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<b>5th</b>	<b>BAPTISM SUNDAY</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>10.30</b>
	<i>Isaiah</i>	40	21 – end	
	<i>I Corinthians</i>	9	16 – 23	
	<i>Mark</i>	1	29 – 39	
	<i>Preacher: Archdeacon Jonathan LLoyd</i>			
<b>12th</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>10.30</b>
	<i>Proverbs</i>	8	1, 22 – 31	
	<i>Colossians</i>	1	15 – 20	
	<i>John</i>	1	1 – 14	
	<i>Preacher: Archdeacon Jonathan LLoyd</i>			
	<b>A Celebration of God's Love – St Valentine's Day</b>			<b>16:00</b>
	<b>At Møllevangskirken, Aarhus</b>		<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>19.00</b>
<b>19th</b>	<b>SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>10.30</b>
	<i>2 Kings</i>	2	1 – 12	
	<i>2 Corinthians</i>	4	3 – 6	
	<i>Mark</i>	9	2 – 9	
	<i>Preacher: The Revd Dr Kevin Walton, Canon Chancellor of St Alban's Cathedral</i>			
<b>22nd</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>		<b>10.30</b>
		<b>Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes</b>		<b>18.00</b>
	<i>Joel</i>	2	1 – 2, 12 – 17	
	<i>2 Corinthians</i>	5	20b – 6.10	
	<i>Matthew</i>	6	1 – 6, 16 – 21	
<b>26th</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>10.30</b>
	<i>Genesis</i>	9	8 – 17	
	<i>I Peter</i>	3	18 – end	
	<i>Mark</i>	1	9 – 15	
	<i>Preacher: Mrs Victoria Wadsworth-Hansen, Reader in training</i>			

**You are invited to join us for refreshments after the 10.30 Sunday Service.**

**Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10.30.**

## Dear friends,

The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St Alban's Church is here. It is a time to look back and thank God for the faithful witness of those who have gone before us. Not just the list of chaplains on the boards in the narthex, but the thousands of worshippers and visitors who have been at St Alban's over 125 years. We thank God, too, for the boldness of Princess Alexandra, whose vision for a church here became a reality, with her fundraising, determination and faith in God. We have a distinguished history, and as we celebrate this year let us all look into the future, too, to pray that God will continue to guide our journey of faith as we seek to build God's kingdom.

The first special event will be on the weekend of 18-19 February, when the St Alban's Cathedral Girls Choir will visit us. On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> at 17.00 they will perform a concert to mark the beginning of our celebrations. The next day the Choir will sing a special setting at the Parish Eucharist at 10.30. St Alban's Cathedral is our sister church in England, and it will be wonderful to welcome them in this anniversary year.

The season of Lent - the 40 days of personal preparation before Easter when Jesus was in the desert - starts on Ash Wednesday, 22 February. Lent is a time of simplicity, taking stock, slowing down, and listening to God. The old church tradition is that we should "give something up" for Lent. As a schoolboy I gave up chocolate biscuits and my teacher gave up the tonic in his G&T! In some ways, Lent has become trivialized and minimized. If we prepare well for Holy Week and Easter during these 40 days, then the true impact of Holy Week and Easter comes even more alive for us. So it is also good if we "take something up" for Lent. Perhaps giving more time to reading and praying, supporting others, just being aware of the generosity of God and the sacredness and opportunity of our lives. Lent is a kind of spiritual spring-cleaning, dusting away the cobwebs and rediscovering the basics of our faith, listening to God without clutter in the way. I encourage you to take part in one of the Lent Groups - see overleaf for details.

The St Alban's family includes many who are too unwell or distant to be in church on Sundays. You are an important part of our church community and Lent is for you too. You are regularly in our prayers. If you would like me to include you in my regular round of home visits bringing Holy Communion to those at home or in hospital, please give our Verger, Jane Passant, a call on 33 11 85 18.

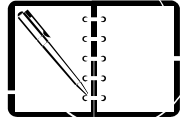
Grace and peace  
Jonathan

P.S. Many congratulations to Emmanuel Taban, a member of St Alban's Church originating from South Sudan, who graduated last month with a Bachelor's Degree in Global Nutrition and Health.

## Dates for your diaries

To help with forward planning, we have some dates for your diaries:

February 18	17.00	125 Concert St Alban's Abbey Girls Choir
February 19		Pancake races (weather permitting)
March 2	19.00	Taizé talk
	20.00	Taizé service at St Ansgar's
March 24	16.00	Confirmation
June 1	18.00	Auction of promises



Lent groups and Adult confirmation group (details overleaf):

Feb 22 & 28, Mar 7, 14, 21 & 28	17.30	Wednesdays in Lent <i>A song in the heart and a thorn in the flesh</i>
Feb 26, Mar 4, 11, 18 & 25	12.00	Sunday Lent group <i>Handing on the torch</i>
Feb 12 & 26, Mar 11 & 18	12.15	Adult confirmation group

## Service in Aarhus

**Sunday 12 February** sees our first Eucharist in Aarhus this year. The service is held at **19.00** in **Møllevangs Kirken**, Møllevangs Allé 49, 8210 Århus V by very kind permission of the church. After the service, coffee and cake are served and there is an opportunity to meet other members of the congregation.

Everyone is welcome

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Rogena Holst on 86 22 06 45.

## Valentine's Day Service

Valentine's Day (14<sup>th</sup> February) is named after two early Christian martyrs, both named Saint Valentine. The day was established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD. Associated since the fourteenth century with romantic love, today Valentine's Day has a wide commercial focus with many cards, flowers, gifts sent as tokens of affection and love to mark the occasion.



On **Sunday 12 February** there will be a special service at **16.00** at St Alban's to celebrate and give thanks for God's gift of love. A love so strong that "he gave his only Son so all who would believe in him would not perish but have everlasting life." We will bring before God all our relationships, thanking him for sending people into our lives – people we love and who love us – and to ask for help in relationships that we perhaps find not so easy. We will ask God to help us become gentle and forgiving and to bring His loving gifts of wholeness and healing in our lives.

Everyone is welcome to this service of thanksgiving, a service where loved ones present and remembered will be equally important.

At the end of the service refreshments will be served, including heart-shaped cookies provided by St Alban's Mothers' Union.

## LENT 2012 – a time of prayer, study and searching ...

Lent is the 40-day penitential period before Easter and starts on Ash Wednesday, which this year is 22 February. Lent is traditionally a time of study and prayer, as well as preparation for those to be confirmed and baptised at Easter.

At St Alban's Church we are offering three Lent groups this year.

The three groups will be quite different to one another and will meet different needs. The Sunday group will be less formal: each session will stand alone, so you can come to a few or all sessions, and each session lasts for one hour. The Wednesday group will be more like a mini-retreat: you need to commit to coming to all five sessions, and each session lasts for two hours. The Confirmation group will focus on refreshing our understanding and living of the Christian faith, and prepare for Confirmation by the Bishop.

### ***Sundays at 12.00***

"Handing on the Torch – Sacred words for a secular world"  
led by Julian Simpson and Graeme Lloyd-Roberts

Christianity is the largest religious movement our world has ever seen. It continues to grow at an immense pace – especially in Asia, Africa and Latin America. At the same time, Christianity in the West struggles to grow. In this course, we consider some of the reasons for this and what it might mean for individual Christians, for churches and for Western culture.

Session 1 on Sunday 26 February  
Session 2 on Sunday 4 March  
Session 3 on Sunday 11 March  
Session 4 on Sunday 18 March  
Session 5 on Sunday 25 March

"A Christian country?"  
"A secular society?"  
"A beleaguered Church?"  
"Competing creeds?"  
"Handing on the torch"



The sessions will start with an audio recording of Archbishop Sentamu, Clifford Longley, Rachel Lampard, Bishop Graham Cray and Archbishop David Hope, followed by sharing and facilitated discussion.

### ***Wednesdays at 17.30***

"A song in the heart and a thorn in the flesh – following Christ in the footsteps of St Francis"  
led by John Nicholson

In coming face to face with St Francis of Assisi, we meet a human being of radical and refreshing faith in Jesus Christ. Perhaps we already admire him, find him attractive or daunting, but how well do we know him? Could his vision and his way of living become part of our own believing and living in this day and age? This is the question that this study group will consider – not theoretically or as an interesting speculation, but personally, practically and prayerfully.

To enable genuine conversation, the group will be limited to a maximum of 12 participants. To enable shared study, each member will purchase a copy of the study book (DKr 100) and accept a commitment to attend the whole course and to read selected chapters as a preparation for each meeting.

There will be a brief introduction after the Ash Wednesday Eucharist at St Alban's, and the group will then meet in church on the following five Wednesdays from 17.30 to 19.30. Discussion will take place in the context of a quiet evening with time for silence and prayer.

Full details together with a registration slip will be found in the leaflet at the back of church.

### ***Adult Confirmation Group***

led by Jonathan LLOYD

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey where those who have been baptized make a firm commitment to Christian discipleship. Through prayer and laying on of hands by a bishop, the Church also asks God to give those being confirmed power, through the Holy Spirit, to live the life of Christian discipleship.

If you have been baptized but not confirmed by a bishop and would like to explore and deepen your faith whatever stage of life you are at, you are invited to join this group. The group will meet from 12.15 to 13.15 on Sundays 12 and 26 February and 11 and 18 March at St Alban's Church.

Members of this group are also encouraged to register for the 5-session Wednesday course (see above). Bishop David will lead the Confirmation Service at St Alban's on Saturday 24 March at 16.00, and the whole congregation is invited.

To join this group, please speak with Jonathan after church on Sunday or e-mail [jonathan@st-alban.dk](mailto:jonathan@st-alban.dk)

### **“Shoe Box” appeal – A very big thank you!**

Following on from last year's successful appeal to collect, cover and fill shoe boxes with gifts for children in a Copenhagen refuge for women and children, the Mothers' Union launched another Shoe Box appeal in November 2011. We were overwhelmed by people's generosity and by the number of boxes that were filled. The filled boxes were placed in front of the altar on Sunday 13 December and blessed, with prayers said for those who would receive them. In all 30 boxes were taken to the Danner Huset Krisecenter in Copenhagen who were enormously grateful for the gifts received. Please see the notice board for a note from them.

This is a wonderful example of community outreach, using our faith in a very practical way to help others. A final thought: when you're buying shoes this year, please save a shoe box for next Christmas. Thank you!



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## **BJØRN'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

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Bjørn's International School is partially subsidized by the state and adheres to the national standards and qualifications for schools in Denmark. Those students who plan to live in Denmark for at least four years and enroll in the Danish-speaking Department will receive an education that follows the Danish School Curriculum.

Upon graduating from Bjørn's International School, students in the English-speaking Department will have followed the curriculum requirements of the IGSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education). The students will have had the opportunity of taking the IGCSE examinations in up to six subjects (English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, and Art and Design).

The Danish and English departments are frequently combined so there is constant interaction between the students in both departments.

Please feel free to contact the school and arrange a time for a visit. We would be happy to answer your questions and show you the school.

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**School Leader: Pia Drabowicz**

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## TAIZÉ SERVICE

for PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN THE WORLD

St Ansgar's Cathedral, Bredgade 64

Friday 2 March 2012



An ecumenical service in Danish and English bringing together members of different denominations and churches, with prayers in several languages

- 19.00 Presentation by lay brothers from the Taizé community (in English),  
the Parish Hall, Bredgade 69A
- 20.00 Taizé service, St Ansgar's Cathedral, Bredgade 64

After the service refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall.

Since 2007 St. Ansgar's Cathedral has arranged special Taizé services twice a year, with the themes of "Peace and reconciliation" in the spring and "Creation" in the autumn. These services are part of an ongoing ecumenical cooperation between different churches, with readings in Danish and English and prayers in many other languages. The service is based on silence, candlelight, simplicity, meditative song and reflection. In the candlelight, people from different denominations sing and pray together. Across the boundaries of denomination, language, culture, ethnicity and nationality, we join in prayer to Christ as individuals, for love, peace, reconciliation and justice in the world.

This is a rare treat in our hectic world. I can thoroughly recommend this wonderful, peaceful service.

Pauleen Bang

### **Registrar's report**

#### ***Blessing***

26 November 2011

JUDITH CHARLOTTE VON GYER and MIKKEL HESSELGREN

#### ***Baptisms***

26 November 2011

OLIVIA HESSELGREN

*Daughter of Mikkel Hesselgren and Judith Charlotte von Gyer*

1 January 2012

JAMES GEORGE WILLIAMS

*Son of Junior Williams and Laurretta Ikiromah*

#### ***Funeral***

19 January 2012

GEOFFREY NORMAN BULLEN

*1 June 1957 to 11 January 2012*

## St. Alban's Church personalities – Alec C. Jarvis [1883–1979]

There are still a few old-timers in the congregation who remember Alec Jarvis, but many more will know that he was responsible for writing the first history of the church, *Some account of the English Episcopal Church in Denmark*, published in 1934 and reprinted in 1977.

Alexander (Alec) Charles Jarvis was born in London in 1883, the eldest of the large family of Charles and Florence Jarvis. In the 1911 census Alec is listed as a civil engineer, married to Edith Carrie (née Hall) and with two children. Alec Jarvis evidently served with distinction in the First World War, and was discharged with the rank of Captain, a title he used throughout his life. He arrived in Denmark in 1919 with his wife Edith Carrie and two children. Alec and Edith had another son, Eric John Charles J., born in 1923 and baptised the same year at St. Alban's. In Denmark Alec founded a civil engineering company known as Harvey & Jarvis. About 1937, Jarvis's son, Alexander Cyril Jarvis married Grace Peel Harvey, linking two notable St. Alban's families, and their daughter Hannah Peel Jarvis was baptised at St. Alban's in 1938.

Captain Jarvis first appears on the list of subscribers in the printed annual reports of St. Alban's Church in 1929 and is on the Sidesman's lists from 1931. He became an elected member of the Church Committee in 1934 (equivalent to the present Church Council), and was its Hon. Secretary from 1934, the first lay member of the congregation to hold the post.

The period from about 1911 until the early 1930s was a curious one, which Jarvis in his book characterises as a period of stagnation in church affairs. Only one meeting of the Church Committee took place each year. This was the AGM and followed a strict routine of presentation of accounts and election or re-election of church officials (nearly all diplomats); there was rarely any discussion and the minutes use almost exactly the same wording from year to year.

In 1928 Mortimer Kennedy retired after 38 years as chaplain. With the new chaplain (Robert Frew) and the support of the then British Minister, Captain Jarvis instigated dramatic improvements of the neglected church. Electric light was at last installed, and the old heating system replaced. St. Alban's Ladies Guild was established with Mrs Peel Harvey as its first president. When the Rev. Bernard Everett arrived in late April 1932, he enthusiastically continued the good work of his predecessors. The bell ropes in the tower were renewed and extra lights put up in the chancel. A wash basin was placed in the stoker room (now the crypt).

Also in 1932 a VIP visitors' book was acquired; the American Minister supplied a glass case to display it and the British Minister an oak table on which to place the case. Memorial brasses to the former chaplain C.A. Moore and to Walter Titley were erected. In 1933 Mr. and Mrs Carl Brock presented the church with two oak panels on which the names of former chaplains could be listed, and the church's first toilet was installed. These were heady times that appear to have involved everyone in the church. The minutes record that Services in English were held at Aalborg, Helsingborg and Helsingør. The Church Committee met seven times in 1933 and nine times in 1934. As something new the church was

opened to the public on mornings and afternoons in the summer, and in the first year donations of 319 kr. were recorded. In 1935 the European Chaplains' Conference was held in Copenhagen.

After receiving permission to study the record books of the church Jarvis presented a Memorandum to the Church Committee in 1932. This received sympathetic comment from the British Minister (the chairman of the Church Committee) and led to the publication of Jarvis's 1934 book on the church. Jarvis also prepared a draft of the first statutes for St. Alban's Church that after approval by the Bishop of Fulham and King George V, were passed unanimously by an extraordinary meeting of the congregation.

With great regret, Bernard Everett announced his resignation as chaplain from June 1936, and was replaced by the Rev. Arthur Watson in July. It was soon evident that the good times were over; Arthur Watson disbanded all the sub-committees previously erected to help the chaplain, and Jarvis was constantly at loggerheads with him during the year. As a final insult Watson took over the Hon. Secretary position from Jarvis (despite his protests), so that the Church Committee was once again in the hands of a small group of diplomats. In March 1937, Captain Jarvis resigned from all his positions at the church, on the grounds that the minimum of four meetings of the Church Committee required by the new Church statutes had not been held.

It is not known whether Captain Jarvis wrote to the Bishop with his concerns about the Church Committee, that strictly speaking was operating 'illegally' in breach of its own statutes, but this was soon to become academic. In April 1940 Denmark was occupied by German forces, and in late April the British Legation (including Arthur Watson) left Denmark; services were maintained during the war years by Anthony Woolrych.

Alec Jarvis re-appears after the war when in 1946 he is again on the Sidesmen's list. He was involved in setting up the British Club and Centre, although his dreams of acquiring a building that would include a flat for the chaplain were defeated by the Church trustees, who did not think the church could take on responsibilities for non-church property. In November 1947 Captain Jarvis was elected Hon. Secretary of the enlarged Church Council (that replaced the Church Committee), a post that he held until 1958 when he declared his wish to retire.

In 1962 Captain Jarvis also retired from the Church Council, but was immediately elected as a Life Member in tribute to his dedicated service to the church for more than 30 years. It was probably at about this time that he was honoured by the award of an MBE.

As a Life Member Jarvis continued to offer valuable assistance to the Council, although in 1967 he formally retired from all his responsibilities for church property. Perhaps his last significant act was to write to L. Frese & Sønner in 1971 to confirm the Council's order for the Princess Viggo window; it was dedicated on 26 May 1971 by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Captain Jarvis died in 1979, and a Memorial Service was held at St. Alban's Church on 12 November.

## News from USPG and Malawi

Following the funding awarded to the USPG Hands on Health programme by the Danish Mission Council Development Department, we have received a letter from David Evans who visited St Alban's last year to introduce the programme to us.

"Dear Friends,

I am writing to you with news from the Hands on Health programme in Malawi. You will know that DMCDD have awarded funding for the next 3 years and that together with USPG funds and the contribution from the church in Copenhagen, things are set well. This last week in Malawi the teams from the four health facilities have been together in a week long workshop to design their work plans together for the coming year. They were accompanied by some of the Bishops and the General Secretary of the Anglican Council on Malawi, Canon Christopher Mwawa. It has gone very well indeed and we have a signed Memorandum of Understanding winging its way north in the next day or two.

The new year didn't start brilliantly due to difficulties in the recruiting process of the national coordinator for the programme. These difficulties proved serious and it has taken this week's face-to-face interaction to get things on an even keel again. In fact, looking back, everything worked for good, in that the senior leadership of the church have now engaged thoroughly with the nature of the programme and understand more deeply that this is not just another NGO project which is going to finish in a few years, but that this is a facilitated process which changes the nature of the 'business as usual'. The upshot is that we don't yet have a person in post. We will be liaising with the ACM over the next few weeks to resolve the situation to everyone's satisfaction."

This is exciting news, especially the increased understanding of the nature of the programme. David goes on to say that he will send us a copy of the workshop report when it comes in and a copy of the memorandum of understanding once it has been signed, which we will put up in church.

He also wonders how we can continue to make the partnership between USPG and the Anglican Church in Denmark develop and deepen. As well as offering to come out again in the late spring/early summer, he suggests that if USPG brings the coordinator to London for a week-long orientation, it would be good to try and make sure that he/she comes over to Copenhagen on a visit.

The work that USPG is doing in Malawi aims to foster a real understanding between all the stakeholders in the four hospitals: an understanding that will help them not only to improve the services the hospitals provide to the community but also to tackle and improve community health and cut down hospital admissions from preventable non communicable diseases. Those of you who were able to attend David's presentation will remember him talking of admissions for malaria due to lack of mosquito nets and children with diarrhoea due to bad sanitation, both diseases that through the Hands on Health programme can be prevented or where earlier admission and treatment can avert the long, expensive treatments entailed by late acute admissions.

If you have any thoughts and suggestions about how we might develop and deepen our partnership with USPG, please get in touch with Jane, Katie or Jonathan.

## Auction of promises 2012

Please note the date and time: **Friday 1 June** from **18:00** to about 22:00. The venue will again be St Ansgar's Parish Hall on Bredgade (5 minutes from St Albans). The event will be open to members of the congregation, their family and friends.

Some of the promises made so far are listed below.

<b>Promise</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1 week at Virginia summer house	Mid-August to mid- November 2012 or April to June 2013
Angel's head (stained glass)	Trial piece for "Presentation at the Temple" window in the nave, mounted for hanging
A 3 hour tour of Christiania	On foot or by bike, could include a tour of Holmen
1 day's gardening	Can travel
One individual coaching session	Lasts around 1½ hours and helps you create a motivating, realistic plan for reaching a goal you have or solving a problem
<i>Green shoots</i> by Bishop Frank Sargeant	Signed by Bishop Frank
Family portrait session	Where and when to be agreed, result on CD ROM
1 day's gardening	No car
Bell-ringing lesson (45 minutes)	Minimum age 10 years

If you wish to donate something, please send an e-mail to [auction@st-albans.dk](mailto:auction@st-albans.dk) with the following information:

Your promise (including any explanatory details)

Your name and contact details (e-mail and/or telephone number)

Approximate value of promise (if possible) and any reserve price you want to put on it

If you can attach a photo, we would appreciate it.

You can also fill in these details on a form on the notice board in the narthex, or contact Pauleen Bang or Chris Osborn in church.

We also need some help with this event, so if you are willing to be a shopper, food preparer, photographer or "cleaner-upper", please contact us as above. There is also a sign-up form on the notice board in the narthex.

Please help us to make this just as successful as it has been in previous years.

Pauleen Bang and Chris Osborn

## St Alban's Abbey Girls Choir 125 Concert



at St Alban's Church, Copenhagen,  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
at 17.00

**Choir director Tom Winpenny  
Organist Peter Holder**

The Concert begins our celebrations to mark the  
125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the Church in 1887

The programme will include a selection of works by  
Mendelssohn, William Boyce, Alessandro Grandi, Maurice Greene, Schubert, Parry,  
Jerome Kern and Henry Mancini as well as some Danish pieces. There will also be a  
short organ interlude.

There will be a small admission fee payable at the door.

**This promises to be a very special event  
Everyone is welcome**

If you have any questions about the event please contact us on  
[churchwardens@st-albans.dk](mailto:churchwardens@st-albans.dk)

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125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the Church in 1887.

## St Alban's Abbey Girls Choir

St Alban's Abbey Girls Choir is part of the great musical heritage of the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban. The choir sings Evensong twice a week. Regarded as one of the finest ensembles of its type in the United Kingdom, and in addition to its role at the centre of the Cathedral's daily round of worship, the choir plays a major part in the prestigious St Alban's International Organ Festival, which takes place biennially.

Formed in 1996, the choir consists of up to 26 girls aged between 9 and 14. The girls are drawn from many local schools and rehearse three times each week. Primarily an upper-voice choir, for certain weekend services and for other special events, the girls sing with the Lay Clerks and the men of the Cathedral Choir.

The choir has broadcast Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3, and its CD recordings include a critically acclaimed recording of John Rutter's *Gloria* and *Magnificat*, performed jointly with St Alban's Cathedral Choir (Naxos). A recording of works by Felix Mendelssohn is also due for future release on the Naxos label.

Recent year concert tours have included visits to the USA, Holland and Germany. Concerts closer to home have included performances of Handel's *Messiah*, J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, and Britten's *St Nicolas*. The choir has sung services at St Paul's Cathedral, London and St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

This is the choir's first visit to Denmark, and it is delighted to be singing at St Alban's Church, a link parish of St Alban's Cathedral.

### **Tom Winpenny – Conductor**

Tom Winpenny is Assistant Master of the Music at St Alban's Cathedral, where he accompanies the daily choral services and directs the Abbey Girls Choir. Previously, as Sub-Organist at St Paul's Cathedral, London, he performed with the Cathedral Choir at the AGO National Convention, with the LSO and played for great state occasions. He has broadcast on BBC Radio and featured on American Public Media's *Pipedreams*.

As Organ Scholar at King's College Cambridge, he twice accompanied the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, broadcast worldwide. As a soloist he has performed in the USA, Europe and throughout the UK as well as having several recordings to his name.

### **Peter Holder – Organ**

Peter Holder is Organ Scholar at St Alban's Cathedral, where he accompanies the Abbey Girls Choir and Cathedral Choir in the daily services and assists with training of the choristers.

He is currently in his third year as an undergraduate at the Royal Academy of Music, studying with David Titterington. During the course of his studies, Peter has been awarded the Joyce Rhoda Danzelmann Award for his Entrance Scholarship, along with the William John Kipps Scholarship and the Gwen & Eric Windo Organ Award.

## Welcome, welcome, welcome!

Welcome to the New Year, the newcomers, the old timers and the new rotas! Yes, it's that time of year when we greet old and new friends and acquaintances with a joyful "Happy new year!".

Along with these greetings, you won't fail to notice the new rotas up on the notice board as you enter church. At St Alban's we are able to offer everyone a chance to sign up and help out and be one of the smiling faces that welcome people, serving coffee and tea or who decorate the church, helping to make St Alban's that "home from home".

You don't have to be a master baker or florist to do coffee or flowers, you just have to be enthusiastic and willing to give up a little extra time. If you haven't done either before, there are lots of people who can help and you can team up with an "old hand" who can show you the ropes.

If you would like to give it a go, please either sign up on the list in the narthex or talk to Janet Kamara (coffee) or Carole Rasmussen in the choir (flowers) or talk to one of the churchwardens Katie and Claire, or send an e-mail to churchwardens@st-albans.dk.

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St Alban's is supported annually through the generous weekly, monthly or annual giving and donations by our congregation, friends and visitors. St Alban's charitable status allows you as a Danish tax payer to reclaim tax on your contributions to St Alban's and thereby also possibly enables you to give a little more.

Under Danish law, you can deduct a maximum of Dkr 14 500 for the tax year 2012 from state taxes. The first Dkr 500 of a donation is deducted from the total, i.e. the minimum tax deductible donation must exceed Dkr 500. So, if for example your total donation is Dkr 1500, the Danish tax authorities (SKAT) will deduct Dkr 500, making your tax-deductible donation DKK 1000.

In 2012, as well as the envelope scheme that many people are familiar with, we are also introducing a direct debit scheme.

**Envelope scheme** - you are given a box of envelopes with your own personal number on. Weekly contributions are put in the individual envelopes and placed in the collection bags during the service. If you miss a Sunday or two, it doesn't matter, you can always put several envelopes in the next Sunday or put it all in one. The advantage of this system is that it allows you to give what you can each week. Personal details and details of the amounts given are kept in the strictest confidence by the Hon. Treasurer

**Direct debit** - to take the effort out of giving, you are able to set up a direct debit to transfer money each week or month direct from your account to ours. The advantage of this system is that it helps with your own personal budgeting and enables you to maintain your contribution to St Alban's if you are travelling or unwell or if you miss a couple of Sundays for whatever reason. On Sundays, direct debit giving tokens will be available for you to pick up in the narthex and to place in the collection in the familiar way.

Joining either scheme not only benefits you but also helps us (in particular with the direct debit scheme) to budget more accurately. Under the new system imposed by SKAT, all information regarding donations goes direct to the authorities, where your account will be credited automatically. The strictest confidentiality is kept at all times.

For those who are United Kingdom taxpayers, we are able to claim the charitable tax benefit. You will probably be familiar with the "yellow envelope scheme". Yellow envelopes are available at the back of the Church and can be filled out as directed and placed into the regular collection or put in the wall safe.

Questions about any of the above schemes and other planned giving should be directed to Chris Parker, the Stewardship Officer, either at church on Sundays or by email at [stewardship@st-albans.dk](mailto:stewardship@st-albans.dk).

Questions about particular gifts should be directed to Nils Mortensen, again either at church on Sundays or by email at [treasurer@st-albans.dk](mailto:treasurer@st-albans.dk).

## News from the Deanery

### *St. Saviour's, Riga (Latvia)*

One of the few churches I have actually visited in our Deanery is St. Saviour's in Riga (Latvia). I was there a few years ago for a meeting at our office in Riga and had a spare hour, so I found the local Anglican Church, which is actually on a street called Anglican Street and next door to the Danish Embassy. There was no priest there at the time, but there was a group of folk dancers who were practising and invited me to join them. Unfortunately I didn't have time, but I will always remember being welcomed so warmly, even though they had never seen me before.



The foundation stone for St. Saviour's was laid in 1857 and a shipload of earth was sent from Britain so that the church could be built on British soil. Amazingly, it took only 2 years before the church was dedicated in 1859. During the Soviet occupation the church was desecrated, but in 1973 it became the home of the Riga Polytechnic Institute's Student Club. During this period, the church was renewed, and it became a cultural centre and a venue for concerts, exhibitions, and dances. Fortunately, after Latvia became independent again, the building became a church again and, despite its own difficulties, it thrives and does very important outreach work, including a day care centre for the elderly and a soup kitchen for the homeless. The chaplain, Juris Calitis, also runs the Zvannieki home for abused children near Cesis, approximately 120 kilometres from Riga.

Ruta, one of the churchwardens at St. Saviour's, tells me that in October they had a wonderful fund-raising concert, featuring the award winning choir "Balsis" and Latvian Opera House soloist soprano Evita Zalite, saxophonist Artis Simanis and their own organist Kristine Adamaite. This concert acknowledged the ongoing support given to their Church by their British benefactors Issy and Arthur Sanderson and gave thanks for the renewal of their sanctuary after a summer of dramatic noises and floods due to the extensive roof repairs to this historic 153 year old building.

On Christmas Eve, they fed over 100 homeless citizens of Riga. The entire meal was donated by the 5-star Radisson Hotel Daugava as an incredible gesture of generosity for this special time of the year. They regularly feed up to 160 people in the Church basement, assisted by a team of eight members of the congregation and several others from neighbouring churches as well as friends. They frequently receive help from expatriate visitors to Riga, and this programme is also supported by donations from outside Latvia, including St. Alban's, for which Ruta says they are especially grateful.

Pauleen Bang

### **3 February St Ansgar 801 – 865**

Ansgar should be the patron saint of any Christian who loves doing mission ... and who discovers that evangelists meet the most amazing people, and that their lives are full of surprises!

It was the 9th century, and Ansgar had grown up in a noble family in Amiens. He decided to forsake it all in order to become a monk. It may have sounded dull to his non-Christian acquaintances, but it opened a life of international adventure and a lasting achievement that has affected millions down the centuries.

Ansgar began by going to Picardie and becoming a monk. Soon he felt called to Corvey (Westphalia) where he began apostolic work – or in modern parlance, evangelism and church planting. But that was just the start. For here Ansgar met the king of Denmark (as one does). King Harold was in temporary exile, and during his stay in Westphalia, had become a Christian. When the time came, he persuaded Ansgar to return to Denmark with him, and under his royal patronage to evangelize Denmark. The trip was a success, and then in 832 Ansgar was made Bishop of Hamburg.

When the Vikings sacked Hamburg in 845, another unexpected opportunity came Ansgar's way. The Pope made him archbishop of both Hamburg and Bremen, with some responsibility over Denmark, Norway and Sweden. It was an enormous job, but Ansgar was up to it. He seems to have worked around the clock – establishing schools, giving great sums to the poor, and preaching the Gospel at every opportunity. Somehow he even found time to tackle the Viking slave-trade, and somewhat diminish this cruel practice.

But Ansgar's most lasting success was as a Christian missionary to Denmark, whose patron he became. It is said that he dressed austerely, ate only simple food, and added short personal prayers to each psalm in his psalter, thus contributing to a form of devotion that soon became widespread. He died and was buried at Bremen.

### **Newsletter news**

The next Newsletter will be the March 2012 issue. The deadline for material to reach me is **15 February**. We always welcome contributions and content ideas from the congregation.

If you would like to be on the newsletter team or have any questions, please contact the editor.

You are most welcome to submit material by e-mail to  
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Sundays and Wednesdays at 10:30

All are welcome – we have a Sunday School for children

## Open Vestry Morning is on Wednesdays 09:00–10:30

Please call in if you are seeking baptism, confirmation, marriage or have any other pastoral or prayer request.

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