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*Rev. Deacon Malphurs' First Sunday at St. Alban's Patsy
Simpson, Organist
July 7, 2019*

Meet and Greet Reception for Rev. E lisabeth





Rev. Elisabeth's First Healing Service



Rev. Elisabeth's first Wednesday evening Healing Service on July 3 with David Pruett, Lance Stewart, Dale Gibson, Bonnie Pruett, Mary & Dan Carleton, Bruce Carleton and Tommy Skinner

Help Needed—Outdoor Chapel & Memorial Garden Cleanup

By Beth Guynes

It was brought to my attention last year that, although the Outdoor Chapel was dedicated soon after completion, no plaque was ever placed. Also, no plaque was placed for the Memorial Garden. On Sunday October 6, we will have the annual Blessing of the Animals service in our Outdoor Chapel with Canon Paul Stephens celebrating. We will place a plaque to recognize the Eagle Scouts who built the chapel in memory of Ruth Culp and a plaque for the Memorial Garden dedicated in memory of Bubber Weissinger. If you would like to help place the plaques and clean up these two areas in advance of the service, please contact Mark or Stacy Weaver, co-junior wardens. The Memorial Garden area needs a lot of attention, such as trimming the hedge, clearing out weeds and the flowerbed.

Building a Place to Gather & Grow

By Beth Guynes



Spacious new kitchen to be equipped with modern appliances

Construction is really moving quickly on our remodel and addition in *Sessions Hall!* Exterior brickwork is complete on new part of the building and the cabinets and trim are almost finished. The next steps include more plumbing work, some electrical work, then paint, flooring and finish work. Waterproofing and tracking down leaks in all buildings are both on-going. The high-contrast exterior brick on *Sessions Hall* will be painted and waterproofing around the foundation of *Sessions Hall* will also be completed in next two months. The outside area between new classrooms and old part of the building will have gravel installed for drainage and a covered walkway constructed between the emergency exit door in nursery and the new storage room behind the sacristy.

We are soliciting bids to completely rework the driveway by replacing broken culverts, restoring proper drainage and adding a crown to the driveway itself. The flower beds will be cleared out for the foundation work and to drain away from the building. These beds will need new plantings compatible with the areas, The flower bed area between doors to the church and parish hall will be changed to sod.

We will have the door open to *Sessions Hall* on Sundays so everyone who wants can have a chance to walk around inside the new space. We will have much to celebrate in October with moving into our completed building, dedication of plaques for the Outdoor Chapel and the Memorial Garden and Dinner of the Grounds!



Beverage/server counter in meeting area



Rear view of the classroom addition



New Sunday school classroom

Back to School at St. Alban's



Blessing of the Backpacks

Bring your school backpack to church on Sunday, August 4th at the 11:00 AM service to get a special tag and school supplies and receive a blessing for the new school year.

School Donations

Bring donations of tissues, hand sanitizer, and cleaning wipes to be delivered to Bovina Elementary. We pray that these donations will be symbols of the love and support we give to the children of our community throughout the year.

Convocation Youth Event Sunday, September 8, 4:00 PM

The Diocese of Mississippi is offering many exciting youth events this year for youth in 6th–12th grades. Mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, September 8, when we will meet at St. Alban's to travel together to Port Gibson for a Convocation Youth Event starting at 4:00 PM. You will also have the chance to meet other youth from around our area. The Bishop will also be there—this is your chance to ask him anything! Please let Rev. Elisabeth know if you think you might want to join in so we can plan to have enough cars and drivers. You can email her at stalbansclergy@bellsouth.net

EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MISSISSIPPI
DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS
2019-2020

JR. HIGH DOY GRADES 8-8 AT CAMP BRATTON-GREEN September 20-22 March 27-29	RETREATS FULL OF SPIRITUALITY, FUN, GETTING MESSY, AND JUST PLAIN BEING YOURSELF!	SR. HIGH DOY GRADES 9-12 AT CAMP BRATTON-GREEN October 18-20 April 17-19
HAPPENING GRADES 10-12 #90 St. Peter's, Oxford November 22-24 Staff Training November 1-3 #91 St. James', Jackson March 6-8 Staff Training February 21-23	EXPLORE THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN FAITH AND THE CHALLENGES OF DAILY LIFE!	HAPPENING REUNION ALREADY ATTENDED HAPPENING O-U Methodist, Oxford November 22-24 St. Columb's, Ridgeland March 6-8

CONVOCAION YOUTH EVENTS

MEET OTHER EPISCOPAL YOUTH IN YOUR AREA AND ELECT YOUR DELEGATE TO COUNCIL!	Delta - August 11 - St. John's, Leland Central - August 18 - St. James', Jackson Sowashee - August 25 - Trinity, Hattiesburg Old River - September 8 - St. James', Port Gibson Coast - September 29 - St. Mark's, Gulfport Tombigbee - October 6 - All Saints', Tupelo Northern - October 20 - St. Peter's, Oxford
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I like to say that we're all works in progress. Myself included. God is always working with us and on us to help us grow more fully into the stature of Christ. As it happens, I'm also in priest in progress. In the Episcopal Church, we call priests in progress "transitional deacons." It's an odd title, to be sure, and I've already heard many of you just go ahead and refer to me as your priest or your "future priest." But this stage that I'm in, this transitional stage, the period of my diaconate, is important. And not just for me, but for all of us as a community. We are learning how to be together, and you are shaping me as an ordained person. This period of preparation is critical. But it also comes with plenty of questions...

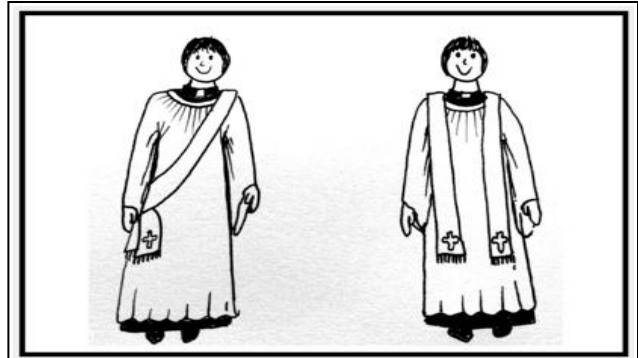
So just what IS a transitional deacon? Deacons are first and foremost ministers, just like lay people, priests, and bishops are all ministers; that is, all called to represent Christ and his church. Some people, like Deacon Josie, are called to the diaconate, which is a ministry focused particularly on those in need, bridging the church and the needs of the world. I have been called to the priesthood, a ministry of preaching, teaching, pastoring, and administering the sacraments. However, in the Episcopal Church, no one is ordained directly to the priesthood. Our belief is that priests must first be ordained to the diaconate, into the ministry of servanthood that Jesus modeled for us. Every priest has first served for at least six months, and sometimes longer, as a deacon. (For more information about the ministry of the laity, deacons, priests and bishops, look in your Book of Common Prayer on pages 855-6.)

Why does it seem like our services are different each Sunday? You may have noticed that our services have varied a lot since I arrived! This has to do with the kinds of services that deacons are permitted to lead. When we have an assisting priest, we have been celebrating Holy Eucharist. Bishop Seage allows me to preside at a service of Communion from the Reserved Sacrament twice a month on Sundays. In a service of Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, the bread and wine have already been consecrated at a service of Holy Eucharist, so you will notice that we do not say all of the Eucharistic prayers, but instead say only the Lord's Prayer. At other times, we hold Morning Prayer, a service that can be officiated by a lay person or deacon.

But I've noticed some other differences! You may also have noticed some slight differences between the way I lead worship and what you are used to seeing a priest do. That's because deacons and priests have different functions in the liturgy.

- After confession, you will notice that I use a form of declaring the forgiveness of sins that can be used by deacons and lay people because it includes "us" and "our." When we have a priest with us, you will notice the traditional absolution of sins.

- After the postcommunion prayer, you will notice that I do not pronounce a blessing, which is also the role of a priest.
- Another difference you may have noticed is in the way deacons and priests wear their stoles. Deacons wear the stole across the body, and priests wear the stole hanging on either side.



Drawing by Ally Barrett, used with permission.

There is a prayer by the Jesuit Teilhard de Chardin that seems perfect for this stage in my life and the life of our parish. It is all about being patient with ourselves during liminal times, those times of transition that we all go through:

*Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
 We are quite naturally impatient in everything
 to reach the end without delay.
 We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
 We are impatient of being on the way to something
 unknown, something new.
 And yet it is the law of all progress
 that it is made by passing through
 some stages of instability—
 and that it may take a very long time.
 And so I think it is with you;
 your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,
 let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
 Don't try to force them on,
 as though you could be today what time
 (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)
 will make of you tomorrow.
 Only God could say what this new spirit
 gradually forming within you will be.
 Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
 that his hand is leading you,
 and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
 in suspense and incomplete.*

May we all trust that this in-between time can be a time of tremendous growth for us as a community if we have faith that God's work is unfolding at just the right speed.

St. Alban's Antique Baptismal Font

By Rebecca B. Drake

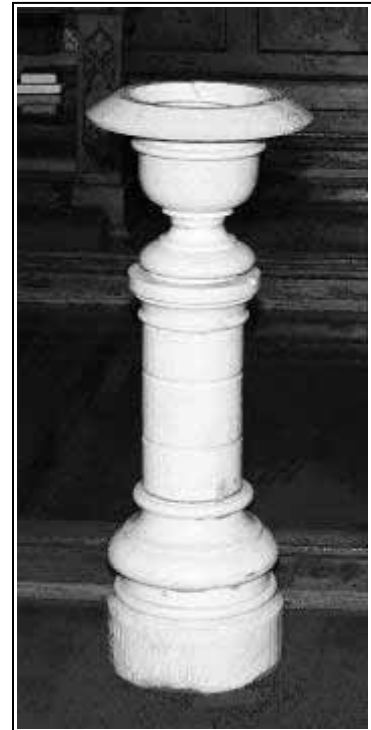
In April of 1886, the *Vicksburg Evening Post* featured an article with the headline, EASTER SERVICES AT BOVINA. The correspondent wrote, “A number of citizens of Vicksburg attended services at Bovina yesterday, and St. Alban’s Church was largely attended. In addition to the usual Easter ceremonies, the church was presented a handsome window in memory of Rev. Mr. Fox, its late rector, and a baptismal font as a memorial to Mrs. Col. Hebron who, during her life, was one of the most zealous members of the congregation. The services are said to have been unusually interesting.” The article was in reference to St. Alban’s second church that was built in 1870 and consecrated in 1880.

Almost a half a century later, the baptismal font and St. Paul’s stained glass window were moved to the nave of the 1928 church. Both memorials feature engraved dedications—the window given by St. Alban’s congregation in memory of Rev. James A. Fox and the baptismal font given by the children of Mrs. A. [Adaline] L. Hebron. As the years went by, everyone remembered Rev. James A. Fox but few remembered the identity of Mrs. A. L. Hebron.

Determined to find more information about Mrs. Hebron, I sought help from Sue Burns Moore, a distinguished researcher from Longview, Texas, with deep ties to Mississippi. She sent information not only regarding the life of A. L. [Adaline] Hebron but also the entire Hebron family. And, what a story her research had to tell!

In 1842, Adaline, age 20, married John L Hebron, a widower with five children ranging in age from one to thirteen. John was well known in Warren County for his spacious plantation named *LaGrange*. The 1,200 acre plantation was located near Bovina and the Big Black River. The vast acreage produced not only cotton but also fruit trees—peaches, pears and apples. Prior to the war, *LaGrange Nursery* was noted as one of the largest fruit orchards in the South and the largest pear orchard in the world. The produce was shipped to major cities around the U.S. such as New York, Baltimore and New Orleans.

In April of 1858, Adaline and John were confirmed at St. Alban’s by Bishop William M. Green. Early on, Adaline became a devoted member of St. Alban’s. John— not so much! He built a small chapel on the plantation grounds where family members could



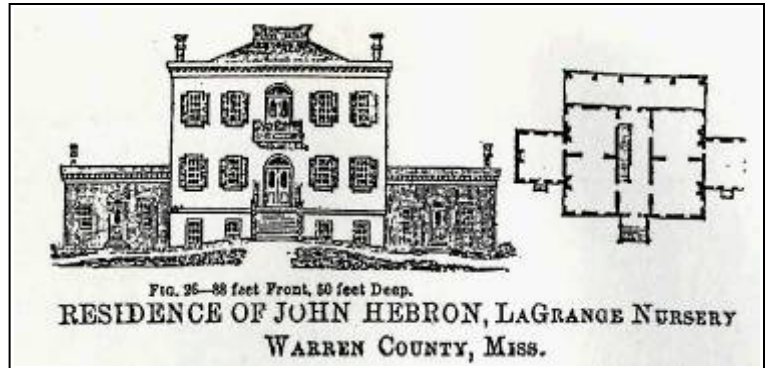
hold church services rather than make the long carriage ride to St. Alban's, approximately ten miles from *LaGrange*. In all, Adeline was “mother” to thirteen boys and girls of varying ages.

After her husband's death in 1862, age 60, Adeline remained at *LaGrange*, now managed by his firstborn son and namesake, Dr. John L. Hebron. During the *Siege of Vicksburg*, Dr. Hebron treated patients in the Vicksburg Hospital as well as in the field near Bovina. His wife, Ellen Ellington Hebron, was a prominent writer and after the war was recognized as the “Poet of the Confederacy.”

In 1863, when Grant's army began their approach to Vicksburg, one of the first places they invaded was *LaGrange*. Two-thousand, five-hundred Union soldiers camped on the grounds while General Grant took *LaGrange* as temporary headquarters. In one of Ellen Hebron's books, she described General Grant's kindness to her mother-in-law by allowing Adeline and the younger children to live in two of the upstairs bedrooms. However, before the siege was over, the soldiers destroyed the orchard and the family was left destitute.

When Adeline passed away in 1874, age 52, she was buried in the family cemetery at *LaGrange*. However, her children made sure that a memorial stone was placed in St. Alban's Cemetery. The stone simply read, “MOTHER.”

So, in the words of Paul Harvey, “Now you know the rest of the story.” Adeline was a wealthy planter's wife - one of the earliest members of St. Alban's Church - and the mother of thirteen children. She was a strong woman who suffered great loss and despair. Yet, she embraced love and joy. Her legacy was her influential role as a MOTHER— and her faithful devotion to St. Alban's Church.



*Come come ye Saints, We'll find the place which God for us prepared,
In His house full of light.... All is well. All is well.*

August Birthdays

1 Reagan Lauritzen Beth Sojourner	22 Mason Selby
4 Woody Hanks	23 Carter Guynes Edward Shelnut Natalie "Blair Harris
6 David Normand	26 Bobby Barlow Cynthia Strawn
7 Mary Michael Southall	27 Terry Guynes James Price
17 Jake Artman Josh Artman	28 David May
19 David Wright	
21 Norma Jones	

August Anniversaries

14 Burke & Barbara Torrey	21 Alan & Joan Leese
20 Herb & Mary Ruth Jones	27 Bryan & Joy Brabston

Prayers for the People



Andy Katzenmeyer	Cynthia Strawn	Linda & Jim Dooley
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Dalton Glatt	Natalie McMillian
Barbara Ramsay	Dan & Mary Carleton	Nicki & Spenscer Jackson
Bertha Kolb	Diane Bailey	Newell Graham
Betty Biedenharn	Dianne Carlton	Nita Tassin
Blair Harris	Eugene Quarles	Norma Jones
Bobbie Carlisle	Herb Jones	Paul Quarles
Brabston Cook	Irv Jones	Rachelle Ferris
Brandi Tony	Jackson Monti	Rebecca Drake
Bryan Brabston	Jim Farrell	Sarah Rickard
Charlie Brantley & Family	Joan Leese	Steve Webster
Charlie Lutz	Laurie Reece	Selby Family

Victims of Violence & Natural Disasters

Schedule of Events for August

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM. Phone: (601) 636-6687

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Christian Education, 10:00 AM

Nursery, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel, 11:00 AM

Tuesday

Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00–8:00 PM

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM, Deacon Malphurs

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

Sunday, August 4—*Eight Sunday after Pentecost. Back to School Sunday.* Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM. Rev. Brian Ponder, Celebrant, Lance Stewart, Guitarist. *Blessing of the Backpacks*, 11:00 AM

Sunday, August 11—*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.* Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM. Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs. Holy Eucharist, 11:00 AM, Rev. Beth Palmer, Celebrant, Patsy Simpson, Organist

Sunday, August 11—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's, Bolton, 4:00 PM. Feast of the Assumption of Mary.* Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Hailey Allin, Celebrant. Program, *My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord*, Mandy Spivak, soprano, Shellie Kemp, violin and Tyler Kemp, piano

Thursday, August 15—Vestry Meeting, Parish House, 6:00 PM

Sunday, August 18—*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost.* Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM. Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs, Lance Stewart, Guitarist

Sunday, August 25—*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.* Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM. Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs, Penny Freund, Organist

Sunday, September 8—*Diocese of Mississippi Convocation Youth Event*, St. James' Church, Port Gibson, 4:00 PM



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Liturgical Schedule

	August 4 <i>Pentecost 8</i>	August 11 <i>Pentecost 9</i>	August 18 <i>Pentecost 10</i>	August 25 <i>Pentecost 11</i>
First Reading	Hosea 11:1-11	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Isaiah 5:1-7	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm	Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18	Psalm 71:1-6
Second Reading	Colossians 3:1-11	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56	Luke 13:10-17
LWL 8:30 am 11:00 am	Harvey Smith Richard Price	Tommy Skinner David Pruett	Ann Tompkins Betsy Selby	Harvey Smith Ann Tompkins
MC	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes
OT Lector 8:30 am 11:00 am	Penny Freund Sharon Hanks	Penny Freund Wilma Mitchell	Penny Freund Sam Hall	Penny Freund Ed Shelnut
Psalm			Peter Williams	
Epistle			Gloria Hall	
Crucifer & Acolyte	Susan Price	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes Henry Cooper	Koury Collins
Wooden Cross			Harris Southall	
Gospel Bearer	Richard Price	David Pruett	Gabby Rushing	Ann Tompkins
Prayers of the People	Liz Gent	Lance Stewart	Harvey Smith	Sharon Hanks
Oblation Bearers	Andy Hall Kristi Hall	Harvey Smith Sharon Hanks	N/A	N/A
Ushers & Greeters	Allan Leese Ron White	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Josh Artman Jonah Artman	Lance Stewart Dawn Rickard
Standing Communion Station	Rev. Deacon Malphurs Susan Price	Rev. Deacon Malphurs Harvey Smith	Harvey Smith Ann Tompkins	David Pruett Betsy Selby
Altar Guild	Beth Guynes Liz Gent	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner
Coffee Host	Tommy Skinner Ann Tompkins	Beth Sojourner Jennifer Normand	Kristi Hall Betsy Selby	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter
Nursery	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley
Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	Children serve at 11:00 am Eucharist	No Children's Chapel
Offertory Counters	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks John Bonar	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Lance Stewart	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Michael Southall	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Stacy Weaver
	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Healing Service	David Pruett	Tommy Skinner	David Pruett	Tommy Skinner