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Diocesan Clergy and Church Leaders assembled for a photo after closing the Diocesan Synod Service at Christ Church Cathedral on October 14, 2012.

Photo by Cozmo Ace Malzarby

Diocesan Clergy and Leaders

*Thank you for
Praying*

Day 1 & 16**Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral.**

The Very Rev. Sean Murphy; The Rev. Canon-David Pritchard & family; Rev. Martin Carroll, Ruth Carroll & family; Licensed Lay Minister: Beverley Whitehouse.

Day 2 & 17**Fort Nelson: St. Mary Magdalene. Toad River, Alaska Highway, Mile 150-506**

The Rev. Don & Lana Thompson and family; Licensed Lay Ministers: Ida & Terry Reid, 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.** The Rev. Rob Langmaid; Licensed Lay Ministers: Tim Liver-ton & Monica Langmaid

Day 4 & 19**Carcross, Tagish, Johnson's Crossing St. Saviour's.**

The Rev. Canon David Pritchard and family
Teslin: St. Philips.
The Rev. Sarah Usher and the Ministry Team

Day 5 & 20: Communities of: Carmacks & Keno.

Day 6 & 21: Atlin: St. Martin. The Rev. 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:** Lynn de Brabandere and the Ministry Team

Day 9 & 24**Whitehorse: Church of the Northern Apostles.**

The Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, Sheila Robertson, The Most Rev. Terry Buckle, Blanche Buckle, The Rev. Sarah Usher, Len Usher & family

Day 10 and 25**Mayo:** St. Mary with St. Mark. **Pelly**

Crossing: St. James the Lord's Brother. **Kenos City:** All Saints
The Rev. Stephen Martin, Michelle Martin & family and the Lay Ministry Team; Licensed Lay Minister: Betty Joe.

**Day 11 & 26****Dawson City:** St. Paul's. **Moosehide:** St. Barnabas; **The Klondike Creeks; The Dempster Hwy.**

The Rev. Laurie Munro, The Rev. Percy Henry. The Ven. Ken Snider (Hon. Asst.) and Aldene Snider. Licensed Lay Ministers: Mabel Henry; Shirley Pennell, Betty Davidson.

Day 12 & 27**Old Crow: St. Luke's.**

The Rev. Laurie Munro, The Rev. Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer & family and Lay Ministry Team

Day 13 & 28

The Rev. Sarah Usher: Diocesan Administrative Officer; Members of the Diocesan Executive Committee; Diocesan Prayer Partner: Diocese of Fredericton.

Day 14 & 29

Patti Tetfichi, Yukon Apostolate. Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries.
PWRDF Diocesan Representative: Betty Davidson
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 & Deacon Lee Sax.
The Ven. Ken and Aldene Snider.
The Rev. Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon.
The Rev. Canon David Kalles.
The Ven. John & Deacon Carol Tyrrell.
The Rev. Fred & Marcia Carson.
The Very Rev. Peter & Barbara Williams.
The Rev. Mary & Lino Battaja.
The Most Rev. Terry and Blanche Buckle; Marion Carroll.

Day 31 and daily:

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

A Message from the Bishop



“ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.”
 Luke 2:4-7

We know our God does not change. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. The message of the Gospel is eternal. Nevertheless the world in which the Gospel is received is in constant change and the methods of sharing that Gospel also needs to adapt to the circumstances around us.

At the birth of Jesus, the life of Mary and Joseph changed. Any parent will tell you that when a baby arrives their life changes. Different responsibilities demand changes. Often a move is required, extra costs mean cuts in other places. Raising a child brings changes in our social life. Often it brings changes in our circle of friends. Mary and Joseph had to endure all these changes in first Century Palis-

tine. On top of these normal life changes Mary and Joseph knew that the child born to them would be special of God. They had no idea of the changes that would be required of them. Nevertheless, together they embraced the changes knowing that God would be with them throughout them all.

At our Synod, we learned that the future will continue to have changes for our diocese. This year we have taken considerable cuts in our Council of the North Grant that amount to 5% of our overall budget. In the past 10 years the grant to the Council of the North has been cut by over 40%. This means we have to make changes to best serve God with what resources we have. We have seen drastic cuts in our stipendiary clergy. We have instituted and continue to endorse Circle Ministry. We have begun the volunteer program Ministry of Presence. We have embraced these changes as part of the world we live in. Most of the circumstances are beyond our control.

In all of this, we remain committed to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. We remain committed to serving the people of the Yukon. We remain committed to sharing the great love of Jesus to those we encounter. We are thankful for what God has provided through His Church. And we remain committed to embrace whatever change is required to best serve our God in the Diocese of Yukon.

Christmas is upon us. For many of us we have seen the circumstances of our jobs, our family, and our world change. For many there has been much hurt and pain; for others sacrifices have had to be made. I want to remind you that God has not changed. His love is still all embracing. He waits with open arms to comfort you and lead you through your difficult times ahead. You are not alone. Draw close to God and He will draw close to you. Take time to be with God this season.

I pray that God will be with you this

season and that you may know the peace of the Christ Child in your life. Sheila and I want to wish you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

In Christ,
Bishop Larry

PS: Reach out to someone in need and allow them to experience God's love through your life. You too will be blessed.

E100 A Challenge to God's People

As followers of Jesus the need and desire to know about Jesus should hold an important part of our lives. At our Synod we learned how the word of God is a source of spiritual food for Christians. Our Synod

Theme of "Getting back to Basics" called us to engage once again with the necessities of Christian growth, one of which is the study of God's Word. To the Christian, the Bible is not just a guide point and authority; it is the only reliable source of any knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. All other sources get their information about Jesus from the Bible.

E100 is bible reading program from Scripture Union Canada that challenges us to read God's Word. It takes 100 of the most significant passages in a format that makes it easy for us to use. As Bishop of Yukon I want to endorse this program and encourage you to join me in taking up this challenge. There are still materials that can be picked up at the Synod Office that will guide you or your parish through this program. Together, lets get to know God's Word better and in getting to know God's Word better we will get to know Jesus better.

For more infomation go to this website: <http://www.e100challenge.ca/>

Bishop Larry



The Cost of Giving

by Rev. Don Thompson

Please consider the true cost to you when you are making a gift to the church

The governments of Canada, the provinces and territories have a policy of encouraging donations to registered charities. This includes the Anglican Church. When you make a monetary gift to your parish, the Diocese or the national church, and the church can identify the donor, you will receive an official donation receipt. This receipt is used when you prepare and file your income tax return. A credit is calculated reducing income tax you would otherwise owe. It may even get you a refund! The amount of the credit (assuming that you have taxes otherwise owing) is about 20% on the first \$200 of donations and about 40% on donations over this amount. (The exact amount of the tax credit varies from year to year and from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Consult your tax advisor for your specific situation.)

I believe that taking advantage of this significant tax credit is part of the Christian duty to exercise good stewardship of their resources.

St. Paul's: Getting Ready for Christmas

A key part of the ecumenical Christmas Eve service held each year at St. Paul's is the presentation of the Christmas Story. Some years back we began staging the story as a slide show rather than a live show. Participants from all the local churches gathered at the Rectory on November 17 (at -20) to stage the tableaux needed for the slide show. The afternoon was a great success.

Photos by Betty Davidson



St. Christopher's: "Baking" the Diaper Cake for New Years

by Lynn De Brabandere

The youth at St. Christopher's, Haines Junction are busy again this year collecting baby items to stuff a diaper cake. The diaper cake is given to the family of the first New Year's baby to be born in the village of Haines Junction. Throughout the year, baby clothes, books, and toys are collected from community members, diapers are rolled up, bows and ribbons are carefully tied, and the cake is gradually built into several layers of delightful gifts. Marion Wakefield, our oldest member of St.



Christopher's, Marion turned 90 in July) is hoping that her newest great grandchild will be the winner of this year's cake. The community will be anxiously awaiting to welcome its newest arrival in 2013.

**SPRING EDITION DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

Go West, Young Man

by Glen Gough

“Go west, young man” was a term made popular by American politician Horace Greeley in 1865. At that time it was meant to encourage people to seek the greater opportunities which were available in the American West for “pioneering spirits”. Since that time the saying, “Go west, young man”, has come to mean something much broader. It still is reference to pioneering spirits seeking new opportunities, but is less literal in the actual compass direction taken!

The Anglican Church has worked in the far north for over 150 years now and continues to work with and for the people of the north; and “Go west, young man” continues to be heard and influence people.

St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Fort Nelson has received the benefit of that pioneering spirit in the form of **Ida and Terry Reid**, all the way from Newfoundland. Now I doubt they would describe themselves as ‘young’, and clearly as a married couple, ‘man’ ceases to be accurate; but their ‘Go west’ attitude can never be in question. After careers in education, they moved around and among other things, spent time managing hotels, working in camps in the oil and gas field, and now move cross-country in their retirement to answer God’s call to ministry in Fort Nelson. A life like Ida and Terry’s certainly qualifies them to having a ‘pioneering spirit’.



The Reid’s are a blessing to St. Mary’s as they bring their many gifts including music, energy, humour, and a genuine love of people in the name of Jesus Christ. They join a team of people, lay and ordained, who minister in Fort Nelson on behalf of the Anglican Church. Ida and Terry are planning to spend a large amount of time visiting people and being out in the community ministering to all Fort Nelson.

The Reid’s are easy to find and contact. They can be contacted by phone (under Anglican Church in the phone book), or you can join us for worship on **Sunday’s at 11:30 in the Hillcrest United Church** up on the hill.

St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church welcomes one and all into our family as we seek God’s call and direction in our lives. If you are seeking God’s presence in your life, we wish to be found; and if you are not seeking, join us anyway—you may be surprised to realize God has been seeking you. Give Ida and Terry a call. God bless Fort Nelson.

The Recycling Club at St.

Paul’s

continued throughout the summer, wrapping up its season with the end of the tourist season in early September. Over the last two summers the funds raised have contributed to renovations at the Thrift Store and the purchase of a new heating system for the church building itself. Here, the ladies pose with their packed garbage bags on the last meeting of the season. This was a small run, less than half of the normal weekly take.



Summer Student Report from the Cathedral

My name is Ethan van der Leek and this past summer I served as a summer student intern at Christ Church Cathedral in Whitehorse. Archdeacon Sean Murphy served as my supervisor and we worked very well together. He was a great help and support to me as I entered into and got to know a completely new community.

The main task which I was assigned this summer involved the preparation and leading of historical evening prayer services based on the service in the Book of Common Prayer. These services were held on Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Old Log Church Museum. In place of a sermon I would research on and write a brief biography of a prominent figure in the history of the Anglican Church in the Yukon. The work on these services included this research, setting up the church for the services, preparing and leading the hymn - singing on guitar, preparing snacks and coffee for afterwards, and finding various volunteers to help out with different aspects of the service (do readings and bringing snacks).

I was also a co-overseer of fundraiser barbeques which took place every Tuesday through the summer. These lunches were to raise money for a house-building project organized by The Rev. David Pritchard and the Swaziland Educational Trust Society and as of half way through August they had been very successful; the total funds raised by the BBQs is well over \$1500.

The worship of the congregation at the Cathedral was of great interest to me, and so Archdeacon Sean found ways to involve me in the Sunday morning services. I did various readings, served as crucifer and server, taught and led the congregation in short times of worship through music, and sang in the choir as often as I could. Since going into church ministry is something which I continue to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider, I



was excited to have the chance to preach, and the church was gracious enough to allow me four different opportunities to share a reflection on scripture. The preparation, research, prayer, and writing which preceded these sermons was very interesting and reinforced for me my interest in theology and the life of the Church.

Apart for those specific duties which I undertook, I did my best to enthusiastically participate in the life of the congregation. I went for dinner or tea at the homes of many congregation members, I was present for as many services and church events as I could, such as afternoon teas, church dinners, and two garage sales. I also organized and sang at a summer Coffee House in Hellaby Hall in support of the Whitehorse Food Bank. It was a great joy for me to get to know a congregation of loving people who together are seeking to follow Jesus Christ.

I have truly treasured and appreciated my experience at Christ Church Cathedral this summer. I am confident that my experience in this Church will continue to shape me the rest of my life as I reflect upon my time in Whitehorse. This summer was not without challenges, but I am grateful for those as rich places to learn and grow.

Ethan van der Leek



Church of the Northern Apostles

This was taken on Sept 23rd when Eileen Carver was licensed as a Lay Minister at Northern Apostles. We also celebrated Archbishop Terry's 50th year of active ministry.



New Appointments

During closing Synod Service, Archdeacon Sean Murphy was made Dean of Yukon, The Rev. David Pritchard was made Canon of the Diocese, Monica Langmaid (left) of Watson Lake was licensed as Lay Minister and Terry and Ida Reid of Fort Nelson were also Licensed as lay Ministers. With Bishop Larry.

Photo by Cozmo Ace Malzarby



Ordination

Ordination at Cathedral of the Rev. Don Thompson of St. Mary Magdalene's, Fort Nelson, May 13/12 (with Bp Larry Robertson).

Photo by Cozmo Ace Malzarby

St. Paul's Anglican (Edmonton, AB) Mission to St. John the Baptist (Watson Lake, YT)

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

For one week in August (the 17-27), a team of seven willing servants from Edmonton blessed our congregation and community. This team, made up of one teenager and six mature adults was a fine example of joyful service in the name of Jesus.

Each morning, we enjoyed a time of worship and prayer with the team before they went about their work. These “Morning Glory” times were crucial for drawing strength, focus, and joy from the Lord.

Working with Rob and some local youth volunteers, half of the team offered an Adventure Bible Club in the park. This was a challenging task, not knowing how many kids would show up every day, or if the same kids would show up each day, but God’s love was demonstrated to several kids in our community. We are especially thankful for the way team members engaged and ministered to the youth volunteers.

The roofing crew of two women and

two men, at an average age of 58 years, worked harder than most people half their age. Their willingness to get the job done, and get it done well, despite their relative lack of experience, was truly inspiring. What they lacked in experience, God provided through the generous assistance and advice of a local man, Dan Reams. Of his own volition, Dan provided many hours of guidance, help, and encouragement to this joyful, hardworking crew.

Our congregation is thankful for the practical accomplishments of the team from St. Paul’s. Putting on a an Adventure Bible Club AND a new roof in one week is a big job. However, as is most often the case with mission projects like this, the greatest blessings came as we shared fellowship and worshipped our Lord together. We were encouraged by their presence, their service and their love for Jesus. Our brothers and sisters from Edmonton got a glimpse of what it’s like to live and minister in the North, and perhaps one day, some of them will return.

Submitted by:

Monica Langmaid

St. John the Baptist Anglican Church



Christ Church Cathedral



*Gospel Echoes Canada West Prison ministry
Playing at Cathedral April 20/12.*



*Mary Merchant and Beverley Whitehouse
celebrating 95 and 65 birthdays at the
Cathedral June 13/12*



*The Rev. David Pritchard and Bishop Larry
Robertson cooking lunch burgers at Cathed-
ral August 28/12 for Swaziland House-
Building Project organized by Swaziland
Educational trust Society.*



*Bishop Larry, Eihan van Leek and congrega-
tion at Historical Evening Prayer Old
Log Church August 15/12.*



*The Rev. Martin Carroll holding Brooklyn
Mae Ellen Bruce, whom he baptized Septem-
ber 30/12.*



*Archdeacon Sean Murphy baptizing Megan
Martin at Cathedral June 10/12 (assisted by
the Rev. Mary Battaja).*

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unless otherwise noted.

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Yukon Reps at the Provincial Synod

Vancouver: September 28-30, 2012

The Yukon Diocese decided to make its report in the form of a puppet show. Puppeteers ... er ... delegates were Laurie Munro, Anne Coates, Rob Langmaid, Bishop Larry, Tim Liverton and Betty Davidson.





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