

Weekly Newsletter April 11, 2019

The church office will have abbreviated hours during Holy Week. It will be open from 9:00am - 12:00pm, Monday, April 15 through Thursday, April 18.

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A message from

Rev. Carmen

Holy Week begins this Sunday, April 14 with Palm Sunday. Our worship service on Sunday will have two distinct parts, the liturgy of the Palms and the liturgy of the Passion. The moods of the two parts are very different.

During the liturgy of the Palms, we are celebratory. We parade triumphantly and shout "Hosanna!" as our King enters the city of Jerusalem. The liturgy of the Passion, in contrast, is somber and excruciating. Thus, we begin Holy Week by being pulled in two seemingly opposite directions-toward celebration on the one hand and on the other, toward the forces of evil that conspire to execute the Son of God. This experience of being pulled in two directions is confusing, yet appropriate for the beginning of Holy Week. The palms and the Passion are different but also inextricably linked.

Palm Sunday prepares us for the range of emotions we will feel during the week ahead.

In the coming days, we will experience moments of beauty and moments of ugliness.

We will witness true tenderness as we remember how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples on Maundy Thursday, and we will also witness the callous indifference and ruthless cruelty of Pontius Pilate, the religious officials, and the crowds on Good Friday.

Throughout the season of Lent, we have been preparing for this coming week through prayer and spiritual discipline. Now, Holy Week is almost here. You are invited to join St. Alban's for a week of powerful and meaningful worship. Please come as often as you are able. Easter means so much more after full participation in Holy Week, for without death, there can be no resurrection.

In our prayers:

Anne Cavett
Diana Legrand
Dick Jordan
Donna Beckham
Gil Caldwell
Jennifer Lang
Jewel West
Jim Meletiou
Joe Havens
Karen Gallagher
Karyl Danford
Pam Stenhouse
Ralph Alford
Shirley Fischer
Sid Druen

Steve Toner

We pray for the departed, especially **Robert Dollar**, Alex Slawson's uncle and **Clare Hoff**. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace.

In our **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. Andrew's, St. Barnabas' & St. Francis' in Greensboro, NC.

In our **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

Military Prayer List:
Ryan Leinberger

Birthdays:

April 14

Tom Shandley
Dan Doherty
Andrew Noble
Nora Pierce

April 15

Pete Miller
Claudia Allemeier

April 17

Theodore Walt

April 18

Samuel Craig

April 19

Anne Cavett
Mary Harp

April 20

Mary Hulen
Alice Gratz
Ava Orlando

Anniversaries

April 16

Phyllis Grayson

April 17

Chris & Tamyra Meletiou
Roger & Elizabeth O'Connell

Carmen

This Week's Service Times

9:15 T/Th: Morning Prayer
8:00 Sun: Holy Eucharist
9:00 Sun: Adult Forum
10:15 Sun: NO Sunday school
10:30 Sunday: Holy Eucharist & Choir

Volunteer Sign up Genius

We always need volunteers for reading, greeting and Eucharistic Ministers. Please [click here](#) to sign up to volunteer for the church services.

10:30 SUNDAY SERVERS

Altar Guild:

Jean Cunningham, Colleen Hager, Marcy Reid

Flower Guild: Melissa McClure

Eucharistic Ministers:

Alf Badgett, Dave Pylipow

Acolytes:

Amelia Amadio, Henry Harp, Molly Harp, Andrew Juchter

Greeters:

Ushers: Clarence Fox, Chris Sanders

Lectors: Dave Pylipow

Vestryperson: Stephanie Amadio

Good Friday Offering

On Good Friday St. Alban's will be taking up a collection to benefit the ministries of the four Dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created. If you would like to donate, please make your checks out to St. Alban's, with Good Friday Offering in the memo line.

Holy Week Schedule

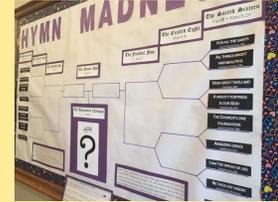
Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday 10:30am
Monday, April 15: Holy Eucharist 12:00pm
Tuesday, April 16: Holy Eucharist 12:00pm
Wednesday, April 17: Holy Eucharist 12:00pm
Thursday, April 18: Maundy Thursday 7:00pm
Friday, April 19: Stations of the Cross 12:00pm
Friday, April 19: Good Friday Service 7:00pm
Saturday, April 20: The Great Vigil of Easter Service 8:00pm

Servers Needed

With Holy Week and Easter fast approaching, we are in need of acolytes, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, and lectors for the upcoming services. Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050948ada72aa20-allserver> to sign up.

Hymn Madness

At long last, our Hymn Madness tournament has reached its Championship round! From over 80 hymns submitted, we have narrowed the field from the Sacred Sixteen, to the Exalted Eight, to the Faithful Four, and now its down to the Devout Duo. Last week, you voted for ***Morning Has Broken*** over *Lift High the Cross* and for ***Amazing Grace*** over *How Great Thou Art*. Come to church on Palm Sunday to cast your final ballot as we determine St. Alban's favorite hymn!



The Winning Hymn will be announced on Easter Sunday, April 21 and will be incorporated into a future sermon by the Rector!

Outreach Thank You

The Outreach Team thanks everyone who participated in the Rise Against Hunger project last Saturday, April 6th. We had such a successful event, packing 10,368 meals for those who are victims of natural disasters of all kinds, especially in Central America and Africa. Almost 95 individuals from St. Alban's, Gethsemane Baptist Church and other friends helped in all aspects of this event, including set-up and cleanup. There is no way we could have done this activity without the support of the entire congregation, with the financial support of over \$3,400 to pay for the supplies for these meals. Your generosity and faithfulness to reaching out to those in need represents Christ's hands working in our world. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

LAST CHANCE! The Annual St. Alban's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday in between the 9am and 11am service times. The egg hunt will start at 10:30am. All you need to do is stuff **12 eggs (for each child participating) and drop them by the office, by April 12th**. I will get them all counted and hidden for Easter Sunday. Our egg hunt is for children 5th grade and younger. Any questions or to help out, please email [Lisa Givens](mailto:Lisa.Givens).



Rector's Bible Study

There will be no Rector's Bible study on April 16th or April 23rd.
It will resume on April 30th.

This year's Annual Youth Sunday will take place on Sunday, May 13th at 10:30 service. This service is a service where we honor graduating high school seniors and also a service where middle and high school students fill most all of our service volunteer roles. Please [email Lisa Givens](#) with the name of your graduating senior and/or the names of your middle/high school student that may want to participate in the Youth Sunday service.



Financial Update

This week, contribution statements as of March 31st will be mailed to everyone that has a 2019 pledge. If you have a 2019 pledge and didn't receive a statement or you have a question regarding your statement, please contact our parish administrator, Jessica Ewell, at parishadmin@saintalbands Davidson.org.

If you would like to pay your 2018 pledge balance, please write "2018 pledge" on the memo line of the check. It is never too late to make prior year pledge payments!

Did you know that you can automatically send contributions to Saint Alban's via your bank's online bill pay? You can establish one-time or monthly payments, and save yourself from writing a check and/or using a stamp! It's easy to do -- enter Saint Alban's Episcopal Church (301 Caldwell Lane, Davidson, NC 28036) as one of your payees!

St. Alban's Preschool



Help us spread the word! St. Alban's Weekday Preschool has several remaining openings in the twos and the five-day fours programs for the 19/20 school year. St. Alban's Weekday Preschool is a play based, hands-on, early childhood program that operates M-F from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Our

teachers all have degrees and love working with children. Call us today to set up a tour at 704-892-8955.

Easter Nursery Volunteers

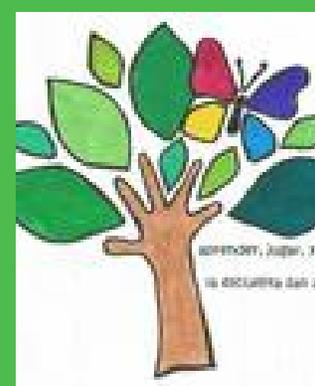
Our baby and toddler nursery is in need of volunteers for Holy Week. Please visit the sign up genius to sign up for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services. We do not have our paid college workers during Holy Week and we will rely on volunteers for this important ministry.

Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094BAAA622A2FA7-nursery>

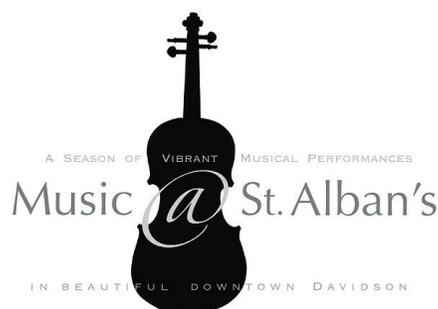
La Escuelita Volunteers

The leaders of Scout Troop 72 at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Cornelius offered to invite older siblings of La Escuelita San Alban Bilingual Preschool children to join. They hope to assist with uniforms and possibly even the registration fees. This is a wonderful opportunity for the youth and their parents! However, they need an adult who is fluent

in both Spanish and English to participate. If you can help, please contact Kevin Davis Kevin.Davis1@dhl.com



Music @ St. Alban's



On Sunday April 28 at 3pm, Music at St. Alban's presents Mannheim Rocket. The Virginia based classical chamber ensemble will play sextets and octets with strings and classical-period clarinet, flute, oboe, and bassoon. Founded in 2013 by award winning conductor and clarinetist Richard Spece, Mannheim rocket offers a musical vitality and passion to the audience. Arrive early to enjoy the pre-concert young artists performance at

2:20pm. The concert will be followed by a "meet the artist" reception. Tickets are available at the door or at www.musicatstalbansdavidson.org. \$20/general admission; \$15/seniors; \$10/students; children under 12/free. This project was made possible, in part, with funding from ASC and the N.C. Arts Council.

On Monday April 29 at 2:30pm, Mannheim Rocket will offer a free town sponsored concert in the Davidson Public Library Community Room. No registration is required for this 45 minute concert.

Concert on the Green

St.Alban's Ministry of Fun will have a canopy set out on Davidson's Town Green on Sunday, **May 5th** for a Concert on the Green. Music is being performed by Kids in America (80s variety), and begins at 6:00 pm however, the St. Alban's canopy will be out first thing Sunday morning, so feel free to drop off your chair on your way to services that Sunday morning. The venue is BYO on food and beverage, however the Ministry of Fun will have a few snacks to share in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.



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 [Mitzi](#) or [Valerie](#) 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. [Lisa Givens](#) 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](#) or [Mary Helms](#).

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](#)

PRAYER LIST

Would you like to add your family or friend to our prayer list? Please email [Jessica](#) the name. When emailing Jessica a name, please state whether you would like first and last name or just first name on the prayer list. The name will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks, or you can "renew" the name for another two weeks, please email Jessica this request too.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to request flowers on the altar in honor or memorial of someone please click the online form [HERE](#). A suggested minimum donation of \$50 per request.

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