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ST. ALBAN'S ANNUAL MEETING



We Gather Together

On November 17th members of St. Alban's gathered in the fellowship hall to hear Senior Warden Steve Jenkins report on finances and other affairs. A delicious pot-luck luncheon provided refreshment.

We thanked Ray Jefferson and Robyn Keeler for their terms of service on Vestry. Mary Randall terminated her term because she had been traveling to meetings with Ray and would not want to drive alone at night. She too, received our thanks. Three new Vestry members were then elected: Brook Gaffney, Alan Nicas, and Marilyn Slocumbe. Vestry will decide which one will serve Mary's unexpired term.

John Keeler reported on both the Nominating Committee and the Diocesan Council. He emphasized the first-ever attendance of a youth delegate from St. Alban's: Ashley Moore.



TAKING NOTE

Confirmation of St. Alban's **Lay Eucharistic Ministers** will be part of the service on Sunday December 8th. Mary Randall quipped that this would be our "pouring license".

Bishop Alexander will visit St. Alban's on Sunday December 15th. The service will begin at 11:30 am to allow him sufficient travel time from St. Andrews in Hartwell. Come celebrate!

Come on **Christmas Eve** to St. Alban's at 11:00 pm on Tuesday December 24th. The Rev. Hershell Atkinson will celebrate the service. Candle light and carols usher in the Savior's birthday.

HAPPY NEW YEAR: THE CHURCH YEAR TURNED AGAIN



ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to all of the "Altar Angels" who have worked so diligently this year! I can't tell you how much I appreciate your efforts.

There is a new 2003 sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, so please check your calendar, pick a month that is convenient for you to work. And sign the sheet. Working in pairs is fine as long as you are willing to work more than once during the year. If there is anyone who has not served on the Altar Guild and would like to do so, please let me know and I will gladly provide the necessary training.

The 2003 Flower Chart is on the back wall of the church. If you would like to give flowers for a particular Sunday during the year, please sign your name on the chart.

Again, thank you for all you do!

Carole



View from the kitchen.

Rachael and the boys.





Thanks to All
**7TH ANNUAL SAFEHOUSE
WALK-A-THON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Suzanne Moore walked with Betty Edmunds, Ashley, Rachael and Andrea. Many more contributed.



But the angel said, "Be not afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people.

Today in the town of David a savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Luke 2: 10-12

***Advent
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Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

Isaiah 42: 1

Fr. Gene Britton and four members of St. Alban's participated in an ecumenical Thanksgiving service held at the Presbyterian Church in Elberton on Thanksgiving Day. Fr. Gene gave an inspiring sermon, there was special music, and a bountiful breakfast.

The annual meeting expressed satisfaction and thanks for Fr. Gene's ministry as interim rector at St. Alban's .

Thanks Father Gene.+

Thanks..

To Carole Coggins

For faithfully directing the Altar Angels and helping us "set the table."

Good Job!