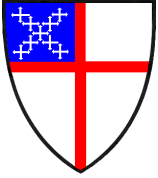


Glad Tidings

December 2023



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The Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Vicar



Vicar's Voice

Nearly a year ago, in January of 2023, I was no longer serving as a curate at St. Luke's in Seattle but instead focused on my hospital ministry and doing pulpit supply for other priests. (You may remember that this is when I first came to St. Antony's! I served for three Sundays last January while Father Craig was on pilgrimage in the Holy Land. I had no idea then that God would bring us back together!)

Back then, I was feeling spiritually exhausted from ministering in the hospital during the seemingly endless pandemic. I yearned for rest and comfort from God, and I felt a deep desire to take a pilgrimage to Canterbury in England to connect deeply with our Anglican roots. I started hunting around on the internet to see if a local Episcopal church was planning a trip anytime soon. I couldn't find one, but I did find a church in North Carolina planning a trip for Advent 2023, so I signed up. I thought I might be able to convince another priest, friend, or family member to accompany me, but the timing wasn't right for anyone else, but it was right for me! I signed up to journey to Canterbury with Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Greensboro, NC. Again, little did I know how much my life would change in the months to come! Thankfully, I will still be able to go on this pilgrimage, and I hope to bring back stories and learnings from the trip to share with you all. I'll be leaving December 1st and returning December 9th. The Reverend Gail Wheatley will be with you for the first Sunday of Advent on December 3rd, and I am delighted to welcome Father Dick Scott back to the pulpit to share a homily with us for the second Sunday of Advent on December 10th, when I return.

Advent, as we know, is the beginning of the liturgical church year! It is a time of new beginnings, new energy, and new hope. Traditionally, it was a fast, similar to Lent, but with an air of expectation and anticipation as Christians everywhere await the celebration of Christ's birth with the yearning and hope of families awaiting a new child. It's a story that never gets old-- God loved us so much that God became like one of us, a vulnerable baby, an embodied human through Jesus Christ. That's the story of God's love for us, through Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit--over and over, God comes closer to us. May we be waiting and watching with Mary and Joseph this Advent, looking for we can join each other in this new beginning for St. Antony's!

May you feel God's loving presence close to you this Advent and be inspired to share that love generously with others. Amen.

Mother Hillary+

*The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming community
who worships God, grows in Christ, and serves others.
Gather, Grow, and Go!*

Notes from the Bishop's Warden

December 2023

Advent Prayer - Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparation for Christmas.
We who have so much to do
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your Kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people,
walking in darkness yet seeking the light.
To you we say
"Come, Lord Jesus".
Amen.

Days continue to get colder and darker, and I feel both a yearning to seek daylight outside and a desire to create warm and cozy spaces inside. It seems the absence of daylight makes me both notice and appreciate light, wherever it is. And this makes me reflect on Advent, a time of waiting with quiet anticipation for the coming of Jesus - the light of the world. It's a time of turning inwards, reflecting, and seeking the light of God's presence wherever it arises - in ourselves, in each other and in the world.

So much has been happening at St. Antony's since Mother Hillary's arrival, and I sense the light of God's presence in excitement and energy as we go about connecting with one another, welcoming newcomers, sharing worship, providing pastoral care and outreach, involving our children and youth, and building connections with our community. Many thanks to all who helped with Mother Hillary's Welcome Banquet, hosted and participated in the small group gatherings (a special thank you to Cheryl Wright for coordinating these groups), and to each one of you for helping Mother Hillary feel welcomed.

Thank you, also, to those who handed in their pledge cards during In-Gathering Sunday, and to Bill Reeder and Chris Crowson for their help with our Stewardship campaign. If you haven't turned in your pledge card, please do so even if unable to commit to financial giving next year - it is a big help for our treasurer, Jim Foley, and to our new Vicar for planning next year's budget. You have also heard requests to consider giving of your time and talent. Four members (including myself) will be completing their time on the Bishop's Committee in January 2024, and these positions need to be filled. Many thanks to Dee Perreira (Communications), Julie Sherwin (Youth) and to Benny Wright (Environment) for their passion and commitment to our St. Antony church family through their participation on the Bishop's Committee. Please prayerfully consider being part of BC in the coming year.

May you each experience the light of God's presence through this Advent and Christmas season.

Sincerely,
Loretta



Musings from the Peoples Warden

My heart is grateful. I would like to focus on the hands and hearts that I am grateful to for that help to make St. Antonys a strong and thriving community. I am grateful to each one of you who dedicated your time to serving by providing: flowers, music, altar dressing, hospitality, teaching our children and adults, providing prayers and transporting members, with food drive or yard work, running the office, baking the bread, live-streaming so distant members can stay in touch and sharing your love and laughter each time we meet together. You are all truly amazing.

Three members of our Bishops Committee are almost done with their service commitments and I am grateful to have been working with them this past year.

First and foremost is our Bishops Warden Loretta McGinley. Thank you Loretta for your diligence and organized leadership! I am in awe of her attention to details and kind but strong follow through. The time she takes to communicate with us all and do the research on how to make things happen is a full time effort. I will miss working hand and hand with you!!

Our Clerk Dee Perreira is amazing, catching our discussions in notes and providing minutes, as well as her eye for communication and designing from the shirts to posters, to flyers. Thanks Dee for sharing your diverse abilities!!

Our Faith Formation for youth has been in good hands with Julie Sherwin. She is tirelessly dedicated and thoughtful in her role as Youth commissioner. As our children seem to be increasing, she has been devoted to developing programs for all our young. And that playground outside is just one visible sign of her work!!

Holly Foley
People's Warden

Adult Faith Formation

A few of us remember the chaos of World War II, when England was under aerial attack and English children were evacuated to the countryside as London experienced a world gone mad. Out of that chaos, C.S. Lewis, a British scholar of Medieval and Renaissance Literature, wrote a series of books for children, including *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, which introduced us to the land of Narnia, frozen in perpetual winter and death by the evil White Witch. This December, the Thursday Bible study will explore Advent in Narnia by Heidi Haverkamp, a series of reflections for Advent in our own time of uncertainty, fear, and hope. The guide books may be purchased either through Esther Osborne or online. All are welcome to join us at 12:30 on November 30

Esther Osborne
Faith Formation, Adult

Welcome Committee Initiatives

We are fortunate to have many visitors to Saint Antonys. We want to make sure that everyone feels welcome and quickly understands the fellowship and love we all share. To ensure this we will be making special name tags with red ribbons attached so that visitors can be easily recognized. If you see someone that is new or visiting, please greet them and extend a warm welcome. We will also schedule periodic newcomer get-togethers hosted by members of our congregation. The first of these will be a special newcomers coffee on January 7, 2024.

Melanie Reeder, Welcoming Commissioner

Outreach

The Outreach Commission and Youth Group would like to thank the St. Antony's community for its support of the food drive for the Central Kitsap Food Bank. We're still in the process of tallying final results given the tremendous support but as of 11/12 a total of 325 lbs. and 370 items of food have already been donated to the Central Kitsap Food Bank. The food drive ended Sunday, 11/19. We'll report final results soon and look to schedule more food drives in the future as an important way to support our local community.

In addition, a group of adults and youth from St. Antony's volunteered on Friday, 11/3 at the Central Kitsap Food Bank to package meals for 600 families that will be provided for Thanksgiving. Thanks to the parishioners and youth who participated in this important event as well.

Tim van As, Outreach Commissioner

Communications Corner:

Another year will be coming to an end here at St. Antony's and for me it has been a journey I will never forget. It has been a pleasure and an honor to have served as the Clerk and Communications Commissioner. I have done my best that I could offer and I do hope you were pleased with my time and talent. The work and effect of being a part of the Bishop's Committee has been a wonderful experience. I enjoy dancing hula, sharing ideas, giving feedback and even assisting where I can and when I can.

I will cherish the memories I have created but look forward to many more. At this Christmas, I hope that you will let the Light of Faith and the Warmth of Family make the Season extra bright.

Have a wonderful Holiday celebration everyone and May God bless each and every one of you today and always.

Have a prosperous New Year.
Love and Aloha,

Dolores (Dee) Perreira



Welcome to our new church family...

Eight new people/families have joined us in the last month. Please welcome:

Mike & Laura Shear and their children, Audrey and Mary.

Alvin & Netnapa Woods and their son, Elijah.

Geri Sanchez and two sons, Art and Richie.

Kathy Gero and her children, Melissa and Nicholas.

Carl & J Baker.

Torie Brazitis and Ben Jones and their children, Vera and Magnus.

J.D. Fitzpatrick

Sheryl & Alfred Abel.

These people will be in our next church directory in February.
Please call the office if you need to get their contact information before then.



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



Benny Wright
Environment

No Photo
Yet

Melanie Reeder
Welcoming

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

Charles Mission News

Prison Ministry and Kairos

I was active with Kairos in Monroe, Washington State prior to answering the call to be a missionary for prison ministry in Uganda. I attended the monthly zoom meeting for Kairos Monroe. It was good to talk about how the ministry is proceeding there and in Uganda. The prison in Monroe has been allowing post-pandemic ministry. However, it is not Kairos. The volunteers are working to maintain the relationship with the prison and they are praying that they can resume the Kairos continuing ministry program.

Here in Uganda, the local team is actively sharing the gospel in the prisons of Koboko district each week. We look forward to opening a dialogue with the new Kairos Uganda national team about becoming part of Kairos. In my October newsletter I mentioned there was a series of emails exchanged between myself, Evelyn (CEO of Kairos), and Pastor Bernard (Kairos Uganda). In that exchange I mentioned my experience with Kairos. Normally, there are certain roles within Kairos that you hold only once, even if you change teams. Uganda does not have four-day Christian programs (like Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, A4D, Via de Christo, ...). As a result, my background is unique (here). I mentioned it so it would be clear that I should not be considered a candidate for these roles (such as weekend leader), but I would help those selected, if desired. Evelyn response surprised me.

She wrote, "Your experience would be welcome and appreciated. ... We would consider using your experience as a Weekend Leader again also when we get to that stage – as they could use help setting it up correctly using experience when none of the team has any past experience. The group in Uganda has some planning to do ... Along with relations with the prisons and permission to do the program properly and get all the people in, etc. Your knowledge to help nationally advise is welcome."

I did not expect, nor did I seek to be Weekend Leader again. It was a blessed time. If God opens that door, I will go there. (Evelyn said consider, nothing more.) I was only seeking to be open and honest about what I can offer, including obedience to stay at the local, not national level. Now I am being invited to expand my role in prison ministry to working directly with those at the national level.

As this newsletter goes to print, I will be across the country in Kampala for a few meetings, including meeting with Pastor Bernard. I will also be meeting with the national prison chaplain for Uganda regarding the annual renewal of our letter granting permission for prison ministry in Koboko.

Transport

This is a plea for help to buy a vehicle in Uganda. Some of the roads are paved. Most of the roads I need to use for prison ministry are not. The dirt roads are frequently rutted and filled with potholes making them very rough on the chassis of a vehicle. I have been directed by other missionaries who have replaced vehicles after driving on Ugandan roads for a few years, that a Land Cruiser is the best choice for these roads. When I priced them, I was told that the vehicles are priced in USD and converted to Ugandan shillings at the time of purchase unless you have USD. I am trying to raise \$25,000 for the vehicle plus another \$25,000 to cover import fees, Ugandan road tax, and other taxes and fees. Uganda does not charge an annual registration; however, the one-time per vehicle road tax is high enough to make up for it.

A vehicle would allow the prison ministry to, 1) take more people to the prison for ministry, 2) respond to request to expand the prison ministry, 3) spend more time in ministry instead of looking for local transport that may or may not be available when we desire it. Thank you for praying about it.

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Thanksgivings

- I have been granted a 2-month extension to my tourist visa. This will allow the non-government organization (NGO) more time to renew its Uganda permit. Then they can nominate me for another 3-year work permit.
- You, my prayer support!
- For you, my financial supporters!

Prayer Requests

- Kairos and prison ministry in general.
- Funding for a vehicle for ministry in Uganda.
- Work permit (long term visa) so I can stay in Uganda long term without needing to apply for renewals every couple of months.



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Hello From the Floral Ministry

In-gathering Altar - Thank you for monetary donations to the food drive, the money was used to purchase perishable food items such as pumpkins, spaghetti, acorn and butternut squash, onions, potatoes, pears, apples, fresh savory herb bundles and more. The altar looked 'abundant' and 'bountiful'. Most of the food came from the Kitsap Food Co-op in Bremerton, which sells locally grown organic produce. I am glad we could provide both perishable and non-perishable items.

Greening the Church - Come December 23rd at 9 am for the "greening of the church". We will assemble garlands and then hang them in nave, this is a 'more-the-merrier' activity, so please come make garlands with your fellow parishioners, and be part of the preparations of the church. We are looking for donations of holly, both greenery and berries, if you have some please consider bringing it to the church. If you could let Heather know, either by text or call that would be appreciated 360-256-6900.

Poinsettias for Christmas - Please consider a \$25 donation for poinsettias this year, we will have a sign-up and envelope in the narthex. We look forward to adorning the church with special flowers and garlands for the Christmas season, from Christmas Day until January 5th.

Floral Ministry - if you would like to be part of the Floral Ministry by either preparing the fresh floral arrangements each Sunday or delivering flowers to parishioners in need please see Heather Carnocki, we are looking to add one or two more people for the Floral Ministry.

Heather Carnocki
Floral Ministry Coordinator





December Birthdays

1	Jackie Vincent
2	Carole Nau
	Carolyn Sorrell
7	Melo Scanlon
13	Gail Ferguson
19	Helen Stockton
21	Connie Zapp
22	Bill Reeder
24	Carol Smith
28	Daniel Ferguson
29	Donny Manning



December Anniversaries

21	Melo & Lenia Scanlon
29	Kay & Bob Kellogg

The deadline for the January Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, December 26th** at 10 am.
Please send all submissions to:
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.

Financial Report October			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$18,844.58	\$163,720.64	Local Checking	\$47,476.77
Operating Expenses	\$17,718.55	\$162,565.39	Local Savings	\$17,247.67
Net in October	\$1,126.03	\$1,155.25	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$212,321.66
			Total	\$277,046.10

December 2023 Schedule

JOBS	December 3 1st Sunday of Advent	December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent	December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent	December 24 4th Sunday of Advent JOINT SERVICE 9:30	December 24 Christmas Eve 5 pm	December 24 Christmas Eve 10:30 pm	December 25 The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ 9:30 am	December 31 The f1st Sunday after Christmas Day
EM 8 am	Donna H.	Ruth L.	Elizabeth M.					Elizabeth M.
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Norma T.	Elizabeth M.	Dee P.					Ruth L.
GREETER 8 am								
EM 10:15 am	Marj Z.	Peter S.	Cris M.	Kristen F.	Ruth L.	Peter S.	Sarah R.	Cris M.
LC/OT 10:15 am	Stu S.	Marj. Z.	Michael W.	Jim F.	Luke R.	Elizabeth M.	Esther O.	Stu S.
LC/NT 10:15 am	Cris M.	Esther O.	Michael W.	Maggie S.	Luke R.	Elizabeth M.	Esther O.	Cris M.
ACOLYTES 10:15 am								
CHALICE BEARER	Avery v	Sorren v	Avery v	Sorren v				Avery v
USHER 10:15 am	Mark W.	Dave P.	Peter S.	Carole N.	Mark W.	Tim v.		Linda R.
COUNTERS	Ann D. Maggie S.	Marj Z. Norma T.	Ann D. David W.	Jim F. Maggie S.				Jim F. Norma T.
COFFEE HOUR	Sylvia & Malcolm C.	Foley Family	Carol W.	Reeder Family				Congregation
BPod	Melanie R.	Holly F.	Dee P.					Esther O.
1st LESSON	Isaiah 64:1-9	Isaiah 40:1-11	Isaiah 61:1- 4, 8-11	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 52:7-10	Isaiah 61:10- 62:3
PSALM	Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Psalm 126	Canticle 15	Psalm 96	Psalm 96	Psalm 98	Psalm 147 or 147:13-21
2nd LESSON	1 Corinthi- ans 1:3-9	2 Peter 3:8-15a	1 Thessaloni- ans 5:16-24	Romans 16:25 -27	Titus: 2:11-14	Titus: 2:11-14	Hebrews 1:1- 4	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
GOSPEL	Mark 13:24-37	Mark 1:1-8	John 1:6- 8,19-28	Luke 1:26-38	Luke: 2:1-20	Luke: 2:1-20	John 1:1-14	John 1:1-18

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	Ann Daniels A	Carol Nau	Cris McCarty
Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Jim Foley A	Dave & Jan Peterson	Laurel R.
Ruth Lindstrum	Ruth Lindstrum	Pam Morton	Maggie Scott B	Linda Robuck	
Elizabeth Moorhead	Elizabeth Moorhead		Norma Tipton B	Peter Stockwell	
Dee Perreira	Bill Reeder		David Wedeven B	Mark Westin	
Norma Tipton			Marj Zantek A		
10 am	10 am	10 am			
Elizabeth Flagg	Kristen Fabry				
Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Suzanne Brock			
Cris McCarty	Esther Osborne	Elizabeth Flagg			
Luke R.	Sarah Rogers	Carole Nau			
Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell	A - computer		
Maggie Scott	Marj Zantek		B - non computer		
Stu Smith	Rick Zapp				
Peter Stockwell					
Michael Wentworth					

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Music Group 9-noon —Vicar Away—	2
3 Rev. Gail Wheatley 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	4	5 1:30 pm Pastoral Care Meeting	6 Noon Contemplative Group	7 12:30 pm Bible Study	8 Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning	9
10 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Recitals open to the public	11 Evenng Melanie Kurtzbein Christmas Recitals (Private event)	12 12-1:30 pm Sherriff's Office on Fraud	13	14 Noon BC Reports due 12:30 pm Bible Study	15 Music Group 9-noon	16
17 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 BC Meeting 11:45 am Christmas Server Rehearsal	18	19 11:00 am Witty Knitters	20 Noon Contemplative Group	21 12:30 pm Bible Study	22 Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning	23 10 am Greening of the Chruch
24 4th Sunday in Advent 9:30 am Holy Eucharist Christmas Eve 5:00 & 10:30 pm Holy Eucharist	25 Christmas Day 9:30 am The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	26 10 am Newsletter Deadline	27	28 12:30 pm Bible Study	29	30
31 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Project Linus 1 - 4 pm Gathering Room						

Jan. 21, Joint 9:30 am Service and Annual Meeting
Feb. 3, Youth Spaghetti Dinner

Annual Reports Due January 9

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