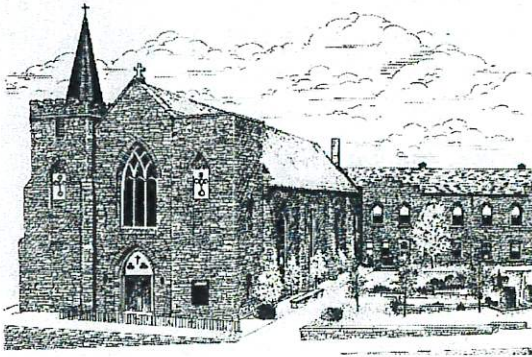
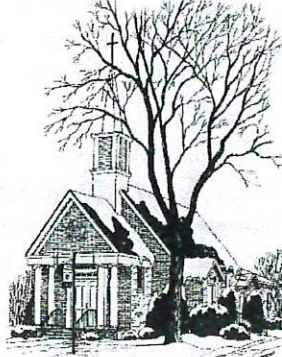


THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON

Alton, Illinois



St. Paul's Church
10 E. Third St.
10:30 a.m.



Trinity Chapel
1901 State St.
8:15 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Rector XXVII

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels – Email: fgarron@gmail.com
Church Office Telephone – 618-465-9149
Church Email: episcopalalton@gmail.com
Office Hours – Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of Alton! We are glad to have you worship with us today. All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion or to simply come forward for a blessing.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

BCP p. 323

Prelude

Te Deum

M. A. Charpentier (1643-1704)

Hymn #556

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

The Hymnal 1982

Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

#S202 The Hymnal 1982

The Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated*

BCP p. 325

A reading from Isaiah

25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,

it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;

cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,

a refuge to the needy in their distress,

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

The people respond with the verses in bold italics

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Epistle

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hymn #645

The King of love my shepherd is

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out

into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Sermon

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

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The Prayers of the People

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Intercessor: Lord in thy mercy. **Response:** Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 330

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory: (solo Ruth)

We Gather at your Table, Lord

arr. Wm. Ehret

Presentation Hymn #380

Praise God, from whom (vs 3 only)

The Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP p. 340

Lift up your hearts: Sursum corda

Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

#S114 *The Hymnal 1982*

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

BCP p. 336

#S119 *The Hymnal 1982*

Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei

#S158 *The Hymnal 1982*

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion, and everyone is welcome to come to the rail for a blessing.

If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, please cross your arms across your chest as a silent request for a blessing from the priest.

Prayer of Humble Access		<i>BCP p. 337</i>
Communion Anthem	Meditation (from 'Thais')	J. Massenet (1842-1912)
Post-Communion Prayer		<i>BCP p. 339</i>
The Blessing		<i>BCP p. 339</i>
Dismissal		<i>BCP p. 339</i>
Hymn #345	<i>Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise</i>	<i>The Hymnal 1982</i>
Postlude	'Autumn' (from 'The Four Seasons')	A. Vivaldi (1678-1741)

SERVING TODAY

Trinity:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Organist:	Gay Anderson
Lector:	Donna Fisher
Intercessor:	Donna Fisher
CB/Acolyte:	Donna Fisher
Altar Guild:	April Drennan

St. Paul's:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Organist:	Gay Anderson
Crucifer:	Mikey Kokos
Acolyte:	Michael Kokos
Altar Acolyte:	Robbie Cupp
Chalice/BB:	Donna Fisher
Lector/Intercessor:	Dave Elson
Cantor:	Robbie Cupp
Ushers:	Vivian Monckton
Greeters:	Nancy Simpson
Altar Guild:	R. Cupp, E. Bumbacher

Next Week

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Gay Anderson
Linda Dunnagan
Linda Dunnagan
Jeff Dunnagan
Nancy Weiss-Hayes

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Gay Anderson
Robbie Cupp
April Drennan
Donna Fisher
Nathalia Baum
Chuck Drennan
Ruth Spencer
Sandy Gottlob
Verla Moyer
S. Lukasik, A. Drennan, D.

Drennan

Calendar and Announcements for the Week of October 11, 2026

Monday, October 12	<i>Office Closed – Columbus Day</i>
Thursday, October 15	10:00 a.m. Finance committee meeting at St. Paul's
Friday, October 16	7:00 p.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew meeting at Trinity Chapel
Saturday, October 17	7:00 p.m. ECM meeting at Johnson's Corner
Sunday, October 18	<i>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's 12:15 p.m. ECW meeting at St. Paul's lwr level Ed wing

The schedule for Tuesday morning prayer and Bible Study will be changeable in the next few upcoming weeks. Please “stay tuned” and Fr. Garron will communicate each week when Bible Study will be held – thank you for your understanding.

In preparation for The All Souls' Day Requiem Mass to be held on Monday, November 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's, please submit the names of your loved ones whom you wish to be included in prayer using the form inserted in your bulletin, or you may email them to episcopalalton@gmail.com or call Ann in the church office, no later than Monday, October 26th.

Calling all parishioners to send in your favorite picture of yourself, family (including fur babies), - however you would like to be remembered in the **Parish Picture Directory** that is currently underway. **All pictures must be submitted by October 31st to EPAPhoto2026@gmail.com.** Help make this a directory to remember!

All are welcome to The EPA Quiet Day “Listening with the Ear of the Heart: Monastic Wisdom for Daily Living” will be held at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 7th, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please call the office 618.465.9149 to make your reservations. The last date to make reservations is Sunday, October 25th. Cost is \$45 per person – breakfast items, snacks and lunch will be provided throughout the day. The Guest Presenter will be The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon.

The ECM will meet Saturday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Johnson's Corner restaurant in Alton. All men of the Parish are welcome to join us as we plan for Fall's activities!

The ECW will meet Sunday, October 18th at 12:15 p.m. at St. Paul's in the lower level Ed wing. We look forward to seeing all women of the Parish there!

Our United Thank Offering is now being collected! A gift will be presented at Synod on October 23rd, however, collections will be ongoing through November 22nd and a final check will be sent to the Diocesan UTO Coordinator at that time. UTO envelopes have been provided in the Narthex for your use. Or, you may simply indicate "UTO Offering" in the memo of your check, or use the online giving option selecting "UTO" from the dropdown menu.

Halloween is fast approaching – and our Annual Chili Supper will take place prior to the parade on Saturday, October 31st, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. If you have not already been contacted, please expect a call asking for a donation of 2 gallons of chili and/or 2 pies; and availability to help with set-up, serving, or clean-up for the event. Please call Sandy Gottlob, chairman, 618.960.8109 or Verla Moyer, volunteer coordinator, 618.920.2300, if you have any questions.

Education commission is offering bookplates to anyone who wishes to purchase these as a memorial or in memory of a loved one. The bookplates will be placed inside the front cover of the new pew Bibles. The cost is \$10 each.

The Episcopal Parish of Alton now offers Online Giving! Scan the QR code to make one-time or monthly contributions.



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Steve, Cheryl, Randy, Joan, Lydia, Elizabeth, Barbara, Sue, Honey, Linda, Sam, Patty, Victor, Don, Baby Emerson, Janice, Barbara, Brenda, Dane, Greg, Irene, Charles, Tracy, and those known only to us.

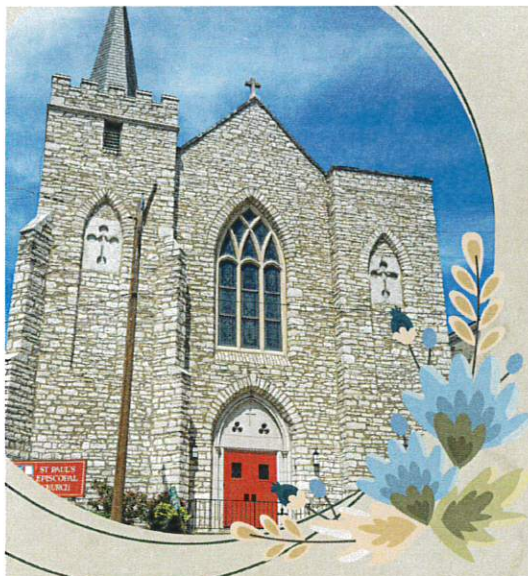
Please contact the office if you have someone you would like added to the prayer list. Individuals will remain on the list for one month and will be re-added upon request.



EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON
ANNUAL
CHILI SUPPER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
5PM ~ 7PM

Chili, Dessert, & Drink
\$12 per adult ~ \$6 per child under 10
Come by before the parade!
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
10 E. 3rd St., Alton, IL

The poster features a dark gray background with yellow stars at the top. In the center, a white, gnarled tree branch extends across the frame. A black crow is perched on the branch. Three jack-o'-lanterns with glowing orange faces hang from the branch. Several black bats are flying around the tree. At the bottom, three black cats are visible: one on the left, one in the center (only the head and eyes are visible), and one on the right.



EPA Quiet Day

Listening with the Ear of the Heart: Monastic Wisdom for Daily Living

St Paul's Episcopal Church
10 E 3rd St, Alton, IL

The Quiet Day will include:

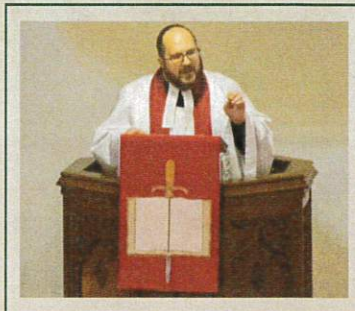
- The rhythm of Daily Office Prayer
- Three Lectures on Monasticism
- Time for silence, prayer, and rest
- Time for the Rite of Reconciliation
- Coffee, breakfast items, snacks, and Lunch will be provided during the day.

Cost

\$45 per person. Checks can be made out to "Episcopal Parish of Alton" with the memo stating "Quiet Day". Please email or contact the office about your reservation

For more information contact Fr Garron at: frgarron@gmail.com

November 7th
8:30am-5:00pm



The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
Guest Quiet Day Presenter



Episcopal Parish of Alton



ALLHALLOWTIDE

WORSHIP & EVENT SCHEDULE

All Hallows' Eve Service

Sat Oct 31st @4:30pm at St Paul's

Halloween Chili Supper

Sat Oct 31st @5pm-7pm at St Paul's

All Saints' Sunday

Sun Nov 1st

8:15am at Trinity Chapel

10:30am at St Paul's w/ Holy Baptism

All Souls' Requiem Mass

Mon Nov 2nd @6:00pm at St Paul's



ROYAL ICON STUDIO

ICONOGRAPHY

workshop

St Paul's Episcopal Church, 10 E
3rd St, Alton, IL

April 26th to 30th, 2027



Experience the ancient tradition of Catholic iconography as we prayerfully write the holy icons of Our Lady of Walsingham and The Nativity of our Lord. Guided by traditional techniques rooted in the sacred art of the Church, participants will learn the spiritual and artistic foundations of icon writing while deepening their devotion to the Blessed Mother.

This retreat offers a unique opportunity for prayer and reflection. Through lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on instruction, students will create a sacred icon while contemplating Mary's role as Mother of God.

Come discover the rich spiritual heritage of the Church and create an icon that will inspire prayer for years to come.

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