



SANCTUARY

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Lord is risen, brothers and sisters.

Easter-tide is nearly through. We are almost finished with this year's season of remembering the mystery of the resurrection.

Some changes are afoot in our lives together. Please take a look at the challenges and opportunities in this issue of your Sanctuary and pray with me for the grace and love we will need in order to glorify God in the weeks ahead.

Denni +

Prayers & Sympathy:

Prayers for health and healing:

- Marcia Jenkins had major surgery to remove the tumor in her spine, so successful that she was sitting up and even walking. Complications from her first chemo-therapy, however, have her back in the hospital, in very critical condition, with no visitors allowed until further notice. See inside for details on how to help both Marcia and the family.
- Boots, husband of Carole Oglesby, had a biopsy and removal of his spleen. His gall bladder was also removed and he is recovering.
- Fr Gene Briton was in and out of the hospital with unexplained weakness and is recovering.

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

Transitions:

Betsy Grinstead died peacefully in the night, April 17th. A memorial service is planned for May 5th at 2 p.m. Please call the church office for details.

TAKING NOTE

- Mary and the church office have new hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. till noon. (The old hours were MTWF from 10 a.m. till noon.)
- Denni will be at St. Alban's on Monday and Wednesday or you can call her to meet with you at 706-401-5834.
- Bible Study, Mondays at noon in the Parish Hall. Topic: The Kings. Denni leading.
- Next Joint meeting with Mediator will be June 29th, in Washington.
- On August 31st St. Alban's will host a joint meeting in Elberton.

WORSHIP: FIRST

SUNDAYS @ 10AM

BEGINNING JULY 6TH

JOIN US!!



In Memoriam: Betsy Dawson Auld Grinstead

Betsy was born February 17th 1910 in Chester, South Carolina, the daughter of Charles DeWitt Auld of Elberton and Nancy Dawson of Virginia.

She was a graduate of Elberton High School and the University of South Carolina and taught school in various places including the Day School of the Episcopal Church in Seattle, Washington.

An accomplished pianist, she also enjoyed sewing, reading, gardening, traveling and playing bridge.

She was active in the Elbert Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and a member of the Episcopal Church Women. With her extensive background in Bible Study, she was an important leader in St. Alban's Bible Study group for several years. Her biography was included in the recent history of Elbert County.

She has been residing at Magnolia Estates Retirement Home for the last several years.

She and her deceased husband Loren had one son, Dan Grinstead, who now lives in Seattle, Washington.



She is survived by her son Dan, niece Carolyn Greyard of Greenville SC, great nephew Joe Linker, of Athens GA., nephew George Auld, of Greenville SC, niece Mary Jane Linker, of Athens GA. and life long friend Eleanor Jane Thornton of Elberton.

A memorial service will be held at St. Albans in Elberton on May 5th at 2 p.m. with a reception following the service in the the church parish hall. Her ashes will be interred at Elmhurst Cemetery at a later date

New Assistant Bishop

The Diocese of Atlanta has a new assistant bishop: the Rt. Rev. Keith B. Whitmore, formerly of



Wisconsin. His service should bring a bishop to St. Alban's more frequently and relieve Bishop Neil of covering the entire Diocese alone.

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

New Email Etc.

Thanks to help from Joel Seymour, the church has new internet service from Elberton and a new email address:

stalbands@elberton.net

The new address is on our website <http://www.stalbands-elberton.org/>

Outreach Openings

St Albans has fulfilled a previously made pledge to support Camp Mikell. Vestry will consider whether to add this \$100 per month to our current Safehouse Pledge (\$50 per month) or some other cause.

Denni would like St. Alban's to develop a local mission/outreach. She gave the First Alert system sponsored by the Elberton Pilot Club as an example.

Stephen Ministries, a program of visitation and care, is another example.

St. Alban's has trained



and sent out Eucharistic Ministers this Spring. Please let Denni know if you want to serve.

Please also express your suggestions for mission/outreach to Denni or members of Vestry.

Angels Needed

Carole Coggins invites all able-bodied souls to consider Altar Angel ministry. There are several months open and the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Training provided (on the job.)

Martha Ivester, President of the Elbert Memorial Hospital Auxiliary has asked for persons interested in volunteering at the hospital to call her: 706-283-6869. More information is on the church bulletin board.

St. Alban's Events

Denni gave an "instructed Eucharist" in early March to help us understand why we do what we do in wor-

ship. Many in the parish expressed their thanks. Denni promised that we can do it again, periodically.

Our March 8th workday went well, getting the church waxed and polished for Easter, the earliest in most of our lifetimes March 23rd .

Because the weather was poor, much of the outside work remains to be done. Charles, the Super Junior Warden, has proposed we have the windows scraped and painted professionally to keep them beautiful as well as protect the wood.

In April, Vestry approved the spending of funds given for the purchase and planting to two young trees in the church yard.

The damaged, dying dog-



Emile, Denni's new pup, wins friends at St. Alban's

wood was also removed. We said goodbye with some sadness as it had given so much pleasure to so many for so long.

Denni had a "Vestry Old & Vestry New" party on April 19th at the manse in Washington. The Nicases, Seymours, Louise Martin and David Baldwin all attended.



I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. John 14: 18-19



The New Orleans Mission Trip

Denni, Suzanne and Sara are all New Orleans-bound. We will stay at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in the University District and work in meal preparation/service as well as spend a day at the reconstruction sites. Please keep us and those we serve in your prayers:

May 6th through May 10th.

New in June & July

Denni will be on sabbatical to Israel June 1st and 8th. Fr Herschell will serve one Sunday and the other will be Morning Prayer.

First Sundays at 10 a.m.:
Denni will spend the entire morning at St. Alban's,

on the first Sunday of each month, starting July 6th. The worship service will begin at 10 a.m.

Help for the Jenkins

- Meals for the Jenkins Family have been scheduled for each week. Marilyn Slocumbe is maintaining the list, so please call

her to volunteer if you can. 706-988-9234

- The Granite City Shrine Club is sponsoring a benefit dinner for the Jenkins on May 10th and would like all tickets to be sold by May 1st.

- Call Marilyn for details. 706-988-9234

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Benefit for Jenkins Family
Pork Barbecue Plate
Masonic Lodge - Industrial Blvd.
Saturday, May 10, 2008
Serving 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
\$10.00 per plate
Sponsored by Granite Center Shrine Club
BBQ Pork, BBQ Stew, Potato Chips, Eat In or Take Out

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