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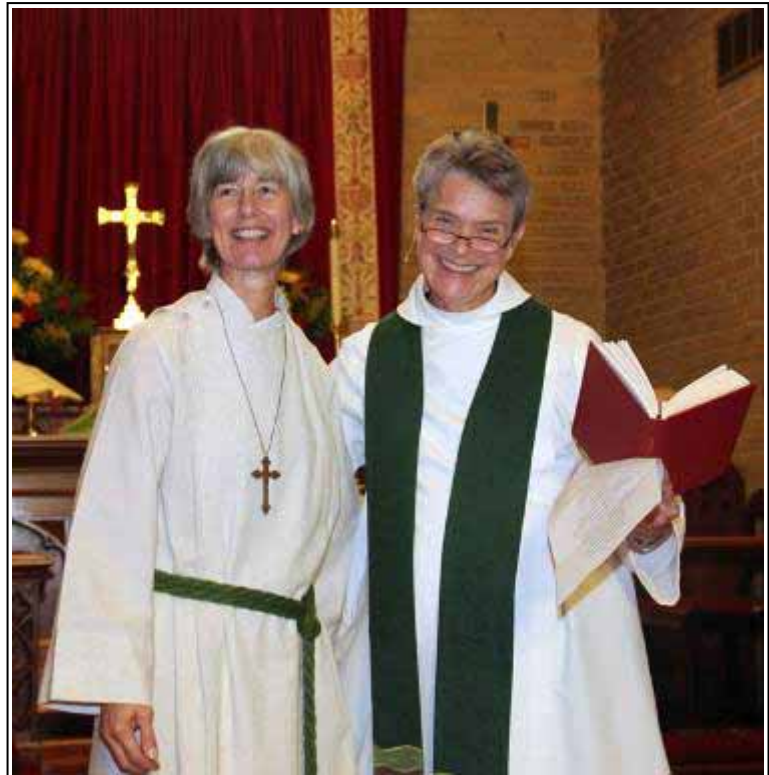
September 2012

## Kenon Moves West

On Sunday, August 27, the community of St. Alban's honored Kenon Ruska, a church member of thirty years, with a reception following the Holy Eucharist. During the service, Reverend Billie Abraham gave a blessing for Kenon as she embarks on a new journey in life – making new friends and exploring new places.

Over the years, Kenon has served St. Alban's Church in a number of capacities: senior warden, junior warden, choir member, chairman of mission projects, author of *St. Alban's Church* (written for the 150th Anniversary of St. Alban's Church), editor of the *Albanac* and, most recently, co-author of *Lift High the Cross: The History of St. Alban's Episcopal Church* with Rebecca Drake.

On Tuesday, August 28, the good wishes continued with a Farewell Dinner at Gibbs Grocery in Learned. All of Kenon's friends wish her well as she begins a new life in a new place. Always remember—*From now on, wherever you go and wherever you are, all of the ground between us will be Holy.*







## Jubilee Singers to Perform for St. Mary's Homecoming, September 9th, 4 pm.



In 2010, The Very Reverend Billie Abraham answered the prayers of many when she agreed to spearhead the reopening of St. Mary's Church, Bolton. The renaissance of St. Mary's Church took place on September 12, 2010, as former church members and a host of interested people came to celebrate the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Reverend Billie Abraham.

One of the first Second Sunday concerts to take place at St. Mary's was the Jubilee Singers directed by Dr. Bobby Cooper, a former citizen of Bolton who watched St. Mary's growth over the years. As a child, Cooper attended school in Bolton. He pursued his dreams by graduating from Tugaloo College then receiving a master's degree in music from the University of Illinois followed by a doctorate from the University of Colorado.

In 1972, Dr. Cooper returned to his home state and joined the music department at the Utica Branch of Hinds Community College as choir director where he revived the Jubilee Singers, a male ensemble that first won national and international acclaim in the 1920s.

On September 9, 2012, 4:00 p.m., Dr. Cooper and the Jubilee Singers will take part in St. Mary's 3rd Anniversary homecoming event. The service will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist with the Jubilee Singers as the sermon. A reception to honor the performers and Dr. Cooper will follow in the parish hall.

## ✠ Billie's Corner

### ***I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.***

*The Book of Common Prayer, Funeral Rite II, John 11:25*

We are all familiar with the words Jesus spoke to Martha at the grave site of her brother Lazarus, *I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die.* These words of comfort are the opening verses of the liturgy for *The Burial of the Dead*, our Episcopal funeral service.

On the morning of July 14, Joan Leese lay in her hospital room at River Oaks Hospital recovering from surgery. Her heart was filled with sadness that her son, Rusty Henderson, had passed away and the funeral service was being held that very morning at Glenwood Funeral Home, Vicksburg. She would not be able to attend.

As Joan lay there thinking of Rusty's funeral, Chaplain Ralph Maisel, a member of Saint Peter's by the Lake Episcopal Church in

Brandon, entered her room wearing his cassock and surplice. In his hands, he held the *The Book of Common Prayer* and a Communion kit. He greeted her with the words of comfort, *I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.*

Chaplain Maisel had heard of Joan's dilemma and had come to minister to her in her time of need. As Rusty's funeral service was being held in Vicksburg, Chaplain Maisel prayed the funeral rite with Joan at her hospital bedside. He had thoughtfully placed a **DO NOT DISTURB** sign on the door so that no one would interrupt the funeral service. Chaplain Maisel prayed through the entire funeral service with Joan. After the gospel reading, he asked Joan to tell him about Rusty. The sermon was Joan's story. Together they shared in *The Bread of Life* and the *Cup of Salvation*. They were a worshipping community of two.



Although Joan was not able to be physically present at Rusty's funeral, she was spiritually in communion with the community of mourners who filled the chapel in Vicksburg. Together—Joan, Chaplain Maisel, and everyone at the funeral home were *One in Christ*.

On July 14, a day so special in the life of Joan Leese, Chaplain Maisel was a minister of mercy. The gospels tell us that Jesus repeatedly comforted the grief stricken, and on that day, Chaplain Maisel was the mediator of Jesus' compassion for Joan's grief.

*The Lord heals the brokenhearted,  
and binds up their wounds.*

*Psalm 147:3*

In peace

Billie+

## Social Media Update

<http://www.facebook.com/stalbansbovina>

St. Alban's has extended its outreach to the community with the use of "Social Media" by establishing a Facebook page with information about St. Alban's, announcements, events, photo albums and reader comments.

Jennifer Normand has volunteered to manage the page.

In August, over 100 people "liked" the page and shared it with nearly 1,000 others.



## ✚ Josie's Journal

Monday, August 6, was the first day of school, and St. Alban's made it a fantastic day for a little girl named Violet. Her mother called on Friday, August 3, at 8:30 p.m. to say she needed help with school supplies and uniforms for her ten-year-old daughter.

The three of us — mom, Violet and me — descended on Wal-Mart at 9:00 p.m. Needless to say, half of Vicksburg and the surrounding county also had the same idea. It looked as if Wal-Mart was giving something away.

Violet left Wal-Mart with two sets of uniforms complete with shoes, socks and belt, and the list of school supplies for fourth grade at Warren Central Intermediate:

- 1 box 24 ct. crayons
- 1 pair Fiskar scissors
- 1 8oz glue
- 1 pk #2 pencils
- 1 box Kleenex
- 1 bottle waterless hand sanitizer
- 1 pkg wide rule loose leaf paper
- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 three ring binder w/pockets
- 1 pkg dividers w/ pockets
- 1 pkg construction paper
- 1 pencil pouch or box
- 1 book bag (no wheels)



We got everything on the list except the construction paper. There was not a package in Wal-Mart; no wonder with the descent of half the county that night and all the back to school shopping the days preceding the opening of school.

Violet got a bed and linens on Wednesday, August 8. She was thrilled. It was as if it was her birthday and Christmas all rolled into one. Also, I found construction paper. Her list was now complete.

A whole hearted THANK YOU was sent by Violet, her mom, and grandmother to St. Alban's. I THANK YOU—TRIPLED AND SQUARED—for all the support and love you give me in my diaconal ministry.

In Peace,

Josie+



## September Events

**Saturday, September 1, 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

*River Yarns*

**Sunday, September 2, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Labor Day Sunday Eucharist

**Sunday, September 9, 10:00 a.m.**

Second Sunday Pot Luck Breakfast

**Sunday, September 9, 4:00 p.m.**

Saint Mary's Homecoming Eucharist

*Jubilee Singers*

**Monday, September 10, 6:00 p.m.**

Vestry Meeting

**September 11—16**

Annual Retreat

*Monastery of Saint John the Evangelist*

**Sunday, September, 16**

Morning Prayer, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Kick-Off, 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, September 23, noon**

Stewardship Kick-off

Comfort Food Pot Luck Luncheon

**Sunday, September 23, 4:00 p.m.**

St. Mary's Instructed Eucharist

**Thursday, September 27, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Young Adult Barbeque Buffet

**Sunday, September 29**

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.



St. Mary's Homecoming Eucharist featuring the Jubilee Singers, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm.



Monastery of Saint John the Evangelist

### September Birthdays

4 Thomas L. Skinner	16 Judy Morrissey
5 Riley Kitchens	18 Margarette Swett
7 Josie Williams	19 A. W. (Del) Price
8 Richard Price	23 Clark Huntley
10 Everett Bexley	24 Jerry McWilliams
12 Jim Horan	29 Terry Brantley
14 Genevieve Walker	29 Keith Upchurch
14 Linda K. Walker	

### September Anniversaries

4 Bobby & Mickey Barlow	25 John Thomas & Amanda Monti
16 Jim & Jennifer Harper	

### Prayers

**For those Sick or in Need:**

Cathy Ingram	Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Fredrick Hunter
Kay Townes	Jay	Jimmy Cheatham
Joe Bonelli	John Williams	Harold Lee
Frances Marble	Jessie Ross	Amber Ross
Debbie Gorney	Jan & Bobby Robinson	Pat McNair
Jean Roberts	Buddy Ragsdale	Karen Magee
Ed & Bessie Norwood	Ashleigh Ford	Layla Gray
John Scott	Letty Fry	Elizabeth Hopkins
James Rumpfelt	Jim Dantin	Stacy Douglass
Ann Blau	Edell Mixon	Bill Mobley
The Gerache Family	Bill Brunson	Buz Pickens
Jewel Miller	Glen Miller	Ada Hubbard
Mary Jane Holman	Pete Phifer	Rick Floyd
Elizabeth Cliett	Tom Biedenbarn	Missionaries in Mali Africa
Tim Davis	John Jenkins	Lynn Jenkins
Joan Leese	Beth Rawls	Brandon Marshall
Parker Ramsey	Mollory Cessna	Bobby Godwin
Jackson Monti	Amanda & Jack Monti	The Price family
Bobby Temple & Family	Faith, Bridget & Mike Wildschuetz	

**Departed:** William Spires

**Pray for men and women of the Armed Forces, especially:**

Cynthia Horan	Christoph Martin	Billie Hubbard
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## Liturgical Schedule

### Sundays in September

	<b>September 2</b>	<b>September 9</b>	<b>September 16</b>	<b>September 23</b>	<b>September 30</b>
	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Proverbs 1:20-33	Proverbs 31:10-31	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm	Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10	Psalm 125	Psalm 19	Psalm 1	Psalm 124
Second Reading	James 1:17-27	James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17	James 3:1-12	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	James 5:13-20
Gospel	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50
		<b>Pot Luck Breakfast</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Stewardship Comfort Food Pot Luck Lunch</b>	
Eucharistic Minister			Deacon Josie		
8:30 a.m.	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Tommy Skinner	Richard Price
11:00 a.m.	Harvey Smith	Richard Price	Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith	Betsy Selby
Master of Ceremonies	Beth Guynes	Susan Price	Jennifer Normand	Susan Price Kerri Williams	Beth Guynes
Acolytes Crucifer Gospel Bearer	Koury Collins Kerri & Peter Williams	Michael Rangel Susan Price	Beth Guynes Deacon Josie	Michael Rangel Deacon Josie	Beth Guynes Genevieve Walker
Lector	Ed Shelnut	Susan Price	Josie & Ann	Butch Ferguson	Keith Upchurch
Prayers of the People	Harvey Smith	Sandra Melsheimer	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks	Linda Walker
Oblation Bearers	Theo, Kerri & Peter Williams	Butch, Becki Ferguson & Kids	Jennifer & David Normand	Jeff, Josh, & Kelsey Artman	Keith, Jill & Douglas Upchurch
Ushers & Greeters	John Scott Allan Leese	Bobby Barlow Jim Drake	Allan Leese Charlie Brantley	Butch Ferguson Max Rangel	Bobby Barlow Jim Drake
Altar Guild	Sherry Horan Sharon Hanks	Mary Ann Wright Lisa Langford	Judy Morrissey Ann Tompkins	Susan Price Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price Margie Scott
Eucharistic Minister	Ed Shelnut			Susan Price	
Coffee Host	Sherry & Margie	Coordinators: Sandra Melsheimer Becki Ferguson	Charlie & Terry	Coordinators: Sandra Melsheimer Becki Ferguson	Lisa Langford Ruth Green
Wednesday Healing	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins