Glad Tidings September 2025



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The Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Vicar



Vicar's Voice

Fall is upon us! Students are starting school again, and the church program year is beginning! The choir, Godly Play, and Thursday afternoon Bible study are all returning. We will also be kicking off our Zimzum Discipleship group on Wednesday evening, September 10th at 6pm with a potluck dinner. We will get to know each other and begin our study of the content put out by Bishop Phil LaBelle. Sign up for this group happened back in the spring, but if you are interested, please let me know via email, and I will add you to our email list.

Speaking of Bishop Phil, he will be visiting St. Antony's on October 12th for both our 8am and 10:15am services, and one of the things he will do while he is here is confirmations and receptions! This is a fantastic opportunity to get confirmed or received without having to go down to Seattle for Cathedral day in the spring. Instead, you can get confirmed in the comfort of your own church surrounded by your St. Antony's family.

Confirmation does require some spiritual preparation! We will prepare together at the <u>9am Episcopal 101</u> class every Sunday. We will focus on confirmation preparation topics from August 31st Sunday October 12th, culminating in a Q&A session with Bishop Phil. The two books we will be referring to for our discussions are <u>Being Christian</u> by Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, and <u>Episcopal Questions, Episcopal Answers</u> by CK Robertson and Ian Markham. If you want to be confirmed, please reach out to me directly and we can plan your next steps. If you are unable to make it to Episcopal 101, then explore the books on your own time and make an appointment with me to discuss them.

If you have already been confirmed in a previous denomination such as the Lutheran Church, the United Methodist Church, or the Catholic church, but you'd like to be **received** into the Episcopal church, let me know that as well! Less preparation is required since you have already been confirmed, but I'd still enjoy talking with you briefly about why it's important to you. Some of you have already reached out-- I look forward to this exciting day together!

The Episcopal Church is a wonderful, spiritual diverse place. Our communities include people who were raised in the church (aka, cradle Episcopalians), but they also include more and more people (like me!) who came to the Episcopal Church from a different tradition such as the Roman Catholic church or various evangelical churches. *And* we are attracting more and more people who were not raised in any specific church but find their home in the Episcopal Church as brand new Christians. Episcopalians are a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, which grew out of the Church of England. and we Episcopalians are not a monolith—across our denomination you will find people who are different from one another. We do not all look the *(continues on next page)*

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same. We don't speak the same language. We aren't all from the same country. We come from all kinds of social, racial, and economic backgrounds. We are diverse across gender expressions and sexual orientations. We don't all pray the same way, sing the same way, or vote the same way. We interpret the Bible differently from one another. But we wrestle and explore the holy scriptures *together*.

Our diversity makes us who we are. Our diversity gives us strength! It builds character, wisdom, and empathy. Worshiping beside others who are different from us serves to remind us that we are *all* God's beloved children. Loving our neighbors at church (no matter how similar or different we are) is great practice for loving our neighbors out in the world. We believe that *all people* bear the image of Christ into our hurting world. And friends, the world needs the light of Christ. We can start with each other and our own neighborhood. Let the light of God within you shine bright! The darkness will never overcome it. Amen.

To borrow the words of Paul to the Ephesians: "Ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."

-Mother Hillary

Musings from the Bishop's Warden

In trying to decide what to write about, my dear husband suggested I share all the great things that happened at St Antonys in August:

VBS saw an increase in youth attending from last year and we had twice as many volunteers involved. It was a great week and thank you to Sarah Bishop-Dolbec and Chelsea Reeder with the crew that spend months planning and acquiring curriculum and materials as well as decorations and the actual week of sharing the word with our youth.

This was simultaneously as the talented artists that were busy since last September planning, designing and acquiring permits and materials to create our new sign. It takes my breath away each time I turn into the driveway. I love that the VBS youth had an opportunity to "put their prints" on the base of the sign. Thank you to the Fagans' and Benny Wright for putting their hearts into this project!

The Rain garden has been started, and all with the persistence of Heather Carnocki to get the county to use our site for a model and provide a grant to pay for and procure the labor and plants.

Loretta McGinley has stretched her skills and with her patience and faith, led the Memorial Garden team to design and plan a garden that will be a showpiece in our north yard. The labyrinth will be a centerpiece to a lovely place. The work to make sure the next stage of our building will not disturb this space by sinking conduits under the space in advance were an example of how when we are all communicating and working together, great things happen.

Lastly I want to thank the BC and Jim Foley for taking on the big job of making the rental property repairs and updates to give us an opportunity to get the best value for renting it. We might nickname it "Apiary Acres" for the bees that are buzzing around it all summer.

We have had lots of opportunities to be social this month as well, Rainiers baseball game, Annual Picnic, Stuff the Bus, Tonys Trekkers and our Newcomers Welcome dinner have kept the St A's family having fun and getting out in the community as well.

Pheww, I need a vacation from summer. See you in September when we get back from Alaska:)

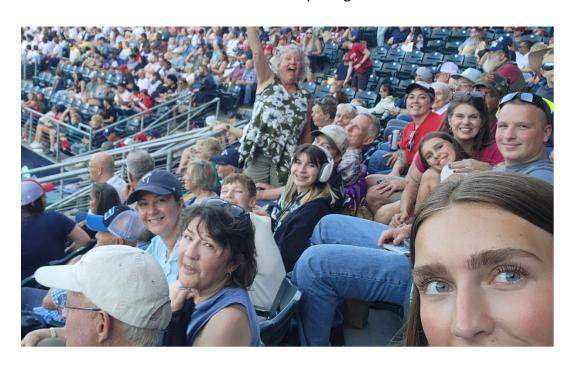
Holly Foley Bishops Warden



A Night at the Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Game

The weather was perfect for our night at the Tacoma Rainiers baseball game at Cheney Stadium. We had great seats and there were 35 of us to watch the Rainiers beat the Reno Aces 5-4 on August 9th 2025. If you didn't have a chance to attend the game this year with us, we hope to plan another group game event next summer.

Photo's provided by Rev. Hillary Cheryl Wright







Faith Formation Focus

Faith Formation for All

School is back in session and so are these St. Antony's programs! Come join us at:

Godly Play. Sunday, Sept 7 at 10:15am in the Godly Play Room. Kids aged 5-12.

Youth Group meeting and dinner. Sunday, Sept 14 at 6pm in the Gathering Room. NEEDED: one more adult to join Mother Hillary for this.

Adult Bible Study. Thursday, Sept 11 at 12:30pm in the Gathering Room. Read Luke Chapters 23 and 24.

Thanks to the tireless energy, support, and prayers of many volunteers, Vacation Bible School was a success! We got great feedback from the students (many said it was their favorite VBS of the summer and tearful pleas to stay were heard on the last day).

In total, 33 students attended, participated in the Time Capsule project, and "cemented" their connection to St. Antony's by imprinting their hands at the new church sign. Kids received daily memory verse "brag tags", copies of the Gospel of Matthew, and completion certificates with an "authentic" bear claw pendant. On the final day, Crew Leaders surprised each child with a gift bag, small keepsakes, and a personalized card noting their special qualities as a crew-member. Parents received daily update postcards and were invited to return for the following Sunday service.

Nearly 40 adult and teens worked as crew leaders, assistants, teachers, floaters, and more. Each volunteer received a card praising their specific contributions and a \$5 Starbucks gift card as a thank-you. We also established connections with 2 other local churches by borrowing decorative materials. We are currently gathering feedback to help us make VBS 2026 even better! Feel free to share your thoughts or suggestions.

Yours in Christ and Service, Sarah Bishop Dolbec, Faith Formation Chair sbishop1017@hotmail.com 860-912-2701



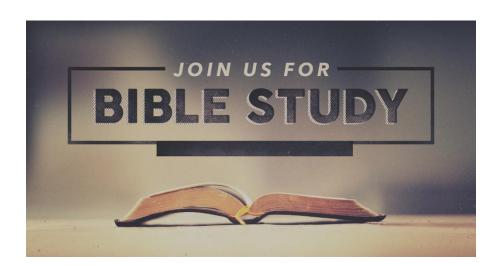
VBS kids recorded their "God Sightings" every day—

sharing where they had witnessed the evidence of God's love and power in their own lives.

Bible Study Resumes

After what feels like a long vacation, the Thursday Bible Study will resume on September 11, at 12:30, in the gathering room. We will be studying the formation of the early church as described by the author of Luke/Acts. What was it like, building a movement whose beliefs challenged not only the religious teachings of the Torah but also inadvertently challenged the political power of the mighty Roman Empire? What is it like today, living in the American Empire, divided among various belief systems and what appears to be political chaos? Now beginning our fifth year, the Bible study strives to understand the answers to these questions. We use various teaching guides (usually10 bucks a pop) to keep our discussions faithful to the gospel pragmatism of our faith: accept what we cannot change, change what we can, and use our God given wisdom to know the difference. All are welcome. Biblical literacy is not a requirement. We are a lay-led group with a sense of humor. Contact Esther at (206) 321-8513, or esthernosborne@gmail.com.

Esther Osborne



Pastoral Care

A big THANK YOU goes out to all of you for your compassionate support and practical assistance to our church community. The Pastoral Care Commission appreciates all your help! One of the ways our commission tries to support our church community is by providing rides to and from church for those who need it. At this time, we need help to provide rides to and from church for Ann Daniels, who attends the 10:15 service, on September 7 and rides home from church on October 19th and November 16th. If you can do any of these dates contact Kathy Avery.

We are also planning a card making event for our church and are looking for individuals who would like to share their card making skills by providing materials and guidance to small groups. If you would like to teach your card making skills, contact Kathy Avery. More information about this event and a technology workshop to help navigate phones and computers will be available when plans are finalized.



Pastoral Care Commission
Kathy Avery

Parishioner Perspective: Time to Make Time

God's Word to the Christian should be like bread to the hungry man or like water to the thirsty deer. By keeping its commands, we keep ourselves pure. By following its guidance, we have a light for our paths. By meditating on it, we find blessing and joy. And by wrestling with it, we find our own lives being changed and sanctified. It is our perfect guide and our ultimate authority because it is the very Word of God.

The Holy Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be saved, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here heaven is open, and the gates of hell are disclosed.

Christ is the grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, health to the soul, and a river of pleasure. It is given to you here in this life, will be opened at the judgment, and is established forever.

It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its contents.

May these words assist you in discerning truth in this age of error, confusion, and deception.

Walking the journey with Jesus our Lord, Tovi Andrews

2026 Stewardship Campaign-- The BC needs YOU!

Mother Hillary and the Bishop's Committee are looking for parishioners to help with our fall stewardship campaign and pledge drive, which will run from Sunday October 19 through Sunday November 23rd.

There are so many ways to help! We will need volunteers to help us stuff envelopes for mailers, speakers to share briefly about their love for St. Antony's during worship, writers to compose short blurbs for the weekly Happenings, and brainstormers to help plan the theme for our campaign. If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Mother Hillary or a member of the BC. Thank you!

Mother Hillary

Meet your Bishop's Committee



Holly Foley Bishop's Warden



Marj Zantek People's Warden



Cris McCarty Clerk of the BC Website Manager



Kathy Gero Parish Life



Chelsea Reeder Welcoming



Tim van As Outreach



Sarah Bishop Dolbec Faith Formation



Kathy Avery Pastoral Care



Sarah Rogers Communications



Dave Peterson Facilities & Environment



Melanie Reeder Welcoming

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

-1	Birthday! September Birthdays						
2	J.D. Fitzpatric						
4	Esther Osborne						
5	Netnapa Woods						
6	Jason Kimes						
7	David Wedeven						
9	Carol Wedeven						
9	Mike Zoe						
14	Scarlet Morelli						
16	Tim van As						
17	Cheryl Wright						
18	Bill Fagan						
19	Malcolm Campbell						
20	Sylvia Campbell						
22	Christina Morris						
22	Laura Shear						
23	Jessica Sherwin						
25	David Stockwell						
25	Chris Ferguson						
26	Benny Wright						
27	Bryan Roberts						
28	Nolan Alford						



The deadline for the October Glad Tidings is *Tuesday, September 23rd* at 10am. Please send all submissions to: stantonysilverdale@gmail.com



Welcome to our church family!

Dani Atkinson Evelyn Vetere Bridget Kmetz

Financial Report July		Year-to-date	Account Balances	
Operating Income	\$20,679.19	\$267,314.68	Local Checking	\$19,850.53
Operating Expenses	\$25,137.95	\$272,986.34	Local Savings	\$8,396.71
Net in July	(\$4,458.76)	(5,671.66)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$252,358.29
			Total	\$280,605.53

September 2025 Schedule						
JOBS	September 7 13 th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18	September 14 14 th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 19	September 21 15 th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 20	September 28 16 th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21		
EM 8am	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Elizabeth Moorhead	Mary Collier		
LC/OT & NT 8am	Elizabeth Moorhead	Melo Scanlon	Norma Tipton	Donna Hilton		
EM 10:15 am	Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Cris McCarty	Jason Kimes		
LC/OT 10:15 am	Elizabeth Flagg	Cris McCarty	Stu Smith	Wendy Fox		
LC/NT 10:15 am	Audra Alford	Esther Osborne	Sarah Rogers	Jim Foley		
ACOLYTES						
USHER	Tim van As Rick Zapp	Mark Westin Suzanne Brock	Dave Peterson Holly Hoxeng	Peter Stockwell Linda Robuck		
COUNTERS		Marj Zantek Norma Tipton		Jim Foley David Wedeven		
COFFEE HOUR						
Bpod	Sarah Bishop-Dolbec	Kathy Avery	Marj Zantek	Tim van As		
1st LESSON	Lamentations 1:1-6	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15		
PSALM	SALM Psalm 137 Psalm 14		Psalm 79:1-9	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16		
2 nd LESSON	2 nd LESSON 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Speci (will be s		1 Timothy 2:1-7	Special Reading (will be sent to Lectors)		
GOSPEL	Luke 17:5-10	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31		

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 8am	LECTORS 10:15	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	COUNTERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
Donna Hilton	Audra Alford	8am	Jim Foley-A	Suzanne Brock	Caroline A.
Ruth Lindstrum	Elizabeth Flagg	Mary Collier	Norma Tipton-B	Bill Fagan	Nolan A.
Elizabeth Moorhead			David Wedeven-B	Holly Hoxeng	Jason K.
Dee Perreira	Nyah Fox	Ruth Lindstrum	Marj Zantek-A	Carole Nau	Chelsea R.
Melo Sanclon Jason Kimes		Elizabeth Moorhead		Dave Peterson	Luke R.
Norma Tipton	Cris McCarty	10:15 am		Linda Robuck	Soren V.
Cheryl Wright	Luke Rogers	Kristen Fabry		Rich Rogers	Ellery V.
	Sarah Rogers	Holly Hoxeng	A - Computer	Peter Stockwell	Cris McCarty
	Maggie Scott	Jason Kimes	B - Assistant	Tim van As	
	Stu Smith	Cris McCarty		Mark Westin	
	Peter Stockwell	Sarah Rogers		Rick Zapp	
		Peter Stockwell			
		Marj Zantek			



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Noon New Beginnings Contemplative Group	4	5 Vicar's Day Off Music Group 9- noon Cleaners	6 Vicar's Day Off 9am Landscape Work Party
7 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 9:30 & 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Teen Bible Study	8	9	10 11am Outreach Mtg. 6pm ZumZum with Potluck	11 12:30 pm Bible Study	12 Vicar's Day Off Music Group	13 Vicar's Day Off
14 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 9:30 & 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 6pm Youth Group	15	16 11 am Witty Knitters @ the Gathering Room	17 10 am Landscape Team Mtg. Noon New Beginnings Contemplative Group	18 12:30 pm Bible Study	9- noon 19 Vicar's Day Off Music Group 9- noon Cleaners	20 Vicar's Day Off
21 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Teen Bible Study 11:45 am BC Mtg.	P.E.O. Ladies 9-12:30	23 10am Newsletter Deadline	24	25 12:30 pm Bible Study 6pm Youth Group ???	26 Vicar's Day Off Music Group 9- noon	27 Vicar's Day Off 3pm Octoberfest
28 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Project Linus 1-4	29	30				

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