

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

**BC Monthly Reports
April 2022**

INTERIM VICAR'S REPORT - Craig Vocelka

April 7, 2022

As you can imagine, my focus right now is on Holy Week and Easter. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us to celebrate the High Holy Days of the Christian faith.

As we continue our journey of transition, I hope you have had some time to give some thought to some of the ideas I proposed in my report last month. To refresh your memory, I suggest we investigate some ways to use the property to draw people from the community to our church and property which will hopefully lead people to then becoming interested and joining St. Antony's.

When Bishop Rickel dedicated the building, I remember listening to his homily, he said to wear this place out. It has definitely been a most unique time as we were shuttered for so many months but we must find ways to make use of the building and grounds. I know that priests looking at churches for a new call look at places that are dynamic much more than a congregation that is just 'there'.

As the BC during this time, you are the decision makers, you are the leaders. As Interim Vicar my job is primarily that of spiritual care and liturgy for the people of St. Antony's. This is very different from when you have Vicar who is making many of the decisions about the direction the church will go; be it from planning events, organizing work parties, ordering signage, or hiring people.

Hopefully we'll experience more days like today (Thursday) and the place will come to life with activity and events other than just on Sunday mornings. Sadly, when I look at the numbers from the Kitsap Health Department we see an upswing in the number of cases over the past few weeks, with the last week rather troublesome:

DATE	NEW Cases	7 DAY Average
4/1	1603	770
4/2	90	1200
4/3	90	1398
4/4	1893	1625
4/5	3030	1630
4/6	3038	2015

I would like to hear your thoughts about making masks optional for those attending church in person. I am also wondering about restarting coffee hour after the 10:15 out in the shelter. If we are to start coffee hour again, we need to get a pressure washer and clean up the shelter.

Overall, I feel we are healthy and heading in the right direction. The important thing for me and all of us to remember that we are not alone on this journey, and it is an exciting time in the life of St. Antony's.

With blessings for Holy Week, **craig**

BISHOP'S WARDEN – David Wilkinson

Digital Operations Technician: Father Craig and I met with Guy Fulton to offer him the position discussed at the March BC meeting. A list of position responsibilities was presented and discussed. Guy was very receptive and accepted the position. His first official day was Sunday, April 3rd. At this time, we learned that Guy will be going on vacation April 25th and will be gone for two months. He has spoken to the Fagans about covering some of the services. Father Craig can get the livestreaming started, so Laurel Rogers can handle the cameras at other times. I have started to learn about the livestreaming so I can assist as needed, especially for the streaming of the early service. We should keep our eyes open for others who might be able to be volunteers for this ministry.

Building Use Request: Received and researched request from the P.E.O., a non-profit organization with the primary goal of helping women 'reach for the stars' through grants to attain higher education. The group has six members that are also members of St. Antony. Ruth Lindstrum is the contact person for this group. They are seeking to use the Gathering Room and Kitchen for monthly meetings. In addition, two or three times a year, they may need other facilities, such as the Event Pavilion, for group socials or events. Since the group has church members, the agreement will be informal and will not have monetary requirements. Donations, of course, would be accepted.

PEOPLE'S WARDEN– Dave Peterson

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS – Dee Perreira

No report.

FACILITIES – Dave Peterson

No report.

FAITH FORMATION – Julie Sherwin (Youth)

Hello all,

Here is my update on playset and play yard area. It is my report as nothing else to report. I will go over this on Sunday. There is a lot of color in the Powerpoint so if you have a smart device please bring it with the slideshow downloaded. I will be bringing my laptop instead of printing. Julie Sherwin.

FAITH FORMATION - Esther Osborne (Adult)

No report.

FINANCE – Jim Foley

Hi all,

Sorry for the last minute report. It's been a busy week and I needed to get the quarterly payroll taxes filed first. Basically, we had a so-so month of giving and are hovering at about \$2,500 in the red for the year. I've added a line in operating expenses to track expenses related to the search for a new vicar.

OUTREACH – Loretta McGinley

There was effort to make contact with Silverdale Methodist Church to clarify information on their website regarding their stance on homosexuality. Would like further BC discussion before following up with a possible collaboration with SMC with outreach at their church.

I spoke with Jennifer Brown from the Diocesan Refugee Resettlement Office (RRO) regarding ways our church might provide support. She offered to come to St. A's for another Outreach Sunday talk. She will also be attending our next Zoom Outreach Team meeting on 12 April, and can share more about what RRO is doing, and how we might help. Areas of particular need are rental assistance and teaching English to refugees. I would like to plan a church fundraiser, with proceeds going towards RRO. Jennifer is an ESL teacher and just began training volunteers to offer English lessons to refugees via Zoom. I contacted Kitsap Community Resources and they hope to receive continued support this year for their Kinship Program; this will be decided at our next Outreach meeting. They provided information about how the funds provided last year helped the family recipient:

Family #1: This family was able to build a loving multigenerational household for a very bright growing, 3 year old girl.

Great Grandmother obtained custody upon the event of incarceration of the child's mother when she was just a year old. Great Aunt who had a full time job and home of her own, helped with transportation and loving and supporting the child (whom both women call "their little blessing").

G Grandmother had a severe decline in health in the spring of 2020, which led to G Aunt having to leave her job to help in her mother's household full time.

Over the summer Auntie was able to obtain her homecare providers license and move in with her mother and niece.

We were able to cover, not only the care provider licensing fees, but with help from your gift cards over the past year, amenities for the household and growing little, that our program would have otherwise been powerless to assist with.

G Grandmother's health had improved. G Aunt continues to live in & help with the household, transportation and love and education of their growing artistic preschooler.

PARISH LIFE – Bishop's Committee

No report.

STEWARDSHIP – David Wilkinson

Stewardship: Dick Scott has recruited Chris Crowson and Tovi Andrews to work on the Stewardship Committee. Each member of the committee will be responsible for promoting stewardship for one quarter. Each quarter will focus on a different aspect of stewardship. This quarter, Chris has the lead and is promoting the creation of endowments and estate directives. Next quarter, Tovi will have the lead. She will focus on using our time and talents in stewardship. Dick will lead the next quarter. He will focus on stewardship through the financial support completed through regular and pledge offerings.

WELCOMING – Emily Nickerson

Peter and I have checked on paper, suppliers, church copier and think we can get this done hopefully by July, Peter will be on vacation from late May through early June. Plan is for Peter to be at the end of both services May 1 and 8 to take pictures. Welcomers will track who needs to get picture done. It will be inhouse and fairly casual in the hopes that doing it this way will make it easier to repeat the process sooner than every ten years.

Deacon Bill Thaete

No report.

Profile Committee Report – Marty Whitaker

No report.