

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

**BC Monthly Reports
December 2020**

VICAR'S REPORT – Bill Fulton

December 10, 2020

Zoom meeting with Kitsap County Health

On November 17, Deacon Bill and I participated in a Zoom call offered by Kitsap County Health Department. There have been four outbreaks from church services in Kitsap County so they urged us to follow the County and State guidelines. I think that with the guidance from our bishop, we are well situated to have best procedures in place.

Reopening Plan

Considering that Covid-19 cases in Kitsap County are at an all-time high, I don't think this is a good time to start up again with in-person services. If the number of cases go down, I think we may be looking at starting up in January or February. Having a vaccine on the horizon is a good sign.

Livestream equipment

We've mounted the cameras on the back wall of the nave and made good progress in getting better sound for our livestream. John Stockwell is going to make recommendations for additional microphones.

Baptisms on Sunday, December 6

Because I was concerned about the spike in Covid-19 cases in our County, I asked Carisa to either postpone the baptisms or reduce the number of people from 20 to the immediate family. Only Carisa, her sister, and her parents were present with the girls to be baptized. I think it went very well and we were able to follow the Bishop's protocol for baptisms and keep our social distancing. It was a lovely service.

I sent a video to the parish of me interviewing Carisa so that the parish could get to know her. I imagine we'll do more of this sort of thing in the future. We're getting used to sending and receiving videos now.

Social media efforts

I'm trying to use YouTube videos to communicate with the congregation. I hope that this is a way to be more personal in a time when we're separated physically. I made a video for Thanksgiving, another video to introduce Carisa Peterson, a video reading of the Vicar of Nibbleswicke, and I'm posting one of my sketches daily on Facebook for the season of Advent.

Paid singer

Aina Zabinski has been doing a great job singing at the 10:15 Eucharist. I think it adds a lot to the atmosphere of the service. I anticipate that we would end this practice when we have in-person worship.

Stewardship campaign

The deadline for sending in pledge cards was November 22, but I imagine a few more pledges will come dribbling in.

Community Garden

As we discussed at our last meeting, the land use plan for St. Antony's was published in the newsletter and on the church website. At our meeting let's talk about the plan and any feedback we've received from parishioners.

Christmas plans

We plan to have one Christmas Eve service at 5:00 pm, rather than two as we usually have. We're planning a candlelight service with carols. We'll ask the congregation to turn off the lights at home and light a candle during the singing of "Silent Night."

Add virtual meetings to our By-Laws

Bishop Rickel has recommended that all parishes change their By-Laws to allow for virtual meetings. Because our Annual Meeting in January may be on Zoom, we need to do this. We're still waiting for the diocesan chancellor to send out a draft resolution that we can approve.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

I haven't had time to contact the local tribe about our land acknowledgment, but I plan to do so in the next month. Or two.

Webinar for Wardens and Bishop's Committees November 14

I'd love to hear what anyone learned from this webinar.

Stained Glass window inserts

No action taken.

Livestream statistics

I've attached the livestream statistics.

Vacation

I'd like to take December 26-31 as vacation days. Fr. Craig is scheduled to preach on Sunday, December 27. I've taken twelve days of vacation so far this year, none of which were Sundays.

PEOPLE'S WARDEN AND PASTORAL CARE – Penny Whitney

No report.

BISHOP'S WARDEN – David Wilkinson

No report.

Carolyn Sorrell

No Report.

FINANCE – Jim Foley

We were just above break even for the month, but had budgeted for being \$2k+ positive with the expectation of a bump from the Stewardship drive. That put us another \$2k behind on the year. Hopefully we can bounce back this month. I'm still working on the budget and hope to have it out before the meeting.

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.