



# St. Alban's Cloak

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## Welcome

We welcome you to St. Alban's Anglican Church and invite you to become part of our parish family. If you are new, or just visiting, please introduce yourself, and join us for coffee and refreshments in the parish hall following the service.

## Take Our Card

A business card is an easy way to help people find their way here and, more importantly, find their way back to God. Take a few for your pocket or purse from the stack next to the guest book and you will be ready to help the next time you meet someone who needs to be with us.

## DEPARTURES

Margaret Gunter  
Dimple Kiernan  
Joy Kirkland  
Minnie Millican

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

## St. Alban's is just as cool on-line

Thanks largely to the efforts of Maggie Hoang, the parish now has a new website up and running at TacomaAnglicans.org.

## Minnie Millican Tribute

By Beryl Christiansen

She had an interesting life. She was born in Kidderminster, England on May 28, 1920 and died in Puyallup on February 25<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Minnie left school at age 14 and went to work in a garment factory doing tailoring. She then joined the Women Land Army during World War II.

She met her husband Everett in a pub with a group of friends in 1944. She had a date to him, but he didn't show up! It was the 6<sup>th</sup> of June (D-Day) and he'd gone to France. But he wrote and they exchanged letters back and forth and he asked her to marry him.

He sent her engagement ring, wrapped in a hankie (which she would use later on) and money for her fare to the States.

She came to America on the Queen Mary and landed in New York in 1947. But Everett wasn't waiting at the dockside! He was in Tacoma, Washington. She then used the hankie! A couple befriended her and helped her get to Washington State.

Minnie and Everett settled here and had four children: Leslie, Meagan, Morgan and Dale. Then they adopted a little girl, Julia, when she was 2 years old.

Minnie did tailoring at home for many years. When she was in her 50s, she went to school and earned a degree in nursing. She worked in a nursing home helping the aged. They all loved her as she was so kind and cheerful.

Everett and Minnie were married for 51 years when he succumbed to death. She lost her two sons, Morgan and Dale. She is survived by her sister Megan Sewell in England, her daughters and several grand children and great grand children.

Minnie was a long time member of St. Alban's and actually a charter member when it first started about 40 years ago. She was on the Altar Society and always willing to help in any way, doing yard sales, sewing, etc. She was a wonderful lady and she will be missed.

## ASK THE RECTOR - *When is it appropriate to receive Holy Communion?*

According to the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, one must be baptized and confirmed, or be baptized and ready and desirous to be confirmed. Baptism is explicit, and is accepted no matter what denomination performed the baptism, but to be confirmed, or ready and desirous to be confirmed, can be somewhat subjective. If one was baptized and confirmed within a denomination in Apostolic Succession (Anglican, Episcopal, Catholic, or Orthodox), there is no question. If one is unfamiliar with the Anglican Church and/or confirmation, the priest or deacon can help with the education process and preparations. In the mean time, if you have been baptized, are sincere, and of good conscience, you are welcome to receive the sacrament. - Fr. Craig Luesing

Please remember in your prayers: Tracy, Phillip, Carla, James, Christian, Jeanette, Katherine, Pam, Pat, Craig+, Cathy, Bud, Ede, Anne, Jeanne, Matthew, Mitzi and the young men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. May God's mercy be upon them.

# Remembering Joy Kirkland

The following notes were submitted to The Cloak by Joy's daughters, Tara and Moyra:

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your kind words, cards, hugs, prayers, and good wishes concerning the recent passing of our mother. Your support has truly given us strength through this difficult time. We'd like to take just a few moments to share a little about our mom with you.

Aili said it best on her sweet Facebook posting, "They said her heart gave out, but I think she just gave too much of it away." Our mom spent her retirement years (after a career as a supervisor for the Department of Social and Health Services) donating hundreds of volunteer hours to

rocking babies in the Intensive Care Prenatal Unit at Tacoma General Hospital, serving as a docent at the History Museum, being a guide whenever the tall ships came to Tacoma, acting in various local theatre productions, shopping for her church's food bank, and teaching English through Global Volunteers in China, Italy, Mexico, and the Cook Islands.

She was born in London, England. During WWII, after her house was bombed, she and her sister were sent to live in a convent for a couple of bleak years. She left school at 14 years old to work, but eventually won a scholarship to study at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London.

After she met our father at dinner when our grandmother opened their home one Christmas to American Air Force men, she soon immigrated to

America (through Ellis Island) and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where our dad was stationed and we were born. She became an American citizen so she could vote and have a say in how the country was run!

We ended up in Tacoma where she spent the rest of our growing up years as a single mom, working full time and attending school to obtain her Bachelor's degree. She worked extra hours and went without new clothes and furniture so we could travel to England every few years to see family.

She taught us the importance of family independence, hard work, drive, giving back to others, and the English philosophy of "Keep calm and carry on." Most of all she taught us love. We will always miss her.

Thank you all again for everything.

## July

1 -  
1 -  
4 - MP  
5 -  
11 - HC, Vestry & Food Drive  
17 - Rummage Sale  
18 - HC, KGNW radio feature  
20 -  
20 -  
22 -  
24 - Memorial for Joy Kirkland  
25 - HC

## August

1 - MP  
4 -  
8 - HC/Picnic at Denise's Home  
13 -  
15 - HC, Vestry & Food Drive  
15 -  
22 - HC  
23 -  
27 -  
29 - HC  
31 -

## September

5 - MP  
12 - HC, Vestry & Food Drive  
17 -  
19 - HC  
26 - HC

The Memorial Service for  
Joy Kirkland  
will be held on  
Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
from 11:00 to 2:00  
at St. Alban's Church.

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