

Glad Tidings

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Interim Vicar's Voice

Dear Saints of St. Antony's,

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3

It is with such mixed feelings that I write this as it will be my last newsletter message to you. I don't think any of us expected I would still be writing these back in October 2021 when I stepped into the role as your interim vicar. Indeed, it has been a most interesting time these past nineteen months.

We have grown, we have laughed, we have cried, we have celebrated. I hope that I have served you well in my role as interim. It is a unique role; an interim doesn't have all the authority as 'regular' vicar and is always hesitant to put his or her mark on too many things as we know our time in the role is definitely finite. An interim following a beloved vicar or rector is called to remind people that the priest is not the church, that the congregation is, and I have tried to do that. I'll say more on the 14th.

If I have any final words of advice to you it is a repeat of my Lenten message – allow yourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit and my message these past few weeks – pray for eyes to see and ears to hear the presence of Jesus in your lives.

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***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!***

As I have often said, take to heart the often-repeated phrase in Holy Scripture, *Be Not Afraid!* This next chapter in the life of St. Antony's holds nothing but possibilities!!! Do not sell yourself short, you can do so much. You have been gifted with this beautiful property and building that needs to be used as a way for the community at large to know what St. Antony's is all about; how we live out our baptismal promise *to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.*

I know God has great hope for St. Antony's and that God will be with you as you continue to live into the Gospel message. It has been an honor, a privilege, and a blessing to have been with you these past 19 months and I look forward to the next few weeks. I want to thank you. Thank for the opportunity to be a full-time priest, for the opportunity to serve in this capacity, for the trust you have placed in me, and for your love, your prayers, and support.

With gratitude and blessings,



Notes from the Bishop's Warden

God is not found in the soul by adding anything, but by a process of subtraction.

Meister Eckhart (medieval Christian mystic)

I recalled this quote from a daily meditation I read, and thought of the 'subtraction' we'll all soon experience with Father Craig's departure on 14 May. What a blessing he's been as we've travelled through transition together - providing continuity of care, compassionate presence and soulful sermons. Meister Eckhart's quote prompts me to reflect on the need for inner calm to become aware of God's presence through inevitable change. Please plan on attending a farewell reception for Father Craig following the 10:15 service on 14 May. Thankfully, we will have supply priests officiating services at St. Antony's through the summer.

The **Search Committee** is busily reviewing vicar candidates vetted by the Diocese. While no specific information can be revealed, I've been assured the Committee is working as diligently as they can to navigate steps laid out by the Diocese. Consider thanking those who are doing this work (but no prying questions!): Cheryl Wright, Sarah Rogers, Mark Westin, Marj Zantek, David Wedeven, Barbara Thaete, Rick Zapp.

The **building and grounds group** continue their work to create a consistent maintenance plan for the church and property. Be on the look out for opportunities to help with grounds cleanup through the spring and summer.

Thanks to Dave Peterson and John Stockwell and others for their work to set up our **playset**. It's looking good!

Many thanks to Bill Fagan who donated the replacement cost from insurance for his stolen lawn tool, to Rich Rogers for donating a weed whacker and to David Sorrell for buying locks for our riding mowers. Money received from church donations and from the insurance claim will be earmarked for future landscaping/maintenance needs. And be sure to thank Holly Foley for her continued diligence tidying up church spaces.

May we each experience the peace of God in the midst of busy and every-changing personal and church family lives.

Peace be with you,

Loretta McGinley

Musings from the Peoples Warden

Thank you to all who were involved with the Celebration of Life for our dear Olivia on March 25. The tables and flowers were organized by Loretta, the remembrance table and greeting room for the Little Angels set up by Tovi, and were all appreciated. The congregation provided enough food for the family to take home and do coffee hour the next day. Thank you to Fr. Scott for a lovely service.

We had a successful all church Palm Sunday Potluck. Big thanks to all the members who brought such a lovely array of foods and I think this should be an annual event! Thank you also to Loretta for the lovely flowers and table settings and Dave P. for moving tables into and back away for us to sit at.

Holy week was amazing, whether you participated in one, or all the services it was a blessing. Capped off by Easter services and a joyful indoor egg hunt while we nibbled on the amazing spread by Jane and Carrie. Thank you Tyler, Chelsea, Marj and the youth for a flexible egg hunt.

The BC is investigating possible options to offer the church and pavilion as a venue for local weddings and other events. Benny and Cheryl Wright have been doing some research and we are meeting with a local caterer who has a very active presence in Kitsap County and a website that lists local venues. When we understand our options and obligations to the diocese we will embark on this voyage to give the church more opportunities to be an active meeting place for the community. Thank you to Cheryl and Benny for offering to lead the way with this exciting next step.

I have been busy (with the help of many hands) unpacking some of the last boxes from our move. I hope to have the last few put away soon. If you are looking for some books or other materials that I have put away, please ask me, but as most were still double wrapped in plastic bags, I hope you will be happy to see them available. Even the office has had a little added organization and we found treasures!

Warm Blessings,
Holly Foley

St. Antony's MISSIONARY

Our very own **Charles Smith** is still in Kitsap County for a return visit, but will be returning to Africa soon.

Charles will share about the ongoing work he is doing in Uganda **following the 10:15 service on 7 May**. Please grab some coffee and snacks after church, and plan to stay awhile for his presentation about the important missionary work he is doing in Africa. All are invited to attend, and to support Charles as he continues his work overseas.

Loretta McGinley

To our Parishioners at St. Antony Episcopal Church

The following "Thank you" letter is from Sister Jami Fances Nelson Of St. James Episcopal. She and her husband attended the Celebration of Life for Olivia Stalter held here a few weeks ago.

"Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise" for the amazing and absolutely joyous occasion of Sister Olivia's Memorial Service.

The church was full of people who represented the primary and constant facets of Sister Olivia's life. Will confess to having met Sister Olivia once, at a crowded profession Ceremony in March 2019. Evidently, as ever, the life light which emanated from her was a force! Distinguishable across any crowded room, your desire to meet and know this woman better was immediately fanned. I envy the Sisters and other Franciscans who have had the honor of doing so. It was my honor on Saturday to meet more of those people, and her light still shines! For the Sissies, perhaps, the finest testimonial was sharing two front rows in the church, all full of people in various Franciscan dress. In addition to a beautiful service, it was heady, post-Covid, to meet and greet so many people, and to discover so many 'shared ideas.' We went to honor our sister, only to discover that she had left us a beautiful gift! Our transcendent Thanksgivings, and magnificent Praises to the Celebrant, Sister Olivia's retired Priest, the Rev. Dick Scott, Companion (read; Field Marshal) Tovi Andrews and all of the wonderful Parishioners of St. Antony's of Egypt in Silverdale, WA. Thank you, everyone, for an unforgettable experience!

Submitted by: Tovi Andrews, LSSC, Retired



FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who donated towards our beautiful Easter lilies and Floral arrangements and to those who helped hang the lovely golden "Drape"...for want of a better name. The sanctuary truly was a joy to behold and added to the celebration of the Risen Lord. Your continued support of contributions toward flowers, sanctuary lamps and all other gifts is greatly appreciated; we especially thank Deacon Bill for his gift of the bread we share at each Eucharist.

On the Day of Pentecost, May 28th, we will be accepting gifts of communion wine, preferably "TAWNY PORT". As always, we are welcoming new members; if you would like to join our Altar Guild and have questions please call me.

With thanks and blessings,
Ruth Lindstrum



Photo Credit:
Carmen Morris

IS GOD'S WORK IN YOUR WILL?

Even people who already have had their wills written often overlook four important considerations:

1. Naming an alternate personal representative. If your personal representative (executor or executrix) cannot serve when needed, the court will have to appoint a replacement. You would probably rather make that choice yourself.

By naming an alternate in your will, you take care of this possibility. You might want to name the trust department of your bank, your attorney, or your accountant.

2. Naming a guardian for minor children. Some parents assume they are too young to need wills. Farthest from their thoughts is the possibility that some tragedy could disable a parent or result in a loss of one or both parents at once.

It is wise for couples with children to discuss this possibility frankly, and make decisions about who will be the guardian of their children. Then it can be discussed and agreed upon with the proposed guardian(s). The court will look with favor on the person(s) you name. Often it is satisfactory to work out a mutual agreement with another couple whose children also would need guardians in a similar situation. These plans should be stated in the wills of all parents involved.

3. Naming final beneficiaries. If your will names only immediate members of the family, be aware that in many cases, every beneficiary named in a person's will has died.

What happens then is usually a happy surprise for distant cousins, for example, who sometimes were not even known by the deceased! Instead, you may want to consider our parish to receive part of your estate for its work, in the event your heirs predecease you.

4. Including the parish in your will. You may have primary interest in the church while you live...and it need not be forgotten when you die. If your heirs are not needy, or if you have no immediate heirs, you may want to consider including the church as one of the recipients of your estate.

Many parishioners could probably name their church as residual beneficiary for part or all of the estate after other bequests are fulfilled.

How about your will?

You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by making your will now, and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing whatever you do not need in this life will bring blessings to many others.

Extracted from THE Diocesan of Olympia's "GIFT PLANNING: WILLS AWARENESS IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH"

Chris Crowson

What is “Faith Formation?”

” Why have we chosen to study the Book of James in our Sunday morning Bible study? Aren’t there other ways to “form faith?”

The Book of James is not about coming to believe. The Apostle Paul has already taken care of that. James is writing to people who already believe. They are worshipping together in small house churches, and the concerns that James mentions seem familiar to us. We are dealing with some of the same issues.

Is “formation” about believing? Is it about knowing lots of theology, or learning to quote verses from the Bible? For us as Christians, the beginning of formation is our baptism. We become members of the body of Christ at baptism, even when we are too young to know its meaning— God reaches out to us. When we, as adults, affirm our baptism, we are recognizing that the bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. *

James says “Be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.” He recognizes that the young church needs the guidance of the Holy Spirit to grow and maintain the community of believers. He is concerned that careless use of the tongue can lead to destruction of the fellowship. (He didn’t have to worry about the distortions of social media!) He recognizes that social and economic inequality contribute to alienation from God, and he sees how worship can be distorted by believing that God will be honored by just writing a check.

James would endorse the challenge given by the prophet Micah: “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

How do we as a church “do justice” when people in Silverdale who are over 60 years old need to have food delivered to their apartments in order to eat? when 59 people every week visit the Silverdale Food Bank in order to feed their children? When elementary schools must have “shooter” drills to protect children from deranged people with guns?

We are a Christian community; how can we meet together, support one another, and find ways to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

We meet every Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Godly Play room to wrestle with the words of our Bible.

* The Book of Common Prayer, p.298

Esther Osborne, Faith Formation (Adult) Commissioner

Project Linus

Project Linus will be meeting in the gathering room on Sunday, April 30th from 12:30 to 3:30. We will have a variety of tasks that we need help with, so we welcome any and all interested folks with lots or no experience in sewing. Please join us.

Carole Nau

Meet your Bishop's Committee



Loretta McGinley
Bishop's Warden
Stewardship



Holly Foley
People's Warden
Pastoral Care
Welcoming



Julie Sherwin
Faith Formation, Youth



Esther Osborne
Faith Formation, Adult



Tim Van As
Outreach



Dee Perreira
Clerk of the BC
Communications



Tyler Reynolds
Youth Representative

Please contact one of these persons if you have questions or concerns or ideas within their commission.



May Birthdays

1	Easton Wright
8	Emma & Lena Alessio
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
	Soren van As
	Raymond Brock
31	Kelly Carlisle



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 23rd** at 10 am.
Please send all submissions to:
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.



Financial Report March			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$15,296.69	\$69,079.91	Local Checking	\$40,406.24
Operating Expenses	\$17,506.72	\$54,589.50	Local Savings	\$17,242.62
Net in March	\$(2,210.03)	\$14,490.41	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$208,560.71
			Total	\$266,209.57

May 2023 Schedule				
JOB	May 7 5th Sunday of Easter	May 14 6th Sunday of Easter	May 21 7th Sunday of Easter	May 28 The Day of Pentecost
EM 8 am	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	Elizabeth Moorhead	Donna Hilton
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Norma Tipton	Elizabeth Moorhead	Donna Hilton	Ruth Lindstrum
GREETER 8 am				
EM 10:15 am	Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Esther Osborne	Peter Stockwell
LC/OT 10:15 am	Stu Smith	Laurel R.	Jim Foley	Stu Smith
LC/NT 10:15 am	Luke R.	Jim Foley		Marj Zantek
ACOLYTES 10:15 am				
GREETER 10:15 am				
USHER 10:15 am	Mark Westin	Chris Crowson	Dave Peterson	Carole Nau
COUNTERS	Marj Zantek	Jim Foley David Wedeven	Ann Daniels Jim Foley	Marj Zantek Norma Tipton
COFFEE HOUR	The Foley Family	Sarah Rogers	Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell	Amy & Christina Wentworth
BPod	Holly Foley	Loretta McGinley	Tyler Reynolds	Esther Osborne
1st LESSON	Acts 7:55-60	Acts 17:22-31	Acts 1:6-14	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
PSALM	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16	Psalms 66:7-18	Psalms 68:1-10, 33-36	Psalms 104:25-35, 37
2nd LESSON	1 Peter 2:2-10	1 Peter 3:13-22	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
GOSPEL	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-21	John 17:1-11	John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

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	Chris Crowson B	Chris Crowson	Carleton M.
Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Ann Daniels A	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.
Norma Tipton	John Teller		David Wedeven B	Barb Hart - Substitute	Mackenzie W.
			Heidi Feenstra-Wilson A		
10 am	10 am	10 am	David Wilkinson A		
Elizabeth Flagg			Marj Zantek A	Peter Stockwell	
Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Suzanne Brock		Carol Nau	
Cris McCarty	Esther Osborne	Elizabeth Flagg		Linda Robuck	
Laurel Rogers	Sarah Rogers	Liz Haney			
Luke Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Carole Nau	A - computer		
Sarah Rogers			B - non computer		
Maggie Scott		Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell			
Stu Smith					
Peter Stockwell					
Michael Wentworth					

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Clergy Conference	2 Clergy Conference	3 10:30 am Contemplative Group Clergy Conference	4	5 Music Group 9-noon	6
7 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 Charles Smith Presentation	8 9 am P.E.O. Ladies	9 Noon Scripture Sharing	10 Noon Holy Eucharist 12:30 pm Sack Lunch	11	12 Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning	13
14 Fr. Craig's Last Sunday Mother's Day 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	15	16 11:00 am Witty Knitters	17 10:30 am Contemplative Group	18 Noon BC Reports due	19 Music Group 9-noon	20
21 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am BC Meeting	22	23 10 am Newsletter Deadline	24	25	26 Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning 2 - 6 pm Rehearsal	27 4 pm Concert Chris and friends.
28 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

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