

# Northern Lights

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*The Journal of the  
Anglican Diocese of  
Yukon  
Spring 2010*



***He Lives: Hallelujah, Jesus Lives!***

# Thank you for Praying



**Day 1 & 16**

**Parish of Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral.**

The Ven.... Dr. Sean Murphy; The Rev. David Pritchard & family; Rev. Martin Carroll, Ruth Carroll & family; Licensed Lay Ministers-in-Training: Gaya Tiedeman, Beverley Whitehouse, Anne Bernard

**Day 2 & 17**

**Fort Nelson: St. Mary Magdalene.**

**Toad River, Alaska Highway, mile 150-506**

The Rev. Dn. Don Thompson, Lana Thompson and family; Licensed Lay Ministers: Glen Gough, Jeanie Arva and Mark Tudor.

**Day 3 & 18**

**Watson Lake: St. John the Baptist**

**Lower Post, Swift River.**

**Telegraph Creek: St. Aidan.**

**Dease Lake; Glenora.**

Licensed Lay Minister: Tim Liverton

**Day 4 & 19**

**Carcross, Tagish, Johnson's Crossing**

St. Saviour's. The Rev. David Pritchard and family

**Teslin: St. Philips**

The Most Rev. Terry Buckle and the Ministry Team

**Day 5 & 20**

Communities of: **Carmacks & Keno,**

**Day 6 & 21**

**Atlin: St. Martin.**

The Rev. Dn. Vera Kirkwood & family.

Licensed Lay Minister: Dorothy Odian.

**Day 7 & 22**

Communities of **Faro and Ross River**

**Day 8 & 23**

**Haines Junction: St. Christopher's.**

**Beaver Creek: St. Columba.**

**Alaska Highway: mile 918-1202**

The Most Rev. Terry Buckle and Lay Ministry Team

**Day 9 & 24**

**Parish of Whitehorse:**

**Church of the Northern Apostles.**

The Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of Liard); The Rev. Dn. Sarah Usher, Len Usher & family

**Day 10 and 25**

**Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark.**

The Rev. Susan Titterington. and the Lay Ministry Team

Pelly Crossing: St. James the Lord's Brother.

Licensed Lay Minister: Betty Joe.

**Day 11 & 26**

**Dawson City: St. Paul's. Moosehide: St.**

**Barnabas. The Klondike Creeks; The Dempster Hwy.**

The Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington, The Rev. Dn. Percy Henry. The Ven. Ken Snider (Honorary Assistant) and Aldene Snider. Licensed Lay Ministers: Mabel Henry; Shirley Pennell, Betty Davidson.

**Day 12 & 27**

**Old Crow: St. Luke's.**

The Rev. Susan Titterington, The Rev. Dn. Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer & family. and Lay Ministry Team.

**Day 13 & 28**

The Rev. Dn. Sarah Usher: Diocesan Administrative Officer.

Members of the Diocesan Executive Committee.. Diocesan Prayer Partner: Diocese of Fredericton.

**Day 14 & 29**

Patti Tetlich, Yukon Apostolate:

Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries.

PWRDF Diocesan Representative:

Diocesan ACW President: Gloria Hockley and all ACW members.

**Day 15 & 30**

**Those retired from Missionary Service:**

The Rev. Dorothy Thorpe.

The Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard.

The Rev. Don Sax & The Rev. Dn. Lee Sax.

The Rev. Dr. Ellen Bruce OM.

The Ven. Ken and Aldene Snider.

The Rev. Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon

The Rev. Canon David & Alice Kalles

The Ven. John & The Rev. Dn. Carol Tyrrell

The Rev. Fred & Marcia Carson.

The Very Rev. Peter & Barbara Williams

Marion Carroll.

The Rev. Mary & Lino Battaja

**Day 31 and daily:**

The Most Rev. Terry Buckle, Blanche Buckle & family.

## *Our Bishop Writes.....*



In the year 2011 the Diocese of Yukon will be celebrating 150 years of ministry in Yukon Territory. In many ways the Diocese of Yukon still continues to be a frontier mission area in northern Canada. What began 150 years ago as a mission venture to a distant northern frontier within Canada continues with a degree of excitement, as we seek to creatively face the challenge of changing times.

One very significant change that I have noticed, since beginning my ministry as Bishop of Yukon in 1995, is the loss of many loved and respected elders among our First Nations People. I think I am correct in saying that the emerging elders of today in Yukon carry a much different life experience than that of those who over the past years have left us. They too, the emerging elders of today, have entered a new time, a new day, with new challenges confronting them in the on-going life of their nations.

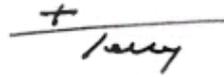
On Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> I shared in officiating along with The Rev. Susan Titterington and three Deacons, Marion Schafer of Old Crow, Hanna Alexie and Mary Teya of Ft. McPherson NWT and Lay Leader Joanne Snowshoe of Ft. McPherson, at the funeral service of a dearly loved Gwitchin elder and well known member of St. Luke's Anglican Church in Old Crow. Miss Edith Gertrude Josie died on January 31, 2010. Edith was a licensed Lay Leader at St. Luke's Church in Old Crow, Yukon Territory. Edith touched many lives, even internationally, with her efforts to communicate for her people and to serve her community. Edith left a long list of accomplishments. I believe that her accomplishments and her wonderful laughter and sense of humour were largely motivated by her strong Christian faith.

On that occasion St. Luke's Church was full of people. Government dignitaries of Yukon and the Northwest Territories were present. The RCMP provided a colour guard for Edith, comprised of current and former RCMP officers who served the community of Old Crow. Hymns were sung in the language of the people and prayers were prayed in the warmth of the log church with its wood burning stove. The congregant's long walk to the cemetery in the bright sunshine of the day, with the temperature in the minus forties and the lowering of Edith's body into a frozen grave was an experience to be remembered. The finality of death was made real but the brilliance of the low setting sun brightly shining in our

faces filled us with light and the hope of life to arise even out of death for those who die in the Lord. The fond and loving memory of a dearly loved Christian mother, friend, elder, servant, gave hope in the stillness of that frozen moment. It too, I am sure, inspired those gathered among us who are the emerging leaders of their people, to face the challenge of changing times, to pray, to follow our Lord, to laugh, to laugh a lot like Edith did and to live always in the hope that Jesus gives.

The Diocese of Yukon can learn from Edith Josie and the people of Old Crow. We can learn to really live by faith in our Lord, to pray, to love, to care, to reach out to others and to laugh, and laugh a lot, for we serve a risen Saviour as we journey on together facing the challenge of changing times.

In Christ's love,



### *Around The Diocese*

#### *St. John the Baptist. Watson Lake:*

The congregation of St. John the Baptist continues to accept the hospitality of St. Ann's Catholic Church. We are pleased to be able to hold our Sunday services there following their own service, thus enabling us to cut back on fuel costs for our own building. However, the general consensus of opinion in December was that it would not feel like Christmas unless we were back in our own church; as a result, we turned the heat back on, pulled out our decorations, and held the Christmas services back in St. John's. It was a short-lived hiatus, but it made us realise how much we do miss our own church. In time, Spring will be upon us, and

we will be opening up our church for the Summer services. Here in Town, one of our earliest signs of Spring is the question "When is the Thrift Shop opening"--so that establishment will be opening its doors at the same time. Meanwhile, our inter-congregational events remain strong within our five churches: first -of -the- month services on a rotating schedule continue to be well attended; our monthly Ladies Breakfasts are enjoyed by all; and now our local Ministerial are making plans for our traditional Sunrise Service- -at which time all congregations participate before attending their own services. We at St. John's continue to learn to adapt!



**Diocesan Synod: May 13-14, 2010**  
**Electoral Synod: May 15th, 2010**

Please keep these two important Synods in your prayers and that God will lead and direct all that is said and done.



## *Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants: Ben and Nancy Hall*

You will remember in our last issue, that mention was made of the passing of the Rev. Ben and Nancy Hall. As promised in that issue, here now is a portrait of their lives and ministry

*Rev. Ben S. Hall:*

*Oct. 27th, 1918 to*

*Oct. 31st, 2009*

**O**ver a remarkable lifetime, filled with adventure and service,

Ben left friends and fond memories in his wake. His journey ended in Grande Prairie, Alberta, surrounded by his wife, Nancy and two daughters, after a short period of illness. He moved to the Grande Prairie area after his retirement from the ministry, to support Nancy in her career.

His adventures started in his father's pub in Huddersfield, England. He joined the railroad after he finished school. His travels took him to France before the war and to South Africa during the war. He survived the crash of his Halifax bomber in Germany, where he was captured and remained a POW until the war ended. After returning to England he joined the local church and caught the heart of Nancy. They married in 1951 and worked together in social service positions with children. They immigrated to Canada in March 1957 with their two sons, Jon and Sam. Andy was born six weeks after they landed.

Ben entered Theological College in September, 1957 and was ordained in the Anglican Church in 1960. He served parishes in Muncie, Paisley and Walters Falls in Ontario, during which



time Rachel and Sarah were born. In the summer of 1963 he moved the family of seven, in a Volkswagen Beetle, to a parish in Hay River, Northwest Territories.

In 1970 Ben exercised an emerging artistic talent and attended the Alberta College of Art in Calgary for five years. After graduation he returned to ministry in the Diocese of Calgary. During this time, he answered a second call to the North and continued his ministry in Teslin, Yukon until his retirement.

He remained active by chauffeuring Nancy on her business trips until she retired in Wembley, Alberta. During this time, Ben continued to serve in the Diocese of Athabasca. They moved to Grande Prairie in 2002, where Ben continued to sketch and paint into his 80's. Never satisfied with one medium or technique, he continued to study and experiment for the rest of his life.

Ben is survived by his five children, twelve grandchildren and one great grand-daughter (with another one on the way!)

*Please turn to the following page to read about Nancy Hall.*

## Nancy R. Hall

**July 11th, 1929 - November 12th, 2009**

Nancy was totally devoted to her husband, Ben, and served with him in ministries and adventures in England and across Canada, with grace, charm, compassion and good humour.

Nancy was the youngest of five girls and eleven years younger than her nearest sister. When she was growing up her mother Flo (or Flossie) and her father Harry Pratt were more like grandparents to her because of their age. During the war she was evacuated to the country. She trained as a nursery nurse at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, England and married Ben on May 11th, 1951.

After struggling for years to raise a family on an Anglican missionary priest's salary in Hay River, Nancy reactivated her vocation, first as a kindergarten teacher and then as a manager of a children's emergency centre. In 1970 Nancy moved to Calgary where she started and ran the first municipally funded Day Care Centre in Alberta, while Ben attended the Alberta College of Art. She initiated an innovative family day home program and was well respected in municipal and academic circles for

her child care expertise.

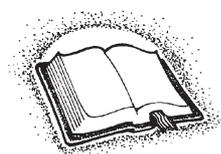
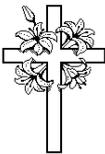
Nancy was a support for her husband and his ministry in Teslin, Yukon, while working as a housing officer and later as a child care consultant with the Yukon Government.

When Ben retired, Nancy continued her career as a regional day care consultant with the Alberta Government. She often travelled to Edmonton to consult with and advise the Minister and department officials, and was well loved by the day care operators she trained, guided and mentored. The highlight of her career was receiving a provincial award from her peers in the child care association.

After her retirement Nancy moved with Ben to Grande Prairie and continued to pursue the knitting, sewing and embroidery skills she had practised all her life. Many of her friends have enjoyed her generous hand-made gifts. She supported Ben even as her own health failed. She was pre-deceased by her husband of 58 years, just twelve days before her death.

She is still dearly loved by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

*These articles were submitted by Ben and Nancy's family*



***Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live. And everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25-26***

## **Well Done Good and Faithful Servant, Edith Josie December 8th, 1921- January 31st, 2010**

**B**orn in Eagle Alaska December 8, 1921 to Paul Josie and Elizabeth (Nukon) Josie, Edith was the youngest of five children and the only daughter in a traditional Gwitchin Family. Edith attended school until Grade 5; afterwards, in the absence of a teacher, she was further educated by her oldest brother, Susie Paul Josie, named after her mother's Father. Edith's favorite book was Disney's "Cinderella": she brought this book home frequently to read to her family at night. By the time she was 10, Edith was trapping, skinning and stretching animal skins, taught by her father, and sold these skins to make her living. In 1940 at the age of 21 Edith, her parents and two brothers packed up two days before Halloween and made their move from Eagle, Alaska to Whitestone Village, Canada to live with her uncle, John Nukon. She talked very fondly about John, saying that she was his favorite and would always have something special for her, she would later laugh to herself. In 1947 Edith and her parents settled permanently in Old Crow, continuing with her upbringing, selling skins and raising a family of her own (Jane [Montgomery], William and Kevin Josie), while never marrying, and caring for her parents. In the late 1950's she worked for Dr.



Irwin. In 1957 she was appointed Justice of the peace of Old Crow: 1962 started writing for the "Whitehorse Star": 1967, awarded the Canadian Centennial Medal: 1968 -1972 sat on the Tribal Council: 1982 Served as a licensed lay minister for Saint Luke's Anglican Church, until her retirement: 1994 Yukon Historical Museum Award: 1994 Heritage Award for Life Commitment Award: and in 1995 became a Member of the Order of Canada. Edith and her friends put articles out in "The Optimum", a woman's magazine that fought for woman's rights in the Yukon. In 2000 she received the Aboriginal Achievement Award in the Heritage and Spirituality category. She displayed her trademark, spunk and spirit on a daily basis with anyone who would talk and sit with her. A Daughter, Sister, Mother, Auntie, Grandmother and Friend to all and better known to the children as "Dodo". She taught herself how to cook and was involved in the Women's Auxiliary for years, Edith spoke highly of what the Bible teaches and her favorite saying was "to love one another and be kind tto others". She believed in Education and went to the Alice Frost Community

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*Last Spring we reported on the formation of the Anglican Parish of Whitehorse. The Rector, Sean Murphy now gives us an update on this new parish, one year later. Editor*

**B**ishop Terrence Buckle has announced that the model of ministry known as The Anglican Parish of Whitehorse (APW) will continue and has appointed Archdeacon Sean Murphy as Rector.

The Bishop's announcement comes after the 2010 Annual General Meetings of Christ Church Cathedral and The Church of the Northern Apostles. At their respective meetings, the two congregations passed motions to recommend to the Bishop the continuation of the model and the appointment of Archdeacon Murphy.

These developments follow a more than year long process of discernment and evaluation of the model, set up on an interim basis in January, 2009. The Whitehorse Churches were assisted during this time by the Rev. Susan Titterington of St. Paul's, Dawson City, who led the evaluation process.

The APW, originally composed of Christ Church Cathedral and Northern Apostles, was set up in response to

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Bishop Buckle's vision and the agreement of the two congregations. The reason the two Churches came together was so to enable more effective ministry and mission and better stewardship of financial resources. The vision of the APW included outreach and ministry to and with the outlying communities of Teslin, Carcross, and Haines Junction. Archdeacon Murphy was appointed as Interim Rector.

In this model, the congregations have continued to function as separate entities, with their own Vestries and maintaining their own financial records, but with one Rector and a Ministry Team. The Ministry Team consists of Bishop Buckle, Archdeacon Sean, The Rev. David Pritchard, The Rev. Deacon Sarah Usher, The Rev. Martin Carroll and Rob Christie. The two congregations share the cost of Archdeacon Sean's salary on a two thirds (Cathedral) and one-third (Northern Apostles) basis.

An Executive (later Advisory) Council was set up, consisting of clergy, wardens and treasurers of each congregation, to meet periodically to report on developments and monitor progress in the model.

Over time, the APW has evolved from being a two congregation Parish with

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Dr. Sean Murphy  
of APW



ministry and outreach to the rural communities, to being a five – congregation Parish, including the Whitehorse Churches, St. Phillip’s, Teslin, St. Saviour’s, Carcross, and St. Christopher’s, Haines Junction.

So far there has been some positive learnings and ministry results in the new model. The Whitehorse Churches are on a more secure financial basis. The Ministry Team works well together; is encouraging to its members and beneficial to Gospel ministry. Regular prayer meetings are bearing fruit. With Team members sharing their gifts, ministry equipping workshops, Christian initiation classes and other ministry events have been initiated, and the Anglican mission in Whitehorse has been expanded, with twice monthly Eucharists at Copper Ridge Care facility and involvement on the Hospital Pastoral Care Team.

Periodic Cathedral-Northern Apostles joint services have been held. These services have proved a wonderful opportunity to worship and fellowship together and have been well received.

There is a fresh awareness in the Whitehorse churches of the Biblical call to be a Church of mission, reaching out to care, and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our community. There is

also a sense of being on a more secure and healthy spiritual footing as we share our gifts throughout the Parish and work together with a common vision for Christian ministry and mission

There is still much to be done, though, to see the APW grow. The vision is to work together with St. Christopher’s, St. Saviour’s and St. Phillips to enable mission in the outlying communities and greater integration of these congregations into the model. This will take time. What is key is that we be faithful in prayer, take seriously the Gospel call to make disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, and truly engage our communities in evangelism and social concern.



# My Travels with the Bishop

## Blanche Buckle

It has been some time since I have reported on my traveling so I wanted to write now and mention the last few months. Always I feel so privileged to be in places that I would never ordinarily be as I travel with my husband. I always find a wonderful group of people who are trying to do the Lord's will in the circumstances they are in. The circumstances are varied of course with the places visited but the needs and desires to help are always the same.

In August I travelled by plane to Dawson City, and on to Old Crow. Rev. Susan Titterington was already there and met us at the plane driving a borrowed 4 wheeler which she had practiced driving just before we were to arrive. We stayed at a very comfortable B&B .

Lots of visiting was done especially to the elders of Old Crow and one very special visit with Edith Josie. We walked everywhere in the community

as there are not many vehicles there. When we were visiting an elder, William Smith, a member of the family came happily in the having been out for the morning picking low bush cranberries. The berries looked wonderful so big, red and bitter, but how delicious they would be when cooked with a bit of sugar or made into a nice loaf. There was a wonderful church service Sunday morning when several young people were confirmed. In the congregation I noticed a beautiful, new baby girl, dressed so pretty and wearing a lovely

pair of hand - made beaded slippers . Many of the candidates for confirmation had beaded slippers as well which was so nice to see. It was quite cold in Old Crow so walking was

chilly although we were dressed for the cold. It was a very special privilege indeed for me and it was good to see how people are being encouraged and growing in their lives. It was good to see the progress in community development and to see the Rev. Susan faithfully visiting the people.

The people of Old Crow always wonder each year if the caribou that travel near their community will be close for hunting, to help supply their food for the winter. I heard this year that the herd came very, very close and as the



*Bishop Terry and Rev. Susan Titterington visiting Edith Josie*



*Bishop Terry with William Smith*

*My travels with the Bishop continued.....*

people looked up to the hills beside the community, they were full of caribou feeding. What a wonderful exciting view that must have been.

In September I flew south instead of north, to Sorrento, B.C., a beautiful Retreat Centre where I attended the Council of the North meetings. From there we drove to Penticton to visit Bishop Terry's Mother and family, then back to Sorrento Centre for Provincial meetings. Unlike Old Crow the weather was warm and sunny. We were picking and eating apples off the trees around the Centre.

In October I was again flying to Anchorage Alaska, after driving in the truck two hours to Skagway Alaska, where we left the big red truck at the tiny airport and boarded a small eight passenger plane. It was an unbelievable flight across endless wilderness, overlooking freezing cold water, among valleys where the mountains covered with snow were high above us on either side. The plane was being tossed and thrown up and down leaving the six passengers breathless, me with my hands over my eyes praying hard and peeking through my fingers wondering when it was going to end. Bishop Terry said that

he always keeps his eye on the pilot. If the pilot is calm the Bishop feels he can be too. We had a wonderful visit in Anchorage with terrific people from All Saints Episcopal Church where Bishop Terry confirmed both children and adults. We visited with many people and heard their stories of the Lord's faithfulness and strength that He gives

to them in their daily lives. In October I was flying again, Kamloops this time for the consecration of Bishop Barbara Andrews. I attended a wonderful service with so many interesting people to meet. I had heartfelt visits with many Bishop's Spouses from the south that I had not seen for a long time. I felt very blessed to be able to connect with each one of them. Again it was refreshing to be enjoying a lovely fall season.

November was just extremely busy here at home. It was cold with lots of snow and very short days. In December I drove with Bishop Terry and two members of our Cathedral parish, Pat Ellis and Rob Christie, to Carcross an hour and a half drive south from Whitehorse for a service with Rev. David Pritchard. St. Saviour's church was lovely and warm with the big wood stove being lit the



*At Carcross: (L to R) Rev. David Pritchard, Bishop Terry, Pat Ellis and Rob Christie*

night before by a very faithful member of the congregation. We had a lovely service of Holy Communion. Carcross is where Bishop Bompas lived for many years and is buried there in the cemetery. Carcross is also the place of the Carcross Dessert, a huge area filled with sand, one of Yukon's many

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*Traveling with the Bishop continued.....*

tourist attractions. Again, being with people and hearing their stories was so encouraging as we all struggle to live in places of so many needs, and where encouragement and strength from the Lord and friends is so very appreciated.

Our cold dark days are receding as the length of daylight grows and we are always very thankful for the longer light and sunshine. Oddly though, for some reason, it is quite a difficult time for people, which is a wonder, as one would think it would be an easier time,

with the lighter days, but for whatever reason for many it is not. We do keep going, thankful for the blessings of each day and amazed at how quickly time does go. It's such a privilege to be living in our northern part of Canada and I am thankful for the traveling that I am able to do with my husband, for meeting many people and seeing so much of our country, and for the people here in our Diocese who are so faithful in sharing their lives with those they live and work with to further Gods love for everyone.

*Edith Josie continued.....*

Campus everyday, continuing her math skills in percents and decimals as she would tell people. The last time Edith spoke, she asked: "How come Janelle never come, she always visit me and she even say prayer in Gwitchin for me while she hold my hand, she keep me company" Tammy would tell her, "She's in School" "Ahh, Good my shi Janelle" meaning "my Janelle". Edith will most likely be remembered

for her high spirited, knee slapping laugh, fondness for Education and her hospitality, you could not walk into her house and not have a cup of ice water tea and bannock or dry meat before the conversation or laugh would start...

*This eulogy was submitted by Edith's family and used with permission*



**Haldenby, (Elsie) Grace** - At the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, on Friday January 15, 2010. Grace (Hearne) Haldenby of Barrie in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late Rev. Allan Haldenby.



## **Diocesan Ministry To Youth**

**Rev. Susan Tittering: Diocesan Youth Coordinator**

### **Not Alone 5**

Spring is soon upon us and we are in full planning mode for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Inter-denominational youth conference to be held May 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. Interest



is building as youth who have attended in past years are ‘facebooking’ about the upcoming gathering at Marsh Lake – about 1 ½ hours outside of Whitehorse.

### **Braeburn**

Exciting things are happening at Braeburn this spring as we ready the camp for this year’s season by renovating the kitchen, with help from many individuals who have donated building supplies and offered to help at our upcoming camp working weekends.

A mission group from a Roman Catholic high school in Ontario is planning to come to in early May to undertake some building repairs. Our property committee is scouting out possible locations to place outdoor wooded worship furniture that was donated to the camp after the National Lutheran Youth Gathering, held in Whitehorse in 2008.

All of this is being done to prepare the camp for what we hope and pray will be an exciting camping season for Yukon children and youth.



### **Voices From The Past: (Revs. Don and Lee Sax)**

**Old Crow: 1983 - 1994**

**Dawson City: 1994 - 1996**

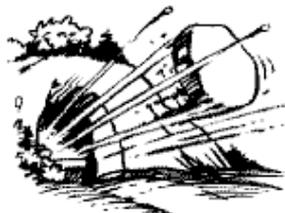
**G**reetings. We are in the last year of the fourth decade of our life together. It has been a journey of the spirit from the blistering Arizona Desert, to the frozen desert of the Arctic and back to the windblown desert of the San Gorgonio Pass.

Along the way we have met those whose lives we have impacted, or who have impacted us.

We are wondering what the years have brought to the real people behind the

memories. We want you to know that you pop-up now and then in our thoughts and we wish you well.

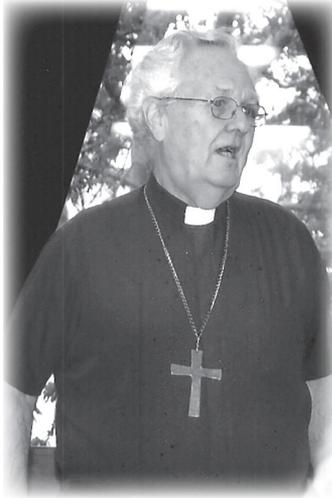
**Taken from Don and Lees Christmas Letter.**



## **DIOCESE CELEBRATES PWRDF 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**O**n Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> Christ Church Cathedral hosted a special service to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PWRDF. Our Primate and President of PWRDF, the Most Rev. Fred J. Hiltz has described PWRDF as ‘the best Good News story’ of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The celebration was a joint service with the congregation of the Church of Northern Apostle in Whitehorse and members of the Diocesan Executive Committee who were attending their Fall meeting. A special Rite of Celebration developed by PWRDF for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was the liturgy of the day. The Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy, Interim Rector of the Anglican Parish of Whitehorse was the Presider, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Terry Buckle, the celebrant, and the Rev.



David Pritchard, priest of St. Saviour’s parish in Carcross and Vice-President-elect of PWRDF was the preacher. Following the service, a pot luck luncheon was held in Hellaby Hall where those gathered celebrated by watching a special video developed by PWRDF for the

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A ‘freewill’ offering was taken and a sizeable amount was raised or pledged for the work of PWRDF.

*Picture: The Rev. David Pritchard addressing parishioners during the pot luck luncheon following the PWRDF 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Christ Church Cathedral*

*Around the Diocese: continued.....*

### **St. Paul’s, Dawson City**

After a brief hiatus, our prayer circle is starting again. Once a week, during lunch a group of Anglicans come together to pray for ourselves, our friends and family and for the community. It is a powerful way to build discipleship as we wait for God to work in ourselves and others.

As part of our ecumenical ministry, we will be hosting the World Day of Prayer the first Friday in March. Christians



from St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, the Dawson City Community Gospel Chapel and St. Paul’s Anglican Church come together for praise and prayer. It is a chance for us to learn about the Republic of Cameroon and celebrate God’s grace as seen through the eyes of others.



## **Call for Proposals Announcement - community newsletters/publications**

The Government of Canada will soon be accepting applications for Community Participation and Leadership under the New Horizons for Seniors Program. The program funds community-based projects that encourage seniors to continue to play an important role in their community by helping those in need; providing leadership; and sharing their knowledge and skills with others.

Information on eligibility requirements, as well as the application form, is available on the website: [www.hrsdc.gc.ca/seniors](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/seniors).

Inquiries for this Call for Proposals can be made to:

Telephone: 1 800 277-9914 1 800 277-9914

TTY: 1 800 255-4786 1 800 255-4786

Alternatively, if you would like to discuss the New Horizons for Seniors Program and the types of projects that could be supported, I would be pleased to speak personally with you. Please contact me, at your convenience, to arrange an appointment. Please also feel free to call me if you have any general questions about the program and its objectives.

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### ***From the Editor:***

It will soon be Easter. We will remember our Lord's suffering and death and on Easter Sunday celebrate His glorious resurrection! As Christians we are not without hope. In this issue we have reported on the death of three of God's servants. The wonderful hope is that those who have died have passed from death into a glorious life. For those of us still living, we serve a risen

Saviour! May I close off this issue with the words of a hymn:

He lives, He lives,

Christ Jesus lives today.

He walks with me, and talks with me

Along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart.

You ask me how I know He lives.

He Lives within my heart!

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