

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

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

Vicar's Report: Mother Hillary

Worship and Spiritual Life

Since our last meeting, we finished the season of Creation and had our Bishop's visit. We had a wonderful visit with Bishop Phil LaBelle and Archdeacon David Bishop on October 12th. There were 115 people in worship last Sunday between the two services, and we celebrated 7 confirmations, 2 receptions and 4 reaffirmations of faith. What a joyful day! Also since our last meeting, formation at Episcopal 101, Bible Study, Contemplative Prayer, Godly Play, and Youth Group have all continued. I have also enjoyed facilitating our first two Zimzum Discipleship Group gatherings, with the third happening on November 19th. Joann and I have also been working with the Godly Play team to plan some tweaks to the 5pm Christmas Eve pageant part of the service, as well as our usual Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany planning. I continue to work with the Altar guild to change over the colors as needed and to plan smaller services such as for All Hallows eve. A special joy this month were all the conversations I had with people as a group or one-on-one as they prepared for confirmation, especially our youth.

Pastoral Care

See Kathy Avery's excellent report. Since last meeting, I have continued to spend time supporting people one-on-one in person, by phone, and by visits. We have also continued sending out lay Eucharistic visitors and are slowly working to build this team and structure this process. I am always willing to do home/hospital visits upon request. It was a true pleasure to go visit Barbara S. in her home along with Bishop Phil, Barbara's daughter Jane, and Mary C. I enjoyed visiting some parishioners in their new apartment for a house blessing, meeting several new parishioners for coffee conversations, and taking communion to Barbara T with one of our LEVs.

Diocesan & Community Relationships

Since our last meeting, I have begun work as a volunteer funeral officiant at Miller Woodlawn and am in the background check portion of the onboarding process to become a volunteer chaplain for CK Fire and Rescue. I will stand for election to the Commission on Ministry and General Convention delegation this Saturday at Diocesan Convention—we shall see how that goes. I chose to resign from the Advisory Council of the Bremerton YMCA as I was not able to devote the time to be a consistent member, and the other volunteer work with the fire department and funeral home will be more than enough alongside my work here. St. A's will also be hosting more student musicians by renting our space to the Kitsap Music Teachers Association and local teacher Irene Bowling for their recitals in November and December. Planning for next October's pilgrimage to Iona is also ongoing. I continue to sing in the Bremerton Symphony Chorale and hope we may host them for a

Chorale concert one day. I went to a diaconal ordination at St. Mark's and to Faith Poulsbo's Celebration of New Ministry. I am also part of a panel discussion on Hospice and Preparing for Death this week.

Welcoming & Parish Life

Since our last meeting, I met with Loretta M. to plan our next Po-e-tea gathering, which will be Saturday, Nov 1st for All Saints, 2-4pm. The St. A's young adult group also gathered for a fall potluck and hope to gather again soon. Zimzum discipleship has enjoyed two potluck dinners, and we hope to have an impromptu dinner after the All Hallows Eve service on October 31. I hope to spend some time working with the Welcoming commissioners on updating our new member information sheet, creating new pew cards, and resuming work on an updated tri-fold brochure.

Administration

Since our last meeting, I have spent much of my administrative time preparing for the bishop's visit as well as preparing to be a regional host at diocesan convention. I also spent lots of time preparing for this year's stewardship campaign and managing details for the rental house property management contract. Finally, I also spent time communicating with the diocese about the house as well as the barn grant. The property management contract is finalized, so I hope we can begin the tenant placement process very soon. We have also been working on updating our Building Use and Rental policy. All of this in addition to the usual phone calls, emails, and general admin tasks.

As always, I am thankful for each of you and the great work you do!

Bishop's Warden: Holly Foley

Sept 21: BC meeting

Sept 29: Painting party all day at Rental house (Apiary Acres)

Oct 11: Work on Apiary Acres

Oct 12: Bishop Phil Labelle visits

Oct 14: Painting at Apiary Acres

Oct 14: Pastoral Care Committee meeting

Oct 15: Painting Apiary Acres

Oct 16: Painting Apiary Acres

Oct 17: Painting Apiary Acres/ Unload plants for Memorial Garden

People's Warden: Marj Zantek

No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Dave Peterson

Just a reminder we still will have another 1st Saturday work day. If it's bad weather we can work inside.

I would like to get support from the BC for next year. We need to encourage more participation from the congregation for landscaping work. The past couple of months has been extremely low turnout.

I am trying to get help to get some tree trimming done south of the event shelter because we have trees trying to grow into the power wire and phone data wires

Communications: Sarah Rogers

No report.

Formation: Sarah Bishop Dolbec

No report.

Outreach: Tim van As

No report.

Parish Life Co-Chair: Kathy Gero

No report.

Pastoral Care: Kathy Avery

The Pastoral Care Commission members include Gail Ferguson, Holly Foley, Heidi Hood, Loretta McGinley, Esther Osborne, Peggy Roberts, Maggie Scott, Chelsea Reeder, Marj Zantek, Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Karrie Wiley and Kathy Avery.

The commission discussed and/or supported 14 congregation members with visits, phone contact, cards, prayers, meals, requests for altar flowers after church services, or transportation to church events.

After a discussion on how to better engage in conversation with new or alone people during church, it was decided to invite the Welcoming and Parish Life Commissions to one of our meetings in 2026 to brainstorm ideas.

Thirteen people were Confirmed, Received or Reaffirmed into the Episcopal Church by Rt. Rev. Philip Labelle on October 13th and sent congratulation cards. They included the following:

Confirmed

Heidi Hood
Judy Van Hook
Caroline Alford
Nolan Alford
Avery van As
Suzanne Brock

Received

Geri Sanchez
David Wedeven

Reaffirmed

Cris McCarty
Erika Morelli
Lorrie Milford
Holly Foley

Kerry Wiley

Kristen Fabry was sent a thank you card for the bishop's mitre hat that Godly Play children made and presented to Rt. Rev. Philip LaBelle.

Lay Eucharist visits are provided as needed. Background screenings for new Lay Eucharist ministers have not been done yet as the diocese is developing a new procedure for background checks. Those that have trained with Mother Hillary and have not been certified can provide Eucharist with another person attending with them.

Transportation from the Pastoral Commission was defined as transportation for church members to church and church related activities.

Special projects still being planned by the commission include a tech skills workshop, grief books and a greeting card making event.

Treasurer, Ex Officio: Jim Foley

From a financial standpoint, we are doing well, considering we have not had rental house income for 3 months now and the interest rate increase on the mortgage. The YTD deficit of \$14,830 is almost exactly equal to the mortgage interest being over budget by \$14,724, and we had budgeted being in the hole by \$10k at this point, not yet knowing about the interest increase.

With the volunteers helping on the rental house this week, we made great progress getting the interior painted. Pursuing the basement leak in the NW corner when it rains, the causes were the exterior stair drain (which was snaked out as reported previously) and the driveway slab sloping against the foundation. It was assumed it sloped to the top of the foundation. That was not the case. It was poured against the rim joist, allowing water to rot the rim joist between the chimney and the corner. The concrete has been cut away and the soil dug down, but there still needs to have a curtain drain installed to move the water away from the house and the repairs to the wood, which will potentially delay the ability to rent the house.

Welcoming: Melanie Reeder and Chelsea Reeder

No report.

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