



St. Alban's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you

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Grayden Cayton & Family
Karyl Danford
B.G. Jones
Dick Jordan
Jalia Lingle
Jamie Oliver
Laura Parker
Lis Slater
Suzanne Storch & family
Chris Woodhouse

We pray for the departed,
especially **Rufus Gardner**,
Amy Commer's grandfather,
may his soul and the souls of
all others, by the mercy of
God, rest in eternal peace.

In our **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for St. Thomas' in Reidsville & Chapel of the Good Shepherd in Ridgeway, NC.

A Message from Deacon Rebecca

Grace and peace to you in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our diocese and our church, are going through a lot of change this month. This weekend, Bishop-elect Sam Rodman will become Bishop Sam, following Bishop Michael Curry and Bishop Anne (who has served these past two years as Bishop Diocesan Pro-Tempore). I loved Bishop Curry-I was so nervous at my first ordination interview with him, but wound up laughing so much that I didn't get to say all the really intelligent things I had planned to say. I knew I blew it! But Bishop Curry believes in the holiness of laughter, as well as the holiness of striving for love and justice and seriously following Jesus...and I about fell over when I got the letter saying I could go for the next step. I will never forget my ordination, and his laying on of hands while he called down the Holy Spirit to make me a deacon. And he sent me to St. Alban's! Over the years, he and I had a number of encounters, always wonderful, and always an opportunity of growth for me. I miss him...but I believe that Bishop Sam is absolutely the right person for this Diocese at this time, and I already love his gentle wisdom and thoughtful manner. His call and gift is to figure out the HOW to get us more fully into Galilee, more fully into being as much a disciple of Jesus as we can be, every day of our lives. That's different from proclaiming the vision-but it's critical if the vision is to ever be more than a vision.

And then there's St. Alban's. I knew the minute I heard David Buck's cell phone voicemail message that I wanted to work at St. Alban's! What sealed the deal was meeting him and hearing his vision that everyone at St. Alban's had a ministry inside the church and outside in the community. I was, and still am, so IN on that vision-because it hits the nail on what faith in action looks like. I could not list here all the things I've learned from David through my nine years with him-the list is

In our **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Right Revd. George Lindsey Russell Bruce & The Right Revd. Michael Oulton of Ontario.

Birthdays:

July 16

Sally Trask
Paul Taaffe

July 17

Jeff Mueller

July 18

Matthew Shaw

July 19

Felicity Meunier

July 20

David Atchison
Maryanne Brennan

July 21

Andy Steever
Jean Cunningham
Kelly Douglas
Larry McKinney

July 22

Shannon Rice
Kathleen McIntyre

Anniversaries

July 16

Caroline Campbell
Larry & Tina McKinney

July 17

Mike & Nancy Kota

July 18

Leslie Urban & Anne Cavett

July 19

Andy & Jan Steever
Brian & Anne Taylor
July 21

Daren & Lauri Schatz

July 22

David & Betsey Stewart

10:30 SUNDAY SERVERS

Altar Guild:

Beth Johnston, Amy
Commer, Jay Hammond

Flower Guild:

Ellen Eller

Eucharistic Ministers:

Crucifers:

Sally Maxwell Davis, Eliza
Johnston

Torchbearers:

Noah Allemeier

Lectors:

Phyllis Grayson, Rosalind

long and full of things deacons never learn in diaconal formation, but must learn if they are to be effective. I have LOVED working with David, and so much of my understanding of ministry, pastoral care, inclusion and real collegiality, has been formed by that experience. He has encouraged me, and us, to stretch, and we've stretched! He's shared the lessons learned from his experiences with us, so helpful in growing as Church! And for me, he's been there when I needed advice, or a lift, or just prayer. I will always consider him a wonderful mentor and friend, and will miss him so much!

BUT...I have faith that just as God has sent the right person as the next Bishop in our diocese, God will send the right person for St. Alban's next steps. Our search process is led by a great vestry, and I'm sure will be thorough with lots of opportunities for input. I also have faith that we will not sit on our hands while that process is going on-we'll continue to grow in faith and love and continue to stretch to meet the call of justice and mercy where it's needed. That's David's joyful and challenging legacy to us all!

Change is hard, and the older you get, the harder it gets (trust me!). But change is how we grow into the fullness of God's hopes and dreams for each of us, and for all of us together. And as we say Goodbye and Thank You to David as our Rector (and Au Revoir to David as a Davidson resident, at least for awhile), let's not forget to rejoice in what we've all learned from him, and look for signs of God's working among us to lead us into what's next!

God's peace,
Rebecca+

Volunteer Sign Up Genius Link

We always need volunteers for reading, ushers, acolytes and crucifers. Please [click here](#) to sign up to volunteer for greeter, acolyte, lector and ushers during the church services.

This Week's Service Times

9:15 T/Th: Morning Prayer
8:00 Sunday: Holy Eucharist
9:00 Sunday: Larry Bearden Adult Forum
10:30 Sunday: Summer Sunday school
10:30 Sunday: Holy Eucharist & Choir

Car Wash

There will be a carwash to raise funds for the Back2School Bash this **Saturday, July 15** from 9:00-1:00 at Gethsemane Baptist Church. Swing by to get your car washed, and help a worthy cause. Please sign up in advance if you are able to volunteer:

Seneca

Ushers:

Kevin Davis, Clarence Fox

Vestry Person of the Day:

Gordon Jacobs

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44adad2ba4fc1-cash1>

Thank You

A Big Belated THANK YOU for all those who turned out for Stop Hunger Now (Rise Against Hunger) on June 17th! We had a strong and very energetic turnout-and packed over **12,300 meals!**

Helping the Homeless

St. Alban's has been participating in a task force that is looking into ways to help our homeless neighbors here in North Mecklenburg. It has been a long process, but progress is being made-we'll be working with the Davidson Housing Coalition to set up the first Homeless Intake location outside Charlotte, which should be operational by the Fall. We're also working to create more transitional housing opportunities, again working with other congregations, with DHC, and with Hope House.

**HELP
THE
HOMELESS**

We have the opportunity to help our neighbors **right now**. This summer, the task force will be supporting the Salvation Army's Center of Hope by providing overflow housing for eight (8) women for two weeks [**July 24th - August 7th.**] DCPC will be housing the ladies in Congregation House, and serving as overall coordinators for the program. WE can get involved by helping in a number of ways, with meals, activities, and transportation.

Please check out this SignUp Genius page to sign up to support: <http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/23671da0eaec2ecc53-davidson>. As you can see, the opportunities to assist are divided into topics. Once you click on a topic [such as transportation, overnight host, breakfast host] at the top of the page, you'll see the individual sign up broken out by the dates available.

Your help will help these 8 women have shelter during the heat of the summer, and will help the Salvation Army's efforts to provide housing for women with children at the Center of Hope in downtown Charlotte. Together, we can make a difference for these folks!

Questions? Contact Elaine Carmann (caldwellnlady2618@gmail.com), Lis Slater (Lis.Slate@gmail.com) or Deacon Rebecca (Rebecca@saintalbansdavidson.org).

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers

St. Alban's will be taking on Painting Day for a Habitat for Humanity build, and we are in need of a couple more volunteers. When? **July 22, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Where? 9915 Psalms Street Cornelius, NC 28031. Please let us know you are coming by signing up on the Information Board in the stairwell, or by emailing Jessica Ewell. You can contact Fred Berta

fbretiredncr@aol.com, or Jessica (parishadmin@saintalbansdavidson.org) for more



Preschool Volunteer Needed

Are you a **high school student** needing volunteer hours? We have several opportunities where we could use your help! We are looking for one volunteer to help with our Music and Movement Camp the week of July 24th-July 27th. The hours are 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.



We are also looking for **one volunteer** to help rake the mulch evenly back across the playground as it all shifted to one side during this past weekend's incredible storm!

Please email the preschool at patti@saintalbansdavidson.org if you are interested in helping with either item.

Back2School

A reminder that the Back2School Blast will be **August 19th, 2017**...but there is a lot of preparation ahead of time. We will be "passing the shoebox" on Sundays July 23 and 30th. All monies collected will buy shoes and supplies for the youth. Last year we provided 300 pair of shoes, socks and filled back packs. Your support and donations are what allows this to happen. In addition, we will have a box to collect school supplies. We need 1 inch binders, loose leaf paper both wide and college ruled, pencils, pens, composition notebooks and more. A

complete list can be [found here](#). Questions? [Know someone who needs supplies](#) or want to help? Contact Jenny Langford at langford@elangford.net or 704-467-7050.

Interim Rector Search

The St. Alban's Vestry is actively searching and currently interviewing candidates for the Interim Rector position. Any questions concerning this process can be directed to our Senior Warden, [Leslie Urban](#).

Father David Love Offering



During Father David's last month at Saint Alban's, we will be collecting a Love Offering to thank him for his years of commitment and service to Saint Alban's and to show him how much we love him as he begins the next phase of his life as a retired priest and even more avid golfer! Checks written directly to Father David Buck will be considered gifts and will not go through the Saint Alban's accounting system. Contributions made to Saint Alban's with "Father David Love Offering" in the memo line are tax deductible

for the contributor and will be taxable to Father David. Please join us in thanking him!

Contributions can be delivered to the church office or placed in the weekly collection plate. The Love Offering will be presented to Father David during his last weekend at Saint Alban's.

Mooresville Soup Kitchen



Please consider volunteering at our next Mooresville Soup Kitchen event. We need volunteers Friday, July 21st from 8:00am to 12:30pm. If you can volunteer on this day please contact [Deacon Rebecca](#).

MORNING PRAYER

Every Tuesday & Thursday from 9:15 to 9:30.

NEWCOMERS

The Newcomers meeting is held the first Sunday of each month following the 10:30 service. The meeting will be held in the front office. Please email [Jessica](#) for more information.

NURSERY

Do you have a young child who uses our nursery services? I hope you do because our paid nursery staff is wonderful! We are in need of volunteers each Sunday at 10:30. [Daniel Johnson](#) is the nursery coordinator and you can [Click here](#) to sign up.

THE PINES

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday at 11:00am, the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at The Pines.

PASTORAL CARE

Are you or someone you know in need of pastoral care? Please contact [Becky Mohlere](#).

ECW

The Episcopal Church Women meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:30 in the church. ECW meetings follow the school year calendar.

PRAYER LIST

Would you like to add your family or friend to our prayer list? Please email [Jessica](#) the name. The name will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks. If you would like to "renew" the name for another two weeks, please email Jessica this request too.

MEMBER DATABASE

Need to update personal info with St. Alban's? Check your pledge balance? Maybe look up another church member? ACS is our church database and it allows you to do all of this and more. Login with your church email and then follow this link for more info. [Read More](#)

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