



# *Glad Tidings*

## *January 2026*



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**The Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Vicar**

## *Vicar's Voice*

Seasons' greetings, St. Antony's family, and happy new year!

I hope you all enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and are now enjoying the twelve days of the Christmas season, which will culminate with the Feast of the Epiphany on Tuesday, January 6th.

This year we will observe the Epiphany Feast with a special Eucharist at 5:30pm, followed by a potluck dinner. We hope to see as many of you there as can make it! Our choir will sing, we will choose our star words for the year, and there will be an Epiphany story for the children! And once worship concludes, when we gather for our dinner, we will also enjoy the Epiphany cake, where we will eat very carefully in order to look for the charms inside the cake!

I love the Star Words tradition-- I've chosen one year after year since 2020:

2020: Discover

2021: Recover

2022: Remember

2023: Venture

2024: Wonder

2025: Prayer

Star Words are for us what the Star of Bethlehem was for the magi: a guiding light from God, directing our path to a new and amazing discovery, a special glimpse of God we may have never seen before. I can only imagine what word the Holy Spirit will give me as a guiding star for 2026; I can't wait to find out and make the journey alongside you all. See you at the Epiphany Feast!

With faith, hope, and love,  
Mother Hillary

***The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming community  
who worships God, grows in Christ, and serves others.***

***Gather, Grow, and Go!***

## *Musings from the Bishop's Warden*

As I look over the past 2 years that I have had the honor of serving you, I want to give credit to an amazing group of people. We could not have done all the work and upgrades to St Antony without the talents, vision and coordination of the BC. Mother Hillary has shown us how to lead with faith, compassion, humor and an eye to the future. She is excellent at listening, suggesting and following through, and that makes it easy to be on the committee that is supporting her. Our treasurer Jim Foley is instrumental in helping guide us through the responsible and generous use of our treasures. (And personally, I am lucky to have him by my side at church and home :)) Marj Zantek is the first to jump in and be involved in every work party, social event and serves with love and compassion, we can always depend on her for her thoughtful input. Kathy Avery has been a steady advocate for those in need, is always in the mix when we needed hands to work. She is amazingly organized and talented. I love working with her. Sarah Bishop-Dolbec has taken on the leadership role in Faith Formation with a fervor that is contagious, Thank you for your great gift of time and faith. Sarah Rogers has some amazing organizational and communication skills and thank you for your time leading in so many roles, from the acolytes, as an EM, and for the giggles we enjoyed while baking our communion bread. Cris McCarty as clerk is keeping our minutes and has upgraded our ability to accurately record our lively discussions with her computer skills and patience. Thank you. Dave Peterson, man of many talents and ideas, thank you for your keeping our facilities in one piece despite muddy waters and wild weather. Melanie Reeder my dear friend has been so thoughtful and kind as she leads us in welcoming new and existing members. Whether it is name tags, notes, phone calls, coffee hour organizing or just your gentle presence, I appreciate you. Chelsea Reeder, your leadership continues to grow and expand into lots of projects, VBS, young adults, social parish life and as a leader with Acolytes. I love seeing the faithful leader you have become! Kathy Gero, thank you for your creative and energy filled roles you have been serving in VBS, in Parish Life, the Barn Sale, and hands needed calls. Tim van As, you have taken the Outreach committee to outer spaces!! Red shirt activities have increased our community presence so effectively that we have gained members from our involvement. Your joy and faith are contagious. Thank you so much!

It's great to have this active BC to work with, and we could not do all the work without the other hands that have been so active with us. The people who have made possible the sign, the rental house, the memorial garden and the rain garden were all mentioned in my last newsletter and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I want to leave you with a challenge for the coming years. The barn is now an historical barn, what can we do to improve it and further its use?

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve you and enjoy all your company. I look forward to seeing the next project you undertake.

Your Outgoing Bishops Warden,  
Holly Foley

## *Happy New Year*

*With love from Pastoral Care Commission*

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

*May the New Year bring you joy, peace, and abundant blessings. Here's to looking back in gratitude for the past year and looking forward to new beginnings!*

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*Saturday, January 10th, 2-5pm: Paint Party hosted by St. A's Young Adults.*

*All are welcome to register for a fun and relaxed afternoon with Beth from Paint Parties with Beth as she walks us through painting a landscape scene together.*

*Registration is \$35 and covers the cost of all materials. (If the cost is prohibitive, please reach out to Mother Hillary.) Each registrant will be able to take their painting home with them.*

*We will meet in the Gathering Room, and the young adults group will provide warm beverages and snacks for everyone.*

*To register, please fill out the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Anyone with questions can reach out directly to Chelsea Reeder. See you there!*

## Outreach

Central Kitsap Foodbank (CKFB) packaging event for the Kitsap County **Commodities Senior Food Program** (round 2) occurred Thursday, 12/11/25. Thanks to another energetic group of volunteers who supported this event. See picture below. A special thanks to George Davidson, Dani Atkinson, and Holly Foley who donated time for both events. This program requires on-going volunteer support each month. Tim van As will reach out to the congregation when St. Antony's is planning to volunteer again. Or, if you're interested in volunteering with CKFB, please visit or email Sarah Williams at [info@ckfb.org](mailto:info@ckfb.org).



## *“The Twelve Days of Christmas”*

They are the twelve days between Christmas Day and Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

At one time, Christmas presents used to be spaced over these 12 days, which actually seems like quite a good idea, if you can bear to wait. The song was written by a gentleman named Drennon as a “catechism song” to teach young Catholics the tenets of their faith because the law prohibited Catholicism, and adherents would be imprisoned, beheaded or hanged. Each of the gifts given in the song has a hidden meaning.

The PARTRIDGE in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The two TURTLE DOVES are the old and new testaments, the three FRENCH HENS are Faith, Hope and Charity, the theological virtues. The four CALLING BIRDS are the four Gospels, the five GOLDEN RINGS are the first five books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch. The six GEESE a-laying are the six days of creation, seven SWANS a-swimming are the seven sacraments, eight MAIDS a-milking are the eight beatitudes, nine LADIES dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit, ten LORDS a-leaping are the Ten Commandments. The eleven PIPERS piping are the eleven faithful apostles and the twelve DRUMMERS drumming are the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle’s Creed.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Ruth Lindstrum

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This photo was taken after the first Messiah Concert which was in Silverdale on December 13.

Left to right, Mother Hillary, Joann Richardson, Holly Hoxeng and Dave Smith. We have lots of talent in our church community.

If you missed it, please consider attending one or all their future concerts this year. They are really that good! As you can see, Dick and Maggie Scott approve!



## *Barn Update*

When dust settled in Olympia, after the big stampede for grant money, our barn was excluded from funding. We learned that 55 people applied for Heritage Barn Grants and only 34 of those people received money for repairing their barns. Barns that remained in agricultural use gained favor.

So, for us, “it’s back to the drawing board!” In the coming year, we might want to brainstorm for ideas regarding the barn and how we can take care of it.

In fact, the barn is still listed as a Heritage Barn with a significant and rich local history. Though that title comes with no obligation, we might find ways to save the structure. With a little “TLC” it could still become a beautiful part of our landscape. We appreciate your encouragement and support for this project.

Lori Fagan

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## *Christmas Pageant 2025*



## Spotlight on Godly Play

This has been an exciting month for Godly Play, our Sunday school program for kids aged 5 - 12 years (4-year-olds eligible based on maturity). Our numbers have increased over the last several weeks, and this Sunday we had a record attendance of 13 students! We are delighted by their curiosity and imagination as we share Bible stories through objects, wondering questions, and fun crafts.

Thanks to outstanding support from the congregation, we have increased our catalog of lessons and are now exploring 'new' stories with our students, such as those of Old Testament heroes like Esther and Daniel and modern-day saints like St. Teresa of Calcutta and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. We were also generously gifted photographic tapestries depicting real Holy Land sites, bringing to life the adventures and challenges the children learn about.

Sadly, our biggest change in December was saying farewell to one of our Godly Play teachers, Geri Sanchez and her son, Ritchie. They have been a blessing to our church through just about every ministry at St. Antony's. We will miss them greatly and wish them the best.

This means, however, we now only have 2 teachers for Godly Play. Each week, the class must be staffed with 2 adults in accordance with Safe Church guidelines. The teacher or "storyteller" follows a simple script using illustrative props, and the "shepherd" helps focus students' attention and participation.

**We are urgently seeking at least 2 more adults who can commit at least 1 Sunday per month** to act as Shepherd and/or Storyteller, enabling all our adults to experience sanctuary worship from time to time. We have written curriculum guides and online videos of the lessons (lasting no more than 15 minutes). Storytelling needs only about 1-2 hours of study, and Shepherding is basically monitoring behavior, setting up snacks, and sometimes facilitating crafts (no preparation required).

Please keep this program and our children in your prayers. It is a wonderful thing to see them understand how God works in their lives everyday and a blessing to be part of their faith journey. To learn how you can share in this *formative* experience, please contact me at 860-912-2701 or Kristin Fabry at 401-808-0373.

Yours in Christ and Service,  
Sarah Bishop Dolbec

Our children and youth gifted Bishop Phil with a personalized, hand-crafted mitre upon his October visit to St. A's.



## *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.



 <b>January Birthdays</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Chelsea Reeder</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Campbell Allen</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Audrey Shear</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>J Baker</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>George Davidson</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Norma Tipton</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Heather Carnocki</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Elizabeth Flagg</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Drew Wagner</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Mary Collier</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Guy Fulton</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Christina Wentworth</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>John Teller</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Robert Kellogg</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Darrow Lindstrum</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Grace James</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Patrick Foley</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Sarah Seidel</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Shaylynn Fox</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Heidi Hood</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Kay Kellog</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>James Ourada</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Judy Van Hook</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Daniel Westin</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Holly Foley</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Dave Peterson</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Laura Curry</b>

 <b>January Anniversaries</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Carl &amp; J Baker</b>

The deadline for the February Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, January 20th** at 10am.  
Please send all submissions to:  
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com



Welcome to our church family!

Phil Bonderud & David Smith

Matthew & Bridget Allen

Bennett, Virginia, and Campbell

(You can find their contact info. at the office.)

<b>Financial Report November</b>		<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>Account Balances</b>	
Operating Income	\$26,390.30	\$257,588.97	Local Checking	\$15,276.00
Operating Expenses	\$23,028.33	\$290,052.63	Local Savings	\$396.99
<b>Net in November</b>	<b>\$3,361.97</b>	<b>(\$32,463.66)</b>	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$235.315.46
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250,988.45</b>

## January 2026 Schedule

<b>JOBS</b>	<b>January 4 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas</b>	<b>January 6 Epiphany  5:30pm</b>	<b>January 11 The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ</b>	<b>January 18 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	<b>January 25 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30am</b>
<b>EM</b>	Elizabeth Moorhead		Donna Hilton	Mary Collier	
<b>LC/OT &amp; NT</b>	Cheryl Wright		Dee Perreira	Melo Scanlon	
<b>EM 10:15</b>	Sarah Rogers	Holly Hoxeng	Peter Stockwell	Jason Kimes	Kirsten Fabry
<b>LC/OT 10:15 am</b>	Stu Smith	Cheryl Wright	Sarah Rogers	Nyah Fox	Audra Alford
<b>LC/NT 10:15</b>	Luke Rogers	Jason Kimes	Elizabeth Flagg	Stu Smith	Jim Foley
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Ellery	Jason Kimes	Luke	Cris McCarty	Caroline, Nolan
<b>USHER</b>	Linda Robuck Carole Nau	Suzanne Brock Tim van As	Mark Westin Rick Zapp	Holly Hoxeng Dave Peterson	Peter Stockwell Linda Robuck
<b>COUNTERS</b>			Jim Foley Dave Wedeven		
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>					
<b>Bpod</b>	Cris McCarty		Cris McCarty	Dave Peterson	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> LESSON</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Isaiah 60:1-6	Isaiah 42:1-9	Isaiah 49:1-7	Isaiah 9:1-4
<b>PSALM</b>	Psalms 84 or 84:1-8	Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14	Psalms 29	Psalms 40:1-12	Psalms 27:1, 5-13
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> LESSON</b>	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a	Ephesians 3:1-12	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23	Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 3:13-17	John 1:29-42	Matthew 4:12-23

### 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.)

<b>LECTORS 8am</b>	<b>LECTORS 10:15</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTES</b>
Donna Hilton	Audra A.	<b>8am</b>	Jim Foley	Suzanne B.	Caroline A.
Ruth L.	Elizabeth F.	Mary Collier	Norma T.	Bill Fagan	Nolan A.
Elizabeth M.	Jim Foley	Donna Hilton	David W.	Holly Hoxeng	Jason K.
Dee Perreira	Nyah Fox	Ruth Lindstrum	Marj Zantek-	Carole Nau	Chelsea R.
Melo S.	Jason K.	Elizabeth Moorhead		Dave P.	Luke R.
Norma T.	Cris M.	<b>10:15 am</b>		Linda R.	Soren V.
Cheryl W.	Luke R.	Kristen Fabry		Rich Rogers	Ellery V.
	Sarah R.	Holly Hoxeng	A – Comp.	Peter S.	Cris McCarty
	Maggie S.	Jason Kimes	B - Assist.	Tim van As	
	Stu Smith	Cris McCarty		Mark Westin	
	Peter S.	Sarah Rogers		Rick Zapp	
	Marj Zantek	Peter Stockwell			
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# January

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Vicar's Day Off  Music Group 9- noon	3 Vicar's Day Off
4 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Teen Bible Study	5	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 5:30pm Holy Eucharist & Potluck	7	8 12:30 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm <u>Annual</u> <u>Reports due</u>	9 Vicar's Day Off  Music Group 9- noon Cleaners	10 Vicar's Day Off 2:00 pm Paint Party Hosted by Young Adults
11 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 9:30 & 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 6pm Youth Group	12  P.E.O Ladies 9-12:30	13 Noon New Beginnings Contemplative Group 1:30 pm Pastoral Care Mtg	14 11am Outreach Mtg	15 Noon BC Reports Due 12:30 pm Bible Study	16 Vicar's Day Off  Music Group 9- noon	17 Vicar's Day Off 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
18 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Teen Bible Study 11:45 am - BC Mtg	19 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	20 10am Newsletter Deadline 11 am Witty Knitters	21	22 12:30 pm Bible Study	23 Vicar's Day Off  Music Group 9- noon Cleaners	24 Vicar's Day Off
25 <i>Annual Meeting</i> 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 11am Annual Meeting 6pm Youth Group  Project Linus 1-4	26	27 Noon New Beginnings Contemplative Group	28	29 12:30 pm Bible Study	30	31

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