

Northern Lights

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The Journal of the
Anglican Diocese
of Yukon
Spring 2015



A Winter's Wonderland
St. Christopher's in Haines Junction
Welcomes the Christ Child

Thank you for Praying

Day 1 & 16

Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral.

The Very Rev. Sean Murphy; Rev. Martin Carroll, Ruth Carroll; Licensed Lay Ministers: Beverley Whitehouse, Gaya Tiedeman, David Robertson

Day 2 & 17

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

Licensed Lay Minister in Charge - Ida Reid; Licensed Lay Ministers Terry Reid, Glen Gough, Jeanie Arva & 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 in Charge - Ford Hewlett, Aqiu Zhang; Licensed Lay Minister: Tim Liverton

Day 4 & 19

Carcross, Tagish & Johnson's Crossing St. Saviour's.

Teslin: St. Philips. The Rev. Sarah Usher, Len Usher and the Ministry Team

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

Day 6 & 21: Atlin: St. Martin. The Rev. Vera Kirkwood; The Rev. Dorothy Odian. Licensed Lay Minister: George Holman.

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 Rev. Lynn de Brabandere and the Ministry Team

Day 9 & 24

Whitehorse: Church of the Northern Apostles.

The Rev. Rob Langmaid, The Most Rev. Terry Buckle, Blanche Buckle, The Rev. Sarah Usher, Len Usher. Licensed Lay Ministers Eileen Carver, Monica Langmaid, Shelia Robertson

Day 10 and 25

Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark. **Pelly Crossing:** St. James the Lord's Brother: the Lay Ministry Team;

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. 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 & 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 Tetlich, Yukon Apostolate. Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries.

PWRDF Diocesan Representative: Betty Davidson

Diocesan ACW President, Blanche Buckle, and all ACW members.

Day 15 & 30

Those retired from Missionary Service:

The Rev. Canon David Pritchard

The Rev. Dorothy Thorpe.

The Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard.

The Rev. Don & Rev. Lee Sax.

Canon Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon.

The Rev. Canon David Kalles.

The Ven. John & Rev. 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, Aldene Snider.

Day 31 and daily:

The Rt. Rev. Larry and Sheila Robertson

Pray for the Shaping Our Future Committee under the leadership of Dean Sean Murphy as the members plan for the future of our Diocese.



A Message from the Bishop



As I write this we are about one month away from our Diocesan Synod. Spring creeps up on us and as the land around us begins to change, snow melts and returns yet the green is slow to return.

I am very much aware that we as a Diocese will have to make more changes if we are to survive. The reality is that even with all the changes we have made we are still spending more than we are bringing in.

As Bishop of Yukon it is my job to ensure that the people of this Diocese receive the pastoral care they need to grow in the will and love of God and become the people God intends us to be. Over the past years we have seen several improvements which has brought a wider range of ministry reaching more people. Our locally raised and trained ministry continues to be an important part of our Diocesan family. The Ministry of Presence has enabled three parishes to continue and grow.

This summer will see the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples come to provide leadership training, reaching out to not only the First Nations of our Diocese but to all. A team of people from Ontario will be coming up to share their ministry in the Diocese. I see growth in our Diocese but there is room for much more.

At our Diocesan Synod there will be reports on how to best provide training through the Bishop's School. A committee has been struck and over the last year has been looking at changing our structure as a Diocese to see how we can best provide pastoral care to our people with the resources that we have.

Change is something that we will all have to accept as a sign of growth. Our Lord calls us to service. Our Lord calls us through the Holy Spirit to become the people he wants us to be. That means change, that will mean sacrifice for us all. If we walk in the way of the Lord, He will walk by our side. If we ask Him, He will lead us. In this journey with Jesus may we walk together in His service and for his glory and may we make room for Jesus to lead us. May God bless and keep you.

Blessings in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, DD
Bishop of Yukon

Report from Dawson City

Christmas Eve



St. Paul's is the largest of the church buildings in Dawson and so is the natural place to hold the ecumenical Christmas Eve Service and Nativity Slide Show Pageant. The empty chairs are where the choir sits to be able to see the slide show.



The Youth Choir meets weekly and leads the singing in church several times a year, though most of its members do not attend St. Paul's regularly.



The adult choir is also ecumenical and currently assembles for about six weeks before Christmas.

Shrove Tuesday



A pancake supper has been a pre-Lent tradition at St. Paul's for many years, with donations going to a worthy cause. This year we faced the challenge of doing without Aldene Snider's famous Sourdough Pancakes. The proceeds went to the Za'artari Refugee Camp in Kenya, supported by the Primates World Relief and Development Fund. Betty Davidson and Vicki Roberts were among the happy servers.

Easter Sunrise Service

For those who can manage the early rising, our tradition is to have a Sunrise (7:30) Service at the top of Crocus Bluff, with breakfast afterwards at Shirley Pennell's house, followed by the regular Sunday Service in the main church building.



**SPRING EDITION DEADLINE:
JULY 15, 2015**

News from Teslin



As we come out of the strange winter that we have had and look toward Easter and Spring, we give thanks to our Lord for His many blessings. I give Him thanks that He has given me the opportunity to minister in such a beautiful part of his creation. I give thanks for the faithful people who come to worship in our little church of St. Philip's in Teslin. I give thanks for the ministries that those faithful people give: Bessie who translates the gospel reading into the Tlingit language and does such a wonderful job

reading it on a Sunday morning; Matt who rings the bell letting the community know that we are about to worship and who says the prayers of the people in Tlingit - I give thanks that Matt and Bessie bring and share their culture within our circle of ministry; Margaret who faithfully runs the rummage sales at the parish hall and lets people in the community know when she has something they may need and who faithfully ensures that there are coffee supplies in the church so we can have fellowship after services; for Len who makes sure the church is warm and comfortable on a Sunday morning; and especially for all those who simply come to worship and praise God for His many blessings. We are so very fortunate to be where we are. Happy Easter from St. Philip's!

Sarah

Rev. Sarah Usher

Administrative Officer

Diocese of Yukon

News from Watson Lake



A photo of our Craft Fair booth. for November 29/14 Watson Lake



St. John's as seen from Google Street View.

News from Haines Junction



Our very first bell choir featuring Savannah, Makayla, and Wyatt.



A father-son team of Warren and Kadynce help me prepare for the winter.



Barb and Libby are our thrift store queens. Over 30 years of dedicated service.



Percy Allen is one of the faithful drivers for meal delivery for those who are unable to join us for the monthly community meal.



This is my Sacred Threads Prayer Group back home in Ontario. You should never leave home without one.



This is my prayer group in Haines Junction on summer vacation in Fairbanks.

Marion is one of our oldest members (93 years old in July). Here she is modelling one of the many exclusive outfits that can only be found in our downtown thrift store



News from Fort Nelson

submitted by **Ida Reid**

We now have a new email address fortnelson5@gmail.com. We also have a face book account which is St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church.

Three members of our church are involved in the community choir, directed by Sue Hay. We are becoming more involved with children's ministry in our church under the leadership of Natasha Ellingson and Stephanie Henry.

The **Comfort Quilters** continue to be very active and are seeing as many as twelve people turn up on Tuesdays to become involved in this ministry. It is amazing how many people have donated fabric to this worthy cause. With this kind of interest and support the comfort quilter's ministry will be around for quite awhile.

Rachel Ann Jorgenson made the de-



cision to become a member of St. Mary Magdalene Congregation. On January 19th she was baptized by Rev. Sean Murphy and welcomed. We will continue to keep her in our prayers.



During the season of lent Glen Gough led a Bible study following the church service. On Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings Ida led a Bible study on Nehemiah. This gives everyone a chance to be involved. Also on Friday evenings Mark Tudor led a Service on the Stations of the Cross.



Shrove Tuesday at Christ Church



Parishioners enjoying fellowship and the pancakes in Hellaby Hall.



Dwayne works in the kitchen.



It's great to have people willing to volunteer as cashiers!



Ellen and Blanche enjoy each others company.



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