

Christ Church Cathedral

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Christmas Newsletter 2017

A Word from the Dean

The Very Reverend Dr. Sean Murphy

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” *Matthew 1:21 NIV*

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to write this Christmas letter. I pray that Christmas this year will be joyful and meaningful for you and your families.

God has blessed us at Christ Church Cathedral this past year in so many ways and I look forward to all that He will do in our midst in the future. I thank God for the many ways that our parish expresses the love of Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas to our community and brings hope and blessing to others. I am thankful for each of you.

The words that the angel spoke to Joseph about what was to happen in Mary’s life and about the name that the child should be given, are truly momentous. The name Jesus is the Greek translation of Joshua, which means “the Lord saves”. So the angel explains it to Joseph and to us. He will be given the name Jesus because He will save us from our sins! We all have need of a Savior and God sent us one at Christmas in His Son Jesus Christ our Lord!

His name is Jesus. He came into the world to die for our sins and then He rose again. He came into the world to provide all who trust in Him the way of forgiveness and new life, so that we would become His people and His Church, called to reflect His love to the world, that others might come to know, love and serve Him too.

My prayer is that we would come to experience more and more of what His name means for us, individually and as a Church. My prayer is that God would strengthen us through His Holy Spirit to share the truth of His name in our daily lives and in our witness together.

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Fall News Roundup

Blessing the Yukon River at its headwaters

On August 20th a historic event took place at Bennett, the headwaters of the Yukon River.

Our Christ Church Cathedral Member, Pat Ellis' request to have Holy Water mixed into the Yukon River water at its beginning place - was carried out.

She asked me to attend to this task for her awhile ago but the opportunity came up in August when several Elders were at Bennett from AK and the Yukon.

A portion of that group gathered, said prayers and sprinkled the Holy Water slowly into the river. We asked Creator for Blessings and cleansing of the water for the use of the animals, fish and the people that drink of this water.



Afterward the group departed to take the train back to Fraser. And the water is now safer to drink, the fish will be healthier and the wildlife will be nourished with much cleaner water - thanks to Pat Ellis, from Christ Church Cathedral.

written by: G. Low.

Ordination of Elsa Kolm Chesseman

Elsa was ordained deacon on Sunday, November 5th at the Cathedral. Left to right: Archdeacon of Liard Lesley Wheeler-Dame, a/Executive Archdeacon Sarah Usher, Lay Minister Beverley Whitehouse, Bishop Larry Robertson, Lay Minister Sheila Robertson, Lay Minister Eileen Carver, Lay Minister David Robertson, Deacon to be Elsa Cheeseman, The Rev. Beverly Brazier (United Church), The Rev. Dorothy Odian, and The Most Rev. Hector Vila, Bishop of Whitehorse (Catholic) - her neighbour.



During the reception she was presented with a stole crocheted by Elaine Sumner.



Anglican Church Women's Bazaar

On Saturday, November 18, the ACW held their annual bazaar. Helpers included Elaine Sumner, Beverley Whitehouse, Philip Merchant, Mary Merchant, Jeannie Roches, Gaya Tiedeman, Ev Tiedeman, Elsa Cheeseman, Jim Tiedeman, Don Cheeseman, Blanche Buckle, Mary Robertson, Arlene Kubica. The crowds showed up as usual, and over two thousand dollars was raised.



Don Cheeseman was a helper

Messy Church

Messy Church continues to draw in a variety of people of all ages. The crafts are very popular—seen here before things got too messy.



Treasurer's report

A Very Blessed Christmas to all!

As of the end of November, envelope giving is falling short by more than 30%. Our other revenues seem to be less than \$200 from target, although that was inflated by a grant of \$10,000 that we applied for last year and received this year. In total, we are looking for over \$25,000 revenue in the month of December to meet the budget.

We may be able to keep administrative expenses within the budget. Our outreach is about on target. The property expenses may stay within budget, especially if the warm weather I am currently enjoying lasts a good portion of December.

So far this year, we have stayed afloat by not paying our full share of the Dean's stipend. We agreed to pay the diocese \$36,000 towards Dean Sean's recompense, but so far we have only paid \$16,764.31. Our average income per month has been \$10,135.03 so far (to cover everything). December is historically our best month for income, but we need a very strong month to fulfill our obligations.

Anne Coates
Treasurer

Mary Decker

When Mary lived in Inuvik, with her husband, Pierre, and children, she went to church and prayed regularly, but did not really know the Lord. She worked in housekeeping at the hospital, and times were hard. She smoked and drank. She had given up drink for some eight months when she was transferred to Whitehorse in October 1986.

Here, she found that she could no longer smoke very much—she began to find a burning smell which was very unpleasant. On the other hand she discovered bingo, and became addicted to that.

Mary never went back to drinking, and was helped by Pastor Adrian and Martha Van Heel, in McIntyre. Then she heard that a healer was coming to town: The Rev. Max Solbrekken. She kept praying really hard because she wanted to be delivered from how she was living, and went to the revival meeting on Friday night, instead of bingo.

Even at the door, it would not open the first time she tried, and she prayed, “Lord I know you’re real. I want to accept you. I know you can do it.” Then the door opened easily for her, and she went in, but shaking. Her daughters, Pauline and Bobbie, thought she must be cold, and helped her to a chair in the corner. No-one knew what was wrong. She was told that the Holy Spirit was working in her, and she would be released that night. After a lot of singing, two helpers brought her up for the altar call. She was too shaky to stand, so sat back on her knees on the floor. As Max was waving his arms around while he was with the person three down the line, 7

Mary felt the power and fell back. The girls said she was there half an hour.

From then on, Mary was a changed woman. She had no desire for alcohol, smoking or bingo, and gradually her arthritis faded away, and she no longer used a cane at all. She is now 80 years young, and does not catch colds or flu. The important things to her now are humbling herself in prayer, and asking Jesus for what she needs. She has peace.

Mary had two visionary dreams. She had one dream where an angel showed her heaven. She went along a narrow straight road, avoiding a wide road, and came to a room laid out like a church, with an aisle, and saw many people who had passed, dressed in white and youthful again. They did not speak to her. The angel told her she had to go back because there was work for her to do.

In another dream, she was waiting for a picnic, when she saw mountains moving around. She went under a bush, and someone called. He wanted to show her something. He asked her to climb with him up the mountain, straight up. He gave her his arm, and said, “Trust me, Mary”. It was like walking on the floor. From the top she looked down and saw a huge lake of boiling brown water, and people screaming and crying. She was told there is no way out, they were there until judgment day.

She saw the life book and the death book, and was told that Jesus will have these at Judgment Day. This emphasizes the importance of the choice we make now.

Mary was entrusted with giving the message to young people. That they should believe Jesus is the Son of God, believe He died for us, and forgive each other.

Alpha Course

Our Cathedral Parish continues to prepare prayerfully for the running of Alpha. The ALPHA COURSE will be held in Hellaby Hall, Christ Church Cathedral Wednesdays, January 24th to April 4th, 2018 at 7pm. The main purpose of Alpha is to help people to faith in Christ, but it also serves to encourage and strengthen believers in faith and witness.

Coming Events—2017

Christmas and New Year Services

Sunday December 24

10 am Eucharist at the Cathedral

7 pm Family Eucharist at the Church of the Northern Apostles

10:30 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist at the Cathedral

Monday December 25

10 am Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral

Sunday December 31

10 am Eucharist at the Cathedral

11:00 pm New Year's Eve Eucharist at the Cathedral
(reception 10 pm)

Puzzles

BIBLE DINGBATS

Created by BiblePuzzles.org.uk

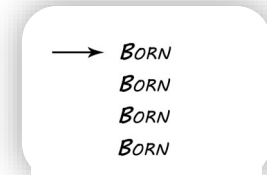
The fun Say-What-You-See rebus puzzles! We have cunningly hidden phrases, names or sayings that are linked to the Bible in the boxes below. The answer can be hidden in many ways. It could be the size, position or direction for example. Sometimes you might need to do some counting or look at the shape, 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!

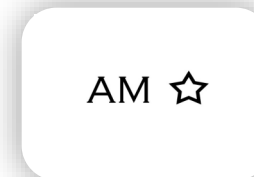
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Answers from Easter Newsletter

A. Good News

B. High Priest

C. Solomon

D. Forbidden fruit

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

Coming Events—2018

Saturday, January 6 Church “undecorating”

January 24 to April 4

Wednesdays Alpha Course

Sunday February 4 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday

and Music and Readings

Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 30 Good Friday

Sunday, April 1 Easter Day

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 Messy Church	18	19 Common Threads	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve 10 am & 10:30 pm	25 <i>Christ- mas</i>	26	27	28	29	30 New Year's Eve Service 11 pm
31 New Year's Eve	January 1	2	3 Men's Bkfst	4	5	6 Undecorating
7	8	9 Common Threads	10	11 ACW	12	13
14	15	16 Common Threads	17	18	19 Tea & Hymn Sing	20
21	22	23 Common Threads	24 Alpha	25	26	27
28	29	30 Common Threads	31 Alpha	February 1	2	3
4 AGM	5	6 Common Threads	7 Men's Bkfst & Alpha	8 ACW	9	10
11	12	13 Shrove Tuesday Common Threads	14 Ash Wednesday	15	16 Tea & Hymn Sing	17
18	19	20 Common Threads	21 Alpha	22	23	24
25	26	27 Common Threads	28 Alpha	March 1	2	3
4	5	6 Common Threads	7 Men's Bkfst & Alpha	8 ACW	9	10
11	12	13 Common Threads	14 Alpha	15	16 Tea & Hymn Sing	17
18	19	20 Common Threads	21 Alpha	22	23	24
25 Music & Readings	26	27 Common Threads	28 Alpha	29 Maundy Thursday	30 Good Friday 1 pm	31
April 1 Easter	2	3	4 W's B & Alpha	5	6	7