Glad Tidings

January 2022



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Interim Vicar's Voice

Dear Ones,

I look forward to the New Year and pray that it will be one filled with joy and that we will get the virus under control and begin to return to a more normal way of life.

Without a doubt, these past two years have been trying and devastating for many of us. In addition to the usual events of life, the isolation and distancing from each other has only added a new level of complexity to our lives.

But we are a people of hope, a people of faith who know and believe in the promise Jesus made, *And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age*. We know that our God has not abandoned us and that we will get through these difficult days.

The coming year will certainly be an exciting one for St. Antony's. The Profile Committee, from all reports, is hard at work and upon the completion of their work the profile will be published, and the search will begin. Knowing you as I do, I imagine that this will be a most attractive opportunity for any priest looking at opportunities in this region.

As we look forward in hope, let us also pause for moment and reflect on the past year and give thanks for blessings we received.

I'm writing this as we are busily preparing for our Christmas celebrations in whatever form they will take this year. I feel confident that none of us ever expected that we would find ourselves in this situation. But the reality of our world is that the pandemic continues and as we live out our baptismal promise of *seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves,* we must continue to do everything we can to care not only for ourselves but our loved ones, friends, neighbors, and the stranger as well. Keeping in touch with former colleagues and friends at the hospital, seeing Victoria's face when she comes home from a 12-hour shift in the Urgent Care Clinic, and from my own experiences, I know the stress this is taking on all our healthcare workers. I continue to urge, to beg, everyone, if they have not already, to get vaccinated and get the booster. I am happy to discuss any concerns you might have if you have been hesitant.

Linda often closes her messages to me with the words "Onward and Upward". This should be a mantra for us as together we continue to make the light of Christ a little brighter in our world today.

In joyful hope and thanksgiving, fr. craig

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's Warden News

!This month we meet at our annual meeting to discuss important events from the past year, to elect members to the !Bishop's Committee and the Diocesan convention representatives and approve a budget for the year. The meeting !is on January 29 at 10 AM at St. Antony's. We will sign in and wear masks. Coffee and tea will be available.

For one day each year, we task ourselves with the business of the church and then return to our routines and allow the BC and vicar to run things. This next year will be different. We are searching for our next vicar and the task will involve all the members of the congregation at various times throughout the year. Craig Vocelka agreed to a contract as interim vicar for the rest of 2022. During this time, we need to be included in the processes of running a church since he is only tasked with the clerical needs of the congregation.

The Profile Committee is functioning to provide a resume for the mission that will attract potential candidates through the search process. The Search Committee will review the candidates' qualifications and recommend to the BC the person best suited to become our next vicar. We are a healthy and functioning congregation, moving on despite a pandemic that wants to stay, enduring the community challenges of homelessness and financial needs, and staying together as a church family.

Please accept the calling of the Holy Spirit and Jesus' mission for us. If asked to serve on the BC, deliberate and pray. You are called when needed. Please volunteer to work with committees and programs. Accept positions in the services as acolytes, readers, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, counters, and teachers. Become active as we wind our way through the pandemic to healthy community living. Be generous with your talents, time, and treasure.

Remember, all things come of thee oh, Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. The gifts of life and love are from God. We have nothing that is not from God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

May this year be your best, provide you with success, and challenge your souls to accomplish God's mission as revealed each day to us.

Peter Stockwell, Bishop's Warden

A note from our People's Warden

As I write this it is 4 days before Christmas 2021. I most certainly hope that all of our parishioners will have a warm, wonderful, blessed Christmas and a good year to come.

I have tried hard to be in contact with those of our fellow St. Antony members who have experienced health or support issues. Sometimes it is hard to discover who has needs or who is experiencing health problems. And since my time on the Bishop's Committee ends in January, I'd like to make a plea that anyone who needs help, encouragement, or just contact to please get in touch with the next People's Warden.

It is my belief that it is an honor to serve on the Bishop's Committee, and because of that, I want to thank each of you for allowing me to serve on the B.C.

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Penny Whitney People's Warden

Adult Faith Formation

In October we began a Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, between the 8:00 and 10:15 worship services. Beginning with the earliest letters of Paul, less than a generation after the Resurrection, we moved on to a study of the two different birth narratives during Advent. Beginning on January 9, the class will begin a study of Genesis, utilizing the New Collegeville Bible Commentary. Leadership will rotate among class members.

Adult Faith Formation would like to determine whether there is interest in either a midweek Morning or Evening Prayer session, or an in depth discussion of a contemporary issue such as the church's response to climate change or a Christian response to social inequality.

If these issues interest you, please contact Esther Osborne at: esthernosborne@gmail.com

Esther Osborne, Adult Faith Formation Commissioner



Environment

Thanks to Gail and Mark Westin for setting up the Cresh nativity scene in from of the church.

We had twelve attendees at the men's breakfast on December 18th.

We are gathering people to be on a landscaping committee; if you want to be involved, please contact me (Dave Peterson)

Dave Peterson Environment Commissioner

Volunteers Needed

Looking for a few good people. Do you like to enter data into a computer? We have a program for counters that is easy. We are looking for some computer counters. If this sounds like something you can do, please let Jim Foley or Linda Robuck know.

Linda Robuck, Parish Secretary

Epiphany Liturgy Service

Thursday, January 6, 5:00 pm We will be having an Epiphany service. Please join us.



FROM THE ALTAR/FLOWER GUILD

Many, many thanks to all for your generous donations to St. Antony's Altar/Flower Guild this past year, and especially for your gifts toward the Poinsettias recently. Your direct donations to the Flowers and Sanctuary Lamps throughout the year are our only source of income. As well as purchasing the flowers and the Sanctuary Lamp for each Sunday, it also enables us to purchase other necessary items to glorify our worship space, such as vestments, linens, fabric hangings, Christmas decorations etc.

Your signing up for flowers for a particular Sunday(s) will allow the person on the Floral Ministry assigned to arranging the flowers for that day an opportunity to contact you and see if there are particular colors and/or variety of flowers you might prefer. Since we have a suggested donation this also gives her a concept of possible costs. After the later service on Sunday the flowers are removed from the altar and sent out to those in need of cheer, or perhaps celebrating a special occasion or "just because".

The Sanctuary Lamp is a light that shines above the consecrated elements kept in the Aumbry (Tabernacle) and is a constant reminder of our Lord's offering. It is only removed on Maundy Thursday to remind us of the dark hours of Jesus' sacrifice, and is relit at Easter to celebrate his resurrection. Each candle lasts one week and is changed appropriately.

The new sign-up book for flower and sanctuary lamp donations for 2022 is on the table in the Narthex. An envelope is provided in the front cover should you wish to make a direct donation to St. Antony's Altar Guild or it can be made through the general treasury marked for the Guild.

If you have questions concerning our Guild in any capacity or consider joining, please contact Heather Carnocki or Ruth Lindstrum or any other member. We welcome new members!

Thank you. Ruth Lindstrum



Outreach

January 2022 Glad Tidings Submitted by: Dolores "Dee" Perreira



As we look back in 2021 the St. Antony's Outreach committee has had a successful year. From monetary donations to specific organizations, to working together in creating the "Ditty Bags" or Fall Food Drive, it has been such an amazing first Outreach experience.

On December 7, 2021 was our last zoom meeting of the year. Final donations were distributed to KCR-Kinship Program of \$200 and \$400 to the Kitsap Rescue Mission. The Fall Food Drive had collected 413 lbs. in donations and an estimated funds collection of \$230 that was given to Central Kitsap Food Bank, Silverdale. It was a wonderful last zoom meeting and thank you to those who have attended along with the 2021 participants as well. The upcoming 2022 Outreach suggestions were connection and relationship building with other churches. Our next zoom meeting will be on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 and hope to see you and other interested people who would like to join in.

On behalf of the St. Antony's Outreach Committee, we would like to "Thank you" for your time, energy, support, and feedback as it truly helps. Let us <u>Gather</u> our ideas, <u>Grow</u> together to support our community and each other then <u>Go</u> above and beyond our means to share god's love in Outreach. Thank you again everyone and hope your holiday celebrations were fun, warm and memorable. Let us rejoice and be glad in it for this is the year that the lord has made. We look forward to seeing you soon. Take care and God Bless!

Loretta and Dee your Outreach Co-Commissioners



Thank you!

The church was set up for Christmas by many folks. Let's thank those who helped make it possible and for a job well done!

Fr. Craig
Heather Carnocki
Ruth & Darrow Lindstrum
Deacon Bill Thaete
Mark & Gail Westin

Carrie Rivers (she made the wreaths)
All who made the swags which are on the posts
All the Flower Donors



Archbishop of Canterbury's 2021 Christmas Message for the Anglican Communion

I feel so privileged to be able to wish you a joy-filled Christmas and a hope-filled 2022.

Right across the Anglican Communion, we are facing the most enormous challenges. Outside the tragedies of war, this is the biggest time of global tension we have faced since the Communion began.

So many parts of the Communion already know what it is to suffer. Floods, wars, civil war, corruption, suffering, illness, pandemic, malaria, measles, cholera, typhoid, poverty, oppression, persecution. These continue to be the facts of life.

But we can still find joy, because that's the world that Jesus Christ came into.

All around the world, the Communion is meeting these needs. We can't do everything, but we can do everything that God gives us the resources to do. I know of a place in the middle of a civil war, which is nevertheless running a COVID clinic. I know of a province, where there is appalling terrorism, which is strengthening communities. I know of places that are speaking up for injustice, and saying 'this must stop'. I know of places that are welcoming refugees and internally displaced persons.

The Anglican Communion is called to the Five Marks of Mission – to tell, to teach, to tend, to transform and to treasure the world in which we live. We are God's church for God's world, as the Lambeth Conference title rightly says. That's God's mission to us. And we can give thanks at Christmas that all over the world people are carrying out that mission.

And the challenges that God has called us to face are indeed huge. At the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow in Scotland in November I saw the struggles that people are facing all over the world, calling us to recognize that unless climate change is tackled it is a threat to every single one of us. None of us can be a passenger in this challenge. It's one we all have to face.

As Christians we face this challenge because it is God's world that we are seeking to preserve and care for. It is God's church that has to look after refugees and face the issue of war, which will become worse if climate change just rages unchecked around the world over the next generation. We need to pray for that, act on that, speak about that, and take part in transformation. Let's work together on that.

And then we look forward in hope as well. Not just at the challenges but in the fact that in '22 we will meet online and physically. We will meet and we will celebrate that we belong to one another with all our differences. The bishops and their spouses will come from all over the world. To pray, to learn, to think, to commitment afresh to telling people of the hope that is found only and uniquely in Jesus Christ.

We will recommit to teaching people how to grow in love and in knowledge of Christ. To look afresh at how with changes in science and climate and so many ways we tend the needy. To talk about how we can transform unjust structures of society and bring reconciliation in places of conflict. And to campaign to treasure the earth in which we live.

I have learned so much about the Anglican Communion in the almost nine years that I have been Archbishop of Canterbury. I am not a pope. We are a fellowship, a Communion. Sisters and brothers in Christ of all ages and cultures. God has brought us together. Let us stay and walk together, to do God's work together and to be together in heaven through the salvation he offers us.

Again, may God grant you Christ's joy this Christmas, and Christ's hope in this coming year.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Christmas Message 2021

'In the name of these refugees, let us help all refugees' A number of years ago I read a book by Roberta Bondi who at that time was teaching at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. The title of the book was "To Love as God Loves." Professor Bondi in that book looked at and examined early Christians. And one of the things she observed was that early Christians saw their vocation of following Jesus as learning how to love as God loves. And that was the title of the book, "To Love as God Loves."

If that is true, as I believe it is, when we look at the New Testament stories of Jesus, and particularly the stories around Christmas, we see early glimmers of Jesus showing us how to love as God loves. The Christmas stories found in Matthew and in Luke, for example, actually show us something about God's way of love.

We all know the Christmas stories, the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes as it's found in Luke's gospel, the baby that's born of Mary, the stories of Mary while she was pregnant meeting her cousin Elizabeth, and the words of the Magnificat—"My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

We know the stories of Mary giving birth in the manger because there was no room for them in the inn, the stories of the shepherds out on the field beholding the angel choir— "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." The stories of a baby born is the story of beauty, a story of hope; for as the Jewish tradition says, every child who is born is a reminder that God is not finished with the world yet. In this case, the baby that was born was named Jesus. Matthew tells the same story but highlights other dimensions that remind us profoundly of the way God loves. In Matthew's story, the child is born and there is great beauty in it, but there is some difficulty, even in the relationship between Mary and Joseph when they discover that she is with child before they're actually married. But an angel intervenes and tells Joseph in the dream that this child is God's miracle.

And so Joseph accepts his responsibility and cares for Mary and the baby Jesus who is to be born. And all moves along well. And in Matthew's version there is the star, the Magi or the wise men who come from afar, but then the story takes a dark turn.

And all of a sudden the same beauty that surrounded the birth of a child now is tinged by an ugliness of tyranny, the ugliness of injustice, the ugliness of hatred, the ugliness of unbridled selfishness as King Herod hears rumors of a rival to his throne being born and begins plans to execute children to stamp out his rival. In Matthew, that is the context for the birth of Jesus. And Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus when he is born are forced to flee as refugees seeking political asylum, eventually in Egypt, because of the wrath of King Herod. They are saved from the destruction, but many do die.

In the late 1930s, The Episcopal Church embarked on efforts to save refugees who were fleeing tyranny, evil, injustice, bigotry, hatred in Europe at the advent of the Second World War. In The Episcopal Church, Episcopalians and many other Christians and Jewish people in the United States and people of goodwill and human decency worked together in a variety of ways to save as many refugees as they could.

And at that time, Episcopalians created this image. And it shows Mary holding the baby Jesus in her arms on the donkey with Joseph walking with them. And as you can see, the sign said, "In the name of these refugees, aid all refugees."

The Christmas stories are reminders that this Jesus came to show us how to love as God loves. And one of the ways we love as God loves is to help those who are refugees, those who seek asylum from political tyranny, poverty, famine, or other hardship.

In the 1930s, Episcopalians did this to love as God loves, and today, ministries like Episcopal Migration Ministries, the work of this church, have helped to resettle some 100,000 refugees as of December 2021. And that work goes on for refugees from Afghanistan and from other places around the world.

The Christian vocation as Jesus taught us is to love as God loves. And in the name of these refugees, let us help all refugees. God love you.

Britain's top archbishop says getting COVID vaccine is 'how we love our neighbor'

Dec. 22, 2021 at 9:10 am Updated Dec. 22, 2021 at 9:11 am

By Jaclyn Peiser

The Washington Post

As the omicron variant spreads rapidly worldwide in the lead-up to Christmas, the Church of England's mostsenior cleric offered an unwavering pronouncement: Getting the coronavirus vaccine and booster is a moral issue.

"Vaccination reduces ... my chances of getting ill, [which] reduces my chances of infecting others — it's very simple," Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said in an interview with the British station ITV on Tuesday. "Go and get boosted; get vaccinated. It's how we love our neighbor."

The archbishop's statement comes as scientists in Britain are pushing Prime Minister Boris Johnson to order tougher restrictions as COVID-19 cases continue to climb. In the last seven days, over 600,000 new cases were recorded in the U.K. — an increase of more than 50 percent, according to The Washington Post's COVID tracker. On Monday, Johnson said he had no plans to implement new rules.

Masks are required in England in most indoor public spaces and on public transit, including taxis. But they are optional in restaurants, pubs and gyms. The rules vary in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. About 77 percent of Britain has received at least one dose of the coronavirus vaccine, The Post's data shows.

Welby is one of several religious leaders in the U.K. teaming up with the government to push people across faiths to get vaccinations and boosters. But last week, the archbishop said in a radio interview that parishioners should still go to church on Christmas and wear a mask.

"I would say it's a necessity; the worship of God is a necessity," Welby said, according to Church Times, adding that Anglican houses of worship tend to be "large, cold, and [drafty]," making them "not great places for spreading infections."

For months, religious leaders have used their positions to advocate for vaccinations. In August, Pope Francis urged Catholics to get the vaccine, adding that doing so is an "act of love." Some rabbis, evangelical church leaders and imams have also worked to debunk misinformation about vaccines and endorse them as safe and lifesaving.

In his interview with ITV's Julie Etchingham, Welby, who has been archbishop of Canterbury since 2013, acknowledged he may get blowback for calling vaccination against the coronavirus a moral issue.

"I'm going to step out on thin ice here and say yes, I think it is," Welby said. "A lot of people won't like that ... but it's not about me and my rights to choose, it's about how I love my neighbor."

Etchingham then asked if it is a sin for someone to refuse the vaccine if they are in good health and have no medical reason to avoid taking it. But Welby dodged the question, focusing more on the religious argument for getting the jab.

"Loving our neighbor is what Jesus told us to do," Welby said. "It's Christmas. Do what he said."

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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.



January Birthdays

1	Chelsea Reeder			
5	Tristan Scalf			
7	Norma Tipton			
9	Heather Carnocki			
10	Elizabeth Flagg			
	Drew Wagner			
11	Mary Collier			
13	Stan Marks			
	Guy Fulton			
	Christina Wentworth			
15	John Teller			
16	Darrow Lindstrum			
18	Patrick Foley			
24	Aaron Scalf			
27	Judy Van Hook			
	Daniel Westin			
28	Dave Peterson			
	Holly Foley			



January Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries this month.

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

Financial Report			Account Balances	
November		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$13,895.86	\$204,438.70	Local Checking	\$48,082.26
Operating Expenses	\$19,787.92	\$224,613.20	Local Savings	\$17,163.70
Net in November	(\$5,892.06)	(\$20,174.50)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$227,628.70
			Total	\$292,874.66

January 2022 Schedule						
JOBS	January 2 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day	January 6 The Epiphany	January 9 The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ	January 16 2nd Sunday after the Ephipany	January 23 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	January 30 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
EM 8 am	Elizabeth M.	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Ruth Lindstrum
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Ruth Lindstrum	Norma Tipton	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Ruth Lindstrum	Norma Tipton
GREETER 8 am						
EM 10:15 am	Peter Stockwell	Sarah Rogers	Cris McCarty	Esther Osborne	Peter Stockwell	Sarah Rogers
LC/OT 10:15 am	Sarah Rogers	Jim Foley	Stu Smith	Michael W.	Stu Smith	Jim Foley
LC/NT 10:15 am	Stu Smith	Maggie Scott	Cris McCarty	Michael W.	Sarah Rogers	Maggie Scott
ACOLYTES 10:15 am						
GREETER 10:15 am						
USHER 10:15 am	Mark Westin	Linda Robuck	Dave Peterson	Carole Nau	Barb Hart	Peter Stockwell
COUNTERS						
COFFEE HOUR						
Eucharistic Visitors						
BPod	Esther Osborne	Esther Osborne	Dave Peterson	Dee Perreira	John Stockwell	Dee Perreira
1st LESSON						
PSALM						
2nd LESSON						
GOSPEL						

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.
Dee Perreira	Bill Reeder	John & Jane Teller	Norma Tipton B	Mark Westin	Laurel R.
John Teller	John Teller		David Wedeven B	Barb Hart - Substitute	Mackenzie W.
Norma Tipton			Heidi Feenstra-Wilson A		
			Marj Zantek B	Esther Osborne	
10 am	10 am	10 am		Peter Stockwell	
Elizabeth Flagg	Cris McCarty	Suzanne Brock		Carol Nau	
Jim Foley	Esther Osborne	Elizabeth Flagg	A - computer	Linda Robuck	
Cris McCarty	Sarah Rogers	Liz Haney	B - non computer		
Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Carole Nau			
Maggie Scott					
Stu Smith					
Michael Wentworth		Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell			

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						10-3 Quilt Group Gathering Room
2 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	3	4	5	6 Epiphany Noon Interim Vicar Bible Study on Zoom 5:00 pm Epiphany Liturgy	7	8
9 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	10	11 7 pm Outreach Mtg	12	13 Noon Interim Vicar Bible Study on Zoom 6:30 pm Bishop's Committee Meeting	14	15
16 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	17 Martin Luther King Day	18 11:00 am Witty Knitters 1 pm Worship Planning Mtg.	19	20 Noon Interim Vicar Bible Study on Zoom	21	22
23 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	24	25 10 am Newsletter Deadline	26	27 Noon Interim Vicar Bible Study on Zoom	28	29 10 am <u>Annual</u> <u>Meeting</u> At church
30 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 1-4 Project Linus Gathering Room	31					

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