

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, JOCELYN

St. Joseph's Island

100
YEARS



1882 - 1982

WYLLON - HIGHER MOUNTAIN YOUTH
1921 - 1931

Centennial Prayer

O God our creator and preserver,
who has brought your church on
this island through a hundred
years, accept our thanksgiving.
We pray that you will so renew
us in the Spirit that we may
steadfastly seek your will for
us and our children, that we and
they both in life and worship
may show forth Your Love, through
Christ, who gave His life for all.

Amen

1921 - 1931

Holy Trinity Church
Jocelyn
St. Joseph's Island

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
August 22, 1982

HOLY EUCHARIST

11:00 a.m.

Opening Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Hymn Sheet)

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Old Testament Lesson: I Kings 8: 22-30

Hugh Hamilton-Parish Lay Reader

Epistle: I Peter: 2 Prayer Book page 306

Psalm 84: 1-4 & 11-13

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Gospel: St. Matthew 21: 10

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The Rev. Clayton Moote Newly appointed Rector

The Creed

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Announcements

Hymn: O God of Bethel

Sermon: The Rt. Rev'd F. F. Nock, D.D.

Offertory Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

The Holy Eucharist Prayer Book pages 75-86

Hymns during Communion: 245 - 250 - 669

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The Blessing

Hymn: Faith of our Fathers

Organist: Mrs. Helen Powis

Following the service there will be a
Pot Luck Luncheon on the Church
Grounds, to which everyone is
invited.

CLERGY MINISTERING TO ST. JOSEPH'S ISLAND

1876-1878	Thomas Henry Montague Villiers Appleby-Rector at St. Lukes, had 15 outstations
1878-1881	Peter Trimbell Rowe -Garden River
1881 - 1888	Henry Beer
1888 - 1890	Charles Piercy
1894 - 1896	William John Eccleston
1896-Oct.1899	Robert Atkinson
1900-1901	Archibald Cameron Mackintosh
1901 - 1904	Percy Walter Piggot Calhoun
June 1903 -May 1904	Christopher Simpson
1905 - 1906	Benjamin Bean
Oct.1906-	Lay people-J.Heber Young & F.B.Kent
Sept & Oct 1907	H. J. Bailey
Oct 1907-Apr.1908	Herbert Godfrey Watts
May - Sept 1907	George M. Brewin -Deacon
May 1908-Dec.1909	Henry Frankland
1910 - 1914	Harold Curling Dunn
Jan.1914-July 1916	Edward Gyde Heaven
Oct. 1916 - Dec.1917	Joseph Dunstone Granger
Sept.1920-May1922	Harry Frederick Charles Cocks
May 1923-Sept.1925	Richard Haines
Feb.1925-April 1927	Henry Herbert Heard
June 1928-Sept 1928	John Armour -Deacon
Aug.1929-Aug.1931	John Selwyn Rhodes
Oct.1931-July 1934	Joseph Syvier Ralph Sturgeon (Incumbent at Bruce Mines)
1929-1934	Henry Peeling (Milford Bay)
June 1934-1937	James Dalgarno Wall
1938 - 1940	John Stewart
1940 - 1954	Donald Harry Dixon
1949	Christopher John Passey (Locum Tenens)
Dec.1954-May 1960	Norman Hornby
1960 - 1965	Kenneth Arnold Robinson
1966 - 1968	Thomas Edward Collins
1969-1976	Peter Allen Hill
1976 - 1982	Michael Coriell Eldred
Aug. 1982	Clayton Thomas Gilber (Bud) Mote

CHURCHWARDENS

The first wardens of Holy Trinity, Jocelyn were appointed in 1881. Unfortunately, the old vestry minutes book was destroyed in the fire which burned down Mrs. Humphrey Young's home and we have no record left of these earlier appointments. From 1903 the are:

<u>Clergyman's</u>	<u>People's</u>
1903 & 1904 John Campbell	Heber Young
1905-1912 John Campbell	Humphrey Young
1913 Harry Johnson	Humphrey Young
1914 Harry Johnson	Ernest Lambert
1915 Robert Bishop	John J. Campbell
1916 Robert Bishop	Harry Johnson
1917-1919 No Record	
1920 Robert Bishop	Reginald Rhodes
1921 & 1922 Robert Bishop	James C. Campbell
1923 Robert Bishop	Reginald Rhodes
1924-1928 Fred B. Kent, M.M.	Robert Bishop
1929 None appointed	Joseph Campbell
1930 T. A. McDermott	Joseph Campbell
1931 None appointed	
1932 Robert Bishop	None appointed
1933 & 1934 No Vestry Meeting	
1935 & 1936 Robert Bishop	Joseph Campbell
1937-1946 Robert Bishop	Clarence Kent
1947 & 1948 Joseph Campbell	Clarence Kent
1949-1955 William Young	Clarence Kent
1956 Lawrence Campbell	Clarence Kent
1957-1962 Douglas Campbell	Clarence Kent
1963&1964 Russell Campbell	Clarence Kent
1965-1967 William Young	Clarence Kent
1968 Victor Waite	Clarence Kent
1975-1978 Roy Bishop	Clarence Kent
1979&1980 Don Hall	Clarence Kent
1981 Dean Hunter	Clarence Kent
1982 Mark Henderson	Clarence Kent

Work has already begun compiling the data to write a complete History for Holy Trinity Jocelyn Church. We hope to have this ready for the Centennial of Consecration Services July 22, 1983. YOUR co-operation is needed, kindly contact Muriel Hornby or Marie Eggesfield, 18 Laurentian Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. P6B 4G4

Jocelyn Holy Trinity truly "Little Church in Wildwood"

by Ada Tranter -Island Correspondent
Sault Daily Star, Dec.24, 1953

If ever there was a little church in the wildwood, then it is the tiny, wooden Anglican Church, which stands on the side of the old Hilton Road, in Jocelyn Township, St. Joseph Island, Dedicated to the Holy Trinity, it has become a shrine of worship to traveller and tourists from all parts of Canada, the U.S., the British Isles, as its Visitor's Book testifies.

It is unique in many respects, and not least in the nature of its parishioners. As tiny in numbers as the little House of God, which stands at the centre of their lives, they are second to no congregation in church-going, church-giving and church-working. When a member of the flock dies, the men of the congregation turn out to dig the grave within the hallowed two acres of graveyard which surround the church. Sometimes there will be a dozen grave-diggers at work on one grave. People who have long since left Jocelyn express a wish to be buried there. Recently, three former parishioners, all of whom died in Michigan, were brought back to Jocelyn for burial. Once a parishioner died in a government institution far down in southern Ontario. He had no relatives to follow him to his last resting place. The undertaker had been given seven dollars to pay for the grave-digging. The clergyman suggested dividing it among the diggers, but as it worked out at about forty cents each, the men asked that the money be put into the church funds instead.

It isn't only to be buried, but also to be married and baptized that people come for miles around Jocelyn. What is the secret charm of Jocelyn Church? Is it anything more than a little frame building with its outer walls of dove grey trimmed with green, metal roof bright red and its steeple white? Is it anything more than the picturesque scene of a little church under the boughs of tall hardwood maples, standing in the middle of a churchyard?

First Anglican

Let us begin at the beginning. It is more than likely that when Anglicanism first came to St. Joseph, it came with the British garrison to Fort St. Joseph, in what is now Jocelyn Township. The First Anglican clergyman to set foot on St. Joseph was the Rev. Adam Elliott, who set that foot on the soil of Jocelyn Township on July 4, 1835, when he visited Major Rains' new settlement at Lock Rains, Tenby Bay.

The population of St. Joseph remained very small until the Island was thrown open for location in 1876. During the next two or three years, settlers arrived in fairly large numbers. Three families, the Kents, Youngs, and Campbells settled in the area close to where Jocelyn Church now stands. Joseph Kent, who also acted as Lay Reader, Christopher Young, and John Campbell took the leading part in organizing the Anglican congregation and founding the church.

In November, 1878, a young man, who was later destined to become one of the most celebrated missionary bishops in the Anglican communion, came from Toronto to take charge of the Garden River Mission. He was the Rev. P. T. Rowe. He came on snowshoes to Jocelyn on Sunday, January 18, 1879, and conducted the first Anglican service in the history of the Island at the home of Mr. Kent. He baptized on this occasion, Edith Kent (who died in 1890 at the age of 12) and Harold Young, who is now living in Saskatchewan.

Resident Missionary

Services continued to be held at regular intervals in the Jocelyn homes until the Rev. Henry Beer arrived to become the first resident missionary. In 1881 Bishop Fauquier, the first Bishop of Algoma, held an open air confirmation service in a grove of maple trees overlooking Mud Lake. In 1882 the church was built by the hands of the pioneer families, and when Bishop Sullivan came from the Sault in 1883 to consecrate the church, he also ordained Mr. Beer to the priesthood. Mr. Beer writes to this great occasion in his diary for Sunday, July 12, 1883, "Consecration of Holy Trinity Church, Jocelyn; also my ordination to the priesthood. Very successful. Horse smashed buggy."

In 1883, the congregation consisted of 85 souls, comprising of 12 Kents, 11 Youngs, Ten Williamsons,

ten Courts, nine Campbells, seven Burkes, six Clarkes, five Bartons, four Heaths and one Lambert. Services were also held at the Mountain, where there were 28 souls and at Tenby Bay 35. One of the Tenby Bay souls Benjamin Fuller, later became ordained and was for four years a missionary to the Indians and principal of the Shingwauk School. Canon Fuller died at Garden River a few years ago.

In 1907, the W.A. installed a stained glass window at the east end of the church which was designed by the student minister, George Brewin.

In recent years, a furnace and basement, electric lights, a concrete walk and steps have been added. A pair of magnificent doors, the electric lighting and the concrete walk and steps were the gift of Mrs. Florence Orrell of Detroit, who has her summer home on the Island and who for years has taken a great interest in this church's welfare. Her latest gift to the church is a stained glass window in the west end of the church, in memory of Rt. Rev. P.T. Rowe, for 46 years Bishop of Alaska, and Jocelyn's first missionary.

One of the church's most ardent members was Mrs. Humphrey Young, who was organist for nearly 50 years, and travelled three miles to church every Sunday, summer and winter, until her death at the age of 78. She and Mrs. F. B. Kent, who for a similar length of time served the church in many capacities, became Life Members of the W.A. in 1948.

Two clergymen lay buried in the churchyard, Rev. S. H. Ferris, who was Christopher Young's son-in-law, and was also missionary at Garden River, and the Rev. J. D. Wall, who was incumbent from 1934-37. The wife of the present incumbent, Rev. D. Dixon, is a granddaughter of John Campbell. A fund to provide perpetual care for the churchyard was started four years ago and the voluntary contributions from the congregation now total \$2,000. The first burial in the churchyard was in 1886, but there have been only 141 funerals during the 67 years.

Secret Charm

What is the secret charm of the Jocelyn Church? Is it not the love and devotion of those early pioneer Christians to their faith, which has come down through the years in their descendants? For is not this little church built so many years ago by their hand, love and devotion made manifest.

The following excerpts are reprinted from the
Algoma Missionary News and Shinwauk Journal

Feb. 1, 1881 -Mr. H. Beer, a candidate for Holy Orders has been placed in charge of the newly opened church at Hilton, on St. Joseph's Island and will have the whole Island as his missionary district.

April, 1881 -Rev. P.T. Rowe set out with 2 dogs and a sleigh, with his Catechist. -arrived at Hilton after having called on some Indians by the way and we remained all night at Mr. John Marks. Here we were pleased to meet Mr. Beer, acting Lay Reader prior to his spring ordination. He has in such a short time accomplished a great deal of visiting, is much encouraged so far and is much esteemed by all the people among whom he labours.

Feb. 18, 1882 -Mr. Beer kindly offered to drive us across the Island to Kaskawaung - a point from which I wished to take to the ice - an offer gratefully accepted. We were favoured by another nice day. But this part of the journey I was unfamiliar with. Starting at 6 a.m. they embarked to Cockburn Island to visit the Indians there..... Returned home on the 24th.

Mar. 11. 1882 - St. Joseph Island

A very pretty little church is being erected at Mud Lake, some 12 miles from Hilton, but its progress towards completion is very slow, owing to want of funds. Any donations in money or church furniture would be gratefully received by the Rev. H. Beer, Missionary in charge.

Whilst talking of Mud Lake, I should like to mention, how one of the settlers there strives to help his clergyman. Nearly every Sunday, or whenever called upon to do so, he tramps miles in order to conduct the service for his neighbours, when the missionary is unable to be present, and this without fee or reward, but the conscientiousness of doing good work in his humble way, and more than this his good wife, Sunday after Sunday, learning the chants and hymns at their cottage service and holds Sunday School in her home. O that others would go and do likewise.

The Rev. and Mrs. Beer, even during their

short residence on the Island, have gained the good will of all, a sure sign of which is the increase of attendance at the services and the visible growth of church feeling amongst the people.

JHG

Sun. Jan. 14, 1883 - Held service at Mud Lake (Jocelyn) and administration of the Holy Communion. There were some 26 persons at church, and of them no less than 16 remained to partake of the sacrament. This surely is the best evidence of church life in this backwoods mission, the people speak most affectionately of our late bishop Fauquier, they tell of his holding a confirmation in a maple grove before any church was built, and how he pointed to one maple tree which he said must not be cut down and it is still standing at a corner of the little frame church. Next week there is to be a bazaar and concert and they hope to raise about \$70. towards paying off the debt on their church building.....

Jottings - On Jan. 17th a bazaar and concert were held at Mud Lake to raise funds for the new church there. The sum of \$60. was raised, and the ladies of the C.W.M.A. will rejoice to know that the box received from them contributed very materially towards the success of the bazaar.

June 1, 1883 - St. Joseph's Island by Rev. H. Beer

Our new church at Mud Lake is already drawing towards completion. We have been holding services in it since Christmas and we fully appreciate the blessing and comfort of having a place of worship; a building set apart especially for the purpose of assembling in, to pray to Him who blesses us in so many ways.

It was with feelings of the greatest sorrow that I had my first funeral in the church. Mrs. J. Campbell after being safely delivered (March 28) of a little boy and girl, twins, never gained her strength but gradually sank and at last on Wed. April 18th her soul took its flight to its maker. She was during life a consistent member and regular attendant at church, and it was a great grief to her that the comfort of the Lord's Supper was denied her, I being only a deacon.

At Hilton, we are making an effort to raise money to purchase a bell, and we hope to be successful.

The Bishops Visitation - St. Joseph's Island Mission-1883

JULY 18th, the Bishop arrived at Hilton, where he consecrated the churchyard as a place of burial and the church under the name of St. John's Church. (Editors note: on Thursday, the Bishop drove the 9 miles to Cooper's on the U Line for Confirmation services, then on Friday he went by boat to Tenby Bay, where another confirmation service was held at Fuller's returning to Mr. Kent's at dusk, "tired and considerably worse in our clothing, the bishop with wet feet and torn gaitors and generally delapidated appearance." to continue the account)

"A large increase was now made to the Bishop's party. the Rev'd E. F. Wilson had come down to present the candidates for ordination, which was to take place the next day. With Mr. Wilson had come Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Richardson of Winnipeg, Rev. R. Renison and Lady, and two of Mr. Wilson's children. They had come all the way from the Sault in an open boat, a distance of over thirty miles, and had arrived about half and hour before our return.

We sought our rest early, for we were tired and the next day was to be a trying one.

Before Service on Sunday, Mr. Berry from Bruce Mines, Mrs. Beer; Mr. & Mrs. Eddy and others had arrived, per wagon from Hilton. Some young men came also on horseback.

Promptly at ten the service began. The Church which the people had spent so much time and loving labour was at last consecrated to God's service forever, under the name of the Church of the Holy Trinity. The congregation filled the building so that some were sitting on the platform of the reading desk and others were on the chancel step. After the consecration of the church came morning prayer, then the ordination of C. F. Berry to the diaconate, and the Rev. R. Renison and H. Beer to the priesthood. Next followed a sermon which was a masterpiece of learning and eloquence, and showed the honor which awaited the faithful minister in God's Kingdom. At the Holy Communion, forty persons communicated including the clergy. At the close of the service there was a baptism. After four hours of service, we repaired to the adjacent school house where a sumptuous lunch was prepared for all who had come from a distance.

So far everything had gone off without a single hitch. In the long and complicated service we had just gone through, and in the other services, the music and all things had passed off harmoniously. But this was not to continue. One of the men kindly went for Mr. Beer's horse, and unfortunately allowed it to run away, smashing the vehicle to pieces. Here was a dilemma, we were already pressed for time, and likely to be late for our other appointment, and there was no other buggy to be had. The accident spoiled the day for us. Mrs. Sullivan kindly solved Mr. Beer's troubles for him by promising him a new buckboard in place of the one destroyed, still the worry and annoyance was very trying.

Saddle horses were soon provided for the Bishop and Mr. Beer, and they arrived at their last appointment only about an hour late. The people crowded into the school house at Richards Landing were still patiently waiting. Here again eight persons were confirmed, five of whom were married people. Two children were also baptized. Owing to the accident, we could not carry the communion vessels with us, so there was no communion here. After the Service we rode back to Jocelyn, and the Bishop and his party that night slept in their tents and started next day at noon, in their boat for the Manitoulin Island.

This first visitation, by Bishop Sullivan of the mission of St. Joseph's Island is one we will long remember. It was one of right down hard work such as the Apostles of old are known to have engaged in.

Altogether we had 2 churches and one grave-yard consecrated, 24 persons confirmed, three children baptized, three ministers ordained, and there were 83 persons communicated. The collections at the various stations, in aid of the Diocesan Fund, amounted to \$18.15.

God grant that the good work now begun may prosper and increase and may result in many of these people being found on the right hand of the Lord when the final separation is made at the day of judgement."

Bishop Edward Sullivan

(Second Bishop of Algoma
1882-1896)

Mr. Beer's Diary

Through the kindness of Mrs. Crowder, the diary of the Rev. H. Beer, which had been in the possession of the late Miss Young has now come into the hands of the church. Mr. Beer was the Island's first resident missionary from 1881-86. He afterwards became Arch-deacon of Kootenay, and in his declining years lived in the care of Mrs. Lothian in Vancouver. He was 92 when he died. The diary only covers a period of nine months in the year 1883, but it is full of interest regarding the families and events of those days. He gives the following list of persons confirmed in that year. - John Noble, James McMenemy, Thomas Barton, William Kent, Richard Young, Jessie Fremlin, Esther Lowen, Ben Garside, Charles Cooper, Sarah Falconer Brayley, Arthur Fuller, Richard Watson, Mrs. Fudge, Edith Fudge, Mrs. Chadwick, Samuel Duggan, Ben Morgan, Archie Wilson, Mrs. Mary Morton, Mrs. Matilda Miller, Mrs. Cole, Eliza Brownlee, Susan Brownlee and Jane Brownlee. I think only Mr. Dick Young now survives of this number. Here are some of the entries.

- Sun. July 1, 1883: Held confirmation class at Fuller's; Preached at Fuller's, Coopers and Hilton, Thunderstorm, got wet.
- July 4: had a bee at Hilton Church. Present Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Whybourne, Mr. Marks, J. Whitebill and Lay.
- July 5: Went to Cooper's, held class. Visited Garside and Brown. Did not go to Tenby Bay for the rain.
- July 7: Went to Richards for confirmation class. Visited Mrs. Brownlee and stopped overnight.
- Sunday, July 8: Preached at Richards, Mud Lake and Hilton. Largest congregation I ever had at Richards, collection there \$1.38.
- July 9: Went to Mountain, visited Mrs. Stevens, Hadden, Carter and Fudge.
- July 10: Writing sermon for the Orangemen.
- July 11: Went to Mud Lake, had bee at church, home late.
- July 12: Preached to Orangemen.
- July 13: Went to Richards, visited Duggan, Cheer, Morton, J. Brownlee, W. Caufield, Stopped night with Mr. Morgan, held class at J. Brownlee's.
- Sunday, July 15: Preached at Mud Lake, Mountain and Hilton. Good congregation at Mud Lake, fair at Mountain, small at Hilton.

- July, 16: Shingled house
 July 17 : Waiting for Bishop
 July, 19: Went to Coopers. Bishop confirmed B. Garside, Chas. Cooper, and Sarah Falconer Brayley. There were nine communicants.
 July 20: Went with buggy to Mr. Kent's. Bishop slept at Mr. Kent's I slept at Mr. Young's. In the morning we visited Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Eddy and Mr. Marks.
 July, 21: Started for Fullers, Mr. Kent and Heber Young with us. Met Mr. Sprowle, went to Fullers. Bishop confirmed Arthur Fuller, Mrs. Fudge, Edith Fudge, Mrs. Chadwick and Richard Watson. Returned to Kents and found Mrs. Sullivan had arrived.
 Sunday, July 22: Consecration of Holy Trinity Church, Jocelyn, also my ordination to priesthood. Very successful. Horse smashed buggy. Went to Richards where Bishop Sullivan confirmed Mr. Morgan, Mr. Duggan, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Cole and the two Miss Brownlees.
 July 23: Visited Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Dunn
 July 25: Went to Bruce Mines and bought bell
 July 26: Wrote Sermon
 July 27: Cutting hay
 July 28: Studying sermon
 Sunday, July 29: Preached at Fullers, Coopers and Hilton.
 July 30: Invited Murdoch, Sterritt and Noble to come and cut hay. Brought in about a ton with my horse and a jumper.

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 Conclusion Mr. Beer's Diary

- December 1, 1883: Received new shafts from McCarthy. Paid him \$2. for same
 Dec. 2 : Preached at Hilton, Mountain and Jocelyn. Communion at Hilton, 7 persons present. Stayed all night at Mr. Young's. First Sunday of using new cutter, sleighing poor, stones not covered.
 Dec. 3: Drove from Mr. Young's, got two bags of oats from Mr. Burke.

- Dec. 4: Half day skidding logs, half day writing sermon
 Dec. 8: Got horses sharp shod, no sleighing yet
 Dec. 9: Preached at Jocelyn, Richards and Hilton, 19
 communicants at Jocelyn. Went in saddle.
 Presbyterian minister first preached.
 Dec.10: Hauling up timber for stable
 Dec. 16: Preached at Fuller's Cooper's and Hilton. Seven
 communicants at Fuller's and seven also at
 Cooper's. Went in saddle, horse fell with me.
 Dec.17: Visited and gave communion to Mrs. McMaster.
 Also visited Mrs. Gibbs, Hollingsworth,
 Wannamaker and Fuller.
 Dec.18: Went to Richards and visited Morton. Brought
 home barrel of coal oil. Mrs. Richards pre-
 sented me with shirt and socks, Foster with mitts.
 Dec.19: Took evergreens to church.
 Dec.20: Wm. Hollingsworth hauled 19 logs for his day's
 work. Began Xmas sermon.
 Dec.21: Hollingsworth hauled 21 logs
 Dec.23: Preached at Richards and Jocelyn, no service at
 Hilton. A frightful storm, took cutter.
 Dec.24: Spent day decorating church.
 Dec.25: Preached at Jocelyn at 10:30 and Hilton at 3p.m.
 Small congregation at Hilton. Dinner at Mr.
 Marks.
 Dec.26: Half day hauling cedar logs for stable.
 Dec.27: Hauling logs for stable. Went to Bruce Mines
 to party at Mr. G. Marks. Stayed all night.
 Dec.30: Preached at Hilton, Mountain and Jocelyn. Four
 communicants at Hilton. First collection at
 Mountain 40 cents. Took Mr. Lampman with me
 and came home after night.

At the end of his diary, Mr. Beer listed the Anglican families and numbers in each. Presumably at the end of 1883 this was made dividing his island parish into six congregations as follows:

- Jocelyn: Young 11, Kent 12, Williamson 10, Lambert 1,
 Court 10, Campbell 9, Burke 7, Barton 3,
 Moore 4, Barton 2, Richardson 6, Clarke 6,
 Heath 4, Total, 85 souls.
 Hilton: Marks 5, Eddy 6, Fremlin 5, Jones 1, Bowker 1,
 Fuller 2, Whybourne 2, Bishop 2, McDermott 2,
 Chester 4, Total 30.

Richards: Richards 2, Brandon 5, Morgan 3, Morton 6, Brownlee 7, Smedley 6, Bailey 6, J. Brownlee 6, Caufield 11, Miller 2, Duggan 2, Cole 1, Harten 4, Bishop 4, Holmes 5, Brownlee 6, Caufield 6, Total 82.

Tenby Bay: Fuller 11, Watson 4, Still 5, Prout 5, Adcock 7, Neil 2, Jones 1, Total 35.

Cooper's: Cooper 8, Lowen 4, Garside 4, Trainor 5, Total 21.

Mountain: Wood 5, Black 1, Kirke 1, Hawdon 5, Gapp 1, Fudge 6, Brayley 5, Bamford 1, Noble 3, Total 28.

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MISSION OF ST. JOSEPH ISLAND

reported by the Rev'd Charles Piercy (1888-1890)

"From the Missionary's point of view the Jocelyn station is marked by a steady loyalty to church standards and practice for the past 25 years that is most encouraging. It originated in the firm loyalty of two pioneer settlers and their families who at first began to meet for worship - turn about on Sundays in each other's houses. And the children, too, were gathered together for instruction Sunday afternoons. Little by little the band grew. Neighbours and new settlers were added.

By preserving efforts a frame church was erected on a plot of land in which now lie the bodies of the heads of both the pioneer families. There is no village here; the church is quite 'in the country'; is well supported by the people, and the services maintained by one or other of the senior men communicants during these gaps - far too common - which occur whenever a missionary removes from a Mission.

The residents on St. Joseph Island are nearly all settlers on farm lands. A few are engaged in small saw mills and in the trade of the villages."

GLEANINGS:

Harold Crowder sent us the following notes taken from records left by the Young family.

"Anglican church services were first held in the homes of Joseph R. Kent, Christopher Young and J. Campbell in turns. Mr. Kent and Mr. Young read the Services.

Mrs. Kent conducted a Sunday School at her house, while her daughter, Mary, provided good music on a little melodian. The growing families owed a great deal to these two. They were responsible for all the local music which was quite good and led to fine singing solos, duets, choruses - and the production of many entertaining concerts.

Christopher Young's diary is quoted as 'March 30, 1880. Drew lumber for church' Other information indicates this was from the Murray & Shortread sawmill on Neebish Island. The church was to be on the east end of Christopher Young's farm. The church was not completed until 1882".

The deed for the Jocelyn Church is dated Oct. 17, 1883.

From Cal Kent:

"Everyone rushed to get Jocelyn Church completed so they could hold their first Communion Service.

FRed Kent toiled until midnight Saturday evening installing the communion rail. When completed, he carried his square, saw and hammer and set out through the bush trail for Kentvale.

He passed the Barton homestead and was just entering lynx gully when he was stopped in his tracks by the growling of a bear in his path in the darkness. He gripped the tools in his hands and decided to use the square as the most effective weapon is she attacked him.

While standing his ground, he heard two cubs making their way into the bush. When the cubs were safely off the road, the mother bear agreed to let Mr. Kent continue his homeward way.

Memorial Gifts to Holy Trinity

- Stained glass west window-in memory of Rev. P.T.Rowe
(afterwards Bishop of Alaska)
by Mrs. Florence Orrell
- Altar Candlesticks -in memory of Rev. J. D. Wall
by Jocelyn Y. P. C.
- Baptismal Font -in memory of Frederick Bentley Kent M.M
by Mrs. Emily Kent
- Carved Oak Altar - in memory of Emily Kent, Barbara
Young and Jennie Young
- Oak doors, steps, sidewalk and gateposts - by Mrs.
Florence Orrell
- Altar missal stand -by the Cowley Fathers
- Church Bell - in memory of Everett Crowder
by Francis Crowder
- Chancel screen (Holy, HOLY, Holy) by the W. A.
made by Alvin Morton
- Wrought iron ornamental railings- by two congregation
members
- Cement basement, furnace and aisle carpet - gifts of
the congregation
- Three sets of Burses and veils, red, green and violet
by Mrs. William Young

Historical Highlights

- 1878 -Services began in the homes of Christopher Young and Joseph R. Kent
- Jan. 19, 1879 -FIRST Baptisms by Rev. P.T. Rowe, of Garden River at Christopher Young's. Baptised were Edith Georgina Jane Kent, (daughter of J.R. Kent) and Benjamin Thomas Harold Young (son of Christopher Young).
- Feb. 1, 1881 -Rev. Henry Beer, a Deacon, appointed first incumbent of St. Joseph's Island. Priested July 22, 1883 and appointed Rural Dean in 1887
- July 29, 1881 -First Confirmation under the trees at Jocelyn, conducted by Bishop Fauquier who also celebrated Holy Communion for the newly confirmed which included Benjamin Philip Fuller and his wife Elizabeth Mary Fuller.
- 1882 -Holy Trinity Church erected
- July 22, 1883 -Holy Trinity Church consecrated by Bishop Sullivan who at the same service ordained Rev. H. Beer. (Two very unique situations) A church can only be consecrated when it is free of debt (1 year) and Ordinations were usually held at St. Luke's in Sault Ste. Marie.
- 1898 -Burial Ground Consecrated
- 1909 -Driving shed built, Mr. Campbell donated all posts and rafters, Mr. H.F. Young all the plates and girts. Mr. Barton and Mr. Court drew all the lumber

Another unique fact about Holy Trinity Jocelyn is that it has four clergymen buried in it's burial grounds, the latter three were Incumbents for this parish.

S. H. Ferris (married to a Young)
James Dalgarno Wall
Thomas Edward Collins
Norman Hornby