

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

**BC Monthly Reports
April 2024**

VICAR'S REPORT – Mother Hillary

Worship and Spiritual Life: Holy Week and Easter were a truly wonderful time together! On Palm Sunday, we had 88 people total at our two services. On Maundy Thursday, we had 31 people. On Good Friday, there were 14 at noon and 14 at 7pm. There were 32 people at the Easter Vigil, and on Easter Sunday, there were 17 hearty souls at the 7am Sunrise service, and 101 people at our joint 9:30am service, including lots of youth. It was nice to see them in service, and I'm sure they were excited to return to Godly Play and Youth Seminar the following week. Esther's Bible Study also continues--they're taking on Revelation! I've also decided to continue Episcopal 101 at 9am indefinitely so that we can continue to prepare people for confirmation, reception, and baptism on a rolling basis and offer folks another opportunity for learning and community. Now that Easter is behind us, I plan to offer some more one-off events for fellowship and learning, much like our Tea and Theology and Pub Theology-- my hunts for the right venues will continue! I'm also open to hosting them at church to guarantee quiet space. Thank you to our Faith Formation Commissioners Esther and Marj!

Pastoral Care: The Prayer Chain is in a transition process. Carolyn Sorrell has passed leadership over to Kay Kellogg, and Kay has done a fabulous job but has found that she needs to take some time away. Chris Crowson's funeral was well attended with 88 people. Kathy is doing a wonderful job heading the Pastoral Care commission team--see her report for more detailed information.

Community Relationships: Tim continues to provide great leadership to the Outreach commission. The Kids Helping Kids drive was well supported! We have some children's piano recitals scheduled for the spring, and I'm in conversation with our musicians about potentially hosting some concert events over the summer.

Parish Life: The soup suppers were very well attended! It makes me wonder if bringing back a Wednesday evening covered dish and discussion would be a possibility. Thank you to Holly and Dave, the Parish Life co-commissioners and the work they have done so far. Thank you also to Melanie, our Welcoming commissioner-- we have had additional families sign up to host coffee hour, and many of our Easter guests stayed around to get to know us after worship! The first landscape work day fell on a chilly Saturday morning right before Chris's funeral, but Heather Carnocki, Holly Folly, and Dave Peterson, our Facilities and Environment Commissioner, gave several hours of work and care to our land prior to the funeral guests arriving. Thank you!!!

Stewardship: We decided that Stewardship would be the purview of the entire BC and a year-long endeavor in addition to the fall pledge drive. It's time to talk about how we plan to do this! Inviting parishioners to speak to it or to write articles or even record videos about why they give for our church communications could be a great start. PS: my gratitude goes out to Cris, our Communications commissioner, and Linda, our parish admin!

Administration: Parishioners are CONTINUING to work hard to update their SafeChurch trainings! It's been quite an ordeal for many people, but we are continuing to work on it. The insurance payments for our January flood came in, and the repair work is scheduled for a weekend in late April--the labor will be donated by JG Handyman, a small family owned repair business experienced with drywall to repair the closet and reapply vinyl wall trim. Linda, our musicians, Guy, and Christina continue to be excellent staff members.

Thank you for your service and prayers.

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BISHOP'S WARDEN – Holly Foley

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- Busy month with Soup Suppers on Wednesday nights (made them all)
- Men's group has started up again on third Saturdays of the month.
- I joined the Altar guild and am learning how to clean up and set up
- Palm crosses were made from donations from Gig Harbor church that Mother Hillary acquired.
- Learned how to run mower-have mowed part of the lawn and weed eaten around edges 2X
- Dave P, Marj Z and I had a fun afternoon weeding play yard and mowing lawn.
- Holy Week included 5 special services (Mother Hillary earned her vacation)
- Easter service hit a record with 101 bodies participating !
- Loretta and I got to visit and have lunch with Caroline Hoag in her new home
- Our Saturday work party on April 6 was not well attended, but Heather, Dave and I were able to get some weeding done enough to pass muster with Caroline Hoag :)
- Chris Crowson was celebrated in a memorial service on April 6
- Pastoral Care committee is doing a great job of keeping touch with needs of the congregation.

PEOPLE'S WARDEN– Tim van As

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS – Cris McCarty

No report.

FACILITIES & ENVIRONMENT – David Peterson

No report.

FAITH FORMATION – Marj Zantek (Youth)

Our Teens and Tweens have been busy in March and April acolyting, attending Episcopal 101 and Michael Wentworth's first and third Sunday classes, and singing with the choir on Easter. Youth filled and hid eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning. A big thank you to the Altar Guild for the big bag of eggs their members filled! We had a wonderful crowd, with a number of families visiting.

There will be opportunities for our young people to help with the May Food Drive. Additionally, Janet Steller has asked if the Youth Group would be willing to step up and assist with the first Saturday of the month dinner at the Salvation Army. Janet is needing to step back from that ministry.

The Youth Group will be serving root beer floats at coffee hour on Father's Day (June 16th).

We hope to schedule another Youth Sunday in the not-too-distant future!

FAITH FORMATION – Esther Osborne (Adult)

No report.

FINANCE – Jim Foley

I was finally able to put this together. It shows we are \$2,089.93 in the hole for the month, still positive on the year by \$6,124.16, but a little behind budget. The shortfall for the month is due in large part to not having received the rent check for March (or possibly we received it and it has not been deposited, but it was not among the items to deposit as of the 31st). We did get an 'invoice' from The Biggers for some minor repairs to the road and replacing the smoke detectors in lieu of some of the rent for \$254.99.

The report now shows a rolling 12-month financial position of revenue and expenses instead of YTD on the cover page.

We finally received the DIF funds we withdrew in November and deposited it in March. This is reflected in the DIF summary and account summary.

The remediation expense shows in the non-operating expense under a new category for insurance claim repairs. The offsetting insurance payment has been received and will show in April.

Correction: \$4,798.64 in the hole for March \$453.96 worse than expected and, \$578.17 in the black on the year against a budget of \$3,100.59). I had February's report up instead of March when typing this.

See you tomorrow to answer any questions.

OUTREACH – Tim van As

The Outreach Commission collected food in March supporting the local non-profit organization Kidzz Helping Kidzz (<https://www.kidzzhelpingkidzz.org/>). This was the first annual food drive organized by Kidzz Helping Kidzz as it collected over 7,000 pounds of food from various organizations in Kitsap County, including St. Antony, for the Saint Vincent de Paul food pantry. St. Antony was able to contribute 135 pounds of food and \$125 in cash donations for this effort. Combined with food drives for the Central Kitsap Food Bank in November 2023 and January 2024, St. Antony's has contributed over 1,000 pounds of food and \$625 to non-profits in Kitsap County focused on providing food to our local community.

While delivering these donations to Kidzz Helping Kidzz, members of the Outreach Commission were also able to meet Beth Friedman Darner, who is the Executive Director of Kidzz Helping Kidzz. It was a valuable conversation as Beth not only reiterated the importance of St. Antony's

contribution to the annual food drive, but also highlighted other ways that St. Antony can support this successful charity by participating in the annual toy drive program during the holiday season and the backpack brigade packing sessions on Thursdays. Beth committed to reaching out to the Commission in September so St. Antony can participate in the annual Kidzz Helping Kidzz Christmas toy drive program. The Outreach Committee committed to communicating this volunteer opportunity to the congregation.

Overall, a very exciting month to not only (1) engage St. Antony to once again to offer its treasure with food and cash donations for a local non-profit providing food to our local community, but (2) establish a relationship with the Executive Director so St. Antony can continue to support Kidzz Helping Kidzz with not only its treasure, but also its time and talent throughout the year.

PARISH LIFE – Holly Foley & David Peterson

No report.

PASTORAL CARE – Kathy Avery

The Pastoral Care Commission consists of 10 members: Sylvia Campbell, Gail Ferguson, Holly Foley, Kay Kellogg, Loretta McGinley, Peggy Roberts, Maggie Scott, Janet Steller, Marj Zantek and myself plus Mother Hillary.

Lay Eucharist Program- Marj Zantek, Loretta McGinley, and Kathy Avery meet with Mother Hillary to discuss restarting the Lay Eucharist Ministry program. Mother Hillary will provide an overview of the Lay Eucharist Ministry in the “Happenings” and “Glad Tidings” and invite people who are interested in being a Lay Eucharistic Minister to sign up. She will conduct training for the Lay Eucharist Ministry on May 4th from 1 to 3. There will be more information about this program to come.

Care Giver Support-In order to gather information to provide some support for caregivers in our church, Kathy Avery will attend the 10:30 May 8th meeting of the First Lutheran Church’s care givers meeting. Others are invited to join her.

Pray Chain/ Prayer Box-Kay Kellogg has taken the responsibility for the prayer chain from Carolyn Sorrell, and Kay reports that the prayer chain work is moving along. She is close to finishing a prayer request form with the help of Mother Hillary. Once developed, Kay will be getting an article about the prayer chain ready for next month's "Glad Tidings". She will place a prayer box in the narthex with the request form for prayers and is planning with Mother Hillary for a dedicated email address for prayers on the church’s website. These two methods will allow for confidentiality of prayer requests.

The commission continues to support congregation members with visits, phone contact, cards, prayers, requests for altar flowers after church services, and transportation to church.

Pastoral Care Commission



Kathy Avery

STEWARDSHIP – Bishop’s Committee

No report.

WELCOMING – Melanie Reeder

No report.