



Glad Tidings

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The Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Vicar

Vicar's Voice

Welcome at last to autumn, after a very dry summer! While it may be harder to say goodbye to the long days and extra sunlight, we are rejoicing to see more and more rain fall to nourish our thirsty plants and assist those wrestling with remaining wildfires. Entering the rainy season in the pacific northwest means having green grass again, watching the bright colors change on the trees, and enjoy the harvest of autumnal fruits and vegetables.

As we enter this season of growth, we are also entering our season of stewardship here at St. Antony's. Starting on October 25th and culminating on Christ the King Sunday on November 22, this is the season where we will be thanking those whose donations have supported us through 2026 and gathering pledges for 2027. A pledge is the amount you promise to give in tithes and offerings for upcoming year, and pledges help us create our annual budget. Many of our members give regularly even though they haven't made a pledge, for which we are very grateful. This year, the Bishop's Committee and I want to encourage every household to make a pledge. The reason we ask people to pledge each year is to help us budget and plan; giving without pledging makes planning for the future a bit harder on our treasurer and Bishop's Committee.

If you are worried about not being able to fulfill your pledge-- we know that finances are very unpredictable for almost everyone these days, for many different reasons-- then you can always estimate low and give more as you are able. There is no minimum amount required to qualify as a pledge. Turning in a card that says \$10 a week is just as valid a pledge as a card that says \$10,000 a year.

Speaking of, the pledge card allows for you to break up your estimate by weeks, months, or year, so pledges can vary widely. Some people pledge \$20 a week, others may pledge \$500 a month, and still others may pledge thousands over the course of a year. All pledges are precious gifts and meaningful spiritual practices, regardless of their size. If you are new to pledging, welcome! Generally, 10% of a person or household's income has been a standard spiritual practice for giving, but any amount can qualify. The pledge card also allows you to pledge to more than one fund. The default fund is the General Operating fund, but other options include the Building Fund and the Vicar's Discretionary Fund, which I use to help people in need.

Once you submit a pledge card, our office will record your pledge and provide you with statements, either printed or emailed, periodically throughout 2027 so you can track your progress.

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who worships God, grows in Christ, and serves others.***

Gather, Grow, and Go!

We also offer secure automatic payments through VANCO, which you can set up on your preferred schedule here: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z96Q>. I do my best each year to give 10% of my income, and I have found it easiest to break my pledge up into weekly payments scheduled to come out on payday, so I don't have to remember. Checks in the offering plate work just as well. If you prefer to give cash but want cash gifts to count to your pledge, simply put the cash in an envelope. You can label it with your name or you can note on your pledge card that you would like pledge envelopes. This is to help track your giving and of course for tax purposes, as charitable donations to the church are tax deductible.

Talking about money isn't always the most inspiring topic, nor does it always feel the most spiritual. Still, one of the greatest lessons I learned about giving from our previous bishop was a one-liner that has stayed with me ever since: "Don't give to the church simply for the church's sake; give because giving is good for your soul." To that I would add, give financially if you can, and if you cannot, continue to give of your time and talent and skill and love. These and all other gifts you share with the church are precious beyond measure, no matter their size, because you are precious beyond measure, as is every other child of God. Amen and amen.

By God's grace, Mother Hillary

Journey into Celtic Culture



On October 7th, 8 members of our congregation will be flying to Scotland to explore Celtic culture, spirituality, and our Episcopal history for 11 days. This includes Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Jim and Holly Foley, Heather George, Loretta McGinley, Julie Sherwin, Marj Zantek and me. We will be joined by a few of our friends and Rev. Ruth Anne Garcia and some of her parishioners at St. James in Kent. There will be 20 of us!

Our journey will include a visit to Iona which is a tiny island off the west coast of Scotland known as the cradle of Scottish Christianity. I was told that there are more sheep than people there. We will also visit Edinburgh, Glasgow and the Holy Island of Lindisfarne which is known for its early medieval monastery founded in 635 AD making it a core center of Celtic Christianity and learning. I am looking forward to a time to learn, reflect and discover "thin places". Thin places according to Celtic culture are places between the physical world and the spiritual realm that are porous and thin.

I understand that pilgrimages were an important part of ancient Celtic Christians. According to the Devotional Journal published by Progressive Pilgrimage, our travel company, "it was both a physical, outward journey into unknown and an inward journey to the true self and Christ who dwells within." That is what I am hoping for.

Kathy Avery, Bishop's Warden

BE THE REASON SOMEONE EATS TODAY

At Central Kitsap Food Bank, every can sorted, box packed, and hand extended means hope for someone in our community. Volunteering with us isn't just about lending a hand—it's about being part of something bigger: a movement to care for our neighbors and fight hunger, one meal at a time.

When you volunteer, you're not just giving your time—you're offering kindness, support, and stability to those who need it most. You'll join a community of passionate individuals working together to make Kitsap County a more compassionate place.

Your time matters. Your heart matters. Join us, and let's make a difference together.

COME ONE, COME ALL! (and wear your red shirt!)

Please join Tim van As on October 8th at 3:30 PM at Central Kitsap Food Bank, 3537 Anderson Hill Road, to pack monthly food packages for seniors, containing nutritious items like fruits, vegetables, dairy, and protein. We did this a few months ago and folks had a great time. Questions, contact Tim: tcvanas@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care

Happy Fall! I noticed as I was driving to church this morning that the leaves are starting to change color. This seems early to me; but I think as I age, my time gets out of whack.

All is well in Pastoral Care. I love all my lovely ladies who help me out on my committee. I could not do this job without you!! Gail Campbell-Ferguson, Holly Foley, Heidi Hood, Peggy Roberts, Maggie Scott, Marj Zantek, Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Marty Whitaker and Kathy Avery!! Anyone is welcome to join!!

Card making has been rescheduled to December 5 from 1 – 3pm. We will be doing a cookie exchange with Kathy Gero at the same time. Should be a lot of fun!!

HELP!!!

We have set up the food pantry on the janitorial door in the meeting room; it can hold canned, jarred, or dried food for the people who need a little help.

Can I ask the congregation to please donate some food for the pantry?

Karie Wiley
Pastoral Care Commissioner

Altar/Flower Guild

Your Altar and Flower Guild are busy in the background every single week. With over 20 members, there is always talk of sharing information with the congregation about what happens behind the scenes to make Sunday, and all of our spiritual gatherings, a place of reverence and beauty. This is the first in what will hopefully be a series of articles in our monthly newsletter letting you, the reader and member of our church, know exactly what these guilds are doing and what it all means.

So, without further ado:

A Beginner's Guide to the Altar Dressings

Every Sunday morning, when you look toward the front of the church, you might notice the altar dressed in clean white cloths, candles ready, and a silver cup waiting silently beneath a veil. But have you ever wondered what all those pieces are actually called, or why they are there? To the casual observer, it might look like nice table dressing. To the Altar Guild, it's an ancient visual language.

Here is a quick guide to a few of the essentials you see every week:

- **The Fair Linen:** This is the long, white cloth that covers the top of the altar and hangs down gracefully on both ends. It symbolizes the burial winding-sheet of Christ, always made of natural linen.
- **Chalice & Paten:** The chalice is the cup that holds the Communion wine, and the paten is the shallow dish or plate that holds the bread. Usually crafted from sterling silver, brass, or ceramic, they sit together on the altar.
- **Purificator:** Think of this as the linen napkin. It's an oblong piece of white linen, folded in three, used specifically by the priest or Eucharistic minister to wipe the rim of the chalice between sips during Communion.
- **Corporal:** Derived from the Latin corpus (body), this is a square linen cloth placed directly beneath the chalice and paten. In ancient tradition, it acts like a sacred placemat to catch any small crumbs of the bread.
- **The Burse & Veil:** Before the service begins, you often see a square, tent-like silk cover draped over the chalice. That is the chalice veil, usually matching the season's liturgical color (green, purple, white, or red). Perched right on top of it is the burse, a stiff fabric folder that safely holds the linens until the priest is ready to set the table.
- **The Piscina:** Tucked away out of sight in the sacristy (the prep room behind the scenes) is a special sink called a piscina. Unlike normal sinks, its drain doesn't go to city sewer pipes; it empties directly into the ground beneath the church. Because consecrated bread and wine are treated with deep reverence, the water used for the first rinse of the linens is always poured into the earth.

Every piece of linen is washed, ironed, and folded according to traditions that stretch back centuries. The Altar Guild's job isn't just tidying up; it is setting the Lord's table so that when you arrive, everything is quietly in place to welcome you.

Heidi Hood, Altar Guild Member and Faith Formation Commissioner

Faith Formation

There was a lot going on in September with your Faith Formation groups and even more taking place as we inch closer to the holidays. Here are some highlights:

Godly Play started again in September, but Kristen Fabry is in need of additional teachers as soon as possible. She had two teachers move out of the area recently and is looking for at least two more teachers to ensure Sunday coverage and to remain compliant with Safe Church policies. Contact Kristen Fabry or touch base with Mother Hillary if interested in pursuing this opportunity to guide our youngest members. Godly Play is a Montessori-type program that takes place during the first half of the 10:15 am service. Age ranges from two or three (must be potty trained and able to sit for a period of time) to twelve years of age.

Mother Hillary will be exploring new topics in her Episcopal 101 class on Sundays. Episcopal 101 is for anyone interested in learning more about the Episcopal tradition and a welcoming platform to those new to St. Antony. Contact Mother Hillary for more information.

Mother Hillary is also leading a monthly Zimzum discipleship meeting, typically held toward the end of the month. All are welcome to attend. Check the Church Calendar for the next meeting date. In Bishop Phil's latest Zimzum video, he talks about the practice of reconciliation and restoring relationships. He explains in the video that the "spiritual work of reconciliation is not easy, but it leads to a fullness of life." To watch the video or to peruse the other videos, go to <https://ecww.org/zimzum-discipleship-videos/>.

Youth Group is back at it in September. They are meeting this month to go over future events and schedules. A spaghetti dinner is on the horizon, and they are hoping to team up with the Welcoming Group to create a church wide event. For more information or to participate, contact Marj Zantek or Mother Hillary.

Thursday Bible Study is also back to its Thursday meetings. This fall they are focusing on Thessalonians. All are welcome to attend. Contact Mother Hillary or Esther Osborne with any questions.

The New Beginning Contemplative Prayer group will have new meeting dates and times starting in November. The change will be to the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The meetings in October will stay on the second and fourth Tuesday from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. The group had its yearly business meeting on September 8th, where that change was decided on and approved by the group. Additionally, the group will be exploring the idea of doing an off-site retreat around February. More information forthcoming.

Camp Huston is offering several different events in the next couple of months. The Autumn Art Retreat will be held October 28th to November 1st. Spend Halloween weekend at Camp Huston with your crafting projects. There will be costume contests and other fun treats. Also from Camp Huston, from November 26th to November 29th, the camp will host a Thanksgiving retreat. Come for Thanksgiving dinner and spend the weekend enjoying holiday crafts and family activities. Lastly, Camp Huston will have a Quilter's Holiday event December 3rd through the 6th. This will be a cozy and relaxing weekend with crafting projects, cocoa, massages, holiday happy hour, and a silent auction. Register for these events at <https://huston.org/hustonevents/>.

As always if you have any questions, suggestions, or thoughts, feel free to reach out to me, Heidi Hood, so we can talk.

Heidi Hood, Faith Formation Commissioner

Blessing of the Animals



We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on October 4 this year. If you would like to bring your pet, please have them either on a leash or in a carrier. If you don't think your pet can sit through a service, Mother Hillary will be happy to bless any photos you have.

On her first Sunday here, Mother Hillary blessed many pets.

Happy 3rd Anniversary, Mother Hillary!

Trunk or Treat



Hello Parishioners,
St. Antony's Episcopal Church invites everyone to our Annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween, October 31st, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the front church lawn. All ages and community members are welcome for a safe afternoon of candy and fellowship.

Key Details:

- Participants with Decorated Trunks: Please arrive by 1:00 p.m. for setup.
- Treaters: May begin arriving early before the 2:00 p.m. start.
- Flyers: Available in the Narthex to share with friends, family, and neighbors.
- Candy Donations: Please drop donations in the tub marked "Trunk or Treat Candy" starting October 18th.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Chelsea Reeder, Welcoming Commissioner

Parish Life

Card Games Night: We were unable to schedule a night for a September Card Night due to lack of space, and I will be out of the country most of October traveling. I have setup a Card Game Night for Wednesday, November 18, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00. Unfortunately, it will be dark. We can share a light dinner first and then play cards.

I would like to start teaching a small group at a time Hand and Foot while the others continue with Five Crowns. Hand and Foot is a lot of fun and is played with a partner. When I play on cruises we change partners after each complete game.

I was looking at the idea of having a night for parents of young to go out for the evening to shop or do another holiday activity while your child/ are watched at church. If you are interested, please let me know. We would have appropriate for age holiday activities for the children and dinner. Let me or Linda know so that we can put this plan in action.

Kathy Gero, Parish Life Commissioner

Happy Birthday!

This past weekend Sylvia and Malcolm Campbell celebrated their 93rd Birthday. If you weren't here, I thought you would enjoy a picture.



Submitted by Kathy Gero

Building and Grounds

We need more people to volunteer to do some work and repairs to our wonderful church building and grounds. We will have a group get together on the 1st Saturday of the month, but volunteers are welcome to come and do cleanup and spruce up any day of the week. I will post a list of things to do in the window of the coffee room. If there are other things you would like to do, you are free to do them. This month October might be the last month to do much outside work, but, no worries we can do detail work and other things inside for the following months. We just need people to do some of the volunteer work. Please consider donating an hour or two or maybe three to help out !! Thank you.

Note: November's Work Day had to be moved to Saturday, November 21 due to events at church. Please mark your calendars.

Dave Peterson, Building and Grounds Commissioner

Meet your Bishop's Committee



Kathy Avery
Bishop's Warden
Term ends Jan. 2027



Marj Zantek
People's Warden
Term ends Jan. 2027



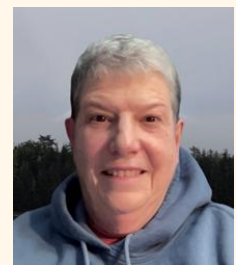
Cris McCarty
Clerk of the BC
Website Manager
Term ends Jan. 2027



Kathy Gero
Parish Life
Term ends Jan. 2028



Chelsea Reeder
Welcoming
Term ends Jan. 2028



Holly Hoxeng
Outreach
Term ends Jan. 2029



Heidi Hood
Faith Formation
Term ends Jan. 2027



Karrie Wiley
Pastoral Care
Term ends Jan. 2029



Sarah Rogers
Communications
Term ends Jan. 2028



Dave Peterson
Building & Grounds
Term ends Jan. 2027

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



October Birthdays

1	Linda Robuck
2	Shirley Perreira
3	Karrie Wiley
5	Caroline Alford
10	Gary Hicks
12	Laurie Wagner
12	Owen Manning
17	Sarah Bishop-Dolbec
19	Mike Dolbec
24	Laurel Rogers
25	Sam Crea
26	Marty Whitaker
26	Kathy Avery
26	Adhem Alford
26	Pat Reese
28	Nick Rivers



October Anniversaries

5	Miguel & Lilian Gallegos
7	Nick & Carrie Rivers
16	Scott & Laura Curry
24	Gail & David Ferguson

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

Welcome to our church family!

Matthew Copland

(Please see the office for their contact information. Their address and phone will not be put online.)

Financial Report August			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$17,936.07	\$294,552.02	Local Checking	\$35,160.35
Operating Expenses	\$26,129.58	\$301,165.89	Local Savings	\$397.14
Net in August	(\$8,193.51)	(\$6,613.87)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$192,086.27
			Total	\$227,643.76

October 2026 Schedule

JOBS	October 4 19th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 22	October 11 20th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 23	October 18 21st Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 24	October 25 22nd Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 25
EM	Heidi Hood	Ruth Lindstrum	Elizabeth Moorhead	Mary Collier
LC/OT & NT	Cheryl Wright	Melo Scanlon	Norma Tipton	Ruth Lindstrum
EM 10:15	Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Holly Hoxeng	Cris McCarty
LC/OT 10:15 am	Jim Foley	Sarah Rogers	Audra Alford	Stu Smith
LC/NT 10:15	Nyah Fox	Stu Smith	Jim Foley	Marj Zantek
ACOLYTES				
USHER	Tim van As	Mark Westin	Linda Robuck Suzanne Brock	Dave Peterson
COUNTERS		Tim van AS Dave Wedeven		Holly Hoxeng Marj Zantek
COFFEE HOUR	Wentworth Family	Allen Family	Glenda Baker Katherine Haessler	Reeder Family
Bpod	Marj Zantek	Karrie Wiley	David Peterson	Marj Zantek
1st LESSON	Isaiah 5:1-7	Isaiah 25:1-9	Isaiah 45:1-7	Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18
PSALM	Psalms 80:7-14	Psalms 23	Psalms 96:1-9, (10-13)	Psalms 1
2nd LESSON	Special Reading	Philippians 4:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
GOSPEL	Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46

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
Grason Dalke	Audra Alford	8am	Jim Foley-A	Suzanne Brock	Caroline A.
Heidi Hood	Elizabeth Flagg	Mary Collier	Holly Hoxeng-A	Bill Fagan	Nolan A.
Ruth Lindstrum	Jim Foley	Heidi Hood	Norma Tipton-B	Holly Hoxeng	Jason K.
Elizabeth Moorhead	Nyah Fox	Ruth Lindstrum	Tim van As-A	Carole Nau	Chelsea R.
Dee Perreira	Jason Kimes	Elizabeth Moorhead	David W.-B	Dave Peterson	Luke R.
Melo Scanlon	Cris McCarty	10:15 am	Marj Zantek-A	Linda Robuck	Soren V.
Norma Tipton	Luke Rogers	Kristen Fabry		Rich Rogers	Ellery V.
Cheryl Wright	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			
	Tucker Johnson-sub	Marj Zantek			

October

2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Nov. 1 – Joint Service at 9:30am (All Saints' Day) Nov. 8 – Bishop Staff Visitation				1 Mother Hillary's 3rd Anniversary! 12:30 pm Bible Study	2 Vicar's Day Off Music Group 9- noon	3 Vicar's Day Off 9am Landscape Work Party
4 Blessing of the Animals 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 9:30 & 11:45am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Teen Bible Study	5 < Loose plate Offering - Kitsap Animal Rescue & Education	6 Noon Grief Group Drop-in	7 <u>Vicar on Celtic</u>	8 12:30 pm Bible Study <u>Pilgrimage</u>	9 Vicar's Day Off Music Group 9- noon Cleaners	10 Vicar's Day Off
11 Rev. Linda 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 9:30 & 11:45am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	12 Noon BC Reports Due PEO Ladies 9am -12:30	13 Noon New Beginnings Contemplative Group 1:30 pm Pastoral Care Mtg	14 9am Landscape Team Mtg. 11am Outreach Mtg.	15 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 Rev. Linda 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Teen Bible Study	19 Vicar's Day Off	20 10am Newsletter Deadline 11 am Witty Knitters	21 9am Landscape Team Meeting	22 12:30 pm Bible Study	23 Diocesan Convention Music Group 9- noon Cleaners	24 Diocesan Convention
25 Heidi Hood Preaching 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 BC Meeting 6:00 pm Youth Group Project Linus 1-4	26 PEO Ladies 9am -12:30 VICAR AWAY	27 For Commission	28 Ministry Work	29 12:30 pm Bible Study 10am – 2pm Wellness on the Helm event on base	30 Vicar's Day Off Music Group 9- noon	31 Vicar's Day Off 2pm Trunk or Treat 5pm All Hallows Evening Prayer

Nov. 1st – Joint Service at 9:30am
All Saints' Day

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