

October 2025



St. ALBAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Celebrating and Sharing God's Love

The Almanac



PIC's Pickings

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

I yield my monthly column to a colleague, the Rev. Tim Brown:

Do You Remember?

Around this time of year, my ears begin ringing with the seminal Earth, Wind & Fire hit "September."



*Do you remember
The 21st night of September?
Love was changin' the minds of pretenders
While chasin' the clouds away*

Not just a catchy earworm, this tune was added to the Library of Congress's National Recording Registry in 2018 for being "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant." And while I'm not sure which of those three this song actually is (perhaps all three?), it sure does ask a timely question: Do you remember?

- Do you remember that moment in this past year when you were moved to tears in worship?
- Do you remember that time you volunteered with your faith community on that service project and found yourself as the one being served the most even though you came to serve?
- Do you remember when heartache struck and your faith community rallied around you with not just support but food and tears of solidarity?
- Do you remember when you first heard and took to heart the message of the gospel and how it brought you heart-bursting joy?
- Do you remember seeing the youth share their faith out loud for the first time, and how it bolstered your own faith?

September is typically the time when congregations engage in stewardship appeals (though I suggest that stewardship is a year-round part of discipleship and that only talking about financial stewardship or only engaging in the topic of stewardship once a year is not the best practice!). Connecting the dots between giving to your faith community and how your community changes lives — including your own — is paramount.

Because ministry doesn't happen in a vacuum, beloved.

And so September is a time to remember: remember how your life is changed through your church, and how you change the lives of others through your church. Any talk of stewardship that is divorced from the life-changing work, the discipleship work, you communally do is incomplete.

Any stewardship talk you engage in should not just focus on asking but should connect the work with gifts given. Don't you remember how much ministry happened this past year because of the generosity of the community? Don't you remember the lives changed? Does your community remember?

Beloved, just very quickly, while I still have your attention, I have a stewardship question for you:

Do you remember?

In Christ, *Father Richard*

FROM THE TREASURER'S VAULT

Treasurer's Report - June 30, 2025



GENERAL FUND

Checking Balance as of

- Checking Balance as of May 31, 2025: \$23,387.47

- TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSES:

Offerings: \$
Other Income: \$14,131.01
TOTAL Income: \$18,300.39

TOTAL Expenses \$17,419.82

- Checking Balance as of June 30, 2025: \$14,811.00
- Average attendance for 5 Sundays in June = 33

June Weekly Offering

- June 1, 2025
 - Attendance: 34 & Online Views
 - Pledge: \$2,138.00
 - Plate: \$ 416.77
- June 8, 2025
 - Attendance: 35 & Online Views
 - Pledge: \$ 43.00
 - Plate: \$373.00
- June 15, 2025
 - Attendance: 35 & Online Views
 - Pledge: \$418.00
 - Plate: \$290.61
- June 22, 2025
 - Attendance: 33 & Online Views
 - Pledge: \$225.00
 - Plate: \$265.00
- June 29, 2025
 - Attendance: 28 & Online Views
 - Pledge: \$1,290.00
 - Plate: \$ 398.00

Bible Study in October

“If we let ourselves, we shall always be waiting for some distraction or other to end before we can really get down to our work. The only people who achieve much are those who want knowledge so badly that they seek it while the conditions are still unfavorable. Favorable conditions never come” (C.S. Lewis).

How badly do you want knowledge? What distracts you? What can this priest do to be of service?

If you are interested in an on-line Bible study, please respond to this Doodle (an on-line scheduling app): <https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/enJRQr7e> and let me know what times on Tuesday (all day) or Thursday (daytime) you would be available. Choose as many options as possible.

We'll decide upon our topic at our first meeting. In Christ, *Father Richard*

Again: <https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/enJRQr7e>

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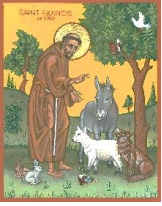
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Cubscout meeting 5pm</i> <i>Scout Troop 308 meeting 6:30pm</i>	2	3	4 <i>Blessing of Animals 10am at First Presbyterian</i>
5 Worship Service 9:00 am in person <i>Celebrate Birthdays & Anniversary</i>	6	7 <i>Bilingual Mass 8:30AM</i> Food Pantry 9-11 AM	8 <i>Cubscout meeting 5pm</i> <i>Scout Troop 308 meeting 6:30pm</i>	9 <i>Housing Conference 9am-Noon (see pg 5)</i>	10	11
12 Worship Service 9:00 am in person OR View on our Facebook page	13	14	15 <i>Cubscout meeting 5pm</i> <i>Scout Troop 308 meeting 6:30pm</i>	16 <i>San Diego Widows & Widowers Group 11:30-3pm</i>	17	18 <i>St Luke the Evangelist</i>
19 Worship Service 9:00 am <i>with Bishop Susan Brown-Snook Vestry Mtg</i>	20	21 <i>Bilingual Mass 8:30AM</i> Food Pantry 9-11 AM	22 <i>Cubscout meeting 5pm</i> <i>Scout Troop 308 meeting 6:30pm</i>	23	24	25
26 Worship Service 9:00 am in person OR View on our FB page	27	28 <i>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	29 <i>Cubscout meeting 5pm</i> <i>Scout Troop 308 meeting 6:30pm</i>	30 <i>St James of Jerusalem</i>	31 <i>All Saints' Eve</i>	



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 04 (Saturday morning) 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals



St. Alban's Episcopal Church with First Presbyterian Church of El Cajon at
500 Farragut Circle El Cajon, CA 92020

Bring your pet (or a picture or something that belongs to your pet, a collar, a favorite toy, etc.).

There will be dog treats and ice cream.

We will also remember in our prayers pets who have died.

October 05 (Sunday morning) 09:00 a.m.

Anniversaries and Birthdays Celebration



Instead of remembering anniversaries and birthdays every week, we are going to celebrate the whole month's worth with cake and some surprises.

October 09 (Thursday morning) 09:00 a.m. - noon

Shared Housing Conference



Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church 455 Church Way, El Cajon 92020

Do you know someone who can no longer afford to live in their home – maybe they're on a fixed income or lost their job or partner? Do you know individuals or families who are doubled up without a lease, but who can pay rent, just not enough to live on their own? Do you know what can match these complementary needs and resources? Shared housing.



On October 9, the East County Homeless Task Force (ECHTF) will convene faith community leaders like you, along with other trusted messengers, nonprofit service organizations, local governments, civic organizations, and interested residents so you can learn how shared housing works, ask questions, and explore whether it could work in your congregation.

Registration is free. For more information, use the QR Code or contact theechtfg@gmail.com. Please join us. Let's work together to prevent and end homelessness in our community!

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October 19 (Sunday morning) 09:00 a.m.

Visit of the Bishop



Bishop Susan Brown Snook will be preaching and presiding.

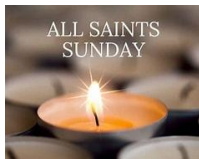
We will celebrate our patron, St. Alban.

The service will be followed by a potluck lunch. Details to follow.

Coming in November:

November 02 (Sunday morning) 09:00 a.m.

All Saints Sunday



We remember the saints in order that we imitate their faith and good works, according to our calling.

We particularly remember members and friends who have died since 01 November 2024. Please submit their names to the Church Office by October 26.

November 26 (Thursday evening) Thanksgiving Eve (Time TBA)



We will gather with gratitude and thanksgiving with First Presbyterian.

**From St. Paul's Cathedral
Fall Formation Offerings 2025**

1. *What is a Christian? A Film Study Series*

Mondays, 6:00 -8:00 pm, including dinner. October 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3

New to the Christian faith or the Episcopal Church?

Looking for a refresher or a space to explore your beliefs with others? Join us for a five-week film study led by Cathedral clergy and “Film Spirit” facilitator David Stump. Through three powerful films, we’ll explore the foundations of Christian faith and share our own spiritual journeys.

Leaders: Cathedral clergy and David Stump.

Sign up: <https://onrealm.org/StPaulsCathedral/PublicRegistrations>

2. Book study on *Miracles and Wonder – The Historical Mystery of Jesus* by Elaine Pagels

Wednesdays 6:30 to 8 pm via Zoom Oct 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19, Dec 3 (skipping Thanksgiving Eve).

How shall we “Prepare for Advent” in this year of the Common Era, 2025? With *Miracles and Wonder – The Historical Mystery of Jesus*, we have an intimate and deeply researched history of the life and significance of Jesus.

Leader: the Rev. Dr. Carol Worthing

Sign up: <https://onrealm.org/StPaulsCathedral/PublicRegistration>

3. Book study on *When No Thing Works: A Zen and Indigenous Perspective on Resilience, Shared Purpose, and Leadership in the Timepiece of Collapse* by Norma Kaweloku Wong.

Schedule Thursdays 6:30-8:00 pm via Zoom October 9, 16, 23.

Spiritual and community lessons for embracing collective care, co-creating sustainable worlds, and responsibly meeting uncertain futures—a Zen and Indigenous take on building better, more balanced ways of being.

Leader: Diane Lopez Hughes

Sign up: <https://onrealm.org/StPaulsCathedral/PublicRegistration>

4. *Food for the Soul: Monthly Sunset Meditation*

Wednesdays: September 24 at 6:30 pm, October 22 at 5:30 pm, November 19 at 4:30 pm. Note that the times shift as the days get shorter.

Sit (or lie) in silence for an hour and soak up the mystery as we watch the sun light up the Cathedral through the stained glass of the great West Window

Leader: Jeff Zlotnik of Dharma Bum Temple.

No need to sign up: just come and join us. Yoga mats optional.

From Scout Troop 308

Troop 308 is pleased to announce our newest Eagle Scout, Mia A. Mia's project was to refurbish the shade structure in the community garden. She wrote her project plan, got all approvals and donations for supplies, and led a crew of scouts to accomplish this task. Thank you, Mia, and Congratulations!

Please enjoy a collage of pictures from this project on page 7

About us:

On February 8, 2025, the Boy Scouts of America officially rebranded as Scouting America, a move reflecting the organization's commitment to inclusivity and welcoming all youth and families into Scouting. To learn more, please visit <http://www.scouting.org>.

Scout Troop 308 is an all girl BSA scout troop for girls between the ages of 11 and 18 who are looking for adventure. Girls are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm at:

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 490 Farragut Circle, El Cajon, 92020

For More Information: Contact: Joanne Bishop at bishopfamily1@cox.net
or Scoutmaster: Christen Mendiola at christenmendiola@gmail.com

Link to search this and other Scouting troops: <https://beascout.scouting.org/>





St. Alban's Giving Opportunities

By Judy Brown, Treasurer

St. Alban's has the ability for individuals to give financial support electronically. We have an account with Tithely. Web location: <https://get.tithe.ly>
Tithely allows people to make donations by setting up their own online giving accounts or via a downloadable phone app.

Tithely allows individuals to make payments from their checking/savings accounts or by credit card. They just create an account online or on the phone app and create the payment they want. Tithely has great online support to ask questions of as people set up their account or create their payments. When they make a payment, they get an email receipt for their donation to use for their tax purposes. The system will ask if the giver wants to pay the processing fee so the church won't pay it & it will be reflected in their receipt if they choose to do so.



Payments can be one time or recurring. This will make it easier for those who are unable to attend church for any reason to continue their giving.

We are excited to provide this additional opportunity for giving as we've been asked by many how people can give online. If you are interested, you can get the phone app, go online, or ask me, Judy Brown, for more info.

Please use your cell phone to take advantage of the convenient QR code below to donate.



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Judy Brown ~ Vestry Member

Laurie Ibanez ~ Vestry Member

Carly Montagne ~ Vestry Member

Intissar Razoq ~ Vestry Member

Ibtisam Bashee ~ Vestry Member

Worship & Learn With Us:

Worship Services

Sunday 9:00 am in the St Alban's Sanctuary. OR watch live streamed
on the St Alban's Facebook page.



**Tuesday Bilingual Mass (English & Arabic), with
Eucharist is at 8:30 am on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, all are
welcome! This service is now available in person or view online on the St Alban's
Facebook page.**



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