



ADRIENNE ALLISON – CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

I became a parishioner of St. Albans in 1977- 8, because of the spiritual nourishment we found within its' timeless walls. We had just returned from a difficult posting in Bangladesh, experiencing floods and famine and seeing dreadful poverty. The beauty of the order of worship, the music composed over centuries, the Book of Common

Prayer, the tranquility – all replenished our souls and gave us the strength to go forward. When I served as an usher and acolyte, I found joy in serving the Lord. When I volunteered in the Op Shop, I found joy in serving those whose lives were more difficult than mine, showing through my actions that I respected the dignity of each person. When I chaired the Commission on Peace of the Diocese of Washington for six years, I found joy in supporting remarkably talented people to find their own paths to strengthening diocesan life.

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At World Vision, a faith-based organization, I work with colleagues on five continents. We share a common purpose – improving the well-being of children and their families. We respect each other, and use our diversity to enrich the development programs we support. Having a son who is disabled has helped me to be a more compassionate and understanding person.

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We will rejoice in the faith that binds us, and the vision that we share, becoming a nurturing Christian community who love one another and together seek to serve the Lord.



WALKER CARTER -- VESTRY CANDIDATE

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

My wife, Janet, and I have been members of St. Alban's since 2002, shortly after we moved to Washington and began our search for a church home. We were drawn to St. Alban's by its openness and authenticity, and we stayed as a result of the wonderful members that we've come to know in the ensuing years. In particular, St. Alban's clergy and many parishioners helped us navigate through two tremendously difficult periods through the loss of two sons. Those same clergy and parishioners also supported us as we have raised our two daughters, Shelby (9) and Holland (2) in the church. We have both been active lay readers having served in that ministry for four and six years respectively.

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St. Alban's has no shortage of eminently qualified laity from which to draw to serve on the Vestry, and I am humbled to be asked to serve. Professionally, I believe the work that I have done and continue to do for PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP has prepared me well to contribute to a role on the Vestry. As a partnership, building consensus is critical at every level - locally, nationally and globally. Working in this environment for fifteen years has helped me develop skills in building common purpose and crafting solutions that are acceptable to those with diverging positions and interests. In terms of innate strengths, I am known as someone who can understand different points of view, synthesize those points of view, solve problems and do so in a way that maintains goodwill among different parties.

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I believe that my skills and strengths might be particularly relevant at this juncture for the church, as we work as a parish to overcome a long period of transition, work through division and build a cohesive parish from our diverse membership to support the work of this church. From a personal point of view, I reflect on our own difficult experiences to understand how important it is for our church family to function well, so that it can focus on its pastoral mission for its parishioners and the community - in Washington and beyond. Should the parish feel that I have the attributes to serve, I would do my best to help us chart that course.



JULIE CLEMENTS -- CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

I have been a member of St. Alban's Parish since 2008. Following my warm welcome, I immersed myself in multiple activities of spiritual sustenance, starting with the Green Team, Foyer's, and Young Adult Ministry. Later, I co-chaired the Gala and Thanksgiving dinner and served on the New Member

Committee. I served as Vestry Secretary before serving a term as Vestry member. Today, I co-teach the 4th-5th grade Sunday school class and acolyte. I recently became a Stephen Minister.

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Professionally, I am a health lawyer and lobbyist. I have advised clinicians, hospitals, and patients on myriad provisions of health care law. The characteristics requisite to a formidable health lawyer and lobbyist lend themselves well to Vestry membership. For example, my professional work requires me to understand the diverse perspectives of those whom I represent. I must then communicate these perspectives accurately and effectively to members of Congress and the administration. As health policy counsel, I have built and executed two large coalitions of stakeholders. Also, my time spent serving on organizations' boards has educated me as to the fiduciary duties board members collectively hold. Among these are ensuring proper stewardship of financial resources, providing appropriate review and oversight of the chief executive, contributing financially to the organization, and supporting the organization's chief executive and staff. While a Vestry is distinct from a board, at a minimum, the duties I have delineated should accompany Vestry membership. I will be a richer Vestry member having had these duties color my daily professional work.

- *As a lay leader in the church, it is common to work with people of diverse views. How would you seek to move St. Alban's forward as one body of Christ?*

As a lay leader, I would strive to move St. Alban's towards being one body in Christ by thoughtfully listening to the concerns of a cross-section of parishioners. I would then solicit parishioners' support in helping me identify actions the Parish may take in response. A strong measure of my effectiveness in Parish leadership is my cross Parish involvement. Recently, I had some ideas as to how to ameliorate the transparency of Parish business. I drafted my ideas as resolutions. While my resolutions did not pass, they gave me a forum to thoughtfully demonstrate my care for the Parish.



STEPHANIE CURCURU – CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

I have attended St. Alban's since I moved to Washington D.C. with my husband, Jim Mello, almost 11 years ago. The initial attraction was the Children's Chapel service, because we wanted to worship as a family without worrying about shushing our toddler. We stayed because of the sincere effort to welcome and include newcomers in the life of the parish, and because we felt at home in the parish community. Our children Madeline and Jackson were baptized at St. Alban's, and our daughter Valerie just celebrated Rite 13.

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I would bring to the vestry my experience with financial and other issues facing non-profits, gained from several leadership roles. My main contribution to the parish community has been through my involvement with St. Alban's Early Childhood Center, where I served on the Board of Directors for 6 years—2 years as Treasurer, and 4 years as President. Subsequently, I served as Treasurer of the PTA at Key Elementary School, and am currently an elected LSAT member at Key, where I help the principal navigate the byzantine DCPS budget process. In my day job, I am an economist at the Federal Reserve Board. I lead a team of people analyzing the international financial markets.

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Looking ahead, I agree with the sentiment expressed by many during the recent parish meetings that it is important to learn from the turmoil, and move forward in a spirit of forgiveness. Because input from opposing points of view results in better decisions, the vestry needs to pro-actively solicit diverse points of view on important topics facing the parish, including views held by parishioners outside the vestry's ranks. I look forward to the opportunity to help guide St. Alban's on our shared mission.



ANDREA FRASER-REID FARR – CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

I first visited St. Alban's on Easter Sunday, 1991, and have been fortunate since then to find ministries that fostered my connection to the parish, allowed me to make new friends, and nourished my faith. I have served on the newcomers committee and am now a Greeter. I participated in Inquirers' classes, first as I was preparing to join the Episcopal Church and then as a leader. I was a leader in Catechesis when my children were in children's formation. I served as Vestry secretary for a year, during which my understanding of parish operations and history expanded dramatically, and then served on the Vestry. I have been for the last decade a "choir mom." As a member of the Altar Guild, I have deepened my understanding of our traditions. For the last two years it has been my great joy to grow in faith as a member of the Way of Life community, an extraordinary group of people who have shared their experiences and faith journeys, and in so doing have so enriched my own.

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For most of the last 20 years I have worked as an international trade lawyer. The substantive area requires an understanding of a complex and evolving regulatory regime and the collection and analysis of large amounts of data. I have served on teams that have a common objective but involve parties with competing or conflicting interests. Developing strategies for addressing these interests and developing solutions to problems has been challenging and stimulating.

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I would make sure to remember my promise to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving [my] neighbor as [my]self." I think it important that parties are, and feel, heard. But I understand that this can be particularly challenging when views are not only diverse, but perhaps in conflict and accompanied by hurt feelings and anger. I will engage in active listening and through prayerful reflection and clear-eyed analysis, I will seek common ground and harmony. When differences remain, I will treat those differences with love and respect, remembering that all involved are my brothers and sisters.



TOM GUSTAFSON -- CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

I have been attending St. Alban's regularly since the fall of 2012, when I was introduced to the church by the lady who became my wife, Diana Morgan Gustafson. I came to St. Alban's principally seeking to be engaged spiritually, which was a dimension I found lacking in my prior denomination. (Though raised as a Catholic, I had been a Congregationalist for most of my adult life.) In 2014, I formally became an Episcopalian and joined St. Alban's. I have taught Sunday school, enjoying imparting the fundamentals of our faith to a lively group of fourth graders. I have also participated in adult formation activities, including several classes in the Core Curriculum. I have attended a number of workshops and retreats on meditation and spirituality. All these activities have fed me spiritually.

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I have a lot of experience in being a lay leader, which I would like to place at the service of St. Alban's. In my previous church, I was elected twice as the chief lay officer. I had to help the congregation address a substantial disagreement among groups in the congregation about the future direction of the church. I also chaired the personnel committee and the Board of Trustees. My jobs as a federal government executive and consultant have given me a lot experience in working with people who are wrestling with difficult issues in complex organizations. Personally, I am a very temperate and balanced person. When a problem comes up, I am used to understanding a situation thoroughly and listening carefully to others' views before making up my mind about what to do. I am also creative and energetic, ready to try new approaches in service of our mission as a church.

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Dealing with a diversity of views has certainly been a challenge for St. Alban's this year. I think we have not done as well as we should with internal communication, and we need to work on that. The congregation needs better information about what its role is in Episcopal practice, and it needs to understand the roles of the ministers and other staff and of the Vestry. Further, we need to update our personnel practices and address the isolation of the professional staff. One aspect I would stress as a lay leader is the spirit with which we approach one another. I try to attend to what I think should be for us fundamental: we are a common community, worshiping God and called to advance Christ's work in the world -- together.



KRISTIE HASSETT – VESTRY CANDIDATE

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

My family has been attending St. Alban's since 2001. My older son, John, was five or six when we arrived, and my younger son, Jamie, was baptized here. I began teaching Sunday school when Jamie was about three and I just kept moving along with him as a teacher until he graduated to Rite 13. I now coordinate the youth acolytes for the 9:15 service, and I've been involved in a number of chili sales, wreath sales, spring plant sales, pancake suppers and Palm Sunday brunches--first with John and now with Jamie. Come find me after the candidate forum; I'm sure there's something I can sell you! In addition to my involvement with children's and youth ministries, I'm delighted to be a member of the WSA board and an Op Shop volunteer. Come see me on Thursday mornings at the Op Shop; I'm sure there's something I can sell you! Faith without works is dead, but works without faith is incomplete. So, beyond my volunteer activities, I completed an EfM course several years ago. EfM was one of the most rewarding spiritual experiences I've ever had. (You can see that I'd like to sell you on EfM, too.)

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Before I became a full time mom and habitual volunteer, I was an attorney. (SHEESH, not another one!) In that role, I developed some useful skills, like how to think logically, ask good questions, and seek practical solutions. On a more abstract level, I'm committed to this parish for the sake of the ministries St. Alban's provides to my own family and to our community. I'm blessed to be a part of St. Alban's, and I'm happy to give back any way I can.

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We must recognize that St. Alban's is much more than a collection of parishioners. Yes, we all have different gifts, different needs, and different perspectives, but ultimately, we are a community -- the body of Christ in the world. And no matter how much hurt may linger inside our walls, the world outside hurts more, and is in desperate need of St. Alban's. Only by looking outward can we remember how important it is to begin acting as "one body" again.



ALEX JOHNS -- CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

We joined St. Alban's 14 years ago. I had found myself unable, in good conscience, to baptize my first daughter into the discriminatory religion with which I was raised. After two years of trying other faiths and traditions, nothing fit. St. Alban's fit immediately. Daughters Catherine and

Anna were baptized here, I confirmed my faith here. Sunday school and Foyers dinners helped us grow roots. Whenever our routine has faltered, all three of us have looked for ways to reorder our collective calendar. St. Alban's is our home base.

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My native talents are in drawing together that which seems disparate, and lending energy to an enterprise. I remember now that Camp Seafarer made up an award for me, "Most Enthusiastic Camper." The theme continues: When I joined Chevy Chase Bank, I was new to the homebuilding industry yet as Group Vice President, was responsible for rebuilding the bank's homebuilding unit. In 2013, I opened The Resmark Companies' only east coast office, where I am responsible for investing equity as a joint venture partner in homebuilding projects from Richmond to Philadelphia. As President of the Real Estate Lenders Association—Washington, DC chapter, I achieved attendance records and built a strong bench of leaders for sustained growth after my tenure. In 2016, the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association asked me to regenerate its Real Estate Finance Committee; our first meeting set an attendance record.

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I try first to listen, understand, and reflect back my understanding, before asking to be heard. I look for the ways our disparate views add strengths to the group, and for ways our goals are consistent with strategic objectives. Various experiences inform my approach. I am the youngest of five. As a native of DC's melting pot and an avid music fan, I remember when people used to describe music as if it had a skin tone, something I have never forgotten nor understood. At the University of Maryland I majored in English, which is really the study of human nature, and minored in business, which is really the study of how to measure achievement. Together, these experiences created the thread that now weaves through my career, one of bringing people together for mutual benefit.



TOMAS MONTGOMERY -- CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

Our family has been part of the St. Alban's community since we moved to D.C. in the summer of 2003. As a family we regularly attend the 9:15 service, where my sons Theo and Henry have long served as acolytes and my wife Kate McNamara has been organizing the Youth Acolyte teams. I have been ushering at that service for a few years, but my biggest involvement has been in youth related ministries, including serving as a leader to the Rite 13 group. That, and since last July, serving out the term of a Vestry member who moved out of town. I draw my inspiration from the openness children show and their spiritual growth. The first set of Pre-K children I taught are now in Senior Youth. That is the class that later made some of the banners that hang in Children's Chapel, that sing in the choir, that acolyte and read from the lectern. I hope that they will have a lifelong positive relationship with the Episcopal Church. I believe that our commitment to children's education provides vitality to St. Alban's and is the foundation for our growth as a parish. But I also want to engage and learn from all the other wonderful ministries at St. Alban's, and am committed to supporting their growth. There are many ways to do God's work and I have just begun.

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I bring experiences learned throughout my career in managing and leading medium sized organizations and supporting non-profit organizations in multiple roles. I have been responsible for budgets and facilities similar in nature to St. Alban's.

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I believe that consistency, transparency and organization are all part of making St. Alban's more effective in its key mission of spreading God's love to all. Quiero extender un abrazo a los hispano parlantes y ofrecerme como un puente dedicado a incluir a todos los creyentes de San Albano. (I want to embrace the Spanish speakers and offer myself as a bridge dedicated to linking all believers of St. Albans.)



MARY LOU SAVAGE -- CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

I started coming to St Alban's in 2003 to enjoy the wonderful music. Eventually, I did a year of EFM, joined the Theological Book Group, became involved in other activities (e.g., Foyers, Core Curriculum, and Opportunity Sunday), and became a regular attendee about 4 years

ago. St Alban's continues to feed me spiritually with glorious music from the choir and enthusiastic hymn singing by the congregation. My understanding of my faith is challenged and informed by educational programs where I am called on to think and share about questions of faith and Christian life and be heartened and enriched by what others share. And, I can simply be of service and meet our neighbors at Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

- *What professional experience and personal strengths would help you serve the Parish as a lay leader?*

My professional experiences and personal qualities would help me serve our Parish as a member of the Vestry. I am a lawyer. I've worked in large and small firms, taught at two law schools, and now work as the Senior Benefits Attorney at the Association of Flight Attendants where I help and counsel individual members, advise leaders, and work with colleagues to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements at many airlines. From these experiences I have learned how to see opportunities for understanding and agreement, to use positive and affirming language to bring people along, and to understand that everyone needs to leave the table with something. I think strategically, have a sense of humor, and work on being patient and kind.

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I would seek to move our parish forward as one body of Christ by using the views, beliefs, and understandings I described above in collaboration with our clergy and other Vestry members to assure that all parish members feel heard, understood, and respectfully represented. I would pray for the grace to be diligent, fair, and hopeful in supporting the vision of and future for our Parish, as reached by the consensus of the Parish.



MARK SHIMA – CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

These past 15 years at Saint Albans have been especially rich and wonderful. My dear Robin and I met here and got to know each other during our Sunday school and J2A (Journey to Adulthood) teaching. We enjoyed the great adventure of an Appalachian Service Project and our marriage in 2004. Since then we have been raising our delightful twins who are now eight years old. My work on the grants committee and service as a vestry person for a two-year term as well as filling in for a vacancy for part of another year were valuable and important experiences. There have been many other wonderful experiences as part of our church family but what many of them have in common is sharing time with others, be it in small groups or large, whether with children or adults, and both on somber and joyous occasions.

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My professional work and experiences include many years as a consultant to government and private enterprises. This includes doing training for diverse groups all over the country and working as a facilitator and project manager for both information technology and organizational change.

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Working with diverse groups and helping them to coalesce around shared ideas, beliefs, and goals has always been one of my greatest pleasures. We are called to love and embrace each other's souls. We can do this all the better as a church community following Christ's example and teachings. I seek to listen to and hear each person's perspectives, hopes, and needs and use this prayerfully and thoughtfully to help us grow as a loving church family.



TED SWETT -- CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

My wife Ann and I came to Saint Alban's about 4 1/2 years ago. We soon found ourselves participating in a congenial Foyers group, attending a parish retreat, and of course singing out from the pews (I love the musical traditions of the Episcopal Church). I signed on as a lay reader, and have made a modest start at that as well as a few forays with the Grate Patrol. Quite simply, in our short time here I have been drawn into the life of the church as never before.

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We gravitated to St. Albans in search of renewal after finding ourselves somewhat stranded by a change in direction at our former church, where we had worshipped for decades. That unhappy experience underlined for me the importance in a parish community of listening to one another with a discerning heart eager to understand the other person's perspective. The welcome we received here from clergy and parishioners alike was extraordinary. This stood us in good stead when, soon after our arrival, we faced a health crisis in our family (thankfully now resolved).

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I am an Army brat, with northerners on one side of the family and southerners on the other. We moved around a lot – being the new kid in school is a familiar feeling to me – and I spent much time as a kid in Central America. This way of life accustomed me to forging relationships with all kinds of folks. In my practice as a commercial litigator, interacting with people who strongly disagree with me is a large part of the work. It involves avoiding needless clashes, concentrating on what really matters, and searching for common ground while sticking to goals and principles. At my law firm, Caplin & Drysdale, I have served on the Board of Directors for nearly 15 years. I hope this background equips me to work effectively on the Vestry. I am grateful for many blessings and would welcome the chance to serve.



ANTON VANTERPOOL -- CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

Since 1989, St Alban's has been a vital part of my spiritual nurture and personal development. As an active member of five Episcopal churches since 1989, I feel truly blessed to be a member. Spiritually, I have developed several gifts of the Spirit. As a member of the St. Alban's choir, while singing, I am moved by the Spirit through exhortation to inspire and motivate others to praise and worship. Next, as a lay leader I enjoy the gift of service. Also as a Diocesan delegate and volunteer, I actively participate at Diocesan conventions and meetings. Lastly, I have used my gift of administration to help others through hosting Career Confidence meetings.

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Professionally, I had the honor and privilege to retire from the United States Air Force, after 20 years of dedicated service as a Captain. In this capacity, I was responsible for IT communications and overseeing units of up to 20 people. As a Toastmaster for 25 years, I have worked on my communications and leadership skills while serving in various leadership roles within the eight Toastmaster districts. Also as a leader in Toastmasters, I have learned the art of conflict resolution and developed active listening skills. Today, I work for the United States Army with a focus on cybersecurity. Personally, my strengths include but not limited to; collaborator, analytical, harmony, and learner. Through these experiences, I have matured spiritually, worked diligently and served passionately.

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First, I would begin this process through prayer and repetition to seek guidance and wisdom for moving forward in the Body of Christ. Second, I will work diligently with the Vestry in a collaborative environment and offer my expertise in both the military and Toastmasters International to help fulfill the goal of identifying ways to serve our diverse, multicultural, and multi-generational communities. I will offer insight through my expertise in outreach and education. Finally, I have learned the effective approach to incorporating the discipline of seeking first to understand, intently and patiently listening to God and listening to the needs of our community, Isaiah 32:3.



SHARON WHITEHOUSE -- CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

- *How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?*

As a proud member of St. Alban's more than 30 years, I have served several ministries that I consider vital to a healthy church community. I have worked joyfully with the Flower Guild to enhance our church's beauty in every liturgical season. I also have welcomed the opportunity to help teach the art of arranging to many of my colleagues on the Guild. I taught for four years in the church school, which my children attended and believe that Christian education is critical to a strong church community. A third ministry to which I have been dedicated for more than 25 years is outreach through the Workers of St. Alban's (WSA). I have also served on God's Work in the World and the Transforming the Lives of Children committees in the past couple of years.

- *What professional experience and personal strengths would help you serve the Parish as a lay leader?*

I believe that I could offer the parish the benefit of my experiences in both my professional and personal life at the Federal Communications Commission for 14 years, working with clients in my own floral and wedding consulting business for 20 years, and serving on several nonprofit boards focused on health and education. I have degrees in psychology/sociology and in communications (media) and have worked with many people from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds. My personal experience of living for seven years in two different cultures while growing up—the Philippines and Pakistan—shaped my understanding of “multicultural” at an early age. I have traveled extensively in Asia, Europe, North America, and Latin America during the past 60 years. I also have particular skills in research, writing, and editing that I am ready and willing to contribute to benefit our parish.

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I believe that the church's strength derives from the diverse views within our church community and that Christ gave us the “tools” through his life and ministry by which to share our views while respecting each other as Christians and individuals. As a member of the vestry, I would propose and seek ways to bring people together in our parish to become better communicators both with each other and as disciples of Christ. I would suggest ways that the vestry could improve communications with the parish and build on St. Alban's great legacy.