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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Grace and peace, brothers and sisters.

Summer is in full swing now, complete with birds, bees, drought worries, and high fuel prices. Yet in just one more month, our worlds will turn back to school and work.

Some of you came to Washington last month for our joint service with Mediator that included our local Presbyterians as well as my "little flock". We had a grand picnic, enjoying the good friendships and delicious food.

Even though it's summer, we are experimenting with new ways of being together. Bear with us as we try out the new "First Sunday" schedule. Join us, too, in prayer for rain and relief from the heavy burden of higher costs for all, which disproportionately affects the poor. It seems we are being nudged and pushed into a new life even as we still have our deep desires and needs for comfort, peace and stability.

Denni +

Prayers & Sympathy:

Prayers for health and healing:

- Marcia Jenkins is home. Recovery is slow and there is still back pain but short visits are welcome.
- Betty Edmunds has been suffering with serious health problems and her husband Richard has requested prayers.

Prayers for our service people in the Military: including Andrew, Michael, and others in our hearts.

Transitions:

Denni just heard that John Davis died in December. He was buried in Kentucky.

TAKING NOTE

- Sunday July 27th we have 9 am worship with Coffee Hour following.
- August 3rd we have 10 am worship with Coffee Hour following. Early birds join us at 9 am for a Video lesson/discussion.
- August 10th, 17th and 24th we have 9 am worship with Coffee Hour following.
- Next Vestry meeting: August 11th, 7pm, all welcome.
- August 31st we will host a joint meeting with Mediator and Holy Trinity at 10 am. Catered luncheon follows.
- Sept. 7th Bishop Keith will be here, worship 10 am, luncheon follows.

FIRST SUNDAY

WORSHIP @ 10 AM:

AUGUST 3RD AT

ST. ALBAN'S



Betty's Wave

Betty Brooks Edmunds was so active at St. Alban's that ten years ago she would be here for Sunday School and stay for church every Sunday plus attend Bible Study during the week, too. She had the alterations shop under Poole's on the Square.

In the past she had served on Vestry and in the Altar Guild. However, recently, we have missed Betty. She is still in Fortsonia, at home with her husband Richard, but she no longer joins us nor shows that quick wit we so much enjoyed.

Please remember Betty, Richard and their family in your prayers.



The Bishop's Visit

The Rt. Rev. Keith B. Whitmore, will officiate at our September 7th 10 am service.

Please come meet him, worship with us and have lunch afterwards. The luncheon will be at Nancy Seymour's after the service. Look for more about the meal plans in the weekly bulletin and our next issue.

<http://www.episcopalatlanta.org/bishop/whitmore.html>

ence in reflection with a focus on strengthening the communion.

On Sunday, July 20th, Denni preached here in Elberton on the Parable of the Weeds and Wheat. Denni told us of good and bad intentions as well as good results.

Archbishop Rowen in Canterbury reminded the bishops and others that the seed sown by Jesus the Saviour is a good beginning. The Word through the Spirit is transforming us into Christlikeness and a prayerful, trusting relationship with our Father. This transformation affects our relationships with each other and our world. Yet our endings are in God's hands. "We shan't find a genuinely Christlike way forward without such transformation."

Pray for our church and the world.

<http://www.lambethconference.org/index.cfm>



Lambeth 2008

The Anglican community watches and prays for its bishops, meeting in council at the University of Kent in Canterbury from July 16th through August 3rd.

The world-wide communion is under pressure due to differences.

The bishops spent the first three days of the confer-





Bees in the Belfry

OK, so no bees were in the St. Alban's belfry but there was a huge, very old hive in the wall just to the right of the altar plus a smaller hive in the rear sanctuary wall.

Owens Apiaries of Monroe GA took the old combs and the bees, transferring them to a new hive. They expect to have at least one viable new hive. Mary said they showed the indent in the hive where a new queen had been. She has more pictures and videos.

<http://www.owensapiaries.net/>

JD Passing On

John Davis, AKA JD, loved to fish. He started coming to Elberton for recreation on Lake Richard Russell years ago. Then when he moved here a few years back, he also moved his membership to St. Alban's.

JD suffered health problems and eventually left Elberton, moving to assisted living facilities. Many angels among us pitched in: Allen, Suzanne, Bill Jenkins and Joanne who runs the local Hunan Chinese Restaurant. He blessed us too.

Here is a snap of JD back in 2006 at a reception Marcia and Steve gave for the ordination of John Keeler.



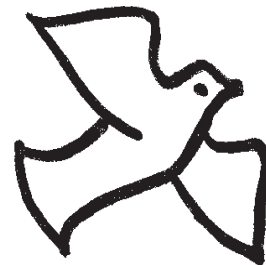
Bee Watchers Allen and Carolyn

Carolyn Hagins watches with Allen Nicas as the professional beekeepers round up and extract our bee population. Also there: Denni, Herschell and Mary. (Carole Coggins did a drive-by.)

The honey was so old that it looked like chocolate, but we have some fresh golden honey dripping inside the sanctuary wall. Gives new meaning to "a taste of St. Alban's".

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39



On Your Calendar

Annual Diocesan Council will meet in Decatur this year on November 14-15th.

Safehouse will hold their annual Walkathon on November 1st at 8 am on the Square. Watch for opportunities to walk or pledge.

Yellow Ribbons

St. Alban's tied yellow ribbons around the trees in Marcia Jenkin's front yard to welcome her home. She was months in the hospital, in Athens and Hartwell.

Welcome home, Marcia.

Angels Needed

Altar Angels can still sign up for ministry. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Training provided (on the job.)

Coffee Hour Angels can also sign up on the bulletin board, no training required. Contact Marilyn Slocumbe for more information.



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