



From our Interim Rector

Dear friends in Christ,

The ancient writer of Ecclesiastes wrote: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. . .” (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

You and I have entered a season of time together. An interim season of ministry usually lasts 12-18 months, and my prayers are that as your temporary spiritual leader, we can do some deep, faithful, good work together. We will do a timeline of St. Alban’s parish history, so that all—newer members and older members—will have a good grasp of WHO the parish has been from its inception in 1960 until today. As we look at history, it will be crucial that we note the good, the bad, the ugly. For example, we will try to see and understand better the underlying, subtle, or overt tensions or conflicts. Or patterns. You may notice patterns, like the historic, strong current of lay leadership in this parish. Lay leadership has been important to the parish and to the Diocese of Easton. That is good, and at the same time, it’s important to note that not all ordained leaders sync with a parish with such strong lay leaders. Is this good? Is it bad? Is it ugly? Well, that depends on one’s perspective. But the bottom line is that it is a truth, so it is a truth from which we will work.

The five tasks before us are: 1) Coming to terms with history; 2) Discovering a new identity; 3) leadership changes during an interim; 4) Renewing denominational linkages; and 5) Commitment to new directions in ministry.

There is no question that some of this will be challenging to you, either in your head or your heart. Yet as we journey together in this season, I invite you to see it as liminal time: a time to pray and reflect, a time to discern YOUR gifts, perhaps a chance for you who are strong leaders to mentor one or two new folks to step into their God-given opportunities to do greater ministry than before. As the Vestry and I work together, I ask you to wonder with us how St. Alban’s can live more fully into the Great Commission that Jesus left us with at the end of Matthew’s gospel: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 19-20).

Jesus is with us on this journey. In fact, he is leading our parade. May we be blessed in this season of time together.

Faithfully, Sheila+

June Worship and Events

Summer Worship Schedule (June 7-August 30):

- 8:00: Rite I – Spoken
- 9:30: Rite II

To view, Sunday morning services click the following link: St. Alban's Church Salisbury
<https://www.youtube.com/@stalbanschurhsalisbury9651/streams>

- **June 6: Eucharistic Minister Training (9am-Noon; Eucharistic Visitor Training (1-3:30pm)**
- **June 8 – Litany for the Nation – 5:30 p.m.**
- **June 12 - Lunch Bunch at Green Hill, 12:30pm – RSVP Muffet Reath**
- **June 15-19 – Mother Sheila at Claggett Center**
- **June 19 – Juneteenth – office closed**
- **June 20 – Juneteenth parade 3:00 p.m. – downtown Salisbury**
- **June 21 – St. Alban's Feast Day/ Father's Day**
- **June 23 – Vestry Meeting**

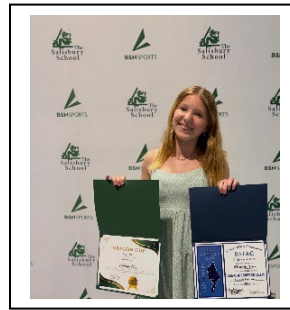


FALL AUCTION 2026

Check out our bulletin board to see how you can help! Our next meeting is June 7th after the 9:30 am service – come and join us (Faith Room)!

Congratulations, Charlie Cox!

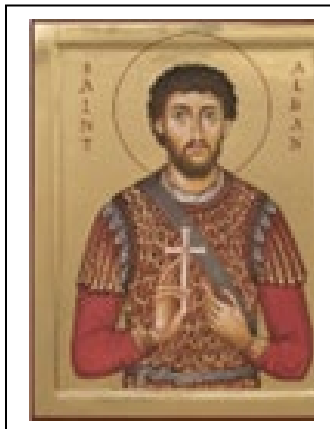
Charlie received the “Dragon Cup” from her cross-country team, an all-around favorite award, and earned All-Conference honors at her school’s athletic banquet. She also set a new personal milestone, becoming the fourth-fastest woman in school history and the 10th-fastest in the conference. Congratulations, Charlie!



We celebrate the Feast of St. Alban's on June 21

Who was Alban? *From St. Alban's Cathedral*

Hertfordshire, England



St Alban's Cathedral is the oldest site of continual Christian worship in Great Britain, from small pilgrim church to huge abbey and monastery, to parish church and cathedral. We have an inheritance of faith that has stood firm through reformation, civil war, plagues, and pandemics, and our faith reflects that of St Alban, Britain's first Martyr, who was killed for confessing “I worship and adore the one true and living God.”

The story of Alban is a remarkable one. It not only takes us back to the beginning of the Christian faith in Britain and to a time when religious freedom was forbidden, but it is also an astonishing account of standing up for what you believe in.

Alban lived in the early third century in the Roman city of Verulamium, just down the hill from where the cathedral stands today. One day he gave shelter to a stranger fleeing from persecution. This stranger was a Christian priest, now known as Amphibalus. While sheltering the priest, Alban was inspired by how important faith was to the priest and asked to be taught more about Christianity.

It was not long until the Roman authorities caught up with Amphibalus. However, Alban's new-found faith would not allow him to let the authorities arrest the priest. Instead, Alban exchanged clothes with Amphibalus and was arrested, allowing the priest to escape.

Alban refused to renounce his beliefs, and the magistrate ordered that he should receive the punishment intended for the escaped priest. Upon this ruling, Alban was led out of Verulamium and up the hillside where he was beheaded.

Alban is honored as Britain's first saint, and his grave on this hillside quickly became a place of pilgrimage. This story of an ordinary man, doing an extraordinary thing, has endured and continues to inspire to this day.

Note: You can take a short virtual tour of St. Alban's Cathedral here:

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video; ylt=AwrFSFhbL1JoHwcAezP7w8QF; ylu=c2xrA3RleHQEaXODQWxzbl1RveQRzZWMDcmVsBHBvcwM1?p=St.Alban%27s+Church&fr2=p:s,v:m:rs-top.ct:relatedSearches&fr=mcafee#id=3&vid=969ddc244134fc9beabb2eb7ae564742&action=view>

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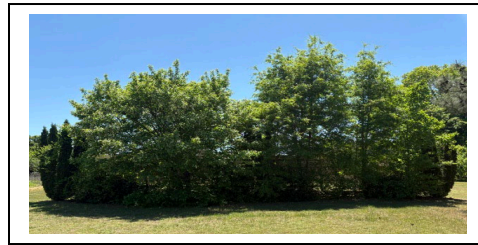
Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr Alban triumphed over suffering and was faithful even to death: Grant us, who now remember him in thanksgiving, to be so faithful in our witness to you in this world, that we may receive with him the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Maggie and Kim O'Grady with the St. Alban's Banner, created by Carrie Connelley

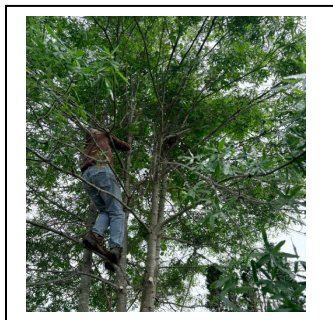
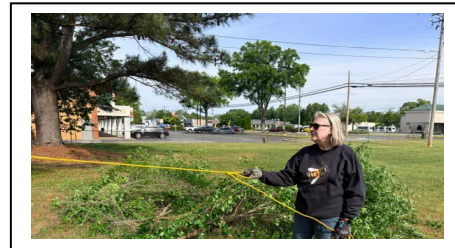


Spring Cleanup

The St. Alban's Spring Cleanup was held Saturday May 9th. A determined group of bushwackers tackled the increasingly large amount of vegetation that had been growing behind the northern-most array of solar panels. Retired St. Alban's Rector Freida Malcolm had advised that most of the vegetation---including three substantial trees---were all volunteers and needed to be removed due to continued encroachment upon the panels.



The solar panels in 2015 and the encroaching vegetation in 2026



Who is in that tree?

There is a trailer here somewhere



Spring Cleanup Success! 6+ trailer loads of trees and other vegetation were removed.

Many, many thanks to Mary Doak, Katherine West, Shelly Madsen, Kathy Slaughter, Harry Hoke, Brian Raygor, and Walt West.

What is the Hodgson Fund?

by Dee Rinehart

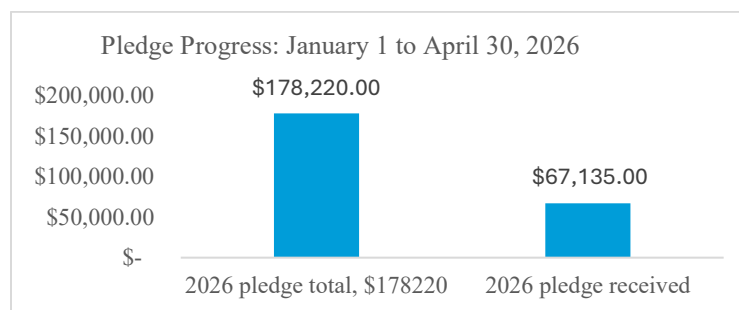
Richard Herman Hodgson (Oct. 9, 1886–Mar. 7, 1971) was a Salisbury real estate developer and an Episcopalian. He generously donated the land for St. Alban's Chapel, which originally stretched from Mount Hermon Road to Glen Avenue. At the time, U.S. Route 50 was being rerouted through Salisbury, and St. Peter's might have fallen victim to the new roadway. The plan, in that case, was to build the chapel first, with construction of a larger church to follow.

When the new Route 50 did not impact the historic St. Peter's Church, the Vestry of St. Peter's decided to construct the chapel as a Mission of St. Peter's. A Chapel Committee formed and met at St. Peter's. Construction began in 1959. The first worship in the Chapel occurred in 1960.

Next came the development of the original Salisbury Mall. Mr. Hodgson formally requested that a portion of the land he donated be returned to him. The Chapel Committee agreed to his request. Mr. Hodgson created a Perpetual Trust in the amount of \$400,000, which would benefit the Episcopal churches of Wicomico County. The Episcopal churches in Wicomico County receive the interest income from the perpetual trust, St. Alban's receiving 75%. The remaining 25% benefits St. Peter's, St. Phillips, St. Mary's, and St. Paul's. Mr. Hodgson's will stipulated that the interest income be used for contractual obligations. St. Alban's vestry sought legal opinion, which we have been following since Mrs. Hodgson's death and the transfer of the fund's ownership. We use the interest income for capital purposes. For example, in 2026, the income is in use to replace the entrance doors to the Parish Hall, the upgrade of the HVAC system in the original portion of the building, and the replacement of the HVAC in the parish hall. St. Alban's may not create a contract just to allow use of funds.

We remember with gratitude his endowment and the gift of money while he was alive to complete payment for our original Teller pipe organ. The next time you are at St. Phillip's, Quantico, visit the Hodgson grave site and remember him with thanksgiving.

From Jenny Buchanan, Pledge Secretary



Thirty-three percent of the way through the year; 38% of pledges paid.



From Muffet Reath, Treasurer

| | <u>Jan - Apr 26</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> | <u>Annual Budget</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | |
| Income | | | |
| Pledges | 76,602.83 | 55,708.00 | 167,120.00 |
| Plate Offering. | 8,928.86 | 4,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Other Income | <u>5,917.06</u> | <u>4,728.00</u> | <u>14,925.00</u> |
| Total Income | <u>91,448.75</u> | <u>64,436.00</u> | <u>194,045.00</u> |
| Gross Profit | 91,448.75 | 64,436.00 | 194,045.00 |
| Expense | | | |
| Salary and Salary-Dependent Exp | 13,709.56 | 17,708.07 | 63,235.00 |
| Apportionment Diocese of Easton | 7,090.32 | 7,090.32 | 21,271.00 |
| General and Administrative | 4,365.88 | 6,118.64 | 17,350.00 |
| Property | <u>23,163.27</u> | <u>16,224.95</u> | <u>51,250.00</u> |
| Total Expense | <u>48,329.03</u> | <u>47,141.98</u> | <u>153,106.00</u> |
| Net Ordinary Income | 43,119.72 | 17,294.02 | 40,939.00 |
| Other Income/Expense | | | |
| Other Income | | | |
| Grant Income | | | |
| Community Garden Grant | 1,443.00 | | |
| CB TRUST GRANT-storm water | <u>2,227.00</u> | | |
| Total Grant Income | 3,670.00 | | |
| Other Interest | 16.93 | | |
| Clearing Transfers In - Income | <u>-29,377.19</u> | | |
| Total Other Income | -25,690.26 | | |
| Other Expense | | | |
| Net change in Endowment Value | <u>-5,234.20</u> | | |
| Total Other Expense | <u>-5,234.20</u> | | |
| Net Other Income | <u>-20,456.06</u> | | |
| | <u>22,663.66</u> | <u>17,294.02</u> | <u>40,939.00</u> |

Summer months involve vacations and visits from families and friends. We encourage taking time to “re-create” and revel with relatives and friends. As you enjoy the summer, please remember to keep your pledges current. As you can see above, our operating budget is a tight one.

Come, Join St. Alban's Paddling Club by Muffet Reath

Jeremy Cox, Harry Hoke, and Muffet Reath, the kayaking group, went paddling on the Wetipquin Creek May 15. If you would like to join their fun, Contact Muffet



Community Garden Progress by Walt West

The storage garden tool shed is complete, and Jim is busy in the garden. Thank you, Jim Gottschalk, Walt West, and Jim Cockey.



We Celebrate Our 2026 Graduates on June 7

Join us between the services on June 7, as we congratulate the accomplishments of our high school and university graduates. We are immensely proud of Tristian Ting, Maddie Raygor, Jon West (lower left), and Alex West (lower right).



A Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart.

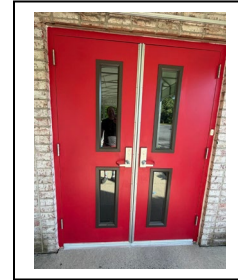
May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may wish for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.

<https://lessonplans.episcopalchurch.org/celebrating-graduation/prayers-and-blessings>

The New Doors Are Red!

Thank you, Jeremy Cox, for preparing and painting the entrance doors.



Vestry Updates



Senior Warden, Dee Rinehart

Beth Israel Congregation's Holocaust Remembrance Day, May 3:

Nine people from St. Alban's attended. At least three other local congregations had representatives present, as did the state and local government. The program included prayers and storytelling by children of holocaust survivors. During the reception, we spoke with representatives from the temple about organizing a community dinner.

Take-aways from the Warden's and Treasurers' Conference, May 16:

Three of us attended. Thank you to Arlene and Muffet for their participation

Diocesan Finances: within 1% of a balanced budget, 75% comes from "Asking," and 60% of budget goes to Mission (largest portion is Camp Wright)

Megan Timms, Diocesan Finance Administrator, shared websites, and applications that will be helpful to parishes.

Camp Wright shore stabilization program is nearing completion.

Archivist – Reminder to send history and newsletters (He already gets newsletters. Will send him information and photos related to history.)

The Constitution and Canons chair reminded us that By-laws need to be current and the process for amending them. All changes must be with the Constitution and Canons Committee to ensure that they follow the national and diocesan documents.

Personnel and Compensation Committee: Resources available on DoE website:

- **Clergy Housing Allowance Guidance (effective 5/1/26)**
- **Clergy Supply List (effective 6/1/25 – updated April 2026)**
- **Template Deacon Letter of Agreement (effective 1/26/26)**
- **Priest Salary Guidelines (effective 6/1/25)**
- **New Priest Checklist (effective 6/1/25)**
- **Supply Priest Minimums (effective 6/1/25)**
- **Link to the Church Pension Group**

Diocesan Discernment Committee:

A Video presentation will be available on DoE Website. The committee requests that each parish view it by September and share the discussion and feedback with the committee.



Junior Warden/ Communication Liaison, Arlene White

> 2026 St. Alban's Directory Update

Additional pictures were taken on May 5 and 17. We were still having problems copying some pictures and dealing with font issues. Almost all the text is ready to be edited.

Sheila's photo and contact information will be included.

> Website update –

A. The St. Alban's Website, <stalbanssalisbury.com>, is the #1 priority for this portfolio this year.

B. Mary Doak and I recently met and identified the top three priorities / updates: Interim Rector's page, summer hours, News and Events focusing on current information, and pictures. Mary will also be looking at the links on a variety of pages to see if they are active and still related to the topic. She will also be contacting Kevin Justice or Jeremy Heslop regarding specific technical information about the website.

C. Mary and I also talked about the possibility of doing a survey of the congregation to see how many people use the website, how often and for what purposes. We are assuming that our main audiences are the congregation, people looking for a new church, and eventually, prospective priests.

D. Vestry involvement - Several parishioners have reached out to let us know about pages that they think need updating. Thank you for your help and please continue to let Mary and/or me know.

> Facilities usage

A. Office volunteers are still updating the contact list for user groups. We seem to have lost three groups and now have eight.

B. Still receiving inquiries about the use of parish facilities.

> Celebration of office volunteers was very much appreciated.

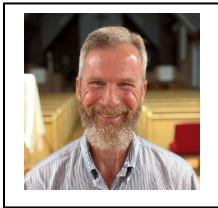
> Faith Lutheran's 70th anniversary – The flowers that St. Alban's sent were very much appreciated. They were in the church during the service and then moved to their fellowship hall for the luncheon. Over sixty people attended, including the bishop of their synod, previous supply clergy, and past members.



Care of Neighbor Liaison, Paulette Primus

- **CHESAPEAKE HOUSING MISSION:**
 - **Shelly Madsen** spearheading ramp construction project
 - Project dates – 6/6/26 and 9/12/26
 - Email notification for sign-up sheet sent 4/22/26; additional announcements made in Church
 - Jim Gottschalk and I attended their Annual Breakfast Meeting on 5/19/26
- **H.H.E.H. (Heart and Hands Ending Homelessness):**
 - Operations have ceased until fall
- **H.O.P.E. (Help and Outreach Point of Entry):**
 - **Deb Rossi** accepted a check for H.O.P.E., courtesy of the “Nickels for Nachos” fundraiser
 - Operationally, functionally they are in a good place
 - A Spring Resources Fair for all resources meet and greet provided a good time for all participants.
- **THE JOSEPH HOUSE**
 - No Report
- **JUNETEENTH:**
 - Collaborating with **Nancy Linck**
 - **Date:** June 20, 2026; **Time:** 3P-7P
 - Completed form online for St. Alban's participation
- **UNITY DAY**
 - Collaborating with **Nancy Linck**
 - **Date:** June 27, 2026; **Time:** 4P-8P
 - Completed form online for St. Alban's participation

- **LITTLE LIBRARY:** Confirmed the Library is well-stocked when I volunteer on Mondays
 - **NICKELS FOR NACHOS:**
 - Fund raising initiative concluded
 - **Shelly Madsen** spearheaded
 - **Deb Rossi** accepted check for **H.O.P.E.**
 - **PRIDE PARADE:**
 - Collaborating with **Nancy Linck**
 - **RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (RDF) ACCOUNT:**
 - See attached.
 - The gray font entries denote completion; new entries begin on **page 4**
 - **SALISBURY MIDDLE SCHOOL:** No report
 - **S.O.S.A. (SOCIETY OF SAINT ANDREW):**
 - I participated in a gleaning [leeks] initiative on 5/12/26
 - **WI HI/FAITH PARTNERSHIP:** No report
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External Property Liaison, Walt West

Parking Lot Re-Striping. We are communicating with Surface Solutions to determine when our parking lot striping project can fit into their schedule. We will need to ensure that there is little-to no disruption for our parishioners or user groups.

Solar Lighting for Church Signs. I have been unable to move forward with this project. I will reach out to see if anyone would like to move this project forward.

Community Garden. Looking great! Thanks to Jim Gottschalk, the tool shed build is complete. We will install various shelves and hangers to safely store the tools we have on-hand. A Wi-Fi connection was established to facilitate the operation of the irrigation system.

Spring Clean-Up. Saturday May 9th at 08:00. A resounding success! The big project was to remove the trees and vegetation that had grown up behind the northernmost solar panel array. Six full trailer loads of limbs and logs were taken to the mulch processing facility at the landfill, as well as two additional pickup truck loads of material. Many thanks to Freida Malcolm for advising us about that significant problem.

Because that project took up most of the allotted cleanup time, there remain some dead limbs around the property. Those will be gathered and removed as time permits.



Internal Property Liaison, Jeremy Cox

Please pardon our Dust! The installation of the new HVAC systems will begin in early June.

Thanks to Howard Doak, Harry Hoke, and Jim Gottschalk for their efforts in caring for our building.



Worship Liaison, Sandy Grim

- May 31 – Trinity Sunday (white hangings)
- Summer hours begin June 7
 - 8:00 AM – Rite I
 - 9:30 AM – Rite II
 - Green hangings
- No Christian Ed between services; sessions will resume in September (date TBD)
- August 23 – Green Hill Sunday (St. Alban's rotation this year) will there be an 8 AM service at St. Alban's?

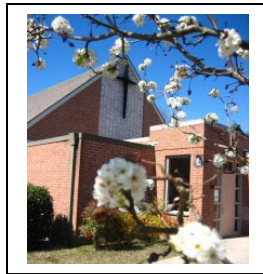
Next meeting in July (date TBD by Sheila)

2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- **Where:** St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 302 St. Alban's Drive, Salisbury\
- **When:** Saturday, August 1, 2026, 9:30 am through 3:30 pm, Snack and Lunch will be included.
- **Who:** Children from first to fifth grade and children three years to pre-school
- **Volunteers needed - over 13 years old, please:** Everyone invited to volunteer (play) where they want!

Christ-Centered, Radically Embracing People and Creation

With these words, we articulate our parish identity. We strive to follow Christ in welcoming all people. We offer baptism and Eucharist to all, as well as the pastoral offices of reconciliation, ministry to the sick, and Christian burial to those who ask. We do not discriminate regarding gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, identity, or mental capacity. Couples requesting marriage are asked to meet with the rector and meet the civil and Episcopal Church requirements. While we do not discriminate based on gender, the clergy may decline to officiate for other reasons.



ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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