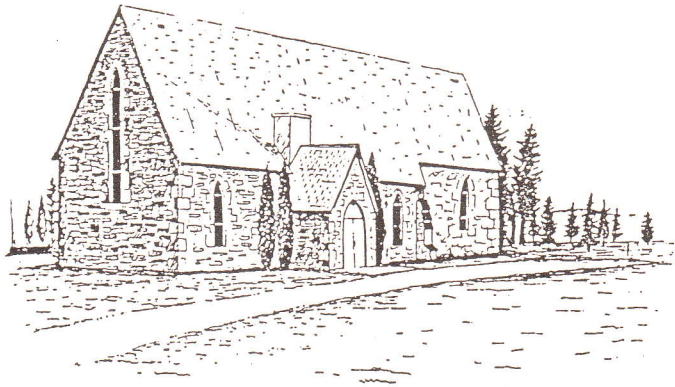
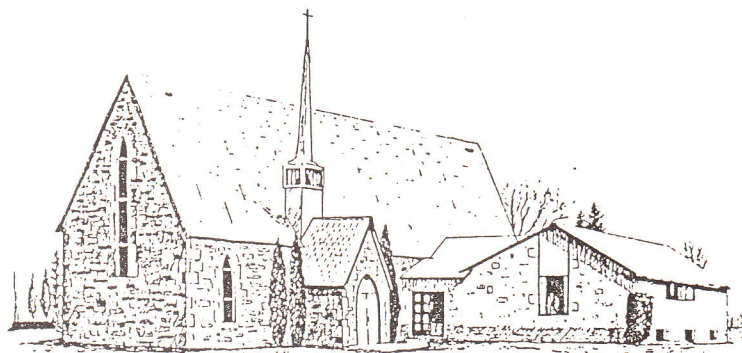


**ST. GEORGE'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
FITZROY HARBOUR**



1863

*125th
Anniversary*



1988

HISTORY OF ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, FITZROY HARBOUR

Although 1988 marks the 125th Anniversary of St. George's Anglican Church in Fitzroy Harbour, the story of the Anglican community here begins some years before the completion of the present church in 1863.

In the winter of 1818-19, Mr. Charles Shirreff, a successful merchant and ship-builder from Leith, Scotland took up the offer of a 4500 acre land grant to settle with his family at "the Chats". He hoped to make the settlement at Fitzroy a major municipality on the proposed canal route to link the St. Lawrence and the upper Great Lakes. He cleared land, built roads and established several businesses, in order to attract settlers. By 1824, Alex McMillan, Donald Dingwall and Richard McArthur and their families had moved to the area. Later in 1824 the Herman Landon family arrived. In 1833 Henry Tripp and his wife Susanna Adams and their two year old son Henry Jr. landed at Quebec City. They went on to Montreal by boat and on foot. They were met in Bytown by the Shirreff family. They settled on the land overlooking the Ottawa River, the present locale of the Jack Sadler farm and St. George's Anglican Cemetery.

By 1832 there were enough people in the area to warrant the erection of a general purpose log building to serve as school and church. It was the first church in Fitzroy Township and was shared by all denominations. The first Anglican services were conducted occasionally in homes before 1826 by the Rev. Michael Harris of Perth. The Rev. Hannibal Mulkins was the first Anglican priest to hold services on a regular basis. He became the first rector of St. George's in 1844 and stayed until 1850. Services were still held in the communal building.

In 1852, Mr. Alexander Shirreff donated land to the Anglican congregation so that they could build their own church building. The synod journal of 1854 reported that "due to the energetic efforts of the church warden, W.P. Taylor and his committee, they expected a building at Fitzroy Harbour would soon be started." Plans were approved and construction began by at least 1857. It was reported in the Synod journal of 1857 that "£1000 would be required to complete the church at Fitzroy Harbour." It was felt that such a large sum was beyond the means of the small congregation at that time. The architect had originally estimated that the total cost would be £400. The congregation had raised £100 and all of it had been spent. The raising of even £100 was an amazing feat when the total offerings for 1857 were £12/14s/5d!

Not much progress was reported even by 1859. The walls had been erected but for several years there was no roof. It was finally completed in 1863. The 1867 records state that the Church of England in Fitzroy Harbour cost \$2,000. There were no

pews and no heat in the early years but all was complete by Oct. 2, 1872 when it was consecrated, by Bishop Travers Lewis, Diocese of Ontario.

In the years up to 1842, oversight of the church in Fitzroy, was from the Diocese of Montreal and Bishop Mountain. On April 28, 1842 it became a mission church of the Diocese of Toronto. By 1851, Toronto Diocese had 12 districts or deaneries. Bathurst Deanery included Perth, Carleton Place, Franktown, Pakenham and Fitzroy, Bytown, Richmond Township and March. In 1850 the total income from Bathurst Deanery was \$51. Building churches involved great struggle and sacrifice, coupled with great faith and determination.

When the church at Fitzroy Harbour was completed in 1863, it still belonged to the combined mission of Pakenham and Fitzroy. The mission covered 200 square miles, had 1600 church members, 300 communicants and three churches - including a congregation on the 9th Line, Fitzroy. This mission was now part of the Diocese of Ontario. The rector was the Rev. C.P. Emery and the Rt. Rev. John Travers Lewis was bishop.

Records show that in the mission there were 125 public baptisms of infants, and ten marriages in 1863. The delegates to Synod were W.P. Taylor, J. Baird and J. Shaw, the latter representing Pakenham.

The first child baptized in the new church in Fitzroy Harbour was Minerva Landon, the mother of the late Ven. G.H.L. Sadler. The first marriage was that of John Craig and Margaret Bradley. The first death recorded was of an infant, Samuel Amm. St. George's Cemetery was established in 1861, two years before the church was completed. Henry Tripp sold 1 acre of his land to the congregation for the sum of \$50. Ironically, the first person buried in the cemetery was Henry's son, Thomas, who died in 1861 from blood poisoning, the result of an axe cut suffered while working in a shanty. Henry Tripp was the great grandfather of Mervyn Tripp and Roy Weir; Thomas Tripp was their great-uncle.

In 1872, the rector of Fitzroy Harbour assumed the pastoral oversight of St. Thomas, Woodlawn. In 1896, the parish became part of the new diocese of Ottawa.

Old records are sparse and the earliest vestry minutes we have for St. George's start in 1907. By that time the parish of Fitzroy Harbour was made up of three congregations; St. George's, St. Thomas, Woodlawn and St. Paul's, 9th Line.

Vestry minutes and Vestry Book give tantalizing glimpses of congregational life - one wishes more details had been included by early recorders.

In the early years of this century, three services were held on a Sunday on a rotational basis among the three churches, a eucharist at 10:30, evensong at 3:00 p.m. and 7 p.m. The rectors stipend in 1913 was \$378.00 per year.

In 1914, special prayers were offered for peace at the outbreak of war. There were special collections during the year for the MSCC (Missionary Society of the Church in Canada), the Jews, Belgians, Divinity Students Fund, Red Cross Society, and the Patriotic Fund. At the Annual Vestry meeting some discussion was held regarding the adoption of a weekly envelope system. No action was taken but 1917 records reveal that quarterly envelopes were introduced.

The 1915 Vestry minutes contain first references to activities of the W.A. (Women's Auxiliary), J.A. (Junior Auxiliary) G.A. (Girls Auxiliary). The report was given by the Rector, the Rev. Franklin Clarke. 1915 also marked the first time that women attended the vestry meeting. They were Mrs. William Coe, Mrs. Franklin Clarke and Miss Susie Pigott, all representing the Women's Auxiliary. A special note was made of the 60th anniversary of George and Ann Sadler on All Saints Day. They were Archdeacon Sadler's grandparents.

The rector's report in 1916 produced the following statistics:

Families 43
Church population 213
Confirmed 130
Communicants 100
Average number of Communicants 30-35
Number of communicants at Easter 37
Church attendance on Sundays 70
Sunday School 21
Services on Sundays 53
Services weekdays 79
Baptisms 8
Marriages 0
Burials 2

Total collections \$151.20, other monies \$188.40 equalling \$339.60

Total expenses	Rector	\$22.90		\$330.55
	Church	\$307.65		
			Balance	<u>9.05</u>

A decision taken at the 1917 Vestry meeting changed the year end closing of books to Dec. 31 instead of the Spring. Vestry had always been held at Easter. Annual Vestry was now moved to January. On April 29, 1917 a special collection was held in the parish for the new church in Matheson. A total of \$41.20 was

collected.

December 15, 1918 marked the first time use of the new Book of Common Prayer communion service. By 1920, the Rector's stipend had increased to \$1500 per annum. In 1922 a circular letter was sent to the congregation explaining the financial standing of the church (in trouble) and asking for a liberal subscription to be handed in by envelope before February 18. Financial support improved in the next few years as reflected in the decision at two special vestry meetings called in 1927 to put in a board ceiling to cover the cross collar braces and rafters. The work was done by Mr. Harold Owens. On St. Luke's Day, Oct. 18, 1927 a thanksgiving service was held for the new ceiling. Present at this service were Bishop Roper, Canon Waterman, Rev. R.H. Waterman, H.A.E. Clarke, F.T. Norman and the rector the Rev. Charles C. Phillips.

In 1924, the congregation rejoiced in the ordination of a native son, G.H. Sadler, on June 17th at St. George's Church. He was born on Oct. 31, 1898 on the 10th line of Fitzroy. His parents were Edward Sadler and Minerva Landon. His early education was in Fitzroy Harbour and Arnprior. He went on to Queens and Bishops. He served parishes in Pembroke, Renfrew, Combermere, Cobden, Eganville, Cornwall, Lancaster and Smith's Falls. He became Archdeacon of Lanark in 1962 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1966. He died in 1985 and is buried in St. George's Cemetery. He was a first cousin of Jack and Gerald Sadler and the late Mae Belford, Fred, George, and Earl Sadler.

Property matters seem to have been a focus of congregational concern over the years.

On Dec. 16, 1929 a special vestry meeting approved the sale of the parcel of land known as Lot 214 in Fitzroy Harbour to Erwin Poole and John Dolan for the sum of \$250 cash. A garage was established on this lot which later was owned by Ed Langford and is currently owned by Robert Booth. The lot had been originally owned by W.P. Taylor who willed it to St. George's. He and his first wife were buried there in the back corner near John Muldoon's present home. It is thought that there were two or three other family members also buried there. In 1968, arrangements were made with Pinecrest Cemetery officials to dig up the remains for reburial at a cost of \$300. The remains recovered were placed in an iron box and reburied in the church cemetery and a headstone was erected. Mr. Taylor's second wife was buried in the church cemetery.

A special vestry meeting on May 15, 1939 passed a motion to be forwarded to Diocesan Synod that the property next to the church be granted to St. George's for management and control; the income or proceeds to be used for the up-keep of St. George's and

the rectory. The house and lot belonged to Miss Mary Ann Langford. They had been willed to her in 1914 by W.P. Taylor. On her death, they were to go to the Diocese of Ottawa. Synod must have approved of St. George's motion because the 1950 Vestry minutes record that the question of the disposal of the Taylor house was left to the wardens and Finance Committee. The lot and log house in question were located on a lot between the church and the present home of Roy and Velma Weir on Shirreff St. Mill Street at that time followed (more or less) the present driveway of the church. The wardens entered into an arrangement with the township council to exchange the land on which Miss Langford's house was located, for the land adjacent to and including Mill St. Mr. Clifford Campbell was also a party to the agreement as he owned the land behind the lot in question. The agreement was that the township would relocate Mill St. to run through the Langford lot and so guarantee access to the lots behind for Mr. Campbell.

Discussion and planning for a new rectory went on for several years. In 1945, Vestry set up a "provisional committee for raising funds to build a new rectory at a future time when the parish would decide." 1946 Vestry reported that \$1917 had been subscribed to the rectory fund. On Aug. 2, 1949 a special vestry was held to discuss building a new rectory. It was moved "that we take no action re the purchasing of the J.A. Kedey house for a rectory as we do not think it would be suitable." This is the present home of Janet and George Stanton on the N.W. corner of Charles and Wilson Streets. There was also some talk at the time of acquiring Edward Sadler's home, the current home of Mr. Elmer Craig on Harbour Street.

In 1952 a rectory committee was established "to have a rectory built as soon as possible." On March 26, 1952 a special vestry met to deal with selling the old rectory. The old rectory was located on Harbour Street. It was sold to Herman Dolan, a member of the congregation. The lot was a double one. Herman tore down the old shed which occupied one lot and built a new home there for himself. He sold the old rectory to the late Cecil Farrell who lived there with his family, including for many years, his mother and father, until 1985. At the 1953 vestry meeting, the incumbent the Rev. William Belford commended the Building Committee for the time and effort put into building the new rectory on Market Street on the land owned by St. George's beside the church. Vestry records at that time show that the annual stipend was \$2400, divided as follows: Woodlawn \$912, Fitzroy Harbour \$1008, and Ninth Line \$480. Services in the parish had changed to two morning services and one evening service.

1955 brought increases in stipend and missionary apportionment. A canvass was held and the 1956 Vestry minutes reported that it had been very satisfactory. It was moved at

that meeting that "we maintain our status as a self-supporting parish." Such has been the case ever since!

In the late 50's many repairs were done to the exterior and interior of the church. A major job was the removal of the old plaster at the sides of the three stained glass windows above the altar. Metal reinforcement was put in place and new plaster applied. The interior was freshly painted. Shortly after this work was completed, the furnace malfunctioned. Black oily deposits spoiled the new paint job and the walls had to be repainted!

Plans began in 1962 for celebrating St. George's Centenary in 1963. Mrs. Eleanor Owens was appointed convener of the Centenary Committee. At a special vestry on April 11, 1962 a committee was formed to look into the possibility of building a parish hall. A building fund was established. With a growing Sunday School and an increase in groups and activities it was felt that the rectory basement and the old Orange Hall which had no plumbing were no longer satisfactory for congregational activities.

Centennial Year 1963 was celebrated with several special events. On February 10, Bishop Reed confirmed 37 candidates and Canon Moore Smith conducted a Parish Mission from April 23-27. On June 1, a Centennial Tea was held at the Rectory and on June 9, Archdeacon R.E. Osborne was celebrant and preacher. The Rural Dean C.C. Conliffe paid a visit and on October 15 a special mid-week service was held with Archdeacon G.H.L. Sadler as celebrant and preacher. The celebrations concluded with a Centennial dinner on November 26, held at Emmanuel Parish Hall, Arncliffe.

Archdeacon Eric Osborne a native son, had very close associations with St. George's. His grandfather, the Rev. John Osborne was rector of the parish from 1899-1902. Reginald, a son of John, married a local woman Miss Sarah Tripp, a first cousin of Mr. Robert Tripp, father of Mervyn Tripp. Her mother was a Weir, a great aunt of Roy. Archdeacon Osborne was born in Fitzroy Harbour on April 22, 1908. He served a number of parishes but is best remembered as the long time rector of St. Matthew's, Ottawa and Archdeacon of Ottawa from 1962-1973. He died in 1986 and is buried in St. George's cemetery.

The Rector in 1963 was the Rev. Allan Rogers and Centennial year officers and committees as listed on the souvenir booklet were:

Wardens
W.A. President
Altar Guild President
S.S. Superintendent
AYPA President

Roy Weir, Ernest Cavanagh
Mrs. Mervyn Tripp
Mrs. Ed Langford
Mrs. Laurence Stewart
Mary Poole

Treasurer
Parish Secretary

Howard Carry
Helen Harris

Finance Committee

The Wardens
Herman Dolan
Earl Latham
Howard Carry
Hiram Wilson
Kenneth Owens

Historical Committee

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavanagh
Mr. and Mrs. Reg Owens
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Campbell
Mrs. Roy Weir
Mr. Robert G. Tripp

Social Committee

Mrs. Gordon Owens
Mrs. Roy Weir
Mrs. Ernie Cavanagh
Mrs. Syd Trudeau
Mrs. Ed Langford

Missionary Committee

Mrs. Mervyn Tripp
Mrs. W. John Dolan
Mrs. Harvey Delahunt
Mr. Roy Weir
Mr. George Poole
Mr. Ed Poole

Special Events

Mrs. Thomas Trudeau
Mr. Archie Badham
Mrs. Gordon Owens
Mr. Mervyn Tripp
Mrs. Lorne Stewart
Mrs. Harold Owens

Publicity Committee

Mr. Eric Craig
Mrs. Wilbert Dolan
Mrs. Helen Harris
Mr. Jack Sadler
Mrs. Craig Coe

1966 marked a change in how congregational leadership was organized. A congregational council was established to replace the old system of executive committee. More representation from the congregation and organizations began. No decision had yet been made regarding a church hall but by 1967, a plan for a proposed room was presented. A special vestry in 1968 approved the building of a church hall at a cost of \$12,850.

1968 also marked the occasion of the first chicken barbecue. It was held on the church grounds and chicken pieces were cooked on large grills. In 1969, chicken already cooked from a commercial outlet was served along with the homemade buns, salads and pies. Another popular social activity was the annual Hallowe'en dance held until 1985.

By 1971 there were no evening services and more celebrations of the eucharist were held than morning prayer services. Mr. Fred Sadler served as lay reader and did so until his death in 1985. Bill Newell shared these duties from 1975 on. Services at St. Paul's were held only during warm months - usually Easter to Thanksgiving. Incumbent, the Rev. Ralph Smith asked a new parishioner, Bill Newell, to organize a senior choir and direct a

Christmas pageant with the church school. A junior choir had flourished for a while in the 1960's but no regular choir had existed for some time. In 1972, the new red hymn books replaced the old blue hymnal. At the 11 a.m. service on December 24, 1972 the senior choir with the help of seven readers from the congregation presented an ambitious service of Seven Lessons and Carols.

A highlight of 1973 was the month long stay of Brian and Cindy Allen, lay missionaries of the diocese. They touched many lives, especially among the young people. A coffee house was opened in the church hall and operated for a number of years with the support and encouragement of the congregation and the incumbent, the Rev. Frere Kennedy.

In the mid 70's a major survey of the congregation was held to give direction to the congregational council in its efforts to renew interest and financial support. The questionnaire results showed a congregation that had drawn in on itself - willing to support local projects but largely unaware of and uninterested in concerns beyond the parish - the exception to this were the women active in Anglican Church Women. In 1976 and 1977 a special appeal produced more than enough funds to make major improvements to the interior of the church. The whole interior was painted, all the pews were removed so that the tile floor could be thoroughly cleaned and waxed and new red carpeting was laid in the aisles and chancel.

In 1979, the horizons of the congregation began to broaden once again. Along with many others across Canada, our parish responded to the plight of the Vietnamese and Cambodian boat people. We agreed to sponsor a Cambodian family who arrived on a cold, snowy November evening in 1979. Tan Chy Peng, a young widow, and two of her three children, Chahriya and Jung Go settled in Arnprior where three other Cambodian families sponsored by local churches also came to live. The children started school and Chy Peng started English classes. In a very short time she had mastered enough English to become employed at Eastern Aircraft Repairs. She and her family moved to a house from the first small apartment, bought a car and have since moved to Ottawa. Chy Peng's older son, Hue, her father and sister were allowed to join her in 1981. They are doing well in their adopted country.

1979 marked the appointment of St. George's first woman warden, Helen Poole. 1980 was a year of major changes in congregational life. During that year, members of the parish met on a number of occasions to set goals and objectives for the 1980's. We joined with parishes from across the Diocese at the Arnprior Goals and Objectives Conference in October. Among the many decisions we made for our parish life, the main ones were to move toward the admission of children to communion, greater

participation by lay people in worship, and to use the Third Canadian Order Rite for Holy Communion, on a regular basis when it became available in 1981. Congregational Council had approved the use of various alternative liturgies in 1979. It had also become the practice for the church School to join adult worshippers each Sunday after the Offertory. Congregational Council also approved a major change in the placement of the altar. It was moved away from the back wall, the altar rail was moved forward, as were the choir pews.

Our rector, Donald Clark, was instrumental in furthering our knowledge of the wider church, through special study sessions on Anglicanism and World Mission. Since he had been the National Staff person responsible for Asia and the Pacific, he was able to talk from first hand experience about the church in those places. A highlight of 1980 was the weekend visit to the parish in March of the Primate, Archbishop Ted Scott. His visit coincided with the last ecumenical study session as a follow up to that year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The topic was the Church World-Wide. Since Archbishop Scott was President of the Central Council of the World Council of Churches his insights and knowledge enriched the group experience immeasurably.

Further decisions on parish direction were taken in 1982 when we participated in the Covenant Plan Stewardship Program. A major component of the plan adopted was a new and significant emphasis on outreach. In 1983, when we participated in Anglicans in Mission, members of the parish pledged over \$60,000 to the program and engaged in a series of discussions and study on outreach. Approximately \$15,000 of Anglican in Mission money was available for the parish to use for mission projects. So far two projects have been supported, one local, one overseas. In 1985, \$7,000 was given to Harvest Haven in Woodlawn for major repairs and renovations. Harvest Haven provides a temporary home and counselling services for families affected by the alcoholism of one of its members. It is run by Father Basil Smith, the son of a local family. In 1986, \$2,700 was sent to Canon Erica Kanamyire of Masindi Uganda to purchase a motorbike to enable him to serve his 13 parishes more easily. Approximately \$5,000 remains to be apportioned to further mission work.

The church hall has been used by the community at large as well as by the congregation. In 1973, a Senior Citizens Club was formed and St. George's Hall served as their meeting place until 1977 when they moved to their own room in the new Community Centre. In 1977, the West Carleton Mobile Library used the driveway and the exterior electrical outlet for several months until the permanent Fitzroy Harbour branch opened in the Community Centre.

The hall has been used for some years now by Alcoholics Anonymous, Al Anon, Euchre club, Bridge Club, Beavers and

Community Play Group (mothers, fathers and pre-school children). The Beavers and Bridge Club moved to the Community Centre in 1987.

Work continued in the 80's on improving and renewing the church building. In 1980, siding was put on the exterior walls of the church hall. In 1981, a major addition was made when a belfry tower and bell were put in place, using the old fieldstone chimney over the main entrance as the solid base to support them. Beautiful oak cupboards were built in the narthex in 1983 by a member of the congregation, Paul Laframboise. New cupboards were installed in the vestry and the downstairs Sunday School room in 1984. St. George's marked the 1984 provincial bicentennial celebrations in Fitzroy Harbour by entering a colorful float in the parade and mounting an historical display in the Community Centre.

By the mid 80's, lay administrators of the Eucharist and readers from the congregation of the lessons were a regular feature of Sunday worship. Children were admitted to communion in 1985 and a new service (to us) the Easter Vigil was celebrated. In 1982, the parish office was re-established in the basement of St. George's Hall, for incumbent the Rev. Roger Young. It had not been used for this purpose since the Rev. Ralph Smith left in 1971. In 1985, the Book of Alternative Services was introduced and used exclusively for all our services.

St. Paul's 9th line was closed in 1984 except for the annual cemetery service.

In 1986, the decision was made to hold our annual barbecue (chicken & steak since 1976) at the Community Centre. It was fortunate the switch in venue was made, as it rained all day. The whole congregation works hard at this major social and fund raising event. Held on the first Saturday of June each year, its popularity continues. Approximately 700 meals are served in the space of 2 1/2 hours.

1986 also marked the first steps in planning for our 125th Anniversary in 1988. On March 20, 1986 a general congregational meeting chaired by Rector's Warden, Ron Weir established seven sub-committees. The Congregational Council plus chairpersons of the sub-committees became the co-ordinating committee.

The first fund-raising event was a very successful giant yard sale held in June of 1986. In May of 1987, a major fund-raising drive called Renewal 125 was undertaken to provide funds for major renovations and restoration of the church and hall. Over \$21,000 was raised and work began during the summer. A new drainage system was installed around the hall to correct the serious flooding problems encountered each Spring. A new tiled

floor was installed in the hall, hall entrance and vestry. The basement floor and walls were painted, a new storage cupboard was installed in the vestry and doors were installed to cover the open shelves in the basement. A new hall entry door was also put in place. Work continues in 1988 with the complete drywalling of the church interior, including entry porch, painting, installation of new oak outer doors, new floor in entry, and the installation of two etched and stained glass transom windows above the outer and inner doors of the church. A new sidewalk and door slab and landscaping will complete the work. There has been much volunteer labour by members of the congregation which has reduced costs considerably.

In September, 1987 a very special event was celebrated - the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Canon Bill Belford. Canon Belford has made his home in Fitzroy Harbour since his retirement in 1975. His wife Mae (nee Sadler) shared his retirement here in her home town until her death in 1986. Canon Belford has been very generous in his willingness to take services in the absence of the rector, especially between incumbencies. He has been chaplain to the local Guides, Brownies, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers since the late 70's and is a popular figure at many community events. In September 1987, we welcomed a new rector and his family, the Rev. Ken Spear, Susan and children Elizabeth, Catherine and Sarah.

As we enter our 125th Anniversary year it is gratifying to note the increasing numbers of lay people from a relatively small congregation who take leadership positions in the congregation, parish, diocese and even on the national scene. The lists at the end of this historical booklet show the involvement of people in congregational life. They don't show other involvements which should be noted.

The local scouting and guiding movements are well served by Mary and Rolly Lepine, Barney Deschamps, and Bonnie Laventure. Mr. George Poole until his death in 1985 was Group Chairman; his wife Helen has carried on in this position.

Mr. Frank Senior has been a highly valued member of the Diocesan Administration and Finance Committee and the Task Force on the Diocesan Centre for Christian Life and Ministry. He has also served two terms as our Deanery Representative on the Diocesan Executive Committee. An architect by profession, Frank has advised a number of parishes on structural changes to their buildings.

Amy Newell was elected to the Diocesan executive of Anglican Church Women in 1973 as Public Relations Convenor. From 1974-77 she was Vice President, and then President from 1977-1980. In 1980 she became Outreach Co-ordinator on the Diocesan Program Committee and served as chairperson from 1981-1985. In 1980 Amy

was elected to General Synod and was elected by that body to the National Program Committee. That committee appointed her to the National Women's Unit which she served on for 6 years as chairperson. At General Synod 1986, she was elected to serve on the National Executive Council and Committee on Ministry. She is also a member of the Diocesan Lay Ministry Unit and the Diocesan Executive Committee.

In 1988, Helen Poole will be one of three women representing the Diocese of Ottawa at a National Anglican Women's Conference at Huron College in London, Ontario in June.

In the preceding pages, references have been made from time to time to groups in the congregation. In an attempt to keep the chronological development of the congregation relatively coherent, only a few details have been given of groups, activities and the make up of the congregation. These histories begin with a look at the congregation generally.

In the early years, the congregation was formed by the early settlers who were mostly farmers. Herman Landon who arrived in 1824 built the first grist mill and as the village grew to contain hotels, stores, the government wharf, the railway and other mills, St. George's drew its congregation from among people engaged in these activities as well. The farming community still provided the largest number of members. A number of new families moved to Fitzroy Harbour in the early 1930's when the Hydro Generating Station was built at "the Chats". There was some anxiety in the community concerning the influx of large numbers of transient workers who arrived to build the dam and generating station. In the 1931 vestry minutes the following motion is recorded - "that a letter of appreciation be sent to Messrs. Morrow and Beatty (the general contractors) for the efficient manner in which they have kept order and maintained the morals of the community." The new generating station brought a number of new parishioners to St. George's and provided employment opportunities for local residents as well.

Since 1970, the population of the village has increased dramatically with the building of numerous new homes. Many are newcomers but a large number are children and grandchildren of long time residents who prefer village life to city life. Many local farmers and hydro employees have retired in the village as well. The mix of old and new has been a harmonious one and has produced an active congregation ranging in age from very young children to our oldest parishioner, Mr. Clifford Campbell, who celebrates his 90th birthday on March 7, 1988.

It is interesting to see how the latest statistics compare to those quoted earlier for 1916.

Number on mailing list 105

Identifiable givers 68
 Average Sunday Communicants 60-65
 Easter Communicants, 1987 109
 Christmas Communicants, 1987 105
 Baptisms 4
 Burials 2

St. George's Congregational Budget for 1987

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>'88</u>
Parish Treasurer	\$25,606.40	\$25,606.40	\$25,768.00
Congregational Expenses	\$ 8,395.00	\$ 6,774.71	\$ 9,515.00
Total	\$34,001.40	\$32,380.69	\$35,283.00

St. George's share of the parish budget is 40%. The total parish budget for 1988 is \$64,420.00. Of that total, \$48,270.00 covers the cost of priestly services, the parish share of diocesan expenses and the insurance premium. The determination expressed in the 1956 motion "to maintain our status as a self-supporting parish" and the commitment to the well-being of church and society both within and beyond the parish, are strong features of parish and congregational life.

Organists

Over the years, the congregation has been extremely fortunate to have able organists among its members. The following list is not complete because no record has been kept of organists. The following as well as others unknown now, have served us well.

Gladys Sadler
 Lily Trudeau
 Helen Harris
 Dorothy Lathem
 Emily Tripp
 Sylvia Campbell

Marguerite Badham
 Wayne Stevens
 Mr. M.A. Thurston
 Sheila Cavanagh
 Velma Weir

The old pump organ was sold to a parishioner, when St. George's received the gift of an electronic organ in 1971, from Ben and Joyce Sorensen former members of St. Thomas congregation.

Women's Organizations

Although written records have not survived, there was a great deal of work done by the women of the congregation in the early years of St. George's in the Ladies Aid. We do know that on July 17, 1914 a branch of the Women's Auxiliary with

accompanying Girl's Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary were formed. The wife of the Rector, Mrs. Franklin Clarke was very interested in missions and was instrumental in forming the Women's Auxiliary. The first executive members were:

President - Mrs. Franklin Clarke
 Vice President - Mrs. John Pigott
 Secretary - Mrs. Henry Wilson
 Treasurer - Mrs. William Tripp
 Leaflet - Mrs. Charles Saunders

The first Women's Auxiliary report was presented to Vestry by the rector the Rev. Franklin Clarke. Mrs. Clarke, Miss Susie Pigott and Mrs. William Coe attended Vestry, the first women to do so. The next year, 1916, the women presented their own report. In 1916 the Altar Guild was formed. In 1924, there were 28 members of the Women's Auxiliary. This early information was found in a short history of St. George's Women's Auxiliary written by Mrs. Hartley Badham in 1964. The Women's Auxiliary was very active and supported the local church and missions in Canada. The church school, Little Helpers, Girl's Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary benefitted from the work of the Women's Auxiliary. A major focus of work as study and support of outreach (mission) at home and further afield. Teas, bake sales, lawn socials, bean suppers and generous contributions by members enabled them to help support Indian schools, & overseas missionaries. Monthly study sessions on such places and topics as India, Japan, Africa, China, Philippines and Islam were a regular feature of Women's Auxiliary meetings.

In 1948 the Women's Auxiliary organized the gathering of tinned foods for parcels to be sent to bombed out clergy in Britain. One parcel sent in September of that year weighed 20 lbs.

The minutes of the 1956 annual meeting record that their special guest was the Rev. W. Robinson from St. John's Church, Elgin St. in Ottawa. Fourteen years later he became Diocesan Bishop.

In October, 1961, the Women's Auxiliary responded to a request from the Smith's Falls Hospital for Retarded Children to sponsor a child by agreeing to "adopt" Lise Levesque. Members took turns sending gifts and cards to her for approximately 16 years. The present ACW Mission and Study Group sponsor Daniel Crete who lives in a group home in Smiths Falls.

In January 1962, the Women's Auxiliary presented Mrs. J. Tripp with a table lamp in recognition of 28 years as leader of the Little Helpers.

In 1963 the Women's Auxiliary sold 96 church plates for the

100th Anniversary of St. George's. They raised \$77.85 and used \$60.00 to purchase an Altar Missal (BCP) as a thankoffering.

1964 marked a milestone - 50 years for the Women's Auxiliary in Fitzroy Harbour. There were 25 active members. The annual meeting that year was attended by representatives of all the Women's Auxiliary branches in Arnprior Deanery. The special guest speaker was Mrs. Margaret Waugh, Diocesan president of the Women's Auxiliary. The Fitzroy Harbour Women's Auxiliary was a very active group with 24 members meeting monthly, even in the summer.

The Altar Guild formed in ¹⁹²⁶1916 was and is another active group. Their annual tea was a popular event for many years. They have presented many gifts to the church including the silver wafer box and the dossal curtain which has only recently been removed. They have been responsible over the years for decorating the church for major festivals, have made many of the altar linens and in recent years have made new superfrontals chasubles, stoles, burses and veils with the help of other women from the congregation.

In 1967, a new women's organization was formed nationally - Anglican Church Women - The first organizational meeting of St. George's Anglican Church Women was held on November 20, 1968. The following members registered for that first meeting.

Mrs. Craig Coe	Mrs. Sheila Cavanagh
Mrs. Roy Weir	Mrs. Laverne Cavanagh
Mrs. Essie Cavanagh	Mrs. Harvey Delahunt
Mrs. Eric Craig	Mrs. George Poole
Mrs. Lester Dolan	Mrs. W.J. Dolan
Mrs. Wilson Poole	Mrs. Lois Langford
Mrs. Ruth Smith	Mrs. Nelda Wilson
Mrs. Zelma MacKay	Mrs. Fran Acres
Mrs. Emily Tripp	Mrs. Evelyn Badham

The first executive elected at that meeting were:

Honorary President	- Mrs. Ruth Smith
President	- none elected
Vice President	- Mrs. Fran Acres
Secretary	- Mrs. Helen Poole
Treasurer	- Mrs. Faye Stewart

Fran Acres took over the President's position and held it until 1971. The annual meeting in 1971 elected the following executive:

President	- Amy Newell
Vice President	- Nelda Wilson

Secretary	- Zelma MacKay
Treasurer	- Susan Dolan
Family Life	- Dorothy Harris
Ways and means	- Faye Stewart

The umbrella organization (A.C.W) brought the separate groups together for general meetings and planning of major projects. Each group had their own meetings to carry on their particular interests. The work which in the past had been the special focus of the W.A. was now the purpose of the Study and Mission Group. The Altar Guild and Ways and Means Committee were the other main groups. Other areas of work such as Family Life, and sponsored child, were handled by convenors usually without a committee being formed.

The Women's Auxiliary and later the ACW Mission and Study Group have had prayer partners starting with the Rev. and Mrs. Franklin Clarke when they left Fitzroy Harbour in 1921 for mission work in the Arctic. The next prayer partners were the Rev. H.G. Cook and his wife; he later became suffragan bishop of the Arctic. For two years a young English woman, Miss Jill Davies, was the prayer partner while she was in Canada working in the famous Sunday School Vans of Miss Hazel. The Rev. Armand Tagoon, a native priest, was a prayer partner for many years until the mid 70's. The group did not have a prayer partner until the beginning of 1988 when the Rev. Canon Barry and Barbara Jenks of the Diocese of British Columbia agreed to the relationship. They are serving in Guyana for three years, Barry as Diocesan Director of Christian Education. Barbara hopes to use her skills and experience as a primary teacher as well.

There has not been a general A.C.W. president since 1979. The secretary Amy Newell, elected at the Annual meeting in 1979 has been the contact person with the Diocesan ACW executive. Marjorie Carry is treasurer, Helen Poole heads up the Altar Guild, and Darlene Weir is Ways and Means Convenor.

All commitments to the Diocesan ACW are still met and all the women of the church combine efforts for major functions. Fashion shows, bake sales, euchres, plant sales and catering for receptions have been major money raising activities. Since 1986, a fashion show has been the major project each year to raise money. The women have involved the whole congregation in mission projects - the annual bales for the north and support in recent years for the Women's Overnight Emergency Shelter at All Saints, Sandy Hill in Ottawa. They have also provided seed money for youth activities at St. George's, made articles for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario and given financial support to Interval House in Carleton Place, a safe home for battered women. The informal operating style of the women's groups seems to work well. What needs to be done, get's done and there is great co-operation from everyone in the congregation.

Girl's Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary were mentioned in the rector's report to vestry in 1915, but no records exist. The Girls Auxiliary was re-organized in 1934 with 17 enrolling members under leader Mrs. Crossley, the rector's wife. The Girl's Auxiliary was active, organized in 1953 with Mrs. Jean Craig and Mrs. Mae Belford as leaders. The last record of Junior Auxiliary is 1962. Leaders in 1961 and 1962 were Emily Tripp and Helen Poole. In the mid 1970's, a parish Junior Auxiliary was formed and met at St. Thomas's and was active for three or four years. At about that time, there was a resurgence of Brownies and Guides in Fitzroy Harbour and Junior Auxiliary and Girl's Auxiliary have never been reorganized. The organizing force for Guides and Brownies in the 70's was Maureen Taylor, a parishioner then at St. George's. A Brownie pack had existed earlier from 1958 to 1969. Two of the leaders were Faye Stewart and Marjorie Carry.

The Scouting movement was reorganized in the Harbour in the late 70's and members of St. George's were leaders, as noted elsewhere in this historical review.

AYPA - Anglican Young People's Association

The A.Y.P.A. was first formed in the 1930's under the leadership of the Rev. C.C. Phillips. Unfortunately no records remain from those years. Roy Weir recalls going to a Provincial A.Y.P.A. conference in Peterborough with people from Carp; Horace Armstrong, Madeleine Cowan, Ed Downey (later Dean of Ottawa), Aleta Bishop and Evelyn Cox. A Junior AYPA was formed in 1954 with the encouragement of the rector, the Rev. Bill Belford. The first executive in 1954 were:

President - Jim Badham
Vice President - Donna Styles
Secretary - Lois Coe
Treasurer - Don Wilson

In May of 1954, they decided to put on a minstrel show; the cast of endmen were:

Snowball - Maurice Wilson
Rastus - Gerald Sadler
Sunshine - George Poole
Epidemic - Pat Buck
Bones - Herman Dolan
Sambo - Charlie MacKay
Mr. Interlocutor - Jack Sadler
Director - Mr. Robert Stuckey

The Junior AYPA members formed the choir, Mac Lillie of Kinburn played the piano and Stan Jeffries (Cheron Campbell's

father) played the banjo.

They put the show on for the first time on October 5 in Fitzroy Harbour at the old Orange Hall to a large audience. They took the show on the road and performed at Kilmaurs on Oct. 15, Kinburn, Oct. 22, Cobden, Oct. 26. They also went to North Gower, Douglas, and Carp.

The members of the cast wondered why they weren't getting much response from the audience at Kilmaurs on Oct. 15. The cast was unaware of the fact that Hurricane Hazel struck during the performance. The building was shaking so much that the audience was too scared to concentrate on the performance.

They received an invitation from the Anglican Men's Association of Merrickville written on November 30, 1954. An item in the Ottawa Citizen about the North Gower performance prompted an invitation to perform in Merrickville on New Year's night. They didn't go because of the time of year.

There were 21 members in May 1955 when a hayride and weiner roast at the Quyon Ferry landing was planned. They invited the AYPAs from Huntley and Carp to join them. Warren Lathem, Ed Poole and Alvin Dolan looked after getting 4 hay wagons and tractors. Jim Badham and Bernard Buck were in charge of the bonfire. That month also they painted the porch at the rectory at a cost of \$12.00 and invited the Almonte AYPAs for a ball game in July.

In November 1955, the AYPAs provincial conference was held in Ottawa. St. George's AYPAs were asked to provide 100 lbs of potatoes, 1 1/2 dozen eggs, 1 1/2 bushels of turnips, 1/3 bushel of apples, 2/3 bushel of carrots, 15 large cabbages, and 4 lbs. of onions. Jim Badham delivered all this to Dalton Carry in Kinburn for transfer to Ottawa. Marion Cox and Kathy Coe were delegates to that conference. Some other members mentioned in the minutes were Donna Styles, Lillian Hall, Mellie Wilson and Wayne Harris.

There is a gap in the records until 1962. The executive were:

President - Carolyn Badham
 Secretary - Arda Badham
 Treasurer - George Dolan
 Food Committee - Dorothy Owens, Brian Stewart, David Tripp
 Program Committee - Lillian Weir, Karen McCaffrey, Brenda Graham

Other members included Cheryl Owens, Mary Poole, Bob Tripp and Billy Acres.

A major project that year was a strawberry social held on

the rectory and church grounds. Later in the year they sold Christmas cards. At the November meeting, the rector Mr. Rogers read 3 plays - the group chose to perform one called No Room at the Inn. (This is the same play that the present Workshop Players put on at Christmas 1986.) They made \$17.50 on the play and \$2.00 selling cards. The money raised was used to provide a creche complete with the appropriate figurines. Mr. Lawrence Stewart agreed to build the creche and Mr. Rogers selected the ceramic figurines which the AYPAs paid for. They cost \$27.30. The creche and figurines have been used at Christmas ever since.

The 1963 executive were:

President - Mary Poole
Vice President - Bob Tripp
Secretary - Lillian Weir
Treasurer - George Dolan

Other members mentioned in the minutes were Lydia Dolan, John Poole and Linton Hicks. Meetings were held monthly in the basement of the rectory. Sleigh rides, hay rides, ball games, dances, and plays were their main activities. In May 1963, they decided to buy a new metal "The Anglican Church of Canada Welcomes You" sign for the church lawn. It was ordered in 1964 and came in 1965. The cost was \$37.50. Mr. Alex Walker who worked at the Hydro Generating Station made the metal light post for the sign to hang on. They also worked on a play called "Dirty Work at the Crossroads."

In 1964, Robert Dolan was President, Bob Tripp - Vice President, Lillian Weir, Secretary and Mary Poole - Treasurer. Other members included Jean Porter, Sumner Tripp, Eleanor Coe, Beth MacKay, Stuart Dolan, John MacKay and Brian Davis.

At a meeting in November of 1965 in the Community Centre the proposal was made that the AYPAs groups at St. George's and St. Thomas's join together to form one parish group. On November 21, 15 members from St. George's and 6 from St. Thomas' met and agreed to join together. The books were closed on December 5, 1965 with 13 members present. The new parish group never really got off the ground. Young people still gathered together on Saturday evenings, but no formal organization existed after 1965. The 1971 Vestry minutes record that there were about 30 young people from the 3 churches in the village plus Woodlawn meeting regularly. In 1972, there were 2 groups of teenagers and 1 pre-teen group under the leadership of the Rev. Donald Anderson of the United Church. A number of the older teens gave leadership to the pre-teen group in the mid 70's. Four of these older teens went on to be ordained in the United Church. An Anglican member of this group, Gary Weir, is presently Rector's Warden at St. George's.

A coffee house operated in St. George's Hall from 1973 to 1977. This grew out of the visit of Brian and Cindy Allen to the parish in the fall of 1973.

Various attempts to form a youth group in the parish fell through. Then in 1985, Anne and Frank Senior formed the Workshop Players as a way of helping the senior church school to become more actively involved in church. Kathy Hunt organized a Junior choir at the same time. The first production of the Workshop Players was "A Christmas Story" in December 1985. It was a mime presentation with narrator and was put on in conjunction with the Annual Community Carol Service. The church was packed and there was some difficulty in maneuvering the live donkey down the aisle!

At Christmas 1986 - the players put on a two-act play called No Room at the Inn, 24 years after the AYPAs production in 1962. This was quite a production with authentic costumes, makeup, stage lighting and the chancel transformed by sets and backdrops into an inn courtyard. Many adult members of the congregation became involved with backstage work.

In the Spring of 1987, A Journey with Jonah entertained a large and appreciative audience. The major roles were performed by the senior young people but many of the younger members of the church school were involved as well. The Christmas 1987 production of Amahl and the Night Visitors introduced music and dance to the dramatic production. Again costumes, stage sets, makeup and lights enhanced the play. A prime contributor to the Workshop Players, Frank Senior, fell seriously ill just before the performance date. As a result no plans have been made for a Spring production in 1988.

The young people remain active however. Several are assisting in the nursery on Sunday mornings; new servers have been trained and social activities are being planned. A recent bowling night attracted 38 young people to an evening of fun. The servers will be attending the Diocesan Servers Conference in April. On May 22, the young people will be leading the worship.

Ecumenical Life

The three denominations in the village have over the years developed friendly and co-operative relations. The clergy meet regularly and encourage their respective congregations to support each other's activities. The women have worshipped together for many years at the annual World Day of Prayer Service. The annual service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is well attended. From 1975-1985, an ecumenical community choir led a Community Carol Service in the week before Christmas. This choir was organized by St. George's choir directed by Bill Newell. The

choir sang several anthems and led the large congregations who called out requests for favourite carols.

An ecumenical Bible Study group met weekly during Lent in 1988. Future joint study and activities are proposed for the years ahead.

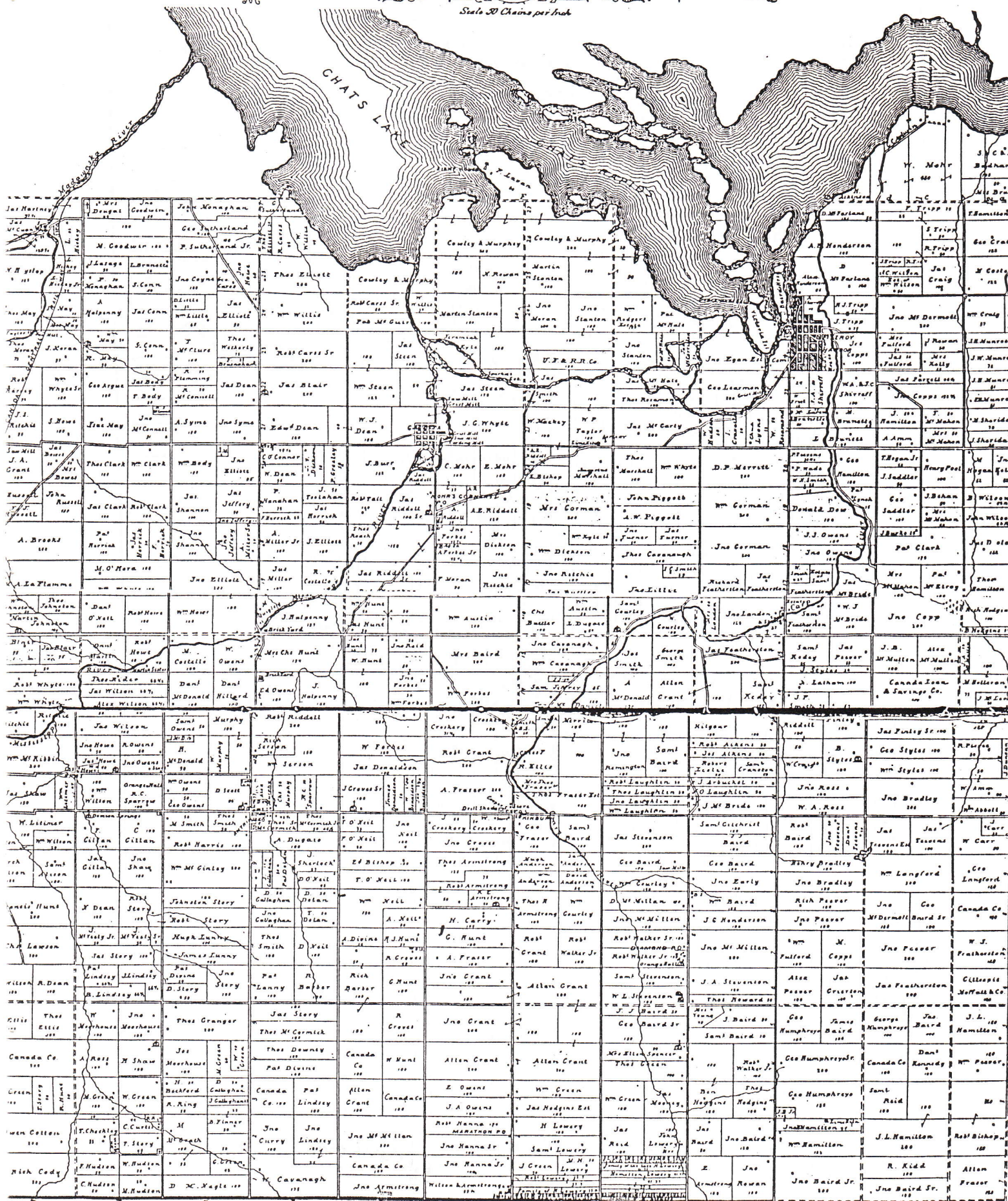
The year 1988 finds us celebrating our past 125 years with great thanksgiving to God for the faith, and work of all those who have preceded us. Their example will serve us well as we face a future which challenges us to grow spiritually, exercise our baptismal ministry, support the mission of the church, welcome newcomers and give witness to our faith in our daily lives.

We look forward to the special events planned for the year ahead and to the opportunity they will provide to give special thanks, to remember, to meet old friends, and to plan for the future of our church family in this place.

"May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all."

Amy Newell

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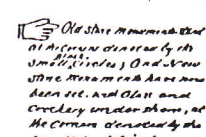


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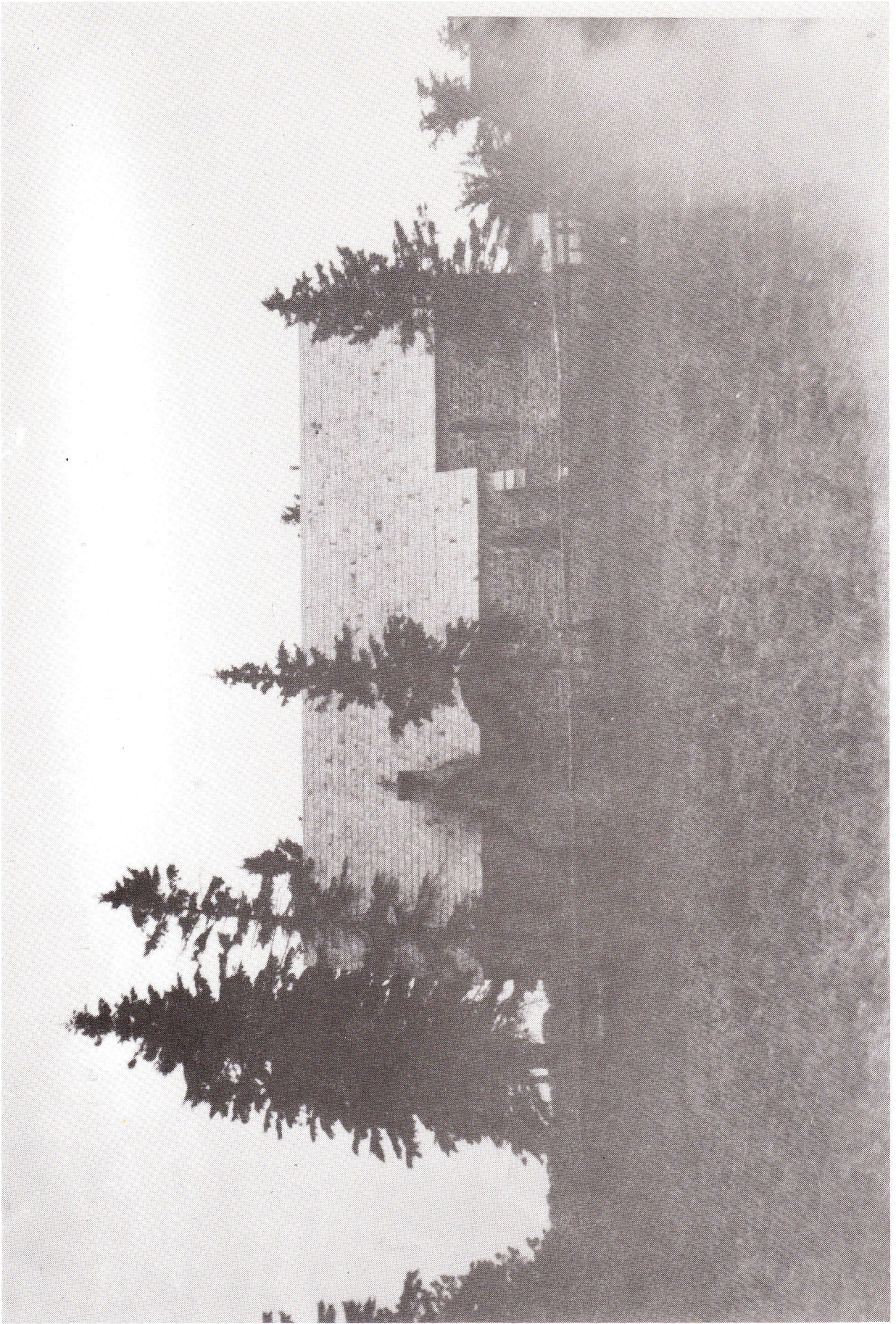
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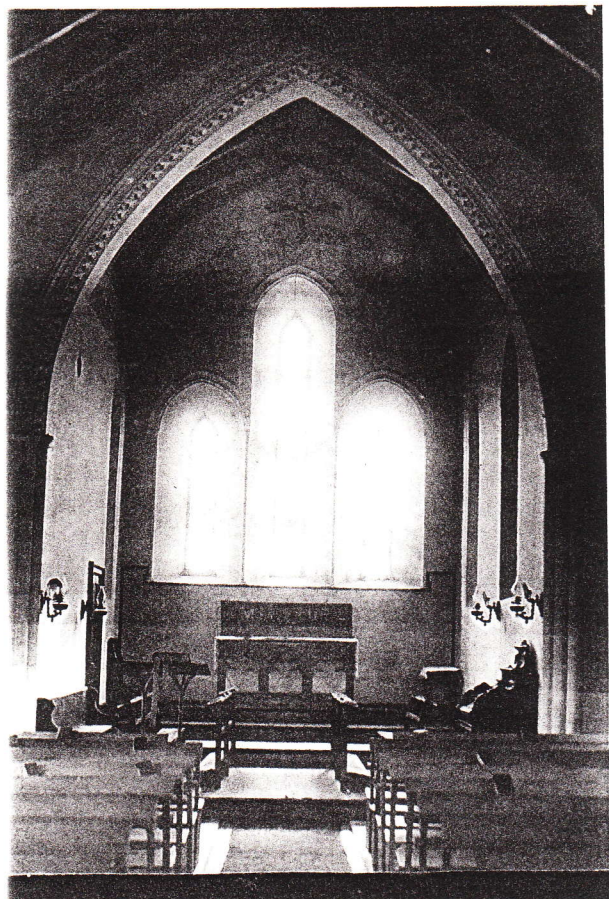
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ST. GEORGE'S , Church of England, June 9, 1925. (Public Archives)



Interior of church before 1927, when rafters were still exposed. Note decoration above windows and organ in the chancel.



The Rev. C.C. Phillips in this shot.

ST. GEORGE'S W.A. 1930 on lawn of old rectory

Front row Emma Poole, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Clarence Arnold and daughter, Gladys Trudeau, Claire Arnold, Vern Smith.

Second row - Lily Trudeau, Lila Poole, Mrs. Phillips (rector's wife), Mrs. George Sadler, Mae Sadler (Belford), Mrs. Henry Wilson, Mrs. Clifford Campbell and Doris.

Third row - Mrs. Harvey Delahunt, Mrs. Robert Tripp, Mrs. Ed Poole, Mrs. T.B. Wilson, Barbara Dolan, Mrs. H.A.E. Clarke (Arnprior), Mrs. Jim Owens.

Back row - Marge Poole, Mrs. Bruce Weir, Gertie Owens, Mrs. Hartley Badham (hidden), Mrs. Etta Reedle (visitor- sister of Mrs. Delahunt), Mrs. Harry MacKay, the Rev. H.A.E. Clarke (Arnprior), Mrs. Henry Poole, Mrs. Richard Craig.





ST. GEORGE'S W.A. circa 1949 with guests from St. Paul's, 9th Line

Front row- L to R The Rev. Robert Strachan, Emily Tripp, Esther Trudeau, Lila Poole, Marion Badham, Muriel Badham, Sheila Strachan, daughter of priest from Beachburg, incumbent at Beachburg.

Second row - sitting Mrs. Allan Dolan, Mrs. Wm. Edward Baird, Emily Dolan, Gertie Owens, Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Harry MacKay, Bertha Dolan.

Third row - Velma Weir, Beryl Dolan, Essie Cavanagh, Minnie Dolan, Gladys Sadler, Mrs. George Styles, Mrs. Horace Armstrong, Mrs. Dick Craig, Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. George Sadler, visiting priest's wife.

Fourth row - Frances Green, Mrs. Herb Munro, Dorothy Tripp(Lathem), Mrs. Delmer Baird, Mrs. Hardy Armstrong, Mrs. Lottie Green, Mrs. Aleitha Shillinglaw, Mrs. Herb Cullum.

Back row - Mrs. Emery Baird, Mrs. Charlie Munro, Mrs. Henry Wilson, Mrs. Hartley Badham, Lily Trudeau, Barbara Dolan (McMay).



A.Y.P.A. MINSTREL SHOW CAST 1954

Back row L-R Wm. Strong, Donnie Wilson, Donna Styles, Lois Coe, Marilyn Cox, Ed Poole, George Buck, Jimmy Badham.

Middle row - Margaret Strong, Amy Strong, Norma Neely, Myrtle Acres, Marion Cox, Kathy Coe, Ruby Buck, Hazel Dolan.

Front row - Gerald Sadler, Charlie MacKay, George Poole, Jack Sadler, Maurice Wilson, Herman Dolan, Pat Buck.

Stan Jeffries with banjo, Mack Lillie, pianist; Robert Stuckey, the director was not in the picture taken in the old Orange Hall in Fitzroy Harbour.



Some members of the Junior Choir
at Eva Backa's wedding, 1963

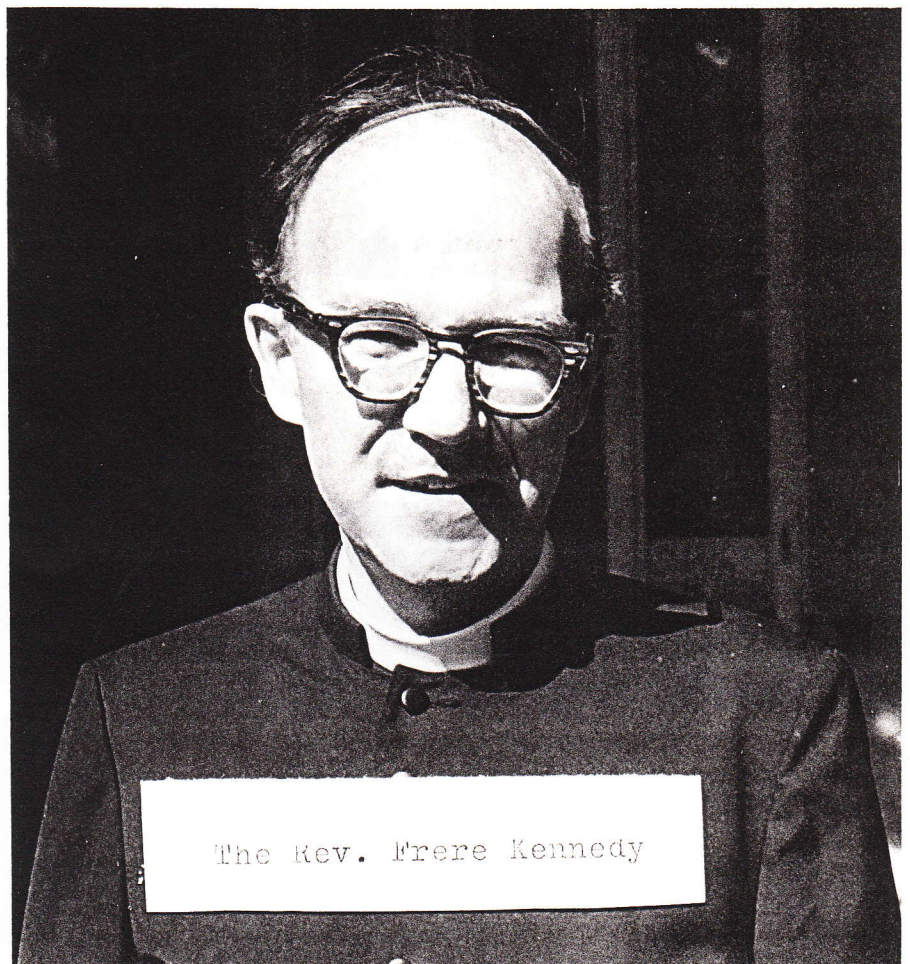
Eleanor Ann Coe, Carolyn Badham, Lydia Dolan, Linda Weatherall, Lillian Weir and Norma Poole.



The Rev. Robert Strachan (rector), Bishop Jefferson, and the Rev. G.H.L. Sadler taken at the dedication of the pulpit in memory of the latter's parents in 1947.



The Rev. Franklin Clarke





1979 Confirmation Class

Marc Snider, Russ Campbell, Bill Newell, Marianne Wilson, Trevor Dolan, Quentin Bell.

The Rev. Donald Clark, Bishop William Robinson, Canon Wm. Belford.



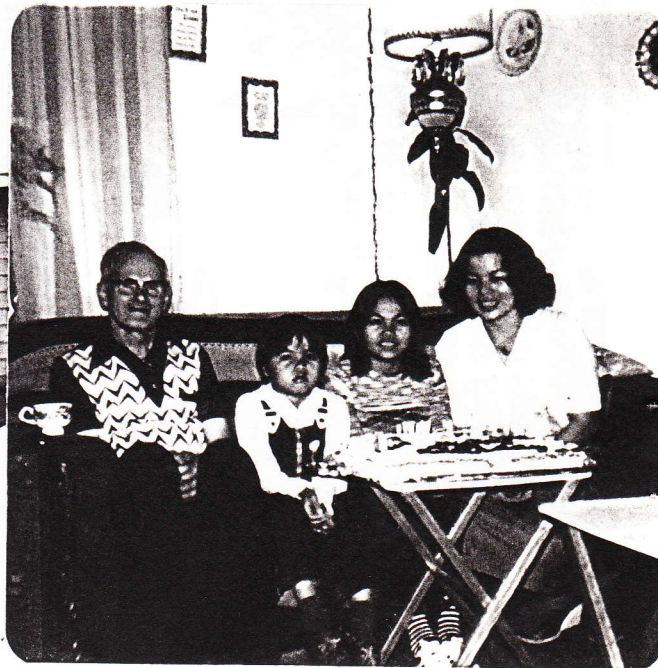
Lawrence Stewart, George Poole, and Helen Poole ready to sell tickets at barbecue, 1979.



Raising the belfry into position in 1981.

Sponsored Family

Mrs. Tan Chy Peng with children Chariya and Jung go with Herman Zimmerling, 1980.





Ruth Smith and the Rev.
Ralph Smith with the Rev
Ken Spear.

The Rev. Roger Young



Rev. Allan Rodgers



Ven. Eric Osborne

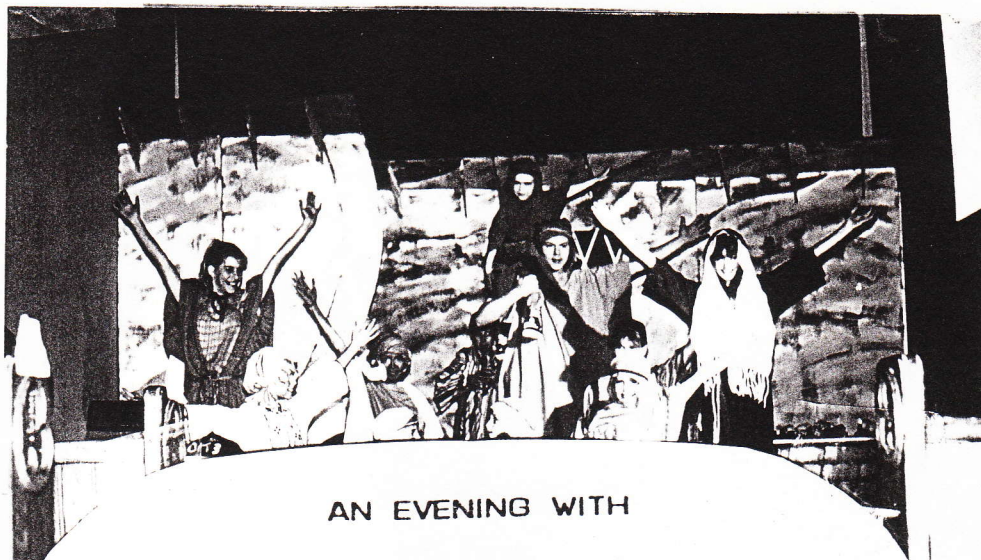


Canon Bill Belford was honoured at St George's Anglican Church in Fitzroy Harbour on Tuesday, September 29 on the occasion of his 50th year since his ordination into the priesthood. During the church service, Canon Belford read the Gospel from the bible the Bishop of Quebec gave him when he ordained him in 1937.

SEPT 29, 1987.



Paula
Campbell



AN EVENING WITH
ST. GEORGE'S WORKSHOP PLAYERS
FEATURING

Amahl and the Night Visitors



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Ben
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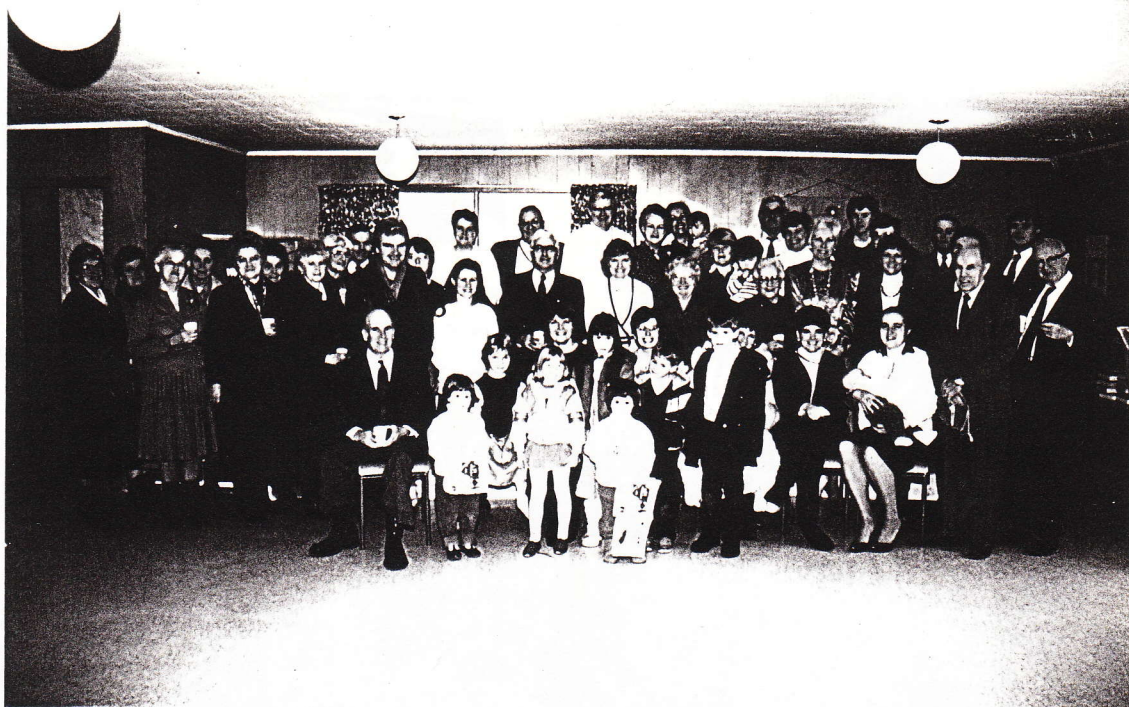


Billy
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December 20, 1987



Some of St. George's congregation with Archbishop Michael Peers, taken during the coffee hour after worship on January 17, 1988.

Front row -(seated and standing) Lawrence Stewart, Sarah Spear, Moira Watson, Vicki Watson in front of Judy Watson, Elizabeth Spear, Catherine Spear, Pat Weir, Gareth Jones, Russell Jones, Karen Taylor (partly hidden), Wendy Newell, Darlene Weir holding Alexander, Roy Weir, Canon Bill Belford.

Second row - Emily Tripp, Della Ritchie, Shirley Dolan, Bill Boland, Susan Spear, Mervyn Tripp, Margo Kealey, Velma Weir, Zelma MacKay, Kathy Hunt, Audrey Jones, Ron Weir (hidden behind Roy), Tom Jones.

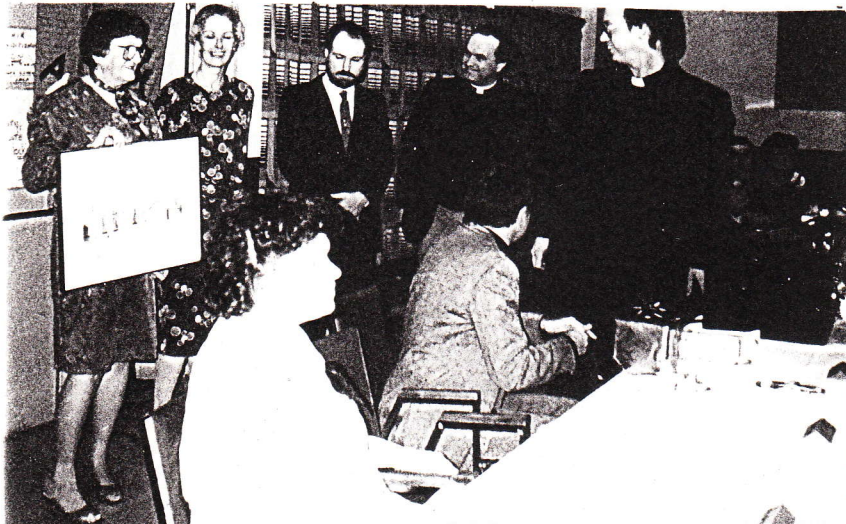
Third row - Faye Stewart, Betty Craig, Emma Poole, Eleanor Owens, Lois Bowes, Eric Craig, Ben Deschamps, Mary Lepine, Joe Bowman, the Primate, Archbishop Michael Peers, Helen Poole, Diana Deschamps (holding Toby Deschamps), Pat Lepine (holding Simon Deschamps), Bill Newell, Amy Newell, Jeff Hunt, Olga Zimmerling (partly hidden), Ernest Cavanagh.

Mr. Clifford Campbell, oldest member of St. George's, with daughter, Doris. He celebrated his 90th birthday on March 7, 1988.

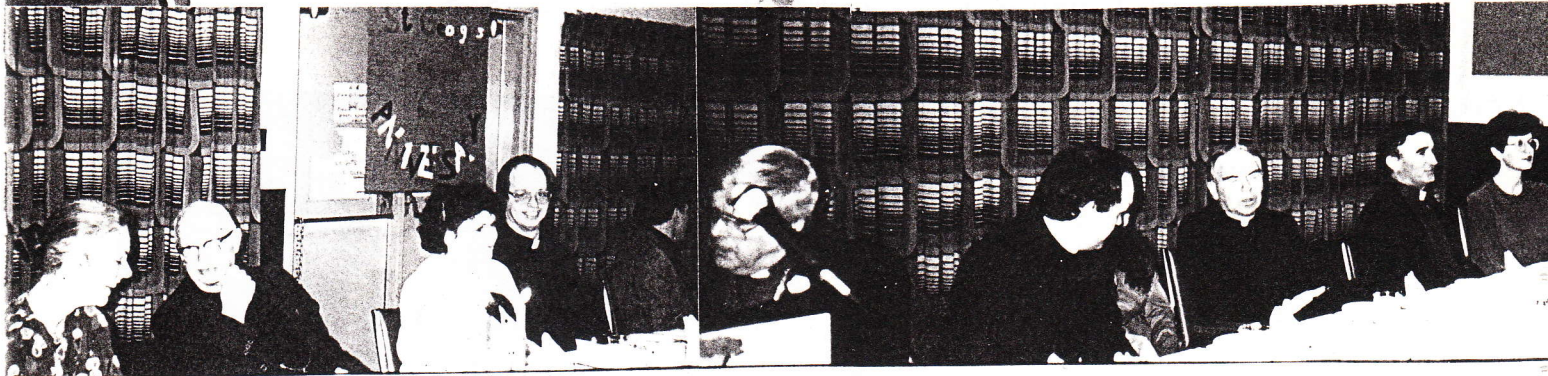




January 17, 1988 Ecumenical Dinner to begin Anniversary Year
 The Rev. Ken Spear, People's Warden, Diana Deschamps, The Primate,
 The Most Reverend Michael Peers, Rector's Warden, Gary Weir.



Norma Dixon, presenting her painting of St. George's, a gift from the congregation of St. Andrew's United Church, Fitzroy Harbour.



Joyce, Rev. Mead
 Baldwin

Rev. Richard
 Delorme

Rev. Ken, Susan
 Spear

Bishop Brendan
 O'Brien

Pat
 Weir

Diana
 Deschamps

Canon Bill
 Belford

Archbishop Michael
 Peers

Father Bill
 Lunney

Special Events in 1988

- January 17
Michael
- Ecumenical Dinner at Fitzroy Harbour Community Centre
Special Guests: Primate, Archbishop Peers, Bishop O'Brien, Auxiliary Bishop of Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa, and the Rev. Richard Delorme, from the Montreal/Ottawa Conference of the United Church of Canada
- March 27
- Concert by Arnprior Deanery Choir. "Music for Holy Week" - Director - Susan Spear
- May 22
- Youth Service - conducted by the young people
- July 2
- Reunion Sunday and annual Cemetery Service
- October 2
(7 p.m.)
- Rededication of St. George's with Sound and Light Historical Presentation - Suffragan Bishop John Baycroft - special guest
 - choir from Trinity Church, Cornwall
- November -
- Church Mission
- (dates to be confirmed)
- Anniversary Dinner - Bishop Edwin Lackey - Special guest

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the many members of the congregation who answered my many questions, provided information not available in the archival records, and contributed photographs and other memorabilia. There are, I am sure, many stories and memories untold on the preceding pages; I would welcome additional contributions to St. George's story. They will be recorded and be available to the next chronicler of our history.

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Gifts and Memorials to St. George's

Silver Paten - presented to St. George's Church by the confirmation class of 1886.

Brass Altar Cross - given in memory of Maurice Owen Samwell killed in action September 15, 1916. Dedicated on September 16, 1917.

Memorial Brass Lectern - in memory of George Blyth Nicholson. 1893-1916, killed in action in France. Erected by his mother and father and dedicated by Bishop Roper, July 8, 1917.

Lectern Bible (KJV) - given by the Sunday School on Easter Day April 23, 1916.

Pulpit Bible (KJV) - in memory of Olive Landon.

Altar Missal (1918 Liturgy) - in memory of Henry Wilson, given by his wife and family.

Lectern Bible (KJV) - in memory of Charlotte Elizabeth Cavanagh - formerly organist and member of St. Paul's, 9th Line by her nieces and nephews, Ernest, Norman, Stanley, John, Leonard, Frances, Stewart and Laura - the family of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cavanagh.

Brass Alms Basin - in memory of James G. Owens who died Oct. 3, 1910 by his wife T. Owens.

Font Cover - in loving memory of Pte. Hiram Smith, died at Liverpool, England, August 15, 1916 - age 22.

Brass Collection Plates - in loving memory of Flt. Lt. James Francis Munro D.F.C., killed in action in the air, November 23, 1943, - given by his parents.

Credence Table - in loving memory of George and Ann Sadler given by their son Edward, Easter 1927.

Pulpit - in memory of Edward Sadler and his wife, Minerva Landon - given by the family in 1947.

Pulpit Light - in memory of Miss Olive Landon given by Archdeacon and Mrs. G. Sadler in 1978.

Silver Wafer Box - a thankoffering from St. George's Altar Guild on the occasion of the Guild's 25th anniversary 1926-1951.

Brass Candlesticks - given in memory of Laura Landon 1865-1949.

Processional Cross - given in thanksgiving for the life of J.M. Smith given in 1968.

Dossal Curtain - given by the Altar Guild in 1959.

White Superfrontal - given in memory of Kathleen Charlotte Cameron by her daughter Ruth Smith and family.

Altar Missal (BCP) - thankoffering from St. George's Women's Auxiliary to commemorate 100th anniversary of St. George's, 1963.

Creche and Figurines - gift of AYPa, 1963.

Sanctuary Lamp - given in memory of Thomas Trudeau, by his family in 1960.

Hymn Board - given in memory of John Harvey Delahunt by his wife Frances and son Douglas in 1967.

Office Furniture - in memory of Sadie Manwel by her sister, Jessie McCoy in 1967.

Piano in hall - gift of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dolan, 1968.

Metal Church Sign on Lawn - given by AYPa in 1965.

Organ - gift of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sorensen, 1971.

Small Table for Flowers - given by the Altar Guild, 1977.

Hymn Books - in memory of Reginald Owens given by the ACW Ways and Means group of St. John the Divine, Nepean, 1975.

White Burse and Veil - given in memory of Blanche Watkinson by Howard and Marjorie Carry in 1979.

Ciborium - given in memory of Wilson Poole by his wife, Lila, and family, 1979.

Wooden Easter Candle Stand

Wooden Easter Cross - gift of Paul Laframbois, made by

Wooden Advent Wreath Stand him, 1979.

Organ Hymnal - given by Anglican Church Women, 1975.

Small Hymn Books - given in memory of Blanche Watkinson, Mrs.

Richard Craig, Mrs. Clifford Campbell, Mrs. Gertrude Owens, Mrs. Minnie Dolan and Mrs. James Tripp by Anglican Church Women in 1976.

3 Hymn Books - in memory of Edythe Lathem, Mrs. Shillinglaw and Mrs. Harvey Delahunt given by Anglican Church Women in 1977.

2 Hymn Books - in memory of Essie Cavanagh and Jane Badham by ACW in 1974.

Belfry Bell - given in memory of Frances Delahunt by her daughter and son-in-law, Gordon and Eleanor Owens in 1981. The belfry tower was designed by Frank Senior of St. George's and built by Mr. Pat Buck of St. Thomas's.

Banners in church and hall - gift of Anglican Church Women, made by members.

Blue Spruce Trees on church grounds given in memory of Ira and Essie Cavanagh by the family in 1974.

Ceiling Fans - given in memory of George and Della Sadler by their daughter Mae Belford, 1981.

White Chasuble and Stole - given by the Rev. Donald Clark, 1981.

Funeral Pall - purchased from monies in Memorial Fund, 1986.

Red, Green and Purple Chasubles and Stoles - 1986. Made from kits purchased with Memorial Fund monies and sewn by members of the congregation.

Green Superfrontal, Burse and Veil - given in memory of George Poole by wife Helen and family, 1987. Made by wife Helen.

Red and Purple Superfrontals, Burses and Veils - given in memory of Mae Belford by her husband, the Rev. Canon William Belford, 1987. - made by members of the congregation.

Ivory Cope - 1987 - purchased from Memorial Fund monies.

Pew Bibles (RSV) - given in memory of Harvey and Janet Thomas (6), Henry and Rebecca Wilson (6), Hiram, Earl and David Wilson (8), 1986 by Doris Wilson and family.

Memorial Book - given in memory of Hiram Wilson by wife Doris, March 22, 1987.

Lectern Bible (RSV) - given in memory of Ellen Hamilton Sholds, Russel John Sholds, Harry Senior and Gwynneth Ivy Senior by Anne and Frank Senior, April 1987.

Book of Alternative Services (10) - given in memory of Agnes Mercier by grandson Barney Deschamps and wife Diana, 1985.

Icon of St. George - a thankoffering by the Rev. Roger and Sheila Young and family, 1987.

Pew Bibles (RSV) - 1987 - given by Roy and Velma Weir, Tillie and Joe Bowman.

Altar Bible (RSV) - 1987 - given by Everett and Shirley Dolan.

Ceramic Tile Floor in Narthex - in memory of Hiram Wilson on the occasion of St. George's 125th Anniversary by wife Doris - to be installed during 1988.

Etched glass transom window (main church door) - gift of Anglican Church Women - to be installed in 1988.

Stained glass transom window (inner church door) - in memory of Eleanor Ann Armstrong, given by Thelma and Craig Coe, Lois and Don Nichols and Kathy and Jim Hunt - to be installed in 1988.

Servers gowns and crosses - 1988 - purchased from Memorial Fund monies.

Oak and Brass combination shelf and coat rail - made by Lawrence Stewart from oak donated by himself and Mervyn Tripp - 1988.

Donations to the Memorial Fund

In memory of

- 1978 - Robert G. Tripp
- 1979 - Frances Delahunt
- 1982 - Sarah McMay, Susan McMay, William John McMay,
Garland McMay
- 1983 - Willard Anderson
- 1984 - Fred Sadler, Charles Owens
- 1985 - Earl Lathem, Alice MacKay, George Poole
- 1986 - Harry MacKay, Mae Belford, Clara Russett
- 1987 - Archbishop William Davis, Dorothy Gordon, Douglas Boland,
Edith Barratt
- 1988 - Hilda Hall, Frank Senior

Note: Every effort has been made to make this list as complete and accurate as possible. If, due to an oversight, an error or omission has been made, please accept our apology. Many items, such as hymn books and prayer books have been purchased by members of the congregation as memorials. It was not possible to record them, as some are no longer in use. Please accept our thanks for your generosity.

Rectors

1844-1850 - Rev. H. Mulkins
 1851-1852 - Rev. Thomas Machin
 1852-1854 - Rev. W.C. Clarke
 1854-1858 - Rev. R.L. Stevenson
 1858-1863 - Rev. J.A. Morris
 1863-1869 - Rev. C.P. Emery
 1870-1875 - Rev. D.P. Merritt
 1875-1879 - Rev. H.E. Plees
 1881-1885 - Rev. J.W. Weatherdon
 1885-1887 - Rev. G.W. Gwilym
 1887-1893 - Rev. J.T. Snowdon
 1893-1899 - Rev. Edward Pick
 1899-1902 - Rev. John Osborne
 1902-1907 - Rev. E.A. Johnston
 1907-1914 - Rev. T.H. Iveson
 1914-1921 - Rev. Franklin Clarke
 1921-1925 - Rev. E.W. Richards
 1925-1934 - Rev. C.C. Phillips
 1934-1940 - Rev. W.G. Jones
 1940-1943 - Rev. R.S.V. Crossley
 1943-1951 - Rev. Robert Strachan
 1951-1958 - Rev. W.J. Belford
 1958-1965 - Rev. R.V.A. Rogers
 1965-1971 - Rev. Ralph Smith
 1971-1978 - Rev. W.H.F. Kennedy
 1978-1981 - Rev. Donald Clark
 1982-1987 - Rev. Roger Young
 1987- - Rev. Kenneth Spear

Wardens at St. George'sPeople's

1852-
 1863-
 1907- William Coe
 1908- William Coe
 1909- William Coe
 1910- William Tripp
 1911- William Tripp
 1912- William Tripp
 1913- Arthur Tripp
 1914- R.G. Tripp
 1915- R.G. Tripp
 1916- William Coe
 1917- William Coe
 1918- William Coe
 1919- Ira Cavanagh
 1920- Ira Cavanagh
 1921- Ira Cavanagh
 1922- Ira Cavanagh
 1923- Ira Cavanagh
 1924- William Coe
 1925- William Coe
 1926- Henry Poole
 1927- Henry Poole
 1928- Henry Poole
 1929- Wilson Poole
 1930- W.A. Langford
 1931- W.A. Langford
 1932- W.A. Langford
 1933- W.A. Langford
 1934- W.A. Langford
 1935- William Coe
 1936- William Coe
 1937- William Coe

Rector's

W.P. Taylor
 W.P. Taylor
 Chas. Saunders
 Chas. Saunders
 Chas. Saunders
 Edward Sadler
 Edward Sadler
 Edward Sadler
 Edward Sadler
 R.M. Osborne
 R.M. Osborne
 R.M. Osborne
 R.M. Osborne
 George Wilson
 George Wilson
 Henry Poole
 George Lathem
 Edward Sadler
 Raymond Campbell
 Raymond Campbell
 Raymond Campbell
 Raymond Campbell
 Raymond Campbell
 Raymond Campbell
 Clifford Campbell
 Clifford Campbell
 Clifford Campbell
 Clifford Campbell
 Clifford Campbell
 Clifford Campbell
 Reginald Owens
 Reginald Owens
 Reginald Owens

1938-	Earl Sadler	Henry Poole
1939-	W.A. Langford	Earl Sadler
1940-	W.A. Langford	Roy Weir
1941-	W.A. Langford	Roy Weir
1942-	W.A. Langford	Roy Weir
1943-	W.A. Langford	Roy Weir
1944-	Archie Badham	Roy Weir
1945-	Archie Badham	Roy Weir
1946-	Archie Badham	Manson Young
1947-	Wilson Poole	Manson Young
1948-	Wilson Poole	Manson Young
1949-	Wilson Poole	Manson Young
1950-	George Poole	Manson Young
1951-	Hiram Wilson	Roy Weir
1952-	Hiram Wilson	Roy Weir
1953-	Herman Dolan	Leonard Cavanagh
1954-	Herman Dolan	Leonard Cavanagh
1955-	Herman Dolan	Earl Lathem
1956-	Herman Dolan	Earl Lathem
1957-	Herman Dolan	Earl Lathem
1958-	Ernest Cavanagh	Hiram Wilson
1959-	Ernest Cavanagh	Hiram Wilson
1960-	Ernest Cavanagh	Roy Weir
1961-	Ernest Cavanagh	Roy Weir
1962-	Ernest Cavanagh	Roy Weir
1963-	Ernest Cavanagh	Roy Weir
1964-	Howard Carry	Eric Craig
1965-	Howard Carry	Eric Craig
1966-	Laurence Stewart	Eric Craig
1967-	Laurence Stewart	Eric Craig
1968-	Laurence Stewart	Eric Craig
1969-	Ed Poole	George Poole
1970-	Ed Poole	George Poole
1971-	Ed Poole	George Poole
1972-	Ed Poole	Archie Badham
1973-	Mervyn Cavanagh	Archie Badham
1974-	Mervyn Cavanagh	Archie Badham
1975-	Mervyn Cavanagh	Archie Badham
1976-	Brian Carry	George Dolan
1977-	Brian Carry	George Dolan
1978-	Brian Carry/Mervyn Tripp	George Dolan
1979-	Mervyn Tripp	Helen Poole
1980-	Mervyn Tripp	Helen Poole
1981-	Paul Laframboise	Helen Poole
1982-	Paul Laframboise	Helen Poole
1983-	Diana Deschamps	Ron Weir
1984-	Diana Deschamps	Ron Weir
1985-	Diana Deschamps	Ron Weir
1986-	Diana Deschamps	Ron Weir
1987-	Diana Deschamps	Gary Weir
1988-	Diana Deschamps	Gary Weir

St. George's 1988 Officers, Congregational Council and Committees
Special Convenor's and Appointments

Congregational Council

Rector	- Rev. Kenneth Spear
Rector's Warden	- Gary Weir
Peoples' Warden	- Diana Deschamps
Treasurer	- Faye Stewart
Rector's Appointee	- Henry Wilson
Synod Delegate	- Gary Weir
Alternate	- Helen Poole
Congregational Appointees	- Margo Kealey, Charles Cheatley, Tom Jones
Deanery Council Rep. and Congregational Link Person with Diocesan Program	- Amy Newell
ACW representative	- Marjorie Carry
Altar Guild Representative	- Helen Poole
Rector's Appointee to Parish Central Committee	- Judy Watson
Lay Administrators at Eucharist	- Amy Newell, Bill Newell, Ron Weir
Congregational Appointee to Parish Central Committee	- Charles Cheatley
Nominating Committee	- Marjorie Carry, Roy Weir
Church School Convenor	- Darlene Weir
Servers and Youth Convenor	- Kathy Hunt
Sidespersons Convenor	- Olga Zimmerling
Readers Convenor	- Kathy Hunt
Ways and Means Convenor	- Darlene Weir
Workshop Players	- Anne and Frank Senior

Cemetery Committee

Chairperson	- Maurice Wilson
Secretary-Treasurer	- Roy Weir
Members	- Gordon Owens, Allan Dolan, Archie Badham, Jim Wilson, Ron Weir, Henry Wilson, Mervyn Tripp
Auditors	- Lois Bowes, Shirley Dolan

125th Anniversary Sub-committees

underlined name indicates chairperson

Historical Committee

Ann Senior
Helen Poole
Mervyn Tripp
Amy Newell

Finance Committee

Frank Senior
Diana Deschamps
Faye Stewart

Worship Committee

Charles Cheatley
Ron Weir
Roy Weir
Helen Poole
Amy Newell

Arts Committee

Ann Senior
Kathy Hunt
Mary Lepine

Social Committee

Gary Weir
Kathy Hunt
Charles Cheatley
Velma Weir

Restoration Committee

Frank Senior
Gary Weir
Henry Wilson
Bill Boland

Public Relations

Diana Deschamps
Ron Weir

Servers

John Lepine
Mark Lepine
Pat Lepine
Jeff Hunt
Eleanor Hunt
Jodi Lackey
Mandy Jonas
Sherri Penney
William Jonas

Readers

Tom Jones
Faye Stewart
Margo Kealey
Ann Senior
Russ Senior
Kathy Hunt
Amy Newell
Bill Newell
Ron Weir
Gary Weir
John Lepine

Sidespersons

Olga Zimmerling
Henry Wilson
Helen Poole
Mary Lepine
Faye Stewart
Thelma Coe
Zelma MacKay
George Dolan
Laverne Cavanagh
Ernest Cavanagh
Marjorie Carry

Altar Guild

Helen Poole
Eleanor Owens
Jean Dolan
Beryl Dolan
Laverne Cavanagh
Margo Kealey
Marjorie Carry
Faye Stewart
Zelma MacKay
Amy Newell
Gloria Penney

Howard Carry
 Roy Weir
 Ron Weir
 Gary Weir
 John Poole
 Ernest Dolan
 Beryl Dolan
 Sylvia Baldwin
 Nelda Wilson
 Maurice Wilson
 Shirley Dolan
 Everett Dolan

Study and Mission Group

Velma Weir
 Laverne Cavanagh
 Zelma MacKay
 Olga Zimmerling
 Emily Tripp
 Beryl Dolan
 Helen Poole
 Thelma Coe
 Amy Newell

Ways and Means Committee

Darlene Weir
 Diana Deschamps
 Helen Poole
 Faye Stewart
 Marjorie Carry
 Amy Newell

Visitation Committee

Bill Newell
 Helen Poole
 Margo Kealey
 Bill Boland

Church School Teachers

Pat and Gary Weir
 Darlene and Ron Weir
 Audrey and Tom Jones
 Barbara and Bill Boland
 Shirley and John Mavity
 Judy Watson
 Mary Lepine
 Diana Deschamps
 Christine Wilson
 Mary Carry
 Kathy Hunt

Charles Cheatley
 Margo Kealey
 Margaret Kight
 Gloria Penney
 Jason Boland
 Tracey Campbell
 Tara Lackey
 Kerri Laventure
 Mark Lepine
 Ben Deschamps

Workshop Players 1986 and 1987

Directors - Ann and Frank Senior.

Players

Russ Senior
 Kerri Laventure
 Tracy Campbell
 Tracie MacIntyre
 John Lepine
 Mark Lepine
 Pat Lepine
 Jeff Hunt
 Eleanor Hunt
 Tom MacIntyre
 Ben Deschamps
 Mandy Jonas

Tara Lackey
 Paula Campbell
 Kendra Laventure
 Chris Parish
 Robyn Lackey
 Sherri Penney
 Ryan Campbell
 Jodi Lackey
 Kathy Penney
 Moira Watson
 Rosalyn Ross

Mascot 1987 - Alexander Weir

Backstage Crew

Costumes and Props

Margo Kealey
Helen Poole
Mary Lepine
Diana Deschamps
Olga Zimmerling
Arda MacIntyre
Amy Newell
Faye Stewart

Music

Organ
Flute
Drums
Choir Directors
Dance Instructor

- Emily Tripp, Russ Senior, Dan McCuan
- Tara Ginsberg
- Mike Weatherly
- Susan Spear, Cathy Hunt, Dan McCuan
- Rachel Badham

Sound

Russ Senior
Paul Wagorn

Makeup

Pat Weir
Darlene Weir
Wendy Newell

Sets and Lights

Frank Senior
Gary Weir

THANK
THE
LORD
FOR
ALL
THINGS.

EPHESIANS 5:20



Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*