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The Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Vicar

Vicar's Voice

This July, I find myself thinking about the United States of America and about the British Isles.

America, obviously, since the country will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. And as we prepare for that celebration, I find myself reflecting on the difference between patriotism and nationalism. My colleague, the Rev. Joseph Yoo, described the difference beautifully in video from 2025, which you can watch or read summarized here. To sum it up, he said, "Patriotism is love. It's gratitude. It's saying, 'I care about my country enough to tell the truth about it, to celebrate what's good and work to fix what's broken. Nationalism-- that's idolatry. It says my nation is the nation above critique, above others, God's favorite. And once you slap God's seal of approval on your flag, you've just made your country a golden calf."

With the World Cup in town, the summer Olympics coming to LA in 2028, and the 250th anniversary of Independence Day coming up, I have felt patriotic-- love for my neighbors, gratitude for the land we live on, and pride in the ideals we try to live out. I felt patriotic when I had the honor and privilege of praying at our own Mike Dolbec's change of command ceremony, to appreciate the sacrifice and dedication of service members in the military-- it nearly moved me to tears! All of those feelings are different from nationalism-- I know my country is just as flawed as every other, that God does not look upon America any differently than our neighbor nations across the world. I know we have come so far in matters of justice, just as I know that we have so much more work to do. Patriotism fills me with love and gratitude for all my neighbors; nationalism demands to see their IDs first. As Rev. Yoo says, "[Patriotism] builds; [nationalism] bullies."

Dear ones, may we always strive to avoid the second in our celebration of the first.

I've found myself thinking about the British Isles lately, too! Not because we declared independence from England 250 years ago, but because

a) a group of St. Antony's parishioners are preparing for a journey to Scotland in October to explore Celtic Christian history and spirituality there,

and

b) because our VBS students and leaders are about to go on an imaginative journey through the Emerald Isle of Ireland during our week of Vacation Bible School! The beautiful, rolling green hills of Ireland are fun

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and beautiful backdrop as we spend the week learning all about Psalm 23 and explore the image of God and Jesus acting as our loving shepherd.

And so it is to our Good Shepherd that we offer this prayer for America in honor of Independence Day: "Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*"

Mother Hillary+



Hillary, congratulations on six years of ordained ministry. We give thanks for your faithful service, your compassionate heart, and the many ways you reflect God's love to those around you.

May God continue to bless you with wisdom, strength, joy, and peace as you serve. Your ministry has touched many lives, and your presence is a gift to all who are blessed to know you.

With gratitude and prayers, we celebrate this special milestone with you. May the years ahead bring renewed grace, purpose, and blessing.

Kathy Avery, Bishops Warden

Building and Grounds

St A's will have another opportunity to help around the church on the upcoming 1st Saturday of the month. But since the next one will be July 4th, I don't expect many to show up, so we will schedule another cleanup day on the 2nd Saturday, July 11th.

If you can help with an hour or two of work, it would be greatly appreciated. I know everybody is busy, but there is a lot to do and we don't have much budgeted to pay someone to do the work.

I wanted to thank everyone who showed up to work last 1st Saturday, I think we had 8 people.

David Peterson,
Building and Grounds Commissioner

OUTREACH

When you were in school, did you have all the school supplies you needed? If the teacher told you that you needed something else, what did you do? I don't remember needing that many supplies. In high school it was mainly pens, pencils, and paper. The big thing I needed in college was a typewriter (I know, I am showing my age!)

But these days, WOW! Besides pencils and pens, a child needs a backpack, reusable water bottle, highlighters, crayons, colored pencils, correction fluid, loose-leaf binders, dividers, paper, earbuds or headphones, calculators, and more.

Over 1,000 students in the CK School District cannot afford those supplies, and more will need some help. No child should be embarrassed by not having the required school supplies. Enter **Stuff the Bus!** Spearheaded by the Silverdale Kiwanis Club, Stuff the Bus collects school supplies for students in the CK School District, which supplies are then distributed by the teachers.

How can you participate?

- **Help:** Holly H will be delivering collection bins in Silverdale and Bremerton on 7/1 and collecting them on 8/1. If you have a large SUV, van, or pickup and can help with that, let her know.
- **Donate Supplies:** We will have a collection bin in the narthex during the month of July. New items only, please. (see list below)
- **Volunteer:** Sign up for a two-hour shift at the Bremerton Walmart (August 5-8) or the Silverdale Staples (August 10-13) to receive donations or sort them on the bus. Shifts may be limited, I should have a sign-up sheet in early July.

STUFF THE BUS

WHAT TO DONATE:

Backpacks	Pens
Water Bottles	Highlighters
Headphones	Scissors
Earbuds	Folders
Pencil	Composition
Pouches	Books
Pencils	Notebook Paper
Erasers	Graph Paper
Crayons	Binders
Glue Sticks	Binder Dividers
Glue	Dry Erase
Colored	Markers
Pencils	Rulers

Pastoral Care

Summer has arrived! Sunny and hot days are now with us!

Pastoral Care is going well. We have sent some cards for sympathy, encouragement, and joys!

If someone has some extra stamps they want to donate to Pastoral Care for the letters that we send out, that would be amazing.

We are good on our frozen food right now. IF you have any jars or cans of soup that you would like to donate, I think this would be helpful.

If you know of anyone who is in need of some encouragement, please let me know.

Karrie Wiley
Pastoral Care Commissioner

Meet your Bishop's Committee



Kathy Avery
Bishop's Warden



Marj Zantek
People's Warden



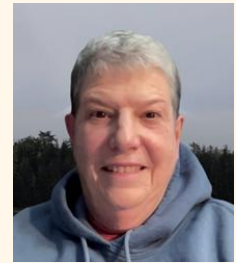
Cris McCarty
Clerk of the BC
Website Manager



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.

July 2026 Schedule

JOBS	July 5 6th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 9	July 12 7th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 10	July 19 8th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 11	July 26 9th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 12
EM	Elizabeth Moorhead	Donna Hilton	Ruth Lindstrum	Mary Collier
LC/OT & NT	Norma Tipton	Melo Scanlon	Dee Perreira	Donna Hilton
EM 10:15	Peter Stockwell	Kristen Fabry	Holly Hoxeng	Kristen Fabry
LC/OT 10:15 am	Stu Smith	Marj Zantek	Wendy Fox	Cris McCarty
LC/NT 10:15	Sarah Rogers	Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Peter Stockwell
ACOLYTES	Cris McCarty	Caroline & Nolan	Luke	Chelsea
USHER	Linda Robuck Dave Peterson	Holly Hoxeng Carole Nau	Mark Westin Linda Robuck	Peter Stockwell Tim van As
COUNTERS		Jim Foley Marj Zantek		Tim van As Dave Wedeven
COFFEE HOUR	Kathy Gero	Glenda Baker Katherine Haessler	Foley Family	Jane Stockton
Bpod	Kathy Gero	Marj Zantek	Holly Hoxeng	Marj Zantek
1st LESSON	Zechariah 9:9-12	Isaiah 55:10-13	Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19	1 Kings 3:5-12
PSALM	Psalms 145:8-15	Psalms 65: (1-8), 9-14	Psalms 86:11-17	Psalms 119:129-136
2nd LESSON	Romans 7:15-25a	Romans 8:1-11	Romans 8:12-25	Romans 8:26-39
GOSPEL	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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 Peterson	Luke R.
Norma Tipton	Cris McCarty	10:15 am	Marj Zantek-A	Linda Robuck	Soren V.
Cheryl Wright	Luke Rogers	Kristen Fabry		Rich Rogers	Ellery V.
	Sarah Rogers	Holly Hoxeng	A – Comp.	Peter Stockwell	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			
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 12:30 pm Bible Study 5:30pm Evening Prayer Service	3 Vicar's Day Off Music Group	4 Vicar's Day Off Happy Independence Day!
5 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Teen Bible Study	6 PEO Ladies 9 – 12:30	7 10am CPR/ First Aid Class	8 11am Outreach Mtg	9 No Bible Study 2pm Celebration of Life – Barbara Steadman 5:30pm Evening Prayer Service	10 Music Group 9- noon Cleaners <u>Vicar Away</u>	11 9am Building & Grounds Work Party <u>For Prof. Dev.</u>
12 Rev. Linda Logan 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	13 Vicar's Day Off 4-9pm PEO Ladies Summer Social	14 Noon New Beginnings Contemplative Group 1:30 pm Pastoral Care Mtg.	15 9am Landscape Team Meeting 6-8pm Card Playing night	16 12:30 pm Bible Study 5:30pm Evening Prayer Service	17 Vicar's Day Off Music Group 9- noon	18 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 1pm Private Funeral 3-8pm Kitsap Pride
19 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Teen Bible Study	20 < Loose plate Offering Scarlet Road	21 10am Newsletter Deadline 11 am Witty Knitters Noon New Beginnings Contemplative Group	22	23 12:30 pm Bible Study 5:30pm Evening Prayer Service	24 Vicar's Day Off Music Group 9- noon Cleaners	25 3-5pm Po e Tea
26 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 9:30 & 11:45am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist VBS SET UP	27 Vacation Bible School	28 Vacation Bible School	29 Vacation Bible School	30 Vacation Bible School 12:30 pm Bible Study 5:30pm Evening Prayer Service	31 Vacation Bible School	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> Dates to Remember Chris Eisenberg Concert – Aug. 2 @ 3pm Card Night – Aug. 19 @ 6pm Picnic – Aug. 23 after joint 9:30 service Staff Visitation – Nov. 8 </div>

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