

**St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Silverdale, WA 98303**

**Bishop's Committee Monthly Reports
For July 2025 BC Meeting**

Vicar's Report: Mother Hillary

I have spent two of the past four weeks since our last BC meeting on PTO, so some of my updates have fewer details and more thank yous! I am so grateful to Holly and our whole BC team along with the many other parishioners and our staff who stepped up to lead in my absence, especially following the departure of our tenants. Thank you so much!

Worship and Spiritual Life

While I was away, I had the joy of worshipping at two different congregations: Christ Church in Tacoma and St. James in Kent. (St. James in Kent is our partner congregation for the 2026 Scotland pilgrimage.) It was a delight to worship and not be in charge of anything, and delight to see how two other congregations worship. Two things I noticed: firstly, neither congregation used a full printed bulletin because both of them had one or more screens with the words projected on the wall. Secondly, when I visited Christ Church, their rector was actually gone due to a death in the family, and so their congregation did Morning Prayer instead of Eucharist. It was lovely! I would love to institute the practice of occasionally doing Morning Prayer on Sundays when I am absent, such as for the Sundays after Easter and Christmas or, as already planned, in addition to having Morning Prayer in the event of an emergency when neither of our retired priests, Linda or Dick, is present to jump in. Morning Prayer is a lovely liturgy and also offers us a chance to empower lay worship leaders while also saving some money on pulpit supply costs. (Let me stress, however, that our pulpit supply priests are worth every penny! I am so thankful for Father Dick and Mother Linda for stepping in for me.)

Pastoral Care

See Kathy Avery's report. I am so thankful to her and her team for the care they gave our people while I was away, and the good support they always provide. I did end up squeezing in a little work during those two weeks for a celebratory occasion, blessing the wedding of two of our newest members when their previous officiant had to back out for medical reasons. I also continue to be mindful of the church members who are experiencing major transitions in life, such as caring for a spouse or family member, a new diagnosis, or pondering a move to assisted living. May we continue to support each other through these big changes.

Diocesan & Community Relationships

This week, I've enjoyed watching our Rain Garden take shape with Kitsap Conservation District and working with our Outreach Team on the upcoming Stuff the Bus Red Shirt Event. I also plan to spend most of Saturday at Kitsap Pride with our neighboring Kitsap Episcopal churches in our shared booth. Hope to see some of you there! In other Diocesan

news, the Nominating Committee from the Diocese reached out to me while I was on vacation. I have agreed to stand for election to the Commission on Ministry as well as for a delegate spot to General Convention. We'll see what the people have to say this October when we vote as a Diocese! Attending General Convention as a delegate would mean that I'd represent our whole diocese when we vote, and the Commission on Ministry works with those who are discerning calls to ministry.

Parish Life

Please see Kathy G.'s report. I am so thankful for her hard work on the upcoming Barn Boutique Sale and in convening a team of volunteers to help with upcoming events. I look forward to attending and supporting her team. Coming up right after the barn sale is our Annual Church Picnic which will be after our quarterly joint service at 9:30am on Sunday, August 17th.

Administration

At the risk of being redundant, I'm so thankful to Linda, Holly, Marj, and all of you for the many ways you stepped up to lead in my absence. In the two weeks that I wasn't on vacation, in addition to my usual duties, I have spent significant time with our former tenants and the rental house, including several hours working with PSE to get the power turned back on and our account details corrected. And I've been delighted to be working on the details of our Celtic Christian Pilgrimage to Scotland, which will be in October 2026. More details to come!

Bishop's Warden: Holly Foley

- *June 25:* Visited rental house to create a checklist for repairs. Went with several members of the BC to look at possible work we need to do. The building was still really full of furniture and stuff, but it was pretty clear we were going to have some work.
- *June 30:* Norma Tipton and I baked 9 weeks of communion bread 11-2 pm.
- *June 30:* Mother Hillary on vacation for two weeks. Sent emails to make sure there is coverage for opening church and assigning people to read announcements while M Hillary is gone.
- *July 6:* Picked up keys from renters and clean up altar with Kathy A.
- *July 7:* Met with Dave, Melanie, Marj, Jim to do initial check of empty rental: Spent 3 hours adding as much as we could clean out to put into dumpster before pick up. Cleaned, moved items out of closets and drawers, dining room and tossed buckets and pots etc.
- *July 8:* Pastoral care committee meeting.
- *July 9:* Walkthrough with Jill Gray to see rental for possible use.
- *July 11&12:* Picked up materials from Carrie Rivers to store for Barn Boutique sale.
- *July 15:* Brought map to KCConservation as they began excavating the rain garden.
- *July 16:* Met with M Hillary to go over plans for rental and catch her up on stuff.

People's Warden: Marj Zantek

Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds: Dave Peterson

- We had a few more people show up at the July 1st Saturday Work Party.
- The work on the former pond started this week. Heather has more information on flower planting
- #2 dishwasher failed again, I was told. We might have to get a new one if a qualified tech cannot fix it.
- We will need to do a lot of work outside the rental house besides all the work inside. Weeds, grass, blackberry, scotch broom have started to move in.
- I need to have more volunteers to work in and around the building, with the Bishop coming, we will need to do some deep cleaning.
- I did not get things organized for the parking lot painting, will work on it after barn sale, VBS, and whatever.
- We will be trimming some trees south of the shelter when John Stockwell brings his bucket truck.

Communications: Sarah Rogers

Nothing to report.

Faith Formation: Sarah Bishop Dolbec**Vacation Bible School:**

- Borrowed decorations from Faith Fellowship Church.
- Recruited more leaders and volunteers.
- Currently 17 kids signed up, at least 5 more expected.
- Ordered additional materials to accommodate.
- Printed 40 postcards for congregation to disperse.

Outreach: Tim van As

Outreach Commission Meeting 7/16/25

Agenda

Review Action Items last meeting 6/11/25 + next steps (Tim)

New business

- Outreach Summary EXCEL (Krista)
- Red Shirt Event: Stuff the Bus (Team)

Minutes

No Project Outreach Meeting in August due to Stuff the Bus event. Next meeting Wednesday, September 10th.

Stuff the Bus next steps:

- Include blurb in monthly Newsletter (Glad Tidings) for August. **Action: Sarah**, provide same article used last month for this month's newsletter as a reminder to Linda Tuesday, July 22
- PLUS keep in weekly update (Happenings). **Action: Mother Hillary**, include update in this week's Happenings. Keep in weekly Happenings until event is over. **Done.**
- Provide final St. Antony's commitment (people, shifts, etc.) to Carla (Director Stuff the Bus). **Action: Holly**, please send email to Carla with details
- Send to each Stuff the Bus St. Antony's participant a recommended list of what to bring for that day: snacks, sunscreen, red shirt (or wear vest), expectations, water bottle, where, when, etc. **Action: Holly**, thanks for volunteering to get this sent to participants via email a week prior to the event.
- Planning the next Minute for Mission for 8/17 or beginning of September to provide recap Stuff the Bus stats.
- How can people donate money to Stuff the Bus if not volunteering? **Action: Holly**, send email to Carla requesting a recommendation. **Done.** Received a response from Carla, but decided not to follow her recommendation. If St. Antony's parishioners want to know how to provide monetary support, then we should recommend that they donate by buying supplies and dropping them off during the event.

Outreach Summary EXCEL:

- Great job, Krista, with version 2 of the document. This is a living, breathing document so in future meetings we can continue to review and augment as necessary if we decide more content is required.
- We discussed the "purpose" of this document. Ideas as follows:
- Disseminate the document so parishioners and newcomers have a "guide" of worthy organizations in our community that they can support with their time and talent. Post content on webpage, hard copy posted in church, other mechanisms (?).
- We decided that the commission can use the full document as a "management tool" to help us gather and track information about these organizations. Should we assign a commission "liaison" for each entity? For example, given Loretta's support of Fishline in Poulsbo, would she be interested in acting as a liaison for the congregation? Ideally we get parishioners already involved with the organization. If not, then we can "fill" open spots with Outreach Commission members.
- Post truncated version (without Red Shirt Event? Or Guest Speaker?) to webpage as a "quick win" to start disseminating this information. **Action: Holly**, gain access from

Mother Hillary to edit webpage and update webpage to reflect the content of this file.

Meeting closed at noon.

Parish Life Co: chair: Kathy Gero

Nothing to report.

Pastoral Care: Kathy Avery

The Pastoral Care Commission members include Gail Ferguson, Holly Foley, Loretta McGinley, Peggy Roberts, Chelsea Reeder, Marj Zantek, Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Karrie Wiley, Marty Whitaker, and Kathy Avery.

The commission discussed and/or supported 16 congregation members with visits, phone contact, cards, prayers, meals, requests for altar flowers after church services, or transportation to church events. In addition, joys were acknowledged for Shane Holman's and Sam Crea's upcoming wedding and our growing congregation.

Rev. Hillary arranged for the Kitsap Sheriff's Department to present a program on Fraud Prevention at St. Antony's on July 15th at 1:00 pm. Twelve people attended the presentation which highlighted ways to not fall victim to fraud. If people are victims of a fraud they can register a complaint with the FBI online at IC3.gov (Internet Crime Complaint Center) which basically tracks kinds of fraud.

The commission is also working on the following possible projects to implement.

- **CPR/1st Aid:** Rev. Hillary and Peggy have both investigated this program possibility. Peggy brought the following information:
 - Red Cross. Cost is \$125 for an on: line class on CPR/1st Aid
 - Compressions for Life LLC. \$80 for in: person class on CPR/1st Aid
 - Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue: Free at Station 41. CPR only
- Rev. Hillary has reached out to Jump Start. We are waiting to hear back from them after Rev. Hillary's vacation.
- **Computer/Phone Skills:** Commission members were asked to identify and bring specific technical skill tutoring needs to next month's meeting so a program can be planned.
- **Grief Books for Mourners:** Still researching.

Treasurer, Ex Officio: Jim Foley

It was a good month; we were in the black on the month and gained ground against the running 12 month deficit posted last month. Cash is getting a little thin waiting for the DIF payout from the Memorial Fund to cover expenses for the sign and garden incurred to date.

Welcoming: Melanie Reeder and Chelsea Reeder

Chelsea will take on the role of Welcoming Co-Commissioner alongside Melanie with the hope of taking over Welcoming when Melanie rotates off at the end of this year. This shift aligns with Chelsea's passion for helping new members feel at home and her new project with birthday spotlights which she shared with us at last month's meeting.

Nothing else to report.

Submitted by Cris McCarty, Clerk of the Bishop's Committee.

