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Fall Newsletter 2017



A Word from the Dean

The Very Reverend Dr. Sean Murphy

Dear Friends,

I hope this short note finds you well. I give thanks to God for all of you and remember you in my prayers.

I praise God as I look back over our summer at the Cathedral. It has been a very busy and exciting time - Tuesday Barbecues in support of the Anglican Healing Fund and our general funds, Historical Evening Prayer, Vacation Bible School, attended by twenty children, and recently our Gospel Jamboree. I marvel at the grace of God to make it all happen. I give thanks for the gifts and talents of so many who have contributed to our summer program. The latter event, jointly sponsored with the diocese, drew about 70 registrants, for a time of teaching, worship and fellowship. I rejoice that in these different ministries we open our doors to our community and beyond, make known the Good News of Jesus, and bring blessing and encouragement into the lives of many people.

As we look ahead to the Fall, I commend our fall Newsletter to you, with reports on what has been happening and information on upcoming activities. Fall is always a wonderful time in the life of the Church and it will be no different this year. One of the exciting things we will be doing is preparing our parish to hold the Alpha course next January. Alpha is designed to help people come to a real and personal faith in Jesus Christ but also serves to encourage and build up believers. It promises great blessing to us as we pray and work together in our preparation, and I look forward to having more to say about it this fall.

May God bless you and your families as we prepare for a new year at the Cathedral.

Yours in Christ,

Sean Murphy

Summer News Roundup

On Sunday June 18 we celebrated Mary Merchant's 100th birthday.



A bush was planted in her honour.



Through the summer there were barbecues every Tuesday. We had several celebrity chefs, including the Mayor, Dan Curtis, seen right with Bishop Larry Robertson and Jeannie Roches, and The Rev. David Pritchard on a trip back to visit, pictured below with the Bishop. Other chefs included our MP, Larry Bagnell, Yukon



NDP leader Elizabeth Hanson, and the Commissioner of the Yukon, Doug Phillips. This year the barbecues were raising funds half for the Anglican Healing fund and half for the Cathedral.



The Vacation Bible School for 5-11

year olds was July 3-7 at the Cathedral. The Coordinator was Betty Davidson of St. Paul's, Dawson City and the theme was Rome: Paul and the Underground Church.





Other leaders were Dean Sean Murphy; Bishop Larry Robertson and Andrea Lefebre; with three youth leaders and other helpers. Twenty children came out and experienced a wonderful time of crafts,

games, drama, songs, and snacks. An underground cave built in the Church storage area was a big hit as the children learned about the dangers the early Christians faced. The Dean was heard stomping around above as a Roman soldier.



Most of all they learned about the power of God's love in Jesus Christ to save us, change our hearts and enable us to share God's love with others.



Other pictures are from the Barbecue the Tuesday of the Vacation Bible School week. The kids and parents joined us for this weekly event. The barbecuers are Jeannie Roches and Bob Dempster.

In August we hosted a **Gospel Jamboree**, put on by the diocese.

Neziah and Valente Oliver are seen



here at the Jamboree.



Common Threads has continued its ministry. A prayer shawl is a tangible way for our parish to reach out to our community, it

provides an opportunity to express our love and concern for others. Whether in time of distress or moments of joy, the prayer shawl can be a reminder of God's love and grace. Shawls are knitted or crocheted as a gift for comfort, to send a hug or celebrate.



Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings for coffee, sharing our talents and Yarns.

The group is seen here with mascot Sam.



Treasurer's report

The summer has been good. Both revenue and expenses are currently very close to 60% of the budget for the year.

If we were exactly on course, that would be 67%, but the two are keeping pace. Finances always run slowly over the summer.

We budgeted to pay 75% of our cost of ministry, and to the end of August we have paid just over 50% of the year's budgeted amount. Since ministry costs are a large part of our budget, that amounts to some \$10,800 short.

This is usually the time of year when we are furthest from our goals, and I expect receipts to go up as people return to regular church-going.

On a very positive note, we received a \$10,000 grant towards the repairs incurred last year on the rectory, and so were able to make an extra-budget payment of this amount to the diocese.

Anne Coates
Treasurer

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Akisha Oliver

Our parish secretary, Akisha, (seen right with ACW) is the daughter of Juliet Timothy-Oliver. She was born in Edmonton and raised in Montreal. She came to Whitehorse first in 2008 on a three month business contract to help a daycare rebuild. She returned in 2010 while pregnant with Zorion. Valente was also born in Whitehorse.



Akisha has a wide experience, having worked as a children's animator, an elementary school teacher, a barista, in sales and as a cashier, and an auditor and accountant. She once actually wrote a cheque for a million dollars (sadly on her employer's account).



She is a very talented lady, having grown up with water colours, music, fashion designers and seamstresses. She graduated from the Culinary Program at Yukon College and loves to cook for others. Her recent costumes for Yukomicon got her family on the front page of the Whitehorse Star.

Family is very important to Akisha, and she takes her three children to sports, dance and music practices, games and recitals.

Neziah and Valente performed in the Gospel jamboree (see page 6). We know all three of them from Messy Church. But Akisha still always finds time every week for a date night with David Newell.



Akisha learnt some of her most important lessons from members of her family. Her mother's first cousin, Aunty Marian Frederick Durant, taught her to how to listen to others without judgment. Her godfather and first cousin Brian Timothy taught her how to speak softly and be more understanding, and her mother's sister Aunty Jeanette Timothy Pierre taught her to believe in herself and embrace every bit of happiness that comes her way.

Lastly, it was her mother who told her to phone Dean Sean to find a job. She didn't know what the job was until she phoned him. Akisha herself helped us locate a grounds-person for the summer, Angus Newell, thus passing along the help.

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### Coming events

**God's Mission—Acts 1-4    Sept. 13—Nov. 29**

This twelve week study will be held Wednesdays in the Cathedral chancel, from 7-9pm, with refreshments to start. This is a teaching in/reaching out event of Christ Church Cathedral's "Sanctuary Ministry", led by Archbishop Terry Buckle. Sanctuary Ministry is an outreach ministry that engages followers of Jesus by teaching and encouraging a discipleship lifestyle of living in the compassion of Christ.

During the study, we will gather in a circle symbolizing our oneness in Christ and the Gospel candle will be lit, symbolizing the presence of Jesus among us through His Holy Spirit. Each session we will prayerfully reflect upon a passage from Acts, and with teaching led by Archbishop Terry, seek to discern and act upon the call of God to be a Church of mission today.

## 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!

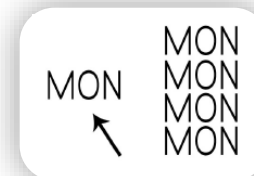
A.



B.



C.



D.



Answers from Easter Newsletter

- A. The Tree of Life
- B. World without end
- C. A soft answer turns back anger
- D. For every thing a season

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

## Festival of Lesson and Carols

December 10 at 7 pm

The service of nine lessons and carols for Christmas (the “Carol Service”) began in England in 1878. The choir of Truro Cathedral, in Cornwall, sang a service of carols on Christmas Eve. The service has been in continuous use since 1880, and made most popular by its broadcast from King’s College Chapel in Cambridge, England. The service consists of readings from the Old Testament from the Fall of Humanity to prophecies of the birth of a Saviour, and then readings from the New Testament of the birth of Jesus and the meaning of his coming. Between the readings are carols, some sung by the choir, and some for all to join in. There is no sermon, just a glorious telling of the Christmas story with singing.

Put this service on your calendar now, so that it does not get crowded out.

Rehearsals for the musicians are on Thursday evenings at 7:30, and all singers are welcome. If you would like to contribute on an instrument, contact Anne Coates.

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| Sunday Sept 24                | Monday 25           | Tuesday 26 Com-                        | Wednesday 27                                          | Thursday 28         | Friday 29         | Saturday 30   |
| <b>October 1</b>              | 2                   | 3 Common Threads                       | 4 Men's Bkfst Uch<br>God's Mission                    | 5 Choir             | 6                 | 7             |
| 8                             | 9                   | 10 Common Threads                      | 11 God's Mission                                      | 12 ACW & Choir      | 13                | 14            |
| 15                            | 16                  | 17 Common Threads<br>Braeburn Camp AGM | 18 God's Mission                                      | 19 Choir            | 20 Tea & Hymns    | 21            |
| 22 Messy Church               | 23                  | 24 Common Threads                      | 25 God's Mission                                      | 26 Choir            | 27                | 28            |
| 29                            | 30                  | 31 Common Threads                      | <b>November 1</b><br>Men's Bkfst CYO<br>God's Mission | 2 Choir             | 3                 | 4             |
| 5                             | 6                   | 7 Common Threads                       | 8 God's Mission                                       | 9 ACW 2 pm<br>Choir | 10                | 11            |
| 12                            | 13                  | 14 Common Threads                      | 15 God's Mission                                      | 16 Choir            | 17 Tea & Hymns    | 18 ACW Bazaar |
| 19                            | 20                  | 21 Common Threads                      | 22 God's Mission                                      | 23 Choir            | 24                | 25            |
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| 3                             | 4                   | 5 Common Threads                       | 6 Men's Bkfst CNA                                     | 7 Choir             | 8                 | 9             |
| 10 Carol Service 7 pm         | 11                  | 12 Common Threads                      | 13                                                    | 14 ACW 2 pm         | 15 Tea & Hymns    | 16            |
| 17 Messy Church               | 18                  | 19 Common Threads                      | 20                                                    | 21                  | 22                | 23            |
| 24 Christmas                  | 25 <b>Christmas</b> | 26                                     | 27                                                    | 28                  | 29                | 30            |
| 31 Epiphany<br>New Year's Eve | <b>January 1</b>    | 2                                      | 3                                                     | 4                   | 5                 | 6             |