

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If you need to speak to someone immediately, we're here to help. Call the church office at 410-742-6595. Office hours (Monday - Thursday, 8 am -12 Noon). For after hours contact, please use the Emergency Pager: 410-380-7052. Leave a call back number and a Vestry member will contact you as soon as possible.

Handicapped Access: Please do not park in the space immediately in front of the sidewalk leading to the office door to provide easy handicapped access.

Farewell party for David and Diane Mitchell who are moving off the shore on Sunday, June 20th after the service. We would love to collect cards for them either prior to Thursday, June 17th at the church office or at the Service/Party to give them a St. Alban's departure with love and blessings.

The July Herald: The theme for the July Herald is "Patriotic Pictures" Please share your photos of things that celebrate the Red, White, and Blue. Email photos & articles by June 20th to stalbanssalisbury@gmail.com

Mini-chalices: Saturday, 6/19 between noon and 1:00 pm. If you would like to have a mini-chalice of bread and wine to use during the Eucharist section of the services, you may drive by the green awning at church to pick up a mini-chalice or wafer only. These are elements that were consecrated at a prior service.

Come enjoy a mid-summer evening of fellowship, good food and fun at Oaked 110 Restaurant in Snow Hill, same location as the former Blue Dog Café. Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 18, at 6 p.m. RSVP by Thursday, July 15 to Sharon Walsh at sharon.walsh68@gmail.com or 410-749-0426.

Link to Vestry Minutes and Financials:

Please click [HERE](#) for the approved Vestry Meeting Minutes and approved Financial Statement.

(Minutes and Financial are posted once they are approved.)

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 20 (Father's Day)
Holy Eucharist Rite II Service, 9:30am

LECTORS: Dee Rinehart, Vic Evans

TECH TEAM: Maarten Pereboom, Beth Jones

GREETER: Arlene White

VESTRY PERSON/USHER: Vic Evans

ALTAR GUILD: Debbie Rossi

Sunday, June 26:
Morning Prayer Rite II Service, 9:30am

On Sunday, June 13 we had 36 people attend in-person, we had 10 people join us via Zoom. and 11 livestreaming on Facebook! Come and join us!

The St. Alban's Reopening Task Force and the Vestry have begun to look at the guidelines sent out by the Diocesan Reopening Task Force regarding post-pandemic protocols. These will be coming out in stages and may continue to be modified.

As of June 6

- we will no longer ask people to sign covenants, pre-register for services, or sign in when entering the building.
- we will no longer follow disinfectant protocols for cleaning.
- prayer books have been returned to pews and may be used, as well as kneelers / cushions.
- we will allow Eucharistic visits in homes if all parties are vaccinated and agree to the visit.

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Happy Birthday

Micah Southern-Fox 6/16



Happy Anniversary

Rod & Pat Layton 6/17



Dear Members of the Diocese of Easton,



As announced in an email to the clergy as well as in the June 9th edition of the Diocese of Easton Enews, there are three meetings scheduled this week in order for the Constitution and Canons Committee to receive your comments and feedback concerning the proposed revisions to the Diocesan Constitution and Canons.

The meetings are scheduled on Zoom.

- **Tuesday, June 15th, 7pm, Northern Convocation:** [Zoom Link](#)
- **Wednesday, June 16th, 7pm, Middle Convocation:** [Zoom Link](#)
- **Thursday, June 17th, 7pm, Southern Convocation:** [Zoom Link](#)

If you are unable to attend the meeting which has been scheduled for your convocation, please come to one of the other meetings. There is no requirement to register, simply come and give your insights.

In order to learn more about the proposed revisions, please [visit the new page](#) on the diocesan website. This page has been designed and dedicated to providing information about the revision process. And, if you are not able to attend any of the Zoom meetings this week, you are encouraged to leave written feedback using the diocesan website.

We will hope to see you some evening this week.

Peace,
The Rev. Canon Patrick A. Collins
Canon to the Ordinary

The St. Alban's Reopening Task Force and the Vestry have begun to look at the guidelines June 13 Decisions

The Vestry called a special meeting on June 13 to discuss 3 additional issues related to re-opening. We continue to monitor COVID information related to hospital admissions, deaths and vaccination rates. We considered comments that you have shared with us as well as recommendations by the CDC and the state. We realize that our decisions today may change in the near future due to changing conditions. Thus we ask for your patience and your feedback as procedures continue to change and evolve. Our decisions are based on the needs and wants of our St. Alban's family which may be different from those of other churches.

We will continue to offer on-line worship for those individuals who prefer that format or who are still not comfortable coming to church in person. For those individuals who have chosen or will choose to return to in person worship, we continue to move toward what was accepted as "normal."

Social distancing -

Rationale: For those who are fully vaccinated, social distancing is no longer deemed critical.

Guidelines:

The front area of the nave from the breezeway doors forward, including all pews and 1 row of red chairs, is open with no restrictions regarding social distancing. You may sit wherever you choose, with whomever you choose. The back of the church, primarily with red chairs, will still have social distanced seating. People are asked to wear masks in that section and not sing. People will self-select where they wish to sit and feel the most comfortable and safe.

Normal use of bathrooms will resume.

Masks -

Rationale: While masks are still considered effective and protect those who wear them and those with whom one comes in contact with, masks are now being recommended rather than being required. Individuals who have been vaccinated are at less risk and thus this restriction has been loosened. Masks continue to be required in certain stores, large group venues, airports and airplanes, and medical offices for example.

Guidelines:

Masks are no longer required in general in church or on church property. People are free to continue wearing them if they choose to, except in the back of the church where they will continue to be required to provide a safer environment in that section of the nave.

Singing -

Rationale: Singing was initially limited due to the increase in aerosols containing the virus when singing took place, particularly at full voice. Some research has shown that singing softly does not produce any larger quantity of aerosols than speaking. Since singing has been an integral part of our worship experience, it has been sorely missed by many.

Guidelines:

Beginning June 20, we will resume congregational and choral singing softly for vaccinated people. We will maintain the current limits of verses (2-3 verses per hymn) and add one piece of service music to the service. We wish to maintain an overall time limit of 70 minutes for the service.

The choir will sing once per month through August, from their traditional seats in the chancel. The choir will be singing June 20, with future dates to be announced to the congregation for anyone who does not wish to be in church that day due to a possible increase in aerosols.

Again, we appreciate your patience as we continue to loosen the restrictions that were placed upon us. We will continue to review protocols on a regular basis. Please continue to contact any Vestry member with your questions and concerns.