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Easter Newsletter 2017



A Word from the Dean

The Very Reverend Dr. Sean Murphy

“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” Matthew 28:6 NIV.

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to write this Easter message. I thank God for each one of you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this wonderful time of the year.

The words of the angel to the two Marys that first Easter morning speak to God’s people in every generation. They are God’s Word and they are true. “He is not here; he has risen.” The tomb was empty that morning and always has been empty. Jesus Christ died to atone for our sins and rose again on Easter morning. He is alive and we can be assured of the triumph of God’s redemptive purpose and love for our world.

And yes, He lives today, as he always has, as our Saviour. He enters every heart that welcomes Him and brings forgiveness and purpose to our lives and joy and fulfillment to our relationships. May we always draw close to God through Him.

The risen Jesus lives in our midst today by His Holy Spirit, who indwells and enables every believer. I look forward to all that God will do in and through our Cathedral parish as we centre our lives on Jesus and reach out in the power of the Holy Spirit to share His love with others.

I commend this newsletter to you. It explains what has been happening in our parish, and some upcoming events and

ministries to look forward to. Please keep these in your prayers.

May God bless you and your families this Easter-time.
Christ the Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Yours in His Peace,

Sean Murphy

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2017 Vestry



Chair, The Dean: The Very Reverend Dr. Sean Murphy

Rector's Warden: Elsa Kolm Cheeseman

People's Warden: Georgianna Low

Treasurer: Anne Coates

Secretary to Vestry: Ramesh Ferris

Members at large: Beverley Whitehouse

Dodie Lennie

The new Vestry was elected at the Annual General Meeting on February 12 and commissioned on March 12. They held a Retreat on February 18, and mapped out the year ahead.

Winter News Roundup

Christmas was marked with the usual services. The New Year Service was a chance to start the year well.

To mark Rendezvous Week, we used the old language service on February 26, and some people dressed up for the occasion.

The Pancake Supper was at the Church of the Northern Apostles, the Ash Wednesday service was at the Cathedral, and the Maundy Thursday service had to be moved to Northern Apostles after the Lutherans suffered the loss of their pipe organ. Our thoughts and prayers go with them as they move forward from this sad event. Fortunately the fire was discovered before the whole church was at risk.

Dean Sean, Anne Coates (organist and treasurer) and Rosie Innuaraq celebrated their birthdays together at Messy Church .



Messy Church crafts are so popular that even Dean Sean gets carried away and has to be reminded when it's time for the worship portion of the afternoon.





Ramesh Ferris

Ramesh Ferris was born in Coimbatore, India. He contracted polio at the age of 6 months. When Ramesh was three he was adopted by the former Anglican Bishop of Yukon Ron Ferris and wife Jan. He arrived in Whitehorse in 1982 becoming the first International Adoptee in Yukon's Territory.

In 2008 as part of his Cycle to Walk polio campaign. Ramesh hand cycled 7140 km across Canada to raise funds and awareness for polio eradication, education and rehabilitation.

Now a well known international polio eradication advocate Ramesh has travelled throughout Canada, India, The United States, Australia, South Africa, Pakistan, and Afghanistan all to convince more people to support the end of polio!

He has spoken at the United Nations General Assembly in New York City and has had opportunities to share the message of polio eradication to world leaders including Bill Gates, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

He has obtained a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from the University of Regina. He is the recipient of the Yukon Commission's award for volunteer public service, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee, and has been inducted into the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame.

Treasurer's report

I'm just beginning to settle into my new role. I presented my first financial report to Vestry at the April meeting. Over the first quarter of the year all amounts: total revenues, offerings, general expenses and our contribution towards the cost of ministry, are running at about two thirds of what we budgeted, so it is as if we had only had two months instead of three.

On the expense side, some of our expenses come due at the beginning of the year, and fuel is heavily weighted to the winter months.

We budgeted to pay 75% of the cost of ministry, and so far we have paid just under 50% of what is due so far.

This picture is not unusual. I am confident that the picture will improve as the year goes on. We have stepped out in faith with a number of new ministries. God is good, and will honour our efforts.

Anne Coates
Treasurer

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## *Coming events*

The latest addition to our services is that we have a Sunday School. It is led by Dodie Lennie, with a total of seven teachers, and runs during the 10 am service each week except on the days there is a Messy Church service. It caters for children from 5-11 years old.



There is also the Common Threads Prayer Shawl Ministry, which meets for chat, fellowship and knitting or crochet on Tuesday mornings from 10:30—12 noon.

Also new is the Tea and Hymn Sing on the third Friday of each month. (Except for May 12, so as to accommodate the Diocese counselling course.)

For men there is the Anglican Men's Breakfast Fellowship, on the third Saturday of each month at 10 am.

April 30 **Coffee hour at the Old Log Church**

May 5 **Yukon First Nations Workshop**

The Diocese is also running a three week **counselling course** from May 15 to June 2

May 7—**Coffee hour presentation** by Executive Director of Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, Will Postma, after 10 am service.

The **City Cleanup** fundraiser will be in May.

June 10 **Garage sale**

During the summer months we have **Historical Evening Prayer** services on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Old Log Church. The first is on Wednesday June 14, and the last Wednesday August 30.

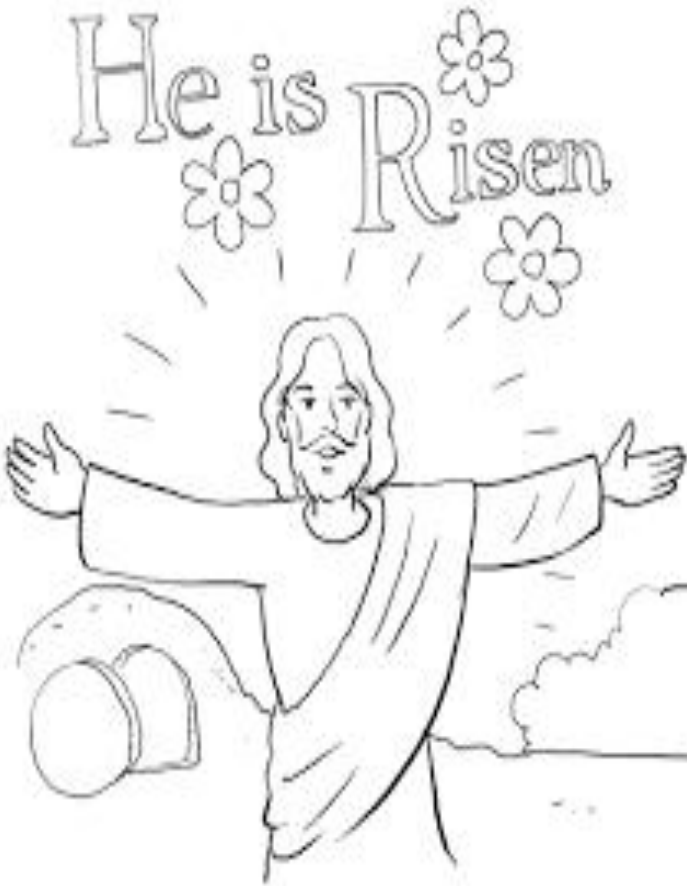
Also in the summer are the **Tuesday Barbecues**. These start on Tuesday June 20, and run until August 29.

July 3-7 is **Vacation Bible School**

August 3-6 is a **Gospel Jamboree**

September 8 is the **Kitchen Cleanup**

September 17 **Back to Church Barbecue**



Consider passing your copy of the newsletter along to someone else, as an introduction to our church.

# 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.



*Answers from Christmas Newsletter*

Heavy Heart

Crystal Clear

Morning Star

The Ends of the Earth

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 23 April                          | 24           | 25 Com. Th. Fd Dr   | 26                | 27                   | 28                  | 29                              |
| 30 Recp OLC Messy Church          | <b>May 1</b> | 2 Com. Th.          | 3 Men's Breakfast | 4                    | 5 YFN Workshop      | 6                               |
| 7 PWRDF Presentation              | 8            | 9 Com. Th. Vestry   | 10                | 11 ACW               | 12 T & Hymns        | 13                              |
| 14 LOON                           | 15 Course    | 16 Course Com. Th.  | 17 Course         | 18 Course            | 19 Course           | 20 Angl. Men's Fellowship (CCC) |
| 21 Messy Ch.                      | 22 Course    | 23 Course Com. Th.  | 24 Course         | 25 Course            | 26 Course           | 27                              |
| 28 Ascension                      | 29 Course    | 30 Course Com. Th.  | 31 Course         | <b>June 1</b> Course | 2 Course            | 3                               |
| 4 Pente-cost                      | 5            | 6 Com. Th.          | 7 Men's Breakfast | 8 ACW                | 9                   | 10 Garage Sale                  |
| 11 Trinity LOON                   | 12           | 13 Com. Th.         | 14 Hist.EP        | 15                   | 16                  | 17 Ang. Men's Fellowship (CNA)  |
| 18 Hist.EP                        | 19           | 20 BBQ Com. Th.     | 21 Hist.EP        | 22                   | 23                  | 24                              |
| 25 Nat. Ab. Day of Prayer Hist.EP | 26           | 27 BBQ Com. Th.     | 28 Hist.EP        | 29                   | 30                  | <b>July 1</b>                   |
| 2 Hist.EP                         | 3 VBS        | 4 VBS BBQ           | 5 VBS Hist.EP     | 6 VBS                | 7 VBS               | 8                               |
| 9 LOON Hist.EP                    | 10           | 11 BBQ Vestry       | 12 Hist.EP        | 13                   | 14                  | 15                              |
| 16 Hist.EP                        | 17           | 18 BBQ              | 19 Hist.EP        | 20                   | 21                  | 22                              |
| 23 Hist.EP                        | 24           | 25 BBQ              | 26 Hist.EP        | 27                   | 28                  | 29                              |
| 30 Hist.EP                        | 31           | <b>August 1</b> BBQ | 2 Hist.EP         | 3 Gosp. Jamb.        | 4 Gosp. Jamb.       | 5 Gosp. Jamb.                   |
| 6 Gosp.Jam Hist.EP                | 7            | 8 BBQ               | 9 Hist.EP         | 10                   | 11                  | 12                              |
| 13 LOON Hist.EP                   | 14           | 15 BBQ              | 16 Hist.EP        | 17                   | 18                  | 19                              |
| 20 Hist.EP                        | 21           | 22 BBQ              | 23 Hist.EP        | 24                   | 25                  | 26                              |
| 27 Hist.EP                        | 28           | 29 BBQ              | 30 Hist.EP        | 31                   | <b>Sept-ember 1</b> | 2                               |
| 3                                 | 4            | 5 Com. Th.          | 6 Men's Breakfast | 7                    | 8 Kitchen cleanup   | 9                               |
| 10 LOON                           | 11           | 12 Com. Th.         | 13                | 14 ACW               | 15 T & Hymns        | 16 Angl Men's Fellowship (CCC)  |
| 17 Back to Ch. BBQ                | 18           | 19 Com. Th.         | 20                | 21                   | 22                  | 23                              |