

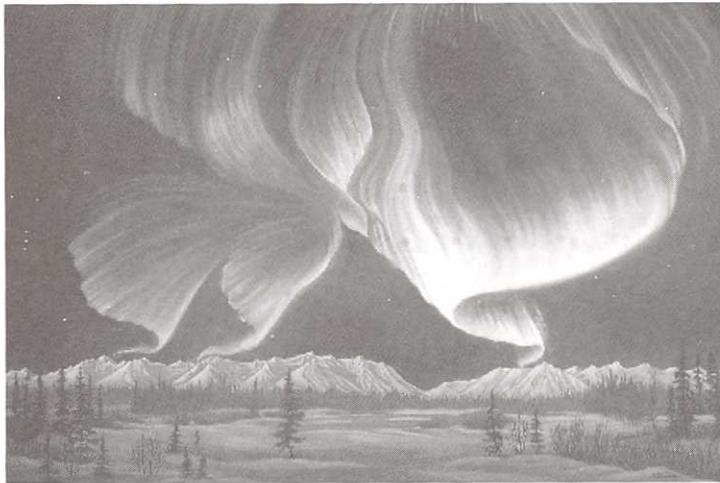
Northern Lights

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*The Journal of the Anglican
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Winter 2005



*Glory to God in the highest
heaven*

*Thank you for
Praying*



Day 1 & 16

Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral.
Dean Peter Williams and Barbara Williams. Rev.
Mary Battaja, (Associate Priest, on leave). Lino
Battaja and family.

Day 2 & 17

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

Day 3 & 18

**Watson Lake: St. John the Baptist
Lower Post, Swift River.**
Telegraph Creek: St. Aidan.
Dease Lake; Glenora.
Teslin: St. Philip's
Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Eric Dame & family.

Day 4 & 19

Carcross: St. Saviour's.
The Rev. David Pritchard
Tagish, Johnson's Crossing
Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy

Day 5 & 20

Communities of: **Carmacks, Keno, Faro and
Ross River.**

Day 6 & 21

Atlin: St. Martin.
Deacon Vera Kirkwood & family.
Licensed Lay Minister: Dorothy Odian & family.

Day 7 & 22

Clergy in secular employment holding Bishop's
License for ministry in the Diocese of Yukon:
Rev. Martin Carroll, Deacon Niall Sheridan.

Day 8 & 23

Haines Junction: St. Christopher's.
Beaver Creek: St. Columba.
Alaska Highway: mile 918-1202
Archdeacon Sean Murphy (Whitehorse)
& Lay Ministry Team.

Day 9 & 24

Whitehorse:
Church of the Northern Apostles.
The Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of Liard)
and Licensed Lay Ministers: Mal Malloch and
Sarah Usher.

Day 10 & 25

Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark.
Rev. Susan Titterington.
Pelly Crossing: St. James the Lord's Brother.
Deacon Walter Majola, Olga Majola and Licensed
Lay Minister: Betty Joe.

Day 11 & 26

Dawson City: St. Paul's. **Moosehide:** St.
Barnabas. **The Klondike Creeks; The
Dempster Hwy.**
Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington, Deacon Percy Henry.
The Ven. Ken Snider (Retired Honorary
Assistant), Licensed Lay Ministers: Mabel
Henry; Shirley Pennell.

Day 12 & 27

Old Crow: St. Luke's.
Rev. Deacon Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer &
family. Rev. Susan Titterington and Lay Ministry
Team.

Day 13 & 28

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

Day 14 & 29

Pattie Tetlich, Yukon Apostolate:
Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries.
Mission Education & PWRDF co-ordinator:
Rev. David Pritchard.
Diocesan ACW President: Gloria Hockley and
all ACW members.

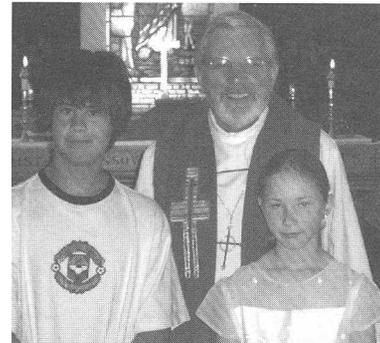
Day 15 & 30

Those retired from Missionary Service:
Isobel Greenwood.
The Rev. Ben Hall & Nancy Hall.
The Rev. Dorothy Thorpe.
The Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard.
The Rev. Don Sax & Deacon Lee Sax.
The Rev. Dr. Ellen Bruce OM.
Ven. Ken and Aldene Snider.
Canon Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon
Ven. Arthur & Muriel Privett.
Canon David & Alice Kallice
Ven. John & Deacon Carol Tyrrell.
Marion Carroll.
Licensed Lay Minister: Edith Josie.

Day 31 and daily:

Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche Buckle & family.

From The Bishop



*Bishop Terry with the two young
people who were confirmed in
Mayo during the month of June.*

Grace and peace to you from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

It hardly seems possible that we have
reached that time of the year when we
begin to realize that the Season of
Christmas is fast approaching. Well it is
and this means that in this edition of
Northern Lights some thoughts around
the good news story of Christmas are
appropriate.

What concerns me about Christmas is
what we do with it as a society in Canada.
Underneath the rush, the commercialism,
the noise, the celebration, I believe that
for many, there is mystery, wonder and
the aching silence of a spiritual longing
for meaning and hope.

How do we convey as disciples of Jesus
the good news of this much celebrated
season in our Canadian society? "Merry
Christmas" may be said in sincerity but
in my thinking does not get to the core
of the good news for which we are
"merry". "Happy Holiday", hardly does
it. Perhaps this conveyance of the good
news of Christ begins with prayer and
the ensuing personal experience of God's
presence.

Really what is it that a disciple of Jesus
has to say at Christmas time that speaks
good news to another? What is it that

can be said that resonates in the heart of
the hearer, calming the aching silence, the
spiritual longing for meaning and hope,
instilling some reason for joy?
Communicative address to the questions
and longings of the heart might very well
be in the "how" as well as in the "what"
of that which is spoken as good news. The
"what" of that which is spoken can be rote
in expression but it need not be. The "how"
of a good news message is important
because it makes or breaks affective
Christian witness of the good news of which
the Christmas season speaks. Words
coming out of the presence of God speak
like silent thunder to the heart.

It would seem that if disciples of Jesus,
all the year through, prayer walked with Him
down all the avenues of everyday living,
then, come the season of Christmas, words
of good news from a loving heart would
explode naturally in a creative manifestation
of a living relationship with Jesus, a
relationship that defines what it means to
know God, who meets the deepest longings
of the heart as truly good news to ordinary,
everyday people.

Let the silence and holiness of the
Christmas Season's message calmly
thunder within you and through you to a
noisy, longing world. God bless you.
Yours sincerely in Christ.

T.O. Buckle:

Terry
Bishop of Yukon

STOP PRESS!!

On Friday, November 4th, Bishop Terry
was elected the new Metropolitan
Archbishop for the Province of British
Columbia and Yukon. We congratulate
him and assure him and his wife of our
continued prayers.

Ministry Conference Challenges Diocese

Rev. David Pritchard

"We are on the verge of a reformation in the Church. We need to find new ways to do ministry".

These were part of the opening remarks of retired priest, Charles Alexander, Director of the Timothy Institute in Calgary, Alberta, at a gathering of clergy, lay ministers and parishioners at the October ministry conference held at Northern Apostles Church in Whitehorse. Charles was accompanied by Rev. John Briscall, retired priest now living in Penticton BC. The two made a great team: humorous, provocative and informative. The one and a half days of the conference included praise and worship sessions, a review of what was happening in the Diocese and exploring why the diocese should, and how it could spread the gospel in new ways.



Charles led the conference through some research on mega-churches and meeting the need to make disciples in new ways through group-based churches. The resources of the Timothy Institute were introduced to the participants. The gathering prepared a report for the next Diocesan Executive Committee meeting (which was held right after the conference), **with a strong recommendation that the Diocesan Education Committee review the concept of group-based churches along with the supportive materials and with a view of having some future training in this area of ministry.**



Oldest Yukon First Nation Elder dies at 101

Annie Henry, the mother of the Rev. Deacon Percy Henry, of St. Paul's., Dawson City, passed away in October. Chartered planes from Eagle, Alaska, Fort McPherson, Northwest Territories, and Old Crow, Yukon, brought people to attend the service for the celebration of her long life.

The Dawson ferry was used to carry people down to Moosehide for the interment, after the service in St. Paul's Church. Annie had a strong faith in her Lord and over the years had been very committed to her church family in the community. Our prayers are with her family and friends at this time.

Welcome to the Circle G Ranch

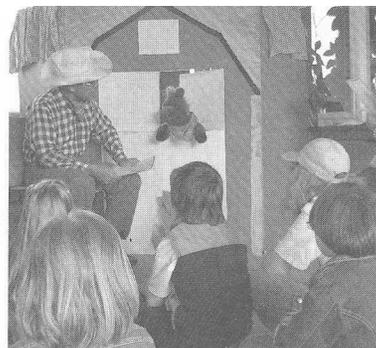
"Where God is at the centre and His love never ends"

Rev. Canon Geoffrey and Rosalind Dixon

Singing, fun, games, Bible learning, crafts and snacks were daily activities at the Circle G Ranch Vacation Bible School at St. Christopher's, Haines Junction and Church of the Northern Apostles in Whitehorse during the month of August. In both places, children were eager to come each day and take part in the activities. The two church buildings were transformed into a "ranch style" setting for the whole week. Cowboy hats, bandannas, saddles, bridles and much more, helped to create an authentic setting.

Each day the children learned something new about trusting, thankfulness, prayer, loving one another, and on the final day, the importance of knowing Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

The team of helpers at both churches was amazing and grateful thanks goes to all who were involved in one way or another with the VBS.



Dusty and Sunny (The puppet) having a conversation. (Right: Children at Northern Apostles searching through the "straw" for a Bible verse.



Prior to us going to Yukon for these VBS's, regular communication was going on with the team in both places and so when we arrived, everything was in place. What a joy to work with people who were truly committed to making the week in Haines Junction and the week in Whitehorse such a joyous success.

Now it is our prayer that the contacts



made will be nurtured. One little girl and her friend said: "Would it be OK if we come to Sunday School on Sundays?!"

One of the most popular parts was Sunny the puppet and his cowboy friend, Dusty (Geoffrey Dixon) In both communities we



Where Are They Now?

The Rev. Dr. Ellen Bruce

Rev Ellen continues to be a strong leader and active member of her community. She attends services regularly and often leads the community in prayer. Her wonderful sense of humor and outlook on life were very evident in her joking and teasing of Bishop Terry during his recent visit to Old Crow.

She is very concerned about changing attitudes towards family and marriage and prays for the young people of her community. Reverend Ellen continues to live on her own even though she is over ninety years of age. She travels when possible to visit family in Aklavik and parts of Yukon.

Old Crow Happenings

Deacon Effie Linklater

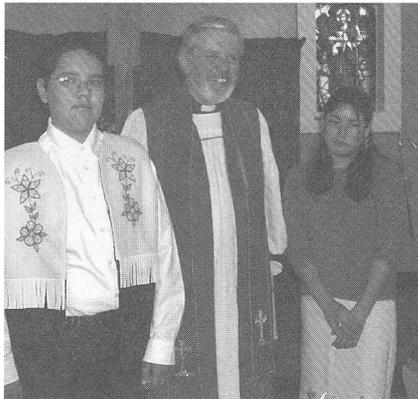
The Reverend Effie Linklater served the community of Old Crow from 1981 until her death November 24th, 2000. She was ordained Deacon January 15th 1989.

In honor of her many years of faithful service to her church of St. Luke's Old Crow, family members and friends made a beautiful beaded hanging in her memory.



Edith Josie

Retired lay minister, CBC reporter and author of "Here are the News" lives in Old Crow and still enjoys attending community events and church. Known as Old Crow's oldest student she still takes courses in a variety of subjects and shares her stories of family and friends and of times past with all who come to visit her. Edith still writes her column "Here are the News" for the Official Website of the Vuntut Gwitch'en First Nation which is at www.oldcrow.ca.



Confirmation at St. Luke's in Old Crow

Bishop Terry traveled to Old Crow in September to confirm two young people in the faith. The service was in both English and Takudh the Gwich'en language still used in worship in many parts of Yukon.

The Native Language and Culture class of the Chief Zzeh Gittlit school made beadwork altar pieces and frontals for the service.

Here and There in the Diocese



Fort Nelson:

This year has seen many changes happening in St. Mary Magdalene's, Fort Nelson. After a long period of discussion and a series of sewer and other problems, the congregation decided to dispose of the church property. **The church was** consecrated in a service led by Archdeacon Sean Murphy. It is expected that the building will be relocated to the Fort Nelson museum property and maintained as an historic exhibit.

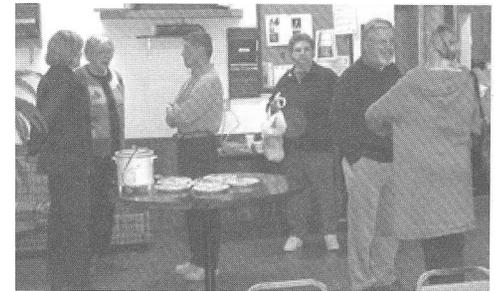
We are presently meeting in the Fort Nelson Lamplighters' hall, where our worship continues to celebrate the good news of what God has done for us. The community seems to have had a large turnover of people this year. The Reverend Fred Carson and his family left Fort Nelson at the end of July.



Several other families have also left the community. **The Reverend Dawn McDonald** s expected to arrive mid-Novembe

Times of change presents challenges and opportunities. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to be God's witness in our community.

Bishop Terry and his wife, Blanche were in Fort Nelson September 24/25. Everyone enjoyed the times of fellowship and worship together.



Memorial Benches Placed in Stringer Park, Whitehorse

On Sunday, June 19th 2005, memorial benches were placed in Stringer Park next to the Cathedral in Whitehorse. One bench is in memory of Nora Garside, Mabel Johnson (Teslin) and Charlotte Williams and one bench in memory of Desmond Carroll, former Dean and rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Whitehorse.

The photograph below shows the Rev. David Pritchard with the Carroll family.



Above photo taken by: Annie Boldt



I was born in 1955 in Victoria, B.C. I grew up in that city in a large family as the second of five children. Memories of my childhood are basically good, and our household was filled with much love and many positive experiences. Our family moved to Africa for two years, 1964-1966, where my father taught in teacher-training colleges in Gwello, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), and Accra, Ghana. Living under apartheid in Rhodesia, and seeing the injustice of the system in this country as well as in South Africa where we visited, left an indelible impression on me.

Leaving Africa to return to Victoria in 1966, my parents Stan and Barbara Mae were separated and later divorced. I and my siblings lived with my mother, who subsequently re-married in 1970, to Neil Norton. My mother did an amazing job raising us, even going back to school for her teaching degree and then teaching for a number of years. She means a great deal to me and I owe her a lot. My Father remained in my life and gave me much; I and my brothers and sisters saw him from time to time; more so after he moved to Victoria in the late 1960's. He died in 1971. I am certainly very grateful to both of my parents for the love and strong foundation for life that they have given me, and for the support and contribution that Neil has made to our family over the years.

Clergy Profile

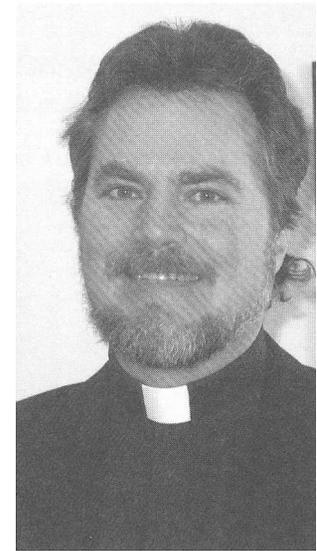
*The Venerable Dr. Sean Murphy
Church of the Northern Apostles, Whitehorse*

My father was not a believer though my mother was and still is, and she took us to church in Victoria in my early years. I was baptized in 1964 at the age of nine in St. John's Anglican Church in Victoria. In some ways my spiritual journey began around that time or a little before, but I do not recall a genuine commitment to Christ preceding my baptism. It wasn't until some time later that I began to live out the true meaning of my baptism.

I graduated from high school in 1973 and enrolled that year in The University of Victoria. Not as dedicated in my studies as I should have been, I decided to take two years off in the middle of my degree, to work in Victoria and to travel to Europe for four months, to Israel for three (where I worked on a Kibbutz in the Jordan Valley) and to eastern Canada and the United States for one month. The break was good for me and I returned home to complete my Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and history from UVIC in 1980. The fall of 1978 found me in a deep personal crisis while attending UVIC, asking questions and struggling with many things in my life. It was during this time that God graciously made Himself very real to me through various experiences that I had. I made a commitment to Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior at twenty-three.

The testimony and ministry of a beloved great aunt, Gladys, was instrumental in my coming to faith. I still vividly recall those early days after my conversion, the deep sense of God's forgiveness that I experienced and how I knew my guilt had been washed away. Just walking outside, I was so much more aware of the world around me and nature seemed so new and fresh and alive. My values and interests changed. God gave me power to resist and overcome in areas of my life that needed to be dealt with. I was a new person in Christ and knew it, and I was so thankful! I still am. I started to attend services at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria and to read Christian literature. C. S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* was a particular help to me during that time.

I began a Masters program in Political Science at the University of British Columbia in 1980. A career as a lawyer or perhaps in the Canadian foreign service had seemed attractive to me, but since becoming a Christian my life had turned upside down and my mind and heart were being drawn in another direction. God had other plans for me! I prayed earnestly and specifically about whether to complete my program or withdraw and prepare to enter seminary as soon as possible. God answered quickly and very powerfully. Rising very early the next



morning to prepare for a seminar, I opened a book to pages that suddenly seemed devoid of content and completely empty to me. I thanked God and closed the book. I promptly informed my faculty advisor that I was withdrawing from the program, that I believed in God and felt that I was being called to be an Anglican priest!

For the rest of that year I worked at UBC Physical Plant and then entered The Vancouver School of Theology in the fall of 1981. Life at VST was not without its struggles, yet God was good to me. I learned a lot in the life of the school, in my studies there and in a few courses I took at Regent College. I participated in the parish family of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, and later attended St. John's Shaughnessy. My sense of call to ordained ministry grew and deepened. I was confirmed in 1982 and then accepted as a postulant for ordination in the Anglican Church of Canada in 1984.

In my final year of seminary, Bishop Ron Ferris invited me to consider a ministry posting in the Diocese of Yukon. After seeking counsel and much prayer, I sensed

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St. Mary with St. Mark's, Mayo, Gets a New, Yet Old Look
Rev., Susan Titterington

St. Mary with St. Mark's Anglican Church in Mayo was blessed this past summer when a group of young people and adults came to our community for one week in August on a mission. **The** mission group was amazing. Twenty



nine youth and adults came into our small community of just over 400 people with several hundred pounds of materials, food and supplies as well as musical equipment. They came to update our church building and to minister to our youth. The task of updating and painting our building became known as Extreme Makeover Church Edition after the popular home makeover TV show. The building was scraped and painted, minor repairs were made and various signs of wear and tear on our 83 year old building were removed. Returning the church to its original colors of white with green trim was no small feat. The mission group worked full days and sometimes well into the evening and we estimate that with each of them working a full day they gave us over 1,000 hours of labor.

The full impact of the mission was not just new paint but a real sense of renewal of our ministry here in Mayo. The building is very meaningful to all members of the community, even those who do not attend regularly. Christmas Eve can see 75 people at the midnight candlelight service. The church sits on the riverbank and is the first building seen when one comes into the village by boat. The church is a symbol of

the living Gospel in the community and now with the new look, the church is an even larger presence in the landscape of the village.

Youth Retreat

After a week of hard work the mission team helped us to conduct a Youth Retreat that saw young people from Old Crow, Dawson City and Mayo gather in the local school over the weekend of 26th to the 28th of August. A Community Praise and Worship Service saw 95 people in total attend Sunday services in the school gym.

The theme of the retreat was "*Second Chances*" or "*Do Overs*". God gives us second chances and opportunities to do things over again through His forgiveness. The study for the retreat was based on the Book of Jonah which the mission group acted out to bring the teachings to life. Crafts to illustrate the teachings further included making stepping stones that will be used by St. Mary with St. Mark for a Memorial garden to be started next year. By smashing plates and making something new or giving second chances to the materials by imbedding the chips in cement, the broken parts came together to make something that is new, strong and very useable.

The group played games and completed other crafts. There was also a special workshop on music as part of worship where some retreat participants wrote a new song just for the retreat. The song

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Telegraph Creek's Summer Ministry
Josh Wilton

I remember coloring a picture of a boy kneeling at his bed in prayer. His hair was green -- the children laughed at me and I was delighted by their laughter.



We laughed together, played together, sang together, and learned about the Lord Jesus together. All in all, not a bad way to spend a few hours out of the day. We had an order to the day. First we would gather in the church building, singing together and gathering in a circle to open up in prayer. We would then head over to the craft shack and the children would indulge the leaders as we tried to explain a section of Scripture. Since not many of us are gifted at sitting and listening, least of all children, we'd reinforce the teaching with coloring and crafts. Finally, it was time for snacks and finishing up with some games and prayer. I know I'll remember the joyful expression of Marylee showing off her coloring

project, and of Keagan's prayers. There at St. Aiden's it was a safe place; a place for joy, friendship, a place for the love of Christ.

I'm not sure any of the children will remember those lessons -- maybe they'll surprise me -- but I'm sure they'll remember a place of warmth, acceptance, and love. With those memories, I pray they'll also remember the purpose of our gathering-- Jesus -- who was both the content of the lessons and source of our care for them. And hopefully they'll remember not a Jesus with a purple beard from their coloring projects, but Jesus the Risen Christ who bends low to hear their prayers and listen to their songs of praise.

Josh Wilton and his wife, Kate were ministering in Telegraph Creek during the summer and the week long Vacation Bible School was part of their work there during that time. They attend St. John's Church, Shaughnessy in Vancouver. Editor

From the Editor

Another year has almost gone by. Much has happened both in the world and the Christian Church. Natural disasters seem to be a common occurrence in these days, that shock and disturb us. Sometimes we may question why God would allow such things to happen. It is hard to see these events on our TV's and even harder for the people they affect. Through all this, we need to hold on to the truth that God is in control, even when such disasters happen. "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

We are in the season of Advent when we think back to the coming of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem and look forward to His coming again as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

One day there will be no pain, sorrow, natural disasters, wars: Christ will reign as the King of all kings. In these turbulent times, let us hold on to that wonderful truth.

As I write this, my husband and I are in Kugluktuk on the Arctic coast, having



come here to minister for two months. This is a community we served in over sixteen years ago when we were in the Diocese of the Arctic. It is a real joy to be back and see the people again, who gave us a wonderful welcome.

Thank you to all who write to us showing your appreciation for this magazine and the ministry taking place in the Diocese of Yukon.

May God bless and keep you in His wonderful love.

My husband joins me in sending you our very best wishes for Christmas and the year ahead.

N
Rosalind G. Dixey

A Joyful Celebration!

On Saturday, September 18th, retired Yukon Archdeacon Arthur Privett had the joy of attending the consecration of his son, John, as Bishop of Kootenay, British Columbia. Bishop John grew up in the Yukon and was consecrated Bishop by the Acting Metropolitan,

■ Bishop Terry Buckle, so it was quite a "Yukon" occasion. His mother, Muriel was unable to attend due to health reasons, but his brother, George from Whitehorse was able to attend with his father.



The newly consecrated Bishop with his brother, George and father, Archdeacon Arthur Privett

New Altar Cloth and Stole For Teslin

On June 16th, 2005, the Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame received from Miss Jessica Bakica a new altar cloth and stole for St. Philip's Church in Teslin.

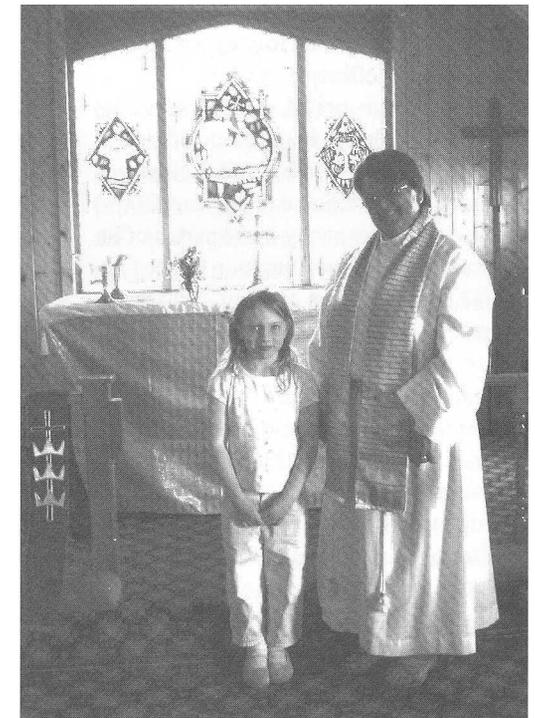
The reversible cloth is of traditional ceremonial Thai fabric, is appliqued with crosses; has two attendant white satin panels and shows a steady gold and cream shimmer. On one panel Jessica has written her dedication: "In memory of my grandfather Desmond Carroll and in honour of my grandmother, Marion Carroll, who served the St. Philip's parish with love." She remembered her grandfather happily as one who "always teased me." Jessica had spent weeks with the assistance of an adult friend experiencing the 'firsts' of measuring, choosing layouts and carefully cutting, before handling the expanse of cloth through the narrow confines of a domestic sewing machine. This venture was lived moment to moment by Jessica who fell in love alternately with metal threads, the beautiful pearl-headed pins and the magical action of an electric needle with the special abandon of a seven year old grade two girl.

Eighteen parishioners and interested people attended the small ceremony including Elders Matt Thom, who rang the bell, Pearl Keenan, Grace Dewhurst, Florence Smarch and Sam Johnston, two of Jessica's teachers, her father who made a fast trip from Whitehorse, Collyne Bunn and her handsome sons, the Martens family and others. Dr. Richard Burke, a long-term friend of the Carroll's, emotionally recited from Gray's "Eulogy

in a Country Churchyard", a poem he and Desmond had recited together from a common boyhood in Ireland.

Jessica had helped vacuum the church, picked wildflowers for the tea and altar, had garnished the cake plates with flowers and held the door for guests before presenting the cloth which the Rev. Wheeler-Dame consecrated before a witnessing congregation and guests.

Submitted to Northern Lights by Sharron Chatterton at the request of Marion Carroll.



Jessica Bakica with the Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame



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that God was indeed sending me North. Graduating from VST with a Master of Divinity degree in May 1985, I was ordained a Deacon and appointed to St. Paul's, Dawson City to begin ministry in July, 1985. Ordination to the priesthood followed in 1986.

I served at St. Paul's until March, 1988 and then moved to Fort Nelson as Rector of St. Mary Magdalene's for fourteen and a half years, until December 2002. I am very thankful for all that God did during my time in both parishes. In Fort Nelson God blessed me with a fresh experience of the Holy Spirit and I learned as never before that the power of the Holy Spirit is truly imperative for effective ministry.

Presently I am privileged to serve as Presbyter-in Charge in the circle of mutual ministry at The Church Of The Northern Apostles in Whitehorse (since Jan. 2003) and in a similar capacity in the parish of St. Christopher's, Haines Junction (since Oct. 2004). My role as trainer-equipper-overseer is to help enable mutual ministry where the gifts of all God's people are valued, and to encourage a disciple-making missional focus in these congregations. There are many gifts in these two Churches and I look forward to all that God will do in the future. I also continue in my ministry of Archdeacon of Liard, which I have done since 1995.

Desiring to broaden my theological training and to grow in ministry, I began a Doctor of Ministry degree at Fuller Theological Seminary in 1994 and completed it in 2003. These studies have equipped me to better serve our Lord in my remaining years of ministry. I want all God has for me, and I want to serve Him as

effectively as I can.

The central passions of my ministry are to pray, read and study the Bible, and to preach. Please pray that I would spend the time I need in these crucial areas, because when I do, God moves in my ministry.

The recent ministry of The Rev. Charles Alexander and the Rev. John Briscall at our Diocesan Ministry Conference has helped to remind me of the three basic things that every congregation must do: (1) Attract people to our Lord Jesus Christ; (2) Establish and nurture them in their faith; and (3) Equip them to serve. Simple, yet as profound as that, but so easy to be distracted from what we should be about. Fulfilling these priorities we become the disciple-making-Great Commission Churches our Lord calls us to be. How well are we doing with these priorities? I know God is challenging me personally with that question now.

It is exciting to be in a Diocese which is making intentional steps, under Bishop Buckle's leadership, to grow in the circle ministry of all God's people and to be a Church of mission in this part of the world. It is good to be part of an orthodox Diocese where the uniqueness of Jesus is proclaimed and the great truths of our Anglican heritage are upheld. What a blessing in these turbulent times!



Front Cover Picture

The picture on the front cover of this issue is taken from the painting: "Spirit of Klwane" by Libby Dulac and used with permission. We apologise for not being able to print the picture in colour.

Libby and her husband, Claude, live in Haines Junction and attend both the Anglican and Catholic Churches. The inspiration for her paintings comes from her faith and the beauty of the area in which she lives.

Prints of this and other paintings by Libby, are available from Dulac Art Studio, Haines Junction, YT Y0B 1L0.

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was one of the hymns sung at the Sunday service.

One very special gift that the mission group from Edmonton shared with us was their gift of praise music. We had a full worship band set up with guitars and drums to play some very uplifting and powerful music.

Elder, the Reverend Deacon Percy Henry, from St. Paul's Anglican Church in Dawson City, prayed for the youth and spoke of the importance of faith in making us all stronger; First Nation and European, together. He prayed for the group and for all youth. His wife Mabel also attended the retreat.

Bishop Terry Buckle and his wife Blanche attended the retreat and Bishop Terry talked about the gifts of the mission group and their willingness to share of their time, treasure and talents in helping us build ministry in Yukon. He also talked about

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had people operating the puppet (kindly loaned to us by the Rev. Peter Norman, rector of our home church, St. Mary's Nanoose Bay, British Columbia).

Video and photographs were taken throughout the week in both communities: on the final Sunday, each congregation saw a video presentation of the week's events in their church.

We ask your prayers for all the children and for the ongoing ministry in Haines Junction with Sunday School and Pioneer Club: and in Whitehorse, for the Sunday School.

culture and faith coming together in the circle. The Anglican Church in Yukon has embraced Mutual or Circle Ministry. The principle of Circle Ministry is that we are all equal in the circle, and that we all share our gifts of ministry with one another. This is quite a move away from the old hierarchy that can be described as a triangle with the priest at the top.

The congregation of St. John the Evangelist in Edmonton shared their treasures with us to the amount of \$25,000.00. The group paid for all the food and materials for their team while they worked on the church as well as all the food, craft supplies and materials for the retreat. This amazing gift was possible because of the selflessness of these young people and the Christian belief of helping others and reaching out in the name of the Gospel.

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