



# SANCTUARY

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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Elberton, Georgia

## RECTOR'S MESSAGE

### *Peace & grace to you, sisters and brothers.*

We're getting geared up to elect a new bishop in October 2012. It's a long and tedious process. The diocese has hired a consultant, and we have selected our different groups to start the ball rolling.

The Episcopal Church has five different types of bishops. We have one Presiding Bishop. Her name is Katherine Jefferts-Schori. She is the first woman to be elected PB. She presides over the House of Bishops, and she represents the Episcopal Church internationally. Presiding Bishops are elected for nine years. They are very tired after their term and usually don't look anything like the way they looked when they began.

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### *Prayers & Sympathy:*

Prayers for health and healing:

- Anne Jaudon, on the death of her daughter-in-law, Tammi Barker (see p. 2)
- Carole Coggins, on the death of her aunt, Lena Sassi (see p. 2)
- Marcia Jenkins and her family
- Betty and Richard Edmunds
- Tommy Warren (1111 Williams Dr., Elberton). Notes and cards would be appreciated
- Those serving in the military

### *Transitions:*

- The Bible study group lost a valued longtime member, Jacqueline Cole (see p. 2).

## TAKING NOTE

- July and August worship at 9 a.m. followed by coffee hour. Holy Eucharist except on July 31, when there will be Morning Prayer.
- Bible study will meet on Mondays at noon, with off days July 25 and August 1 and 8. Discussion of Matthew will continue. New members are always welcome.
- July 11 Vestry meeting at 6 p.m.
- July 20 Lunch with Denni, noon at McIntosh Coffee Shoppe.
- August 17 Lunch with Denni, at noon at McIntosh Coffee Shoppe.

**BISHOP**

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**OCTOBER 30**



## *Jacqueline Cole*

Jacqueline Ann Doughty Cole, 76, of 136 Forest Ave., Elberton, Georgia, and Monson, Maine, wife of David L. Cole, passed away Thursday April 28, 2011, at St. Mary's Hospital in Athens, Georgia.

Born in Bangor, Maine, on November 16, 1934, she was the daughter of the late George L. Doughty Sr. and Marion Brown Doughty. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Elberton. Prior to her retirement, she was the Unit Manager of Personal Care at Artman Lutheran Home in Ambler, Pennsylvania, and then the Director of Nurses at Front Royal Family Practice in Front Royal, Virginia. She served on the Board of Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation and was a member of the Iris Garden Club and the Elberton Historical Preservation Commission.

Left to cherish her memories are her husband David L. Cole; sons David L. Cole Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland, and John Doughty Cole of Charlotte, North Carolina; daughter Karen Elizabeth Cole Kallis of Atlanta, Georgia; brothers George L. Doughty Jr. of Bangor, Maine, James F. Doughty of Prospect Harbor, Maine, and Bruce R. Doughty of Windham, Maine; and eight grandchildren.



*Jackie Cole (far right) at Bible study.*

## *Tammi Smith Barker*



Tammi Smith Barker died May 20, 2011, at her home. Tammi was a loving wife, mother, daughter, daughter-in-law, and friend. An honor graduate of the University of Georgia, where she received her Master's and Specialist degrees, she taught

Business Education at Madison County High School. She was a lifelong member of Falling Creek Baptist Church and was a teacher for the True Blue Sunday School Class.

She is survived by her husband, James Millard Barker III, children James Millard Barker IV (Miles) and Elizabeth Addison Barker, parents Junious Marion (Pete) and Dorothy (Dottie) Smith, mother-in-law Anne Marie Dixon Jaudon and step-father-in-law Henry Scudder Jaudon.

## *Lena Adele Sassi*

Lena Adele Sassi, 96, of 851 Rhodes Drive, Elberton, passed away May 20, 2011, just three days before her birthday at the Spring Valley Health Care Center.

Miss Sassi was born in Barre, Vermont, May 23, 1914, daughter of the late Frank and Frances Fontana Sassi. She was a member of the Elberton First Presbyterian Church and retired office manager at Premier Designs.

Left to cherish her memories include her sister, Frances "Dee Dee" Mixon of Elberton; niece, Carole and John Coggins; step-nephew, Tommy and Diana Mixon; step-niece, Pam and John Dixon, as well as several great nieces and nephews.

Miss Sassi is preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Marguerite S. and Ben Smith; infant brother, Hugh Sassi; and brother-in-law, John Warren Mixon Jr.



*Rector's Message (continued)*

We have a Diocesan Bishop, who is also called "the Ordinary." They aren't, though. They are elected by the diocese to lead us through thick and thin. Our Diocesan Bishop is Neil Alexander. He is the one who is retiring.

A Co-Adjutor is a bishop who has been elected to help out and take the place after a Diocesan Bishop retires. We don't always have one of these. We don't have one now.

An Assistant Bishop is a bishop who is hired by the Diocesan Bishop to work with him or her. We have an Assistant Bishop who we all know is Keith Whitmore. He won't succeed Bishop Alexander. His wife Suzie wears wonderful hats.

A Suffragan Bishop is a bishop who is elected by the Diocesan Council to assist the Diocesan Bishop. He or she has no jurisdictional authority and does not succeed the bishop when he/she retires.

I have heard that when a bishop is first elected and goes to the House of Bishops they tell him/her that within five years he/she will have gained twenty pounds and have a health problem. I think that if people are willing to put themselves through this for the church we should surely give them all the appreciation and help that we can give.

Blessings,

*Denni +*

*(Below) Arlene Whitlow was photographed while taking a coffee break from her duties as St. Alban's treasurer.*



*(Above) Marilyn Slocumbe displays the church flowers for Mother's Day, given by Allen Nicas in memory of Barbara. Coffee hour that day, hosted by Mary Randall, was also in memory of Barbara.*

## *Bishop Search*

The special election to identify Bishop J. Neil Alexander's successor has been scheduled for June 2, 2012, at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Clergy members of and parish delegates to the 105th Diocesan Council on November 4–5 will be eligible to vote in the election of the next bishop.

The Committee for Nominations has scheduled separate listening sessions for laypeople, priests, and deacons around Middle and North Georgia in order to gather material for a written profile that describes the diocese to applicants. A listening session for laypeople will take place in Athens at Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 14. Listening session facilitators from the Committee for Nominations will seek discussion and responses to general questions including what is going well in the diocese, what the challenges in the diocese are, what characteristics the next bishop should have, how the spiritual nature of the diocese is changing, and what kind of diocese we need to become.

Follow the bishop search at [www.atlbishopsearch.org](http://www.atlbishopsearch.org).

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1*



## *St. Alban*

Our church is named for St. Alban, about whom few facts are known.

In Roman Britain around A.D. 304, a Roman citizen named Alban (some accounts say he was a soldier) hid a priest from the authorities, who were persecuting Christians. The priest converted Alban, but the local governor's men found out where the priest was hiding. To help the priest escape, Alban switched clothes with him. Caught, Alban was dragged to the local amphitheater and ordered to give up Christianity. When he refused, the governor sentenced him to be executed. Alban converted one of the executioners, but the other one beheaded him. The place of his execution was Holmhurst Hill in the modern city of Saint Alban.

Alban is considered the first British martyr and the patron saint of refugees and others seeking sanctuary. In 2000, when we were starting to think about a newsletter for St. Alban's church, Fr. Jim Shumard suggested that we name the newsletter *Sanctuary* in honor of St. Alban.

*Episcopalians celebrate the feast day of St. Alban on June 22.*

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