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Fall Newsletter 2019



Behold, I make all things new

A Word from the Dean

The Very Reverend Dr. Sean Murphy

Dear Friends,

I hope this note finds you well. I give thanks to God for all of you and remember you in my prayers.

I praise God for our summer at the Cathedral. It has been a very busy and exciting time – regular ministries like Common Threads, Keep Fit, Thursday Bible Study at A&W, Sunday morning services, twice monthly eucharists at two senior care centers, as well as Tuesday summer barbecues, Historical Evening Prayer, Vacation Bible School, the completion of our Stringer Park Sidewalk, and the installation a new front door for the Church. I marvel at the grace of God to make it all happen and give thanks for the gifts and talents of so many who serve in our summer program and ongoing ministry. I feel so blessed to be part of our Cathedral family.

I now get ready for retirement and for a new phase in my life. I will be moving to a new community in southern British Columbia, closer to where I grew up. I don't know exactly where just yet, but will let you know. In any case, God will have more for me to do in the future and I look forward to it. I'm not being put out to pasture just yet!

As I look back over the years, I am mindful of how God the Holy Spirit has worked through our ministry together in so many wonderful ways to make known the Good News of Jesus and bring blessing to many in our community and beyond. How amazing is our God! and how faithful and gracious in all His ways!

Let me say what a privilege it has been to be Rector of the Cathedral and Dean of the Diocese these past number of years. I have loved living in, and serving in, this beautiful part of the world.

As well, I want to thank you for the love, acceptance and encouragement I have received during my time at the Cathedral, which has helped free and change me in so many ways for the better. I will always be grateful and think fondly of you all.

Let me close with the words of St. Paul: “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7 NIV

In His Peace,

Sean Murphy



Summer News Roundup

This was another busy summer at the Cathedral. In the week after Easter, there was a workshop on using technology in worship, and we discussed some of the pros and cons of using words on a screen instead of in books. This was led by Heather Brownell, David and Mary Robertson’s daughter.

Although the Gathering stopped over the summer, there were the summer barbecues on Tuesdays with guest chefs from the community, and Historical Evening Prayer in the Old Log Church on Wednesdays.

Messy Church had a break, there was a Vacation Bible School offered.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was held at Christ Church Cathedral, July 29 -August 2, 2019. The theme was “ROAR! Life is wild. God is good.”

The program, from Group Publishing Inc., was for children ages 5-11, and ran from Monday to Friday, 6 pm to 8:30 pm, with doors open with supervision at 5:30 pm.



We had crafts, games, drama, songs,

meals, snacks and a whole lot of fun together. We taught the kids that in the various circumstances of our lives God is good and God is with us; and most importantly, we taught them about the Good News of Jesus our Saviour, and how to know and follow Him today.

Some games were held in Stringer Park. 24 children attended VBS in all with an average of about 20 per day.



Betty Davidson from Dawson City (Coordinator), Bishop Larry Robertson and Dean



Sean Murphy led the VBS. Kathy Wedge did a wonderful job coordinating the snacks and meals, ably assisted in the kitchen by a number of adult volunteers. We had seven youth leaders on the ministry team this year, some from other Church-

es, which was great to see. They all did a good job. Others assisted in different ways. We had a great time working together with the kids and we give thanks to all who worked hard to help make VBS happen again this year.



In sum, our VBS was more successful this year than last. The change in the time slot from the morning, where we have had it for a number of years,

to the evening, seemed to really help. The attendance more than doubled (11 children last year) and there were more youth leaders and adult helpers, too. The children enjoyed it and showed a lot of enthusiasm and engagement in the program. We were all blessed in our time together.

Another VBS next summer will I'm sure be under prayerful consideration. Please let us know if you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry in the future.

Dean Sean Murphy



Identify these Bible stories:



The last weekend in August was very busy. First, on Friday evening, was a retirement party for Bishop Larry. There were speeches from his Administrative assistant, The Ven. Sarah Usher, (with a song for all), Dean Sean Murphy, Rev. Martin and Ruth Carroll, and various groups presented him with gifts. The bishops mysteriously had his puppets to give back.



On the Saturday, Lesley Wheeler-Dame was consecrated bishop. Then Bp. Larry resigned, and Bp. Lesley was made bishop of Yukon.



On the Sunday, at the regular 10 am service, Dn. Elsa Kolm Cheeseman was ordained to the priesthood. Was six a record number of bishops to take part in an ordination?



At the party afterwards, Rev. Elsa Kolm Cheeseman received various gifts, even a prayer shawl from the Common Threads group which had been made while she was not looking.



New Entrances

Our new front doors have been installed and they certainly enhance the appearance of the church.

We now look forward to a reduction in our heating costs.

We would like to sincerely thank the **Anglican Foundation of Canada** for awarding us with a grant of \$3,200.00 which enabled us to complete our front doors project.

We would also like to thank All-West Glass Whitehorse Ltd who did an excellent job in the installation of the doors



We would like to sincerely thank the Economic Development/Community Development Fund Unit of the Yukon Government for awarding us with a Community Development Grant of \$3,573.00 which enabled us to complete the replacement of our walkway and landing renovations project.

We would also like to thank Complete Concrete, Alpine Builders Canada, and Macdonald's Landscape Services, who did an excellent job in completing the project.

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The path at the side of the hall has been repaved, and the steps to the door remade. This is both smarter and safer.

Ministers at the Cathedral

Now that Dean Sean has retired, Bp. Lesley Wheeler-Dame and The Rev. Elsa Kolm Cheeseman are conducting the services.

The Rev. Bert Chestnut will be coming in October to be the new Dean. He was recently in Old Crow. Watch this space.

Announcements not from our bulletins

- Coming Up—Theological Open House. We discuss thought-provoking topics. Your opinions are hardly welcome.
- All singles are invited to join us Friday at 7 p.m. for the annula Christmas Sing-alone."
- Thursday night – potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- Wednesday, the Ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me In My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.
- Thursday at 5:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

If you enjoy the pictures, consider sending yours to the Cathedral by email, or to Anne Coates.

Deadline for next edition is December 1.

Regular Events/Activities

Weekly:

Common Threads	Tuesday	9:30 am
Keep Fit	Wednesday	10 am
Choir	Thursday	7:30 pm
Table Talk (at A&W)	Thursday	9:30 am

Monthly:

Men's Breakfast for Braeburn Camp (rotating venue)		
—	1st Wednesday	7 am
Sister's Breakfast	1st Saturday ¹	9:30 am
Anglican Ch. Women	2nd Thursday	2 pm
Vestry	2nd Tuesday	7 pm
Messy Church	3rd Sunday	3 pm
The Gathering	2nd ² & 4th Monday	7 pm
Tea and Hymn Sing	3rd Friday	2 pm

¹ October Sister's Breakfast 12

² October Gatherings 7 and 28.

Special Events:

Fall Sale	October 6
Carol Service	December 8

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	Oct. 1 Common Threads	2 Keep Fit	3	4	5 Bale Sale
6	7	8 Common Threads ~ Vestry	9 Keep Fit	10 ACW	11	12 Sister's Brkfast
13	14 Gathering	15 Common Threads	16 Keep Fit	17	18 Tea & Hymns	19
20	21	22 Common Threads	23 Keep Fit	24	25	26
27	28 Gathering	29 Common Threads	30 Keep Fit	31	Nov. 1	2 Sister's Breakfast
3	4	5 Common Threads	6 Keep Fit	7	8	9
10	11 Gathering	12 Common Threads ~ Vestry	13 Keep Fit	14 ACW	15 Tea & Hymns	16 ACW Bazaar
17	18	19 Common Threads	20 Keep Fit	21	22	23
24 Christ the King	25 Gathering	26 Common Threads	27 Keep Fit	28	29	30 Church Decorating
Dec. 1	2	3 Common Threads	4 Keep Fit	5	6	7 Sister's Breakfast
8 Carols	9 Gathering	10 Common Threads ~ Vestry	11 Keep Fit	12 ACW	13	14
15	16	17 Common Threads	18 Keep Fit	19	20 Tea & Hymns	21
22	23 Gathering	<i>Xmas Eve</i>	<i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28