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Focus on All Souls' Day

November is the month of many celebrations such as All Souls' Day, All Saints' Day, and Thanksgiving Day. Most of us are familiar with the Feast of All Saints which we begin the month with. We are blessed to have our own bishop say mass on this feast day here at St Alban's. However, the Anglican Catholic Church (ACC) also observes the Feast of All Souls on November 2nd. Once again, like many feasts within the ACC, churchmanship will determine your familiarity with this day. Many ACC congregations combine All Saints with All Souls to form a single feast in which we remember those unknown martyrs for the faith as well as our departed loved ones for whom we lift our voices at every Eucharistic celebration. Regardless of how you choose to observe these feasts, one question usually arises: CAN WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

From a scriptural and traditional viewpoint, the answer to this question is YES. Two scriptures that give evidence of this are 2 Maccabees 12: 38-46 and 2 Timothy 1: 18. In the latter from St Paul, he (St Paul) prays for Onesiphorus who has died: "The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things

he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well." Here, Paul is speaking of the day of judgment. He was praying that Onesiphorus may find mercy in God.

Also, remember that you and I pray for the dead for the same reason we pray for anything, we feel the need and that is reason enough. Moreover, the objections raised against praying for the dead are just as easily raised against all prayers of petition. God already knows all our desires, our sins, and all our goodwill. So why remind God of these? Because prayer builds us up, it changes us, not God. Prayer is meant to change and console us. We pray for our deceased loved ones to comfort ourselves, to stir and celebrate our own faith, and to assuage our guilt about our less-than-perfect relationship with the one who has died. We also pray for the dead because we believe that we are still in vital communion with them. Love, presence, and communication reach even through death. Therefore, we can also seek the prayers of the saints and those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith."

We can't forget that the verb "to pray" means "to ask". So, when you ask God for something, you are praying to God. Likewise, when you ask someone to ask on your behalf, you are praying to them to pray for you.



prayer

Give your worries to the LORD,
and he will take care of you.

I have no doubt that some Christians who are not familiar with all these realities will take them as too “Romish” while our Anglo-Catholic folks will think I left too much out.

Regardless of your theological views on the subject, always remember what we learn from John in the book of Revelation: “Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints” (Revelation 5: 8).

Peace and Blessings!

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"For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry" (Habakkuk 2: 3).

An African Travelogue

By David Wheeler and
Bernard Riley

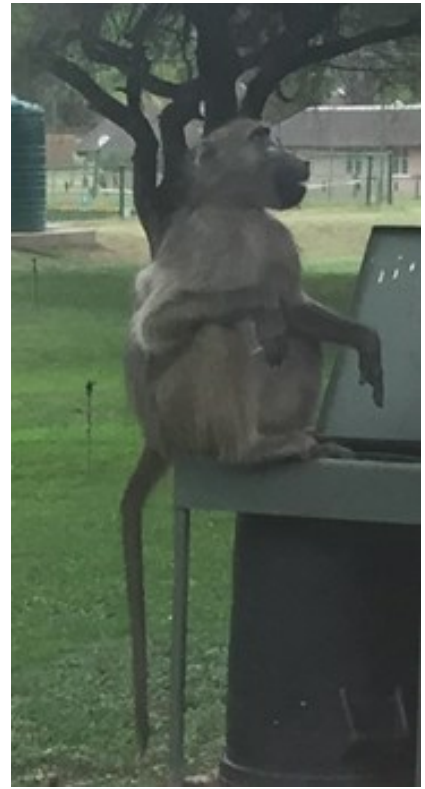
Dearest Friends,

At the mountain inn in Limpopo en route to our first camp the first night out. We began on the terrace overlooking Louis Trichardt in the valley below where we bought our provisions for the journey (last opportunity before our weeks -long sojourn with hippos, elephants, crocodiles, giraffe, lions, hyenas, cheetahs, African buffalos, rhinoceroses& a host of baboons and impressive grazing animals; kudu, impala, springbok, ostrich and such) - - - having a ginger square (brandy and ginger beer) to recover from the seemingly endless flight; how so ever smooth it was and without incident. Then a

brief overnight unpacking i.e. pajamas and toothbrush and then into the dining room linen-decked for a delicious fried Mozambique fish dinner, wine and dessert; all served by a native staff in the old African colonial fashion - - on to bed, awaking at odd hours on a jet-lag jag then drifting back into a deep rest after starting an Afrikaans novel; a real cliff hanger that I haven't been able to put down since. Up for a sumptuous breakfast amidst the smells and glorious sounds of Africa, totally unique and different than anything at home, then to a small barber in the last town for a haircut and provisions, back to the inn for lunch where we ran into the only other traveler; our friend Pascal from Switzerland also on his way to the Sulphur hot springs on the Zimbabwe border. The clock seems to stop when you get here. All that entertainment, food libations & lodging cost in total \$100 if you can believe it! I'm writing this tome to you on the stoop of our hut, monkeys and baboons all around looking to get in the hut for a bite, one just slipped by me and went in uninvited.

Lots of love and thoughts come with this note.







How about these shots of a feeding frenzy at the fellowship hour?



The vultures, some of them with a 5 or 6 foot wingspan are gorging themselves on a young elephant. This is our huts view today over the sunrise in Mapulanga and the other way overlooking Mozambique.



We had our first rain after 5 months of dry season with no rain at all. So this am is breathtaking. Choir of birdlife, fowls and animals is a joy indeed.





By Elizabeth H. White

All Saints Day November 1

All Saints Day commemorates all saints of the church, both known and unknown who have reached Heaven. It is celebrated on November first in western churches. On this day, we remember the faithfully departed and relatives, friends and strangers who no longer are living.

Halloween, celebrated on October 31, started as a Christian celebration. The word "hallow" in old English, means "sacred". Halloween simply means the evening of holy persons or the hallowed eve of All Saints Day. Today we associate it with devils and demons in our secular culture.

The finest spiritual way to celebrate All Saints Day, if you happen to view yourself as an isolated Christian, is to think of your connection with all of God's saints by reading the lyrics of the hymn "For All the Saints."

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

5 But then there breaks a still more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
in praise of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Tending to family graves and leaving flowers is a respectful way to honor lost loved ones and celebrate an important Saint's Day in the Christian calendar.

Elizabeth H. White (Betsy)

"For All the Saints"

William W. How (b. Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England, 1823; d. Leenane, County Mayo, Ireland, 1897) studied at Wadham College, Oxford, and Durham University and was ordained in the Church of England in 1847. He served various congregations and became Suffragan Bishop in east London in 1879 and Bishop of Wakefield in 1888. Called both the "poor man's bishop" and "the children's bishop," How was known for his work among the destitute in the London slums and among the factory workers in west Yorkshire. He wrote a number of theological works about controversies surrounding the Oxford Movement

"For All the Saints" is considered to be William W. How's finest hymn text. Originally in eleven stanzas, it was published in Earl Nelson's *Hymns for Saints' Days* (1864) with the heading, "Saints' Day Hymn. A Cloud of Witnesses. Heb. 12:1." The *Psalter Hymnal* includes the original stanzas 1-2, 6-8, and 10-11, with modernized pronouns. (Among the stanzas omitted in most hymnals are those that begin "for all the apostles," "for all the evangelists," and "for all the martyrs.")

The text begins with a proclamation of thanksgiving for the saints ("the cloud of witnesses") who confessed Christ and found in him protection and inspiration (st. 1-2). That proclamation is followed by a prayer for Christ's soldiers on earth to be "faithful, true, and bold" (st. 3). At the crux of the text is the confession of a "blest communion" of saints in heaven and on earth (st. 4). Though the holy warfare may be "fierce and long" (st. 5), "all the saints" may take courage from the vision of a victorious church that worships the triune God on that "more glorious day" (st. 6-7). Liturgically, it was written for All Saints Day and similar church festivals; worship that emphasizes the church as militant and triumphant; funerals.

Etc...



Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as “the Great War.”

Our website, www.saintalbanglican.org, has been updated with new content. This month's highlight - Do you find that you can't remember what type of donations the food pantry needs? You can now print a List of Items Needed from the Community Outreach page of the website.

On Friday, October 11 during the meeting of the College of Bishops, a special Noon Mass was held for the Confirmation and Reception of several St Alban's communicants. . Tom Ashworth was confirmed, and Susan Ashworth, Elaine Marlowe Mitchell and Teresa Roane were received. Archbishop Mark Haverland conducted the service.

On October 12 the Consecration and Enthronement of Bishop Elect Jeffrey Scott Johnson was conducted by Archbishop Haverland.

Bishop Johnson, Rector at All Saints (Saluda, VA) became the 7th bishop ordinary of the DMAS.

On November 1, All Saints Day, a eucharist will be held with Bishop Johnson officiating along with Fr. Hakpon. It will be held at 3 pm.

On Saturday, November 9 at 10 am the Ladies of St. Alban's will hold an important Fourth Quarter Meet-

ing which will involve planning for the two large events coming in November and December, the Bake Sale and the Silent Auction. This meeting is of utmost importance to help solidify arrangements and enlist volunteers. It will take place in the parish hall where a light breakfast will be served

Bake Sale, 9am—1pm. Saturday, November 23 and Sunday 24 (offered after mass in the fellowship hall)

Please contribute your baked specialty to share with others with the proceeds going to church projects. From cornbread to fancy cakes, there will be a demand for all.



Sunday, December 8 — The Annual Meeting will be held after a combined after Mass at 10 am. Vestry members, clergy, choir master and others will make their annual report and budget. It will be followed by lunch in the parish hall.

December 1st— 22nd LoSA's Silent Auction

SILENT AUCTION

The Ladies of St Alban's will be holding a Silent Auction for the Christmas holiday. Each gift with Christmas wrap-

ping will be on display in the Parish Hall with a bid sheet. Bidders are encouraged to bid on the desired gift as often as necessary to reach the highest bid which will be determined on December 22nd. LoSA is



now asking for donations of items that would be suitable for gifts that one may no longer need. Christmas items, books, dishware, serving dishes, or anything that no longer suits but would be of interest to someone else. Bidding opens December 1, 2024 and closes December 22, 2024. See Eunice for more information.

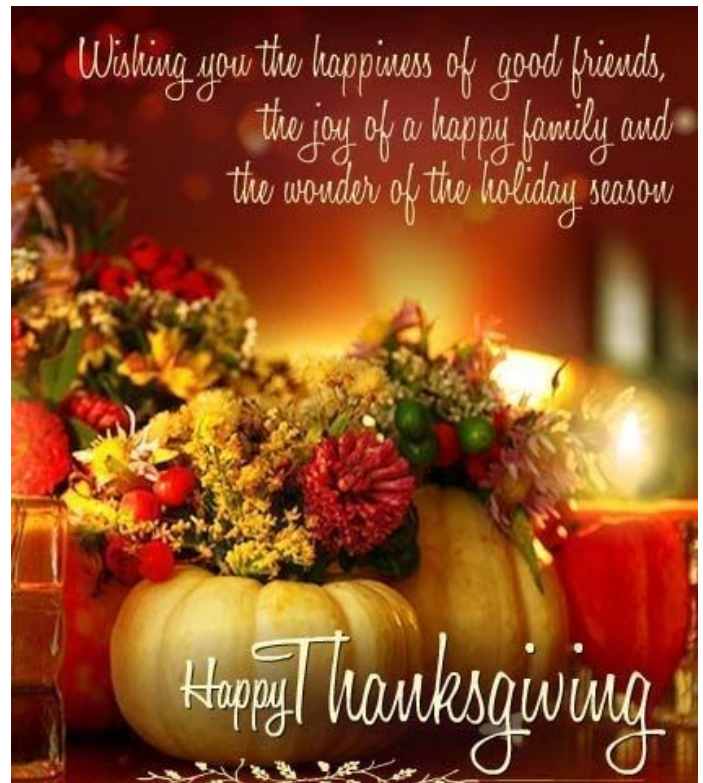
Anglican Catholic Church Class

Friday, November 8 and 22 at 3 pm

We will continue our Anglican Catholic teaching on Friday November 8 and 22 at 3 PM. All are encouraged to attend. Be prepared for some interesting exchanges in the presence of the Lord.

The Anglican Study Class is often followed by a high English tea. During the tea, for entertainment there is sometimes a book reading or other form of amusement. Rumor has it that soon there is planned (no specific date) a piano four-hands duet featuring Marilyn Goff and Bernard Riley playing *Ma mère l'Oye* (English: Mother Goose, literally "My Mother the Goose") a suite by French composer Maurice Ravel. The piece was originally written as a five-movement piano duet in 1910. Piano versions bear the subtitle "*cinq pièces enfantines*" (five children's pieces). The five pieces are: **Pavane de la Belle au bois dormant*: Lent (*Pavane of Sleeping Beauty*), **Petit Poucet*: Très modéré (*Little Tom Thumb / Hop-o'-My-Thumb*), **Laideronnette, impératrice des pagodes*: Mouvt de marche (*Little Ugly Girl, Empress of the Pagodas*), **Les entretiens de la belle et de la bête*: Mouvt de valse très modéré (*Conversation of Beauty and the Beast*) and **Le jardin féerique*: Lent et grave (*The Fairy Garden*)

Stay tuned to find out exact time and occasion.




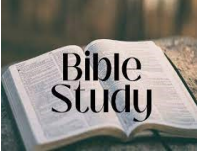

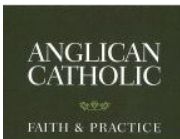



God respects your freedom

God created us with the "dignity of a person who can initiate and control his own actions"; we have the freedom to choose and be responsible. (CCC 1730).

God does not want to force you to choose a certain path, but to listen to His invitation and respond freely, and so "God does not shout but whispers"

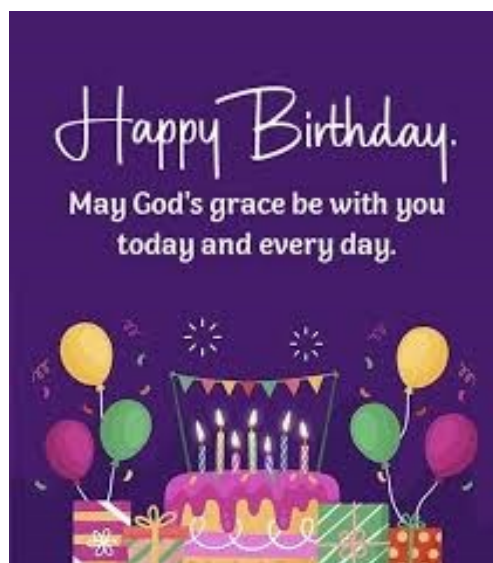
**YOUR VOTE
IS YOUR VOICE**

NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 MORNING PRAYER Daily 8am	 Bible Study 10:00 am Wednesday	 Sunday Morning Adult Study 10:00 am	 Anglican Class Fridays 11/8 & 11/22, 3 pm	 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	1 ALL SAINTS Morning Prayer 8am All Saints Mass 3pm	2 All Souls No morning prayer
3 TRINITY XXIII Eucharist at 8:30 Adult ed at 10:00 Mass 11:00	4 No morning prayer	5 No morning prayer 	6 Morning Prayer 8am Bible Study 10:00 Food Pantry 12-2	7 No morning prayer	8 Morning Prayer 8am Anglican Class 3pm	9 No morning prayer LoSA meeting in Parish Hall 10 am
10 TRINITY XXIV Eucharist at 8:30 Adult ed at 10:00 Mass 11:00 Vestry 12:30	11 Veterans Day No morning prayer	12 No morning prayer	13 Morning Prayer 8am Bible Study 10:00 Food Pantry 12-2	14 No morning prayer	15 Morning Prayer 8am	16 No morning prayer
17 TRINITY XXV Eucharist at 8:30 Adult ed at 10:00 Mass 11:00	18 Morning Prayer 8am	19 Morning Prayer 8am	20 Morning Prayer 8am Bible Study 10:00 Food Pantry 12-2	21 Morning Prayer 8am	22 Morning Prayer 8am Anglican Class 3pm	23 Morning Prayer 8am
24 SUNDAY b4 ADVENT Eucharist at 8:30 Adult ed at 10:00 Mass 11:00 Evensong 6 pm	25 Morning Prayer 8am	26 Morning Prayer 8am	27 Morning Prayer 8am Bible Study 10:00 Food Pantry 12-2	28  HAPPY Thanksgiving Morning Prayer 8am	29 Morning Prayer 8am	30 S.ANDREW Morning Prayer 8am

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mark Slaw 01
 Jeff Barlow 04
 Bernard Riley 06
 Julie Aida 09
 Gibson Worsham 09
 Charlotte Walls 11
 John Bugg 24
 Bryant Cook 24
 Chi Wen Lee 29



St. Alban's is a traditional Anglican parish located Richmond, Virginia. St. Alban's is committed to Christianity as a way of life. Faithfulness to the ancient faith, reverence in worship, love for God and each other and holiness in life are the hallmarks of the parish. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a part of our growing parish family! We will embrace you, pray for you, and encourage you as we strive together to attain the kingdom of heaven.



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

• • Sunday

Sunday 8:30am - 9:30am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 9:45am - 10:30pm Adult Study and Sunday School

Sunday 11:00 am-12 Noon Holy Eucharist (music)

Sunday 5:30pm - 7:00pm Choral Evensong

• • Wednesdays

Wednesday. . 9:45, Adult Study

• • Daily

Monday-Saturday 8:00am-8:25am Matins (Chanted Morning Prayer) 8:00, ***Morning Prayer will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays only from 10/14—11/16. It will resume the normal schedule 6 days a week on Monday, 11/18.**

• • Holy Days

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