St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Silverdale, WA 98303
Bishop's Committee Monthly Reports
For October 25, 2026 BC Meeting

Vicar's Report: Mother Hillary

Worship and Spiritual Life

We concluded the liturgical Season of Creation with the Blessing of the Animals on the first Sunday of October. We had animals at both services-- dogs and cats and one delightful chicken attended in person, and others brought photos of their animals who couldn't attend for various reasons. With the Season of Creation's conclusion, the rest of October and much of November will include the remainder of Ordinary Time, concluding with Christ the King Sunday on November 22 and Advent beginning on November 29. Other opportunities for spiritual formation for both kids and adults continue to be offered in Episcopal 101, Contemplative Prayer, Bible Study, Godly Play, Youth Group, Teen Seminar, and ZimZum Discipleship. We've welcomed a few new lectors and EMs to the rotation, which is always exciting! The other special services coming up are the joint 9:30 service for the Feast of All Saints, preceded the night before by evening prayer on All Hallows Eve.

Some of us have just returned from a spiritual journey through Scotland, visiting the holy islands of Iona and Lindisfarne as well as many historic churches and ancient spiritual sites. Stay tuned for the announcement of show-and-tell day where I will share photos and invite pilgrims to speak about some of the places we saw together.

Pastoral Care

Our new monthly Grief Group has had two meetings so far, each of which had 3-4 people. Heidi and I are pleased to offer it for whoever needs it on each first Tuesday. The date for Liz Haney's art auction event and the date for Sandy Martin's memorial service haven't been chosen yet, but the first may be sometime in January or February, and the second might be some time next year once Sandy's family has had time to plan their travel. And a big thank you to Karrie and all those who have donated to our new pastoral care pantry! Donations remain welcome in the bin in the narthex. See Karrie's report for more information.

Diocesan & Community Relationships

I did lots of relationship building with St. James in Kent and Progressive pilgrimage on our eventful pilgrimage journey October 7-18th! It was a joy to get to know the folks at St. James better and experience that journey with them and other new friends. I will be out of town from Monday-Friday of next week, October 26-30, for the Commission on Ministry discernment retreat where those seeking ordination are interviewed and evaluated after a period of formation and discernment. My volunteer work with the Central Kitsap Fire Department as a chaplain continues. Preparation for General Convention in summer of 2027 continues, but this week my focus is local, with Diocesan Convention this Friday and Saturday, where your lay delegates will be Holly Hoxeng and Chelsea Reeder. Also, we are once again coming together with CK Presbyterian and Silverdale Lutheran for a community Thanksgiving Eve service, hosted by SLC this year: 7 p.m. on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Finally, we are in conversation with a local Navy chaplain about welcoming some sailors into our midst during the holidays. For more details on how our church as a whole has been building community relationships, please see Holly Hoxeng's Outreach team report.

Welcoming & Parish Life
The parish continues to host periodic gatherings for fun and fellowship. Monthly opportunities include the Witty Knitters and Men's Fellowship Breakfast. This month features the annual Trunk or Treat, October 31st from 2-4pm. Candy donations have been coming in, but we still need some more folks to sign up to decorate their cars! And as noted, Chelsea is working to get a Welcoming Team up and running so that we can continue to better incorporate our visitors, new members, and neighbors into our work; the BC has been doing some Congregational Development thought exercises in this area as a place to start.

Administration
Ongoing long-term projects that aren't yet finished—updated funeral/wedding guidelines, new phones, updated BC onboarding, and website updates! Cris McCarty, Guy Fulton, and Jason Wentworth have all been helping me out with making a plan for our website. A correction to last month's report: on Sunday, November 8th, I believe we are scheduled for a Bishop's Staff visit from The Rev. Ivar Hillesland, who will preach and preside.

I remain honored and grateful to be your priest.
Mother Hillary+

Bishop's Warden: Kathy Avery

Beginning with the Bishop's Committee meeting in September, I have done the following:

- September 20 – Bishop's Committee Meeting; Checked on Ann Daniels and took her Altar flowers
- September 22-Glad Tidings article
- September 23 – BC e-mail about special project
- October 1 – Bible Study and decluttered church kitchen
- October 3 – Participated in Church workday
- October 4 – Altar cleanup and took Ann Daniels to and from church
- October 5 – Waxed new tile in church and cleaned spots from tiles in Narthex and Gathering Room
- October 7-18 – Participated in Pilgrimage to Scotland to study Celtic Culture
- October 20 – Witty Knitters
- October22 – Bible Study and BC planning
- In addition to the above, I have worked on an Altar Guild sewing project, and on a custom project, sourcing materials and developing details.

People's Warden: Marj Zantek

No report at this time.

Buildings and Grounds: Dave Peterson

No report at this time.

Communications: Sarah Rogers

No report at this time.

Faith Formation: Heidi Hood

Episcopal 101 continues Sunday between services. It's led by Mother Hillary. Between two and eight people currently attend and discussion topics vary.

Youth Group participation on Sunday evening fluctuates. Discussion revolves around what comes up during the meeting. The signup for meal is in the narthex, and there are still nights that haven't been filled yet.

Godly Play: Kristen Fabry said they are still looking for additional shepherds (teachers). She is willing to train them. They have 16 children on the roster but usually have three to seven children on any given Sunday. She met with Wendy and Lincoln and is hopeful that they will agree to lead on a scheduled basis.

Bible Study: The group is finishing up Colossians. They are moving into the Apocrypha's "Hidden Treasures" next.

New Beginnings Contemplative Prayer: October was a quiet month with many members in Scotland. The new schedule of meeting on Tuesday and Thursday begins in November.

Advent Soup Suppers will begin in the first week in December as Advent begins November 29th.

ZimZum: Fellowship and Hospitality Around the Table is the newest video from Bishop LaBelle. https://ecww.org/zimzum-discipleship/

Outreach: Holly Hoxeng

The pack out event at CK Food Bank on 10/8 was not well attended (four people); this could well be because many folks (Iona pilgrims, Holly H) were out of town. We also realized that we need to be more intentional on scheduling the pack out events and getting folks to commit ahead of time. This will help us to better coordinate with the CK Food Bank scheduler. We will continue to work on this as the Outreach Committee feels this is an important ministry. Also, the loose plate offering on November 8th goes to CK Food Bank, so this will give us an opportunity to communicate with the congregation.

We are currently collecting 2027 calendars and toiletries for the Mission to Seafarers. Holly H will deliver the first batch of items to Father Mac this Friday at Diocesan Convention. Collection will continue through Sunday November 8th.

Big upcoming event is Kidzz Helping Kidzz toy drive. Three collection bins will be delivered November 15th and picked up December 13th.

Parish Life Co-Chair: Kathy Gero

No report at this time.

Pastoral Care: Karrie Wiley

We sent 3 cards out to people in need of love.

Mary Dean has been talking to me about possibly putting together a booklet with names and phone numbers of resources that a retired person could use. She may be coming to the November BC meeting to present her ideas to the whole committee. I mentioned to her that she could get a list started.

At the October meeting, Gail and I discussed Mary's idea. We decided to call Jason from Kitsap Aging and Long Term Care to see if he still did talks to organizations about the services they provide. Gail called and left a message. Jason got back to her; he is available to schedule a talk this spring. We can discuss this idea at the next Pastoral Care meeting with the rest of the committee.

Pastoral pantry is open for business. If anyone knows someone who needs help with some meals, please direct them to the pantry. There is a donation container in the church lobby.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Foley

Donations were not as high as budgeted for September and we had the unexpected expense for a fire sprinkler maintenance/inspection for $2,091 that apparently recurs every 5 years, leading to being in the red $5k more than anticipated on the month. Still doing better than expected YTD, but it still isn't pretty.

Welcoming: Chelsea Reeder

No report at this time.

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