

Northern Lights

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Bishop Buckle ordains Deacon Laurie Munro at Wycliffe College

*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: Gaya Tiedeman, Beverley Whitehouse.

Day 2 & 17

Fort Nelson: St. Mary Magdalene. Toad River, Alaska Highway, mile 150-506

The Rev. Dn. Don & 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.

Rob Langmaid (Evangelist)

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 Rev. Dn. Sarah Usher 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 Ven. Sean Murphy and the Ministry Team

Day 9 & 24

Parish of Whitehorse:

Church of the Northern Apostles.

The Ven. Dr Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of

Liard); The Most Rev. Terry Buckle, Blanche Buckle and family; The Rev. Dn. Sarah Usher, Len Usher & family

**Day 10 and 25**

Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark.

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. 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. 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: Evelyn McDonald 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 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.

The Most Rev. Terry and Blanche Buckle

Day 31 and daily:

The Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, Sheila Robertson & family.

Our Bishop Writes ...



A Season of Renewal

Being a newcomer to the Yukon (Cheechako I think is the Gold Rush word), and despite the continued cold weather, I am assured that Spring is coming. For sure, the longer days of bright sunlight are truly welcomed and enjoyed. I have seen no signs of melting but it is enjoyable to walk down the street greeting others who also have found it delightful to seek the sun on their faces.

Already the Shrove Tuesday Pancake suppers have come and gone and Lent is upon us. From a delightful pancake supper at St Paul's in Dawson City on the Tuesday, to the ecumenical Ash Wednesday service with our full communion brothers and sisters at Trinity Lutheran Church the next day in Whitehorse, Sheila and I began our Lenten Journey with an awe inspiring drive of about 550 kilometres between communities and services. As I drove in the -25° C weather on the snow and ice covered roads, through the isolated areas surrounded by these huge mountain ranges, I was struck by how fragile we are and how easily, with one mistake, our lives could end in this unforgiving land of beauty of the Yukon. It was a Lenten lesson that

called me to a dependency on the great mercy of our forgiving Father in heaven.

Longer days and Lenten journeys remind us of the new life that Easter brings. I see signs of this life throughout the Yukon. It takes a form of an independence of strength that says despite the hardships we will not only survive we will reach out to others around us. The people in Fort Nelson, BC, our most southern parish, are concerned with receiving training to be able to reach out to people with pastoral care. This parish, which is struggling with losing a full time minister, is concerned, not with themselves, but with the care of the people around them.

I see this strength and life in the form of Olive Patton, a 93 year old lady, who comes to the Diocesan Office under the power of her walker with muffins for our Administrative Officer, the Rev. Sarah Usher. This elderly member of the Cathedral tells me how hard Rev. Usher works and that the least she can do is to brighten her day with a muffin. I am dumbfounded with the attitude of this elder who so easily reaches out to others. She does not mention her own considerable difficulties of getting around and jokes at the fact that she now has to bring a pillow to sit on in church on Sundays.

I see it in the parishes of Christ Church Cathedral and Northern Apostles of Whitehorse. Both parishes faced considerable increases to their budgets to meet the pastoral and outreach needs of the community and instead of complaining they reached within themselves and in a couple of weeks have increased pledges that more than cover these new expenses.

I see this life in the great welcome I receive from so many parishes:

parishes that have seen the economies of their communities die as the mines shut down; parishes where there was, not long ago, a full time minister and now there is not. I get not self pity, but a longing plea to help us to minister to our people, to help equip us to reach out to our community. I also realize that with all the potlucks I am going to have the same problem as always losing weight.

New life, that is what Easter is all

about. Resurrection! The resurrected Christ was not the same as before. As our Diocese resurrects itself we are not sure how it will look. We do know it will be different from what it once was. Join us as we journey through Lent, looking forward to the new strength, new joy, and new life that the Easter resurrection brings. May God, our Father and Creator, bless you and your family this season and may your walk with Jesus be a truly personal one.



Bishop Larry chats with St. Paul's Lay Minister and Rector's Warden Betty Davidson at one of several pot-lucks during the Bishop's recent visit to Dawson from March 10 to 14.

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Canada

I have just been appointed as the Diocese of Yukon representative to the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Canada. The following is an excerpt from their website explaining their purpose.

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada) is a part of the International Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (AFP). The Purpose of AFP is to:

1. Promote the practice of Christian

prayer by all

2. Encourage prayer for lay people, Bishops and other clergy of the Christian Church with particular emphasis on the worldwide Anglican Communion

3. Bring people into a full redeeming, sanctifying communion with God through Jesus Christ, emphasizing

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The Bishop and the Snowmobile

I must tell you that for the first 20 years of my ministry the snowmobile was my car. I drove one from community to community as well as from house to house. I checked my fish nets daily with one. I pulled a kaumotik (sled) with a snowmobile with kids and groceries in it. So you will understand just how embarrassing this following story really is.

I was going out to Moosehide, (some sacred grounds) to check the facilities for a possible Bishop's school. When I was told that we would go by snowmobile that did not frighten me. It was a normal part of my day for a long time. But I did not realize how long ago that was. It had been about 10 years since I had done any serious travel on a snowmobile. I was also about 60 pounds lighter. When I got into my winter gear I realized that it was tight, to say the least.

When Ronald, the man known as the Mayor of Moosehide, showed up I realized the problem. He had a small one seater and I was not small at all. I was to sit behind him on the seat. When I went to sit on the seat I learned that my legs did not move like they did 10 years ago. I also learned that there was nothing to hold on to. If you can imagine a 250 pound bishop on the back of a small snowmobile sliding off into the storage compartment behind the seat. (Wait a minute, maybe you should not try to imagine that.) I will say that I thanked the Lord above for Ronald's patient driving and for his discretion as people asked him how it went.

This and other anecdotes can be found on the Diocesan Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Diocese-of-Yukon>

Laurie Munro Ordained as Deacon



submitted by Blanche Buckle

The Ordination of Laurie Munro as a Deacon was held in the Founders' Chapel of Wycliffe College, Toronto Ontario.

The ceremony took place on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 4:45 pm.

Presiding Celebrant, The Rt. Rev. Tom Corston, Bishop of Moosonee.

Preacher & Ordaining Bishop, The Most Rev. Terence Buckle, Ret., Diocese of Yukon.

It was agreed between Bishop Larry Robertson and Laurie Munro, that Archbishop Buckle would ordain Laurie Munro while he was visiting in Toronto. The service was well attended by fellow students and staff of Wycliffe College and personal friends of Laurie's. It was a very moving service and a real encouragement to Deacon Laurie Munro.

Deacon Munro will be moving to Dawson City in early autumn, to fill the position of priest at St. Paul's in Dawson and St. Luke's in Old Crow. She has previously spent some time during her studies serving in both Whitehorse, Fort Nelson and Haines Junction.



Northern Apostles Christmas Pageant



A Life Worth Living

The Anglican Parish of Whitehorse offered this course last fall, held in Hellaby Hall, under the leadership of Archdeacon Sean Murphy and The Rev. Deacon Sarah Usher. Billed as the official follow-up to the world famous Alpha course, *A Life Worth Living* proved an excellent discipleship program. It is based on Paul's Letter to the Philippians and features excellent biblical exposition and teaching on DVD by Nicki Gumble.

In his characteristic way, Nicki took us through the whole letter, applying the Word of God in a lively and relevant way (with great jokes

and illustrations!) to help us live as followers of Jesus in today's world with joy and faithfulness.

We met on Thursday evenings, from 6 pm to around 8:30pm. Our sessions were in three parts: a 45 minute to one hour supper together, followed by a 35 to 40 minute DVD presentation, concluding with 40 to 50 minute group discussions. This sequence of fellowship meal, teaching, and small groups follows the Alpha format and is a wonderful way to learn, build relationships and grow together in the Lord.

Participants followed a course manual. A book by the same name as the course, was also available for those who wished to purchase it, written by Gumble and basically covering the DVD presentations.

We averaged about 12 to 14 people per night. (About eighteen people attended at least some part of the course). Members of Christ Church Cathedral and Northern Apostles took part, along with one person new to the Anglican Church. Most participants

took turns and helped out with our suppers. Meals were prepared simply, without too much fuss, and were always delicious. We had a wonderful pot-luck supper for our final session.

I highly recommend *A Life Worth Living* for use in the Diocese of Yukon. We were blessed by this course and I am sure others will be too. For further information, contact Sean at the APW Office, 867-668-5530.

Sean Murphy

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to the parish church this is the main function from which all other work of the church in the world is derived

4. Be a uniting force in the Church

5. Reach out to all Christians at the grass-roots level through the common experience of one Lord through prayer, dialogue, workshops and conferences

AFP (Canada) exists to encourage and enable the ministry of prayer in Canada. It is inclusive of all forms of expressions of Christian church life, whether they be lay or clerical, catholic or evangelical, monastic or secular, formal or informal. AFP (Canada) seeks to be a teaching resource to assist both individuals and congregations to grow in the life of prayer. It seeks to increase and strengthen the companionship of Christian prayer throughout the world.

Their website is www.anglicanprayer.org and there are numerous resources and prayers available at this site.

I am very thankful that Bishop Larry chose me to do this work. I will be attending their gathering in June, in Calgary, and look forward to learning more about this fellowship as well as

bring back ways to encourage 'prayers' and others in our Diocese.

If anyone wishes more information about the resources available please go to the website or contact me at pebprayer@yahoo.ca.

Beverley Whitehouse

Lay Minister and Secretary to the Anglican Parish of Whitehorse.



When the Churches Gather for Christmas

Story by Dan Davidson
Photos by Kathy Webster

It's not so much that the Christian churches of Dawson don't get along as that we have different approaches to the same basic faith. Sometimes events bring us together, and Christmas is one of those times.

It's also a time that attracts people who otherwise have very little to do with organized religion at all. The Christmas Eve Pageant is therefore held at St. Paul's because it tends to be packed and the Anglicans have the biggest space.

Likewise, the Gospel Chapel has the most flexible space and organizes a Christmas dinner a week earlier.

Pageant preparations began in September this year, with the photo shoot (reported here previously) that produces the Nativity Slide Show.

Choir preparations began in mid-November, and a shifting group of 17 or so, led by Lay Minister and choir director Betty Davidson and played for by pianist Brenda Caley, prepared to become the musical anchors for the service.

This year we tried something different for two of the three anthems and committed "choiroke" to pre-recorded instrumentals. You can hear the results of those on YouTube if you're interested. Just look for St. Paul's, Dawson.

Lay minister Shirley Pennell led the service, assisted by readers from the

Anglican, Catholic and Gospel Hall congregations. Laurel Betts and Allison Anderson narrated the slide show. Pastor Ian Nyland delivered the Christmas message. Father Ernest Emeodi assisted

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Remembering the Greenwood's

On Sunday March 13th a number of Diocese of Yukon current and former members, along with residents, gathered at Greenwood Place, in downtown Whitehorse. The occasion was the presentation of a brightly coloured picture celebrating

Bishop Tom Greenwood's time at the Old Log Church, Christ Church Cathedral. Iris Cormier, a resident of Greenwood Place, asked Pat Ellis, a well known local artist, to paint the picture. Pat prepared the following to be read at the presentation.

The Rt. Rev. Tom Greenwood, L. Th.D.D 6th Bishop of Yukon

Born January 1, 1903 in Luddenden, Yorkshire, England Died February 1, 1974

When the Capital of Yukon was moved from Dawson City to Whitehorse in 1953, the log Christ Church became the Cathedral and the Right Rev. Tom Greenwood was appointed as the 6th Bishop.

Tom and his wife Isabel Greenwood, who had earned an MD Degree at McGill, were no newcomers to the North. When newly ordained he had spent some time as Missionary at St. Matthews in Ft. McPherson 1934-36, and later as Rector of Holy Trinity in Yellowknife, NWT (1949-1952). Between these postings he served in England from 1940 - 46. The couple

had five children. The Bishop's Palace, located at 3rd and Lambert was one of the most impressive new homes in downtown Whitehorse.

Whitehorse, in the 50s, except for the modern military Army and Air Force bases "up the hill", was mainly



a jumble of squatter shacks or left over US Army barrack houses on unserviced lots and unpaved potholed streets. A few blocks close to Main held the present WWII "historic houses", from a time when the main employer was the White Pass, notably the Shipyard. Their fleet of 5 riverboats, plus the old "Yukoner" sat on timbers awaiting spring breakup, a colourful background for the busy booming town.

One of the first pleasant duties the new Bishop performed was to form a committee to raise \$1,000. (a large amount then) to send Lena Tizya to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, on a 6 week tour. A thrilling experience for the Girl Guide from Old

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Events at Christ Church Cathedral



Archdeacon Sean Murphy, is seen here, taking his turn with the Salvation Army Kettle Drive, located in the Real Canadian Superstore.



Members of both Christ church Cathedral & Church of the Northern Apostles, taking part in the "A Life Worth Living" course – a follow-up to the Alpha course. This is the last night of the course, under the leadership of Archdeacon Murphy & Deacon Sarah Usher.



Interior of Christ Church Cathedral, set-up for the Christmas season.

**The Deadline for
the next
Northern Lights
is July 16, 2011.**

Events at Christ Church Cathedral

The Rev. David Pritchard & Maria Jordan, pictured at the SETS Lonnie auction and dinner, at Hellaby Hall.



Guest musicians, from the Church of the Northern Apostles, performing during a service at Christ Church Cathedral.



Members of the Whitehorse String Ensemble, performing at the Anglican – Lutheran Church Service before Christmas. This same music group performed a concert the week previous in the Cathedral.



World Day of Prayer



St. Paul's Anglican Church in Dawson City joined with Dawson Community Chapel on Friday, March 4 to participate in the World Day of Prayer Service, focusing this year on Chile. 22 people and children wound string, played rhythm instruments, celebrated God's goodness, learned about the people of Chile, enjoyed Christian fellowship and ate interesting Chilean food.

The web game was part of a "breaking the ice" exercise that everyone seemed to find useful and fun.

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Crow who was attending high school, she was accompanied by another local student, Yvonne Russell. Lena was much photographed with her beautiful beaded purse, decorated with Union Jack flags, made by her mother Clara. She had 10 siblings.

Assisted by the Rev. Arthur Privett, who arrived in 1957, funds were raised to build the new Cathedral which opened in 1960. The new

church was the scene of the largest Confirmation Class of 50 adults and youth; it also had a large junior choir, led by the Bishop, as well as a senior choir.

The popular family left in 1961 for England, then BC, and Ontario, where he retired. He is buried in Whitehorse. His daughter, Dr. Anne Williams, still resides in Whitehorse.



To mark their extended visit here in early March, the congregation at St. Paul's presented prints of the pro-cathedral (from a painting by Anne Doyle) to the Reverend David Pritchard, Bishop Larry Robertson, and his wife, Sheila.

Shrove Tuesday at St. Paul's



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with prayers and readings. Yours truly got the congregation clapping and singing with some folk-gospel tunes during the offering, which was dedicated to the fine work being done by the Dawson Womens' Shelter.

The service wouldn't have been possible without Ken Snider, who stoked the fire and warmed the building from -27 to a comfortable temperature for several days in advance.

Thanks to all who came and shared in the evening's celebration. Let's do it again in 2011.

Presenting SETS in Dawson

The Reverend David Pritchard spent the first weekend in March in Dawson City, speaking at both the Robert Service School and the Richard Martin Chapel to introduce the Swaziland Educational Trust Society to people here.

Pritchard, a former Yukon Education official and a retired priest, lived in Swaziland from 1986 to 2002. He has retained a strong emotional attachment to that land.

While there he began to support the education of a number of students. Education is not free in Swaziland. There are school fees, and fees for a variety of school related matters. To top this off, many children in that land are orphans, their parents taken by the AIDS plague that has devastated that continent over the last three decades.

“Over 90% of our children are not living with parents for one reason or another, but the major reason is that one or both of their parents have died.

“If Canadians, like you people, were not sponsoring them, they would not



David Pritchard made his SETS presentation in traditional Swaziland garb, except that he wears shorts under his cowhide loincloth.

get an education. They would grow up illiterate and they would likely have little or no future.”

Students have to pay between \$125 and \$150 in school fees annually, not to mention \$90 to \$120 for uniforms and as much as \$700 a year for bus fares to get to school.

St. Paul's donated the proceeds from its Shrove Tuesday dinner as well as one of its monthly “loose-change offerings” to SETS.



Ken Mulloy Honoured by Accountant's Society

Ken Mulloy lives in Whitehorse and has for many years been an active serving member of Christ Church Cathedral. Ken has played an important role in the ongoing work of the Diocese of Yukon and for a few years served as the Prolocutor of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon.

A longtime accountant Ken was recently honoured with a certificate acknowledging him as a fellow of The Society of Management Accountants of Canada.

Church of the Northern Apostles 25th Anniversary

You are cordially invited to attend the 25th Anniversary celebrations for the Church of the Northern Apostles, on Sunday, June 5, 2011.

Celebrations will begin with a church service at 10 am and conclude with a luncheon in the church basement at 45 Boxwood Crescent, Whitehorse, YT.

The organizing committee

is looking for photographs from Church of the Northern Apostles events that have taken place over the past 25 years. These pictures will be included in a slide presentation to be shown during the luncheon. Please contact Jan Tulloch @ 633-4777 or by email: tullochdean@northwestel.net if you have photos you would like to share.



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