

Northern Lights

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***Farewell:
Bishop Terry
and Blanche Buckle***

***Welcome:
Bishop Larry and
Sheila Robertson***



*Thank you for
Praying*



Day 1 & 16
Parish of Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral.

The Ven.... Dr. Sean Murphy; The Rev. David Pritchard & family; Rev. Martin Carroll, Ruth Carroll & family; Licensed Lay Ministers-in-Training: Gaya Tiedeman, Beverley Whitehouse, Anne Bernard

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

The Rev. Dn. Don Thompson, Lana Thompson and family; Licensed Lay Ministers: 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.
Rob Langmaid: (Evangelist)
Licensed Lay Minister: Tim Liverton

Day 4 & 19
Carcross, Tagish, Johnson's Crossing
St. Saviour's. The Rev. David Pritchard and family
Teslin: St. Philips
Rev. Dn. Sarah Usher and the Ministry Team

Day 5 & 20
Communities of: **Carmacks & Keno,**

Day 6 & 21
Atlin: St. Martin.
The Rev. Dn. 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
The Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy and Lay Ministry Team

Day 9 & 24
Parish of Whitehorse:
Church of the Northern Apostles.
The Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of Liard); The Rev. Dn. Sarah Usher, Len Usher & family

Day 10 and 25
Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark.
The Rev. Susan Titterington. and the Lay Ministry Team
Pelly Crossing: St. James the Lord's Brother.
Licensed Lay Minister: Betty Joe.

Day 11 & 26
Dawson City: St. Paul's. Moosehide: St. Barnabas. The Klondike Creeks; The Dempster Hwy.
The Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington, The Rev. Dn. Percy Henry. The Ven. Ken Snider (Honorary Assistant) and Aldene Snider. Licensed Lay Ministers: Mabel Henry; Shirley Pennell, Betty Davidson.

Day 12 & 27
Old Crow: St. Luke's.
The Rev. Susan Titterington, The Rev. Dn. Marion Schaefer, Esau Schaefer & family. and Lay Ministry Team.

Day 13 & 28
The Rev. Dn. 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:
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 & The Rev. Dn. Lee Sax.
The Rev. Dr. Ellen Bruce OM.
The Ven. Ken and Aldene Snider.
The Rev. Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon
The Rev. Canon David & Alice Kalles
The Ven. John & The Rev. Dn. Carol Tyrrell
The Rev. Fred & Marcia Carson.
The Very Rev. Peter & Barbara Williams
Marion Carroll.
The Rev. Mary & Lino Battaja
The Most Rev. Terry Buckle, Blanche Buckle & family.

Day 31 and daily:
The Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, Sheila & family

Our Bishop Writes.....



It is mid-July as I write. When I last wrote for the 2010 Spring issue of Northern Lights I spoke of the challenge of facing changing times. It is now a time of significant change for Blanche and I and for the Diocese of Yukon. It is also a time of change for Bishop Larry and Sheila Robertson and the Diocese of The Arctic. Bishop Larry was elected Bishop of Yukon at the Diocese of Yukon Synod held here in Whitehorse during the month of May. He and Sheila will travel to Whitehorse from Yellowknife in August and will commence ministry here in the Diocese of Yukon as of September 1st. Having been Suffragan Bishop of the Western Arctic for many years Bishop Larry will bring this northern Episcopal experience with him as he serves as Bishop of Yukon. Bishop Larry is to be installed as the eleventh Bishop of Yukon on Saturday September 18th, 2010.

Our home address has changed. We have found, in answer to our prayers I

believe, a lovely home of our own, having moved from 20 Boxwood Cres., a home provided by the Diocese of Yukon, to 57 Evergreen Cres., Whitehorse, Y1A 4X2. We are so thankful for our home and lovely garden. Further change for us has happened. It was wonderful good news to hear that our daughter Pam, her husband Cam and our little granddaughter Laura planned to move from Yellowknife to Whitehorse. They are now here in Whitehorse and that means that we are living in the same community as are three of our four adult children. We are blessed and we thank our Lord for His faithfulness.

This has been a much different summer for Blanche and me. I am on a sabbatical leave of sorts, phasing into retirement as of August 31st. I have used the time to rest, deal with the move from one house to another, to attend to some diocesan responsibilities, also to attend our General Synod in Halifax NS and an Anglican Renewal Ministries Board meeting at St Mary's Anglican Church in Miramichi NB. Much time has been spent in the garden with much enjoyment. Yet to be accomplished is a pastoral visit the people of St. Mary Magdalene's Church in Ft. Nelson BC. A pastoral visit to the people of St. Martin's in Atlin BC and a pastoral visit to the people of St. Paul's in Dawson City, YT. There is also the possibility of a final visit as Bishop of Yukon to the people of St. Aidan's in Telegraph Creek BC. These visits I look forward to and then it is time to let go, accept the change that is coming and apply

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that little safety rule, in a spiritual sense, that we learned as young children when we were to cross the street to the other side. Stop, Look and Listen! It is for us a time to stop, a time to look and a time to listen.

The journey with Jesus our Lord continues for Blanche and me, as it does for Bishop Larry and Sheila, for the Diocese of the Arctic and for the Diocese of Yukon, indeed for us all who love Him and want to serve Him. A time of change has come also for Evangelist Rob Langmaid of Threshold Ministries (formerly known as Church Army) who will soon join us in Yukon ministry serving Watson Lake, Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek. We welcome Rob to the Diocese of Yukon. We are thankful for Laurie Munroe's summer ministry at St. Mary Magdalene's Church in Ft. Nelson BC. Laurie too faces change as she returns to Wycliffe College in Toronto to complete her studies for ordained ministry. Laurie is a postulant of the Diocese of Yukon.

It has been the most wonderful privilege to serve as Bishop of Yukon. I am so thankful for the gracious support and encouragement that has come from so many of you. All the clergy and the people of the Diocese of Yukon over the past fifteen years have been real brothers and sisters in the Lord and I thank God for all of these people.

There is further change. I gratefully

Around the Diocese

St. John the Baptist, Watson Lake:

After accepting the hospitality of the Catholic Church over the winter, Spring found us resettled into our own church for the warmer months. It always feels good to come home.

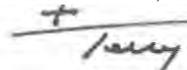
thank Rosalind Dixon who has been the Editor of Northern Lights for these past eleven years. This is the last issue of Northern Lights with Rosalind as Editor. This responsibility will now fall to someone else. Rosalind has given us so much of her time and talent in her love for the Lord and for the people of the Diocese of Yukon.

Deacon Sarah Usher continues as Administrative Officer for the Diocese of Yukon. Her assistance over many years I have so much appreciated. Thinking back to when I began this ministry in Yukon I thank Mrs. Arlene Kubica, formerly Administrative Officer for the Diocese of Yukon and for Ms. Isabelle Gow as Bishop's Secretary who is now gone to be with our Lord, for their encouraging and helpful assistance as I learned how to be a Bishop in Yukon.

This Yukon part of the journey for Blanche and me has been good. God has blessed me with a wonderful supportive wife and He has blessed us with many years together in northern ministry. We move on together knowing that God is good! All the time! Blanche and I extend a warm and grateful thank you to all of you for your expressed interest, your helpful support and your encouraging prayers.

God bless all of you.

In Christ's love,

 and Blanche

Spring also meant it was time to open the door to our busy little Thrift Shop--an annual event which is welcomed by the Town as a seasonal milestone. The local summer Bible Camp, which is supported by all our congregations,

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enjoyed two very successful sessions this summer. We were happy to be able to aid them by providing them with an abundance of non-clothing items for their tables at two community flea markets in the Spring. Members of our congregation also assisted financially in order that disadvantaged children could have the opportunity to attend. Our Town is possibly unique in that, come summer, we tend to have more job opportunities than we have students to fill them. This year has been no exception, and we were unable to find a qualifying student to hire for our Thrift Shop, which would then have enabled us to extend our hours. We had given up (we should know better!) when two young ladies came forward to help us as volunteers for the summer months. As a result, we can once again stretch our services through the week--we are even optimistic we will reach the bottom of the backlog of donations accumulated from the winter months. To the regular volunteers--a gentle reminder--Someone is watching over us!

ACW Conference

Our conference was held in Christ Church Cathedral; meeting in Hellaby Hall on the weekend of April 23 and 24 of this year. Our theme was "Women in Mission" with our guest speaker Bishop Buckle. He encouraged us to consider the place of our ACW as a servant organization within the context of the mission purpose of the Diocese of Yukon. Christian women reaching out to all women in the Diocese, with a gospel based ministry of encouragement, learning and fellowship in the enabling grace of God the Holy Spirit.

We had a very special guest with us, our

National President Marion Saunders who encouraged us as she shared news at the provincial level. She also brought a video which showed the history of WA/ACW which was very interesting. We elected a new president Evelyn McDonald from Dawson City, Yukon. We were very sorry to say good bye to our past president Gloria Hockley who was moving to B.C. We are very thankful for the many years Gloria has been with us in our Diocese as an ACW member and leader.

We had a good weekend, enjoyed being together, getting to know more about each other, and learning new ways that we can reach out to those around us.

(see pictures for ACW conference on page 6)

Church of the Northern Apostles, Whitehorse



Children enjoy a game of Noodle Hockey and Brittany Banks is confirmed by Archbishop Terry Buckle.



St. Martin's Atlin Celebrates 110 Years!

Greetings from St. Martin's

We at St. Martin's Church in Atlin are enjoying a busy season. We are so blessed to have our summer residents back. They are always willing to join in our services and help our special events.

We just had our summer fund raiser — "St. Martin's in the Square". It was very successful and included many other members of our community. Next Sunday, the members of the congregation of St. Martin's are traveling to Carcross to join St. Saviour's congregation at their service. We are looking forward to this time of fellowship.

This year marks St. Martin's 110th Anniversary. We are planning a celebration on August 15th beginning with a special church service at 11:00 A.M. with a luncheon to follow. We are so pleased that our Bishop, The Most Rev. Terry Buckle and his wife Blanche, our Bishop Elect, The Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson and his wife Sheila will be able to be with us. We are also pleased that our Diocesan Administrative Officer, Rev. Dn. Sarah Usher and Len will also be able to join us in our celebration. It will be a special event for St. Martin's. The members of our congregation are also hoping to travel to Teslin in September to join in a service at St. Philip's Church. We are looking forward to a busy but enjoyable summer. In closing, the members of St.



Martin's Church would like to say a big thank you to Rosalind Dixon for all the work she has done as Editor of the Northern Lights. It is a lot of work and she has done such a wonderful job.

ACW Conference Pictures



The new president of the Diocesan ACW, Evelyn McDonald (R) with past president, Gloria Hockley

Bottom Picture: Some of the ladies who attended the conference, pictured with the Bishop and with National president, Marion Saunders (front row: 2nd from left)



My Travels with the Bishop

Blanche Buckle

Today I am travelling south from Whitehorse to Ft. Nelson B.C. The sky is bright blue with huge white clouds and all around it is so different, of course, from winter driving with the sparkling snow everywhere, the snow white covered trees as well as the mountains with their jutting white majestic peaks, along with our short days of light. The trees today, the bushes, and the grass that line the side of the road are bright with many different shades of green. They are bright because the dust on the roads we travel on have not covered them yet. If Crayola Crayons could make a box of 24 plus crayons, all in varied shades of green, they would never be able to capture the different shades that we see, as we travel today.

I am trying to be extra aware of all that is around me, as this will be our last official trip in the big red truck. It seems impossible that 43 years ago, I



travelled with our son Kirk, December of 1966, into the Arctic on three different planes, the last one flying from Yellowknife NWT, to Holman NWT, was a twin engine

Beechcraft filled with 4 Christmas Trees, many boxes of Japanese oranges, Christmas gifts, many orders from Sears and Eaton's' catalogues.

Now I am ending our ministry travelling 10 hours in one of the most beautiful parts of our country, in a truck.

I must say that I have travelled more in the Diocese of Yukon than anywhere else that we have lived. I have met so many terrific people, visited so many communities and experienced so much. What a privilege, what a gift.

We started our ministry in Toronto Ont., then Arundel

Que., then to Toronto again, and then to the top of the World, lived in 7 different communities between the Arctic and the Yukon. As I have looked out of many church windows, such as the window in St. Saviour's Church in Carcross Yukon, played music for the services on pianos and old organs such as the beautiful pump organ in St. Christopher's Church Haines Junction, and sat patiently driving along many, many roads to many places we are now



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Yukon Diocesan Synod May 2010

May 13th, 2010 began the 38th Synod of the Diocese of Yukon. Among our



guests were Archbishop Fred Hiltz, our Primate and Archbishop John Privett, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon.

The theme was "Vision 2010" - a very apt theme as we prepare for and look toward our future with a new Bishop. In Bishop Buckle's Address to Synod he stated, *"This theme is simple but vital. Vision is essential in engaging the mission field called Diocese of Yukon. Without Vision we only stumble along trying to hold on to a slippery present and future, never quite sure if we have a strong grasp on the essentials of ministry and mission within the geographical borders of this beautiful region in Northwest Canada. But Vision we must have if we are to be faithful to our purpose as an Anglican Church in the land and among the people that our Lord has called us to serve. Vision matters. Without vision as a church we simply grow old and tired. As we look ahead we see the need for on-going vision, and discernment*

of the will of our Lord Jesus Christ for the people of our land. Change awaits us and confronts us. Two abiding and unchangeable truths that give vision for the church in a time of change are the living presence of the person of our Lord Jesus Christ who has promised to be always with us until the end of the age and

secondly, the unchanging God given mission of the church to the world He loves. Mission matters. The mission of the church never goes away."

The Synod passed three resolutions with this theme in mind: That each parish will produce or re-visit their Vision Statement in order that the statement reflects specific methods and mission and time frames within the next year; That each parish develop a plan to share ideas, what is working, mission statement, etc. and communicate these plans within the 3 mission areas of the Diocese within the next year; and that Synod requests every parish devote more energy toward providing Youth focussed services, events and programs specific to sustaining young energy into each parish.

This was the last Synod for our current Bishop and as we say goodbye to him as our Chief Pastor we are blessed to have him retire within our Diocese. So we continue to look forward to sharing ministry with him and Blanche in the



future. Upon the conclusion of the 38th Synod we went into our Electoral Synod where we elected the Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson on the fifth ballot. He is known to many of us and we look forward to ministry with Bishop Larry and his wife Sheila.



Facing page:

The Diocesan Executive members pictured outside the Cathedral after the Synod service.

This page, top:

Celebrating Holy Communion: Left to right)

Bishop Terry Buckle, Bishop Lamy Robertson, Archbishop Fred Hiltz (Primate)
Archbishop John Privett (Provincial Archbishop)

Middle:

Bishop Terry's parting gift to the Diocese: his boots in which he has travelled all over the north!

Bottom:

Yukon Diocesan Synod Members after the Synod Service in May
(Photo credits unknown)

My travels with the Bishop continued

settling down in our very own home. So along with experiencing hardships, sadness, happiness, joy, making new friends, lots of adventures we come to a change, now our travels will be down a different path.

I thank the Lord for all that has happened over these years and for His blessings on our lives. Thankful for support from so many people and from our families, for our four children who have grown up in the North, have become good adults and are such a blessing to us.

The Yukon is a very delicate and special place, a place not to be neglected and forgotten. People living here

need encouragement, care, love and a very strong faith. Our prayer is that people here will always be able to be supported through our churches in this Diocese and that they may always be given a chance to worship, learn, grow, and to be strengthened in their love for our Lord and that they may know His love and support through all that life brings to them. And so we prayerfully continue to hear and respond to our Lord's words: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

James Quong's Talents Recognized in Summer Exhibits

By Eilidh Fraser

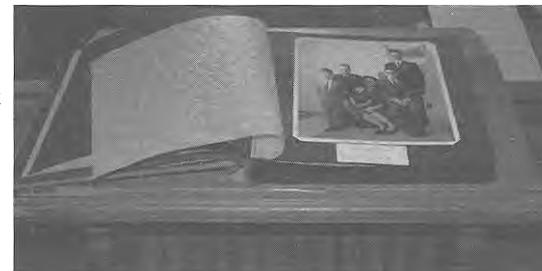
June 3, 2010 marked the Old Log Church Museum's opening of the James Quong's Church exhibit, one of four exhibits featured at the Yukon Transportation Museum, Arts Underground and the Dawson City Museum. The subject of Mr Quong's photos range from everyday church life to some of the more exciting events at Christ Church Cathedral during the 40s, 50s and 60s. The many photographs and stories shared by friends like Reverend David Pritchard gave the evening a sense of closeness and community. Over 40 people came out to celebrate the life and works of this extraordinary man and to recognise Mr Quong's great commitments to the Anglican Church during the Quong family's 37 years in the Yukon.

James Quong was a graduate of

the University of Saskatchewan's engineering program, and joined U.S. Public Roads Administration after graduating to draft temporary bridges during the construction of the Alaska Highway. It was during this time in the construction camps that James had ample opportunity to practice his photography hobby, using both the Yukon landscape and the Alaska Highway construction as his subjects. He and his wife Diamond only planned to stay in Whitehorse for six months following their wedding in 1944, but ended up living in Whitehorse for many years, raising their four children and being active members of the Christ Church Cathedral. James photographed important church events like the Royal Visit in 1959, and the opening of the new Christ Church Cathedral in 1960, as well as the daily church life.

Always active in church life, James not only helped to design the new Christ Church Cathedral, he also held every position available to church members at one point or another during his time in Whitehorse. James and Diamond left the Yukon for Coquitlam, B.C., where James passed away in 2003 after many years of commitment and service to the Anglican Church in Yukon.

Among those who came to see the Quong exhibit were parishioners, friends of the Quongs, community members and the occasional tourist, all who shared memories of the Quongs and enjoyed the evening celebrating, as the government representative for the evening and Speaker of the Yukon Legislature Ted Staffen put it, "a very special Yukoner who had a very special talent". The Old Log Church Museum is also host to several personal items belonging



to James Quong, such as his prayer book, and a commemorative plaque

recognizing his commitments to the Anglican Church in Yukon, donated by his son Ken Quong. In addition, the Old Log Church Museum's gift shop has in stock black and white prints of the Old Log Church in winter, each signed by James Quong.

The James Quong's Church exhibit will be running at the Old Log Church Museum until August 27th, 2010, and both locals and visitors to Whitehorse are encouraged to view this temporary exhibit during this summer season.

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A Big Thank You

Rosalind Dixon our Editor of the Northern Lights magazine is retiring with this last magazine publication. We, in the Diocese of Yukon, would like to thank Rosalind for her dedication as Editor over these past eleven years. Rosalind has done an outstanding job and under the difficulties of not living in the Yukon for the past number of years. Also she and Geoffrey for the past two years have gone for three month periods to do mission work in Africa, editing the Fall Season magazine while there, under even more difficult situations.

We are truly thankful to you Rosalind: you have been so patient with us getting news to you and so faithful in editing a very encouraging and informative magazine keeping us aware of Yukon happenings and bringing us together in our Diocese.

Remembering Barbara Elizabeth Taylor: 1915 - 2010

On June 20th 2010, Yukon lost one of its true pioneers. Betty Taylor died two months before her 95th birthday. Pat Ellis, a member of Christ Church Cathedral in Whitehorse, wrote down some memories she has of when she worked for the largest department store in town - Taylor and Drury. in 1954. Here are some of Pat's memories:

Picture five huge riverboats, along with the derelict Old Yukoner, lined up on timbers in the Shipyard, drawing the squatter shacks and left over U.S. army barracks houses on unserviced lots.

At that time, the main economic force was the Canadian Army and Air Force. This spelled plenty of retails sales, especially in children's clothing and high fashion ladies wear.

The Taylor and Drury department store had old oak showcases, nickle plated cash registers and stools along the counter in the men's wear department, hand a nostalgic "old days" atmosphere.

Bill Drury, son of the founder, bought furs and spoke of 25,000 squirrel pelts harvested in one year Charlie Taylor was the son of the Founder and managed the thriving store. He was brought back from the busy Mayo store and moved to Whitehorse in 1942. The family lived in the upstairs apartment. Friendly Betty (Mrs. C.D.) was not the typical boss's wife, and little Verna, the pet of the store, was proudly carried about on Charlie's back.

The store was jammed full with fast-moving stock, which arrived daily on the "White Pass" train. Indeed, it was said that Taylor and Drury's had everything, except a place to walk!

Stock in every nook and cranny, some forgotten. I remember when a shelf was moved one time, and ladies' button gaiters were found, **as well as beady-eyed mink collars, dating around**



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At age 90, Isaac Taylor, one

of the co-founders was still bustling around the store, managing the men's wear. I remember attending with all the staff, a wonderful birthday dinner put on for him at the family cabin at Marsh Lake. Betty cooked most of the food herself on the wood stove!

This department store began in 1899 when Isaac Taylor and William Drury, the founders met. Too late to consider mining, they started a little business in a tent store in Bennett, buying outfits from disheartened stampedeers and reselling them at Discovery. When the railway was built they moved to Whitehorse in 1900 Taylor concentrated on the retail store and Drury on the 16 trading posts. The store was in business for 75 years. The building is now the Horwood Mall at First Avenue and Main Street.

After Betty's funeral service, as we were driving in the funeral procession up to Grey Mountain cemetery, a large red fox sauntered across the road in front of the lead car and paused for a long moment as if to say a last farewell to a great Yukon-born pioneer.

Cyprus News

With John and Carol Tyrrell

There is life after death. That is, after retirement death. Carol and I have been blessed to find ourselves in a warm, friendly, and interesting position. As Dean of the Cathedral church of St. Paul in Nicosia, Cyprus, we minister to a wonderful rainbow of people from all over the globe. While



the majority are ex-pat Brits we also have a great many who are married to Cypriots, several Armenians, many Africans, many Sri Lankans, many Filipinos, and several Indians (from the sub-continent of India that is) who fill our pews every Sunday.

Cyprus is part of the Terra Santa, the Holy Land, and the Roman Catholic Church here is called the Latin Church. By far the greatest majority of people on the island are of the Greek Orthodox denomination. The island is blatantly Christian. We have been able to baptise former Hindus and Muslims.

Since 1974 the island has had a division with the Turkish army possessing the Northern third and the Greek Cypriots the southern two-thirds. The UN sits in the middle along what is called the Green Line. People can cross over the "border" quite easily, but many will not do so. Our diocese has churches on both sides. We have the last divided city in Europe.

The church itself is stone, locally quarried, and constructed in 1885 on one site, then torn down- and moved stone by stone and reconstructed on

its present site in 1893. It is very much from the colonial style of buildings. When it was built, the Ottoman Empire owned Cyprus and the British ran it for them. Cyprus became independent in the 1960's and joined the European Union about five years ago. Many

stores still show the prices of items in Cypriot pounds as well as Euros.

We have a steady stream of guest churches which we allow to use our building for their worship every week. We have an American protestant group made up largely of African and Asian students; there is the German Lutherans, the Scandinavian church, the Finnish church, and the francophone Africans. We have Seventh Day Adventists in our parish hall on Saturdays, and Moms and Tots, Twins and Triplets, the Women's Fellowship Group, the Tuesday evening dancers, and AA and Alanon.

There are two self-directed bible studies, a really great pastoral care team, hall committee, social committee, fund raising committee, and a Thrift shop and used book store both of which open every Saturday.

Recently I have been blessed with a curate. He will be with me for about a year to make an Anglican out of a former Northern Irish Presbyterian minister. He and his wife are a delightful couple. We have padres at

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the four British bases on the island and at the UN. Carol has taken services at the beautiful UN chapel (consecrated as a Church of England building). The Anglican clergy and the bishop gather together frequently and there are many retired Anglican clergy here for supply and holidays.

My parish council (called the PCC here) has 12 members and we meet monthly and all are hard workers committed to the church and its growth and life. As any cathedral should, we have daily worship in the church. Morning Prayer is said most days and a mid-week Eucharist on Wednesdays. We have a St. Raphael healing service every first Monday evening and we have Evening Prayer on Sundays using the old BCP.

In addition to St. Paul's, I have responsibility for St. George in the Forest, in the mountains at Troodos. Cyprus' Mt Olympus in the Troodos is a mile high and the church a few hundred feet lower. Even during the extremely hot weather in the summer months, St. George's is cool and refreshing. I have services there every Sunday afternoon with a volunteer roster of clergy and Readers (what Licensed Lay Ministers are called in the C of E) and so far I have done three weddings up there with more to do this summer. Many British come here to get married. The island is known as the Island of Love and the birthplace of Aphrodite.

Our Deanery is an enormous stone house built in 1930 next to the church and we are five minutes walk from the old walled city. The church is surrounded by trees and gardens and is an oasis in the centre of a busy city. I have recently created a Quiet Garden space, part of the Quiet Garden Movement. The gardens are surrounded by magnificent

Cypress trees, some towering almost 100 feet high. (By the way, Cyprus gets its name from the copper that was mined here and not from the tree).

We have made a 10 day pilgrimage to Jordan and Palestine and Israel this spring. Nothing is far from here. In five minutes I can wander through Byzantine ruins or stand on Roman tile floors. On the east of the island the entire ancient city of Salamis is open to walk through and gaze at a city of almost 30,000 inhabitants at the time of Jesus and where St. Barnabas was martyred. This is the island where St. Paul and Barnabas and Lazarus all walked. We are living in a Greek speaking world, a modern city, but with deep roots to the past.

I have actually earned the first level certificate in Greek this past year (my years of Biblical Greek at seminary were of no help whatsoever) and have short conversations in the stores and with locals who actually answer me back in Greek. I hope to continue my Greek classes next fall.

Carol has created an amazing garden in the walled courtyard behind the deanery. We have been eating fresh fruit and vegetables from it since before Christmas and visitors are amazed at its transformation.

We do miss Yukon and our many friends there but the Lord has brought us to this place and there is work for us both to do in this part of the still Holy Land. Finally I want to thank Rosalind for her amazing efforts with Northern Lights since she took it on after me so many years ago. Her dedication and professional skill will be missed but we know that in her case too, there is life after death. God bless you all.

The Editor Has The Last Word!

Almost 12 years ago, riding in the famous red truck from Haines Junction to Whitehorse, Bishop Terry said: "Will you consider being the editor of Northern Lights?" My response was: "I will give it a try"!! Now, here I am, eleven and a half years later, writing my final note to you! The time has come for me to "hand over the computer keyboard" to someone else. My husband and I "retired" from full-time parish ministry in 2004 and during the last 6 years, this magazine has been prepared for the printers from various places and climes! From Kugluktuk and Aklavik in the Diocese of the Arctic to Rubingo in the Diocese of Ankole, Uganda! The world of modern technology has made all this possible. And, of course, I have also prepared the magazine from my home in Parksville, British Columbia, on beautiful Vancouver Island.

I am so grateful to all the people who have sent me articles, etc for each issue over the years. Particularly, I thank my friend, Blanche Buckle, for her untiring efforts to make sure people sent material to me. I thank you, our readers for the many kind letters of encouragement and appreciation you have sent to me over the years. Also, grateful thanks to Arlene and Sarah for the many phone calls they got from me!

As many changes take place in the Diocese this year - there is one thing we can be sure of "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever." As we move rapidly along in this 21st century, methods of how we present the Gospel must change, but the CONTENT of the Gospel must never

change - because God's Word does not change.

My husband and I have known Bishop Terry and Blanche for 35 years. We are so thankful for them and pray God's blessing upon them in their "retirement". We have many happy memories of ministry together in the past 35 years.

We have also known Bishop Larry and Sheila for almost as long and are very happy they will be joining you in Diocese of Yukon. We also pray for them as they share their gifts of ministry with you.

We have many happy memories of our years spent in Yukon and often think of you and remember you in our prayers. It was very heartwarming to receive a picture of Brittany Banks for this issue and to hear of her recent confirmation. During our return trips to Yukon for VBS's, Brittany faithfully attended those at Church of the Northern Apostles, Porter Creek - I don't think she missed one day! God bless you Brittany and keep close to Jesus.

Thank you for the kind words of appreciation in this issue I could not have done this ministry without you all! Most of all, I give thanks to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for His love, enabling power and for all of you in Diocese of Yukon.

God bless you as you continue in the ministry of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.





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