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St. Alban's Church Newsletter

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BJØRN'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Bjørn's International School is a small and friendly school in Copenhagen, offering a quality education for children from 6 to 16 years of age. Students from throughout the world attend Bjørn's International School and follow either an English or Danish curriculum.

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May



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MAY

1st	2 ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sung Eucharist	10.30
	<i>Acts</i> 2 14a, 22-32		
	<i>John</i> 20 19-end		
8th	3 RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sung Eucharist	10.30
	<i>Acts</i> 2 14a, 36-41		
	<i>1 Peter</i> 1 17-23		
	<i>Luke</i> 24 13-35		
15th	4 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sung Eucharist	10.30
	<i>Acts</i> 2 42-end		
	<i>1 Peter</i> 2 19-end		
	<i>John</i> 10 1-10		
22nd	5 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sung Eucharist	10.30
	<i>Acts</i> 7 55-end		
	<i>1 Peter</i> 2 2-10		
	<i>John</i> 14 1-14		
29th	6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sung Eucharist	10.30
	<i>Acts</i> 17 22-31		
	<i>1 Peter</i> 3 13-end		
	<i>John</i> 14 15-21		

NOTES:

SUNDAY SERVICES for May are as listed above.

WEDNESDAY SERVICE Holy Communion 10.30

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday at 10.30

COFFEE is served after the 10.30 Sunday Service.

CHOIR PRACTICE takes place every Sunday Morning before the Sung Eucharist.

New choir members are always welcome. Contact Peter Rohling: 33 25 00 74.

Dear friends,

Thank you to all who decorated the church so beautifully for Easter Day: our flower arrangers, silver polishers, altar guild, vergers and cleaners. Thank you also to our choir, organist, churchwardens, servers and sidesmen and women. It was wonderful to welcome Kate and Lavanya to full membership of the Church through Holy Baptism, and to welcome so many visitors on Easter Day. I am most grateful to Dr John Arnold for his inspiring input to the Easter Triduum. Remember that the season of Easter lasts for 50 days! So Happy Easter again!

May is an important month in the life of our St Alban's Church family.

1) Our **Guardians' Team** starts work, welcoming visitors and pilgrims from all over the world to St Alban's Church. Their work is a vital part of our ministry of welcome. Their primary purpose is not fundraising – although gifts of money are greatly appreciated and always well used – but rather being the welcoming face of the Church, and indeed of Christ, to the stranger and traveller.

Many people coming to St Alban's are keen to know more about the Christian faith, and seek a quiet place to say a prayer and light a candle. Please pray for our Guardians' Team as they start their season of welcoming visitors on our behalf.

2) On **Sunday 1 May** we have our **Annual Church Meeting** when we review 2010 and look to the coming year. We will hear reports of exciting developments in our church family life. I am delighted that our average Sunday attendance of adults and children in 2010 increased to 106. We will also elect our church officers for the year, our representatives to Deanery Synod for three years, and some new members for the Church Council. Please pray for all who stand for office. They can only do what they are called to do with your support and prayers.

3) The superb **Roskilde Choir** will sing a concert at St Alban's on **Sunday 8 May at 16.00**. Free admission. Do come and enjoy this delightful afternoon of English music.

4) On **Monday 16 May at 18.00** we have our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Geoffrey, with us. He will preach at a festival service, "**The Word Revealed**", to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. The next day, **Tuesday 17 May at 13.00**, there is a free public seminar on the King James Bible that I am organizing at the University of Copenhagen Faculty of Theology, exploring its influence on English theology, culture, language and the novel. All are warmly invited to this.

5) On **13/14 May** your **Church Council** is having an "away day" to pray and work together, and discern God's vision for the future. Prayers please. A congregational meeting will be organized in the autumn to seek your views and responses. I am grateful for the all the hard work of our Church Council members.

6) On **Sunday 22 May, Graeme Lloyd-Roberts** will be licensed for Reader Ministry in the Church of England, at the 10.30 Parish Eucharist. Graeme is a gift to us from the Diocese of Peterborough, and he will join the St Alban's Ministry Team. Please pray for Graeme and Bev as he starts this new ministry amongst us. And we look forward to welcoming Victoria Wadsworth-Hansen as a Licensed Reader in early 2012.

I thank two important people who have stepped down from office. **Lis Rasmussen** has served as our Registrar for 13 years, efficiently managing all the paperwork for weddings, baptisms and funerals, and helping people through the formalities with kindness and warmth. And **Nigel Rowley** has been churchwarden for the last 6 years and served the St Alban's community with devotion, energy and style. Nigel will continue to represent us at Deanery and Diocesan Synods, vital roles that connect us to our wider Anglican Church. Thank you both.

Enjoy our long awaited summer!

Grace and peace,
Jonathan

"The Word Revealed"

A festival service to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible

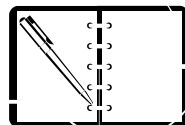
18.00 on Monday 16 May at St Alban's Church
with readings and hymns.

The preacher will be the Rt Revd Dr Geoffrey Rowell, our Diocesan Bishop.
All welcome.

Dates for your diaries

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

May 1	Annual Church Meeting
May 8	MU meeting
	Roskilde Choir Concert
May 13/14	Church Council retreat
May 15	Summer Fête meeting
May 16/17	King James Bible
June 19	St Alban's Day
August 20	Summer Fête



Wednesday Study Group

We will be in England for the first two Wednesdays of May, so the Wednesday Study Group will start again on 18 May.

Graeme Lloyd-Roberts

What is God calling you to do? Now's the time to find out.... Vocations Sunday 15 May

What is your vocation? You may think that you don't have one, that vocations are the sort of thing that only clergy have. But if you think that, you're wrong. God calls each one of us. The question, though, is to what?, writes Stephen Ferns

First and foremost, God calls us to change: to become more Christ-like. We are called to live out our lives in response to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That process began in our baptism, but it continues through prayer, through the reading of the scriptures and through the receiving of Holy Communion. One of the constant themes in the New Testament is that lives touched by Christ were changed. What is true for the characters of the New Testament is true for us. As we encounter and respond to Christ we cannot help but be changed.

But while we are called to change, we are also called to be more deeply ourselves. God never calls us to be something or someone we're not. God always calls us to what we are capable of becoming. It may be that there are parts of us which are underdeveloped or which rarely see the light of day, but which need to be allowed to flourish so we can be our true selves.

It may be that we have hidden gifts which need to be discovered or it may be that there is something that we have secretly always wanted to do but have not had the courage or the time to try. Whatever it may be, we need to find an outlet that will allow us to feel more excited about life or indeed to feel more alive.

St Irenaeus wrote that 'the glory of God is a human being fully alive'. Through the dual process of becoming more fully ourselves and of becoming more fully Christ-like, the will of God is fulfilled and the glory of God seen. That is what Vocations Sunday is about. You have one life. For God's sake and for your own, live it.

Editor: 15 May is Vocations Sunday. The day is an annual reminder from the churches to encourage people to think about how they are serving God. We offer the article which can be found, along with others on: <http://www.vocationsunday.org/>

Photograph of the beginning of the Palm Sunday service held at St Alban's on Sunday 17 April



Celebrating 400 years of the King James Bible

A free public seminar exploring the significance of the King James Bible on faith, theology, history, culture, language, and the novel – in both England and the world.

Venue: University of Copenhagen Faculty of Theology, Auditorium 7, Købmagergade 44–46 (near the Round Tower)

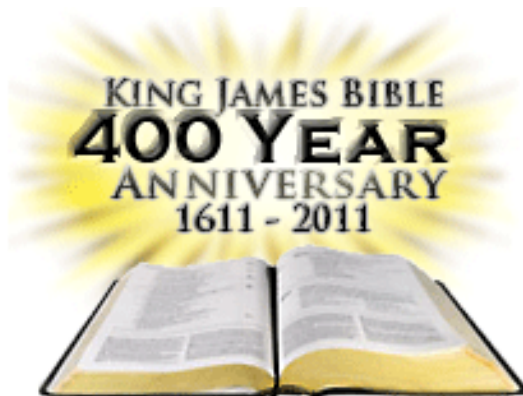
Date: Tuesday 17 May 2011

Organized by: St Alban's Anglican Church, Denmark; the Danish Bible Society; the Centre for the Studies of Biblical Reception; the Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen; and the Council for International Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark

Programme

- 13.00 Opening address by His Excellency Mr Nick Archer, British Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark
- 13.15 The Right Reverend Dr Geoffrey Rowell, the Diocese in Europe, Church of England: "Faith renewed – the King James Bible and the English Church."
- 13.45 Dr Viggo H. Pedersen: "The beauty of language – the King James Bible and English language and culture"
- 14.15 Coffee break
- 14.45 Professor Charles Lock: "Blayney's version – the King James Bible and the English novel"
- 15.15 Panel discussion and questions. Chaired by Archdeacon Jonathan LLoyd, Anglican Chaplain in Denmark.
- 16.00 End

Free admission. No ticket needed. All welcome.



Notes from the Mothers' Union

This year the flowers for Mothering Sunday were prepared by the Mothers' Union. On Saturday 2 April a few of the members met in the crypt to put together 75 posies of daffodils and tie them with red ribbon. It was a very pleasant way to spend a couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon. Early on Sunday morning, Jonathan very kindly gave a hand with wrapping the bottoms of the posies in tinfoil. At the end of the service that day, the children in the congregation distributed the flowers to every woman in church. Cakes had been made by some members of the Mother's Union and these were served at coffee. A big thank you to those who helped on Saturday and those who baked for Sunday to make it a special day.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on Sunday 8 May at 12.15 in the side chapel. The meeting dates for the rest of the year are: 12 June, 14 August, 11 September and 9 October, with the last meeting for the year on 20 November 2011. Please note this is a change from the published date, as there was a clash with the Remembrance Day service.

Mary Pay

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Prayers

The first two months (May and June) of the St Alban's prayer diary are now available (see below). Please keep your ideas coming, so that this prayer diary will be everyone's. Even these two months can still be changed or added to, if you pass on your ideas, either by e-mail to prayer@st-albans.dk (remember to mark your e-mail message "Prayer diary") or to me in church.

We are planning to have a prayers section on the church's web site. Apart from the prayer diary, this will include prayers, links to other prayer sites and information on how to request a prayer. Any suggestions from you as to prayers or other content would be most welcome.

Prayer requests for the intercessions can still be sent to me by e-mail at prayer@st-albans.dk (remember to mark your e-mail message "Intercessions" and specify a date) or given to me in church. These requests will be passed on to the person doing the intercessions on the date in question.

Pauleen Bang (Prayer Secretary)

St. Alban's prayer diary May/June 2011

May

1st	2011	Annual Church Meeting at St Alban's
2nd	2011	Readers Team Meeting
8th	2011	The new Chaplaincy Council and Deanery Synod members and their work, including the "vision planning away day" on 13th/14th May
15th	2011	The work of Christian Aid, as Christian Aid week begins
16th	2011	Festal service to commemorate the 250 th anniversary of the King James Bible
17th	2011	Workshop on the King James Bible
22nd	2011	Our congregation in Aarhus Graeme Lloyd-Roberts as he is licensed as Reader
28th	2011	Deanery Churchwardens' Training Day
29th	2011	Diocesan Synod meeting in Cologne starting on 30th May and our own Synod member, Nigel Rowley

June

1st	1911	Consecration of the Swedish Church (100 year jubilee)
2nd	1953	Queen Elizabeth on the anniversary of her Coronation
5th	2011	Sunday School and the Sunday School teachers
12th	2011	The Altar Guild
19th	2011	Our church and congregation on St. Alban's Day
22nd	2011	Our church and congregation on St. Alban's Day
25th-29th	2011	Canterbury Cathedral Pilgrimage
26th	2011	Our Readers and Readers in training

Why is it good to have the Church of Denmark as a member of Porvoo?

Editor's note: This is the third and final part of a paper that Dean John Arnold gave to the Council for International Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (ELCD) in February 2011.

Good for the Church of Denmark

The Church is always in need of renewal and reform – ecclesia semper reformanda. Chapter I of the Common Statements sets out the challenge to all our churches to renew and reform themselves not separately but together, so as to be better able to face the challenges of the present age in the converging perspectives of the 21st century, which are not the same as the diverging perspectives of the 16th century. Britain and Denmark are among the most secularised societies in the world, and we have a great deal to share from our respective engagements with scientists and philosophers. We also have much to share from our rather different experiences of multiculturalism and of interfaith dialogue, especially with Islam. We are committed by the Porvoo Declaration (Articles 58 b viii & ix) to this kind of sharing; but note that we are also committed to pray for and with one another (Article 58 b i), perhaps the most important benefit of all.

Who knows what prayer can lead to? I have always found it very moving, when for example I have been in a village church in Kent and heard the minister faithfully praying for a diocese in Finland (mispronounced but God understands) or in Norway and found my Diocese of Canterbury being prayed for. True prayer leads to action and especially to new relationships; and I trust that many dioceses and parishes of the Church of Denmark may develop twinings with Anglican dioceses and parishes to their mutual benefit and enrichment. Note the commitment to welcome diaspora congregations into the life of the indigenous churches (Article 58 b iv). We have very happy experiences of integrating the Porvoo churches in London and the Seamen's churches in various ports into their local deaneries, and I am sure we will do the same now for the Danish churches. St Alban's Church in Copenhagen and our congregation in Aarhus are ready and willing to participate in the life of the local church and of their respective deaneries and dioceses. Danes anywhere in Britain and Ireland, and Anglicans anywhere in Denmark, should be positively encouraged simply to regard themselves as parishioners (Articles 58 b ii & iii) and to become active members of local churches.

One obvious field for development in Denmark would be your universities, which attract many English-speaking students from all over the world, some of whom, especially Africans, would welcome the chance to worship in English. Would your chaplaincy teams welcome an Anglican colleague? That would make sense (Article 58 b v).

While the number of Anglicans who might wish to serve in the Church of Denmark is quite small for linguistic reasons, I can well imagine that some Danish pastors might wish to serve for a while in Britain or Ireland. We would welcome them with open arms (again, Article 58 b v). There are already many examples of interchangeability of ministers within the Porvoo Communion. One

Lutheran is Assistant Area Dean in London, one is an Honorary Canon of St Paul's Cathedral and one has been Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of Hull. I know of Icelandic priests at work in Lincoln Diocese, and there are doubtless other Lutherans elsewhere. On this side of the North Sea, Finnish clergy assist in our chaplaincies, an Anglican woman priest is working as a student pastor in Sweden, and in Norway another woman was ordained, as an Anglican, by the Bishop of Trondheim. Archdeacon Jonathan Lloyd could give other examples.

Note that bishops will be invited normally, not invariably, to participate in the laying on of hands at the ordination of bishops. This is a courtesy, not a condition; and, given historic sensitivities, it might be well to proceed with caution, perhaps by involving other Lutherans and bishops from the smaller Anglican Churches of Scotland, Ireland and Wales first. The fact that we are committed 'to work towards a common understanding of diaconal ministry' (Article 58 b vii) is a sign that we do not regard the discussion of the ministry and of the relationship of the three-fold ministry to the single ministry as closed, only that we would rather discuss it within one family than between different families. And that goes for all 'significant matters of faith and order, life and work' (Article 58 b viii) and 'theological and pastoral matters' (Article 58 b ix). Structures, in which representatives of the Church of Denmark already participate, exist for this and for coordinating the implementation of the agreement (Article 58 b x); and all speak of the mutual encouragement, inspiration and enrichment they provide.

Good for others, too

This 'Northern Communion, stretching from Greenland to Finland and Estonia', is not a threat to anyone else. It should stimulate, rather than stifle, attempts to achieve unity with other churches; and the final section of the Common Statement actively encourages 'wider ecumenical commitment'. The Methodist Church has re-opened negotiations with the Church of England, explicitly on this basis. The Old Catholic churches are showing an interest. Several of the Lutheran member churches, including the Church of Denmark, have joined the Communion of Protestant Churches in Europe (Leuenberg); and it is as right that they should have done so (as it is that the Anglican churches have not), for the Leuenberg Concordia was designed to overcome historic differences between Lutheran and Reformed, not Lutheran and Anglican, churches. This is an example of the way in which member churches retain their own individuality, while remaining part of the same ecumenical movement. The Statement concludes, echoing Ephesians 1, 10, 'Together with churches of other traditions we are ready to be used by God as instruments of his saving and reconciling purpose for all humanity and creation.' That, too, must be good.



Windows Phase One

At the beginning of April Terry Devlin and his team Tyrone, Jack and Chris, started work to remove the four south nave windows. The chandeliers were swung across the church and secured out of harms way, the organ was covered to prevent any dust getting in, and scaffolding was put up inside and outside the church. Before starting, every panel of each window was numbered, closely inspected and logged. Several more cracks were noted and in one case it was observed that putty had been used to plug a hole.

Work began in earnest on Sunday 3 April after the service, chipping out the mortar holding the windows. It was quite a job, as a very hard mortar had been used when the windows were installed. By late Monday morning, they were ready to start taking the first window out. This proved to be more difficult than expected, as the windows had been made up to 18mm too big for the openings. With careful coercing and by widening the groove the window sat in, they were able to gently lift out the first angel. The lower panels followed, some parts of the plain glass border had to be dismantled in situ, in order to remove the window and lessen any further stress on the already vulnerable glass in the main part of the panels. Four of the panels had to be taped together, as the lead solder joints were cracking and they were in danger of falling apart.



By the end of Tuesday all four windows had been safely removed and the space boarded up. Accurate templates were taken of all the window openings, and calico-coloured cotton sheeting was then hung on the inside of the windows to curtain the boarding and reflect back light from the chandeliers. While light does not stream in when it is sunny, the impact of the windows being out has been far less than originally feared and gave scope for a spring-like garden of green and yellow on the window sills at Easter.



In addition to the nave windows, the three windows in the narthex have also been removed for cleaning and conservation. Here the windows have been replaced with perspex. The impact of this is enormous, and the narthex has been flooded by light from the bright April sunshine.



These windows will be away until mid-August. Detailed photography and tracing of each panel is already taking place prior to the cleaning and re-leading. We hope to get pictures from the workshop from time to time. If anyone finds themselves going that way (near Norwich), I am sure a visit to see progress could be arranged, although the workshop is a bit off the beaten track so a car is needed. If you are interested in doing this, please get in touch with me and I can give you the contact details.

Organizing the logistics has not been as difficult as I imagined, largely thanks to time, help and advice given by Jonathan, Nigel, Philip, Peter and Jane. An extra big “thank you” goes to Carsten Clausen who, with Arne Egerup, has taken time out to assess the scaffolding needs, get the best possible prices for the job and coordinate with the scaffolders. This has taken an enormous weight off my shoulders and has been a great help. It is planned to leave the external scaffolding up during this phase. At this stage, the plan is to re-install the windows in August; confirmation of exact dates will be made shortly.

Katie Robson

Registrar’s report

Baptism

6 March 2011

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Summer Fête meeting

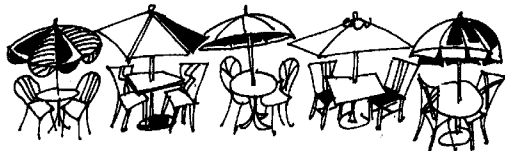
We will have a meeting for fête volunteers after the service on **Sunday 15 May**.

If you are new to St Alban's, this is our big fund-/friend-raising event of the year. It takes place in front of the church and involves the whole of our church community in a day of fun and games with stalls, refreshments and a coming together of old and new friends. Hard work? Yes. Fun? Yes – being one of the volunteers brings together the true spirit of the St Alban's community with people contributing what they can, when they can, so yes it is fun.

This year we are looking for two or three people to join a coordinating team to help make sure everything runs smoothly on the day. Experience has shown us that if shared this is not a massive task, but more a case of being there to answer questions, running down a check list to make sure various permissions have been sought and generally making sure that all bases are covered.

This year, as in previous years, various entertainers have been in touch and are interested in come back to join us on the day. The Mothers' Union is getting involved in the home produce stall, used books are finding their way to us and people are starting to turn out attics and cellars for unwanted things for the white elephant stall and items for the gift stall.

Whether you are here on the day or not, however much time you can give beforehand or on the day itself, this is a special day for St Alban's and we hope that you will be able to join us. Please do consider coming along on Sunday 15 May to learn more about the fête, sign up on the special notice board and most importantly mark **Saturday 20 August 2011** in your diaries.



Newsletter news

The next Newsletter will be the **June 2011** issue. The deadline for material to reach me is **15 May**. 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 by email or as below.

You are most welcome to submit material by e-mail by to

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