

Glad Tidings

May 2026



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The Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Vicar

Vicar's Voice

May brings us more blooming flowers and plants, warmer weather, and here at St. Antony's, the beginning of **Summer Evening Prayer on Thursday evenings at 5:30pm**. I am excited to try this out with you all this summer. After surveying the church last year to explore the interest in a weekday service, I discovered two interesting trends-- most respondents voted to have an evening service AND most respondents said they preferred not to drive in the dark. That made Evening Prayer in the summertime the perfect compromise. Everyone will be able to get home before dark during our long days!

We will have our first evening prayer service on **Thursday, May 7th, at 5:30pm**, which also happens to be the National Day of Prayer! Here's what to expect:

- **A simple and relaxed worship experience.** We will read the service right out of the prayer book (Rite II starts on pg. 115 in your BCP if you want to familiarize yourself with it), and instead of a sermon, attendees will be invited to discuss one of the scripture readings. If we are a small enough group, we will gather in the Chapel area of the sanctuary. I don't plan to vest most nights.
- **A chance to get to know each other and explore scripture.** The discussion period is interactive just for this purpose! If we are a small group, we will discuss all together. If we are a large enough group, we will discuss in pairs or trios. On most evenings, there will not be music, which will keep the service brief. We do have some talented musicians in the congregation, though, so there may be some lay-led songs or instrumentals once in a while! And most nights we will use the upcoming Sunday readings so that when Sunday comes, you will have already had a chance to think about them!
- **Consistency.** We will offer Evening Prayer every Thursday from the beginning of May through the end of August, even if I am out of town. And even if there are only 2 or 3 gathered, we will enjoy a meaningful time of prayer and conversation. Plus, Evening Prayer, like the rest of the Daily Office, may be led by a lay person! Lay leaders may sub for clergy or lead the prayers if a priest is present! If you have never led a Daily Office service but would like to learn, this is a great opportunity to practice. Please let me know if you are interested in leading Evening Prayer; I already have a few Thursdays on the Calendar when I will need you!

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*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!

With May also comes the liturgical birthday of the church, the Feast of Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit! Pentecost is one of the Sundays where it is especially appropriate to do Baptisms, along with Easter Vigil, All Saints Day or the Sunday following, and the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the first Sunday after the Epiphany). We aren't limited to those days, of course, but Baptisms are especially fitting then. If you or a member of your family is thinking about Baptism, please let me know right away! I'd love to explore this with you and your family.

Finally, I will be out of town at the end of May for my brother's wedding, leaving on May 27th and returning on June 2. The Rev. Linda Logan will supply for me again on Trinity Sunday. It was a joy to walk through Lent and Holy Week with you all-- may this Easter season continue to bring you resurrection joy!

Gratefully,

Mother Hillary

Musings from your Bishop's Warden, Kathy Avery

In my past articles, I have written about the needs and joys of volunteering to help with the various functions of our church. This month I want to thank all who have stepped up to help in many, many ways...from Easter Services to landscaping and beyond! And a special thanks to Chelsea Reeder, who created a new St. Antony's brochure which you can find in the pews. There are many opportunities for you to be involved at St. Antony's. Just ask any of the Bishop's Committee members and we will be happy to explain and connect you to an activity you find interesting.

On a different note, in March I traveled to Illinois for my granddaughter's wedding. While there, I was invited to attend Nowruz which is the celebration of the Persian New Year. It is a 3,000-year-old tradition that celebrates the beginning of Spring and symbolizes renewal, rebirth and victory of light over dark. I see this celebration as a connection to the Gospel and Easter as we renew our baptismal vows; we are reborn in Christ; and Jesus emerges from a dark cave to become the light of the world. At Easter we also are celebrating God's creation of a new season. And there was food...lots and lots of food. A reminder of how sharing food connects us all. The people that I attended this celebration were mostly from Iran. Although they were worried about their family and friends in Iran, they were thankful for living and working in the USA. So, remember that no matter where we are from we are all God's people and although we may have different traditions and ways, we have more in common than not.

Kathy Avery

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is coming this summer, and we are excited to announce our 2026 theme, Emerald Crossing! Children will be invited to spend the week learning about God's love through Bible stories, music, activities, crafts, and games in a fun and welcoming environment. Emerald Crossing will lead children on an encouraging journey of faith, friendship, and discovery as they grow in their understanding of God's promises.

VBS will take place **July 27–31, 2026**, and we are looking forward to a meaningful week together. More details about daily times, registration, volunteer opportunities, and additional event information will be shared soon. Please mark your calendars now and help us spread the word to families with children who may be interested in joining us for this special week. Space will be limited, so early registration will be encouraged once details are released.

Summer of 2026 VBS Team

More Poetry Anyone? April is National Poetry Month!

In the past we've had successful Poe-Teas at St. Antony's. Now, during April and May, we can experience poetry outside in nature at the Poetry Walk in Fish Park in Poulsbo. Sponsored by the Kitsap Regional Library, the City of Poulsbo and the Poulsbo Friends of the Library, the event features twenty nature poems mounted on placards along the paths of the park. The tour, self-guided and free, is a unique opportunity to read poems about nature in nature.

National Poetry Month was introduced by the Academy of American Poets in 1996.

Pastoral Care

Wowza!! We made it to 70 degrees!! Love seeing that yellow orb in the sky!!

All is well in pastoral care... We helped out a wonderful couple with some meals. We sent some cards to help people in their time of need and for the blessing joys in other people's lives.

I have a wonderful group of ladies; that donate their time to the great group!! Peggy Roberts, Heidi Hood, Gail Campbell-Ferguson, Holly Foley, Marj Zantek, Maggie Scott, Marty Whitaker, Esther Osborne, Kathy Avery and Mother Hillary Kimsey. Thank you all for everything you do!

If you know of anyone in need of some help cheering up; food from the freezer or just because; please let us know!!

We are planning another card-making event this fall. We are also hoping to get another Po-et-Tea event this summer. We should have some St. Francis medals for the blessing of the animals in October.

Have a fabulous and fun spring!!

Karrie Wiley
Pastoral Care Commissioner

OUTREACH – WE ARE REACHING OUT TO THE KITSAP PENINSULA!

As you read this, we are in the midst of the **Kidzz Helping Kidzz food drive** to support Bremerton Backpack Brigade and South Kitsap Backpacks for Kids. You will find collection bins in the narthex and the sanctuary. Food requested:

- Canned chicken, tuna, ham, vienna sausages, spam, beans
- Peanut butter
- Breakfast cereal
- Oatmeal
- Pancake mix
- Muffin mix
- Granola bars

The collection bins are here through the Sunday services on May 3rd.

This past Sunday at the 10:15 service we were joined by Shatara Tiller, the youth programs manager at **The Coffee Oasis** Poulsbo location, and our loose plate offering was designated for The Coffee Oasis (we will update when we know the amount collected). If you are meeting someone to sit and chat, or if you just want to treat yourself to a specialty coffee, consider one of The Coffee Oasis locations, where your purchase provides shelter and support for youth in Kitsap and Pierce Counties (<http://thecoffeeoasis.com>).

BUT, outreach at St. Antony's isn't always about money! Your time is a precious commodity. Have some free time? Please consider volunteering where you live. Loretta volunteers at **FishLine in Poulsbo**, and she is looking for another person to join her in that endeavor. Bryan and Peggy Roberts volunteer at **Bremerton FoodLine**. Tim vanAs is hoping some of us will help pack food at **Central Kitsap Food Bank** for seniors in our community. Opportunities abound. Holly Hoxeng is on the planning committee for this year's **Stuff the Bus** event in Silverdale and Bremerton in August. She will be decorating and delivering collection bins for school supplies in June. Do you know an organization that could host a collection bin? Speak to Holly.

Thank you for everything you do to support our communities.

Holly Hoxeng,
Outreach Commissioner

Building and Grounds

We will have a work day on Saturday May 2nd. If we can get volunteers to come and do some updating and beautification around our parish building and property that would be great. You can come for a few minutes or several hours-anything will help.

We have a variety of jackets, coats, and sweatshirts that people have left and need to be taken to their homes. Please check the coatrack to see if any are yours.

David Peterson,
Building and Grounds Commissioner



Thursdays at 5:30pm, May through August

This summer, St. Antony's will begin offering a short & relaxed Evening Prayer service on Thursday evenings at 5:30pm, while our days are long in May through August. This service will be done right out of the prayer book, and instead of a sermon, attendees will be invited into conversation about one of the upcoming Sunday's scripture readings. Mother Hillary will lead the majority of these sessions, but on the rare occasions when she is out of town or unavailable, Evening Prayer will be led by a lay person. (If you are interested in leading Evening Prayer, please let Mother Hillary know!) On most evenings, there will be no singing, simply our prayers and conversations as we get to know each other and explore the holy scriptures together. All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP.....ACTUALLY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Antony's has a growing Environmental Stewardship ministry, and you've probably already noticed parts of it! We recycle paper, cardboard, some plastics, glass, and cans. Look for the recycling black wire baskets in the Narthex if you choose to not take your service bulletin home. Other items can be deposited in the recycling can in the kitchen to the left of the refrigerator. Please rinse and remove lids. The card affixed to the can shows what can be recycled. A green kitchen composter is to the right of the kitchen sink, and has a label showing what we can compost: coffee grounds and filters, vegetables and fruit, egg shells, non-greasy paper towels, flowers and the like. We also compost shredded paper; and if it's not a weed it goes in the compost bins outside of the garbage can enclosure in the parking lot. Please try not to park right next to the enclosure because the gate swings out. ☺ Another note: Please scrape and rinse dishes when loading the dishwasher. We have a septic system, so no garbage disposal for the dishwasher water to cycle through before arriving at the septic tank. We have had several expensive septic issues in the last few years involving flooding to parts of our building. We believe if we care for our septic system it will care for us! (Obviously no grease goes in the sink, right?)

Batteries are easy to recycle, and we are lucky that the Silverdale center is nearby. There is a can near the kitchen recycling bin for spent batteries, so please don't toss them in the trash.

Thank you for participating in environmental stewardship at the beautiful spot we have been given by God to steward! Next month I'll highlight what we're doing outside our building to care for our neighborhood and our planet. Stay tuned!

Marj Zantek—People's Warden

Meet your Bishop's Committee



Kathy Avery
Bishop's Warden



Marj Zantek
People's Warden



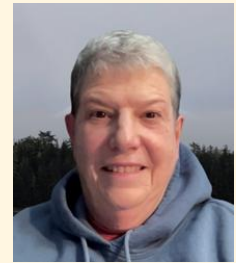
Cris McCarty
Clerk of the BC
Website Manager



Kathy Gero
Parish Life



Chelsea Reeder
Welcoming



Holly Hoxeng
Outreach

Faith Formation

Can this be you?
Please see Mother
Hillary if you are
interested or have
questions.



Karrie Wiley
Pastoral Care



Sarah Rogers
Communications



Dave Peterson
Building & Grounds

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



May Birthdays

1	Easton Wright
3	Mary Shear
7	Amelia Dolbec
10	Jane Stockton
11	Michael Wentworth
12	Lisa Mohr
15	Lorrie Milford
17	Stacy Scalf
19	Rich Rogers
20	Al Abel
23	Peter Stockwell
23	Ruth Lindstrum
23	Sean Rivers
24	Amy Wentworth
25	Betty Fabry
25	Mike Fox
26	Mackenzie Wagner
26	Sandy Martin
26	Soren van As
31	Kelly Carlisle



May Anniversaries

5	Dave & Ann Bruce
18	Benny & Cheryl Wright
22	John & Jane Teller
26	Bob & Joann Richardson
28	Robert & Jane Stockton

The deadline for the June Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, May 26th** at 10am. Please send all submissions to: stantonysilverdale@gmail.com

Financial Report			Account Balances	
March	Year-to-date			
Operating Income	\$31,010.09	\$279,459.88	Local Checking	\$54,590.71
Operating Expenses	\$23,647.96	\$286,976.18	Local Savings	\$397.05
Net in March	\$7,362.13	(\$7,516.30)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$183,355.06
			Total	\$238,342.82

May 2026 Schedule

JOBS	May 3 5th Sunday of Easter	May 10 6th Sunday of Easter	May 17 7th Sunday of Easter	May 24 Pentecost	May 31 Trinity Sunday
EM	Donna Hilton	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	Mary Collier	Mary Collier
LC/OT & NT	Melo Scanlon	Dee Perreira	Ruth Lindstrum	Elizabeth Moorhead	Norma Tipton
EM 10:15	Jason Kimes	Sarah Rogers	Peter Sockwell	Holly Hoxeng	Kristen Fabry
LC/OT 10:15 am	Jim Foley	Jason Kimes	Audra Alford	Jason Kimes	Jim Foley
LC/NT 10:15	Nyah Fox	Luke Rogers	Elizabeth Flagg	Charles Smith	Cris McCarty
ACOLYTES	Ellery	Luke	Caroline & Nolan	Ellery	Cris
USHER	Carole Nau/ Bill Fagan	Dave Peterson Peter Stockwell	Tim van As Linda Robuck	Mark Westin	Tim van As Suzanne Brock
COUNTERS		Jim Foley/ Dave Wedeven			Tim van As Marj Zantek
COFFEE HOUR	Rogers Family	Men's Group/Youth	Allen Family	Kathy Gero	Congregation
Bpod	Dave Peterson	Karrie Wiley	Kathy Avery	Dave Peterson	Chelsea Reeder
1st LESSON	Acts 7:55-60	Acts 17:22-31	Acts 1:6-14	Numbers 11:24-30	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
PSALM	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Psalm 66:7-18	Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	or Canticle 13
2nd LESSON	1 Peter 2:2-10	1 Peter 3:13-22	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	Acts 2:1-21	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
GOSPEL	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-21	John 17:1-11	John 20:19-23	Matthew 28:16-20

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

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Vicar's Day Off</i>	2 9am Building & Grounds Work Party
3 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Teen Bible Study 6pm Youth Group	4	5	6 11am Peace Crane Making Event	7 National Day of Prayer 12:30 pm Bible Study 5:30pm Summer Evening Prayer	8 <i>Vicar's Day Off</i> Music Group 9- noon Cleaners	9 <i>Vicar's Day Off</i> 2pm Paint Party
10 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	11 Noon BC Reports Due PEO Ladies 9 – 12:30	12 Noon New Beginnings Contemplative 1:30 pm Pastoral Care Mtg.	13 11am Outreach Mtg 5:30 ZimZum Discipleship	14 Ascension Day 12:30 pm Bible Study 5:30pm Summer Evening Prayer	15 <i>Vicar's Day Off</i> Music Group 9- noon	16 <i>Vicar's Day Off</i> 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 1pm Bunco!
17 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Teen Bible Study 11:45 am - BC Mtg 6pm Youth Group	18 <i>Vicar's Day Off</i>	19 11 am Witty Knitters	20 9am Landscape Team mtg.	21 12:30 pm Bible Study 5:30pm Summer Evening Prayer	22 <i>Vicar's Day Off</i> Music Group 9- noon Cleaners	23 9am-2pm Pastoral Care Workshops
24 Pentecost 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 9:30 & 11:45am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	25 < Loose plate Offering Charles Smith- Mission work in Uganda	26 10am Newsletter Deadline Noon New Beginnings Contemplative Group	27 I__ Vicar Away at	28 12:30 pm Bible Study 5:30pm Summer Evening Prayer Family Wedding	29 Music Group 9- noon	30
31 Trinity Sunday Rev. Linda Logan 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Project Linus 1-4	< 9:30 & 11:45am Choir Rehearsal					Staff Visitation – November 8 VBS – July 27-31

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