

# *Glad Tidings*

*December 2020*



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The Rev. Bill Fulton, Vicar  
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## *Vicar's Voice*

I think I can speak for everyone when I say that this Coronavirus pandemic has gone on too long! We are all thoroughly sick of the restrictions that we have put ourselves under – the social isolation, the mask-wearing, the ban on travel. The only hope we have is a vaccine and we're waiting for the vaccine like children waiting for Christmas.

Waiting. That's the theme of the season of Advent. In Advent we wait for the coming of Christ, both the first coming in Bethlehem and the second coming at the end of time. Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation as we hear Isaiah telling us to prepare the way of the Lord, and as we wait with Mary for the birth of her holy child.

Advent and Christmas are usually times when we gather in close proximity, singing Christmas carols elbow to elbow, crowding around the Christmas tree, sharing egg nog and cider near the fireplace. We want to be together in cozy rooms like Mary and Joseph and the animals were gathered in the manger scene in Bethlehem.

But this year we'll have to be content with a more restrained and distanced Advent. We wait for the coming of the vaccine like we wait for the coming of Christ. It just takes time, patience, and acceptance.

Mary waited for nine long months of pregnancy for her holy child to be born. During those months she must have thought a lot about the message of the angel Gabriel who told her that the Holy Spirit would come upon her and she would conceive and bear a son. She waited with patience and hope.

This Advent and Christmas we'll be waiting, too. A vaccine is like a shield against an enemy, a force of protection against an adversary, and we're waiting with patience and hope. But the birth of our Savior is an even greater vaccine against the powers of darkness and the threat of evil, and we wait with faith, believing that God is with us.

So I hope that this Advent and Christmas, although uniquely different from previous years, will bring us renewed faith and deeper trust in God.

Bill

*The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming people  
who worship God, grow in Christ, and serve others.  
Gather, Grow, and Go!*

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Yes, with Advent here, we will be celebrating our Lord's birth. Although COVID has prevented us from in-person worship for many months, St. Antony's family continues in a strong and hopeful journey. Although it seems we will be continuing to live-stream services, the worship space reflects our Liturgical Seasonal colors and decorations.

As in the past we look to adorn the Chancel area with colorful poinsettias and festive drapings. Since you may not be able to sign-up physically but would like to donate a poinsettia please contact Linda at church or Ruth Lindstrum (phone number and email in directory). We would like to suggest a donation of \$15 but will be most grateful for whatever you wish to contribute. Checks can be sent to the church payable to "St. Antony's Altar Guild" with the notation "poinsettia".

We are truly thankful for your support during the year with your contributions for Flowers and Sanctuary Lamps. Any additional funds received are applied to the purchase of new hangings (dossals, frontals, flower stand drapes) as well as communion linens and all other necessary items to enable us to worship to the Glory of God. Again, warm and sincere thanks.

Ruth Lindstrum



## Advent 2020...A Reflection

*What good is it to me if Mary is full of grace if I am not also full of grace? What good is it to me for the Creator to give birth to the Son if I do not also give birth to him in my time and my culture?* Meister Eckhart (c.1260-1328)

The Season of Advent is a beautiful season in the Church year and, I think, it may be my favorite. With all that goes on around me, I might tune out the noise of the world intentionally. Through music, art, projects, books, I make plans to celebrate the birth of the Christ child, and that often brings a sense of pondering. What might this process be called: anticipation; preparation; waiting? This year, a pandemic may be a good time to pause, breathe and reflect.

The *Collect for the First Sunday in Advent* is also my favorite in the Church year: *"Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light..."* (BCP, p211). We are to put on and wear the *armor of light* so that we might assist in broadcasting the Light of Christ in our world. It is the light to the shadows of our hearts, the shadows that dwell in our inner sacred space. It is a space that may need tending; a space that seeks to more fully know God's love and waits to celebrate the birth of God's Son. It may be a time to reflect on our inner spiritual journeys. Reading, journaling, listening are just some of the tools that can be used; and, speaking with others to hear their stories. When were you first aware of God? How did that awareness grow? Did/do you have a parent, a priest/pastor, mentor, a friend who has walked part of your faith journey with you? How does the awareness of the Holy continue to grow; what nourishes it?

In reflecting together, stories bloom and understanding deepens. Gatherings are not possible through quiet days or retreats this Advent. Yet, perhaps, we can phone a friend, send an e-mail, Chat or ZOOM, or in some other way inquire into deeper meaning of the stories we have known for so long. This year, 2020, is asking for and needing Light. In our concern for our neighbors and ourselves, for those struggling with job losses, health issues, uncertainty, homelessness, how might our individual as well as collective Lights shine.

May this Advent Season be blessing to you,  
Maggie Scott



## ***Our Safe and Healthy Holidays***

As we move into the holidays it is important that we all understand that our separation today will lead to our ability to gather safely in the future. Our love for one-another is expressed by our concern for others health and safety. Please join me in understanding our current pandemic and avoid possibly spreading COVID-19. Here is some helpful information.

### About COVID-19

Infection with COVID-19 can cause illness ranging from mild to severe and, in some cases, can be fatal. - Symptoms typically include fever, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, or new loss of taste or smell.

According to the CDC, symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, including:

1. Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
2. Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
3. It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the primary way the virus spreads.
4. People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic. However, there is growing evidence of transmission risk from people without symptoms or before the onset of recognized symptoms.

Yours in Christ

Rev, Bill Thaete



### ***Baptism December 6***

Please join us in the celebration of Baptism of twins. The baptism will take place on Sunday Dec. 6 during the 10:15 service. This will be livestreamed on Facebook as usual.

The baptismal candidates are great nieces of Bill and Lori Fagan.

## ***Fall Food Drive***

We have completed our Fall Food Drive! The final tally is food collected 218 pounds total cash \$1230.00. Thank you to everyone who has participated!

The next ZOOM Outreach Meeting is December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. It will be on Zoom. There will be an email provided prior to the meeting giving the access information please attend if you can. Thank you all who attended the last meeting.

For those who are in need of assistance for food or know someone who is in need, there is a Facebook page titled "Food For Free Bremerton/Port Orchard/Gig Harbor" the page provides information on various local programs that provides food and where to pick it up.

St. Antony's donated to the following projects and organizations in 2020

- Coffee Oasis \$1000.00
- Coffee Oasis Family Christmas Project \$250.00
- Central Kitsap Food Bank \$250.00
- Fishline Poulsbo \$250.00
- The Kathleen Sutton Fund \$500.00
- KIAC \$500.00
- Kitsap Community Resource Energy Fund \$500.00
- YWCA Alive Program \$250.00

Well my time as Outreach Commissioner is up as of January 2021! The new year brings a new set of challenges on how St Antony's will use their resources to support our community! With that begin said It's that time for someone in the congregation who is interested in Church Outreach to step up and volunteer to be part of the Bishops Committee! The Outreach Committee coordinates and executes the sharing of our resources with the community. Educates our Communicants as to existing needs, encourages personal participation in community and Church Outreach programs, obtains and distributes funds as needs arise. If this sounds like something you would like to do please contact any member of the Bishops Committee and we will answer any questions you may have.

Blaine Morgan, Outreach Commissioner

## ***Notes from the People's Warden***

I don't know how time can get away from me now that I have so much of it during our Covid 19 stay-at-home restrictions, but get away from me it has. So I apologize for not imparting the results of our Mutual Ministry Review before now.

Overall, we received a favorable report on our actions during the past year. And as this is being written just a few days before Thanksgiving, I want to give thanks to those of you who took the time and trouble to respond to the MMR and return it to us.

Many of you made a special effort to include written comments and suggestions. I can't tell you how much that is appreciated (even the criticisms!). One comment was the suggestion that we continue to offer services on Facebook even after our church doors reopen. Another thought was to continue phone calls for even a minute to say "I'm thinking about you".

We received varied responses to the question of meeting/worshiping in person. Please be aware that the decision to reopen our church is first directed by our state governor and second by our bishop. Only then can our vicar decide after consultation with the Bishop's Committee.

Also, while many of us know, but some do not, we don't have to have a Facebook account to watch our services on-line. By typing in St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church, Silverdale, WA, our computer should take us to a page where we can access St. Antony's Facebook page. This page gives us the option to watch both current and older Sunday services.

Since this is December's newsletter, I hope that your Thanksgiving was all that you hoped it could be during these present times and that you and your families will have a warm, loving, blessed Christmas.

Penny Whitney, People's Warden

# THE COLORS

*Come and See...Go and Tell Newsletter*  
*Diocese of Olympia*

## *The ABC's of Come and See*

The *Come and See...Go and Tell* leadership team cancelled the weekend scheduled for December 4-6, 2020, but not the desire to share a bit about experiencing a weekend. So, the team scheduled a Zoom meeting to experience the ABC's of a Come and See (Cursillo) Weekend on Saturday, December 5th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Anyone wanting to explore the mysteries of a *Come and See...Go and Tell* weekend can register at the link below to sample the music, join the prayer, hear a talk, and participate in a small group experience. You will also see memories from weekends past.

Come via Zoom and get a little taste of what you will experience when the team is able to hold a weekend in person. Come and get a little relief from our COVID required isolation.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Dec 5, 2020 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvFor more info>,

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

For more information, please email the address below

[email\\_president@olycursillo.org](mailto:email_president@olycursillo.org)

## **WITTY KNITTERS DONATIONS**

With COVID 19 keeping us at home and unable to gather for our monthly knitting/crocheting sessions, we have still kept our fingers (and senses) busy. Our group is so appreciative of a generous contribution of some lovely yarns received from Cheryl Wright and this has all been put towards our creations of Hats, Scarves, Shawls, Slippers and a colorful afghan. We have divided up our total number of 110 items and will deliver these to the following: Oncology Dept., Coffee Oasis, Stand-up for Kids and the YWCA Alive Shelter. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions for visitors placed on RETSIL Veteran's Home we are unable to pass any along to them this year. We are truly thankful for being able to carry on and look forward to a new year of many blessings and shared fellowship.

Janet Steller, Norma Tipton, Marty Whitaker, Barbara Hart, Lenia Scanlon and Ruth Lindstrum





## Work Party

Our work party was a great success. A lot was accomplished and the comradery was most welcomed. Kudos to Lori & Bill Fagan, Sylvia & Malcolm Campbell, Janet Steller, Bill Fulton, Dick Scott, Marj Zantek, Ann Daniels and Ruth & Darrow Lindstrum.

Did not have any half time entertainment this time, but the Chinese version of River Dance seemed interested if we can solve the COVID dilemma. Will try another before years end.

David Sorrell



## Home Aid Bread

The month of December usually reminds me of snowflakes, delicious food, company stopping by, gifts to purchase, cards to send, Christmas trees and lights, and a manger scene with Mary, Joseph and Jesus. This year will be different due to government requests, and much will change except what matters most to me: The story of the magi bringing gifts to the baby Jesus in the manger, and how the world rejoiced that the Lord had been born to come and redeem the lost.

Now we face questionable times and new realities that do not fit our normal life styles, nor our normal personalities. Stress and loss, doubt and loneliness can be like new unwelcome neighbors wanting to make our life gloomy. But there is still the holiday season ahead and we can find new simple ways to celebrate the birth of Christ wherever we are.

Some of us are struggling for utterance to others that tells how we think and feel during these epidemic and isolation days. We might be wrestling on our own too much without good guidance. I like reading the scriptures, and The Book of Common Prayer as my companions and assistants in life because they bring the truth straight home, and I can trust to apply them fearlessly.

My prayer for anyone, in any circumstance, at this time in our lives is:

May God transform any destructive anxiety into a constructive thoughtfulness for the future.

YES, Merry Christmas and YES, Joy to the world!

Tovi Andrews

Some "slices of bread" to look up are:

Book of Common Prayer Page 828, Prayer 44  
Page 832, Prayer 58

Catechism Title Page 861, The Christian Hope

## Christmas Schedule

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

One Service

5 pm

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day

One service

10 am

# Charles Mission News

Advent & Christmas 2020  
November 30, 2020

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas:

As the church begins a new year (advent) and we prepare for the holy season of Christmas, I want to give thanks for some of the blessings of 2020 by name. Let me begin with you! Thanks to your support, both in prayer and physical support, I was able to enter the mission field in February.

## Prison Ministry

Three of the people who were eager to begin a prison ministry were still involved when I arrived. I was able to join them for three weeks, visiting the prison, then the corona virus lock-down began.

I am thankful for how the Lord turned the lock-down into a blessing. Several people started expressing interest in prison ministry. Since groups of up to five were allowed, we began holding orientation on prison ministry. When these were complete we began team-a, team-b team meetings. When the limit increased to ten we were able to meet as a whole team.

God has blessed us by making us a team and developing Bible study materials so our work in the prison will be more consistent and build up-on itself.

Recently, God has been growing our numbers again. We are now 16 on paper; however, only part of that number shows up on any given week. In February that could stop us, but now we go forward in His name.

## Computer Skills

I knew this was written into my 'job' description for visa reasons. God has bigger plans.

Shortly after arriving I retrieved the computer skills training files from my computer backups so the Ray's (the other missionaries in Koboko) could use the typing portion in their home school. They decided to use the whole thing and asked me to write the last 10 lessons and update everything to the current version of Microsoft Office.



God is blessing me with open doors and opportunities to build relationships through interest in computer skills.

- I have been able to build relations with my neighbors by teaching computer skills. I am also learning some Kakwa in the process.
- The refugees along the boarder, particularly those in Mugujaï knew me as a helper for discipleship. Now they are learning a new skill and plan to share it with others when they have learned the basics.

## Computer skills from page 1

- God is using computer skills to build my relationship with the leaders of the Charismatic Church too. This class began in October.
- Thanks be to God for additional contacts and opportunities to share. This includes IPAD school and working with missionaries in Adjumani to provide computer skills to six Bible College campuses.



Charles mentoring computer skills class in Mugujai. L to R Bp Moses, Charles, Eglay, Florence, pastor Amos. Picture courtesy of Livingston (part of the class).

## Face Masks

When I bought my face mask the Government requirement to wear them was looming, but the date of their promised distribution (to Ugandans) was delayed (again). The government distribution was a response to large segments of the population saying they cannot afford face masks.

I mentioned this in a Zoom meeting and God moved several people to make a special donation for face masks. Together we made a total of seven distributions of face masks to segments of the population (refugees, prisoners) that the government face masks will/did not reach (Bugutu prison, Koboko hospital, Children's Ministry, & Mugujai).

## Thanksgivings

- Each of you.
- The opportunity to serve as a missionary.
- God's blessings in this season of CoVid-19

## Prayer Requests

- To be able to resume 'in the prison' ministry.
- Blessings upon all my supporters



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## *St. Antony's Land Use plan* *by Bill Fulton*

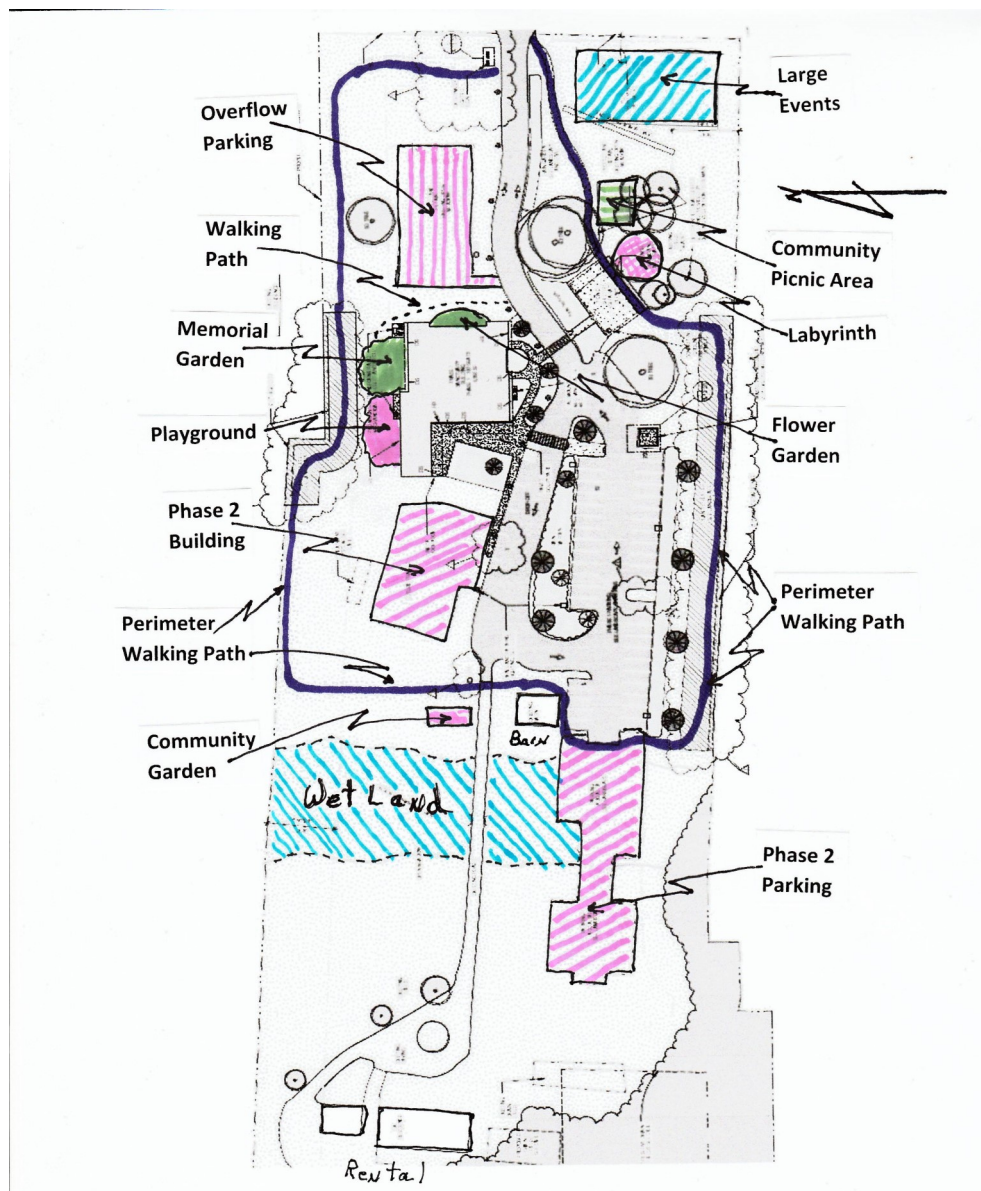
How will we use the seven acres of land our church is placed on, and what areas will be designated for future activities? Those are questions the Bishop's Committee has been working on.

At its last meeting the Bishop's Committee used a proposed plan drawn up by Deacon Bill to discuss various uses of the property. After discussion, it was decided to make the plan available so everyone can have a look at it. A link to the plan is on the front page of St. Antony's website.

Some of the areas designated by the plan were included in the architect's drawings for the new building, such as the Phase 2 building, future parking lot space, required landscaping, and the drainfield for the septic system. Other areas in the plan were chosen with an eye to future projects like the community garden, the memorial garden, a picnic area, and a playground for the children.

The BC made one change in the original plan, which was to move the area for the community garden to the rear of the church, near the barn where tools may be stored.

There are no specific plans for the designated areas yet, but the plan reserves space for them in case they're approved in the future. So the land use plan is really just an orderly way for us to plan for future use. I hope you'll look over the plan on the website and let the members of the Bishop's Committee know your thoughts.



## *Meet your Bishop's Committee*



David Wilkinson  
Bishop's Warden



Penny Whitney  
People's Warden  
Parish Life -  
Pastoral Care/LEV



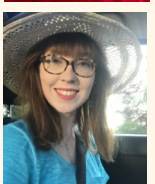
John Stockwell  
New Facilities



Blaine Morgan  
Outreach



David Peterson  
Environment



Chelsea Reeder  
Communications



Peter Stockwell  
Welcoming

Whenever you have a need or concern, please talk to one of them. They're here to help.



## December Birthdays

1	Jackie Vincent
2	Carole Nau
	Carolyn Sorrell
7	Melo Scanlon
13	Gail Campbell-Ferguson
19	Helen Stockton
20	Lee Halkias
22	Bill Reeder
	Carol Polignoni
24	Carol Smith
28	Daniel Ferguson
29	Donny Manning



## December Anniversaries

16	Stan & Moonyeen Marks
19	Ed & Carolyn Segrist
21	Melo & Lenla Scanlon
23	Matt & Karen Grubb
28	Raymond & Suzanne Brock
30	Mark & Gail Westin

Deadline for the January Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, December 22nd** at 10 am.  
Please send all submissions to:  
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.

Financial Report October **Preliminary**			Year-to-date		Account Balances	
Operating Income	\$17,491.61		\$191,726.54		Local Checking	\$67,914.41
Operating Expenses	\$20,285.70		\$196,348.32		Local Savings	\$17,159.05
<b>Net in October</b>	<b>(\$2,794.09)</b>		<b>(\$4,621.78)</b>		Diocesan Investment Funds	\$184,865.50
					<b>Total</b>	<b>\$269,938.96</b>

## December 2020 Schedule

JOBS	December 6 The 2nd Sunday of Advent	December 13 The 3rd Sunday of Advent	December 20 The 4th Sunday of Advent	December 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	December 25 Christmas Day 10:00 am	December 27 1st Sunday after Christmas Day
EM 8 am						
LC/OT & NT 8 am						
GREETER 8 am						
EM 10 am						
LC/OT 10 am						
LC/NT 10 am						
ACOLYTES 10 am						
GREETER 10 am						
USHER 10 am						
COUNTERS						
COFFEE HOUR						
Eucharistic Visitors						
BPod						
1st LESSON						
PSALM						
2nd LESSON						
GOSPEL						

## Roster of Volunteers for Services

If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone from this list.  
(A strike through a name means they are not available now but will be back.)

LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
<b>8 am</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Bill Cleveland A	<del>Chris Crowson</del>	Carleton M.
Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	<del>Chris Crowson B</del>	<del>Ray Flagg</del>	Cris McCarty
Ruth Lindstrum	Ruth Lindstrum	Darrow Lindstrum	Jim Foley A	Dave & Jan Peterson	Christina M.
Elizabeth Moorhead	Elizabeth Moorhead	Pam Morton	Maggie Scott B	Dave & Carolyn Sorrell	Chelsea R.
John Teller	<del>Bill Reeder</del>	John & Jane Teller	Norma Tipton B	Mark Westin	Laurel R.
Norma Tipton	John Teller		David Wedeven B	Barb Hart - Substitute	Mackenzie W.
Mardi Dawson (sub)			Heidi Feenstra-Wilson A		Benjamin W.
			Marj Zantek B		Christina W.
<b>10 am</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>10 am</b>			Jason W.
Elizabeth Flagg	Lee Halkias	Tovi Andrews			
Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Suzanne Brock	A - computer		
Cris McCarty	<del>Chelsea Reeder</del>	Elizabeth Flagg	B - non computer		
Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	<del>Liz Haney</del>			
Stu Smith		Carole Nau			
Michael Wentworth		Malcolm & Sylvia (substitute)			

# December 2020

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream	<b>3</b> Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom	<b>4</b> Vicar's Day Off	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7 pm Outreach Meeting on Zoom	<b>9</b> 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream	<b>10</b> Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom 6:30 pm Bishop's Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> Vicar's Day Off	<b>12</b> 10 am Lord's Diner
<b>13</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 1 pm Worship Planning Mtg.	<b>16</b> 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream	<b>17</b> Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom	<b>18</b> Vicar's Day Off	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play	<b>21</b> 10:30 am Witty Knitters	<b>22</b> 10 am Newsletter Deadline	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	<b>25</b> Christmas Day 10:00 am	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play	<b>38</b>					



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