



St. Alban's News

MARCH 2017

Lent & Easter at St. Alban's

Lent is a time to think about our spiritual lives and to seek to draw closer to God. In our weekly services and small groups we will be thinking about the meaning of Communion under the title 'Eat, Pray, Share'.



Stations of the Cross



The Stations of the Cross have formed part of Christian devotion for many centuries and help us reflect on the final few days of Jesus' earthly life. They began when early Christians visited Jerusalem and wanted to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, pausing at significant points. Those early pilgrims brought the practice back to their home countries. The exact number of Stations has varied through the centuries but through walking around the inside of the church and stopping to pray they offer an opportunity to remember Jesus' journey to the Cross. We meet at 6.30pm at St. Anselm's (March 5th & 19th, April 2nd) and St Alban's (March 12th and 26th).

Holy Week and Easter

On Palm Sunday we have Communion services at 9.00am and 10.30am. On Maundy Thursday we meet for a simple and symbolic Communion at 8.00pm; the church is then left open until late for prayer. On Good Friday there is an 11.00am quiet service at St Alban's, followed by a joint church Walk of Witness finishing at St. Anselm's. Or you are welcome to the 10.00am interactive all age service at St John's, our sister church in Churt. We will have a special service on Easter Saturday at 7.30pm as we use creative ways to journey from darkness into light. On Easter Day we gather for celebrations at 9.00am and 10.30am.



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Barn Dance

A date for your diaries. We will be holding a barn dace on Saturday 13th May. There will be a live band and lots of food and drink. All profits will go to the work of Christian Aid. Look out for more details. All welcome!



Holiday Club 2017

Come and be a part of our 2017 Holiday Club between 24th and 28th July. This year we build on the success of 2016 with 'Guardians of Ancora - Treasure Seekers'. The week is for anyone in Reception to Year 6 but everyone can get involved whatever their age. As well as the 100 children, we need at least 60 volunteers to help run the event. It's great fun, so come and join the team. The week will be run by Jennifer Charters, Michelle Stokes and Tracy Richardson. Look out for more details!



We read newspapers, texts and reports for information.

We read the Scriptures for transformation.

Letter from our Mission Partners, Arun and Ruth



Greetings from the Bible Society in Cambodia! Arun enjoyed his visit to St. Alban's church and the warm welcome he received. We were also very pleased to see Heather last year here in Phnom Penh. We have been very thankful for the support to our projects in Cambodia. We are still continuing with some projects this year even though funding has decreased since 2016.

We are still doing the Literacy Program which is very much in demand in

Cambodia. We are continuing distribution of Scripture to the poor churches in remote rural areas. We have also started a new project among school children, which we pray will reach many children and through them many families throughout Cambodia. We would appreciate prayer for the political situation in Cambodia and the coming elections in 2018. The situation is quite tense. Please convey our grateful thanks to the church of St. Alban's for their prayer support. Blessings. Ruth.

Get involved!

If you have something from the church or community that you would like to suggest for the newsletter, please send 100-200 words (and any photographs) to stories@stalbanshindhead.org.uk

Christian Aid

At St. Alban's on Sunday 2nd April there will be an original painting by a local artist which is going around all local churches. For a chance to win it you can buy a ticket for £1. All proceeds go to Christian Aid.

Bible Society - notes from the recent visit from Kristin Stevenson (Church Relationship Manager – South and East)

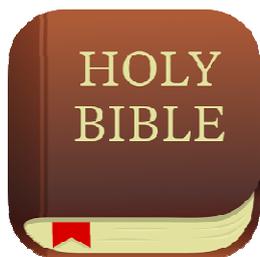
At the Bible Society we are on a mission to bring the Bible to life for every man, woman and child at home and across the world. Why do we do what we do? Because we know that when people engage with the Bible their lives change for good. Not just changed but change for good. We see God’s love continually pouring out and working in the countless projects that we are committed to. We are translating the Bible, distributing the Bible, and helping people to relate and makes sense of it as well as advocating for its place in society.



Jesus Feeds the 5000

In this story, Jesus used the little that one person had to offer. What little thing is it that we can offer to Jesus to make a miracle happen? Secondly Jesus used his disciples to multiply the blessing. Last May, 50 years after the first attempt to translate the Scriptures into Bunong was stopped by

war, the Bunong people of Cambodia and Vietnam finally received the very first New Testament in their language. Only 15 years ago, the Bunong language wasn’t even written down, now the people have a written language but more than that – they have the very first Scriptures in their own heart language. Jesus wasn’t just going around ‘doing’ everything himself, he expected his disciples to be co-workers with him. And he does with us too! Thirdly Jesus didn’t just provide the crowds with what they needed, but Jesus provided abundantly. We are blessed abundantly But sadly only 542 of the world’s over 6,000 languages have a Bible.



We’re bringing the Bible to life in some of the world’s toughest, hardest places , for example the Middle East – places where a Bible might otherwise never be seen. We run a bookshop in Alepo, Syria and it has been open every day except for 2 days when a missile landed on the roof. Our colleague recently gave a Bible to a young girl

and asked her what she would do with the Bible when she got home. She looked at him and asked: “Don’t you know what you do with Bibles? Well, I’ll tell you. These books are holy and they are for ‘the inside’, so that God will live in you. Yes, that’s what he wants. I’ll read them and read them until I know that he’s really inside me.” By reading the Bible she knows God will live in her.



The Bible does change lives for good and God blesses us abundantly. So, I challenge you to open your Bible even if it is a single passage each day. Open your Bible and just see where it leads you. And how you can help others or begin to share your own blessings with others.

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the son of God: or else a madman or something worse.”
CS Lewis



“Wireless communication is nothing new. I’ve been praying for 75 years!”

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Sunday Services

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Service (1st All Age, 2nd & 4th Communion)

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