

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

**BC Monthly Reports  
October 2023**

**VICAR'S REPORT – Mother Hillary - (Term started October 2)**

I only have a week and a half to report on, but it's been a delightful week and a half.

**Worship and Spiritual Life:**

On my first Sunday with you all, we blessed our beloved animals in honor of St. Francis. The 8am service had 16 attendees, and the 10:15 service had 76. I also had the opportunity to join our contemplative prayer group last Wednesday as well as our Thursday afternoon Bible study on John, faithfully led by Esther (and by Marj during Esther's convalescence).

Additionally, the Liturgy & Arts Team will reconvene this Monday, October 16th at 1pm at church-- so far this team includes Joann, Mark, Ruth, Sarah, Linda, and myself. We'll be choosing music and looking ahead to the next liturgical events, such as All Saints, Thanksgiving, and Advent/Christmastide.

I'm interested in resurrecting the mid-week Eucharist and/or a Vicar-led formation series soon.

Pastoral Care: I was able to join the Pastoral Care team last week, and I had a chance to visit Vivian Durfee (currently on hospice) for prayer and Eucharist. I'll also be hoping to visit two other parishioners at Brookdale as well as Barbara Steadman at Northwoods soon. I'm prioritizing some of our sick or shut-in parishioners for visits in effort to get to know them early, and I've been appreciative to the BC and Pastoral Care team for referrals--keep them coming!

Community Relationships: Rick and I have reached out to Rabbi Emily at the synagogue in Bremerton to offer support and prayers. I hope to meet with Rabbi Emily on the morning of Monday the 16th.

**Administration:**

My continued gratitude for this team, Linda, and everyone else who has been orienting me to St. Antony's current policies and procedures! This will be ongoing. :)

Sarah Rogers received training from Linda in order to sub for her during Linda's vacation.

A new vicar's laptop has been purchased from our Technology Upgrades budget-- this machine will be owned by St. Antony's primarily for the vicar's use but will be flexible for other uses, such as hybrid events or meetings or a backup streaming laptop in the event that the current streaming laptop fails.

I'll be working on employee job descriptions and agreements as well as talking with Guy Fulton about our current technology and his role. I want to prioritize updating our website. The homepage is faithfully updated by Linda, but many other pages have out of date information.

Our Celebration of New and Mutual Ministry (formerly called installation service) will be on the Feast of St. Antony: Wednesday evening, January 17th, 2024. We need to choose a time and convene a small planning team for this service.

Thank you for making my first two weeks wonderful!

### **BISHOP'S WARDEN – Loretta McGinley**

- Attended Diocesan Convene conference at Everett Community College 30 September with Mal and Sylvia Campbell and Marj Zane. Attended informative presentations by members of other congregations throughout the Diocese. It would be good to regularly inform the congregation about Diocesan sponsored events to knit a sense of belonging to a larger Episcopalian community.
- Drafted letter to renter with reminder of tenant responsibilities regarding upkeep of property. With wonderful assistance from Benny, Holly, David P and David S., much cleanup has happened and renter is being more proactive in taking care of things. Letter unnecessary at this point.
- Introduced our last supply priest, Rev Jim Friedrich at both services 1 October. Feedback from Rev. Jim, as well as other supply priests who have served the past few months, very favorable. They've appreciated the welcoming presence of our congregation.
- Very happily met with Mother Hillary and Holly 2 October on her first in-office day. Reviewed some items to become familiar with for a general orientation to St. A's. Watched first sermon via Facebook; impressed with the positive energy that was obviously flowing!
- Hosted getting-to-know-you breakfast with Mother Hillary and BC at church on 7 October.

### **PEOPLE'S WARDEN– Holly Foley + Pastoral Care**

#### **People's warden notes:**

- Sept 19 - Tony's Trekkers went on beautiful Port Ludlow hike
- Sept 20 – Loretta and I joined the planning meeting for Welcome Banquet
- Sept 21- Benny, Dave, Melanie and Dave P joined to clean out church items from rental
- Oct 2- Melanie and I transported folding panels to be donated to NKHS
- OCT 3- Pastoral Care meeting
- Oct 7 – BC Breakfast with Mother Hillary
- Oct 8- Blessing of the Animals and Welcome to Mother Hillary

#### **Pastoral Care Notes:**

- Need training /Refresh for EM with Mother Hillary
- MH will be visiting Vivian Durfee and others in Brookdale
- We went through members needing visits, cards and calls
- Sylvia shared her Convene take away about Pastoral Care.
- LOTS of great ideas and Sylvia will get us handout to share details.
- Request for food donation boxes to be set out for collection
- Please look for cross that used to be in the memorial garden
- Next meeting will be Nov 14 at 1:30 pm

## **COMMUNICATIONS – Dee Perreira**

No report.

## **ENVIRONMENT – Benny Wright (voted in on 6-24-23)**

No report.

## **FAITH FORMATION – Julie Sherwin (Youth)**

From the youth committee members.

Kristen is working on reworking the request for help in Godley play. The hope is to clarify roles needed and how often.

Per Marj-The youth are potentially interested in baking Christmas cookies, possibly participating in a cookie and carols event, and would like to try some sort of pageant for Epiphany (otherwise we can't legitimately include the Wise Men). An idea for cookies and carols is for the adults to come with one thing they'd like to learn about their cell phones or computer and have the "tech-savvy generation" help as a Christmas blessing. Also, if the evergreen trees on the north side of our property need thinning, the youth would be willing to help cut for decorating the church, have a Christmas tree sale, or have an outdoor tree decorating contest. Also Michael Wentworth is interested in perhaps teaching a high school "Sunday School" class....potentially not even during church. What are our congregation's goals in that department? I'm interested in the possibility of a confirmation class for our high schoolers and potentially at least some of our middle school youth. Hoping eventually classes and youth group activities will supplant Godly Play for our older youth, leaving the class for the age group for whom we have the curriculum. Who knows? Maybe they'll be interested in participating more fully in the Sunday services?

## **FAITH FORMATION – Esther Osborne (Adult)**

The Thursday Bible study has grown, and participants seem enthused as we struggle through the Gospel of John. I will be having knee surgery on October 19, so Marj will be facilitating the Bible Study. My daughter-in-law will be having open heart surgery tomorrow, please pray for her speedy recovery. I will be back in class on October 26.

## **FINANCE – Jim Foley**

Here is my report for September. It was a good month, with donations over budget and last year, putting us in the black by almost \$5k on the month, and \$18k YTD. The request for the DIF withdrawals has been sent to the Diocese with the BC Minutes backing up the request. Mother Hillary has been set-up with automatic recurring weekly pay through QuickBooks.

## **OUTREACH – Tim van As**

- Working with the Youth Group to conduct a food drive for the Central Kitsap Food Bank as the holiday season approaches. Boxes to collect food and signs directing parishioners to donation boxes will be put in place by the Youth Group in the church shortly. In addition to the food drive, Central Kitsap Food Bank has requested a team of 10 volunteers on 11/3/23 at the CKFB to assist with putting together packages of food for the community. The Youth Group has already identified 5 individuals to support this

event but may need to submit a broader request to the church to fill the remaining 5 spots. So look for more communication related to both these activities in the coming days/weeks.

- In addition, a total of \$2,299.48 was donated by St. Anthony to ERD to support Maui relief efforts.

**PARISH LIFE – Bishop’s Committee**

No report.

**PASTORAL CARE – Holly Foley**

No report.

**STEWARDSHIP – Loretta McGinley**

No report.

**WELCOMING – Holly Foley**

No report.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE – Tyler Reynolds (Term ended)**

No report.

**Deacon Bill Thaete (Term ended 9-10-2023)**

No report.

**Other Reports –**

**Tim van As – Grounds Clean up / Pest Control Report**

We can discuss in more detail during the BC meeting on Sunday. See attached summarizing cost for Pest Control services and grounds fall (and spring if desired) clean up.

Benny and I obtained multiple quotes for pest control and grounds fall clean up.

Recommended services cost ~\$2K, which includes pest control for full year + fall clean up.