



The SEVENTY-FIFTH
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ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO

DEDICATION

The intent of this booklet is not to present a complete history of the Parish over the last twenty-five years, but to give enough detail, that you who worshipped here might remember with enjoyment incidents in the life of our Parish Family up to the present.

Also, for you who became parishioners during that time, and since, we hope that it will be a cause of reflection and thanksgiving, reflecting on the work and witness of St. Paul's in the past, and with thanksgiving continuing to serve Christ and His Church wherever life's journey takes you.

Hundreds of names of faithful parishioners will not be found in this booklet, and it is to them and their service that we wish to dedicate this review.

In Jesus Christ's Service
The Editors

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BISHOP FRANK NOCK'S MESSAGE



My dear fellow Anglicans:

Together with the rest of the Diocese, I rejoice with you on your seventy-five years of worship and witness. I am pleased that some members of the Parish have undertaken to update the excellent history produced for the Fiftieth anniversary.

The last twenty-five years have been years of tremendous change and upheaval – spiritually, morally, socially and financially – but St. Paul's congregation has remained firm and strong in its commitment to worship and service, and has met and survived these changes. It has been flexible enough to move with the times but it has stood fast on essential principles.

In one way or another we all make history and you and I are part of that ongoing process. As we give thanks for the contribution of those who have preceded us, may we ever be mindful of the responsibility which rests upon us to make our own contribution to the history of St. Paul's which others may judge to be fruitful and to the glory of God.

May God bless you richly in the future with all spiritual blessings.

Your friend and bishop,

FRANK: ALGOMA.

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM WRIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of St. Paul's congregation:

I remember sending Greetings to you from Salisbury, England, in 1958 when you were celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. Paul's Church. Now I am sending a message to you from South-East Florida on the occasion of your Seventy-fifth anniversary. On your One Hundredth anniversary (in the year 2008) I promise you a message from the same "celestial" clime – I hope!

What is my message?

It is found in the beautiful stained-glass window in St. Paul's beside the Font which I dedicated in 1947. You will read the words "He took them up in His arms and put His hands upon them and blessed them." That is what Our Lord and Saviour has been doing at St. Paul's for 75 years. He has bestowed His love and spiritual power upon young and old who in turn have gone out into the world to serve Him.

The loving embrace of the Saviour, and assurance of His Presence, "Lo, I am with you always" will continue to inspire clergy and laity to reverence and use His Temple which has brought security, serenity and steadfastness.

God bless you all.

Your friend and former bishop (1944-1974)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William L. Wright". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

William L. Wright

EARLY DAYS



St. Paul's Church - 1912

*Beautiful, beautiful bells!
Ring out sweet melody;
Chiming, chiming
Your highest notes of praise
In glad Doxology*

These lines are from a poem entitled "The Bells of St. Pauls," from **THE WORKSHOPS AND OTHER POEMS**, written by Florence Sherk. This work, published in 1919, by Miss Sherk, an early parishioner, illustrates the devotion of the early years at St. Paul's.

The years immediately after the turn of the twentieth century were ones of rapid change and development. Railway building, the emerging grain trade and increasing immigration all contributing to these changes. Due to its central location, Fort William was greatly affected by this new growth. A tribute to the optimism of this era was the founding of St. Paul's. On April 25, 1906 a meeting was held in the Fort William Town Hall for the purpose of erecting a new Anglican Church in the central part of town. The founding fathers, names familiar to us all were aided in their tasks by the distaff side of the new congregation. In the Times Journal for May 13, 1907 it was noted:

The ladies of the proposed New Anglican parish of St. Paul's will meet in the committee room of the City Hall tomorrow for the purpose of selecting a committee to take charge of certain portions of the work necessary in building and furnishing the new church.

The task was begun as the necessary property was purchased, contracts let and construction started. On May 18, 1907, the local paper could report:

Work on the new Anglican Church is progressing nicely, and the foundation should be started this week. All the contracts have been closed and most of the material for the building is on the ground.

The culmination of the parishioners' efforts occurred on April 26, 1908, when the church was opened by Bishop Thornloe.

The edifice itself, was a tribute to the vision and optimism of the founders. Made of local brick and sandstone, the style was to be English Gothic. The task of construction was undertaken by the firm of Seaman and Penniman with Mr. H. H. Wilcox as Building Superintendent. Design was by Mr. R. E. Mason, a local architect. The rest is history; the result is the magnificent building in which we worship today. There have been many changes and modifications over the past seventy-five years, but, the basic fabric is the same and a tribute to the dedication of the founders.

The building which we have today is the result of much sacrifice and untold hours of work. Throughout these early years, the financial burdens were immense. The original mortgage for a sum of \$45,000.00 must have seemed insurmountable. During the early years, the efforts of many of our pioneers can be seen through the records of their donations, listed in our parish records. As times became more difficult, they contributed even more, often at personal financial risk. During the difficult years of World War One, several bank loans, guaranteed by parishioners kept the church solvent. Various other church groups worked hard at fund raising during these early years. This plus generous donations by various benefactors led to the discharge of the mortgage on December 15, 1942.

As the seventy-fifth year of the parish passes, we look forward to our centenary. We are able to worship and enjoy the parish life due to the efforts of many over the past seventy-five years.

THE 60's

This decade would begin exceedingly well for St. Paul's; but as would happen in many parishes, and in other denominations, the latter half of the decade would be one of concern about membership, church attendance and parochial funds.

Archdeacon James Hinchliffe in his report to the Vestry Meeting Jan./61 said that St. Paul's had good reason to be thankful. The average attendance in 1960 was up from 471 per Sunday to 509, receipts were up from 55.3 thousand to 83.2. When the Rev'd Peter Park and his wife – Joyce – left the Parish May/59 for an appointment, the Rev'd Donald M. Landon came as Assistant Oct./59. In 1960, the Confirmation candidates numbered 82. The Archdeacon said that he was gradually regaining his health after the disastrous swimming accident at the Church Camp July/60 in which he fractured a neck vertebra in diving into what he had assumed was deeper water. The help which he and his wife and family received from the doctors of the congregation, other members of the Parish, the prayers of the National Church, were a cause of the deepest appreciation and affection.

The Sunday School was healthy. Mr. Len Poulter, the Superintendent of the Junior Sunday School noted that "several good men" had joined the teaching staff, and there was an increase in the faithful attendance of his teachers. There were two complete Schools – one at 9 AM and the other at 11 AM. The two would continue into the late 60's when the 9 AM School would be discontinued. Mr. Ernie Tilbury, the General Superintendent reported in Oct./62 having a staff of 24 which included teachers for the Nursery, Beginners Class, Junior and Senior Schools, Junior and Senior Bible Classes. In Oct./63, the average attendance had reached 581. In 1966, the Archdeacon appointed a "Board of Education" of eight lay-people to help in giving direction to the Parish's education programme.

Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Girls' Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary were busy with the guidance of the Parish leaders. Their news filled up the columns of Mrs. Muriel Nesbitt's newsletter: "Parish Tidings" – church-parades, presentations, teas, camporees, outings and church-work.

The Chi Rho Fellowship for older young-people and young marrieds, begun in Oct./59 was doing well, and a new AYPAs had been started. The Parish Chi Rho, in its few short years until Nov. 20/63 would provide opportunities for devotion, discussion and socializing from their bi-weekly meetings. (see "Chi Rho Fellowship") The Men's Club with the help of the ladies of the W.A. continued to enjoy their supper-meetings. (see Men's Club").

Church-music was enhanced by a flourishing choir. After the passing of Fred Parish, Saville Shuttleworth returned /59 from St. Thomas's to lead the Junior and Senior choirs, and his sister, Mrs. Florence Higgins continued as organist. Sept./62 saw Philip Cotton, who played at the 9 AM Service and "helped to keep the organ in good repair" leave for St. John's, Port Arthur, and Brent Scollie took his place at the console. The Choir remained strong and loyal. Nov./62 saw their pews "overflowing" and the Assistant's stall had to be moved forward (Feb./63) to provide more choir-seats. The Choir continued its January Party at the Royal Edward Hotel, the "Tea and Musicale" in May, and the Christmas

Carol broadcast sponsored by Chapples Store (1970 was the 34th year of the broadcast), and combined with Wesley United Choir for cantatas.

The Rev'd Fred J. Dobney arrived as Assistant in June/63, remaining until May/68.

The Advisory Board continued to organize the Annual Every Member Visitation and Canvass, and the well-kept Minutes of the Vestry Clerk, Mr. Harry W. "Paddy" Paddington tell of the hard work done by the chairmen and committees. Paddy would be Parish Treasurer for 17 years (1954-71) and was honored for his "discretion, meticulous bookkeeping and selfless service." His wife, Thelma would also "retire" from her duties as Office Secretary after 11 faithful years (1960-71) as the Rector's "memory" and "executive secretary".

The Woman's Auxiliary, a main-stay of our Parish, continued to elect a full-slate of officers each December. Mrs. W. L. Wright (the Bishop's wife), Mrs. Malcolm (Jessie) Cochran, Mrs. Dorothy Hinchliffe, - remained as Honorary Presidents. The W.A. began the "Mary-Marthas Group" Feb./61 for older women who had served in St. Paul's W.A. and the Group's first meeting was held at Mrs. Doris Brownridge's home with 12 women becoming charter members. In June/63, there were 42 "Mary-Marthas" between the ages of 70 and 91. The Group enjoyed many get-togethers with readings in the homes, picnics and birthday celebrations.

The Auxiliary worked hard in all their activities: The Spring Tea, Deanery and Diocesan Annuals, G.A., J.A., Little Helpers, donations of money to Parish projects, Harvest Suppers, November Bazaar (later to be renamed "St. Paul's Market"), decorating the church, work-days.

May 10/67 would see the final meeting of the Diocesan Annual of the "W.A." held that year in Sault Ste. Marie, for in 1968, the Annual would be under the new name of "Anglican Church Women," the official women's group for all Canadian Anglican women as of June/66. In Jan./69, our "A.C.W." would see the completion of its major project: Babe Hall. (see "Babe Hall")

During this decade, church properties were well-cared for. The west vestry-room received cupboards and sink, and the kitchen and washrooms were repainted /62, panic hardware on the doors Feb./62, roof repairs looked into May/62, the interior of the church and the exterior of the rectory (S. Archibald) repainted /63. The Killick window of St. Paul and St. Peter designed by Miss Yvonne Williams of Toronto was installed /63. Anthony Kempinski began as caretaker /63, taking the place of D. Masson, the kneelers began to be covered /63, the heating unit converted to natural gas Sept./66.

Larger projects were the closing of St. Margaret's Mission /64 (see "St. Margaret's Mission . . ."), the selling of the rectory property of 409 and 411 S. Archibald St. and the construction of the new rectory at 704 Century Court /68,69 at a cost of \$36,700.00.

On July 29, 1967, St. Paul's held its Rededication of the Cornerstone and Garden Party, celebrating 60 years of worship and service. It was a grand day with several long-time members present including W.C. Lillie - one of the "original six."

Throughout the decade, the Church saw several visiting preachers: the Bishop of Newfoundland, Fr. Roland Palmer, Canon Wilkinson, Bishop Goodman of Calgary, Bishop Stiff of Keewatin, Bishop Valentine of Rupertsland, the Rev'd Brian Peever. The Rev'ds Frank Ford and Fred Dobney, would help out in the month of August /68,69. With no Assistant during the late 60's, the Archdeacon received permission to use two laymen

to administer the chalice: Dave Delgaty and Jack Evans. Non-stipendary clergy were also recruited such as the Rev'ds John Jordon, Dr. Charles Ripley, Dr. William Morris.

The 1960's have been called in church-life "A Decade of Ferment" (John W. Grant: The Church is the Canadian Era). Pierre Berton's book "The Comfortable Pew" and other self-criticisms tended to confuse the person in the pew, and the searching by young and some older people to find new forms of worship and new personal expressions of faith contributed to a falling away of members. But in the words of the Rector there was a "very deep appreciation and gratitude" to the leaders and officers of the organizations, and heartfelt "thanks to the faithful members of St. Paul's congregation for their steady loyalty." (Jan./70).

REDEDICATION OF THE CORNER STONE AND GARDEN PARTY (Sunday, July 29, 1967)



*L-R Mrs. A. (Audrey Mason) Lailey
daughter of the Church architect
Mr. W. C. Lillie - one of the
"original six" founding pioneers
Mrs. H. H. Wilcox - wife of the
Building Superintendent of 1907*



*L-R Mrs. Dorothy Hinchliffe
Mrs. E. T. (Bea) Charnock
Archdeacon James Hinchliffe
Mr. Edmund G. Charnock*



*R-L Mrs. M. (Jessie) Cochran
President St. Paul's W.A. for 21 years
Miss Anne Cochran - daughter*



*L-R Mr. Harry (Paddy) Paddington -
Envelope Secty, Treasurer, Vestry Clerk
Mrs. Thelma Paddington - Church Secretary*

REDEDICATION OF THE CORNER STONE
AND GARDEN PARTY
(Sunday, July 29, 1967)



BABE HALL

In the Fiftieth Anniversary booklet, there was a tribute honoring Fred Babe, Q.C., a parishioner of St. Paul's. He, along with W.C. (Bill) Lillie, were the two surviving members of the "Original Six" who met on April 25, 1906, in the Town Hall to plan the beginning of our Parish. In 1932, he was appointed "Chancellor" of the Diocese, and served faithfully and gladly in that position for over thirty years. He died on June 8, 1963 at his home on Selkirk St.

In his Will, he provided: that after personal bequests, the remainder of his estate was to be apportioned to the "benefit of his faith" - 60% going to the Diocese - "The Archbishop Thornloe Memorial Fund," and 40% being given as a "gift" as though it were from his late wife, Myrtle, to the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's, "to be applied . . . in any manner they may see fit for the benefit or advancement of the Parish . . . and/or the Rectory or church building as they may decide . . .".

In the Fall of 1966, suggestions in writing were requested, and the committee of the W.A. under the guidance of Mr. Harold Tett, member of the Parish and a professional architect, presented a plan for the renovation and improvement of the church-basement to the Parish's W.A. Annual Meeting, Dec. 6/67. The plan was approved by the W.A. and the Diocese, and the contract for the work given to Klomp Construction, June 28./68.

The side entrances and the stairways were upgraded, the stage at the south-end was removed, the ceiling dropped and panelled, cupboards installed along the south wall. Also added were the folding dividers, louvered shutters, new piano, portable stage, tables and chairs, as well as a new floor and some carpeting. The kitchen was renovated and new lighting provided. The total cost was \$34,101.13.

The BABE MEMORIAL HALL was officially dedicated during the Patronal Festival, Jan. 24/69.

The Hall is always well-used for many kinds of activities. It still serves as a polling centre during elections; dinking groups, wedding parties also make use of it. In the summer of /80, during the repainting of the interior of the church, it and the Nursery were used for Church Services.

Information contributed by St. Paul's A.C.W.
via Doris Tarling

CHI RHO AT ST. PAUL'S

In 1959, the A.Y.P.A. was flourishing so well that it was producing "graduates" who were looking to maintain an active involvement in the life of the Church. However, these graduates felt too old to belong to A.Y.P.A. but also too young (and lively!) to join the Men's Club or the A.C.W.

Formed under Don Landon's leadership, Chi Rho (the first two letters in the Greek for "Christ") carried on for four years providing Christian fellowship involving social outings, discussion groups, study activities, fund raising and work parties at the Church. Some members became expert at forming palm crosses. Others may still be tending wounds suffered in gentle floor-games or on the toboggan hill.

Serving as president were Joan Pearce, David Brougham, Bob Michels and Jim Northan. Some other regular, active members included Brent Scollie, David Laing, Sandra Roberts, Frank Gartrell, Lois Miller, Cyril Symes, Georgina Stewardson, Matthew Stewardson, Peter McCallum, Larry Devereaux, Brian McCallum, Barry Scollie, Phil Cotton, Joy Hall, Norma Brown, Jean Jones, Carolyn Farrell, Nancy Coslett and Maxine Cooper.

Chi Rho disbanded in November of 1963 but many of its members continue to be active in the life of St. Paul's right up to today.

Contributed by Bob Michels

THE MEN'S CLUB

“’Tis not by song or story that the Church’s work is done.

’Tis the layman of the country who, for God, must carry on.”

The Fiftieth Anniversary booklet of St. Paul’s Parish began its write-up of the Men’s Club with the above verse, and now in the 75th year the words are still appropriate, as we look back with gratitude not only to the men who helped to begin the Parish, but also to the men who formed the Men’s Club in the 60’s and continued to provide a social and outreach programme for themselves and their friends.

The meetings were usually held on the first Monday of each month, with fruit-punch and a supper prepared by the ladies of the Woman’s Auxiliary (now called the A.C.W.)

Some of the programmes were:

June/64 – a lawn-bowling party at the Fort William Lawn Bowling Club at the grounds on South Vickers St.

Oct./64 – Dr. Jack Stevens giving an illustrated talk with coloured slides on his African safari

Nov./64 – a combined meeting with the Parish Annual Visitation Committee

Feb./65 – Bob Michels speaking on the Toastmasters Club

Nov./65 – Hubert Badani, M.P. speaking on “The Future in Ottawa”

Mar./66 – combined Men’s Club and Sidesmen’s dinner

The Men’s Club discontinued in the later 60’s, having been a part of Parish-life for many years.

ST. MARGARET'S MISSION, STANLEY PARK – AND OTHER PROPERTY



REVEREND DONALD LANDON

As reported in the Fiftieth Anniversary booklet, the Mission was “created by St. Paul’s” in the west end of the City of Fort William across from what is now “K-Mart” on the four lots on the corner of Ottawa St. and Chilton Ave. A church-building was constructed and opened for Services on Oct. 4/53. It was dedicated by Bishop Wright on Saturday, May 15/54 and called “St. Margaret’s.”

Sunday School numbered about 16 pupils at 2 PM., and at Evensong at 8 PM., the congregation was usually around 20 persons, with Holy Communion celebrated once a month. This pattern continued with a few changes into 1959, when the Services were only a Children’s Service at 3 PM. In March/61, the Mission closed its doors, the building considered no longer necessary. In the minutes of Oct. 8/64, Archdeacon Hinchliffe reported that the building was now sold to West Thunder Bay Parish and moved to Kakabeka Falls to be their parish hall. Most of the furnishings also went to West Thunder Bay.

Members of the congregation recall the memories of the Baptisms, Harvest Suppers, Christmas Pageant and Carol Service, the Junior Auxiliary. Also are remembered: the oil burner, the Lord’s table at the west wall, the Price’s who gave the lots, the Chilton’s, Holmes, Mrs. Jennie Sutherland and others for whom the building was “Church”.

In June/66, the Advisory Board informed the Diocese that it should sell its two Church Extension lots in the Windsor Park (Redwood area) near Ford St. and the Golf Course. This property designated for church purposes had been bought by the Diocese for a possible new church building.

In 1980, after making representation to the Diocese, the Parish received approximately \$21,000 in the sale of the Stanley Park (St. Margaret Mission) lots. The money went largely towards roof-improvements and the coverings for the stained-glass windows.

THE 70's

The 70's at St. Paul's expressed "a spirit of youthfulness". Change and experimentation were in the air. For the young people, it could be called a "gourmet's delight" since so much was happening.

The Archdeacon left after Easter/71, transferring to Lively; the Rev. Robert Brown, who had transferred from the Sault in July/70 in his secular work with the Dept. of Indian Affairs, acted as officiant. Bob was nicknamed the "Phantom" for his evening church office visits.

The Rev. Donald Mackenzie Landon, of Holy Trinity Church, the Sault, had his first service with us on August 22/71. He was officially inducted as rector on December 6.

Almost immediately, changes began to occur. The Lord's Table, or altar, was moved forward so that he could celebrate facing the congregation. Hymns and sermons had an evangelical flavour. We were frequently ejected into the world in four-four time with such hymns as "Lead on O King, Eternal"; "Who is on the Lord's Side"; and the Welsh tune to "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah".

Anthony and Mary Kempinski and "Snowball" continued their janitorial work until October/75, when Earl and Mary Jones took over.

Mr. Landon, or "Father Don", soon had his full-time assistants: Captain Henk Willems (January-May/72), the Rev. Rae Fletcher, deacon (June/72-January/73), Captain Roy Dickson (June/73-August/76), Captain Ken Buckley (September/76-February/77), the Rev. Michael McCarthy, deacon, priest, (May/78-June/81), the Rev. Bob Davies, deacon, priest, (September/81-present).

Youth work blossomed. The Girls' and Junior Auxiliaries won deanery trophies under the leadership of Lynne Lundberg and Maisie Collier. Folk Masses became popular with instrumentalists, contemporary music and wording, visits to and from Duluth, Youth retreats. Pancake brunches (who can forget the "hungrifying" aroma!), spaghetti suppers and starvathons were there for "the stomach's sake". They organized sleigh-rides, hay-rides, swims, Christmas carolling and Coffee Houses.

The Captains re-started Bible Study. The parish struggled with committees. Fr. Brown began his Church History sessions, and Thelma Paddington edited the parish magazine: THE SPARK - "St. Paul's: Active Revitalized and Keen".

Canon Sims returned (November 28/71) to preach, as did the Rev. Fred Roberts. We listened to Sister Helena and many others. Several members attended the Diocesan Centenary at the Sault on October 28/73. The Good Friday Ecumenical Services began at the Gardens. Archbishop Wright held his pre-retirement Confirmation on April 2/74, and Bishop Nock held his first on April 17/75. The ACW hosted the Diocesan Annual May 17/75, and the Bishop dedicated the Charnock window September 7/75.

The Sunday School grew in numbers, and the Choir sang cantatas: "Ruth", "Olivet to Calvary", and "The Risen Lord". The Rev. Dr. Charles Ripley and his wife, Muriel, added their voices and assistance.

Our church properties were repaired by volunteers. The money projects, the nudging of the A.C.W., the proceeds of the sale of our St. Margaret's Mission property in Stanley

Park facilitated larger repairs.

Votes were taken on the death penalty and Church Union recommendations. Other "Matters of conscience" were well discussed.

The 70's were a busy and exciting period, as we examined our dedication to Jesus Christ and sought to serve Him in our daily lives. As Fr. Don would say: "So much has been happening, it's difficult to get it all in the bulletin!"

EDMUND GEORGE CHARNOCK (1880 - 1976)

Mr. Charnock was one of the earliest members of St. Paul's and served as its auditor for 27 years.

Born in Portland, Maine, taking his schooling in Ontario and Quebec, he followed his father's footsteps into a railroad career. On July 26, 1907, he arrived in Fort William from Winnipeg, and joined the Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., and worked his way up to become Accountant. He married the late Nellie Rose in 1912, and they became the parents of two boys, Ned and John.

"Ed" became a nationally-recognized authority on freight-rates, and was praised for his contribution to the working out of the details which allowed foreign ocean-going ships to journey from the St. Lawrence River to the Lakehead.

He was a faithful member of the Advisory Board and a well-loved and enjoyed member of Synod, with his humorous stories, poems and meticulous concern for budget details.

On Sept. 7/75, Bishop Nock dedicated the Charnock Family stained-glass window, a reproduction of Holman Hunt's painting: "The Light of the World" – the subject chosen by Mr. Charnock.

Always with a deep trust in Jesus as his Lord and Friend, and grateful for all of God's blessings, he passed from this life on March 23, 1976.

THE 80's

The New Year began with the ringing of the chimes at the Watch-Night service, heralding a new decade and the hope of a bright future.

The condition of our property continued to be a concern. Increased repairs took the Parish budget over the \$100,000 mark, and we had our first female warden, Dr. Mary Richardson. Much work went on behind the scenes: an illustrated inventory was made of all the church furnishings, a new policy on investment funds and endowments was written, plans for the 75th Anniversary were discussed. Organ builder Howard Nolte added a row of double-octave pipes, and the A.C.W. saw their dream of repainting the interior come true.

The young people continued their energetic activities – swimming, pancake brunches, hayrides. Saville Shuttleworth, Music Director, received the city's "Citizen of the Year" award and the Junior Choir received scarlet robes. The Westgate Grade 13's again presented T.S. Eliot's MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL in our church chancel. Inter-church baseball enjoyed enthusiastic support.

A high-light of 1980 was the visit by the Primate, Archbishop Edward Scott accompanied by Bishop Nock at our Harvest Festival, September 21. Saturday, October 4, saw a parade to Victoriaville of pupils and young people on the 200th anniversary of Sunday Schools, a tradition started by Robert Raikes, an English layman.

It was with sadness that we learned of Fr. Don's call to St. John the Divine, North Bay, and later we bade him and his mother, Jessie, a special farewell, Monday, October 28/81. The priest chosen to be our new rector was the Rev'd David Smith of St. Brice's North Bay, Archdeacon of Temiskaming. He preached his first sermon on December 6/81, and was inducted as rector on December 15th. During his initial year, he became personally involved in the 75th Anniversary Celebrations, as did his wife, Margo, and the children – Mary and Jeremy.

OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Our Anniversary Year (1982) was busy and enjoyable. Mr. Jack Evans, the Co-ordinating Chairman, with the Sub-Committee chairmen very early had the Year underway in the areas of Spiritual Renewal, Church Services, Parish History, Social Activities, Publicity.

On Feb. 20, 150 persons attended "Alfie's Dinner Theatre," Prince Arthur Motor Hotel, and after a delicious dinner watched excerpts from "Oliver."

The "Tea and Musicale" on April 29th, hosted by the Choir and A.C.W. was a colourful and gala affair, with costumes in keeping with those worn in the years 1909-1910. The programme was varied and entertaining with over 300 in attendance including descendants of many of the original families.

May 20th was the official beginning with joint choirs and congregations participating in a beautiful and inspiring Ascension Day Evensong. The anthem was from Handel's "Messiah" - "The Glory of the Lord" and the sermon was preached by the Rev'd Dr. Frank Peake of Thorneloe College, Sudbury.

The Parish Picnic at which 100 attended was enjoyed with much laughter and activity in the Vickers Heights Community Centre after the rain came down; and the Homecoming Service on July 11th at which the Rt. Rev'd Morse Goodman, Bishop of Calgary and former Assistant Curate at St. Paul's preached, followed by the Strawberry Festival in Babe Hall, was an enjoyable experience. Many former parishioners from far away places attended including Pat Goodman, the Bishop's wife - and again the ladies wore their period clothes.

Sept. 19th, was our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, and the Service was celebrated as it would have been in 1910. The Rev'd Donald Landon, our previous rector was our special guest, with his mother Mrs. Jessie Landon. That evening after Evensong, historical pictures were on display and tapes of the voices of early pioneers were played.

Finally, on Sunday October 24th, the anniversary celebrations reached a glorious climax. Our Bishop the Rt. Rev'd Frank Nock celebrated at the 10 AM Eucharist and preached. A special guest was Mrs. Dorothy Hinchliffe who had travelled from Burlington, near Hamilton, and took back with her our love and best wishes to her husband, our 9th Rector, living in a nursing home.

Our Anniversary Dinner was held that evening at the Da Vinci Centre on Waterloo Avenue. Mr. Jack Evans was Master of Ceremonies; and some of the highlights were: the light-hearted remarks of those who spoke, the entertaining and hilarious songs and skits by groups of parishioners, the special presentation to Mrs. Florence Higgins upon her retirement from the position of "Organist" after 34 years of dedicated service.

It was a Year we shall all remember.

Contributed by Thelma Paddington



MEMORIALS (since 1958)

Chalice in memory of Saville William and Elizabeth Shuttleworth.....	1958
Tower Clock in memory of Fred Babe, A.J. Boreham, W.C. Lillie, A.A. Vickers, J.J. Wells, S.C. Young	1959
Stained Window in memory of Hilda and Maurice Killick.....	1961
Oak Wall-Cabinet in memory of Maude Towsley	1962
Vases in memory of Harold A. Sellers	
Ciborium in memory of Ethel Sellers	
Candlesticks in memory of G.S. Price	
Bible in memory of Allison Hinchliffe	
Alms Bason in memory of June S. McIntyre	
Vases in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Ollis	
Silver Tray in memory of Henry John Paddington.....	1964
Altar (completion of original altar) in memory of Nettie and Frank Backus	1966
Aumbry in memory of Henry, Susan, Eva, Mae, John of the Hubman Oliphant family	1967
Babe Memorial Hall in memory of Myrtle Babe.....	1969
Altar Book in memory of Drummond Marlow Grant	
Clergy Prayer Book in memory of Leonard T.J. Aedy	
Wardens' Staves in memory of Harvey Johnson.....	1971
Baptismal Candlesticks in memory of Annie Wood	
Lectern Bible in memory of Ernest and Rose Ann (McCall) Duffy	1972
Choir Hymn Books (1971 edition) in memory of departed friends	1973
Bulletin Board in memory of Florence Wilson	
Baptismal shell in memory of Catherine Jones	
Lavabo Bowl in memory of Keith Nagy	
Clergy Prayer Book in memory of Elsie Blackburn	1978
Suprafrontal (purple) in memory of departed members of the Altar Guild.....	1980
Piano in memory of William H. and Minnie Rebecca Cooper.....	1980
Canadian Red Ensign and Canadian Flag in memory of departed members	1982
Anglican Flags in memory of Gladys Aedy.....	1982
Sidesmen's Tables in memory of departed members	1982
Chasuble, stole, burse, veil (green) in memory of departed members	1983
Chasuble, stole, burse, veil (white) in memory of departed members	1983

PRESENTATIONS (made since 1958)

The following presentations include only those articles which have been formally dedicated to the Glory of God in His service.

Many other articles of a decorative or functional nature have been provided by individual members of St. Paul's and by parish organizations during the past quarter century.

Processional Cross – presented by the Cochran Family	1962
Dossal Curtain – presented by Betty Layman	
Stained Glass window – presented by the Charnock Family	1975
Union Jack – presented by a parishioner	1982
Paschal Candlestick – made and presented by Fred Peters.....	1983
Vestry table – made and presented by Eldred Rose	1983

ST. PAUL'S WARDENS (1958-1982)

YEAR	RECTOR'S WARDEN	PEOPLE'S WARDEN
1958	E. F. Hill	H. Gough
1959	H. Gough	F. Evans
1960	F. Evans	J.C. Kirkup
1961	J.C. Kirkup	W. Pirie
1962	W. Pirie	F. Ward
1963	F. Ward	W.M.F. Kostyshyn
1964	W.M.F. Kostyshyn	L. Lundberg
1965	L. Lundberg	D.J. Hamilton
1966	D.J. Hamilton	E.T. Charnock
1967	E.T. Charnock	E. Rose
1968	E. Rose	H.M. Tett
1969	H.M. Tett	J.C. Kirkup
1970	W.J. Walker	D. Delgaty
1971	D. Delgaty	D. Wood (moved)
		J. Evans
1972	S. Farrow	R. Carter
1973	S. Farrow	R. Carter
1974	J.H. Johnson	D. Jones
1975	D. Jones	F. Coulson
1976	F. Coulson	J. Charnock
1977	J. Charnock	S. Lazar
1978	S. Lazar	T. Collier
1979	T. Collier	D. Scott
1980	D. Scott	M. Richardson
1981	M. Richardson	R. Bryson
1982	R. Bryson	D. Shuttleworth

TABLET PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

The Tablet presented to St. Paul's
by Mickey Hennessy, Member of the Provincial Parliament for
Fort William on Sunday, July 3rd, 1983



Ontario

To ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

On behalf of
the Government of Ontario

I extend my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Through the grace of God, the dedication of its clergy and the devotion of its members, your Church has sustained the faith of its congregation and served their spiritual and temporal needs throughout these many years.

I extend best wishes for a joyous and memorable anniversary. May your Church long continue to fulfill its important role in the spiritual life and service of your community.

Parliament Buildings
Toronto
April 26, 1983



William Harris

Premier of Ontario

Presented by: Mickey Hennessy, M.P.P. for Fort William

FATHER SMITH'S MESSAGE LOOKING FORWARD



The Bishop, in his remarks at the beginning of this booklet, has referred to the tremendous changes over the past twenty-five years. These are indeed unsettled times and we have not yet seen the last of them.

This last quarter of the century is presenting us with frightening challenges. Many people are overwhelmed and respond by desperately burying their heads in the sand.

Christians, however, can still look to the future with confidence, for we trust, not in ourselves, but in the fact that the future belongs to God. As He has cared for us in the past so His Spirit is leading us forward.

What a legacy He has built for us in St. Paul's! He has provided us with a magnificent building, a solid liturgical tradition, and an inspired community of persons. He has led us through the challenges of the years gone by in strength and with goodness and joy. He has continued to reach out through us with the understanding and love of Christ into the community in which we live.

We know that He will not cease to go with us. As we live and move in Him, and remain ever faithful to Him, we shall know His presence amongst us.

“Behold I send an angel before you to guard you on the way. If you hearken attentively to his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.”

(Exodus 23:22)

It is in this faith that we move forward in joyful expectancy.

D. A. P. Smith,
Rector.

