

**St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Silverdale, WA 98383**

**BC Monthly Reports
November 2020**

VICAR'S REPORT – Bill Fulton

November 12, 2020

Baptisms on Sunday, December 6

Carisa Peterson, niece of Bill and Lori Fagan, will bring her twin three-month-old daughters to church on Sunday, December 6, to be baptized. Other than the family and a few sponsors, there will be no additional people in the pews. We will follow the Bishop's Protocol for Baptisms to make sure we keep the service as safe as possible.

Paid singer

Because a live singer will enhance our livestream worship and we still have some money in our music budget, I asked Aina Zabinski to be our cantor at the 10:15 Eucharist for \$75 a Sunday.

Stewardship campaign

Our stewardship letter has gone out and pledges are starting to come in.

Community Garden

Deacon Bill has drawn up a land use map for our property to help us make a long term plan for our property. We'll discuss it in the Garden Committee meeting Tuesday and it will come before the BC.

Christmas plans

After speaking with our worship team, we believe we should have one livestream service on Christmas Eve (rather than two services as we have usually done), and one livestream service on Christmas Day.

Add virtual meetings to our By-Laws

Bishop Rickel recommends that all parishes change their By-Laws to allow for virtual meetings. We need to do this because we may have our annual meeting in January on the Zoom platform. The diocesan chancellor will provide suitable language for us to insert in our By-Laws.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Rev. Bradley Hauff, keynote speaker at diocesan convention, spoke about the importance of land acknowledgment by churches. We'll listen to his address at our Zoom meeting.

Water testing October 27

Two technicians came on October 27 and took samples from the outside spigot of the rental house. The testing company will provide the results to us.

Webinar for Wardens and Bishop's Committees November 14

Bishop Rickel and staff are hosting a webinar this Saturday at 11:30 am. All wardens, vestries, and bishop's committees are encouraged to participate to learn how to support their clergy during this time of the pandemic.

Reopening Plan

Deacon Bill has gotten approval for our Reopening Plan 4.0 from the Diocese.

Work Party November 7

About ten people showed up for the work party to weed and clean up the landscaping around the building. We also planted two oak trees donated by Janet Steller.

Report on new livestream equipment

We are still working to improve the audio quality of our livestream. Last week there was outside interference in the wireless mics that caused Fr. Craig's 10:15 sermon to be partially inaudible. I'm not sure there's much we can do about outside interference. Our next tasks are to mount the cameras on the back wall and connect them with wiring in the walls and to improve our audio. Bob Richardson, Katy Fulton, and Bill Fagan have volunteered to be trained to relieve Guy Fulton as cameraman from time to time.

Stained Glass window inserts

No action taken.

Diocesan Convention report

Convention passed resolutions keeping the assessment rate at 14.5% and raised clergy salaries 0.9%. There were six resolutions concerning advocacy for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) issues, and they all passed, with the Bishop's support. They added six BIPOC members to Diocesan Council; increased diversity on the Commission on Ministry; set aside two percent of the diocesan annual budget for non-stipendiary BIPOC clergy; and ratified an Anti-Racism Covenant. Together with the keynote speaker's address, convention was oriented around anti-racism issues.

Livestream statistics

I've attached the livestream statistics.

Air vents

Deacon Bill and I removed the covers of the air ducts in the nave and removed the louvers inside them to reduce the noise coming from them. It helped a little, but it didn't make a huge difference

Wrapping up the building contract

The contractor finally got the piscina sink hooked up in the sacristy. This is a sink where the altar guild pours the leftover consecrated wine and the water used to wash the chalice. The sink drains straight into the ground, not into the septic system. Unfortunately the contractors didn't break through the top layer of cement and gravel, so it didn't drain. I cut a hole in the cabinet bottom, broke up the cement and gravel beneath, and now it drains properly.

PEOPLE'S WARDEN AND PASTORAL CARE – Penny Whitney

During the last month, the Pastoral Care Committee visited and took food to Olivia Stalter after her fall, talked with, sent cards and took food to Jean MacKimmie following Mac's death.

Every Saturday evening I receive reports from those who call our parishioners through the telephone tree, compile them into a list, and send it to the vicar for reading during Prayers of the People at Sunday Service. Penny

BISHOP'S WARDEN – David Wilkinson

No report.

Carolyn Sorrell

No Report.

FINANCE – Jim Foley

Much better contributions than last month! Still in the red, close to what we were budgeted, and still better than the YTD budgeted loss. See everyone on the Zoom call tomorrow.

Thanks, Jim

NEW FACILITIES – John Stockwell

No report.

OUTREACH – Blaine Morgan

No report.

ENVIRONMENT – David Peterson

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS – Chelsea Reeder

No report.

WELCOMING – Peter Stockwell

No report.

FAITH FORMATION – Bill Thaete

No report.