



**ST. ALBAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*2022 Endowed Memorial Lecture Program*

# **Choosing Judgment or Joy:**

## **Helping People of Faith Move from Anger to Love**

**Saturday, March 26, 2022 – 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**

with

# **James Alison**

Priest, Theologian, and Author

**The St. Alban's Endowed Memorial Lecture Fund** was established to enable annual lectures or other presentations that will allow the parish, and the wider community, to examine the pressing issues of our time through the lens of contemporary theology. Past Memorial Lecture programs have featured Yale Divinity School Professor and systematic theologian Miroslav Volf ("How Can We as Christians respond to the Deep Polarization of Society Today" – March 2018); The Very Rev'd Tracey Lind and others ("Growing in Grace: The Spirituality of Aging" – March 2019); and The Rev'd Barbara Brown Taylor and others ("Holy Envy: An Interfaith Exploration" – March 2020).

**James Alison** is a Roman Catholic theologian, priest and author. Brought up in an Evangelical Anglican family, he became a Catholic at the age of 18 in 1978. He was ordained priest in 1988, and lived with the Dominican Order between 1981 and 1995. James earned his doctorate in theology from the Jesuit Faculty in Belo Horizonte, Brazil in 1994 and is a systematic theologian by training. He is also known for his firm but patient insistence on truthfulness in matters gay as an ordinary part of basic Christianity, and for his pastoral outreach in that sphere.



James has done much to bring the work of the great French thinker René Girard to a wider public. He developed a program of induction into the Christian Faith for adults, called “Jesus the Forgiving Victim” (available in DVD, text, or digital formats), which follows on from the insight into desire associated with René Girard. James now works as an itinerant preacher, lecturer and retreat giver. He accompanies a wide variety of publics, through academic lectures; undergraduate, postgraduate and professors’ seminars; adult catechesis courses; retreats for priests and parish groups; and Catholic and ecumenical gay and lesbian retreats. His books have been translated into Dutch, French, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. He has studied, lived and worked in Mexico, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Spain and the United States as well as his native England. His website is <http://jamesalison.com>.

#### **Other Presenters:**



**Leslie Chadwick** is Lower School Chaplain at St. Albans School, where she holds the William P. Billow Jr. Chair in Chaplaincy. She earned her Master of Arts at the University of Virginia and her Masters in Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, and is a priest associate of St. Alban’s Church.



**Geoffrey Hoare** became Rector of St. Alban’s Church after serving for 18 years as Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and more than 10 years as Rector of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Geoffrey is devoted to broad engagement with the community, both locally and globally. He serves on the Dean’s Advisory Council for the Yale Divinity School, The Advisory Board for the Anglican Studies Program at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University and has been a longtime board member of the Berkley Divinity School at Yale. He has formerly taught Preaching and Parish Ministry at both the Virginia Theological Seminary and at Candler. A native of the United Kingdom, Geoffrey is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Morehead-Cain Scholar. He read theology at Magdalene College, Cambridge, and earned his Master of Sacred Theology (1982) from the Yale Divinity School.



**Alexander (“Netch”) Netchvolodoff** is a longtime parishioner at St. Alban’s and was an inaugural member of the Memorial Lecture Committee. He came to Washington in 1977 as chief of staff to U.S. Senator John Danforth (an Episcopal priest who during his three terms in the Senate was also an associate rector of St. Alban’s). Netch left Danforth’s staff in 1991 to join Cox Enterprises, Inc., retiring as Senior Vice President of Public Policy. He has served as a Senior Warden of St. Alban’s and a member of the Washington National Cathedral Chapter.



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9:00	Registration and Coffee	Nourse Hall
9:30	<b>Keynote Address*</b> by James Alison	The Church
11:00	Break	
11:15	Moderated Discussion* with James Alison led by Alexander Netchvolodoff	The Church
12:15	Lunch break** <i>You are invited to sit in Nourse Hall or roam the grounds of St. Alban's and the Cathedral, including the Bishop's Garden.</i>	Nourse Hall
1:00	Open Discussion* with James Alison led by The Rev'd Leslie Chadwick	Nourse Hall
2:15	Closing Reflections* by The Rev'd Geoffrey M. St. J. Hoare	Nourse Hall

\* Live-streamed on <https://youtube.com/StAlbansDC>.

\*\* A box lunch has been prepared for pre-registrants. Drinks and snacks are available for everyone.

James Alison will be our guest preacher on **Sunday, March 27, 2022**,  
at the 9:00 am Service in English, and at the 11:15 am Service in Spanish.

**Join us!**

# Notes:



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