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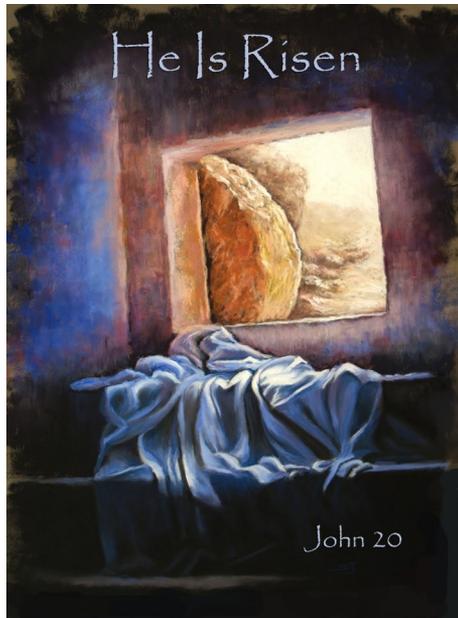
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A Word from the Dean

The Very Reverend Dr. Sean Murphy

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to write this Easter message. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this blessed time of the year.

On Easter Sunday we will join with millions around the world to celebrate the heart of our faith and the Good News of the Gospel. I look forward to celebrating that day with all of you at our Sunday services.

Jesus Christ died on a cross as a perfect sacrifice for our sins and rose again to demonstrate not only His victory over sin, death and the devil! but also the triumph of God's love.

It is important for us to remember that the scriptures leave us in no doubt about the resurrection of Christ, telling us how He came among His disciples and made His risen presence known to them, and even on one occasion appeared to over 500 people ((1 Corinthians 15:6).

The resurrection confirms that Jesus was and is and always has been the Son of God and alone qualifies as our Lord and Savior. What hope and rejoicing is now ours! By faith in Him and what He has done for us we receive forgiveness and eternal life. We can know Him in a personal way and have a relationship with Him.

So much is now possible St. Paul expresses the life-changing impact of knowing Christ with these words: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold,

the new has come" (2 Cor. 5:17 NIV). We can now go boldly into God's presence and receive answers to prayer, strength to overcome what holds us back, direction for our lives and power to serve and make a difference for him in our community.

The risen Jesus lives in our midst today by His Holy Spirit, who indwells and enables every believer. I am thrilled to see how God the Holy Spirit is changing us as individuals and as a parish, helping us to grow and to reach out in many ways to share the Gospel in our community.

I am so thankful for each one of you, and for the contribution of each member of our wonderful parish family.

May God bless you all this Easter-time.

Christ the Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Sean Murphy



Spring Photo Roundup



Ash Wednesday fellowship time



Men's Breakfast



Bp. Larry meets with Common Threads—see Sam between Brenda & Elaine





Messy CHURCH



The Gathering



My Journey to the Yukon

from Kingston, New Brunswick by Rev Brenda McKnight

[The first part of this article was in the Christmas, 2018 newsletter, which related travelling as far as camping in Vermilion, Alberta, where it rained and Brenda's cat, Me Too, was soaked.]

Back on the road and driving westward, we had no problems until I reached Grande Prairie, Alberta. I had stopped there to go to the TD bank. There I also had hoped I could make contact with the Anglican Church, and perhaps manage to stay overnight with another Anglican. I found out the name of the minister, and was absolutely shocked when he suggested that I might find shelter with the Salvation Army! Once again I was short of funds. So I headed for the highway again, with a full tank, and enough money to get me to another town.

I arrived in Fort St. John, BC, only to be greeted by about 2 inches of snow. With a soaking wet tent I was not very thrilled about camping in the snow, added to which I couldn't find an RV park. Me Too, my cat, was hollering at me, and I knew he needed a bathroom break. So I found a quiet street with a grassy verge (now snow covered) and put my cat out on the snowy grass. I was absolutely amazed to see him promptly squat down – maybe he IS finally learning what I am doing when I let him out on the grass by the road! Cats sure are not as easily trained as dogs! So on one day he had experienced pouring rain and snow for the first time! He's learning!

In Fort St John, I was beginning to wonder if I was stranded for the first time, when I had a strong direction to go into the Shell station near where I was parked. I did wonder why? But I went in and spoke to the young man behind the counter – he was obviously not the one I was supposed to contact. Then another young man – a customer – came up to me “Perhaps I can help?” he said. I told him I was looking for the Salvation Army, and he took me to the window to point out where they were. Then he had an idea. “Please wait just a moment” he said, and went out to his truck. Almost immediately he came back in. “Come

with us and meet Kate – she is a lovely lady.” I went with him out to their truck and met Kate. He introduced herself to me and then said, “We really don’t want you staying at the Salvation Army – how would you like to come and stay at my house? We’d love to have you!” So I followed them to their house, where I was given a lovely room with bathroom *en suite*, and made very welcome for a long as I would like. (I found out later that they did not want me at the Salvation Army because in Fort St. John the Army caters to mainly drunks and druggies, and they would have been concerned for my safety!) I was there longer than I had expected, since I found out that I had no insurance on my truck, and wouldn’t drive any further until that was put right. Again I found out that getting insurance inter-provincially is not as all easy. I had to re-register the truck in BC, as well as get a BC driver’s licence, have the truck inspected (and I had to put on 4 new tires!) before I could get BC insurance.



Me Too

I was really thrilled to be back on the road again. I drove as far as Teslin, YT, and there I found a good tent site not far from a lake. It was starting to get cold, and I was surprised to find it was -3C when I got up in the morning. I drove on past Watson Lake YT, feeling very excited that I was finally back in the Yukon. I camped at Pioneer Campground, just east of Whitehorse. I did have electric heat on that campsite, so had a good warm sleep. Packing up in those temperatures in a chilly business however!

I arrived in Whitehorse on September 27th, and the Lord provided my warm room on September 29th! Just as he promised, the Lord does provide!

Since then I have been busy getting settled. I went to the health Dept., and found out that they would renew my health status from

last year, meaning that I had no 3-month waiting period for my coverage. I was very thankful for that. I also now have my Yukon licence plate – “HXN20”. Perhaps I will get back my “Rev Who” plate later when I can afford it. I also now have Whitehorse telephone number – 867 689 1478, and a new email address: outdoorsgirl3249@gmail.com. I have also been busy catching up with many of the activities at the Cathedral, and had my meeting with the bishop this morning. I will be busy helping at the Cathedral for the time being.

One thing for sure, if I ever had any doubts about the Lord calling me to the Yukon, those doubts are gone now! He worked so many miracles for me, and provided for me so clearly on my journey across Canada, that there cannot be any doubts left. He graciously ironed out my problems, provided money or places to stay when there was no money, fixed my air conditioning when I couldn't afford it, and made time for delightful interludes where I was really refreshed. And I had fun too! And now that I am here in the Yukon, it feels wonderful to be in a place where I am going to be able to serve him. Thank you, Lord.

Brenda McKnight+ October 24, 2018 Whitehorse, YT.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Christ Church Cathedral is coming July 29 to August 2, 2019. 6m to 8:30 pm. For 5-11 year olds. The theme is an African adventure called "ROAR! Life is wild God is good." Kids, join us for a great time of fun, crafts, games, singing, worship and learning about the Bible and God's love for us in Jesus. Adults, if you would like to volunteer as helpers, contact the Cathedral office at 668-5530 or email cathedral@klondiker.com.

Biography of Douglas and Janet Watson

Our parents met at the Old Log Church in Whitehorse on July 5th, 1950. This church holds quite a legacy for our family! Perhaps it was love at first sight - they kept each other close to their hearts until they married on August 26th, 1955, at St. Cuthbert's in Toronto. Both were raised as Anglicans from birth, thousands of miles away from each other, Mom in Toronto and Dad in Carcross.

When they raised the three of us, we attended our local Anglican church regularly, and Mom and Dad continued to support us in our faith journey as we moved into adulthood. Our lives are enriched by our faith, our spouses, and families. It is a legacy we owe to our parents who mentored us by demonstrating love, and the values of their Christian heritage - caring for others throughout their lives.



Our father, Douglas Watson, is the youngest son of Matthew and Hazel Watson, and was raised in Carcross. Our mother, Janet Mackenzie Ryder, was born and raised in Toronto. Mom was an avid traveller and loved to make connections around the globe, immersing herself in

each place she visited. In the summer of 1950, our mother was traveling on a cruise ship to Skagway. In those days, the train took passengers by rail into Whitehorse and they returned to the ship on the following day. The evening in Whitehorse could be spent at the Old Log Church learning the history of the Gold Rush. Earlier in the afternoon of July 5th, 1950, when the train stopped in Carcross, our mother noticed Jean (our father's older sister, more commonly known as Scotty) on the boardwalk wearing her McGill blazer.

Mom was quite surprised and since she was a genuinely friendly person she took a few minutes to make Scotty's acquaintance. After the train rolled away, Scotty was quick to speak to her younger brother about her encounter, suggesting to him that he should make his way to Whitehorse for the

evening presentation. Our father must have been curious about who Scotty was speaking about and followed her suggestion. Our mother recalled to us that when our father entered the church, the presenter called out, “Douglas, you could do a better presentation on all this than I could.”

Our parents did meet that evening. Dad took Mom to Miles Canyon before returning her to the hotel. The following day, Dad greeted the train with a box of chocolates to give to our Mom, and promised to keep in touch. In the fall of 1950, our father continued his studies of engineering at McGill and our mother was living in Toronto with her family. He was 23 and she was 19. Their courtship lasted 5 years while our father finished his degree, interrupted by recovering from tuberculosis. While he was in the Mountain Sanatorium in Hamilton, Mom borrowed her mother’s car and drove out to visit Dad weekly during his lengthy stay. Their love never wavered.

Their marriage began with a honeymoon driving journey which took them across the country ending in Carcross. In the years that followed they lived in B.C., Alberta and finally settled in Manitoba, joining Anglican parishes in each location. They raised three children, celebrated their marriages, and then welcomed the arrival of six grandchildren.

Mom and Dad celebrated 61 years of marriage before our mother passed away in the fall of 2016. Our father turned 92 in January and resides in Edmonton now. He attends the Anglican Parish of Christ Church there. His home is full of beautiful photographs and artwork of his life in the Yukon that he cherishes. There is such an elegant beauty to the north that we all have come to appreciate. We all wish Christ Church Cathedral the best in its continued outreach ministry. God bless you.

Affectionately submitted by,
Martha, Ian, and Alick Watson

Mr. Watson made a generous donation to Christ Church Cathedral in December 2018.

If you enjoy the pictures, consider sending yours to the Cathedral by email, or to Anne Coates. Deadline for next edition is September 15

Regular Events/Activities

Services:

Communion	Sundays	8:30 & 10 am
Messy Church	3rd Sunday (usually)	3 pm
The Gathering	2nd & 4th Monday	7 pm
Thompson Centre	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	3:30 pm
Copper Ridge Place	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	3 pm
(except May 15, August 21, and September 4)		
Historical Evening Prayer	Wednesdays June 19—August 28	7 pm

Weekly Events:

Common Threads	Tuesday	9:30 am
Summer Barbecues	Tuesday	11:30-1:30
Keep Fit	Wednesday	10 am
Table Talk (at A&W)	Thursday	10 am

Monthly (check calendar for variations) :

Men's Breakfast for Braeburn Camp (rotating venue)		
—	1st Wednesday	7 am
Vestry	2nd Tuesday	7 pm
Anglican Ch. Women	2nd Thursday	2 pm
Tea and Hymn Sing	3rd Friday	2 pm

Special Events:

Synod	Friday May 3—Sunday May 5
End of Season BBQ	Sunday, June 9 after 10:00 service
Vacation Bible School	July 29—August 2 6 pm
Appreciation Sunday & Potluck Lunch	
—	Sunday Sept. 22 after 10 am service
Ladies Retreat	Friday 27 & Sat. 28 Sept.

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<u>Sunday</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Palm Sunday Readings & Music	15	16 Com Thrds	17 Keep Fit	18 Maundy Thurs	19 Good Friday	20
21 <i>Easter</i>	22	23 Com Thrds	24 Keep Fit	25 Fd dr	26	27
28 Messy Ch.	29	30 Cmn Thrds	May 1 Kp Fit	2	3 Synod	4 Synod
5 Synod: Ordination	6	7 Com Thrds	8 Keep Fit	9 ACW	10 Tea & Hymns	11
12 LOON	13	14 C Th ~ Vestry	15 Keep Fit	16	17	18
19	20	21 Cmn Thrds .	22 Keep Fit	23	24	25
26 Messy Ch.	27	28 Cmn Thrds	29 Keep Fit	30	31	June 1
2 Ascension	3	4 Cmn Thrds	5 Keep Fit	6	7	8
9 Pentecost LOON ~ BBQ	10	11 Cmn Thrds ~ Vestry	12 Keep Fit	13 ACW ~ BBQ	14	15
16 Trinity : Confirmation	17	18 Cmn Thrds ~ BBQ	19 Keep Fit ~ Hist Eve Prayer	20	21	22
23 Natl Indig. P.D.	24	25 Cmn Thrds ~ BBQ	26 Kp Fit/HEP	27	28	29
30	July 1	2 Cmn Thds ~ BBQ	3 Kp Fit ~ HEP	4	5	6
7	8	9 Common	10 Keep Fit/~	11	12	13
14 LOON	15	16 Cmn Thrds~ BBQ	17 Keep Fit/~ Hist. Eve Prayer	18	19	20
21	22	23 Cmn Thrds ~ BBQ	24 Kp Fit/HEP	25	26	27
28 .	29 VBS	3 Cm Thrds ~ BBQ ~ VBS	31 KpFt ~ VBS ~ Hist. Eve Prayer	Aug. 1 VBS	2 VBS	3
4	5	6 Cmn Thds ~ BBQ	7 KeepFit ~ HEP	8	9	10
11 LOON	12	13 Cmn Thrds ~ BBQ ~ Vestry	14 Keep Fit ~ Hist Eve. Prayer	15	16	17
18	19	20 Cmn Thrds ~ BBQ	21 Kp Fit ~ HEP	22	23	24
25	26	27 Cmn Thrds ~ BBQ	28 Kp Fit ~ HEP	29	30	31
September 1	2	3 Com Thrds	4 CKeep Fit	5	6	7
8 LOON	9	10 Common Thrds ~ Vestry	11 Keep Fit	12 ACW	13	14
15 Messy Ch.	16	17 Com Thrds	18 Keep Fit	19	20 Tea & Hymns	21
22 Potluck	23	24 Com Thrds	25 Keep Fit	26	27 Ladies R'trt Eve	28 Ladies Retreat