

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

**BC Monthly Reports
March 2024**

VICAR'S REPORT – Mother Hillary

Worship and Spiritual Life: It was a true pleasure to worship with The Rev. Canon Carla Robinson and to hear the gospel preached by our own Esther Osborne this month! These additional voices, along with our Lenten soup suppers, book study, and compline prayers, have added both joy and depth to our Lent together. Episcopal 101 continues on and is one of my favorite times of the week. I've invited all the attendees to consider whether they would like to prepare for baptism, confirmation/reception, reaffirmation, or to sponsor a candidate for confirmation/reception, and I look forward to hearing their decisions. Lenten worship on Sundays has been both solemn during Lent but still a joyful feast, a weekly break from the fast. Preparations for Holy Week are under way!

Pastoral Care: The biggest loss this month was our dear Chris Crowson. His funeral will be at 1pm on Saturday, April 6th. I still hope to revive the Eucharistic Visitor program in collaboration with the Pastoral Care team.

Community Relationships: Thanks to Tim's leadership, we will be supporting The Bremerton Backpack Brigade. We also sent some donations in support of Canon Carla and her work with the Circles of Color and the Rev. Canon Jerry Shigaki BIPOC Ministry Fund. The Music Together program will be wrapping up this month; due to Dept of Revenue regulations, we are not able to host them any more than 15 days per year, so they will return next Winter for another session. I was approached by another for-profit organization, a Homeschool program, about renting our space, but they needed much more than 15 days a year and more space that we could feasibly provide. I hope to continue feeling out opportunities to host groups, especially non-profit organizations, where the Dept Revenue regulations are much simpler for us.

Administration: Parishioners are working hard to update their SafeChurch trainings! There have been some hiccups with the online training, which Linda, myself, and Tonja at the D House have tried to help with. I'm still working on updating our Personnel manual, create a format for yearly performance reviews, and staff job descriptions. It's a big project and will take some time. I've asked our two wardens and treasurer to be my Personnel committee and will refer to them for counsel on issues that don't need attention from the entire BC.

Thank you for your service and prayers.

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BISHOP'S WARDEN – Holly Foley

March 6, 2024

This month seems a bit quiet, but transitional.

1. Shrove Tuesday was a great party to prepare for Lent.
2. The Lenten Soup suppers have been interesting and fun to get together for lovely soups, and learning and planning for Easter.
3. Visiting with Jean and hoping her transition will go well.
4. Cleaning and Editing the kitchen with Kathy and Marj satisfied my love of organizing (thanks ladies).
5. Missing our dear Chris and feeling the empty spot in our hearts.

Holly Foley, Bishops Warden

PEOPLE'S WARDEN– Tim van As

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS – Cris McCarty

No report.

FACILITIES & ENVIRONMENT – David Peterson

No report.

FAITH FORMATION – Marj Zantek (Youth)

Godly is in the extremely capable arms of Kristen Fabry. She needs our support in helping others discern their calling to support the faith of our youngest congregants. She has Melanie Reeder and Geri Sanchez assisting about once a month, but needs at least two more Readers (teachers) to join in this ministry. Additionally, Safe Church requires us to provide two adults (not related to one another, in all gatherings involving Youth. That said, Michael Wentworth's Teen and Tween class has been meeting the first and third Sundays at 10:15 to study the Acts of the Apostles, and he also needs a second adult in his classroom. Esther Osborne and I have enjoyed assisting, and we all invite other adults to delight in the experience, perhaps quarterly. The Youth group also needs another adult to be present to satisfy Safe Church. So far Kay Kellogg has volunteered to assist. More and more of us are completing Safe Church, and perhaps we could collectively gather a few people and assist them in completing what for some can be a confusing online task?

The Youth Group will be filling Easter Eggs for the hunt on Easter.

Help needed: While preparing for the Spaghetti Dinner last month our youth noticed that our kitchen knives would greatly benefit from sharpening. Is there anyone in our congregation who would be willing to do this, or to come to one of our Youth group meetings and teach our teens and tweens how to sharpen knives?

One of the ways I hope to facilitate an extra adult with our youth is, with BC assent, to invite members of the congregation to share a talent, skill, or information with our teens and tweens at our Youth Group meetings.

I hope take our 9th-12th graders to Maple Valley April 19-21 for the Diocesan Youth Retreat.

FAITH FORMATION – Esther Osborne (Adult)

No report.

FINANCE – Jim Foley

This is an abbreviated version of the report as my laptop decided this was the week it didn't want to play nice. On track as budgeted YTD. I found the information for the mortgage. It becomes due December 1, 2029. We will owe (or need to refinance) about \$524,000 at that time (depending on how much pay ahead we continue to do).

OUTREACH – Tim van As

No report.

PARISH LIFE – Holly Foley & David Peterson

No report.

PASTORAL CARE – Kathy Avery

Pastoral Care Commission Report for March 2024

The Pastoral Care Commission consists of 8 members: Sylvia Campbell, Gail Ferguson, Holly Foley, Kay Kellogg, Loretta McGinley, Maggie Scott, Janet Steller and myself. Two new members to our church who are RNs have been invited to join. At this time they have declined for personal reasons but will reconsider in a year.

This commission has expressed interest in getting the Lay Eucharist program restarted. At this month's meeting (the 2nd Tuesday of the month), we look forward to Mother Hillary's input for the Lay Eucharist Program.

The commission has continued to support congregation members with visits, phone contact, cards, prayers and transportation to church. Information about Care Givers informational meeting was made available to a congregational member and the Senior Information and Assistance brochures by the Kitsap County Aging and Long Term Care Council were placed in the Narthex.



Kathy Avery

Pastoral Care Commission

STEWARDSHIP – Bishop's Committee

No report.

WELCOMING – Melanie Reeder

No report.