

What's Behind The Red Door?

St. Alban's Anglican Church invites you to worship services.

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St. Alban's Anglican Church is located at 625 W. Lady Lake Blvd., Lady Lake, Florida, near the corner of CR-466 and Rolling Acres Road. (And next to the American Legion Building.) The church was established in 2006. Groundbreaking for the new church building at its present location took place on September 20, 2013 and a dedication ceremony was conducted September 21, 2014. And, yes, the front door is red!

The America-based *Anglican Province of Christ the King (APCK)* follows the teachings of Jesus Christ and celebrates historic Christianity in the Anglican tradition. Here at *St. Alban's Anglican Church*, we base our beliefs on the Bible and the time-honored creeds of the Church. Our mission is simple: We worship God with all our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our bodies, in the beauty and ordered dignity of a Christ-centered service.

Let me introduce you to some of your Village neighbors who worship at *St. Alban's*:

Meet Peg Burnett

Peg is the only surviving original member of *Saint Albans Anglican Church* which began in 2006. Back then when Father Hale asked her to be the Treasurer, she was not that keen on the idea. But he said to her, "All you have to know is how to add and subtract. Will you do it?"

That was 16 years ago and she is still at the helm, taking



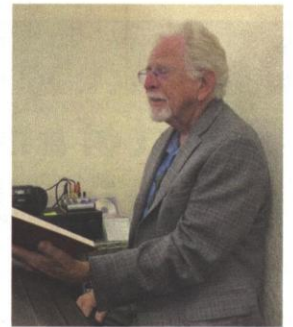
care of, well, what treasurers do: adding and subtracting! She's grown into that role pretty comfortably.

Since Peg's husband, Miles, passed away in 2019, her spiritual life came into even clearer focus. Her son, Steve, is a huge support. From time to time he gets a Honey-Do list from his Mom to keep up with things around the house that need to be done. It's so nice to have a man around the house.

Meet Ed Williams

Ed retired from PBS (Public Broadcasting Service) in 2005 where he worked in the Engineering Department located in Burke, Virginia, where he and his wife Avis, who passed away in 2011, lived for 25 years. After visiting some friends who had moved to The Villages from Virginia in 2006, the seeds were planted and the ball was set in motion. About a year later, in May 2007, Ed and Avis vacationed in a house here, took tours and used coupons to spend on meals, clothing, movies, etc., all courtesy of *The Villages Sales Department*. Within five days they bought a house in Virginia Trace. Does any of that sound familiar?

Being spiritual people, Ed and his wife looked for a church of which they could become an integral part. After attending and eliminating several churches, they came across *St. Albans Anglican Church*. What drew them there? The same thing most of us look for in a church. Warmth, friendliness and,



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well, as little drama as possible.

Ed continues to be a vital member of *St. Albans*, conducting Morning Prayer services and helping provide hymns for Sunday services and special events.

Meet Lynn Schindler and Mitzi Hennessy

Lynn (pictured) and Mitzi head up *Samaritan's Purse*, helping children (not just locally but in surrounding areas as well as overseas) have a blessed Christmas filled with toys and clothing.



Meet Nancy Kolb

Nancy makes sure no one's birthday is forgotten. Cards are sent out to recognize everyone's special day or wish them a quick recovery or condolences.



Meet Steve and Willow Clarke



Willow and Steve Clarke make sure that the coffee and donuts are ready and waiting for you so we can all sit around after Mass and keep stories going.

Meet Louise (Skippy) Menard

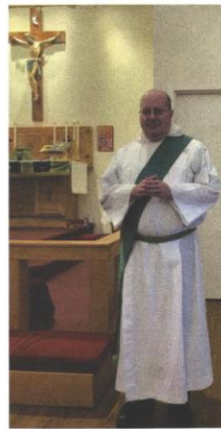
Louise is our newest member. She joined us in June 2022 and immediately felt at home.



Meet Deacon Steve Holley

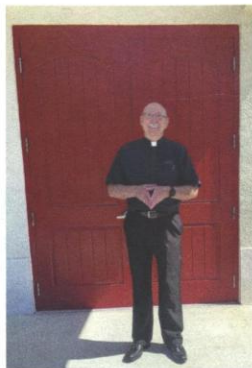
Once you hear his extraordinary melodic voice during the service you'll understand why he's so special to us. Never heard anything like it.

And now (drum roll!) - saving the best for last...



Meet our pastor, friend, and spiritual leader Father Greg Koon

We all love Father Greg. He is the heart of our church, and, along with the support of these and other wonderful members, he has kept this parish going in spite of COVID rearing its ugly head and deciding to stick around.



Our church, like most businesses around the world, took a major hit.

You know, our lives are a puzzle. We get our whole lives to find the right pieces and make them fit together to complete the picture. We pray for no missing pieces. Meeting us and worshipping here at *St. Alban's Anglican Church* could just be one of your missing pieces.

So if you're looking to spend an hour or so with some new friends, please consider paying us a visit. And when you do, we hope that you'll stay and become a part of this body of worshippers. One, or several, may already be one of your neighbors but how nice to meet them here, don't you think?

So now you know... This is just SOME of what is behind that Red Door!

It's what ties these Villagers together in camaraderie. Their love and faithfulness to God and each other through various ministries provide the esprit de corps that makes life so much better for so many people.

Think Elvis singing: A plain and simple chapel where humble people come to pray...

While it's not a chapel it is HOME to many of us. ■



St. Albans Anglican Church, 625 W. Lady Lake Blvd., Lady Lake, Florida.

Mass Sunday at 9:30am.

For more information, visit our website at www.stalbans.church or call 352-205-8567.