

St. Alban's Life

Celebrating our time together

Late Fall to Christmas

January 25, 2025

On the second Sunday in October, the Rev. John Van Siclen considered a camel and the eye of a needle, we celebrated birthdays and anniversaries, and enjoyed pumpkin decorating.



Julie Adams and Diane Mather represented St. Alban's at the Diocesan Convention, October 25th and 26th.



Bishop Jeffery Mello



Theme: One Vine,
Many Branches



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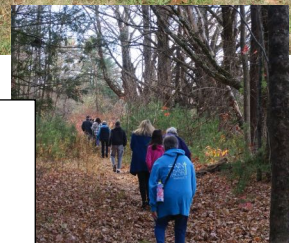
Historical background (above) and observations along the loop (right).

On Saturday November 2nd, a group of about 18 went on a guided walk around our back acres, led by Kim Thacker, archivist at The Ethel Walker School.



We have a large old "borrow pit" where earth was taken for use elsewhere.

We returned along an old road lined with very old trees.



Meredith Jacob, 10/20

We are blessed with capable lay readers to lead Morning Prayer on occasion and two retired priests to celebrate the Eucharist the other Sundays.



Steve McGrath, 11/17



The Rev. David Gable (left) and the Rev. John Van Siclen (right)



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On the second Sunday in November, we heard how two small coins from a poor widow are more meaningful than a larger sum from a rich person. We brought in food for the town pantry, and celebrated birthdays and anniversaries.



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Flute music by Handel
Pam Van Siclen

We had Advent Lessons & Carols on
December 1st with added music.



Once in Royal David's City
Caroline Coolidge



Ann Hall



Mike Bailey



Kathleen
Canzano



Diane Mather



Fr. David Gabel

And the Stars for
the mobile were
put up once again
for the season.



Paul Murphy, Nick Mason, Jon Lynch

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For the second Sunday in December, we did the usual things like blessing the food donations, and then during coffee hour, we made double sided stars to decorate the windows for Christmas Eve.



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We continued our tradition (since 2015) of hosting a concert by Voce on December 13th. As usual, the organization, decorations and the reception were well done and the music was superb.



The audience joined in to sing some carols.



During Advent, Connie led a Bible Study exploring the psalms appointed for Advent, using a booklet titled "Show me your Ways, O Lord". Shown here: participants from Advent IV, December 22nd.



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Christmas Eve



It was a joy that Britt Leite was able to attend, supported by her family (of 16 !)



Silent Night, Holy Night sung by candlelight

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"In other news..." Joyce Banks, a new flower guild member, got help from Elizabeth Maniatty learning how to create an arrangement.

Diane and Geoff Mather attended Thanksgiving at Camp Washington for a cozy fire, fellowship and a fine meal.



**SOMEONE
GIVE
ME AN
AMEN**

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Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m. Please join us!

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