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## *Christmas Newsletter 2016*

# *A Word from the Dean*

*The Very Reverend Dr. Sean Murphy*

'...the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'

Luke 2:10-11 NIV

Dear Friends,

I am glad to write this message and pray that Christmas this year is very joyful and meaningful to you and your families.

The Christmas story, the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, shows us that God is so faithful. He is true to His purpose for the world and for each of us. We can count on Him. He loves us all very much and has a plan for each of our lives.

The birth of Jesus is truly Good News, as the angel said. That's what gospel means - Good News. Good News for you and me, and for our world. News that takes away our burdens and causes great joy. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10 NIV).

The coming of Jesus is for us individually and for us as a community of faith. He came into the world to die for our sins and then He rose again. He came into the

world to provide all who would trust in Him the way of forgiveness and new life, that we would become His people, His Church, called to reflect His love to the world, that others might come to know and serve Him too.

I thank God for the many ways that our Cathedral parish reflects the love of Jesus to our community and brings hope and blessing to others. I am thankful for each of you.

My prayer is that we would trust Jesus more and more in the coming year and follow as He leads us. He has wonderful things in store for us.

May God bless you and your families this Advent and Christmas-time.

In His Peace,

Sean Murphy

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## *Fall News Roundup*

The final total profit from the Summer Barbecues was \$2521.50, and cheques were sent to The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund for \$1260.78 targeted to refugees, and to the Whitehorse Food Bank for \$1260.77.

On September 11 our return to regular schedules began with the Back to Church Sunday Barbecue. The barbecue

fed more people than even attended the service, as some of the hungry heard we had food and dropped in!

On Wednesday, September 14, the garden was tidied up for the season, and a good summer's work was finished up.

The Teaching and Preaching Series on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians was led by Archbishop Terry Buckle and Dean Sean Murphy starting September 21. On Wednesdays a small group met for some fellowship and a teaching session on a chapter of the book, and everyone benefited from it because the sermon on the following Sunday distilled the essence of the teaching.

Our Thanksgiving Service was held on October 9th, and people brought canned goods that could go to the Food Bank.



On November 6, Leonardo Christian Pierre Vaneltsi was baptised at the 10 am service by The Rev. Martin Carroll. He is seen with wife Ruth and Leonardo and family in Hellaby Hall afterwards.



We also marked Remembrance Day on Sunday, November 13.



Saturday, November 19 was the day of the ACW (Anglican Church Women) 's Bazaar. A couple of the usual stalwarts were unable to be there, but others helped and it still raised the sum of \$3,684.85.



On November a supply of The Book of Alternative Services, Hymnals and other liturgical books bought with a bequest from Marjorie Almstrom were dedicated, and the Operation Christmas Child boxes for children in third world countries were blessed.



## *Q & A with Dodie Lennie*

Q. Did you grow up in Whitehorse? If not, how did you come to be here?

A. No, I grew up in Aklavik, Northwest Territories. I followed my daughter to Whitehorse when she attended the Yukon College in 2014.

Q. Tell us something about your family.

A. I have three children: A son (Rolland) and two daughters (Jessica and Vanessa), married to Richard Lennie, and we have one granddaughter (Vanna).

Q. How did you come to know Jesus?

A. Through my custom adopted parents, who were my biological grandparents. I grew up going to church with my mom. My parents had a strong faith.

Q. How did you come to hear of Messy Church?

A. I heard about Messy Church when I attended the



Sunday Anglican church service.

Q. Why were you interested in Messy Church?

A. I wanted Vanna, my granddaughter, to experience a Sunday School type setting to strengthen her faith in God.



Q. What other interests do you have apart from Church?

A. Beading, reading, and crochet.

Q. What kind of beading?

A. Traditional beading on vamps to attach to moccasins, gloves, or purses. I've also beaded earrings.



Q. When did you start beading?

A. I started beading in the early 2000s and learned from various elders over time.

# Christmas symbols

**Evergreen Tree:** Titus 1:2  
Eternal Life

**Star & Lights:** Matthew 2: 9-10  
Star that told of Christ's birth

**Candy Cane:** Luke 2: 8-9, John 10:11  
Staff of shepherds who visited the Christ  
child/Christ is the good shepherd

**Bells:** John 10:16  
Ring out to bring lost sheep back to the fold

**Holly & Berries:** Titus 1:2, Luke 22:44  
Green = Eternal life, Red = Blood of Christ

**Gift:** Matthew 2:1,11, John 3:16  
Wise men's gifts to the Christ child/God's  
greatest gift to us was the Savior





Look at a candy cane,  
What do you see?  
Stripes that are Red,  
Like the blood shed for me!  
White for my saviour,  
Who's sinless and pure!  
"J" is for Jesus,  
My Lord that's for sure!  
Turn it around  
And a staff you will see.  
Jesus, my shepherd,  
Is coming for me!

~Unknown

# Puzzles

## BIBLE DINGBATS

Created by BiblePuzzles.org.uk

*The fun Say-What-You-See rebus puzzles! We have cunningly hidden phrases, names or sayings that are linked to the Bible in the boxes below. The answer can be hidden in many ways. It could be the size, position or direction for example. Sometimes you might need to do some counting or look at the shape, but all you really need to do is say what you see! Remember these Dingbat (or Whatzit?) puzzles are connected with the Bible.*

*Have fun!*

A.



B.



C.



D.



## Fall Puzzle Solution

- A. A multitude of sins    B. The Tower of Babel  
C. Jacob's Ladder        D. The Ten Commandments



| <u>Sunday</u>                                 | Monday | Tuesday          | Wednesday                                              | Thursday           | Friday                | Saturday                          |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 18 Messy Church                               | 19     | 20               | 21                                                     | 22                 | 23                    | 24 10:30 pm Service               |
| 25 Christmas                                  | 26     | 27               | 28                                                     | 29                 | 30                    | 31 New Year's Eve reception 10 pm |
| <b>January 1 Epiphany</b>                     | 2      | 3                | 4 Men's Breakfast UC 7 am                              | 5                  | 6                     | 7 10 am Undecorating"             |
| 8 Baptism of Our Lord                         | 9      | 10               | 11                                                     | 12 ACW 2 pm        | 13                    | 14 AGM reports due                |
| 15                                            | 16     | 17               | 18                                                     | 19                 | 20                    | 21                                |
| 22                                            | 23     | 24 Vestry        | 25                                                     | 26                 | 27                    | 28                                |
| 29                                            | 30     | 31               | <b>February 1</b> Men's Break-fast Northern Apos. 7 am | 2                  | 3                     | 4                                 |
| 5                                             | 6      | 7                | 8                                                      | 9 ACW 2 pm         | 10                    | 11                                |
| 12 AGM                                        | 13     | 14               | 15                                                     | 16                 | 17                    | 18 Vestry Retreat                 |
| 19                                            | 20     | 21               | 22                                                     | 23                 | 24                    | 25                                |
| 26                                            | 27     | 28               | <b>March 1</b> Men's Bkfst 7 am                        | 2                  | 3                     | 4                                 |
| 5                                             | 6      | 7 Shrove Tuesday | 8 Ash Wednesday                                        | 9 ACW 2 pm         | 10                    | 11                                |
| 12                                            | 13     | 14 Vestry        | 15                                                     | 16                 | 17                    | 18                                |
| 19                                            | 20     | 21               | 22                                                     | 23                 | 24                    | 25                                |
| 26                                            | 27     | 28               | 29                                                     | 30                 | 31                    | <b>April 1</b>                    |
| 2                                             | 3      | 4                | 5 Men's Breakfast 7 am                                 | 6                  | 7                     | 8                                 |
| 9 <b>Palm Sunday 7 pm</b><br>Readings & Music | 10     | 11 Vestry        | 12                                                     | 13 Maundy Thursday | 14 <b>Good Friday</b> | 15                                |
| 16 <b>Easter</b>                              | 17     | 18               | 19                                                     | 20                 | 21                    | 22                                |