



The Good News!

February
2010



St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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Church office hours: Monday — Friday 8 am to 4 pm

Rector's Reflections



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Epiphany/Lent

Our Vestry retreat in Santa Barbara, gave us some much needed time to get to know one another better. The conversations, shared meals, the chance to enjoy corporate prayer several times a day with the monks, helped us open up to one another about our dreams and hopes for our congregation.

On Saturday, we shared stories about experiences we have had at St. Alban's, experiences in which we know we have been touched by the Spirit. Many stories were told of times when people felt cared for and loved. Others told of times when prayer seemed especially profound or times when a deep-down sense of healing was present in their lives.

We continued the conversation by expressing important truths about how the Spirit was present in our congregation and came up with this statement:

We are learning to listen to the Spirit

- *in our engagement with one another and the world;*
- *through our listening and sharing, especially when we let go of our expectations;*
- *In compassion, conversation, and presence with one another in community;*
- *as we keep trying to integrate faith and reason.*

Your Vestry and I will hold these truths in mind as we go forward into the new year, but we already have ways to continue listening to the Spirit.

We will end the season of Epiphany with a bang-up Barrett sermon and lecture given by Peter Hawkins of Yale Divinity School on Sunday the 14th. We will enter Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 17, with plans for the Christian Covenant Class for new parishioners, and several small group discussion groups. We already have two Bible study groups, on Sunday morning "in between" services and on Wednesday mornings at 10:30.

And on Saturday, February 27, we will have a Parish Planning Morning, "The Next five Years," facilitated by Martha Batorski. All who are a part of our community are needed and welcomed to attend.

All of our programs will help us continue learning to "listen to the Spirit," in ways that will bring new joy and peace. I am thankful for our Vestry and for all of you as we continue building up a faithful community of disciples in Westwood, being a church centered around the love of Christ and eager to share that love with the world around us.

Faithfully yours, *Susan +*

BARRETT LECTURE SERIES...

On Sunday, February 14, **Peter Hawkins**, Professor of Religion and Literature at Yale Divinity School, will be preaching at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services and delivering the Barrett Lecture at 4:00 p.m. Parking will be available across the street from the church in Parking Structure #2 at UCLA. St. Alban's honors the late Bishop George Barrett, activist and friend of St. Alban's and our diocese, by sponsoring a sermon and lecture given by a prominent preacher Theologian. This year's sermon will be, "I caught this morning morning's minion." The lecture will be, "The Life of the World to Come?" A renowned Dante scholar, Hawkins has written Dante's Testaments and The Poet's Dante. He is also the author of Listening for God: Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith. His Beecher lectures at Yale Divinity School are published in his most recent book, Undiscovered Country, Imagining the World to Come. Peter Hawkins is known as an inspiring preacher and teacher, a man in love with the big questions of life. Come join us and see for yourselves!

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Worship Services

Sundays:

8 am Holy Eucharist
10 am Holy Eucharist

Parish Staff

The Rev. Susan W. Klein, Rector
 The Rev. Norm Ishizaki, Rector Emeritus
 The Rev. Warner Traynham, Assisting Priest
 Nancy John, Administrator
 Darren Motise, Minister of Music
 James Vail, Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus
 Gordon Toler, Sexton

Church School Attendants

Susan Agnew,
 Imogen Eddington and
 Lisa Atmodjo

Vestry

Christine Mason, Sr. Warden
 Rudy Marloth, Treasurer
 Vivian Hay, Clerk

Weekly Study/Services

Friday Small Group

AGO Concert

Kerygma

On Wednesdays, from 10:30 am—11:45, we pull out Bibles, commentaries, and our own beliefs and ideas to explore the scriptures in depth. Meet us some Wednesday in the library and join in a very stimulating conversation. We are studying the gospel of Matthew.

Mid-week Holy Eucharist

Take a mid-week moment and refresh yourself spiritually by joining us for our Noon-time Holy Eucharist.

Every Wed. at noon in the Chapel.
Bring a friend!

Small Group:

Reconciliation and Rembrandt

We are discussing *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*. In what many consider his finest work, Henri J.M. Nouwen takes on Rembrandt and reconciliation, reflections on the parable of the prodigal son. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

We meet Fridays 1 to 2:30 pm.
through February 12.

For more information call or email: John Hirning 310. 985.5144/
jhirning@ucla.edu

American Guild of Organists (AGO)

will be holding a concert
Here at St. Alban's!

Monday, February 15

President's Day!

From 9am– 10:30 am

Bring a friend and enjoy!

Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday, February 17,
celebrations of the Eucharist.
7:00 a.m.—Noon and — 6:00 p.m.**

During which ashes will be imposed.

Parish Retreat

“The Next Five Years” is a planning morning for our ministry facilitated by Martha Batorski who will be returning to this community she loves to help us with our conversation. We would love everyone who cares about our parish to be a part of this morning. **We will begin at 9am with prayer and end sharply at 11am with prayer.**

Please join us. Saturday, FEBRUARY 27

Join us for These Weekly Services and Activities!

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
(Chapel)

9:00 am Adult Forum
(Library)

10:00 am *Choral Eucharist
(main Church)

*Nursery and
Church school available

5:00 pm **UCLA Student
Fellowship**
Episcopal and Methodist
Chaplaincy to host
(St. Alban's-main church)

**See usher or website for
Sunday Parking permits*

Wednesday

10:30 am Kerygma
Bible Study
(Library)

12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist
(Chapel)

Thursday

7:30 pm Adult Choir Reh.
Starting (choir room)

Friday

1:00 pm Pilgrim's Way
Small group
(Library)

February Activities

**Feb. 13
Sat.
9-10 am** Lectio Divina
Prayer/fellowship
(all are invited.)

**Feb. 14
Sun.
4 pm** Barrett Lecture
Main church
Peter Hawkins.

**Feb. 15
Mon.
9:00 am** AGO Concert
In the main church

**Feb. 15
Mon.** The office will be
closed for
President's Day

**Feb. 17
Ash Wed** Ash Wed. services
7 am—noon—6 pm

**Feb 24
Wed.
12:30 pm** Lunch Bunch!
Join us for a \$5 lunch
and million-dollar fel-
lowship!

**Feb. 27
Sat
9am-11 am** Parish Retreat

Meet the New Vestry Members!



John Hirning

I moved to Los Angeles 10 years ago to study computer science at UCLA. As a student, I got involved with the Canterbury group and also with the parish community. Over the years, I've been happy to serve St. Alban's in a variety of ways: lector, usher, acolyte, LEV, tech support, and just about any other support. Today, I work for UCLA doing web development, I'm the president of the Canterbury Westwood Board, and I'm happy to return to the St. Alban's Vestry.



Rose Kujawa

Rose Kujawa moved from Brooklyn, New York to Los Angeles, California in 1975 to complete her Accounting Education at the University of Southern California. She received her Certified Public Accountant Certificate after training in Accounting and Auditing at Coopers and Lybrand. Continuing her career in the corporate sector, Rose specialized in SEC reporting and analysis. In January 2009 Rose joined the eight o'clocker family at Saint Alban's where she has assisted with the Altar Guild and Lector ministries. Prayerful visits with at-home parishioners through the Lay Eucharistic Visitor ministry and spiritual experience sharing with the Small Group Study ministries are special blessings which Rose has found at Saint Alban's.



Katy Palfrey

Katy Palfrey began attending St. Alban's in 2007, and was confirmed in the church in 2008. She enjoys being an acolyte and a greeter at the 10 AM service, and is very grateful for the caring and supportive environment that St. Alban's provides. She is greatly looking forward to continuing to work on the Social Action Ministry. Katy was born and raised in Massachusetts, where her family attended St. Mark's Church. She is a Program Manager at Found Animals Foundation, and lives in Westwood with her two cats, Pink and Floyd.

Parish Community News Board

Febuary Prayer List

Betty Jones, Jeanne Heckler, Ann Shannon, Courtney Williams, Doug Laidlaw, Herb Jones, Miranda Reem Claudia (Del Giudice) Galleta, James McCarthy, Katherine Wright, Josephine Donor, Susan Duck, Kelly Ungerman, Ron MacDonald, Kathryn MacDonald, Carol Bowles, Diana Doyle, David Palecek, Keo Howe, Joe Calabrese, Gene Woods, Howard Morgen, Barry Zweig, and June Rawn.

For our Military: Capt. David Tanen, Lt. Ryan Klint, Grant Stone, and Rob Ruano

St. Alban's "Lunch Bunch" (pray and stay)

Last month's Lunch Bunch gathering continues to be a blessed time of fellowship. Please join us for our second lunch of 2010! The lunch is open to anyone in

the congregation. We will have our next lunch (\$5 per person) on Wed., **February 24, starting with the Noon Eucharist and finishing with lunch from 12:30 —1:30 p.m.** A sign-up sheet will be on the patio for you to indicate whether you can join us. Please do!

Lectio Divina Saturday

February 13 All are welcome to join us the second Saturday of each month from 9 am - 10 am in the Library at St. Alban's, for prayer. We pray for each other, our parish, our community, the world, whatever is on the heart. It is an uplifting and encouraging time.

E-Donations... Just a Click

Away If you are interested in making contributions via the internet, go

to Stalbanswestwood.com and go to the link "**e-donations**" and follow the directions, easy! This is a small step to becoming more "green" as a church as well as increasing the ease to which our parish body and community is able to give.

Christian Covenant Class will begin on Sunday Feb. 28, following the 10:00 service in the Library. Are you new to St. Alban's? New to the Episcopal Church? New to the Christian faith? Join Susan as we hold this series of classes during the Sundays of Lent: Feb 28, March 7, 14, and 21. We are going to be using Marcus Borg's book: The Heart of Christianity. Please sign up on the patio if you are interested in joining this class.

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Welcome!

Koinonia Café Kicks off on the Patio of St. Alban's...

The Wesley Foundation serving UCLA (United Methodist Campus Ministry) in conjunction with Canterbury/Westwood began a new ministry for students February 1st. Koinonia Cafe on the Patio offers a hot meal and a take home snack each Monday 11-1. This meal is open for those students who are unable to afford the cost of food on campus, and who are traveling to and from campus often without eating. Our first lunch was greatly appreciated and well received, serving 6 students.

Donations to assist in offsetting the cost of this program are welcomed. Sponsoring ten students costs only \$32.50/week. Monetary donations can be made out to Wesley Foundation/UCLA or Canterbury Westwood and left in the chaplains mailbox. We are also seeking donations of single serve items to stock the student lounge so

that students who are hungry can stop by and find a nourishing snack Food donations can be brought to the student lounge during the week or Sunday mornings. A list of food items needed is below.

As Christians we come together at the Lord's Table to celebrate God's abundant grace and mercy for all. Let us make real this expression of faith and blessing for students in need. One student commented

"I have to decide each day if I can afford to eat. it makes it hard for me to focus on my studies when I am hungry"

As part of our Christian compassion for all, we are grateful for your support and prayers in helping make this new opportunity available to students who otherwise would go without food.

For more information please contact Jeanne Roe Smith wfsucla@gmail.com 310-909-4471 or Jason Cox episcopal@ucla.edu 310-751-0574

UCLA Student Lounge food supplies:

individual instant oatmeal packets
peanut butter
jelly
crackers
"easy" mac& cheese
ramen noodle cups
string cheese
rice/noodle bowls
granola bars
popcorn (microwave bags)
bottled water
juice packs
trail mix
pretzels

Celebrating God's grace and abundance,
Jeane