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St. Alban's Church Newsletter

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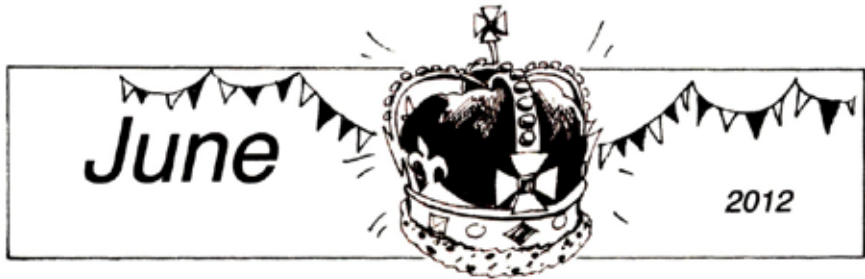
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3rd	TRINITY SUNDAY <i>Isaiah</i> 6 1 – 8 <i>John</i> 3 1 – 17 <i>Preacher: Archdeacon Jonathan LLoyd</i>	Family Eucharist with Holy Baptism	10.30
6th		Holy Communion	10.30
10th	ST BARNABAS <i>Job</i> 29 1 – 16 <i>Galatians</i> 2 1 – 10 <i>John</i> 15 12 – 17 <i>Preacher: Graeme Lloyd-Roberts</i>	Parish Eucharist	10.30
13th		Morning prayer	10.30
17th	2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <i>Ezekiel</i> 17 22 – end <i>2 Corinthians</i> 5 6 – 10, 14 – 17 <i>Mark</i> 4 26 – 34 <i>Preacher: The Rev. Gottfried Grunewald</i>	Parish Eucharist	10.30
20th		Holy Communion	10.30
24th	BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST <i>Isaiah</i> 40 1 – 11 <i>Acts</i> 13 14b – 26 <i>Luke</i> 1 57 – 66, 80 <i>Preacher: The Rev. Palle Thordal</i>	Parish Eucharist	10.30
27th		Morning prayer	10.30

NOTES:

SUNDAY SCHOOL
REFRESHMENTS

meets every Sunday at 10.30
are served after the 10.30 Sunday Service

CHOIR PRACTICE takes place every Sunday morning before the Parish Eucharist.
New choir members are always welcome. Contact Peter Rohling: 33 25 00 74

Dear friends,

It is so good to see our pilgrims and visitors streaming into St Alban's Church every day, and the warm smiles of our Guardians' Team welcoming them. I don't like to call them "tourists". They are human beings, uniquely made in God's image, and are either pilgrims or visitors, or maybe both. All of us are on the pilgrimage of life.

The people who come to us are a real gift to us. They are from every corner of the world. Many are interested in our history and architecture. Many want to find a time of peace, for stillness and prayer. I love to hear their stories, and sometimes I am asked to pray with people. People often ask to read a Bible. The number of people wanting to light a prayer candle has increased so much that we will soon have an extra candle stand to cope with the need.

The special book for prayer requests in the Lady Chapel is filled up quickly, and the requests are personal and deep. I offer all these prayers at the altar each week. I do believe that prayer is vital to us all, and that prayer works. As a hub for visitors from all over the globe, St Alban's is also a prayer hub for God.

As the people of St Alban's, we are not only a worshipping community and a social community: we are also a praying community. Prayer is not just words, or a shopping list of what we want. Prayer is a spiritual place, a place where we get out of ourselves, a place created and inhabited by God. Prayer calls us to detach from our own self, from our own compulsions and addictions, from our own ego, from our own "place". We are all too easily trapped in our places by virtue of the egocentricity of the human person. Perhaps even by "churchiness". In prayer, the Holy Spirit entices us outside of our narrow comfort zone.

I thank God for St Alban's as a place of daily prayer. Prayer is where we reveal ourselves to God, and where God embraces, loves and challenges us.

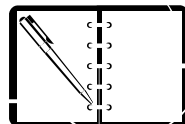
Our visitors and pilgrims are an important part of God's mission here at St Alban's. You never know: some might even be angels. As it says in the Letter to the Hebrews (13, 1-2), "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Enjoy the June sunshine!

Grace and peace,
Jonathan



Dates for your diaries



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

Friday 1 June	18.00	Auction of promises
Sunday 3 June	12.00	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee picnic
Friday 8 June	20.00	125 Anniversary Concert Concordia Chamber Choir, London, UK
Wednesday 20 June	18.00	Church Council meeting
Saturday 23 June	14.00	125 Anniversary Concert Trevecca Chamber Choir & Orchestra, Nashville, Tennessee, USA
Sunday 24 June	12.30	St Alban's Day Parish Summer Lunch See below
Saturday 18 August		St Alban's Summer Fete
Saturday 1 September	20.00	125 Anniversary Concert Cantate Community Choir from Bishops Stortford, UK
Sunday 2 September	10.30	Deanery Synod will join Parish Eucharist. Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Geoffrey Rowell will preside
Sunday 16 September	10.30	125th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Alban's Church, followed by Anniversary Brunch at the Marriott Hotel

Please pray for those being married at St Alban's this month:

2 June	Brian & Kristel
30 June	Catherine & Stephen Barry and Anna

St Alban's Day Parish Lunch

This year we celebrate St Alban's Day on Sunday 24 June.

Jonathan & Sue Lloyd invite the congregation to their home for a parish summer lunch at 12.30. Children are welcome, too.

If you have not been to the Vicarage before, we will let you know how to get there on the day. As in past years we hope that those with space in their cars can give lifts, and those with bikes can join up with others biking.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan on jonathan@st-albans.dk

We look forward to seeing you there.



125 Anniversary Concert programme

Friday 8 June at 20.00

CONCORDIA CHAMBER CHOIR, from Dulwich, South London, directed by Dan Ludford-Thomas, sing a celebratory selection of Tudor anthems, the Byrd Mass and songs by Eric Whitacre.

Sat 23 June at 14.00

TREVECCA CHAMBER CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA from Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A. directed by Dr Timothy Cierpke, joined by the four children of the director, will perform original music along with the featured work, Brahms' "A German Requiem," performed in English.

Both concerts will be in support of the Windows Restoration Appeal. Free entry, with a suggested donation of DKr 50-100.

Other events in connection with our anniversary year can be found in the dates on the previous page.

Registrar's report

Baptisms

6 May 2012

OSCAR GREGORY DAVIES-ANDERSEN
Son of Emma Louise Davies and Jonas Andersen

ROBIN
Daughter of Markus and Katherine Power

OSCAR GRANT-ROSENDAHL
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Thank you all

Thank you, Jonathan and Claire, for your kind words to me at the Annual Church Meeting and in the report, and thank you also for the wonderful gifts of candlesticks to light us into the future – Danish design at its best – I love them.

It has been an enormous privilege to be Churchwarden over the last six years. A lot has happened in that time, with Mark's final year, an interregnum, Jonathan's arrival and then COP15, a visit from the Archbishop, Porvoo, the windows and latterly the Royal visit. What I will take away from the experience, however, is the strong, strong sense of support and community that there has always been at St Alban's. People stepping in to help: welcome and greet, parish parties, cleaning up the Vicarage, the Church, entertaining visiting locums, keeping the church open, helping to host events, making inventories, carrying, the fete in sun and rain and many other things, but through all of this a sense of all pulling together. Without that sense and without that support, the Churchwarden's role would be a chore and not a privilege, so thank you.

I have enjoyed my six years and I am sure the support that I have received with my fellow churchwardens will be extended to both Chris and Claire. St Alban's is a "home from home" to many. As the diversity of our community grows, St Alban's stands poised to grasp new challenges as we take our mission and faith forward and out into the wider community and world we live in.

Thank you all again for everything, and thank you Charles, Laura, Edward Jamie and Charlotte for your support, it has been seen and unseen, but it has been legion.

Katie

St Alban's Church personalities – Catherine Højgaard [1915–1981]

Catherine Eva Højgaard was born in Bolton, Lancashire, the daughter of Salvation Army officers Niels N. Højgaard and Catherine Devoto. She had a sister Mabel (born 1916) and a brother Niels (born 1917). The family appears in official UK records with the spelling “Højgaard”, as the English language lacks the Danish “ø” and the modern transliteration “oe” for “ø” had not yet been introduced. Catherine was brought up a Salvationist with its strong sense of evangelism, and she maintained her links with the Salvation Army all her life.

During her time in England, Catherine worked for a time at Buckingham Palace and undertook volunteer work in London during the 1939–1945 war. After the war, she worked with the Control Commission in Germany before coming to Denmark.

On arrival in Denmark in 1947 she took over her father's Danish nationality and also the correct ‘Danish’ spelling of her surname, ‘Højgaard’. She worked at the Danish Serum Institute as personal secretary to the head of the TB department. Catherine soon became involved in the life of St Alban's church, and in June 1953 was confirmed as an Anglican. She was a choir member and on occasion was elected to serve on the Church Council, but she was best known for her work with the Sunday School, of which she became leader in 1957. In 1965 her report to the AGM recorded that there were 120 children on the Sunday School roll, with the highest attendance being 47. Three rooms were in use to house them all – the vestry, the crypt and the original tower room (the Upper Room had not yet been created). Her leadership of the Sunday School teaching staff was a great example of her ability and determination to lead her children to Christ. Countless children benefitted from her love and care, and for many of them she was a saintly, devoted mother-figure. The ‘Young Wives’ group at St. Alban's is said to have welcomed her as an Honorary ‘Young Wife’ because of her relationships with their children.



Catherine also found time to be involved with other good works, at one time serving with Stanley Robson as joint director of the Danish branch of OXFAM. She was also much involved in helping with the annual Poppy Day appeal, and with many of the British organizations in Copenhagen.

After surviving several bouts of serious illness with great fortitude, she died in June 1981. Her funeral was attended by her sister from England and other relatives, together with more than a hundred from the British community and St Alban's – RAFA, British Legion,

British Centre and Club, Rygaards School, Danish Serum Institute, Church Council, Young Wives and Sunday School.



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.

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



St Alban's Summer Fête – Saturday 18 August 2012

This year our summer fête will have a Victorian theme, to reflect the 125th anniversary and the years in which the church was founded. Following an initial meeting on 6 May, plans are now firming up for the event but as ever we are ALWAYS keen to have new ideas and volunteers.

We have a bumper stock of Mamade sourced locally this year, jars are being brought in (to the porch at the back of the church, please) and volunteers are already starting to make preserves and jam – with the elderflowers just about to bloom, it is nearly elderflower cordial season. As always, we ask you to see if you have any books, unwanted items for the gift stall, or hidden treasures in attics or corners of the cellar that might brighten the “white elephant” stall.

As everyone knows, these sorts of events don't just happen and would not be possible without the support and commitment of so many of our congregation. We are grateful to all those who have come forward to volunteer their time and to head up the individual stalls and also to those signing up as helpers - it is good to see many new names on the lists. Offers to help on or before the day are always welcome: look out for the colourful sign-up board in the “sink room”.

St Alban's home produce
Gift/Nearly new stall
Used books
White Elephant
Games and amusements
Refreshments

Mary Pay and the Mother's Union
Claire Clausen
TBC
Janet, Judy and team
TBC
Jean Gram Andersen
Philip Davies and Chris Moore
Raymond Shannon

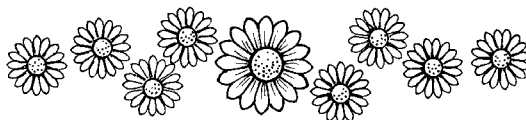
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Publicity / Information
Treasurer
Tents and site team
Legalities, electricity and tower team
Coordinators

Rosemary Bohr
Claire Clausen & communication team
Nils Mortensen
TBC
Nigel Rowley
Mary Pay and Angela Hansen

If you would like to fill one of the “TBC's” or to volunteer in a particular area, there is a special sign-up notice board in the “sink room” – if you're in any doubt about where that is, just ask one of the sidesmen on Sunday and they will show you.

Flowers

We are hoping to decorate the church with special flowers for the occasion. Anyone who would like to help arrange flowers on the day/evening before, who could donate flowers and greenery, or who is happy to let us loose in your garden, please contact the flower team (Carol or Jean).



Entertainments

The bells are played, singers sing, dancers dance, but again we are always interested to hear from anyone who has a talent to offer, in order to entertain visitors on the day. Through the years, we have had many different entertainments, including a town crier, clowns, magicians and a home team of race organizers (with a famous impromptu three-legged race), as well as a fashion show of items for sale on the various stalls. If you have any ideas on this front, please either contact Mary and Angela or Rosemary Bohr.

Gifts/Nearly new

We are always grateful for your contributions to our gift stall. If you are off on holiday this summer, perhaps you could bring something interesting back for the gift stall!

Jam jars and jam-makers urgently needed

We still need clean 1 lb (500 g) jam jars for marmalades and jams and clean c.1/2 lb (c. 250 g) jars for savoury jellies. There is a stock of "Mamade" in the back porch. Special St Alban's labels are being made again this year. Please put a small label on the jars if it is not marmalade and we will re-label with a St Alban's label appropriately. Thank you to everyone who has already taken tins of Mamade and started making jams and marmalade for the stall and for all the jam jars that have been brought in.

We are also going to need other produce on the day, - cakes, cookies, fudge and sweets always sell well. We have some small foil cake tins for those of you who are happy to bake, and there is a sign-up list on the Fête notice board - so if you could contribute anything, please do let us know.

If you have any questions and/or ideas, please contact Mary Pay.

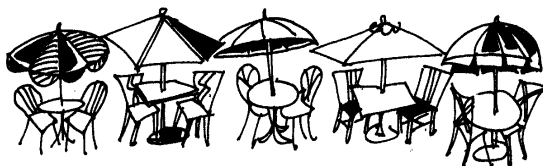


Used books



Now is the time to start sorting through your book shelves and to see if there are any books you could part with. Storage is very tight this year. If you could bring your contributions to church during the couple of weeks before the fête, that would be a great help. For those of you who have problems transporting books to church, we will try to arrange a collection round one day in the week before the fête, probably Tuesday 14 August.

Any help that you can give, however small or large, is always greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to either contact the stall coordinators (see the Fête notice board) or contact Mary Pay or Angela Hansen





125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Come and celebrate 125 years of worship at St Alban's with the whole family



on
Sunday 16 September

Anniversary Eucharist at 10.30

Remembering those who worked so hard to build the church, those who have worshipped in the church through the years and those who worship there today. St Alban's has a long history serving the English-speaking Anglican community and continues to thrive, flourish and look forward to the next 125 years.

Celebratory harbour boat ride 12.00

After the service, we will all walk over to the harbour and embark on a Copenhagen Harbour boat at midday. The boat will take us on a celebratory sail down through the harbour for about 45 minutes to the Marriott Hotel, where we will disembark for brunch.



Anniversary brunch 13.00

The Marriott's ballroom overlooking the water has been reserved for the occasion. A magnificent brunch buffet will be served with a tantalizing selection of seafood, fish, meat, cheese, fruit, nuts, yoghurts, breads, pancakes, eggs and many other specialties to tempt you. Champagne will be served, juices, coffee and tea will be available. It promises to be a very special occasion.

You can sign up for all-inclusive boat and brunch tickets from Sunday 10 June. Space is limited, so please be sure to put your name down to reserve your place. Tickets for adults will be in the region of Dkr 300/325 (we are still negotiating a final price). Children from 6 to 12 years, 50% reduction. Children from 0 to 6 years free!

If you have any questions about the boat ride or the brunch, please contact churchwardens@st-albans.dk There will be a small number of subsidized tickets, please contact Jonathan@st-albans.dk.

We do hope that you will be able to join us for this very special day for
the whole St Alban's community

St Alban's 125 Committee
Nick, Jean, Claire, Graham and Katie

News from the Deanery

In Tallinn, Estonia, the Anglican-Lutheran congregation of Saint Timothy and Saint Titus worshipping in the Church of the Holy Spirit in the Old Town, just off the Town Hall Square, is an example of the way the Porvoo agreement works at a grassroots level. The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Diocese in Europe have undertaken a joint ministry with the priest-in-charge, the Reverend Gustav Piir, being on the roster of both bodies. The Anglican Chaplaincy of St Nicholas in Helsinki with Reverend Tuomas Mäkipää is the partner from the Church of England, while from the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Congregation of the Holy Spirit in Tallinn is the mother congregation, which handles all the paperwork with the Estonian tax office, as well as enabling the use of the church free of charge and taking care the fabric of the Church, thus freeing the English-speakers to concentrate on ministering to the community.



Worship services are conducted every Sunday, with the Lutheran order used for the Eucharist on the first and third Sunday of each month and the Anglican order on the second and fourth Sundays, while the fifth Sunday and festivals alternate between Lutheran and Anglican orders. Both choirs and musicians from the mother congregation and community participate in the services on a regular basis. Music plays an important role and every Monday there is a Music Hour at 6 p.m. with various musicians participating.

Though the congregation of Saint Timothy and Saint Titus is small, with an electoral roll of just 14 people, many visitors and members of the community at large come to worship on a regular basis. The attendance on a Sunday can range from 12 to 50 people, depending upon visitors and tourists. Christmas services, as well as Good Friday and Easter services, are popular with the community at large. Many of the children who come to worship are from mixed families, so the programmes for children and young people are provided through the mother congregation.

The Church of the Holy Spirit is first mentioned in 1316 in relation to the Alms House next door, and it houses a triptych altar piece by Bernt Notke from 1483. The church also contains a pulpit from the Renaissance, it has the oldest pulpit in use in Estonia and the Christian Ackermann clock from the Baroque period (the first mechanized public clock in Tallinn), and it is famous for its *Biblium Pauperum* or Pauper's Bible running along the southern, western and northern galleries



inside the church. Of interest also is the Danish flag deposited in the church in 1923 and again in 1992 to commemorate the legend of the Dannebrog – on 15 June 1219. A great-uncle of Archdeacon Jonathan Lloyd, Major Humphrey W.C. Lloyd, having received the Estonian Cross of Liberty, is commemorated on a plaque in the church bearing the title “British bearers of the Estonian Cross of Liberty”.

My grateful thanks to Reverend Gustav Piir for all this very interesting information.

Pauleen Bang

Dorothy's trip to Uganda in February 2012

To start with, a very big thank you to everybody who contributed to this project by giving gifts of items or financially.

Throughout 2011, Dorothy had been collecting clothes, toys and books to send to “Mvara Corner Curve” Nursery School in Arua, Uganda. The nursery school was founded five years ago by members of Dorothy's family living in the area. Dorothy has been involved in trying to support the nursery from the beginning, and over the last five years she has sent many gifts from various members of our congregation and friends in Denmark.

In 2011, there were a great number of donations of clothes, toys and books, and Dorothy's flat was full to bursting point. The cost of freighting containers was becoming prohibitive for one person. As a member of the Mother's Union, Dorothy ask for some suggestions about how to raise the freight charges. The first thing that happened was that Dorothy wrote a small article for our St Alban's newsletter. This resulted in private donations from members of the congregation. The Mother's Union held a cake raffle to raise funds. Finally, Dorothy was introduced to the International Women's Club of Copenhagen, who also made a donation. This didn't completely cover the costs but Dorothy was just able to afford the rest.

Coincidentally, a Mother's Union branch in Norwich had been knitting hats for premature babies. They had overestimated the number they needed locally and were looking for a home for the rest. They had used the Mother's Union web site to advertise the donation of hats. The Copenhagen branch replied and were sent the excess hats. These were added to the mounting boxes of gifts in Dorothy's flat.

In February 2012, Dorothy needed to travel home for family reasons, so she was able to accompany the freight boxes and be available for the distribution. The clothes and toys were divided between the nursery and the local hospital/clinic. The photo below give some insight.

It is hard to express what a difference these gifts have made to a small community who have very little money to buy books and equipment for the nursery. The clothes make the difference between whether a child can go to

school or not. The hospital needs toys for children and baby clothes. Arua Rotary Club presented Dorothy with a certificate of thanks to all those who had supported the nursery and hospital by their donations.

Dorothy continues to collect clothes, toys, books and equipment for teaching. Donations are always acceptable. Dorothy will always collect good quality unwanted items that fall into the above categories.

Mary Pay and Dorothy Ocanda



Newsletter news

The next Newsletter will be the double issue for July and August 2012. The deadline for material to reach me is **15 June**. 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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Weekly Eucharists

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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