

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

**BC Monthly Reports
April 2021**

VICAR'S REPORT – Bill Fulton

April 8, 2021

Reopening Plan

I think we should plan on re-opening for in-person services on May 9. That would be the week after our joint virtual service with New Fellowship Church. If the number of cases in Kitsap County continues to climb, we may want to revisit our decision.

Livestream technology

Because our cameras are mounted on the wall with no visible cords and our microphone cords go around the outside of the nave, we'll be able to continue livestreaming our services even after we go to in-person services.

Sacred Ground Lent study

The study on racial reconciliation has had good attendance and lively discussions, and we're continuing on with sessions 6-10.

Joint Service with New Fellowship Church May 2A reminder that we're planning to have a joint livestreamed service with New Fellowship at their church on Sunday, May 2.

Diocesan "One Service" on April 25

On Sunday, April 25, we'll participate in the "One Service for Turtle Island" led by the diocesan Circles of Color and focused on the languages, cultures, and experiences of the First Peoples of Turtle Island, the geographic region of the North and South American continents.

Community Garden

I believe we have sufficient people on board to start a small garden. We'll need to get raised beds, dirt, and fencing this month. We might want to join an Episcopal Church movement called "Good News Gardens" – a church-wide movement to promote agrarian ministries that feed mind, body, and spirit.

Holy Week and Easter

For me, the high point of the week was our sunrise service on Easter morning in the events shelter. We had a good crowd (24 people) and the energy was high. Everyone was just so glad to see each other, even with masks on. I'm grateful for the help of Fr. Craig who preached on Easter and lightened my load. I put a lot of effort into making the Maundy Thursday service special, but I'm not sure it was worth the work I put into it.

Chaplain Dave Dinkins

I had a nice meeting with Captain Dave Dinkins, a chaplain from Joint Base Kitsap. He told me that the Navy is moving away from emphasis on a Navy Chapel towards encouraging sailors to find a church in the local community.

Deacon Bill's knee surgery

With Deacon Bill out of service because of his knee replacement surgery, I'm realizing how much he does on Sunday morning. I'll be glad when he's back in commission.

Inquiries

I had an inquiry from a man about baptizing his young son. We emailed and spoke on the phone, but in the end he didn't follow through. I also had an email from a Roman Catholic woman who wanted to know more about the Episcopal Church, so I put her in touch with Bill and Lori Fagan, who are former Roman Catholics.

Clergy Conference May 2-5

Bishop Rickel has designated May 2-5 for a virtual clergy conference, allowing for clergy to participate online or find their own way to take time for renewal and rest. Katy and I will go to Westport for a couple of nights of camping at a State Park on May 3 and 4.

PEOPLE'S WARDEN AND PASTORAL CARE – Penny Whitney

No report.

BISHOP'S WARDEN – Peter Stockwell

The day for opening our building to gathering for Sunday services, meetings, dinners, concerts, and any other events by our members and outside community groups is approaching. As members of the BC, we are tasked with making this transition as smooth as possible. Our congregation has demonstrated wonderful patience as the COVID 19 pandemic has wreaked havoc throughout the world.

Over the next few weeks, we will implement our opening plan as devised by Deacon Bill and approved by the Diocese. Those of us who have volunteered to act as ushers and greeters can make the first gathering a success. Father Bill and I have discussed May 9 as a target date. Since this day is Mother's Day, it seems appropriate to welcome us home to our mother church.

Thank you for being a wonderful, functional BC. We may be able to assemble at church following our protocols for masks and distance seating for our May BC meeting.

As the year progresses into summer and fall, we will have many tasks to accomplish. Unexpected changes can challenge us, but we will persevere.

Peter

FINANCE – Jim Foley

Still bleeding more expenses than income. In the red for March (\$2,776) in part due to stormwater management fees from Kitsap County of \$1125, that I erroneously thought was a construction cost last year, but they plan on charging annually.

Looking forward to in-person services!

Thanks,
Jim

OUTREACH – Loretta McGinley & Dee Perreira

There was good turnout for our second Outreach Zoom meeting on 6 April. Information was shared about local non-profit organizations to consider supporting. Dee and Loretta visited Fishline and were impressed with the many services they provide in North Kitsap. Liz Haney and Maggie shared about past Outreach efforts. The Outreach team chose organizations to support this year: Coffee Oasis, CK Food Bank, NK Fishline, Kitsap Community Resources - Kinship Program and Christmas Gift programs, Lord's Neighborhood Diner, a local elementary school, Seafarer's Mission, Chaplain's on the Harbor, Alive Shelter. Members agreed to be point of contact for several of the selected organizations. Maggie will keep the congregation informed of the Episcopal Relief and Development program. The team was interested in inviting Coffee Oasis back for an information talk for the congregation - there were technical problems with the last scheduled Zoom meeting. There was brief discussion about two facility use requests. The team supported the request for Project Linus to use the church. The need for more specific facility guidelines will be an agenda item at this BC meeting.

Loretta McGinley

ENVIRONMENT – Dave Peterson

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS – Chelsea Reeder

First for Communications, I am being more active on the church's Instagram with updates and scripture. I will become more involved with this committee when we open the church building. I hope to get volunteers for both my committees.

Chelsea Reeder

WELCOMING – Emily Nickerson

No report.

FAITH FORMATION – Julie Sherwin & Esther Osborne

No report.

PARISH LIFE - Dave Peterson & Chelsea Reeder

As for Parish Life Committee, I share responsibilities with Dave Peterson. We hope to have a meeting with those who are interested in getting involved with creating events and have other ideas for Saint Antony's. Please contact me via email or phone of your interest to volunteer in these committees.

Thank you! Chelsea Reeder