

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

**BC Monthly Reports  
December 2021**

**INTERIM VICAR'S REPORT - Craig Vocolka**

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Interim Vicar's Report

I'm finding my way and learning about all the 'behind the scenes' stuff Bill F. did.

This week we, all the interim priests currently serving in diocese, received an email with this information:

In 2022, we will add the **guidelines for Interim Priest Boundaries during the Profile and Search Process** below to all Letters of Agreement for Interim Priests and to the Transition Manual:

- Interim clergy in Diocese of Olympia are not in any way involved in the profile creation or search process.
- Interim will not facilitate or offer opinion to vestry about selection for profile or search committees
- Interim will not comment publicly or privately to parishioners or others about the profile or search processes – all communications will come from the designated people on those committees or the Vestry/BC
- Interim will not attend profile or search committee meetings, and if asked by the profile or search committee to advise or participate will decline and refer them to the diocesan consultant or Canon for Congregational Development and Leadership Formation.
- Interim will not advise Vestry on the profile or search process, and if asked will refer them to the Canon to the Ordinary.
- If possible, the Interim should delegate communications or administrative staff work related to publishing the profile or updating the congregation. If the interim has a specific role in web or print publishing of important communications, the interim may post profile information or search updates on the website or other communications mediums on behalf of the Sr. Warden, at the Sr. Warden's request.
- If the Interim has concerns about the process, they will take these concerns either to the Canon to the Ordinary or Canon for Congregational Development.
- This frees up our interims to focus on pastoral care and transition management for the churches they serve.
- The Sr. Warden has first option to preside at vestry/BC meetings during an interim and is charged with many of the leadership tasks that during a permanent clergy call would fall to the Rector/Vicar. Please talk to the Canon to the Ordinary if you have questions about this.

A lot of these items were discussed when Peter and Arienne and I were negotiating my Letter of Agreement. I think this makes it much clearer and hopefully will avoid any questions or issues in the future.

I spent a couple of hours with Ruth L. and we've got things semi-organized for how we will decorate for Christmas.

Concerns:

The outside lights. We cannot seem to get the timer set – I've tried, Dave P. has tried (so glad he didn't walk in, push one button and it was fixed; in reality that would have been great!). As you know it's very dark here and I worry about someone getting hurt if they come to the building at night.

Coffee hour. With the new variant of the virus, I'm starting to wonder if coffee hour is the best idea. We go through all the precautions for the Liturgy and then go gather in a smaller room and take our masks off... I'm not ready to stop them at this moment but will keep a close eye on the situation. One idea to consider, I noticed at Lowe's the other day, that they have patio propane heaters on sale for \$99.00. Any thoughts about getting 4 – 6 of those and moving back to the shelter? Just something to consider.

If my memory serves me correctly, it seems that Bill did an announcement asking for donations to give the staff (Linda, musicians, Guy, ??) a Christmas gift of thanksgiving for all they do. If this is the tradition at St. A's I need someone from the BC to lead this in light of the facts that 1) I am only the interim and 2) I won't be back until the 14<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to the coming months as we continue to follow where the Holy Spirit leads us.

With blessings and prayers,

**craig**

#### **PEOPLE'S WARDEN AND PASTORAL CARE – Penny Whitney**

I visited with Vivian Durfee yesterday. She has a pretty cat, a lovely view of the Olympic Mountains from her westward-facing windows, and a warm unit in the summer! She seems to be doing well, but not getting out much.

I called both Olivia and her daughter, but got voicemail both times. What with Olivia back at home, I hope they are both doing o.k.

I said that I would ask Dick Scott and Kathy Avery about joining the B.C. Dick cannot do so as a retired priest. I spoke to Kathy several weeks ago and she wanted to think about it. I'll try to have her answer by tomorrow's meeting.

Penny

#### **BISHOP'S WARDEN – Peter Stockwell**

So far, the stewardship drive has resulted in a 50% return of pledges. The committee follows up with contacts to those members who have not responded.

The annual meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2022. The congregation elects new BC members, and the new BC elects the wardens; a new budget is approved for 2022, and the community can address concerns and issues. Masks will be required unless protocols change. We can Zoom the meeting for those unable to attend in person.

Thanks to David Dinkins for supplying clerical work while Craig is gone for two Advent Sundays. This was an agreed stipulation in Craig's Letter of Acceptance.

The Men's breakfast and gift exchange and the creation of greens for the church happens this Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Greening will occur after church on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas is on a Saturday this year. Christmas Eve service is at 8:30 pm. Christmas Day is a 9 am service, and then Sunday, we have the usual 8 and 10:15 services.

Epiphany is January 6<sup>th</sup>, a Thursday. A service and potluck dinner and Epiphany Cake begin at 5 PM.

Another member of the church died last week. Don Taylor was a long-time member of St. Antony's. A memorial service will occur after the holidays.

Thanks to Mark and Gail Westin for setting up the Creche scene at the entry to the property.

The Welcome to St. Antony's sign blew down last week in the windy storm. If we want it to stay put, it should be attached with screws to the wall and not hang on picture wire.

PEO is having a luncheon on Monday. Set up on Sunday around 2 pm.

#### **FINANCE – Jim Foley**

I wish to have better news, but we are struggling to meet contribution budgets. The pledge and plate income has declined year over year and there was not the usual bump from the stewardship drive (yet hopefully). That put us \$5k in the hole for the month and \$20k for the year.

A topic of discussion is how do we track columbarium contributions? We received one this past month, I assume for one of the funeral services held.

Thanks,  
Jim

#### **OUTREACH – Loretta McGinley & Dee Perreira**

At the 7 December Outreach Team meeting, two donations were approved: \$200 to the KCR Kinship Program and \$400 to the Kitsap Rescue Mission. 319 lbs of food were donated to the CK Food bank last month; there was a total of approximately 413 lbs donated through the year. The Seafarer's Mission sent a lovely thank you card in response to our support to them through the Ditty Bag Project. There was discussion and interest in coordinating with local churches in the coming year to help provide outreach.

I said I'd ask Lori Fagan and Jane Teller to join the BC. Lori declined, and I left a voicemail and haven't heard back from Jane.

I spoke to Olivia yesterday (she picked up on her cell phone). She sounded good, but had another fall at home.

Loretta

**ENVIRONMENT – Dave Peterson**

All I have to report is the Food Drive for Outreach was 319 pounds. I don't have any information on money collected for the drive.

Mark and Gail Weston put up the cresh – you will see it coming to the church Dave Sorrell will bring in a long extension cord to light it up.

**COMMUNICATIONS – Chelsea Reeder**

No report.

**WELCOMING – Emily Nickerson**

I asked Amy and Mike Wentworth if they might be interested in serving on the B C. She said they had too much going on with two kids in high school. Also talked to Tovi Andrews and she agreed to serve with Welcoming Group but not on BC.

**FAITH FORMATION – Julie Sherwin & Esther Osborne**

The 9 a.m. Bible class has been meeting regularly, and the group has agreed to continue after the holiday. Beginning January 9 we will begin the study of Genesis, concluding at the beginning of Lent. The class is open and enthusiastic. We will be using the New Collegeville Bible Commentary, and the books have been ordered.

Esther

**PARISH LIFE - Dave Peterson & Chelsea Reeder**

No report.

**Deacon Bill Thaete**

I took Communion to Olivia on Sunday and anointed her. She was in good spirits, but still weak. I will be checking back with her.

Bill Thaete.

**Profile Committee Report – Marty Whitaker**

No report.