing people into something different. Tom Hines suggested signage changes to attract motorists along Sabino Canyon Road.

Proposal for a Vestry Retreat weekend or overnight to include work on a Vestry covenant; information coming. Jessica Field volunteered to check venues.

V. Treasurer's report - Ed Morton

Integration of the Preschool finances into St. Alban's financials continues with some difficulty due to peculiarities of the CDM+ accounting system. Discussions with Matt Frey, CPA, have indicated that an informal audit will occur sometime in June.

For budget purposes, the monthly comparison has adopted the Preschool budget projections as the database for 2024. Creston motioned to approve and it was seconded.

VI. Search Committee Report

Bob Swift updated the Vestry that the next Search Committee meeting is scheduled for April 18. At that time, the committee hopes to receive candidate names to review. Bob encouraged the Vestry to begin thinking of questions now to ask the candidates, and mentioned that Canon Anita said she would educate the Vestry.

VII. Endowment plan update explanation - Bob Swift

An endowment overview was explained. The plan is for a quarterly update to begin at the next meeting in April.

VIII. Other Business

Laura Kemp mentioned the need for new acolyte cassocks and robes. She would like to initiate a grant for the expenditure. Jessica Field volunteered to help Laura write the grant.

There is an Easter egg hunt scheduled on Easter Sunday.

Tom Hines would like the next newsletter to contain the parishioners who have already made a pledge. Lynette Patton suggested that personal thank you notes be sent individually. That might have a bigger impact. Kristen Flocco has the names and addresses of the pledges she has received.

John Munger suggested a cost of living increase (currently 3.2%) for clergy and organist. Should it be across the board or merit? It is a policy discussion for a later time.

XI. Preschool report

The most recent Boots & BBQ event was a success. There was a cake walk and silent auction; all items were sold or won. The figures are not yet in.

X. Junior Warden report - Bob Gallerani  
Landscape Update:

Phase 2 is nearing completion, more plants are being installed. Four large vases with plants have been placed in the covered walkway area. The plants were donated by Margie Matter.

The Courtyard will be next. The washout on the walkway leading to the Stations of the Cross area will be fixed soon with concrete lining with larger and smaller rock.

Tree Problem: A neighbor on the south boundary line complained about the mistletoe in our trees near her property. A meeting with the Production Manager of Landtamers Landscaping Company was on 3/18/24 to review the problem of six trees needing work. Five can be trimmed but one is dying and needs to be removed. A job estimate will be sent.

XI Senior Warden report - Creston King

A thank you to Fr Richard for agreeing to have a Vestry Spring Social again.

Creston brought up the need to have a Vestry retreat. He requested thoughts on what it should contain and if it should be overnight. The last retreat was three years ago. The group was asked to help with individual/partner roles, and interests in the following suggestions from Bob Swift:

1. A day long annual retreat with a social event on the previous night. The goal is for introducing new members.
2. Development of a 5 Year Vision for St. Alban's

3. Consideration of each vestry member becoming a “liaison” and have regularly reporting responsibility in the following areas:

- endowment
- outreach
- building and grounds
- music
- worship
- preschool
- treasurer
- stewardship chair
- website

4. With an occasional exception, the ideal goal is that the vestry “liaison” is part of a committee, not the chair or leader. Lay parishioners are the leaders of these committees. The goal is to have vestry representation, and that the Rector and Vestry are proactively kept up-to-date on all parts of ongoing church activities.
5. The overall “job” of the vestry is to hire a Rector, let him/her successfully run the church, and make sure that all the support and (reasonable) resources are available.

XII Closing prayer 6:15pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Franks