

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

**BC Monthly Reports
November 2021**

INTERIM VICAR'S REPORT - Craig Vocelka

November 8, 2021

Well, here we go, ready or not!

As I look forward to the next two months I'm trying to figure out various schedules.

First is Thanksgiving. I'd like to have a Eucharistic Liturgy on either Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. My inclination is to have it on Wednesday as people are busy in the morning, especially if they're having people over for dinner. I feel it's important that we offer people the opportunity to gather and give thanks.

Next is Advent. Victoria and I had already planned a trip and I will be gone 12/4 – 12/13. Rev. David Dinkins will preside on the 5th and 12th.

Then we have Christmas which is on a Saturday this year.

We'll have services on the 24th, 25th, and 26th. Questions are: Do we have two services on Christmas Eve as we did pre-Covid? 5 pm and 10 pm or should we just do one at 9?

Christmas Day we will have one service at 9 am

Sunday the 26th we'll have gather at the usual times – 8 and 10:15.

Finally, Epiphany – Thursday January 6th. Thoughts?

Now that I'm actually here, I'm trying to get things figured out and how to be THE priest and make sure that I'm taking care of everything and, most importantly, everyone that I need to care for. Please, do not hesitate to call me with suggestions, concerns, ideas, or whatever.

With blessings and prayers,

craig

PEOPLE'S WARDEN AND PASTORAL CARE – Penny Whitney

No report.

BISHOP'S WARDEN – Peter Stockwell

Since our last meeting, we had a wonderful start to our stewardship drive for 2022. Bishop Rickel came and gave an inspiring dissertation about what giving is. Since everything is God's and we are allowed to use the gifts presented to each of us, only a fair and appropriate amount is asked to be returned for our work in the church. Whether talent, time, or treasure, we are asked to be fair using God's gifts. How does the work of the church influence our decision as to what is fair and appropriate? All we must do is listen to the Holy Spirit. As BC

members, we answered a call. The time is now upon us to carry another burden and find people to answer the call. Three BC members are leaving and should be replaced. Any ideas, who might heed the Holy Spirit and answer the call?

The annual meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2022. The congregation elects new BC members, and the new BC elects the wardens. Vicar Craig is not responsible for the Bishop's Warden, think long and hard about who would be a fantastic Bishop's Warden.

Craig and I met on Monday and discussed concerns he had. We addressed the technology line item from the October meeting to include a payment for the person operating the camera equipment for the online broadcast of services. The broadcast is to continue when the church is fully open again. Coffee Oasis was discussed and a follow-up in February is on the agenda. Thanksgiving is in two weeks and the question of a service arose. Vicar Craig can decide the worship but wants input. Do we need a larger indoor nativity scene for advent and Christmas?

Craig reminded me that he is gone for two advent Sundays (2nd and 3rd) but has arranged for supply coverage. This was an agreed stipulation in his Letter of Acceptance. By the way, Advent begins November 28.

The Men's breakfast and gift exchange and the creation of greens for the church happens before Christmas. Shall we survey the congregation for input? They would have to occur on December 18th.

Christmas is on a Saturday this year. Craig wants guidance as to one or two services on Friday, Christmas Eve. Christmas Day is usually a 10 am service and then Sunday we have the usual 8 and 10:15 services.

Epiphany is January 6th, a Thursday. Will the congregation want a dinner and Epiphany Cake? Traditions should return as soon as feasible.

Any ideas about what program to use for broadcasting our church services, rather than Facebook, is greatly appreciated.

Bill Fulton has the memorial service for Peter Dawson on Friday of this week. Toby Martin's memorial will be after Thanksgiving.

FINANCE – Jim Foley

No report.

OUTREACH – Loretta McGinley & Dee Perreira

Operation Ditty Bag is drawing to a close, with the 'Stuffing Party' planned 13 November. There's been good church participation, and we hope to donate at least 47 bags. St. A's involvement was presented as part of a workshop on the Seafarer's Mission at the Diocesan Convention last week. The Fall Food Drive has begun, and Dave Peterson made announcements at each of the services on 7 November; last day of the drive will be Ingathering Sunday, 21 November. Donations that were chosen at this month's Outreach Team meeting were: Coffee Oasis Family Christmas Project, \$500; ALIVE Shelter, \$200 and \$500 to Charles Smith via his sponsoring organization, CTEN. A donation to Lord's Diner is being considered towards purchase of a new freezer, once further information is gathered.

ENVIRONMENT – Dave Peterson

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS – Chelsea Reeder

No report.

WELCOMING – Emily Nickerson

No report.

FAITH FORMATION – Julie Sherwin & Esther Osborne

No report.

PARISH LIFE - Dave Peterson & Chelsea Reeder

No report.

Profile Committee Report – Marty Whitaker

Roles Assigned

Church Assistance Tool used for gathering data.

A questionnaire will be coming for the congregation

Assessing the needs of the congregation

Rev. Canon Alissa Newton will be joining the committee