

Annual Report 2020

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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!

Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Diocesan Bishop

Vicar: The Rev. Bill Fulton 360-620-8086

Secretary: Linda Robuck 360-698-0555 (Church Office)

Treasurer: Jim Foley

Bishop's Committee:

Name	Term Expires
David Wilkinson, Bishop's Warden	January 2021
Penny Whitney, People's Warden, Parish Life (Pastoral Care & LEV)	January 2022
Peter Stockwell, Welcoming	January 2022
Chelsea Reeder, Communications	January 2022
Kristen Robuck, Parish Life (Events) Term ended August 2020	January 2022
Blaine Morgan, Outreach / Welcoming	January 2021
David Peterson, Environment	January 2023
John Stockwell, New Facilities	ongoing
No Youth Representative	
Rev. Bill Fulton, <i>Ex officio</i> member	
Carolyn Sorrell, Clerk	

2020 Delegates to the Diocesan Convention:

Declan Jarry

Marj Zantek

Alternates:

Blaine Morgan

Lee Halkias

Note: Monthly BC Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Reports, and the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes can be found on the St. Antony's website under the tab, "About", and "Bishop's Committee."

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Vicar's Report for the year 2019 - Rev. Bill Fulton

2020 was a year unlike any other year because of the Coronavirus pandemic. In March, we stopped worshipping in person, closed the building, and had all our worship and meetings online. This has affected every aspect of our life together, and forced us to find new ways of being the church.

When the seriousness of the coronavirus became apparent, we made it our first priority to keep our parishioners safe. Because church gatherings can be superspreader events, we were especially concerned to prevent the spread of the virus at church. Thanks be to God, we haven't lost any parishioners due to Covid-19.

When the pandemic hit in mid-March, we immediately started livestreaming our worship services on Facebook using iPhones and an app called Switcher Studio. We had a great show of support to gather funds for better equipment, and we bought two high-quality cameras, a laptop, microphones, and software to upgrade our quality of production. Despite setbacks and glitches, we've made remarkable progress and we've been able to provide excellence in our worship

Our Bishop has provided guidance about when and how to re-open for church services, and our Bishop's Committee has developed a re-opening plan consistent with those guidelines. Now that a vaccine is being distributed, we have hope that we'll be able to resume in-person worship in the coming months. Our start date depends on lowering the number of cases of Covid-19 in Kitsap County.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we've done some good ministry. We baptized twin daughters of Carisa Peterson on December 6, we held a memorial service for Ken Stephens on September 12, and we had a successful food drive in November. In order to stay connected, we organized a telephone tree so that everyone had the opportunity to receive weekly phone calls.

In addition to Ken, we lost two other parishioners this year, Herb Hammond and Mac Mackimmie. It's a great sorrow that we were unable to hold memorial services for them because of the virus. Our pastoral care team has worked diligently to provide phone calls, cards and meals safely delivered to those in need.

We pivoted quickly at the beginning of the pandemic to the Zoom platform. We've held Bishop's Committee meetings, Bible study, coffee hour, and the Thursday breakfast group on Zoom, so that we can stay connected while keeping safe. I'm pleased with the way we have adapted to new technologies and risen to the challenge that was presented to us.

Through it all, our basic church functions continued and held steady. Our treasurer, Jim Foley, learned to work from home, and our ever-faithful secretary, Linda Robuck, did a marvelous job partly at home and partly in the office. Pam Morton continued to process our contributions accurately and faithfully. The Altar Guild, under Ruth Lindstrum, and the Flower Guild, under Heather Carnocki, never missed a beat in preparing for our worship. David Sorrell has lovingly cared for our grounds even though most of us aren't able to enjoy them.

In August, Shane and Allison Carlson and their family moved to Virginia so that Shane can attend Virginia Theological Seminary. Despite the pandemic, Shane and his family made their long-planned move and are thriving in their new home.

Our music has been a bright spot in our worship, with our musicians Joann Richardson and Chris Eisenberg offering their superb music to lift our spirits each Sunday, and our guitarists, Mark Westin and John Stockwell, continuing to provide accompaniment once a month. In addition we enlisted the beautiful voice of Aina Zabinski to be our vocalist each Sunday.

I'm grateful for the team we've assembled that has stuck together through thick and thin. Deacon Bill Thaete, Fr. Craig Vocelka, and Guy Fulton, our cameraman and producer, and I have developed a solid routine each Sunday morning.

This year has challenged me personally in two ways: one, to struggle every Sunday with the technology required for livestreaming, and two, to keep our church family connected when we can't meet together. I especially miss the face-to-face interactions on Sunday morning that feed my soul. (continued on next page)

I think all of us miss coming together each Sunday for worship. Not being able to see each other face to face is a huge loss. Many of us are isolated and stuck in our homes, and we've had to postpone or miss major family events, holidays, and travel. In the life of the church, this is a season of lamentation and loss.

We recognize this season because we find it in the Bible. The people of Israel were separated from their homeland during the exile, and they mourned their loss. The disciples were separated from their Lord when he was crucified. But the hope we bear as people of faith is that God will bring us through this time of loss and restore us to wholeness and joy. "Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy." Psalm 126:6

May 2021 be the year when we regather, recover, and renew our life together!

Bill

Deacon's Annual Report for the year 2020 - Bill Thaete

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your deacon for the past year. Our greatest joy has been the move into our new building and the consecration service. This past year has been a mixed blessing; Barbara and I had the opportunity to pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan with the bishop before the nation, world and church were locked down for Covid-19. Serving in an empty church has opened my eyes to the blessings we had and still have with our community. As a result, we have developed our ability to reach out in new and exciting ways which will help us when we can again meet in person. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in 2021.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Bill Thaete, Deacon

Bishop's Warden Report for the Year 2020 - David Wilkinson

Commission Description:

Oversees the smooth operations of the church through regular consultation with the Vicar; is aware of the work of parish commissions and Diocesan events; actively participates in church functions such as welcoming visitors, making announcements and rotating attendance at both services.

I do not believe any of us ever thought 2020 would be the year that we experienced. For me, it has been a year filled with fear, isolation, outrage, depression, and a sense of great loss. With all that occurred, it left many of us almost suspended in place but scrambling to adapt to our current situation.

With this troubling time, projects and plans were put on hold. For me, the direction and ideas I had no longer seemed appropriate or relevant to the time. As I questioned myself, I began to simply pull back and observe. As I ponder this past year and observations, I see that St. Antony's has much for which to be thankful. I would like to remind us of some of these blessings now.

First, St. Antony's is so blessed to have Father Bill leading this congregation. He was pushed from a face-to-face to a virtual ministry overnight. This is no easy task and clergy across the world struggled with this new challenge. Father Bill's efforts were tireless as he sought ways to bring the congregation together in spirit while distance was and is required. These were his efforts and not that of the Bishop's Committee. Yes, he kept us informed and sought input, but he was the impetus for change. His work was and still is so important to our church family.

Second, I am proud of the communication tree established. My husband, Declan, is but one of several leaders in this effort. I see and hear firsthand the outreach through those once-a-week phone conversations. Some people being called have no other friendly contact in the week except for maybe a family member. These calls remind the recipients that they are not alone and that the church is still a part of their lives. It allows them to pass on thanksgivings and requests for prayer. It has been a beautiful and uplifting ministry for all.

Third, the stewardship of giving personal time to keep the church going has not faltered. It would be easy to forget about the church during this time, but that has not happened at St. Antony's. The flower guild continues to create beautiful arrangements. The altar guild continues to dress the sanctuary and prepare it for service. The grounds continue to be cared for and maintained through dedicated volunteers. And this is just a few examples of our members stepping forward to keep us moving.

And lastly, we cannot forget the stewardship of giving our earthly treasures. No one likes to talk about church and money in the same breath, but it is impossible to ignore the necessity of these conversations. St. Antony's has, from what I know, always been a very generous congregation. During this time, that has not changed. Even though for some it has been financially difficult, the church has not suffered. Budgets have been met and we are ending the year still financially sound. This is a blessing that many churches around the world cannot claim. Most have suffered a dire drop in offerings putting them in financial straits that will leave them unable to resume regular services once this pandemic is under control. St. Antony's will not be one of those churches. We are blessed with generous hearts and loyal members. This is no small blessing.

These are but a few blessings I have observed. I am sure that you could identify others. Although we must wait a while longer before we can once again meet face-to-face, that day is now closer than it was a month ago. But that day will come and we will rejoice and be thankful.

David Wilkinson
Bishop's Warden

People's Warden Report for the Year 2020 - Penny Whitney

Position Description: Serves as liaison between congregants, Bishop's Committee, and priest, and addresses concerns and suggestions of parishioners regarding church matters. The Peoples' Warden is responsible for conducting annually the Mutual Ministry Review. The Peoples' Warden also supports the following commissions/functions that concern activities of the congregation and outreach to the greater community: Outreach, Welcoming, Parish Life, Faith Formation, Youth, and Lay Pastoral Care

This year of 2020 has been difficult and a challenge for all of us. One thing that has emerged for me is the realization that even while wearing a mask (which makes me feel like a crook while entering a store), I can see the emotional reaction of someone with whom I have interacted. I may give a compliment to a total stranger, and in response their eyes convey their smile.

And as I think I've said before, our connection through the telephone tree which our vicar established, has brought all of us who call a closer relationship with parishioners with whom we may not have had contact when in-person church was available; ie: 10:15 o'clockers phoning 8 o'clockers. I have heard from several callers and experienced myself, the getting-to-know-more-about-you and sharing that comes with a repeated phone call to someone with whom we have previously had only passing interaction. Every Saturday evening the "captains" of each calling team report back to me the status of our parishioners and those names that they would like added to our Prayers of the People part of our Sunday services. I then prepare a compiled list to email Father Bill for inclusion in the next day's services.

Since at least three of our friends have experienced falls during the past year, our Pastoral Care team has been in action. We have taken food, and made check-up phone calls to those who are recovering and sent cards to them as well. This may be of help to those injured, but the rewards which return to those of us Pastoral Care members are very special.

As can be anticipated, the Lay Eucharistic Visitor team has not been able to reach shut-ins this year. For those of us LEV members this has been a disappointment even while we understand the why of it.

I have truly enjoyed serving as People's Warden this past year and I send hugs via email to each of you. May 2021 be a much better year for all of us. With God's help, we'll get through the pandemic and come out the other side with strength and better computer skills!

Penny Whitney
People's Warden

Communications Report for the Year 2020 - Chelsea Reeder

Position Description: Coordinates our internal and external communications; such as publications, flyers, brochures, newsletter, bulletins, internal church publicity, advertising and website.

I have been honored this past year to continue in my role as the Bishop Committee's Communications' Lead. This has been a challenging year for all of us at Saint Antony's, for our community and our nation. Throughout, communication has been more important than ever.

With this crazy year of Covid-19, we have taken many communications initiatives at Saint Antony's. Our church has bible study and meetings on Facebook and Zoom. Also, we have our worship services streaming on Facebook. Our video system was upgraded and Guy Fulton has done a superb job in the process. Social media continues to be essential to stay connected with the community. For the Instagram page, I occasionally would post memes along with important information to keep followers updated.

These last 12 months have been full of learning and growth around the world, in the Episcopal church, and in our communities. As we move forward into the new year and make our plans for a new normal in Saint Antony's church, we will continue to use social media as a communicating platform.

I look forward continuing as Communications committee lead on the Bishop's Committee and to serve our church in the coming year. Stay safe and healthy.

Chelsea Reeder
Communication Commissioner

Environment Report for the Year 2020 - Dave Peterson

Position Description: *Coordinates the upkeep of the church facilities and grounds: maintenance, repairs, and cleaning. Procures supplies necessary for these activities, including kitchen and restroom supplies. Researches, solicits, and implements ideas of change to the physical environment which aid in the creation of a loving, welcoming space that is conducive to the personal growth in Christ and opening the congregation to the service of others.*

Because of our being discouraged at not being able to be in our building and not being able to gather at the church property, we have not been able to much this last year. Hopefully later this year we will be able to gather and work around our property.

Dave Peterson
Environment Commissioner

Faith Formation Report for the Year 2020 - Rev. Bill Thaete, Deacon

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have not been able to meet in person for services and our formation study group. This has been a temporary interruption and we will continue our study group when we can meet in person again in 2021. I am looking forward to ur sharing of our understanding of theology and scripture.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Bill Thaete, Deacon

Outreach Report for the year of 2020 - Blaine Morgan

In 2020 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/\$250.00
- YWCA Alive Program \$250.00
- Salvation Army \$250.00

We have completed our Fall Food Drive! we collected 218 pounds of food and \$1430.00 dollars in support of the CK and food Bank. Thank you to everyone who has participated!

Respectfully

Blaine K. Morgan, Outreach Chairperson

Parish Life Events Report for the year 2020 - Kristen Robuck

Position Description: Plans, coordinates and provides information about parish social activities, such as: Neighborhood Ministry Groups, Sonshine Fellowship, Lenten Soup Suppers, Tony's Trekker's, Epiphany potluck, Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, summer picnic, Christmas Cookie Exchange, retreats, and special events. Helps with provision of lay pastoral care through, (1) oversight of the Lay Eucharist Visitor program, and (2) oversight of the Pastoral Care Team, scheduling monthly meetings to respond to pastoral care needs of the congregation (e.g. calls, visits, care cards, meals, transportation).

No report submitted.

Welcoming Report for the Year 2020 - Peter Stockwell

Position Description: Coordinates aspects of how we greet every person to our church, especially inviting, orienting, incorporating and transitioning newcomers to fully active members. We follow up with guests, provide welcome bags, coffee hour, pew cards, greeters and coordinate newcomers' events.

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the normal operations of the congregation and our weekly services this last year. The resulting loss of gathering interrupted any possible Welcoming into the building. The people had little opportunity to welcome or be welcomed. This year, 2021, we will be returning to the building when the Bishop announces that it is safe. We can then provide a Welcoming time for all of us as we gather, grow, and go.

Stay faithful to the words of our Lord Jesus Christ and praise our successful arrival to a more normal time.

Youth Report for the year 2020

Position Description: Coordinates youth activities, as well as announces diocesan activities such as Junior High Youth Churchmen, High School Youth Churchmen, and Episcopal Youth Churchmen.

There was no youth representative for 2020.

Ministry: Mission Work in Uganda Report for the year 2020 - Charles Smith

What has God called me here to do, and what am I doing to fulfill that call?

God has called me here to support prison ministry. The interest expressed in prison ministry was waning while they waited for God to send someone. My role has been to be that someone. God has shown me how to encourage the team and provide direction based upon the experience He has given me through Kairos Prison Ministry.

God used my training and work experience in computers to facilitate a visa. Now God is using those same skills to grow the skills of the locals and the refugees while increasing my contacts and integration into the community for His ministry.

What were the major ministry accomplishments last year?

Developing a Bible study for the prison ministry.

Encouraging the prison ministry team and calling them together regularly (within CoVid-19 limits).

Trusting God to maintain and grow the prison ministry team.

Following through on God's leads so that we maintained contact with the prison despite the CoVid-19 lock down of all prisons (which was NOT lifted when other restrictions were eased).

Developing a computer skills ministry.

Trusting God and discerning God's will for the vision and purpose of the computer skills ministry.

Looking forward, what are the major ministry goals for this year?

Re-entering the prison.

Finish writing the Bible study plan for the gospel of Mark (focused on use in the prison).

Coordinating with Kairos regarding growth of prison ministry in Uganda.

Graduating at least six people from computer skills and involving them in making this a sustaining ministry (where they instruct while I encourage).

Meet with my supporters, **thank them**, tell them how they have encouraged me, encourage them to continue.

Anticipated (ministry) changes within the next 12 months.

Nothing beyond what is noted in 'looking forward' above.

Blog: <https://CharlesofStA.wordpress.com/>

Bishop's Committee Candidate Biographies

BC adult position (need to elect 3 for three year terms and 2 for two year terms)



Dolores M. Perreira

My name is Delores Perreira. My beloved parents were Alredo Sr. and Claudia Manuel of Kahului, Hawaii. I am the youngest of eight children, born and raised on Maui, Hawaii. Happily married to Norman Perreira of 25 years, blessed with two sons, Kodi (24) and Kori (21) and I have two adorable cats, Kolohe and Zoe (age 5).

I lived on Maui for forty plus years and after our sons graduated from High School we decided to relocate to Washington State. I am the Office Administrator/Area Training Coordinator for PSAV and working remotely for the Hawaii Region. I have been with PSAV over twelve years and worked part time at Akaku Community Television as a Media Access Coordinator/Administrative Assistant for over eight years.

I was a member of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Wailuku, Hawaii since I was born. I have served as an acolyte from the age of 8 to 10 years old, participated in the choir and a Filipino dancer for the Good Shepherd Filipino Dance Troupe. I was also a member of the Maui Filipino Community Council and volunteered as a Pageant Director for two years.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time in the outdoors with Norman or cuddling with the cats. Other hobbies include amateur photography, reading and dancing hula. I am a hard-worker, a good team player, able to manage multiple tasks, organized and outgoing.



Loretta McGinley

I've been a member of St. Antony's for over ten years and previously served on the Bishop's Committee. Raised in the Roman Catholic tradition, I began attending St. A's with my husband Ken Stephens - who was Episcopalian - a few years after our two daughters had flown the nest.

At this time, I consider myself a 'dual citizen', embracing both faith traditions and regard St. Antony's as my church home. I retired from working with Navy families at Bangor in 2013, and recently retired from part-time employment following Ken's death last year. I rely on my faith for a sense of meaning and purpose, and am drawn to contemplative prayer - learning ways to become more aware of the presence of God throughout the ups and downs of life. I am grateful for being part of St. Antony's, and look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Bishop's Committee again.



Julie Sherwin

I consider Tennessee my home state which was also where I grew strong in my spirituality as I was exposed to many variations of Christianity, until I converted to Catholicism. I joined the U.S. Air Force right after high school and served for a decade in various administrative positions. It was while serving that I realized faith was less about which church you follow and more about love. While I was stationed in Las Vegas, I was a youth minister for the base chapel and enjoyed guiding teens and pre teens in their journey of faith. I also served on the Parish council there as secretary for a bit when the acting officer was moved to another base. Later I was sent to California where I started attending the Episcopal Church as I discovered that the heart of a church is its people, and who else welcomes with coffee hour that never lasts an hour.

It was after I left military service that my life started progressing to what many of you know of me today. In March 2015, I decided to go to the Evergreen State College and pursue my degree. Now, almost 6 years later, I have a dual bachelors from there, a Masters in teaching, two wonderful daughters, an amazing husband, and attend a wonderful church.

I can't believe how fast time has gone when I realize I've been attending St. Antony's of Egypt since Jessica was a tiny baby. I am excited to serve on the Bishop's Committee as it allows me to serve St. Antony of Egypt and its parishioners.

2020 ALTAR GUILD FUND REPORT

Checking Account Balance 12/31/2019 **\$4,476.76**

Contributions	\$2,055.73
Bank Adjustment	(.90)
TOTAL	\$2,054.83

Expenditures

Altar Flowers and supplies	\$918.18
Lilies/palms	66.25
Poinsettias	72.64
Worship supplies (Includes fabrics etc. for sanctuary))	659.36
Sanctuary Lamps (Candles)	225.71
Calendars	58.03
Bank Fee/Checks	32.10
TOTAL	\$2,032.27

Checking Account Balance 12/31/2020 **\$4,499.32**

Diocesan Investment Fund (last report 11/30/2020) **\$6,210.95**

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Lindstrum, Altar Guild Fund Manager

ALTAR GUILD REPORT

Such a year it has been for all us and we are so thankful to participate in Worship with thanks to Technology and particularly those who know and are able to present it. We are extremely grateful to Fr. Bill and Guy and all others who have given us this blessing under the circumstances.

Our able altar guild members have been dedicated in their ministry of setting up for each service and for cleaning up and we are especially appreciative of Deacon Bill's assistance in cleaning up and setting up between the two services. This service eliminates the need for the altar guild to come and go during this time.

The Flower Guild, under the guidance of Heather Carnocki, is considered a part of the Altar Guild and their beautiful arrangements have adorned our worship space so delightfully and we are blessed to have such talented members in our midst.

In my Financial Report it will be noted that our expenditures for Worship supplies are higher than in the past, and this is mainly due to the purchase of seasonally colored fabrics and other items for adornment of the reredos, altar and flower stands. Our source of income is from parishioners' donations to the flowers, lilies, poinsettias and weekly sanctuary lamps. Since we are unable to attend service in person, Linda Robuck has graciously offered to record your entries for any particular Sunday for which you wish to sign-up, so please call /email her and she will be happy to oblige. Our suggestion donation for Flowers is \$40, and Lamps is \$10 but we are

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grateful for any donation. After each Sunday, the altar flowers are delivered to parishioners who may be ailing, celebrating a special occasion or just “because”....ever faithful!

The bread for Eucharist each Sunday is lovingly baked by Debbie Stockwell for which we give thanks, and also to Barbara Stedman for supplying honey for it, as well as the Advent Candles.

Please feel free to contact Ruth Lindstrum if you have questions in consideration of joining Altar Guild or for any other concerns. We are always open to welcoming new members.

Blessings and Thanks,

Ruth Lindstrum

Memorial Committee Report
St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
2021 Annual Meeting
January 30, 2021

Memorial Fund Balance

Date	DIF	Savings	Total
January 1, 2020	\$87,925.05	\$4,722.35	\$ 92,647.40
December 31, 2020	\$94,465.63	\$7,321.79	\$101,787.42
Change in balance	\$ 6,540.58	\$2,599.44	\$ 9,140.02

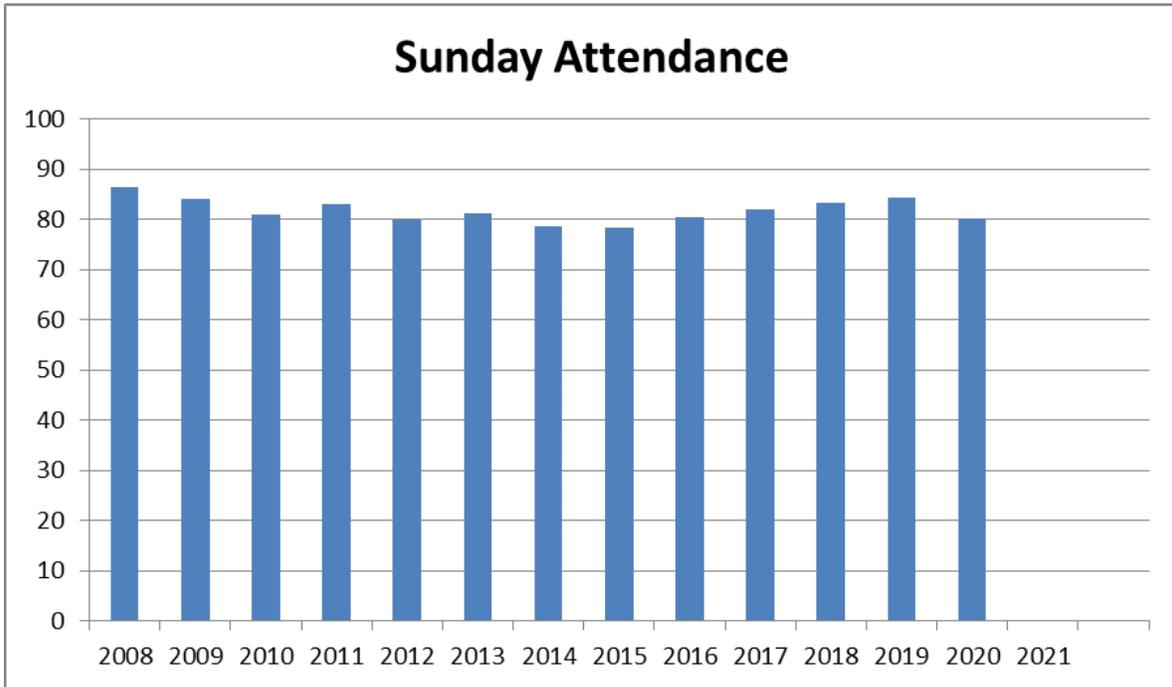
The Memorial Committee did not meet in 2020 due to the pandemic and no funds were spent from the Memorial Fund. Donations of \$2,599.44 were made to the fund and the strong stock market increased the value of our DIF \$6,540.58.

As a result, the Memorial Fund increased by \$9,140.02 to a total slightly over \$100,000.

Respectfully,

Bill Fulton, Vicar

St. Antony's Average Annual Attendance



2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
86.4	84.1	81.0	83.1	79.9	81.2	78.6	78.4	80.4	82.1	83.2	84.4	80.1

