

Glad Tidings

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Interim Vicar's Voice

Dear People of St. Antony's,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

What a wonder filled Holy Week we had, and Easter Sunday was such a blessing. It was so good to see so many here. And the weather – God truly blessed us!

As I mentioned, there are so many people to thank for making Holy Week and Easter such blessed time. I won't try to list the names, as I know I will leave someone out; but please know that all you did is greatly appreciated.

I am planning on leaving the arrangement of the furniture in the church as it is through the Easter Season. It was interesting to see faces as people walked in! Some seemed excited, some not quite so sure, and a few didn't seem to like it. It's important that we have moments where we need to have our routines shaken a little. I love the stories like Jesus shaking things up in the temple, and St. Paul's conversion because we see how God can and will open us to new ways.

In my discussions with some who were involved with the design of our worship space, one of the reasons for the platforms was that they could be moved and rearranged. I realized that there has been very little movement of the furniture and so it was time! As I mentioned on Maundy Thursday, the Eucharist is the center of our life as Christians, thus the placement of the altar in the center of the church. I also believe it is important that we don't become so comfortable in our worship that we get to a point where we go through our actions and say our prayers and response without thinking about what we're doing and saying.

Transition times in congregations are like this. We often become so comfortable with the way things are, the way we've always done them, that sometimes we miss the opportunity and the possibility of how God might now be working in our lives, how we might not yet have fully realized all the potentiality of the gifts with which we have been blessed.

As we move fully into the Easter Season, I pray that we will all be open to the gift of new life in the Risen Christ. As our UCC sisters and brothers remind us, *God is still speaking*, let us be open to the promise of newness in our lives both individually and corporately as the people of Saint Antony's.

With Easter blessings,
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!*

A Note from our Bishop's Warden

In the month of April, we passed another milestone in our COVID recovery process. The mask requirement has been lifted and made optional. Seems like a strange but welcome change in our meeting together. We can now see the faces and smiles of one another as we gather. It is not without caution though. The COVID situation will be closely monitored and if deemed prudent, we will adjust our meeting guidelines. For now, we can celebrate the progress! In addition to optional masking, our coffee hour has resumed under the pavilion. Another joyful step forward.

The Profile Committee has notified the Bishop's Committee that the Church Assessment Survey (CAT) should be posted the week of April 17th. Once posted, it will only be open for two weeks (closing sometime in the first week of May). I encourage you to be on the lookout for communication from the Profile Committee and do not hesitate to complete the survey. It is extremely important that every voice be heard during the survey. And remember, the survey is about how you 'feel' about the community of St. Antony. It is not about what others may say or even promote. It is about your perception. Please be brutally honest!

On Sunday, June 5th, the results of the survey will be shared with the congregation. The Profile Committee has requested that we plan to hold a church meeting for this unveiling. The assembled group will be broken out into smaller groups to further discuss the results. More information about this will be provided later. The important thing is to mark your calendars and try to be at this meeting.

David Wilkinson
Bishop's Warden

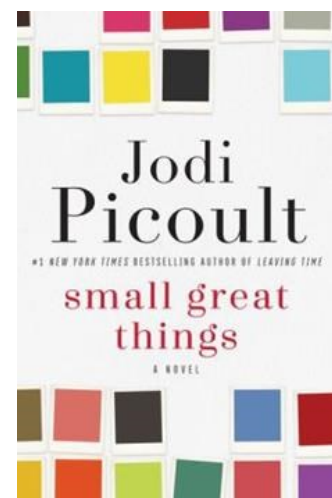
Book Recommendation

I recently read a book that has given me more food for thought than anything I have read and I read constantly! It is "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult.

The title comes from a speech by Martin Luther King. I am taking some verbiage from the reviews given for the book. "This novel puts the finger on the very pulse of the nation that we live in today."

It is the story of three people, the nurse, the defender, and the baby's father offering an examination of racism today, both overt and subtle. It is a book that addresses something that happens every day in America and around the world, but I also gives us hope that change can happen, that change can come. May we all have the courage to make that change for the better.

Liz Haney



Outreach

God of protection, whose Son fled violence from his own home with Joseph and Mary and sought refuge in a foreign land, hear the cries of all who suffer because of hatred, war, violence, greed, and famine. Help us to peacefully mend our divisions, that all you have created in this world may be whole.

Prayers of the People: A. Stebbing, Trinity Episcopal Church, Woodlands, TX

Jennifer Brown from the Diocesan Refugee Resettlement Office (RRO) attended the March Outreach meeting, and shared many ways refugees are being helped through their program. She offered to speak to our congregation about the RRO at an upcoming Sunday service, and identified a few current needs as rental assistance and teaching English. Jennifer could train volunteers to teach English to refugees, and lessons could be offered virtually (e.g. via Zoom). Outreach hopes to plan a St. Antony's fundraiser to support the RRO in the near future.

Last month the Outreach Team agreed to a \$300 donation to the Coffee Oasis and \$300 to Charles Smith to support his missionary work in Africa. There was discussion and endorsement of the BC plan to include a separate line item for Missionary work in the 2023 church budget (previously addressed at the March 2022 Bishop's Committee meeting). The Outreach team also agreed to continued monthly donations of \$100 to the Kitsap Community Resources (KCR) Kinship program through the end of the year. Here are some touching stories shared by a KCR case worker about how St. Antony's support of the Kinship program helped two families in Kitsap this year:

- (1) *Great-grandmother obtained custody of her 1 year old great-granddaughter when the child's mother was incarcerated. A great-aunt, who had a full time job and home of her own, provided support to help raise the child who both women call 'their little blessing'. The great-grandmother had a severe decline in health, and the child's great-aunt had to give up her job to care for the family. KCR helped the aunt obtain a caregiving license, and she now resides with the child and great-grandmother, whose health has improved. The gift cards from St. Antony's the past year provided amenities for the household that KCR would have been unable to provide. The great-grandmother and great-aunt continue to care for their beloved, artistic 3 year old preschooler.*
- (2) *Grandmother has cared for her 10 y.o. granddaughter since birth. The grandmother lost a lucrative job following a serious medical problem, which required multiple surgeries. Due to medical bills, the family fell behind on rent and bills and lost their housing. They were living out of their car, and all their household possessions were stolen. The grandmother learned about Kitsap Community Resources, and obtained housing with their help. The gift card this family received from St. Antony's helped to supplement clothing and household items they needed. The grandmother's last surgery went well and she is on the mend.*

Next Outreach Team meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, May 10th at 7 pm - Zoom invitation will be sent the day of the meeting. Ideas are needed for a fundraiser to support the Refugee Resettlement Office, as well as folks interested in planning this event. All are welcome to attend.

The Lenten Food Drive was a big success - thank you! Sincerest appreciation to all who donated to the Central Kitsap Food Bank through food items or cash donations. Final tally of proceeds: 680 pounds of food, and \$800 in monetary donations. Your generosity makes a difference to those in need.

Loretta McGinley
Outreach Commissioner



From the Altar and Flower Guild

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to each of you for your generous donations always and especially for this past Sunday as we celebrated Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord. Your gifts towards the altar flowers and lilies enabled us to enhance the beautiful altar and sanctuary. Carrie Rivers and Loretta McGinley made such colourful, joyful arrangements and the lilies were splendid. We also thank our Communion bread-makers, Sarah Rogers and Deacon Bill for their contributions these past months.

I especially thank the members of Altar Guild for their dedication during these past months (years?) as we have journeyed through so many changes, always keeping the faith and going with the flow. We are grateful for the ministry of Fr. Craig and Our Deacon Bill who have assisted us in so many ways, presented us with new ideas continuing to share the Good Word.

Special thanks to Linda who reminds us each week in the announcements, that the sign-up sheets for donations for weekly flowers and sanctuary lamps are in the narthex. After the 10:15am Sunday service, the flowers continue to spread joy and hope as they are shared with members celebrating a special occasion or perhaps need a lift in their spirits, or maybe "just because".

If you have questions regarding Altar/Flower Guild or would like to join us, please let us know! THANK YOU so much.

Ruth Lindstrum



A Contemplative Journey Begins at St. Antony's of Egypt

In the late afternoon on Palm Sunday a group of about fifteen seekers met with Rev. Paul Rietmann from the diocesan Faith Formation to learn about a global movement in spirituality that has recently taken hold of Christians throughout the world... including within our own Episcopal church. It is no wonder, given the upheavals brought about by pandemic isolation, global warming and now the horrors of war in Ukraine... that we are all seeking "a closer walk with God" to help relieve our angst.

Fr. Paul has offered to return to us as our guide on this journey into stillness, where we can more easily surrender to the Divine Presence that lives within each of us... where we can finally experience the calm indwelling Love of Christ. We will also learn from each other through listening and reflecting on spiritual readings and sharing our own journeys as we feel called to do so.

Please consider joining us, your friends at St. A, on the first and third Sundays of each month starting May 1, at four o'clock, in the chapel area. All are welcome! Come just as you are.

Carolyn Sorrell



Getting to Know You - Verbal sketches of St. Antony parishioners

Ann Daniels says she had no trouble deciding which church she would attend when she and her husband (now deceased) moved from Seattle to Kitsap County after retirement in millennial year 2,000. St. Antony was the third stop in her search. With the friendliness she encountered, this "cradle Episcopalian" knew immediately "this was it." Moreover, on her second Sunday, a chance interchange solidified her choice. As she was standing in the narthex looking over some brochures announcing a scenic hike, Ann (having been raised in Minneapolis) commented that she'd "like to have done this when I was a kid," to which parishioner Ruth Lindstrom, standing beside her, replied, "Oh! But this is for adults. We'd love to have you join us." Now, many years later, Ann (usually accompanied by her faithful rescue dog Sophie) and Ruth continue to be avid "Tony's Trekkers."



Ann has been involved in many other aspects of church life. Several years ago while on the Bishop's Committee, she used her thirty-year work experience as an accountant to fill the role of church treasurer. She has also devoted much time and energy to the Outreach Committee, Altar Guild and the Lord's Diner. She's a stalwart at scheduled work parties; even more significantly, on days when the weather is good, you can often find her solo-gardening - keeping the entrance to the church attractive and weed free.

Since childhood, Ann has had a passion for horses. She was ten when her family moved to Seattle. Somehow the move prompted her to beg her parents for permission to take riding lessons. Those lessons led to a lifetime of joy as she continued to practice the skills learned then. A highlight of her riding days occurred when she visited a friend in England who lived two blocks from the Ascot Race Track. While she didn't see any races, riding her friend's horse in nearby Windsor Great Park was a great thrill. Ann no longer enters horse shows herself, but she indulges her interest in all things equestrian through her daughters who are professionally involved in that field. Much of the travel she enjoys today is connected to accompanying them to horse shows staged throughout the country from Mexico to the Canadian border.

Her travel repertoire also includes a once-in-a-lifetime, do-it-yourself canal trip in France taken with other adventurous members from St. Antony.

Ann feels fortunate that most of her family (two daughters, two sons and six adult grandchildren) live in the area. All are physically and emotionally rooted in a house on Island Lake that became the family summer home beginning in the 1940's. Today it is still a very special family meeting place and Ann's unique, life-enriching abode.

Sylvia Campbell

Profile Committee Update

For the next two Sundays, April 24 and May 1, computers will be available after each service to take the survey in the Godly Play room. If you would like to take the survey at home, the links are:

For PC users: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StAntonyEgypt>

For Mac users: www.surveymonkey.com/r/StAntonyEgypt

For any questions, please email the Profile Committee at: stantonysprofile2022@gmail.com

Don't forget Set your calendars for June 5. That is when we will have a church meeting to reveal the results of the survey.

What Is Planned Giving?

Planned giving encompasses a variety of ways that gifts can be made to the church from accumulated resources. It usually involves financial or estate planning; however, it is not reserved for the wealthy. Planned giving is a means by which anyone concerned with the wise use of his or her personal resources makes a considered choice about their ultimate disposition.

In general planned gifts are made through:

- + A Bequest in a Will or Trust
- + A Life Income Gift such as a charitable gift annuity, a charitable remainder trust, or a pooled income fund
- + Gifts of Special Assets (real estate, closely held stock, life insurance, retirement accounts)

Planned giving establishes a way for a donor to provide for family members while remembering the church as well. It often enables the donor to provide more for his or her heirs and to make a larger gift than thought possible. It often reduces taxes as well.

Planned gifts can be designated for the church's general funds or endowments.

Planned gifts are either outright gifts (i.e., gifts of appreciated securities, real property, personal property, etc.) or deferred gifts (i.e., bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts).

Planned giving is one expression of the wise use of the personal resources God has entrusted to us.

All St. Antony's members who make provisions for a legacy gift in their Wills for our church become members of St. Antony's Legacy Society and automatically members of the Bishop's Society. Please contact Chris Crowson for additional information.

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In May, one copy of our Diocese's "LIFE PLANNING MANUAL" will be available in the Narthex for each St. Antony family.

Chris Crowson

Spring Bible Study

Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed! we shout as we celebrate Easter. We have four gospels that tell us the story that we all know so well—or do we? So Christ has been resurrected: what now? Imagine the challenge for the first Christians, not even named, with only the Hebrew scriptures to help them understand what face to face time with Jesus had not made clear to them. Their leader has been crucified, some women claim to have seen him alive again, and now what? The revelation of what happened and the beginning of our own faith will be the subject of the Spring Bible study, reading and discussing Luke's continuation of his gospel in the Book of Acts.

We have been meeting between services on Sunday at 9 a.m. since last fall, and will continue throughout the Easter season until June. What does the Bible have to say to the 21st century? What do you have to say to this time in history? Join us this Sunday at 9.

Esther Osborne

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Meet your Bishop's Committee



David Wilkinson
Bishop's Warden
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Dave Peterson
People's Warden
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Loretta McGinley
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Julie Sherwin
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Youth



Esther Osborne
Faith Formation
Adult



Emily Nickerson
Welcoming



Dee Perreira
Clerk of the BC
Communications



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

Outreach

The prison ministry team is diverse, praise God. However, it is not diverse enough. Currently one denomination dominates, and we are mostly male. God willing, we will become more diverse.

A high percentage of the team members are also attending Senior Secondary Schools. This would be the equivalent of Junior High School and High School (combined in one school) in the US. A few of the students are the same age as their US counterparts; however, most are older, well into their twenties. These team members also attend religious activities at their respective Senior Secondary Schools. One of the activities is the monthly gathering of all Senior Secondary Schools at one place for prayer and worship. This is conducted by the local branch of the Scripture Union.

A few of these team members are working to introduce the prison ministry to the Scripture Union. As a result, we are now among the ministry groups that are invited to attend their Sunday afternoon, monthly prayer and worship gatherings at a hosting Senior Secondary School. Each of the ministry groups are introduced so the students can learn about programs and ministries outside of school they may want to get involved with after graduation (or between terms). This introduction to all the schools is why the students that are team members want the prison ministry to be part of these prayer and worships. It is an opportunity for God to make this ministry known and build the team.



Charles giving the homily at the Scripture Union prayer & worship.

At the end of March I was given the opportunity to share the message. There was very little human effort to coordinate the message with the testimony or with the announcements of the various ministry groups; however, God unified the message. In a time of school unrest the announcements, testimony, and message all pointed to keeping a calm peaceful school environment and working to achieve the best result possible as exams are coming.

Prison Ministry

The prison ministry team continues to work on Bible study materials for the gospel of Mark. We are eager to share the gospel with those in prison, but UPS (Ugandan Prison System) is only allowed to permit family visits (so far) in this post lock-down era. The leadership at the local prison expects to be permitted to allow ministry visits soon.



Computer Skills Ministry

The computer skills ministry is growing at two locations and finishing up at another. The Mugujai Mission Center is now hosting six students at a time on three computers (a 50% increase). The class in Birijaku is managing with two computers, four people attend each week, others are in school and will return between terms, still others are waiting for an opportunity. A local reverend has also expressed interest in computer skills as a tool for completing his thesis.

Prayer Requests: 1. To be able to resume in the prison ministry. 2. That God will continue to grow the prison ministry team. 3. For God to bless you. **Thanksgivings:** 1. The opportunities God is providing. 2. God's blessing in the waiting time. 3. For each of you.

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May Birthdays

1	Easton Wright
10	Jane Stockton
11	Michael Wentworth
17	Stacey Scalf
	George Baxter
19	Rich Rogers
23	Peter Stockwell
	Ruth Lindstrum
	Sean Rivers
24	Amy Wentworth
25	Betty Fabry
26	Mackenzie Wagner
	Sandy Martin
	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 24th at 10 am.
 Please send all submissions to:
 stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.



Michell & Thomas Kuhns
 & Sabastian

(Please call the office for contact information)

Financial Report March			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$13,423.62	\$46,387.40	Local Checking	\$61,771.91
Operating Expenses	\$15,831.30	\$48,906.75	Local Savings	\$17,236.12
Net in March	(\$2,407.68)	(\$2,519.35)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$235,119.13
			Total	\$314,127.16

May 2022 Schedule					
JOB	May 1 3rd Sunday of Easter	May 8 4th Sunday of Easter	May 15 5th Sunday of East- er	May 22 6th Sunday of Easter	May 29 7th Sunday of Easter
EM 8 am	Donna Hilton	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Ruth Lindstrum	Dee Perreira	Norma Tipton	Donna Hilton	Elizabeth Moorhead
GREETER 8 am					
EM 10:15 am	Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Esther Osborne	Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell
LC/OT 10:15 am	Stu Smith	Maggie Scott	Michael Wentworth	Elizabeth Flagg	Maggie Scott
LC/NT 10:15 am	Laurel Rogers	Jim Foley	Michael Wentworth	Jim Foley	Laurel Rogers
ACOLYTES 10:15 am					
GREETER 10:15 am					
USHER 10:15 am	Chris Crowson	Carole Nau	Mark Westin	Dave Peterson	Peter Stockwell
COUNTERS	Bill Cleveland Maggie Scott	Jim Foley Norma Tipton	David Wilkinson David Wedeven	Heidi F.-Wilson Norma Tipton	Maggie Scott
COFFEE HOUR					
Eucharistic Visitors					
BPod	Dee Perreira	Julie Sherwin	Esther Osborne	Emily Nickerson	Dave Peterson
1st LESSON	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 11:1-18	Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34
PSALM	Psalms 30	Psalms 23	Psalms 148	Psalms 67	Psalms 97
2nd LESSON	Revelation 5:11-14	Revelation 7:9-17	Revelation 21:1-6	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	Revelation 22:12- 14,16-17,20-21
GOSPEL	John 21:1-19	John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35	John 5:1-9	John 17:20-26

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	EUCCHARISTIC 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	Dave & Jan Peterson	Cris McCarty
Ruth Lindstrum	Ruth Lindstrum	Darrow Lindstrum	Jim Foley A	Dave & Carolyn Sorrell	Christina M.
Elizabeth Moorhead	Elizabeth Moorhead	Pam Morton	Maggie Scott B	Mark Westin	Chelsea R.
Dee Perreira	Bill Reeder	John & Jane Teller	Norma Tipton B		Laurel R.
John Teller	John Teller		David Wedeven B	Barb Hart - Substitute	Mackenzie W.
Norma Tipton			Heidi Feenstra-Wilson A		
			David Wilkinson A		
10 am	10 am	10 am	Marj Zantek A	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		
Laurel Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Carole Nau			
Sarah Rogers					
Maggie Scott					
Stu Smith		Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell			
Michael Wentworth					

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 4 pm Centering Prayer	2	3 8:30 am Morning Prayer	4 5:45 pm Evening Eucharist	5 8:30 am Morning Prayer Noon Scripture Reflection	6	7 10-3 Quilt Group Gathering Room
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	9	10 8:30 am Morning Prayer 7 pm Outreach Mtg.	11 5:45 pm Evening Eucharist	12 8:30 am Morning Prayer Noon Scripture Reflection	13	14
15 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 am Bishop's Committee Meeting 4 pm Centering Prayer	16	17 8:30 am Morning Prayer	18 5:45 pm Evening Eucharist	19 8:30 am Morning Prayer Noon Scripture Reflection	20	21
22 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 1-4 Project Linus Gathering Room	23	24 8:30 am Morning Prayer 11:00 am Witty Knitters 1 pm Worship Planning Mtg. 10 am Newsletter Deadline	25 5:45 pm Evening Eucharist	26 8:30 am Morning Prayer Noon Scripture Reflection	27	28
29 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31 8:30 am Morning Prayer				

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