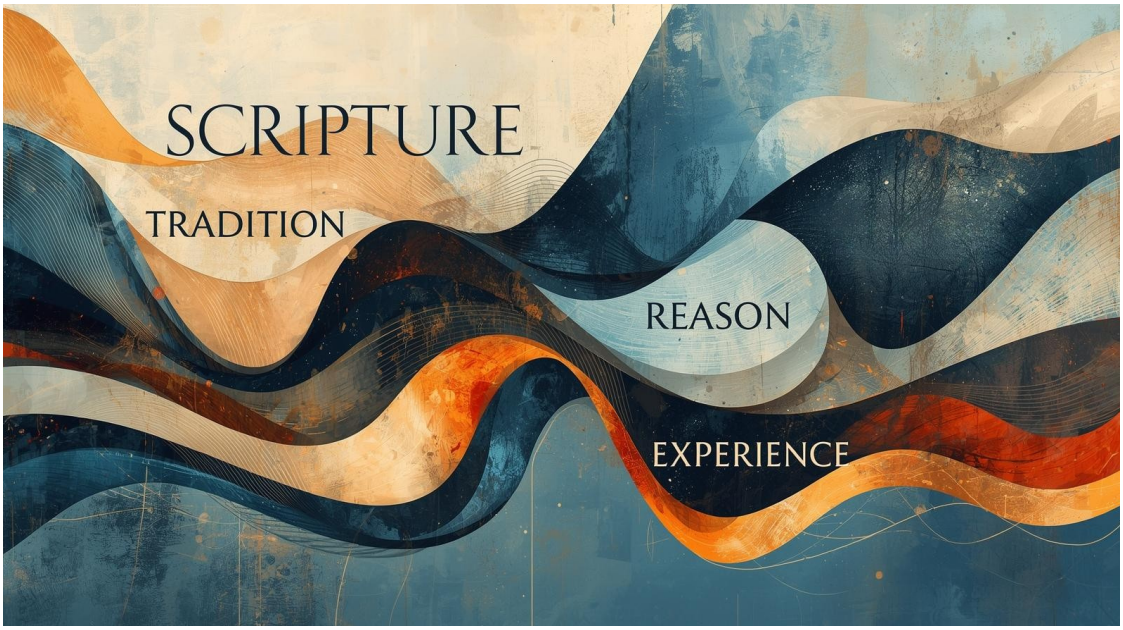

A Faith Woven Together

'Episcopal 101' at St. Alban's at 9:00 a.m. begins September 14

Our first Fall Adult Formation offering is organized around Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience — the classic "sources of authority" that, woven together, explain the Episcopal Church's approach to faith and practice and give us a balanced, living faith that is rooted in the past, alive in the present, and open to God's future.

Whether you have been around the Episcopal Church "block" a few times or are a newcomer and curious about the Episcopal Way, this seven-week experience is an enjoyable, inspiring, and informative opportunity.

Led by Pastor Beth and distinguished guest presenters, convened and supported by St. Alban's Faith Formation Committee.

Scripture: The Story of God and God's People — September 14

The Bible is the foundation of our faith, telling the story of God's creative power, justice, and love; of the life of Jesus of Nazareth; and of the witness of the early Church as inspired and supported by the Holy Spirit. Episcopalians read and pray the words of Scripture together, in community, seeking both its ancient wisdom and witness and its meaning for our lives today.

Tradition: The Wisdom We Inherit and Share — September 21

Traditions are not ancient church artifacts but rather living connections to the prayers, practices, and insights of people of faith and of Christians across the centuries. They remind us that we are part of something larger than ourselves, rooted in the early Church, participating in the communion of saints, and continuing to grow in each generation.

Reason: Thinking Faithfully About What We Believe — September 28 and October 5

God has entrusted us with our minds. In the Episcopal Church, we explore questions and doubts through study, dialogue, and reflection to deepen our trust. We respect our forebears who understood God in their historical context and faith. As the world evolves, we celebrate new knowledge and scientific progress that reveal the mind of the Maker.

Experience: Meeting God in Our Own Lives — October 12, 19, and 26

Our personal and communal experiences — of love, struggle, justice, and beauty — also reveal God's presence. By listening and paying attention to how God reveals God's creative power and redemption in daily life, we bring our whole selves and the community into the journey of faith. For Episcopalians, Christ is not just our personal savior but the redeemer of all creation.