



St. Alban's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you

Weekly Newsletter March 16, 2017

George Winston Concert is next Thursday night, March 23rd,
here at St. Alban's!

There are a few tickets remaining at: <http://www.carolinatix.org/events/detail/george-winston-benefit-concert>

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A Message from Colin Burns

I have always felt drawn to Celtic music, and it seems that around St. Patrick's Day everyone discovers a love for it. "Celtic music" refers to music from cultures up and down the European Atlantic coast, but most often we use the term to refer to music from Ireland. The history of this music is interesting only in how it differs from most of the rest of Western music. Ireland, by virtue of being an island, has historically been isolated from the rest of Western culture. While the European continent was experiencing the strict rules of Bach, the formulaic structures of Mozart, and the developed and distinguished harmonies of Beethoven, Irish music was and remains steeped in folk song. Western music has evolved to push the limits of how we use harmonies, but many of the Irish tunes that we use for our hymns can be harmonized with only a few chords.

So why the draw towards Celtic music? The tunes, whether fast or slow, are filled with grace and lyricism. They are simple, but at the same time extremely beautiful. And because the harmony is uncomplicated, they are not dependent on having a performing ensemble of a certain size. They can be performed just as effectively by an orchestra as by a trio, or even by a single singer. Celtic music is a perfect example of the virtues of simplicity. It sometimes feels like we are programmed to

In our prayers:

Conner Alfaro
Mark Brodsky
Karyl Danford
Gene Davis
Freddie Gitz
Brie Johnson
Dick Jordan
Grace Myers
Reuben Patton
John Salisbury
Caroline Wrisley

We pray for the departed,
especially for **Ken**

Davenport. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, by the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

In our **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for St. Stephen's in Erwin, Trinity Church in Fuquay-Varina & St. Christopher's in Garner, NC.

In our **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Right Revd. Patrick Gidudu of Uganda.

Birthdays:

March 19

Daren Schatz
Grace Pearce

March 20

Scott Gollinger

March 21

Lisa Givens
Jenna Mueller

March 22

Carol Higham
Wilson Brockway

March 23

Ryan Meeks
Grace Myers

March 24

Missy Miller

March 25

Sandy Karn
Alex Slawson

Anniversaries

March 24

Dan & Judy Freeman

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.

overthink, over-plan, and over-prepare, and while those are definitely important at times, it is equally important sometimes to just sit back and enjoy what happens as it happens.

So I encourage you all to go listen to some Celtic music and take pleasure in the simple things in life.

Colin

This Week's Service Times

9:15 Tues/Thurs: Morning Prayer

6:30pm Wed: Lenten Evensong

8:00 Sunday: Holy Eucharist

9:00 Sunday: Adult Forums

10:15 Sunday: PreK-5th Sunday school

10:30 Sunday: Holy Eucharist & Choir

10:30 SUNDAY SERVERS

Altar Guild:

Beth Johnston

Amy Comer

Jay Hammond

Flower Guild:

Ellen Eller

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Shaw

Crucifers:

Sally Maxwell Davis

Eliza Johnston

Torchbearers:

Noah Eberhardt

Cole Fossett

Lectors:

Rosalind Seneca

Ushers:

Leslie Urban

Music @ St. Alban's

Music at St. Alban's next concert will be on March 19, 2017 at 3:00pm. This unique and expressive guitar duo featuring Pasquale Rucco from Italy and Douglas James from Boone, NC performs music of the early romantic 19th century on gut-strung guitars. For tickets please click [HERE](#).

Amazon Smile

Big News: TODAY only, Amazon is offering 5% (which is 10 times the normal amount) of your sales back to St. Alban's. Please make sure that all of your purchases are done through Amazon Smile and that you select St. Alban's as the benefitting organization. You can use this link: smile.amazon.com.

Mooreville Soup Kitchen

We are in need of at least 3 more volunteers to cook and serve at the Mooreville Soup Kitchen **this Friday, March 17 from 8:00 - 12:30** for a fantastic St. Patrick's Day feast! If you're able to help, please e-mail Deacon Rebecca (Rebecca@saintalbandsdavidson.org) as soon as possible, or call her at 704-589-6137! Thanks, and let's all get our green on with the wonderful folks at the Mooreville



Soup Kitchen, which is located at 275 South Broad Street in Mooreville. Park at the Methodist Church at the corner of South Broad and West Wilson. Thank you in advance for your help!

Lenten Services



This year St. Alban's will have Lenten Evensong services each Wednesday at 6:30pm including Holy Week. We encourage everyone to try a service this year. It is a wonderful way to "be still" and reflect on the Lenten season.

Job Opening

Our beloved toddler, nursery worker, Diane, has decided to "retire" from St. Alban's at the end of the month. We are looking to fill this paid position starting at the end of March. This is a 2hr a week paid position each Sunday throughout the year with additional hours available during holiday services. Please contact [Jessica Ewell](mailto:Jessica.Ewell@stalbans.org) for more information.



SEEDS Community Garden

SEEDS Community Garden located next to St. Alban's Church has beds available for the 2017 garden season. SEEDS has become a gathering place for individuals and families with a shared passion for growing food and environmental stewardship. Garden beds are rented for \$80/ per year and include a 4' x 8' raised garden bed, in a secured, fenced-in area. Please contact Pat Stenhouse at patstenhouse@bellsouth.net if you are interested in gardening with SEEDS. This is an all-volunteer organization which is committed to organic gardening methods, community outreach and education.



Blood Drive



Our St Alban's Spring Blood Drive is Sunday morning, **April 2**. Sign up by clicking on: <https://www.ncdonor.com>. Appts are available from 9:30AM until 12:20PM. Our goal is at least 20 parishioners to donate to this Blood Drive. If you are unsure if you are eligible to donate, please contact Susan Beaumont @

susanbeau31@gmail.com or 704-237-3373.

Children's News

Children: The annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday is approaching and I am looking for 2 volunteers to spear head the event. Please email Lisa Givens if you can volunteer for this super fun event.



Preschool Corner



The preschool is enrolling for the 17/18 school year. We currently have openings in our M/W and T/TH twos and the five day four-year-old program. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about our preschool, please visit our website or our Facebook page!

The preschool is **hiring a book keeper** to start sometime in May. If you know of anyone that has accounting experience and familiarity with Quick Books, please send them our way. The book keeper works approximately 10-12 hours per month, with more hours at the beginning of the month when tuition is collected and financial reporting is required.

If you are looking for some fun things for your preschool aged child to do this summer, St. Alban's has a few remaining spots in its summer camp program. You do not have to be enrolled in the preschool to participate. The first session will be held 6/26-6/29 and will be "All About Science", Session 2 will be 7/10-7/13 and will include "Messy Art"

activities, and the last session will be held 7/24-7/27 where we will be "Movin' and Groovin' " with music and movement activities. Camps will run from 9-12, Monday-Thursday. Registration forms are available on the information board outside the preschool office and on our website www.saintalbanspreschool.org/enrollment.

Lastly, We are so excited to welcome world renowned pianist, George Winston to St. Alban's on Thursday March 23rd. Part of the proceeds from this concert will benefit the Scholarship Fund at the preschool. Did you know that this past year nearly \$10,000 in assistance was given to families who may not have otherwise been able to attend St. Alban's. We look forward to continuing this tradition for many years to come and are so grateful for the church's support in this effort! Concert tickets are available at <http://www.carolinatix.org/events/detail/george-winston-benefit-concert>.

In His service,
Patti Rossini

Habitat House Build

We are excited to announce that St. Alban's will be involved in building a house with Habitat for Humanity. The build will begin on May 13th, and there are many ways for you to participate. More information to come



Easter Flowers & Music



If you would like to contribute to Easter Lilies or Easter Music, forms are located in the basket in the Narthex. Please fill out the form with "In Honor/Memory Of" and choose flowers or music with your donation attached. All forms are due to [Jessica](#) by April 2nd.

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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