

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Wickenburg, Arizona
Parish Profile 2020



Search Process

St. Alban's Episcopal Church is currently classified as a Mission in the Diocese of Arizona. We seek a new Vicar to help us achieve our identified goals and priorities. A new Vicar can expect a warm and welcoming community with a core of dedicated members.

St Alban's is open to new ideas, while still embracing Episcopal traditions. We are eager to work together in an honest and candid manner. We celebrate life both inside and outside our church. We rise to the challenges that life presents us.

We love God, St. Alban's, and our St. Alban's Community.

We invite you to get to know us through this Parish Profile.

The Search Committee

Jan Heineman, Chairman

Linda Brockwell, Sally Carr, Fred Poteet

Kelly Ryan, Joe Stevens, Pat Stewart

Our New Vicar

We are looking for a Vicar who...

Is a Team Leader and Partner

Is someone to Guide and Support us
in our journey of Faith.

Will challenge us to do more as
Stewards of God's Blessings

Our hope is to have a full-time vicar who can lead us towards becoming a parish. **Our dreams** are for growth, to include additional worship services and programs, along with growing our membership and financial resources. This will be an exciting time as we learn about each other and how to build upon the strengths we all possess.

We feel one of the most important qualities in our next vicar is excellent communication skills. We seek an individual who has demonstrated leadership skills with the ability to listen intently and communicate effectively. Collaborative leadership is essential to help guide us to become leaders in the church through renewed growth and change. A leader who can show us the way to help us lead ourselves. We need a leader who is creative enough to sustain what we have plus help us with a vision for the future.

Keeping our worship, music style, and order of worship is important to St. Alban's Church. We pray for a Vicar who is compassionate and patient; who is a person of good faith who shares the word so all can relate. We seek a Vicar who preaches with clarity and makes the Gospel relevant to our lives, who sees how we could learn and grow and takes steps to help us get there. We are looking for a leader to encourage and guide us if we are stumbling or seem lost in our duties and who will discern with us God's hopes for St. Alban's Church, sustaining and harnessing the vitality of our parish as we move forward into our next chapter.

Stewardship is key to the fiscal viability of our church. We need a Vicar who has a strong financial understanding of the church along with managerial and leadership skills to lead and inspire our staff and volunteers. We seek a Vicar who will help us respond to the needs of our parishioners by providing broad and authentic pastoral care. In addition, we are looking for an individual who can re-energize our congregation and encourage parishioners to become involved with the programs that are currently, and can be in the future, offered at St. Alban's.

*St. Alban's Episcopal Church
welcomes all candidates to
accompany us on this journey of
faith and discovery.*

Our Mission

Praising, Learning, and Sharing God's Love

Our Vision

St. Alban's is a church family that welcomes, nurtures and reaches out

Our Core Values

Loving God: We value worshiping God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, when we are gathered as His church and in our daily lives.

Loving His Family: We value loving others with the love of Christ. Our relationships will be forgiving, trusting, giving, gracious, truthful and respectful of differences.

Loving His World: We value tending to the blessings that God has entrusted to us.

History

The Christian hero whom the parish claims as its patron saint is Alban of Britain. He is the first identified Church martyr in the British Isles. Tradition holds that Alban was a young Roman soldier recruited from the native Britons and stationed in a city northeast of London. The city later was renamed 'Alban' in honor of his martyrdom, and the Cathedral of St. Alban stands today on the site of his sacrificial death. Alban gave shelter to a Christian priest who was fleeing persecution and was converted by that priest. When Roman officers came to arrest the priest, Alban exchanged clothing with him and was then tortured and executed, traditionally dated in 304.



This parish was founded in 1957 when seven people began to gather regularly for worship here in Wickenburg. In 1959, through the generosity and vision of Charles (Squire) and Sylvia Maguire, the church was built. The parish became a self-supporting congregation in the same year and was granted official parish status. Rev. Harold B. Adams was the first priest and served until

the Rev. Dean E. McMann was called to be the first Vicar in 1960. The Vicar Emeritus, the Rev. Dan J. Gerrard, served the parish twice, 1962-65 and again 1988-96. St. Alban's became a mission in 2012. In October 2019, approximately 75 people came to help us celebrate our 60 year anniversary. Many memories were shared throughout the special service, and in the Parish Hall after our service.



The Mary Chapel was dedicated in 1967 and along with the church itself, contains very fine examples of traditional stained glass windows. In 1999, during the tenure of Rev. John A. Smart, the traditionally designed chancel and sanctuary were



creatively remodeled, and now feature a contemporary seating of the choir behind a free-standing altar. On the rear wall of the church to the right of the entrance doors, a stone from St. Alban's Cathedral in Britain was mortared in place, establishing a physical as well as a spiritual union of the congregations.

In 1991 a Memorial Garden/Columbarium space on the church grounds for the interment of cremated remains was established. It is a perpetually maintained Garden with niches in the courtyard wall or pillars and in the landscaped earth just outside the courtyard. The names of those interred are indicated by means of permanent lettered plaques. The funds for this maintenance are obtained from the purchase of reserved spaces and are to be used for the Memorial Garden only.



*"The beauty of this church, both inside and out shows the warmth of its existence. The congregation is warm and very welcoming."
St. Alban's Parishioner*

The Facilities

The Church building was built in 1959. The sanctuary can comfortably seat 125 worshipers. Mary Chapel adjoins the sanctuary and is used for extra seating and small specialized services. The beautiful stained glass windows were designed and executed by the Charles J. Connick Association of Boston. The windows depict many saints and other representation of biblical significance. The Sacristy is well organized and also provides a staircase going into the basement meeting room and a small room for the choir robes and music storage.



The Memorial Garden/Columbarium is located on the north side of the church. There are 112 niches for cremated remains in the wall and columns. Beautiful tile work in the shape of a cross adorns the floor of the columbarium. Just outside the garden walls are spaces for in ground cremated remains, all with metal makers. **Rose bushes** are planted in beds on both sides of the church. The Rose Garden has been taken care of with love for many years by volunteers. Many rose bushes were planted by family members to honor their loved ones.



The Parish Hall including its downstairs rooms for education, nursery, and a library was generously built by Enid Josten and her family. It was nearly destroyed by fire in 1979 and rebuilt shortly thereafter. The Parish Hall is used a lot! It's a meeting place for various Ministries within the church: Craft Days, Luncheons, Annual Meeting, ECW Bazaar and special meals. The Parish Hall is a meeting place for other Wickenburg groups. The large kitchen is well equipped and stocked. A staircase from the Parish Hall to the lower level leads to several storage rooms, library, maintenance room, nursery, and large classroom.



Our Common Life & Ministries

Our Worship

St. Alban's worships according to Holy Eucharist Rite II with occasional use of Rite I. We sing the Gloria in Excelsis, the Gradual Hymn, a Communion hymn in addition to the Processional and Recessional hymns. We celebrate the Blessing of the Animals, All Saints Day, Pentecost and other key dates with special traditions. On Palm Sunday, we process, with palms, from the Parish



Hall to the Church Service. During Lent, we offer the Washing of The Feet tradition and The Stations of the Cross service. In the Advent season, we have a Lessons and Carols service, lighting of the Advent Wreath and a new, well received, Blue Christmas Service. We have special floral arrangements for Easter and Christmas and beautiful weekly arrangements donated by members of the church. St. Alban's Sunday morning service combines ritual, musical expression and sermons which all create a meaningful time of prayer. The Search

Committee is preparing the way for the future and success of St. Alban's by putting together a plan called "Path To Faith". These are steps to be viewed as an ongoing pathway to provide direction and structure for St. Alban's as we move to the future.

--"Christmas Eve Service is my best experience at St. Alban's. The songs, decorations, the service itself made me want to share with others!" - St. Alban's Parishioner.

Music/Choir/Organist

We have a dedicated fun choir, directed by our exceptional organist, Janelle Downing, who has been with us for over 20 years. She and the Vicar confer about the music and hymns for the services, using various styles, depending on the time of the year and the church season. The Episcopal Musicians Handbook is used by the organist to match the music to the service. There are occasional services with instrumental accompaniment, depending on availability. The Choir practices in the morning before the Sunday service. The choir is active from October through May. The quality of our music is important, and the choir is dedicated to their art. This group is always open to new members!



"I feel welcomed and accepted at St. Alban's, there is a presence of God in the Service." - St. Alban's Parishioner.

Our Deacon

We are blessed to have an enthusiastic Deacon, Debra Loder. She has been a long-time member of the church and understands how our church functions. Debra's main ministry focus is to address food insecurity. She coordinates our CAP Café (Community Action Program), Holiday Food Boxes for school children, Homeless Comfort Bags, Bags of Joy, and bottled water that is donated to the CAP Office Food Bank for the homeless and shut ins. The Homeless Comfort Bags are also given to the



local police and fire departments to hand out, and the Vicar and Debra give them out to people who come to the church in need. Knitted animals are given to prehospital providers and the hospital for "emergency patients." Our Deacon participates in the Sunday services and also takes communion to members who are unable to attend church and visits with those that are hospitalized. Debra also started The

Nurturing Team. The Nurturing Team concentrates on ministry needs in our Parish.

Service Helpers

We have Chalice bearers, lay lectors and readers, ushers, bell ringers and acolytes. There is annual refresher training and we are always open to more volunteers.



Altar Guild

The Altar Guild's primary purpose is to prepare, clean and maintain the altar, the linens and all Eucharistic vessels, as well as chancel, sacristy, and worship space. During Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas the Church is specially decorated. The Altar Guild is in charge of ordering the bread and the wine and taking care of the weekly flower arrangements for the altar.

Christian Education

Sunday Adult Forum has been popular before our Sunday service with various topics and discussions. Over the years these various topics and discussions have been led by the Vicar and other members of the congregation.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in name of the LORD Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

Leadership

The Bishops' Committee meets monthly. The committee has responsibility for the temporal affairs of the congregation, including the care of our buildings and finances, as well as choosing individuals to fill leadership roles in the congregation, and setting the vision for the congregation, along with the Vicar. A **Preparedness Plan** was developed outlining how to handle emergency situations. Bishops' Committee have all taken the Diocese required Praesidium Course for safe guarding children and training for anyone working with children.

Parish Nurse

We are fortunate to have a registered nurse who provides the opportunity for parishioners to talk about medical concerns, get blood pressure readings, weight checks and blood sugar readings. This service is provided once a month after the Sunday morning service. We also have wheelchairs available and first aid kits for emergencies. We have an AED available.



Setting

St. Alban's has created a beautiful natural setting around the campus. We have a beautiful rose garden, several types of trees, flowering bushes and a grassy front lawn maintained by a local landscaper.

Exceptional tile work was recently done to the floor of the Columbarium in our Memorial Garden. We have a warm and welcoming Parish Hall with newly installed carpet, and a new stove in the kitchen. On the main level of the hall, there is a large central meeting area, a kitchen, two bathrooms, several storage closets and offices for the Vicar and the secretary. On the lower level of the hall are classrooms, a nursery, storage rooms, a work room and two more bathrooms. Our parking lot has been repaved, is well maintained and has a bright new LED photo sensor overhead light for safety. We recently installed a much needed sound system for Church services.



"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Communications

A dedicated parishioner sends creative, informative weekly e-mails to all the members. It includes common news and updates of our church family and church services. It is a positive and uplifting read.

Once a month, “The Messenger” newsletter is e-mailed to members and paper copies are available in the church. This newsletter delivers a special message from the Vicar, current affairs of the church and activities that are planned for the month.

Communication is important to us. An individual has volunteered to be our webmaster, camera person, video sound specialist and Facebook administrator.

Coffee Hour/CAP Cafe

After the Sunday service, there is a very social coffee hour in the Parish Hall. Food is usually provided by volunteers from the congregation. On the last Sunday of the month, volunteers provide a delicious and nutritious freewill offering potluck lunch. The money raised from this lunch goes to the local CAP Office Food Bank.



ECW

We have a very active Episcopal Church Women’s Group that is open to every woman of St. Alban’s. This group meets monthly, for the purpose of supporting the church, with a focus of fellowship and offering a fun event every other month. ECW is responsible for the yearly church bazaar held the first Saturday of December. This is their main fundraising event



and a lot of work goes into making the products as well as selling them. The bazaar is very successful and quite a highlight for the community. We successfully raise an average of \$3,000 per year. The proceeds fund the Vicar’s Discretionary Fund, the Scholarship Fund, Camp Scholarships at Chapel Rock Camp & Conference Center, as well as cleaning supplies and the supplies for the kitchen and the bathrooms. Portions of the proceeds also go to Cops Who Care, Holiday Food baskets, Wickenburg Community Service Center and this past year we were able to adopt two families for Christmas, providing food baskets and gifts. This group also provides for Memorial Celebration of Life services, funding for other special occasion celebrations, Christmas gifts for the office staff and gifts/scholarships for our high school graduates. The ECW routinely participates with women’s groups from other community churches several times a year.

Financial Summary/Stewardship

Over the years, St. Alban's has established and maintained a healthy investment portfolio. Through designated giving and reinvestments, these accounts have remained stable.

Essential Elements	2018	2019	2020
Pledging Units	44	35	34
Pledged Income	\$ 106,471	\$88,608	\$91,860
Normal Operating Income: (Plate offerings, Pledge payments, and Regular support)	\$120,194	\$108,520	\$90,761
All Revenues	\$147,955	\$153,395	\$143,178
Operating Expenses	\$123,717	\$145,132	\$122,999
Property Improvements, Outreach, other organizations	\$ 23,839	\$ 8,482	\$ 19,238
Account Balances	\$ 85,462	\$ 93,508	\$ 91,722

	2018	2019	2020
Average Sunday Attendance	62	54	51
Baptized Members	113	113	75*

St Alban's currently has 75 members of record. Plate offering is often increased due to a significant number of winter visitors. *recent data base updates reflect a truer picture of Baptized Members.

There are many areas that may be covered in a larger church's budget that are unfunded at St. Alban's. We are blessed to have individuals who pay some of these costs and volunteers who do an incredible amount of work at the parish, including administrative work, gardening, minor repairs and housekeeping.



Outreach

The people of St. Alban's take seriously their Christian responsibility for wise stewardship of time and talents, making use of a wide variety of opportunities for involvement in the parish's activities. According to church records, currently some 40 to 50 individuals are actively engaged in one or more avenues of education, fellowship, or outreach. Called to community with all God's people, St. Alban's seeks to care for God's broken and needy world through a variety of ministries: locally, regionally and globally.

Giving Congregation:

- We reach out to families in need
- Once a month CAP Café
- Blankets and clothing for Council of Native American Ministry
- Giving Tree at Christmas

Transforming Generosity:

- Primary mission is to address food insecurity
- Enlarged our outreach programs
- Water bottles to area hospital
- Homeless bags
- Food bags for children when school is closed
- Joy bags for shut-ins

Samaritan's Purse:

- Shoe boxes are filled for the Samaritan's Purse program during Christmas

Gold Rush Days:

- Coffee and donuts for participants who use our parking lot to watch the parade.

Individual Groups who meet in the Parish Hall:

- AA
- Alanon
- SLA
- Community Chorus

Highway Clean-up:

- Bi-annually we clean up a section of Highway 60

Reaching In:

- Shrove Tuesday
- Lenten services
- Weekly coffee after Sunday service in Parish Hall
- ECW luncheons
- Craft days
- Tuesday breakfast gatherings
- Highway clean up
- Blessing of the animals



Birthday/Blessings Box

In 1985 we began an outreach program by collecting money each Sunday in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, and/or special occasions. The birthday box is a wonderful way to share our blessings with the community. In 2019 we collected \$717.00. The money collected was distributed to schools and organizations in Wickenburg to help children.

St. Alban's Family

Caring



Blessed

Loving



Giving

Wickenburg

St. Alban's Episcopal Church serves Maricopa and Yavapai Counties, and lies in the heart of Wickenburg. We provide worship to Wickenburg and many surrounding communities.

Wickenburg is a town primarily located in the northern part of Maricopa county, 54 miles north west of Phoenix. Wickenburg, as one of Arizona's most western communities, stands sheltered from the metropolitan masses. Wickenburg is an authentic Western community of about 7100 full-time residents, doubling that number during the winter months when many "visitors" flee the colder weather of their "home" states.

The surrounding area blends arid Sonoran Desert features like giant saguaro cactus and mesquite with the diverse riparian wildlife drawn to the verdant Hassayampa River Valley and the Hassayampa Preserve south of town. Nearby mountain ranges break the force of the desert winds



Population of Wickenburg

2016	6,906
2017	7,409
2018	7,840
Estimated Population for 2019	8,092

The Wickenburg Unified School

District oversees the education of the students at all grade levels. There are a wide range of sponsored activities from sports to arts and music. Youth needs are met with sports teams, two multi-use park facilities, a public swimming pool and a skateboard park.

Wickenburg Christian Academy is a private Christian school offering Preschool, K-6, and secondary (grades 7-12 in the classroom and online).

Wickenburg combines the friendly hospitality of an historic small town with a wide variety of services, shopping, cultural and recreational activities to meet the needs of every resident. Home to a substantial retirement community, Wickenburg is full of volunteers who are active in a variety of fraternal organizations including Lions, Rotary, Elks and Soroptmists.



The Del E. Webb Center for the Performing Arts is a state-of-the-art 600 seat theatre located on the High School Campus. It is dedicated to enhancing the cultural and educational richness of Wickenburg and our surrounding communities. **Webb Center Presents** showcases a diverse season of dance, music, theater, comedy and film from around the world. The Webb Center is also the home to Camp Imagination which produces two sessions, both two-weeks long, culminating in a live theatrical performance starring over one hundred 1st through 12th grade students; either on stage as actors or behind the scenes as film production and technical crews. <https://dewpac.org>

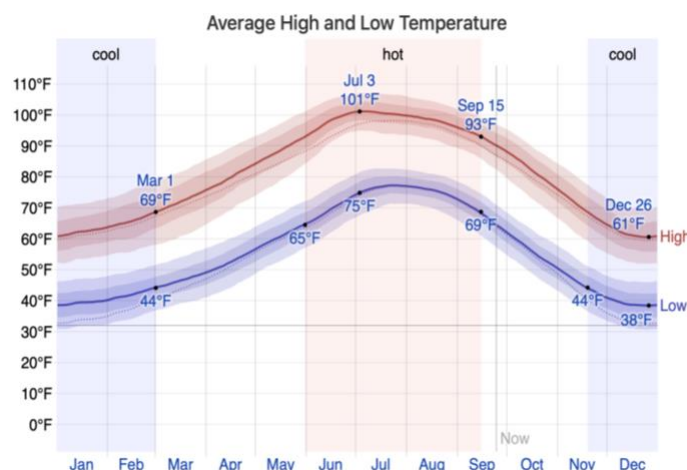


Community and family activities fill the calendar with western fun such as the Fourth of July Celebration, Fiesta de Septiembre, Wickenburg Fly-In and Classic Car Show, the Blue Grass Festival, Cowboy Christmas Poetry Gathering, Christmas Light Parade and Gold Rush Days. <http://www.wickenburgchamber.com> There are clubs to nurture every special interest as well as trails to hike, bike and ride; tennis; golf; and the opportunity to just relax and enjoy the wonderful desert air. Wickenburg, is also known as The Team Roping Capital of the World. **The Desert Caballeros Western Museum** is world renowned featuring a collection of Western Fine art, historic exhibits and engaging education programs. The museum is proud to host the annual Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the

West exhibit and sale featuring over 60 Western women artists. Immerse yourself in all things Western at one of the very top Western Museums in the world. <https://westernmuseum.org>

Wickenburg Community Hospital offers efficient health care in the community with a 24/7 emergency department staffed by physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and techs specializing in emergency medicine. Skilled nursing staff on the inpatient unit provide compassionate, individualized care, should hospitalization be necessary. Inpatient care is managed by a hospital medicine physician, available 24/7. There is a state-of-the-art operating suite with doctors specializing in general surgery, orthopedic surgery, podiatric surgery and gastrointestinal procedures. A wide array of diagnostic services is available including laboratory, x-ray, mammography, MRI scans, and CT scans. **Outpatient and inpatient** therapy services include physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. **Life Line Ambulance** provides life-saving prehospital care to the community. An **Air Evac helicopter** sits outside the emergency department, ready to respond on a moment's notice to life-threatening emergencies in the community or to transport a critical patient. <https://www.wickhosp.com>

Weather: During winter months the abundant sunshine makes the days delightfully temperate. During the summer the 2,100 feet elevation, and clean dry air, provide a welcome relief from the high temperatures that plague Phoenix.



Our Organization and The Diocese of Arizona 2020

St Alban's Bishop's Committee

Senior Warden Kelly Ryan
 Junior Warden Fred Poteet
 Treasurer Linda Brockwell
 Patti Glinski
 Caroline Markham
 Sam Stephens
 Pat Stewart
 Sally Carr

Clerk Ellen Richards

Members are elected for a three year term with the exception of the Senior Warden, who is appointed by the Vicar for a one year term, and the Junior Warden who is elected by the parish for a one year term.

And many volunteers who participate on a regular basis

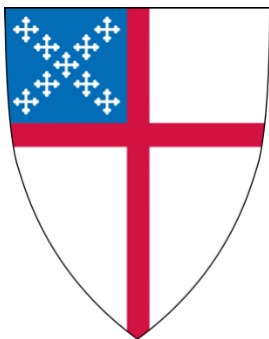
Acolytes
 Altar Guild
 Choir
 Lay Readers
 Eucharistic Ministers
 Ushers

St Alban's Paid Staff

Organist Janelle Downing
 Office Manager Ellen Richards
 JDP Accounting Brenda Patton
 Custodian Vacant

Deacon

The Rev. Debra Loder



St. Alban's is part of The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona. The diocese has more than 65 congregations, that includes campus chaplains for a total of 4 university campuses. The spiritual leader of the Diocese is the Rt. Rev Jennifer A. Reddall who was consecrated as the sixth bishop of Arizona in April of 2019.

Diocesan Mission:

We Exist to encourage and connect leaders as they grow Christ's Church.



Bishop Reddall

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Further Inquiry or to Apply:

We hope you consider further discernment about joining us in Wickenburg!

For additional information or to apply, please contact:

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“Go

*Peace, Remember God,
the Faith, Be the Church”*
Padre Dan Gerard

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