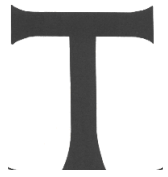


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The Reverend Bill Fulton, Vicar

VICAR'S VOICE



In late February we held our Bishop's Committee retreat at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Bainbridge Island. The Rector, The Rev. Dennis Tierney, graciously let us use "A Room with a View", a pleasant room that was just right for our needs. Our retreat was led by Sue Clary, a trained facilitator for the Diocese of Olympia and a member of the faculty of the College for Congregational Development.

Sue led us in a number of team-building exercises that helped us loosen up and get a sense of who we are as a team. Then she asked us to read the Vicar's Annual Report for 2009, and we began our discussion on the topics raised in it, especially the need for re-structuring our Bishop's Committee. After much discussion about the mission of our church and how to accomplish it, we came up with the idea that we'll have a "Transition Year" to help us move from Commissions to Teams.

At present we have a number of Commissions, each of which is headed by a BC member. The commission structure is especially appropriate for large churches, but has some disadvantages for small churches. A commission tends to be a formal structure with a strong chairperson who is responsible for the activities of the commission.

The disadvantage of a commission chaired by a member of the BC is that the commission tends to become a top-down model, where the chairperson assumes too much responsibility for the work of the commission. In addition, the BC member may or may not have any interest or talents for that particular commission, and the chairperson changes every year or two. What we're aiming for are teams rather than commissions. The team model is a bottom-up kind of ministry where teams are made up of people who have a passion for the ministry of that team. The members of the team decide what their team's ministry is, and they decide how they want to operate as a team. This means that people are freed up to do the ministry they feel called to. It's a "permission-giving" model.

Of course our BC members will continue to operate as liaisons from our teams to the Bishop's Committee, but BC members will no longer automatically be named as chair of a team. The idea is that our BC members will be freed up to do more long-range thinking and planning - the work of leadership.

I recognize this means a change in the way we operate and change is sometimes awkward and uncomfortable. But I think we'll see some benefits from this change as we live into it. I'm grateful to Bob Meith, our Bishop's Warden, and Heather George, our People's Warden, who have worked with me as we navigate these changes. **Bill**

Anglican Moments Recap

Anglican Moments is a short teaching each Sunday on our Anglican heritage

March 7 - Coming to Holy Communion. Because we've rearranged our seating, we have to learn how we can come to the altar rail without congestion or confusion. With patience, we will work it out so that it feels natural.

March 14 - Laying the table cloth. The Prayer Book specifies that a clean white cloth will be spread on the holy table for Holy Eucharist. Spreading the tablecloth (called a corporal) is a beautiful symbol of invitation and welcome.

March 21 - Welcoming visitors on Easter Day. On Easter Day, we will undoubtedly have many visitors and newcomers. We want to especially offer them a warm welcome and help them feel at home by greeting them warmly, helping them with worship, extending the Peace, and inviting them to refreshments.

March 28 - Holy Week. The days between Palm Sunday and Easter are known as Holy Week because we re-enact the last days of Jesus' life: Jesus' last meal with his disciples, his crucifixion and burial, and his glorious resurrection. Because these are the most important events of the Christian faith, we observe them with great devotion.

BISHOP'S WARDEN



Vacation Bible School

One of the bigger events of the year is St. Antony's Vacation Bible School (VBS). It is one week each summer when we open our church grounds to the laughter, the singing and the teaching of young children about Jesus.

There has been significant growth over the last two years through the leadership of Peter Stockwell and his team. This year we will need to continue the success of VBS with a new leader or co-leaders and team members. Thank you, Peter, for your efforts and success with the VBS.

The new leaders will have the opportunity to build on what Peter has done, while at the same time bringing their own creativity to the program. It is a commitment of one week during your summer. The team that is formed to develop this year's program can draw from each other's expertise and enthusiasm. VBS attracts families from the community to our church outreach program, providing their children an opportunity to have fun while learning about Jesus.

At the same time, the parents are introduced to what St. Antony's can offer them. Your Bishop's Committee is now a body of teams asking support for various activities without expecting a commitment for life. Let Stacey Scalf, or any BC member, know you want to become part of the VBS team and start your plans for making the summer program the best it has ever been. Together everyone achieves more (TEAM).

Bob Meith

New Instructions for Coming to the Altar Rail

Because we've rearranged the chairs in worship, we've slightly changed our practice of coming to the altar rail during Holy Communion. Here is our current practice:

The choir (at the 10:00 Eucharist) will come to the altar rail first, lining up on the right side (as seen from the pews). When they're finished, the usher will direct the people sitting in the left section to come up the left aisle and fill the altar rail from left to right.

As they finish and return to their seats, the usher will direct the middle two sections to come up the middle aisle to the altar rail. Those seated in the left middle section will fill the altar rail beginning at the windows and wrapping around to the Chi Rho sign on the middle of the altar.

Those seated in the right section will fill the altar rail beginning at the Chi Rho sign and wrapping around to the windows. When finished, they return to their seats by the side aisles. Lastly, the left section will come to the altar rail using the left aisle. Please follow the ushers' directions and soon this will feel normal and natural.

Bill Fulton

Vicar's Contact Information

You may always contact me by calling my cell phone: 620-8086. We don't have a land line at our new house, so my cell phone is my normal means of telephone contact. Please don't hesitate to call. I'll answer unless I'm driving or in a meeting, in which case you may leave me a voice mail and I'll call you back.

Bill

Re-starting the Long Range Planning Process

By Bill Fulton, Vicar

For many years at St. Antony's, we've had a dream of building a better facility. Over the twenty five years of our existence, we've engaged architects and consultants, drawn up building plans, raised money, and looked for alternative sites, but we haven't been able to accomplish the dream. I think the time has come for us to sit down together and agree on a plan we can accomplish.

I'm proposing a parish-wide process to come to some decisions on our building plans this year. Because this is a major parish decision that requires broad consensus, I think we need a comprehensive process that is transparent and inclusive. I presented a plan at the March meeting of the Bishop's Committee to accomplish this, and they refined and endorsed the plan.

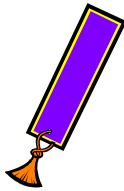
The process I've suggested involves three parish meetings - one to explain the process and start our research on what's been accomplished to date; one meeting to share our findings and provide information; and one meeting to come to a decision. I envision these meetings to take place in April, July, and November. A flow chart of this process is posted in the narthex.

In the research and information phase, we'll share what's been done so far; look at past building plans and their price tags; and analyze our fundraising efforts to date. In the decision-making phase, we'll come up with various alternatives and present them to the parish for a decision. All of this needs to be done quite openly and communicated clearly.

We have considerable resources to work with and impressive talent among our membership. The key is to have a well-understood process, good communication, and broad participation from our membership. I hope you'll take the time to come to the meetings, absorb the information, and participate in the process. **Our first meeting will be Monday, April 12, at 7:00 PM.**

Please contact me, Bob Meith, or Heather George with your suggestions and any questions you might have. By working together with a good plan, we can have a successful outcome.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OUTREACH



Bookmarks and Beads!

We all know how the "Bookmark Project" here at St. Antony's started with the talent funds. What you may not realize is how much the faithful bookmark makers need your help in various ways.

Do you belong to a group or know of a group trying to raise funds? Perhaps another outlet where the bookmarks could be sold? It would be a 50/50 split of the \$5.00 per bookmark sale. They can be used as necklaces too. The first 12 come with a stand for display which takes up 4" to 6" counter space.

Do you have beads, charms or old jewelry that could be incorporated into bookmarks? If you would like to donate any of these items they will be used. Would you like to join the group and give the manufacturing end a boost? The group meets at the home of Marty Whitaker at various times. You would be warmly welcomed. Please get inspired as this group has.

If you (and your friends too) would like to help make bookmarks, know of an outlet, or have items they could use, please call one of the spokespersons for the group: Marty Whitaker 360-662-0388, Janet Steller 360-698-5947 or Barbara Berglund 360-440-0951.

Thanks in advance for supporting this exciting project. All the proceeds go to local outreach.

Your Fundraising Ideas Wanted

The annual Barn Sale has been a fixture of parish life at St. Antony's for many years, and in its day it generated extraordinary income and goodwill. The time has come, however, to admit that the Barn Sale has run its course. The original inspiration and energy that drove the event has been lost, and it's time to either revive it with a new spirit or let it die.

On Monday, April 5, at 7:00pm, there will be a meeting to discuss what kind of a fundraiser we'll have this year.

Please come to the meeting with your ideas about what kind of a fundraising event we might have this year. In a brainstorming session last fall, we came up with lots of new ideas - a flea market, a Christmas boutique, selling theater tickets, a beer garden, casino night, dessert night, etc.

So please come to the meeting and bring your creative thoughts and plans, and let's share ideas. We hope to come up with a fundraiser that will also be a "fun-raiser." All interested people are invited to attend. **Bill Fulton**

Like to sing?

If you like to sing, we have a place for you. It's called the St. Antony's choir. We would love for you to join our fun, sprit - filled family. Questions? Please see any choir member or ask our Director, Jan Peterson. **Linda Robuck**

WORSHIP, MUSIC AND LITURGY



As we prepare for the Solemn Persecution and Joyous Resurrection of our Lord, the season of Lent is growing to a close which means that one of the busiest weeks in our church appear.

We will have a special Maundy Thursday Celebration that starts at 7pm. This will start with a supper hosted by Fr. Bob Bethea in the modular. After the supper and Eucharist, we will go into the church for the washing of the feet.

On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be done at both the noon and 7pm. Services. There will be a Holy Saturday service at noon.

The Easter Vigil will start at 6am on Easter Sunday. This is a specialty of Fr. Bill so you may not want to miss it. The 10am. Easter service will have a special children's Easter Pageant. There will be a breakfast in-between these two services. People who want to come to the breakfast are being asked to bring something to share for the pot-luck meal. All are welcome to attend.

Our next worship planning meeting will be held on Monday, April 19th at 1 p.m. Please join us if you can. I hope you have a very meaningful Holy Week, and may each of you have a Blessed Easter season. **Linda Robuck**

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is the path on which we gain a fuller relationship with God through Christ.

As we now move farther from our fall financial campaign, through winter, and now into Spring, it is a good time to acknowledge the importance of our financial commitment, but to *also* reflect on the other essential aspects of our stewardship relationship with God. In that regard the following caught my eye, in the book *Giving to GOD* by Mark Allan Powell:

"What's as Important as Giving"

Although the Bible encourages generosity, there are also many passages that indicate something else as important as giving away our money:

Micah 6:6-8	Justice, kindness, and humility
Matthew 5:23-24	repairing and estranged relationship
Matthew 23:23	justice, mercy, and faith
Mark 7:9-13	caring for one's family members
Luke 11:42	justice and the love of God
Luke 18:9-14	eschewing self-righteousness
1 Corinthians 13:3	LOVE

Thus, stewardship is more than money, and faithful stewards seek to please God in how they *live* as well as how they *give*." **Bill Reeder, Stewardship Committee Chair**

We Believe

I wish to share with you a story that I have been learning more about here in India. Bishop Devamani and several clergy were walking through the jungle near a tribal village.

So far I have not heard why. I have heard that there was no plan to expand the work of the diocese in that area at that time, none. What they were discussing as they walked along is lost to the memory of what happened next.

A woman from the tribal village came up and greeted the Bishop. She then preceded to hand him the deed to a parcel of land she had in the jungle near where they were walking. She wanted to give it to the church if they would build a church on it.

A short time (weeks, maybe a month) later the diocese received an offer from a church in the U.K. They wanted to donate the means to build a church in India; but please name it after our congregation. That is how Trinity Church came to be built at Narsapuram. This building will be dedicated to the glory of God on 5 May.

As you can imagine there is a fair amount of buzz around the diocesan office about this particular church dedication because of how it came about.

In God's Peace,
Charles L. Smith
<http://charlesofsta.wordpress.com>

PEOPLE'S WARDEN

The people that make up the body of Saint Antony's is a group of individuals with different gifts and views.

We are all in different places in our lives and have experienced multitudes of changes, challenges, joys and losses.

We as a family are going to be going through a journey this year to make decisions on where we as a church wish to go in the future.

We will not always agree with each other but if we remember to treat each other with respect and take the time to listen in the end we will all be surprised with the outcome when we arrive.

God will guide us through the process the hard part, at least for me sometimes, is to stop breathe and let him take control.

Heather George

News Flash!

From the Environment Commissioner,
On April 3, we will have a work day to prepare the church for Easter from 9:00am to Noon.

Come join us.

Ken Stephens

WELCOMING TEAM AT ST. ANTONY'S!

Happy Easter! HE IS RISEN!

At the BC retreat last month, the Evangelism Commission was renamed. We are the **Welcoming Team**. Doesn't that sound better? Evangelism is a wonderful thing, don't get me wrong. But how we translate our desire to enfold our neighbors in the love of God and share what we know about God's goodness is all about WELCOMING.

I had a great discussion with a member of our community last week about what his views were (as a relative newcomer to St. A's) about what kind of a job we are doing welcoming newcomers. After our usual basking in how friendly folks are at our church, he had a few ideas:

- How about we reserve two parking spaces close to the building for "Newcomers?"
- How about we equip our greeters with a golf-course-sized umbrella to help folks in from the parking lot on rainy day?
- The nursery is SO important to young families. How about we get it out of the basement and move it to the modular where there is more visibility and light. And let's make sure we have TWO adults with the children at all times, as is required by the Diocese these days.
- How about, as our nursery grows, we equip parents with vibrating beepers (like we see at some restaurants) to let them know when their little ones have a need the nursery can't handle?
- How about expanding the welcoming team to folks in the pews whose ministry would be to receive newcomers seated next to them on purpose by an usher, so they can orient them to our way of doing things, invite them to coffee hour and maybe even make a short visit to their home during the week to bring a thank you note ("Glad you came, please come back"....just that) signed by the Vicar ...and even offer a ride to church next week, if appropriate?

Wow, talk about brainstorming!! (Can you guess who this mystery community member is?)

Maybe ask some people next Sunday if it was him...or her.

Let's talk more about this! Blessings abound!

Sr. Kathryn-Mary (Kathy)

Birthdays

- 1 David Ferguson
- 7 Sally Kvam
- 12 Jan Peterson
- 14 Bobbie Morgan
- 16 Carolyn Segrist; Olivia Stalter
- 25 Jane Stockwell; Sandy Stockwell
- 26 William George
- 27 Charles Warner
- 28 Craig Kvam
- 30 Marin Mash

FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH LIFE

St Antony's Book Club

We had another great meeting at Barnes and Noble discussing our latest read book, "A Reliable Wife", by Robert Goolrick. Our next book that we have chosen to read is called "Wild Swans", by Jung Chang.

We will be meeting again, **April 21st at 6:30pm** at Barnes and Noble in the café to have our next book discussion. New people are always welcome to join us.

Dining Out Group

Last month, 22 of us went to "The Toad House" in Bremerton. We had a wonderful dinner and fellowship. This month we are going to go to "Island Jamz Restaurant" (located just past the Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport) 1783 NE State Hwy 308. **Date: Saturday, April 24th, at 6:00pm.**

Please join us for an evening of great fellowship and food. The sign-up sheet is out in the Narthex. **Cheryl Wright**

Anniversaries

- 1 Larry & Kathy Little
- 3 Bill & Elisabeth Demmon
- 25 John & Janet Steller

Welcome!

Please add Joan to your Directory.

Joan Willoughby

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206-623-2532 joanclm@rediffmail.com

Note from the Secretary!

Time for a new Directory.


Have you changed your email address lately? Is your Birthday or Anniversary missing from the newsletters and/or bulletins?

Please email me at stantony@telebyte.com to let me know so I can ensure the new Directory is up to date. **Elisabeth Demmon**

Hikers!

We will be traveling to visit Silver Falls State Park near Salem, Oregon on April 16th for a hike on the 17th. This park has a valley surrounded by waterfalls and the circular trail along the falls is known as the "Trail of Ten Falls". It has spectacular views of waterfalls, including some we will walk behind. We will be departing on Friday, April 16th and staying overnight.

If you haven't seen the e-mail with the details, **please contact Ruth or Darrow Lindstrum or Marin or Rod Mash.**



OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you"

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**APRIL 2010 SCHEDULE FOR
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, ACOLYTES, USHERS, GREETERS, COUNTERS, BPODS, COFFEE HOSTS**

JOB	APRIL 4 EASTER SUNDAY	APRIL 11 2 EASTER	APRIL 18 3 EASTER	APRIL 25 4 EASTER
EM 8am	6am: D. HILTON	R. LINDSTRUM	B. REEDER	D. HILTON
EM 10am	T. ANDREWS	K. STEPHENS	O. STALTER	P. STOCKWELL
LC/OT 8am	6am: VARIOUS	L. LOVEDAY	N. TIPTON	J. STELLER
LC/NT 8am	6am: VARIOUS	L. LOVEDAY	N. TIPTON	J. STELLER
LC/OT 10am	L. LITTLE	M. REEDER	STU SMITH	B. FOLEY
LC/NT 10am	SANDY NORRIS	E. FLAGG	A. DAUGHERTY	K. STEPHENS
ACOLYTES 10am	C. REEDER T. SCALF A. ZABINSKI	C. REEDER A. LOWE M. WAGNER	A. SCALF CALEB LOWE T. SCALF	CONNER LOWE B. FOLEY C. MCKENNEY (?)
USHER 10am	6am: D. LINDSTRUM & J. STELLER 10am: B. HOAG & C. CROWSON	MELANIE & BILL REEDER	M. MACKIMMIE	R. FLAGG
GREETER 8am	6am: D. DURFEE	B. BERGLIND	J. STELLER	L. LOVEDAY
GREETER 10am	C. & A. LOWE	J. NORRIS	R. & M. MASH	B. DEMMON
BPOD & READER BOARD	B. MEITH	K. LITTLE	B. FOLEY	L. ROBUCK
COUNTERS	N. ANDREWS B. DEMMON	C. CROWSON B. CATHCART	B. DEMMON J. FOLEY	C. CROWSON N. ANDREWS
COFFEE HOUR	NORRIS & ZABINSKI	REEDER	FOLEY	LITTLE
1st LESSON	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 5:27-32	Acts 9:1-20	Acts 9:36-43
PSALM	118:1-2, 14-24	150	30	23
2nd LESSON	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Revelation 1:4-8	Revelation 5:11-14	Revelation 7:9-17
GOSPEL	Luke 24:1-12	John 20:19-31	John 21:1-19	John 20:22-30

ROSTER

LECTORS 8:AM	LECTORS 10AM	EUCARISTIC MINISTER	GREETERS 10AM	COUNTERS	ACOYLTES	ACOLYTES, (cont'd)
N. TIPTON	A. DAUGHERTY	O. STALTER (8am)	B. DEMMON	B. DEMMON	B. FOLEY	A. SCALF
J. STELLER	M. & C. REEDER	P. STOCKWELL	C. & A. LOWE	C. CROWSON	M. GARDNER	T. SCALF
R. LINDSTRUM	J. FOLEY	T. ANDREWS	R. & M. MASH	B. CATHCART	A. LOWE	C. L. SMTIH
E. MOORHEAD	C. WRIGHT	W. REEDER	J. NORRIS	J. FOLEY	Caleb LOWE	M. WAGNER
D. HILTON	G. C-FERGUSON	K. STEPHENS		N. ANDREWS	Connor LOWE	J. WILSON
L. LOVEDAY	S. NORRIS	Charles L. SMITH (Absent on Mission Trip)	GREETERS 8AM	O. STALTER	C. MCKENNEY	A. ZABINSKI
M. DAWSON (Sub)	L. & K. LITTLE	E. MOORHEAD	B. BERGLIND		Chelsea REEDER	
	E. FLAGG	R. LINDSTRUM	D. & V. DURFEE			
	Stu SMITH	D. HILTON	D. HILTON			
	B. FOLEY		L. LOVEDAY			
	K. STEPHENS		John STELLER			

Scheduled Events For April 2010

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| <p>1 Maundy Thursday
7pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Washing of the Feet and Stripping of the Altar</p> <p>2 Good Friday
Noon Stations of the Cross
7pm Good Friday Liturgy</p> <p>3 Holy Saturday
9am Work Party to clean up grounds
Noon Holy Saturday Liturgy</p> <p>4 Easter Sunday
6am The Great Vigil of Easter
8:30am Parish Breakfast
10am Holy Eucharist
Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>5 7pm Fundraising Meeting</p> <p>6 6:30am Son-shine Fellowship</p> <p>7 9:30am Book Group
2pm Centering Prayer Group
7pm Choir Practice</p> <p>8 Noon Vicar's Bible Study
5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting</p> <p>9 Vicar's Day Off</p> <p>10</p> <p>11 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday School/Nursery Available</p> <p>12 7pm Long Range Planning Meeting</p> <p>13 6:30pm Son-shine Fellowship
4:30pm Outreach Meeting</p> <p>14 9:30am Book Group
2pm Centering Prayer Group
7pm Choir Practice</p> <p>15 Noon Vicar's Bible Study</p> <p>16 Vicar's Day Off
Tony's Trekkers to Silver Falls, OR</p> <p>17</p> <p>18 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday School/Nursery Available</p> <p>19 Vicar to Clergy Conference to 4/21
1pm Worship Planning Meeting</p> | <p>20 6:30am Son-shine Fellowship</p> <p>21 9:30am Book Group
2pm Centering Prayer Group
6:30pm St. A's Book Club
7pm Choir Practice</p> <p>22 1pm Vicar's Bible Study
6:30pm BC Meeting</p> <p>23 Vicar's Day Off</p> <p>24 6pm Dining Out Group</p> <p>25 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
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Gather, Grow, and Go!