Glad Tidings

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Vicar's Voice

I guess by now everyone has heard of my announcement to retire on September 30 of this year, just after my sixty-eighth birthday. My decision to retire has been arduous and long in the making. When I passed the age of 66, I recognized that I needed to think about when I should retire. At that point, we had only just gotten into our new building, and it seemed like my sixty-eighth birthday would be a good target date.

Since then, of course, we've had to deal with the Covid-19 shutdown, virtual services, and a whole new way of doing church. And now that we're emerging from the shutdown, it seems like a good time for me to step down. I've shepherded our congregation through the building process and through the pandemic, and now it's time for new leadership.

St. Antony's will need new energy and new vision to revitalize the church after the pandemic, and I think the next vicar will help do that. It's time for me to step down and let a new generation of leaders emerge.

Personally, I have very mixed emotions about retirement. It's just hard for me to say goodbye to people I have loved for thirteen years. My relationships with you are rich and rewarding, and it will be a huge loss for me to say goodbye. On the other hand, at 68 I see that I don't have the energy I used to have to meet the demands of parish life. I feel that God is calling me to transition to a new phase of my life.

In retirement, I plan to focus on my art work, especially watercolor painting, and to keep working on my goal of hiking every trail in Olympic National Park. I'll have more time with Katy and my family. Of course, I'll always be a priest, and I'll continue to be active in the church in one way or another.

Thanks for your support as we go through this time of transition. We'll have time to celebrate the good work that we've done together and to say goodbye when the time comes. And don't forget, we still have six months of ministry together and there's lots of work to do.

Bill

A Message from the Bishop's Warden

April provided an unexpected announcement from our Vicar, Bill Fulton. As a retired teacher, I understand his desire for a change of lifestyle. However, we face the exhilarating and challenging prospect of a search for our next vicar. On Monday, April 19, 2021, myself, and members of the Bishop's Committee met with Canon Arienne Davison, Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Olympia. She acts on behalf of the Bishop in specific ministry areas. Her roles include orienting the congregation to the transition process, working with us to finalize Letters of Separation, coordinate announcements of new calls, seeking clergy to serve in our congregation, contact others to vet potential candidates, work with priest candidates to gather material for our search committee, facilitate and approve Parish profiles.

Over the next few months, The BC will negotiate a letter of separation between St. Antony's and Bill. The process is standard and straightforward. The BC will act as a steward of congregational resources and ensure the church family continues our mission. In the Diocese, the BC "charges" Profile and Search Committees. If you are asked to serve on either of these committees, please be guided by Our Lord and Savior and accept the call. These two groups are important for the successful discovery of the person who we will ask to be our next Vicar.

We have endured a pandemic that halted gathering for over a year. We are opening again and will return to more normal operation in the next few months. Patience will be a virtue that needs to be active. The search for a vicar may take a year or longer after Bill leaves. St. A's will experience frustration and excitement while the process works out its timeline. We may have an interim vicar for several months or several vicars during those months. Be assured, your BC and I will guide our congregation with ability and God's love.

Peter Stockwell Bishop's Warden

A Note from the People's Warden

As People's Warden my newsletter article is just an expression of gratitude to our vicar, Bill Fulton. I know that we all are awaiting our return to in-person church, but I really want to express how thankful I am that Bill has provided us with so many avenues to stay connected with one another and to remain involved with St. Antony's. As our "virus year" has progressed, the on-line gatherings have been especially important and I am familiar with only a few of them: the Wednesday night program, the Vicar's Bible Study Thursday at noon, our Telephone Tree, and Sunday Services (a biggie!).

I know that there has been more work and learning than I can imagine. And Bill has had some wonderful helpers but he has driven each effort and I think he has been able to watch his own health and stress through it all.

So, a big thank you to our vicar.

Penny Whitney



Environment

Dave Sorrell organized a work party last Saturday, I thought it went well. Thank you to everyone were involved.

If you are interested in helping with grounds clean-up, you could work at the church grounds anytime, it doesn't have to be an organized work party.

Plans are still being made for a garden with raised beds; if you are interested in being part of the gardening, please get in touch with us. We would be happy to have more people involved.

David Peterson
Environment Commissioner

Coffee Hour

With the upcoming return to in person church service comes the long awaited opportunity for (safe and socially distanced) social gathering at coffee hour! I am working in accordance with Fr. Bill and the diocese to create a safe way for us to have coffee hour together. It may look slightly different, it may be little work in the beginning, but if it means being together in person with everyone I am quite sure that after a year and a half we are all ready to do whatever it takes to be together again!

I plan to host the first coffee hour outside under our beautiful pavilion on May 9. There will be coffee, snacks and most importantly - people!!! I need some volunteers to host the subsequent weeks. The new process may be different even to our long time serving hosts (in order to stay in compliance with safety regulations), so this is the perfect time to join this joyous mission.

Come join us for coffee hour. Come join us for fun. Come join to serve.

Please contact Sarah Rogers if you are interested in hosting coffee hour so she can and you to the rotating roster of gracious hosts. I will be sending detailed instructions to our list of hosts.

Please don't hesitate to ask questions. (518) 488-7137 or Sarah.knight.rogers@gmail.com



HOME AID BREAD

When we think about the month of May it can sometimes trigger the popular idea of eating tacos or some form of great Mexican food for "Cinco de Mayo" day. The 5th day of May is an annual party time that the people of Mexico honor as the anniversary of their independence from France.

In 1862 there was the Battle of Puebla, Mexico. It was a battle where Mexican forces won a military victory over the French Empire forces of Napoleon III.

Back in 1769 (on August 1st) the Spaniard explorer Gasper de Portola along with Father Juan Crespi walked from San Diego to an Indian town along the coast by the name of "Yang-na". Fr Crespi re named that place "Our Lady Queen of the Angels" because it was the religious day for "Our Lady", and Fr. Crespi had a mission built there in 1771 named San Gabriel.

By 1835 the town was named Los Angeles and officially made a city by the Congress of Mexico. In 1847 the city was taken over by General S.W. Kearney and Commodore R.F. Stocton of the United States. It became US land at that point.

Cooking in that area was a mixture of European, Spanish and Indian styles and the TACO was the mainstay used much like bread partly because corn was easily grown in that coastal area.

During those early years in Los Angeles Fr. Crespi began growing the European white wheat in the L.A. area and started raising sheep, cattle and goats. The Brothers and priests from the missions taught the locals cheese making in order to preserve the milk. As soon as the first white flour was ground in the missions, Fr. Crespi made the prime white flour sandwich and called it the "BURRITO". It was an immediate success, and the corn taco had to sit on the sidelines as 2nd best for most of the town's peoples.

So, back to "Cinco de Mayo"......I know at MY house we will most likely eat TACOS, to celebrate Mexico's Independence. Maybe some of you will have a BURRITO, or, maybe one of each.

Via con Dios mis amigos!

Tovi Andrews

Welcoming

The Welcome Commission is looking forward to being "welcoming" again. Our biggest project now is getting ready a booklet about St. Antony's for visitors who are new to our church and its wonderful and diverse congregation. If there is anything you think should be included please let us know as this is definitely a work in progress. If there is an activity that is a part of our church life we want newcomers to know about it because this is our first handshake and best foot forward.

Any ideas you may have experienced in another church or heard about from friends that would help to give someone new a feeling of being welcomed and connected that would be great to add to our suggestion box. At St.Antony's I have always felt that everyone feels that they are a part of the welcoming commission and want to share our church with others which for me as a newcomer made St.Antony's special.

Emily Nickerson Welcoming Commissioner

Parish Life

The Parish Life Committee is working hard to produce some fun events for our congregation. Our first event is May 8th in the event shelter. More info to come in the Happenings.

If you would like to volunteer to help or donate supplies for this event or future events please contact me via email, chelsea.c.reeder@gmail.com. Thanks!

Chelsea Reeder
Parish Life Co-Commissioner

New Office Hours

The new church office hours are Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 am - 1 pm Thursday, 10 am - 2 pm

Easter Ponderings...Maggie Scott

As we experience the liturgical Church Season of Easter, we have heard the many stories of the Risen Christ spending time with the Apostles, teaching them and preparing them for the time he is no longer with them. From Advent through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and some "Ordinary Times," we have been taught, too. In these past several months, we have had experiences in our own lives that are, at times, stressful. The pandemic plus events in our nation have upended many norms in our lives. How we live through these times, how we cope, has called attention to our spiritual selves in, perhaps, new and different ways. We hear of desolation; we hear of hope. In Isaiah 41:10 we hear: "Fear not, for I am with you…for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help, I will uphold you..." Words can be soothing, yet are they enough? For a while, there was this question floating around: "what would Jesus do?" That, for me, is only a starter. We have heard many stories from the Book of Acts in the Sundays since Easter. Jesus walked with, shared with and taught the apostles how to live out the things they had learned from their friend, and to witness to them. My take on the question mentioned is: what would Jesus have me do/us do? I have recently heard two sermons that caused me to ponder. One was given by Dean Thomason of St. Mark's Cathedral on Sunday, April 11. The gospel that day told the story of the disciple who has come to be known as "Doubting Thomas." The Dean suggests that Thomas should be seen as courageous. Yes, he doubted, but he raised the question to Jesus about his unbelief. How many of us, me, would raise the question to Jesus? Would we be too timid or afraid to ask tough questions? The Dean then said that "believing" is a verb, an action word. How do I respond to what I believe? The following Sunday, Canon Daugherty, also from the Cathedral, spoke to recent events that involved witnessing, especially during a trial taking place in Minnesota. She spoke of the young people that witnessed an event and one of them, a young girl, photographed the event with her iPhone. That action became crucial evidence. Canon Daugherty said, "We are all witnesses." Jesus, what would you have me do? In a few weeks, we will be celebrating Pentecost. What surprises might the renewal of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit bring to our lives? Believing and Loving are both action verbs. May we be called to continue as disciples of the Word.

Meet your Bishop's Committee



Peter Stockwell Bishop's Warden



Penny Whitney People's Warden Pastoral Care/LEV



Loretta McGinley Outreach



Julie Sherwin Faith Formation



David Peterson Environment Parish Life



Esther Osborne Faith Formation



Chelsea Reeder Communications Parish Life



Emily Nickerson Welcoming



Dolores Perreira Clerk of the BC Outreach



John Stockwell New Facilities

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

Charles Mission News

Prison ministry expands

Since the prison continues to be closed to all programs, a member of the prison ministry team asked if we could do ministry in another area once a month until the prison re-opened. Several of us prayed over this and God presented an opportunity to help at the hospital.

Several attempts were made to meet with the hospital administration after the Ugandan elections were over. Sometimes the administrator was away for a meeting, sometimes events came up and we had to reschedule.

When we did meet with the senior nurse she thought it was great idea. She mentioned several needs we could

help with that the hospital staff cannot meet. Some patients request time with the chaplain, but they do not have one. Perhaps one of our team members could meet with a few of these people, one at a time. Also several patients request someone to pray for them and their specific needs. The nurses try to do some of this but they are few in number and the need is great. We could also present a message of hope and then pray. We did not expect to get very much group time (time talking to an entire ward); mostly we expected one to one time with the nurses directing us to those requesting prayer. We set a day with the senior nurse for the end of March. Later, we met with new hospital administrator. She also liked the idea.

At our prison team meeting this week, we discussed our first ministry opportunity at the hospital. Everyone that went thought it went well. Other comments included "They appreciated what



Pictures are shunned at government facilities so we took our picture before we went. Five team members arrived in time for the picture. Another joined us later. (L to R: Lilias, Koleta, Leroy, Meta, and Charles)

we have done," and "People presented their requests." I noted that it was almost all group time instead of one to one.

Computer Skills Ministry

In my last newsletter I mentioned I was due to meet with H4RI (Hope for Restoration Initiative) in Entebbe. Yes, I met with their prison ministry team while I was there (their team is dormant due to CoVid-19); however, the main reason I was invited was to teach computer skills to their entire office team. H4RI has many ministry areas and their reporting needs vary. I have met with team members who need a variety of computer skills for accounting, statistics, and reporting. I have been asked to come back next month and help them finish the computer skills curriculum.

Speaking of finishing, the first class in Mugujai has completed and we are making plans for a public graduation so we can promote the ministry as a source of hope for those struggling to make a living. Meanwhile, a second class has started. I am hopeful that some of the graduates will become mentors for this and future classes.



Charles watching Ritah as she works with the answer to her question.

Thanksgivings

- Access to the internet has been restored in Uganda
- No post-election violence.

Prayer Requests

- To be able to resume 'in the prison' ministry.
- **Donation Mailing Address** Commission to Every Nation P.O Box 291307 Kerrville, TX 78029-1307

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Acolyte Plea

This is a request for you to help in service to God at Saint Antony's. I am the acolyte coordinator. Acolyting to me is worship through serving The Lord. On an average Sunday we have three acolytes, one cross bearer and two torch bearers. I encourage all of you to consider serving at the altar and experience this enrichment of your worship in the Episcopal church. Yes, in the past we have had mostly children serving as acolytes, but we have had plenty adults as well. In our congregation. I believe that adults and children should serve together. Please consider volunteering to serve our church family as an acolyte. Thank you.

ACOLYTE MEETING MAY 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the church. All who are curious, please come to learn more.

Chelsea Reeder

Server Plea

We are looking for more Greeters, Computer Counters, and Ushers. If you feel that one or two of these would be something you are interested in doing, please contact the secretary, Linda Robuck, The most urgent need is greeters but we need all three. Please let me know as soon as possible.

There will be an usher training on May 6 on Zoom and need to know if you would like to be included.

Linda Robuck Secretary

Outreach

Submitted by Dolores "Dee" Perreira

2 Corinthians 1:7 and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.

As your Outreach Co-Commissioners, Loretta McGinley and I have had two productive Outreach Zoom meetings on March 2nd and April 6th. We would like to thank our Outreach Team and participants who have joined the April 6th meeting, **and** we are still welcoming more to participate.

The main *focus* from the previous meeting *was discussion of* local non-profit organizations *and* past Outreach members shared stories of *previous* St. Antony Outreach efforts. Loretta and I have visited Fishline Poulsbo and were extremely impressed with the many services they provide to our community. They had their 1st Annual Zoom meeting that was free to the community on April 15th, below *is* the link to that meeting:

Fishline's First Annual Community Meeting - YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5OKMfZ7wRcE&t=29s

Here are the local non-profit organizations we will be supporting this year, as well as the Outreach team points of contact:

Episcopal Relief & Development & local elementary schools – Maggie S.

KCR-Kinship Program/Christmas Gift Program & Alive Shelter – Loretta M.

Fishline Poulsbo & Chaplain's on the Harbor – Esther O.

Missions to Seafarers – Dee P.

Coffee Oasis - Sylvia C.

Lord's Diner @ St. Paul's – Marj Z.

CK Foodbank - Dave P.

The Outreach Team will remain open to considering support for additional organizations, as needs arise.

Our next Outreach meeting will be on 11 May from 7-8 pm, and a Zoom invitation will be sent to the congregation prior to this meeting. There will be further discussion of support for the organizations we've chosen to support this year. Please join us for our next Outreach Zoom meeting. Take care & God Bless!



Raymond Brock

	May Anniversaries						
18	Benny & Cheryl Wright						
22	John & Jane Teller						
26	Bob & Joann Richardson						
28	Robert & Jane Stockton						

Deadline for the June Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, May 25th** at 10 am. Please send all submissions to: stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.

Financial Report			Account Balances	
March		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$15,748.80	\$48,326.55	Local Checking	\$52,703.52
Operating Expenses	\$18,525.67	\$55,000.31	Local Savings	\$17,160.83
Net in March	(\$2,776.87) (\$6,673.76)		Diocesan Investment Funds	\$207,736.64
			Total	\$277,600.99

May 2021 Schedule						
JOBS May 2 JOBS 5th Sunday of Easter (New Fellowship)		May 9 6th Sunday of Easter	May 16 7th Sunday of Easter	May 23 The Day of Pentecost	May 30 Trinity Sunday	
EM 8 am		Ruth Lindstrum	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	
LC/OT & NT 8 am		Donna Hilton	Norma Tipton	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	
GREETER 8 am						
EM 10:15 am		Cris McCarty	Lee Halkias	Lee Halkias	Peter Stockwell	
LC/OT 10:15 am		Stu Smith	Elizabeth Flagg	Sarah Rogers	Cris McCarty	
LC/NT 10:15 am		Cris McCarty	Jim Foley	Michael Wentworth	Stu Smith	
ACOLYTES 10:15 am			Chelsea R. Laurel R. Luke R.		Cris McCarty	
GREETER 10:15 am						
USHER 10:15 am		Esther Osborne Dave Peterson	Carole Nau Peter Stockwell	Loretta McGinley Linda Robuck	Suzanne Brock Barbara Hart	
COUNTERS						
COFFEE HOUR				Sarah Rogers	Sylvia & Malcolm Campbell	
Eucharistic Visitors						
BPod			Chelsea Reeder	Loretta McGinley		
1st LESSON		Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-8	
PSALM		Psalm 98	Psalm 1	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Canticle 13	
2nd LESSON		1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13	Romans 8:22-27	Romans 8:12-17	
GOSPEL		John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17	

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	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES		
8 am	8 am	8 am	Bill Cleveland A	Chris Crowson	Carleton M.		
Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Chris Crowson B	Ray Flagg	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	Bill Reeder	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				
			Marj Zantek B				
10 am	10 am	10 am					
Elizabeth Flagg	Lee Halkias	Suzanne Brock					
Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Elizabeth Flagg	A - computer				
Cris McCarty	Chelsea Reeder	Liz Haney	B - non computer				
Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Carole Nau					
Stu Smith		Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell					
Michael Wentworth							

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 TBD am Combined service with New Fellowship	3 Clergy Conference	4	5 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream	6 Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom 7pm Usher Training Zoom	7 Vicar's Day Off	8
9 Mother's Day 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	10	11	12 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream	13 Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom 6:30 pm Bishop's Committee Meeting	14 Vicar's Day Off	15 10 am Acolyte Mtg.
16 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	17 10:30 am Witty Knitters	18 1 pm Worship Planning Mtg.	19 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream	20 Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom	21 Vicar's Day Off	22
23 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	24	25 10 am Newsletter Deadline	26 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream	27 Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom	28 Vicar's Day Off	29
30 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	31 Memorial Day					

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Gather, Grow, and Go!