



# The Albanac

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*Rev. Deacons Josie Williams & Elisabeth Malphurs  
St. Andrew's Cathedral, June 8, 2019*

# Elisabeth Jane Malphurs

## Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons



**Elisabeth Malphurs** with youngest son,  
**Andrew Cooper**



**Deacon Malphurs** with **Deacon Elizabeth Henry-McKeever**, Diocese of Arkansas





Members of St. Alban's Episcopal Church attend Elisabeth's Ordination



**Elisabeth and Family.** Pictured left-right: Kevin Malphurs (brother), Jane Malphurs (mother), Henry Cooper (oldest son), Buck Cooper (husband), Andrew Cooper (youngest son), Ojus Malphurs (father) and Sue Durfee (aunt)





## Elisabeth's Epistle

As the month of June has rolled by, the amount of love and support I have felt flowing from this congregation has been tremendous! Thank you to everyone who has been preparing for my family's arrival--getting the rectory ready, ensuring that we have what we need to make a smooth transition from Virginia, reaching out to introduce yourselves. We feel blessed to be joining such a vibrant and welcoming parish.

The highlight for me was meeting so many of you at my ordination as a deacon on June 8 at St. Andrew's Cathedral. One of the most moving parts of the service for me occurred when Bishop Seage addressed the congregation, asking, "Will you uphold them in this ministry?" There was a hearty, "We will!" in response that reverberated around the cathedral. I felt it deep down in my bones. Wrapped up in that "We will," are all the prayers that have been upholding me throughout this entire process, through my discernment, my family's time in seminary, and now the journey to be with you at St. Alban's. I have felt supported every inch of the way, provided with a sure foundation from which to start this next step of God's call. I know you have been praying your way through your own transition as a church as you have said goodbye to Rev. Billie and prepared for the next stage in your community life.

As we begin our ministry together, there are some things you can do that will help me immensely as I get oriented:

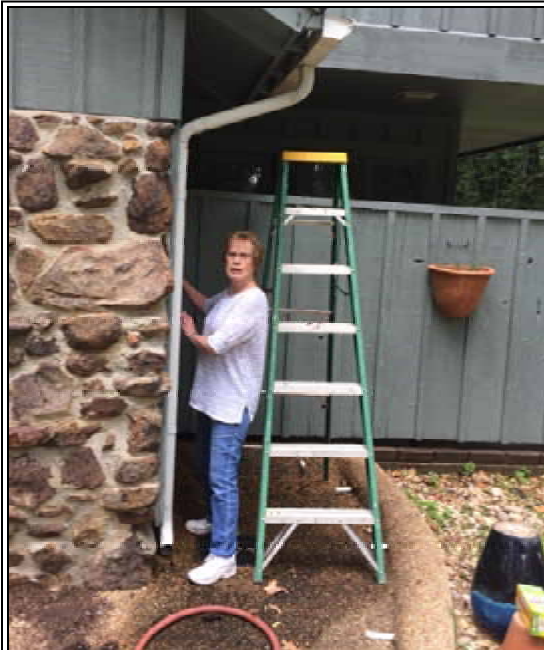
- Please pray for St. Alban's and for me daily. I will be praying for you, and I welcome your prayers for guidance, grace, and trust as I begin my ministry as a transitional deacon.
- Please introduce yourself to me. Plan to introduce yourself seven times (seven is a good Biblical number!), or until I'm able to greet you by name before you introduce yourself. I really want to learn your name, but I'm going to need your help!
- Help me get to know this parish. St. Alban's has such a rich history, and I look forward to hearing the part you have played in that history. I'm interested in what brought you to St. Alban's, and also in what keeps you here and how you sense God leading this church forward.
- Know that my door is open, and I welcome the chance to meet with you. We may have to get creative while my church office is still affected by the construction, but I would love for you to introduce me to your favorite coffee shop or park as I get to know my way around town.

I am so excited to be joining you! We processed out of the ordination service singing a wonderful hymn that is also my hope for our ministry together:

*Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

## *Rectory—Home of Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs & Family*

On Sunday, June 23, the family of Rev. Deacon Malphurs arrived at St. Alban's to begin a new chapter of life. Church members are looking forward to getting to know Elisabeth, her husband, Buck Cooper, and sons, Henry and Andrew Cooper. In advance of their arrival, church members refurbished the rectory and spruced up the grounds. Everything looks so good! Kudos to Jeff & Josh Artman, Tommy Skinner, Ann Tompkins, Sharon Hanks, Herb Jones, Terry & Beth Guynes and their son, Michael for helping with the project.



**Sharon Hanks**, exterior cleaning



**Tommy Skinner**, landscaping



**Terry Guynes**, electrical planning



**Michael Guynes**, chainsaw etc.

# Adults & Children Participate in Vacation Bible School

## Church of the Holy Trinity

*By Betsy Selby*

On June 2-4, members of St. Alban's joined members of Christ Church, St. Mary's, and Holy Trinity for three evenings of Vacation Bible School at Church of the Holy Trinity. Beginning with a light supper at 5:30, children divided into age groups while adults met with the Rev. Andy Andrews or the Rev. Sam Godfrey. Participants talked about the Trinity and worked on crafts to help their understanding of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Each session closed with guitar music and singing such favorites as "This Little Light of Mine" and "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir." Adult workers and participants from St. Alban's who helped make VBS a success were Beth and Terry Guynes, Ann Tompkins, Tommy Skinner, Betty Rushing, Callie and Zane Russell, Lynn Gerhardt, Kristi Hall, Reagan and Shane Lauritzen, Amanda and Carmen Harris, Liz Gent, Lance Stewart, and Betsy Selby. Children who enjoyed VBS were Sam and Gloria Hall, Josie Huntley, Remy, Roux, and Mads Lauritzen, Gabby and Alison Rushing, Navy Hales, Dexter Russell, and Mason Selby. A good time was enjoyed by all, and plans are in the works for future gatherings.









## St. Alban's Community—Photographic Journey



**Congratulations to Macy Weaver**, high school graduate who has been accepted at Millsaps College. Macy plans to take a 'gap year' to serve nine months as a volunteer with AmeriCorps, a corporation for national and community service designed to help those in need. St. Alban's Community applauds Macy as she takes time out to help build a "better world."



**Reverend Paul Stephens**, celebrant for Ascension Sunday, pictured with Richard Price, Beth Guynes, Deacon Josie and Dr. Wilma Mitchell



**Lance Stewart**, guitarist, provided music for Ascension Sunday, June 2nd



**Penny Freund** shares her talents as organist and choirmaster



**Rev. Billie Abraham** gifted children with hand-painted Talavera Pottery Crosses.  
Pictured left-right: Alison Rushing, Remi Lauritzen, Navy Hales, Mason Selby, Roux Lauritzen, Julian Tolliver and Gabby Rushing





**Rev. David Langdon**, celebrant for Pentecost Sunday, with Theo Williams, Deacon Josie Williams and Harvey Smith. Rev. Langdon received gift copies of *Lift High the Cross: The History of St. Alban's Episcopal Church* and *Owl Roost Plantation: The Civil War Letters of Samuel & Caroline Townsend*



**The Rev. Hailey Allin**, celebrant for Father's Day, with Deacon Josie Williams and Beth Guynes. Rev. Allin received a gift copy of *Lift High the Cross: The History of St. Alban's Episcopal Church*

## July Birthdays

1 William Aspinall III	12 Harrison Savant	24 Richard Massey
2 Judah Nieto	13 Lauren Guynes	25 Kelsey Artman Hankins
3 Rudy Nieto	Andy Hall	Rebecca Drake
John Segrest	14 Betty Biedenharn	Sunny Faith Duett
Charles Selby	Gene Warren	28 Ross Lunz
4 Kristi Hall	17 Jack Savant	Lynn Gerhardt
Bill Hubbard	18 Elisabeth Malphurs	29 Easy Biedenharn
5 Harris Southall	20 Alicia Arseneau	Jackson Monti
6 Allen Kitchens, Jr.	Bryan Brabston, Jr.	Andrew Cooper
7 Dodi Pritchard	22 Dalton Thames	30 Carroll Sojourner
9 Suzanne Artman	23 Tripp Curtis	31 Remy Lauritzen
10 Joel Langford	24 Allen Kitchens	Rous Lauritzen

## July Anniversaries

5 James & Rebecca Drake	10 Richard & Margo Massey	26 John & Ann Tompkins
9 Theo & Josie Williams	13 Jeff & Suzanne Artman	

## Prayers for the People

Andy Katzenmeyer	Cynthia Strawn & Family	Natalie McMillian
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Dalton Glatt	Newell Graham
Barbara Ramsay	Dan & Mary Carleton	Nita Tassin
Bertha Kolb	Dianne Carlton	Norma Jones
Betty Biedenharn	Ed Cooper	Parker Ramsay
Bobbie Carlisle	Eugene Quarles	Paul Quarles
Brabston Cook	Irv Jones	Rachelle Ferris
Brandi Tony	Jackson Monti	Sarah Rickard
Brady Morgan	Jim Farrell	Sherry Horan
Bryan Brabston	Joan Leese	Steve Webster
Charlie Brantley & Family	Laurie Concannon	Selby Family
Charlie Powell	Laurie Reece	Vickie Williams
Charlie Lutz	Linda & Jim Dooley	
	Lucas Guynes	

Victims of Violence & Natural Disasters



## Schedule of Events for July

### 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

Quiet Day, First Wednesday of Each Month, 7 AM—7 PM

#### Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

**Sunday, July 7**—*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.* The Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs first Sunday as Deacon-in-Charge. Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, Rev. Deacon Malphurs, 8:30 & 11:00 AM. Patsy Simpson; Organist, 11:00 AM. Potluck Fingerfood Reception following the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

**Sunday, July 14**—*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.* Morning Prayer, Rev. Deacon Malphurs, 8:30 AM. Holy Eucharist, Rev. Beth Palmer, Celebrant, Lance Stewart, Guitarist, 11:00 AM

**Sunday, July 14**—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's, Bolton, 4:00 PM.* The Rev. Hailey Allin, Celebrant. Program to feature *Melodies & Memories: Celebrating the American Spirit* by New Stage Veterans, Sharon Miles, soprano and Toby Barker, guitar.

**Sunday, July 21**—*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost.* Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, Rev. Deacon Malphurs, 8:30 & 11:00 AM. Shirlene Gill, Organist, 11:00 AM

**Sunday-Friday, July 23-28**—*42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Music & Liturgy Conference, Gray Center*

**Thursday, July 25**—Vestry Meeting, Parish House, 6:00 PM

**Sunday, July 28**—*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.* Morning Prayer, Rev. Deacon Malphurs, 8:30 AM. Holy Eucharist, Rev. Jane Alexander, Celebrant, Penny Freund, Organist, 11:00 AM



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# Liturgical Schedule

	<b>July 7</b>	<b>July 14</b>	<b>July 21</b>	<b>July 28</b>
	<i>Pentecost 4</i>	<i>Pentecost 5</i>	<i>Pentecost 6</i>	<i>Pentecost 7</i>
<b>First Reading</b>	2 Kings 5:1-14	Amos 7:7-17	Amos 8:1-12	Hosea 1:2-10
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 30	Psalm 82	Psalm 52	Psalm 85
<b>Second Reading</b>	Galatians 6:1-16	Colossians 1:1-14	Colossians 1:15-28	Colossians 2:6-19
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13
<b>LWL</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner
	<b>11:00 AM</b> David Pruett	Richard Price	Betsy Selby	Herb Jones
<b>MC</b>	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes
<b>OT Lector</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan
	<b>11:00 AM</b> Mary Ruth Jones	Laurie Reece	Gloria Hall	Ed Shelnut
<b>Psalm</b>			Sam Hall	
<b>Epistle</b>			Betsy Selby	
<b>Crucifer &amp; Acolyte</b>		Jennifer Normand		Koury Collins
<b>Wooden Cross</b>			Harris Southall	
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>	David Pruett	Richard Price	Gabby Rushing	Herb Jones
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Harvey Smith	Liz Gent	Gloria Hall	Sharon Hanks
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>		Andy Hall Kristi Hall		Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Lance Stewart Dawn Rickard	Allan Leese David Normand	Josh Artman Jonah Artman	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter
<b>Standing</b>	Herb Jones	Rev. Deacon Malphurs	Herb Jones	Betsy Selby
<b>Communion Station</b>	Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Jennifer Normand
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Reception following 8:30 & 11:00 AM services	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Kristi Hall Betsy Selby	Mary Ann Wright Ann Tompkins
<b>Nursery</b>	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley
<b>Children's Chapel</b>	No Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	Children serve at 11:00 AM Eucharist	No Children's Chapel
<b>Offertory Counters</b>	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks John Bonar	Ann Tompkins Beth Guynes Lance Stewart	Ann Tompkins Michael Southall John Bonar	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Janice Herrington
	<b>July 3</b>	<b>July 10</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>July 24</b>
<b>Healing Service</b>	David Pruett	Tommy Skinner	David Pruett	Tommy Skinner