

Northern Lights

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Christ Church Cathedral, seen with Christmas decorations, just after the New Year's Eve service ending, in the early morning hours of 1st Jan. 2013.

Photo by Cozmo Ace Malzarby

Best Wishes in 2013

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

Licensed Lay Minister in Charge - Ida Reid; The Rev. Don & Lana Thompson and family; 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. 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. Keno 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 Tettichi, 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.
Canon 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 and Sheila Robertson & family.

A Message from the Bishop



A few years back I was traveling from Inuvik to Whitehorse and got stuck in Dawson City for a couple of days because of fire along the Klondike Highway. When we were finally allowed through I noticed the deadness of the newly burned area. There was nothing, no animals, no growth, no colour. Only the black ash, the result of a deadly fire that destroyed everything in its path.

A year or so later I was amazed at the growth I saw as I drove through the same area. Fireweed had sprung up among the ashes bringing new life to a dead area. Although fire can be destructive and deadly it is often needed to bring new life into a dying area - the old dies making way for new life to come.

The journey from Lent into Easter teaches us the same thing in our Christian Walk. That in order to experience the resurrected life we must first be willing to die to ourselves, our wills and our desires.

Whether we look at this as individuals or as a diocese the principle is the same. In order to live we must first die. Let me illustrate briefly.

A man was having marriage problems with his wife. "She can't do anything right. She never does what I

want. She never pleases me. She can't do anything to make me happy." This man was living so much for himself that he was not able to experience the joy of being joined to another in marriage. He had to first die to himself. Instead of always putting himself and his own pleasures first he needed to put his wife first. He needed to think of his wife's needs and her pleasures first and seek to serve her before himself. Only then will the relationship grow and the new life that comes from the relationship be experienced. As Christians we need to die to ourselves. We need to put God's desires and will before our own and only then will we begin to experience the resurrected life as promised to us.

Lent is about dying. Lent is a very personal experience. You surrender all of your life to God. That is what dying to ourselves in all about. Giving up control of your life to God. In giving up control of your life to God you make it possible for God to bring new life out of the ashes of your old life.

As a diocese we must also be willing to die in order to experience the resurrection. The life in the Yukon is changing at a dramatic pace. Communication and travel have opened the doors to many things. The south has invaded the north with its new morals and ideas. If we, as the Church, cannot adapt to the changing Yukon, we will not be effective. We will not be able to offer the new life in Christ as we once did. The message of God's love and salvation remains the same. How we communicate that good news will change as we seek to meet the needs of the community around us. 75 years ago the church was the centre of the community. You came to the church not just to worship, but you came to hear the news of the community and

the world. You came in times of hunger to be fed. You came in times of sorrow to be comforted. In 75 years times have changed greatly. We are no longer the centre of the community. Painful experiences like residential schools and the invasion of the south have separated the people from the Church. We struggle to survive.

Are we willing to let go of our old ways that are no longer working? Are we willing to let go of our control and let God lead us? I see sparks of life in the diocese. In the Circle Ministry, in the Ministry of Presence, in Street

Hope, we seek to reach out, to adapt to share God's love and mercy in ways that will attract those in need. It is a fearful thing to let go of control and allow God to control. Nevertheless it is necessary if new life is going to rise up again.

Jesus said that he would be with us always. He is with us now. I pray that we will be able to move over and allow him to take control.

Sheila and I want to wish you all a blessed Easter. May you experience new life in him as you follow him.

Bishop Larry

Is Ministry of Presence Helping?

Shortly after I arrived in the Diocese we continued our thinking of how we can minister to the people of the Yukon and Northern British Columbia. The reality of diminishing financial support from the National Church enhanced the fact that things are not what they once were and if we are going to survive as a Church in the Yukon we needed to adapt to the changes both inside and outside the Yukon.

Ministry of Presence was one such adaptation. Basically it is a volunteer position in places that have no ministers but do have a rectory available. The idea was to have experienced volunteers, ordained or lay to come as volunteers to serve for a period of one year or more in one of the empty rectories. These volunteers would be the presence of the church in the community. They would be responsible for Sunday Services. Other ministry would depend on the needs of the parish and the talents of the volunteer.

Since we have started this we have had two such positions filled. The first was filled in Haines Junction at St. Christopher's Anglican Parish. Mrs. Lynn De Brabandere took up this position. In the two years that she been there many signs of new life have sprung up. Besides regular services

with increased attendance, a youth group has begun. The parish is reaching out into the community to assist in various ways. There is a busy thrift store there. They are cooking at community events, the Church is used for art displays and teaching sessions. The Church is also open to the public during the summer.

The second place to receive this kind of ministry is St Mary Magdalene in Ft. Nelson BC. Long time Lay Readers and retired teachers from Newfoundland responded to the call. Ida and Terry Reid moved in to the rectory there last summer. Their main role has been in a pastoral position. They have supplied much needed visitation and other pastoral care to the parish. Just last month I received news that a youth choir has been started in the parish.

As Bishop I see increased participation in services and a positive outlook in supporting both of the parishes. People who were tired and trying their best are revived and continue to serve. In my view Ministry of Presence is having a very positive impact on the parishes and the communities and I want to thank all those who support this important ministry of the Diocese.

Bishop Larry

The Mayo, Keno City, Pelly Crossing Beat

By the Rev. Steve Martin

I have enjoyed the winter experience up here in Mayo (well maybe the -59° C was a bit extreme). I spend a lot of time traveling between the three communities Keno City, Mayo, and Pelly Crossing. I have been working with the seniors/elders of Mayo helping at their drop-in center and their dinners. They have made me an honorary senior for all the work I have helped them with and I have become a substitute teacher as a way to meet the youth in the community.

Sunday evening you can find me in Keno City having coffee at the Sour Dough Café, talking with members off the community before church. I enjoy the round table laid back style service that seems to work in Keno.

I have relaunched services back in Pelly Crossing starting on Christmas Eve. I had been spending a day a week in Pelly doing outreach and trying to meet with new people. One of the best ways was to volunteer to help at the Yukon Quest International Dog Sled Race check point in Pelly Crossing (1000 mile Race between Whitehorse Yukon and Fairbanks Alaska). It was an interesting experience and I was able to bring Michelle and Joshua to be a part of it. What a great a way to meet the community and to work side by side with new friends and to invite them to our Wednesday Evening service.

We are getting ready for Easter and have a Baptism service Easter Morning. Please keep us all up here in your prayers.



*A Yukon Quest Musher racing his team by
St. James the Lord's Brother in Pelly Crossing*

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Street Hope Whitehorse

A New Outreach Ministry Is Launched

by *Terry Buckle*

The vision for Street Hope Whitehorse was presented a few months ago to the Vestries of The Church of the Northern Apostles and Christ Church Cathedral in Whitehorse Yukon. This outreach ministry of Threshold Ministries in partnership with the Anglican Churches of Whitehorse has had a strong beginning. We celebrated the formal launching of this ministry on Sunday January 13th, 2013 at Christ Church Cathedral. We were pleased to have with us Shawn Branch the National Director of Threshold Ministries (formerly The Church Army in Canada).

We have begun an outreach ministry of compassion on the streets of downtown Whitehorse. When I say "we", I am referring to the small team of volunteers that make up the ministry team of Street Hope Whitehorse. One or two others are preparing for this front-line ministry. The Street Hope Team has also gained associate members who support this ministry in intercession and practical assistance. Our Bishop Larry Robertson stands strongly in support of us in this outreach ministry and has given Street Hope Whitehorse permission to use the Old Log Rectory in downtown Whitehorse on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a base of operation.

Over the past number of weeks effort

has been given, to building the Team for Street Hope Whitehorse. We have shared meals together at supper-time on Thursdays in the Old Log Rectory where we have enjoyed Christian fellowship together by sharing in prayer and reflection on the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have invited people that we have contacted through Street Hope ministry to these events. We see a community of compassion emerging.

A next step for Street Hope Whitehorse is the initiating of an outreach ministry named, "The Well". "The Well" is a gathering place for Street Hope contacts. We share a meal together at 6:00 PM and share in Christian fellowship together around our dinner table. The vision for this ministry of "The Well" comes from the Gospel of John chapter four, the story of the woman of Samaria meeting Jesus at a well. This particular expression of Street Hope's outreach ministry began in February and continues on the first Tuesday of each month in Christ Church Cathedral's Hellaby Hall.

Our Street Hope Team greatly values the encouragement, and financial donations that we have received from people in Whitehorse and beyond in support of this Gospel based outreach ministry. The Vision Statement of Street Hope Whitehorse is as follows on the next page.



“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save those who are lost.” Luke 19:10 NLT

Street Hope is an outreach ministry of the Anglican Church in Whitehorse in partnership with Threshold Ministries.

It is a ministry to the streets of Whitehorse of holy and caring presence that is:

- Gospel based
- Kingdom focused
- Prayer driven
- Holy Spirit enabled
- Compassion motivated

This ministry is an outreach ministry to the people on the streets of Whitehorse, in the stores and businesses of the community, on the streets and wherever people may gather, to both the “up and out” as well as to the “down and out”, being among them in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because He cares, we care.

This ministry is intentionally evangelistic:

- We expect the Holy Spirit to touch the lives of the people that we meet.
- We seek with God given wisdom and personal integrity to help people encounter Jesus as their Saviour and Lord through the means of our love and care offered in His name.
- Our prayerful desire is that the Street Hope Team will be agents of God’s hope in ministry and witness to people in the downtown core of Whitehorse wherever they may be found.



Captain Shawn Branch is seen here addressing those in attendance during the official launching service of Street Hope Ministries Whitehorse, in Christ Church Cathedral, 13th Jan. 2013.

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The Prayers are said over the core team of Street Hope Whitehorse in the Cathedral. This Street Hope team of eight is led by The Most Rev. Terry Buckle, retired Archbishop of Yukon.



Previous page: The reception in Hellaby hall after the official Launch of Street Hope Ministries Whitehorse

Forty Days with the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion: A Devotional Guide

The Rev. Rob Langmaid of the Parish of Watson Lake has published a new book titled *Forty Days with the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion: A Devotional Guide*.

Here is the description of the book.

Are the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion of the Church of England a dusty relic of the sixteenth century, with little to say to Anglican Christians in this brave new world of the twenty-first century? Or do they form a statement that is ideally suited to strengthen and unify them in their faith?

Robert Langmaid argues that the latter is the case. He believes that the articles, which were written by English Reformers in 1533 and put in their current revised form in 1662, provide fertile ground for the growth of churches and believers in the Communion. Furthermore, he writes, the articles not only can inform individual and corporate discussions concerning Anglican identity, but can also serve as a basis of spiritual meditation.

How is it that the articles can do all this? Because the Reformers and the English church were careful to ground them securely in the Bible and in the first four general councils of the Christian church and the three ecumenical statements of belief (the Nicene, Apostles', and Athanasian creeds). In fact, Langmaid argues, a new consideration of the articles will call Anglicans to renew their historical allegiance to the Bible and the Lordship of Christ and thereby provide the backdrop for greater and more effective diversity throughout

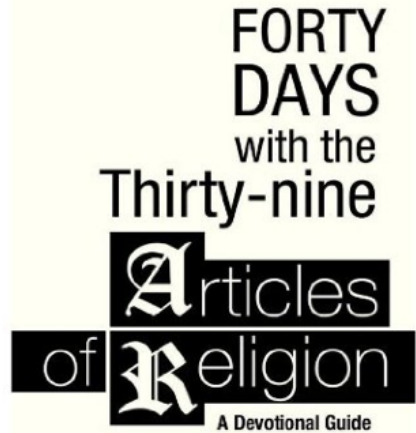


the Anglican Communion.

Besides taking the reader through forty days of meditating on the articles, this valuable contribution to Anglican and ecumenical thought includes two essays on the Articles of Religion and Anglican identity and a version of the articles in modern English by Peter Toon.

The book is available from Rob, or at Amazon.ca.

Rob is online at <http://www.robertlangmaid.com>.



Robert G.W. Langmaid

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Congratulations to Gloria Hockley

Congratulations to former Cathedral member and long time Yukoner Gloria Hockley (now resident in BC) who has been appointed by the Archbishop Fred Hiltz of the Anglican Church of Canada to represent Canadian Anglican women at the United Nations for the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in March, 2013. There will be women attending from many nations, cultures, faiths and NGO's. At this two week session they will work to develop resolutions on the priority theme of "elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls" as well as a secondary theme of "the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS".



Shrove Tuesday at St. Paul's

Shrove Tuesday at St. Paul's had lots of people enjoying Aldene Snider's famous Sourdough pancakes, together with sausages cooked by several other people. We raised \$373.61 this year and sent it off to St. Luke's in Old Crow to help with their building fund. (The red padding is to keep people from hurting themselves on the beam.)



Christmas Musical Extravaganza for Belize

by Betty & Dan Davidson

On Dec. 16, members of St. Paul's Anglican Church and community members of Dawson City came together at the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture Ballroom to raise funds for musical instruments for the schools in Belize. People baked for our concession, donated items for a Silent Auction, performed in our musical program, volunteered for everything from moving tables, and setting lights to selling tickets and desserts, and most importantly raised an amazing \$2900.00 towards this cause.

Our hearts were touched by the need of the children in Belize and their desire to encourage music in their schools. We were inspired by the desire of a Mission team led by Bishop Larry Robertson who intended to visit the schools and lead musical workshops and training at the administrative level of the Diocese of Belize. Children from the Robert Service School and their directors participated in this fun evening and sang their hearts out, as did our new little youth singing group at St. Paul's and our Community Christmas Choir.

Thank you to: Aurora Office, Klondike Nugget and Ivory, Eldorado Hotel, Pampered Chef, General Store, Hair Cabaret, Maximilian's, Sign of the Raven, Bonanza Market, Dawson Hardware, Raven's Nook, Downtown Hotel, Miller Creek Mining Co., St. Paul's Anglican Church, Audrey Vigneau, Michael Mason, Katie English and Derrick Hastings, Riley Brennan, Lynne Fezatte, Nora Van Bibber, Shirley Pennell, Ken Snider, Brenda Caley, Joyce Caley, Marion Dale, Ian MacDonald for donating items to our Silent Auction and our Loonie Table.

Thank you to: The Hän Singers, RSS, Jr. Choir (Jesica, AJ, Noah, Phoenix, Alysha, Oliver, Jamal, Tommie, Emily - co- directed by Ann Moore, Tim Taylor); River Bends, St. Paul's Singing Group (Sasha, Jania, AJ, Nico, Elizabeth, Kaitlin, Morgan, Paige and Devin), Quartet - Ian & Ellen MacDonald, Christopher Tessier, Betty Davidson/ Accompanied by Ann Moore; ; Community Christmas Choir / Accompanied by Brenda Caley; Peter Menzies; Jack Amos; Noosa, Tracy Nordick, Dan Davidson, Florian, Clive Betts, Betty Davidson, and Dwayne Kelly

Belize Volunteers and Bakers:

Evelyn McDonald, Ellen MacDonald, Shirley Pennell, Brenda Caley, Christopher Tessier, Dan Davidson, Ian MacDonald, Clive Betts, Nijen Holland, Andrea Magee, Mark Moore, Chris Collin, Myrna Butterworth and Vicki Roberts.

Thank you KIAC, and the *Klondike Sun* for sponsoring this event.

This Mission Team was in Belize from Feb. 28 - March 19. There are some pictures in this issue. Look for more pictures and a report of their experiences in the Summer Edition of the *Northern Lights*.

The ecumenical community choir that prepares for Christmas Eve got an extra chance to perform this year.





Dan Davidson



Betty Davidson, Ellen and Ian Macdonald, Christopher Tessier and Ann Moore on piano



Betty Davidson leads the newly created Youth Singing Group.



The Oddfellows Hall ballroom was packed for the Christmas Music Extravaganza.

Christmas Eve at St. Paul's



This annual event features the choir, the Christmas Story slide show, and participation by all the town's churches and clergy.

Scenes from the Belize Mission Trip from Betty Davidson's Facebook Trip Log



Betty, Bishop Larry and Sheila in Dangriga.



Anglican Cathedral College - high school next to St John's Cathedral - Belize City



St John's Anglican School - Belize City



In Dangriga -thatched roof, recreation area. Right next to an affluent residential home



At St. John's Anglican Cathedral - Monica and Rob Langmaid with Bishop Wright (center), Bishop Larry, Sheila and Betty in Belize City.



All Saints Anglican Church - Belize City
- Heather Leslie (left) is a retired public health nurse from Yellowknife who comes every year to do work in various areas.



Queens Square Anglican Church school- performance "I depend in you" - Belize City



Miss Ursula Griffiths and school children - St John's Anglican Church School



Queens Square Anglican Church school classroom - Belize City



Christ the King Anglican Church School in Dangriga



Queen's Square Anglican School - welcome to our classroom

Christ Church Cathedral Events

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Christ Church Cathedral ACW hosted their annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea in Hellaby Hall, 17th Nov. 2012.



The three newly baptized children are shown with their respective parents and their baptismal cake in Hellaby Hall on 16th Dec. 2012. Baptism performed during the morning service by The Very Rev. Dr. Sean Murphy, Rector & Dean at Christ Church Cathedral.



The Whitehorse Strings Ensemble is seen just after their annual Fall concert in Christ Church Cathedral, and at the reception which followed on 9th Dec. 2012.



Nine Lessons & Carols Service at Christ Church Cathedral, 16th Dec. 2012. Above: The Rev. Martin & Ruth Carroll, Associate at the Cathedral, jointly reading one of the Lessons. Below: Dean Sean Murphy.



Nine Lessons & Carols Service at Christ Church Cathedral, 16th Dec. 2012. Seen here is the special joint choir of the Cathedral, Church of the Northern Apostles and Trinity Lutheran Church. A special thanks goes to members of the Whitehorse Strings Ensemble (not seen in photo), who have assisted with the music for the service for the last few years. Members and clergy of other denominations in Whitehorse were also in attendance of the joint Anglican/Lutheran service.



Nancy Hurn, the Archivist of the Anglican Church of Canada is seen with a display in Whitehorse for the **Healing and Reconciliation** meetings.

Scenes for the **Ash Wednesday Service**, with the Cathedral, Northern Apostles and Trinity Lutheran Churches.



The First Nations choir singing at the **Christmas Eve Service** in Christ Church Cathedral, 24th Dec. 2012.



Capt. Shawn Branch, National Director of Threshold Ministries, is seen here at the pulpit of Christ Church Cathedral doing the Sermon during the morning service, 13th Jan. 2013.





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