

Saint Ambrose Anglican Church



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Dear Harry:

I have misplaced the address for information from the archives, but I do remember that you are directly involved and so I am taking the liberty of writing to your home address.

My reason for writing at this time is to procure information regarding the history of St. Ambrose Anglican Church here at Baysville, Ont., my parish church. We are celebrating 100 years in 1998 and we are beginning make some plans, one of which is the history. Another request is the availability of pictures of our clergy and of the bishops through the years. I will enclose a list I have assembled. Finances may not permit me to do a collage of the bishops, so I would like to concentrate first on the clergy who have served here. I am shopping for frames about 8" wide by about 29" long to hold 4" by 6" picture or maybe 3" by 5" perhaps 5 to a frame. All this is guesswork until I know if I can get the pictures. Some will be available from our parishioners. Is there material in the archives about St. Ambrose which we could use in our history account?

I appreciate your assistance in this regard and suggest you put this letter in your pending file until after the synod! I, too, am busy with the annual ACW meeting taking place in North Bay during the last week of May, so I will not be expecting to hear from you for a few weeks.


Thank you,

Shirley Burton,

Kindness + regards to Susan.
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Prayer to Begin the Year

Mary Ellen Cohn

Introduction

Leader: September is a time of transition, a time to shift gears. More than a change of season, it is a time to shift energy. A time of beginnings. Summer, no matter how busy, brings a sense of stopping, of taking rest, of vacation, of recreation. Reflect for a moment on where or what in your summer called you to that sense of rest, of stopping. It may be a lake, the ocean, a mountain stream, a pool, a forest, a park, a city, a campground. For a moment, think how that renewed you.

(Pause for reflection)

Leader: O good and gracious God, the goodness of your creation surrounds us. Help us to see and appreciate the wonders of your creation. Help us to appreciate the value of rest as we listen to an account of your creation.

Reading:

LUKE 9: 1-6

All: Thanks be to God.

In groups of 3 or 4
share what word, phrase
or thought strikes you
today in this reading.

Psalm: 103 *

Intercessions:

Leader: Creation. Renewal. Re-creation. Refreshing. Returning. Starting again. September. Just as that place or event called us to rest, to be refreshed, the Spirit of God calls us to a new season, full of energy, full of creative ministry, full of new beginnings. We turn to our God, the creator who saw that everything created was good, and then rested, and we pray together,

Lord, refresh our ministry.

Leader: In grateful praise for the places and spaces of summer that call us to be rested and refreshed, we pray,

All: Lord, refresh our ministry.

Leader: In grateful praise for the beauty and goodness of your creation, we pray,

All: Lord, refresh our ministry

Leader: In thanksgiving for the persons who graced our summer, we pray,

All: Lord, refresh our ministry.

Leader: For a season of energetic beginnings, we pray,

All: Lord, refresh our ministry.

Leader: For a renewed energy in all of us, especially in those who are not so refreshed from summer, we pray,

All: Lord, refresh our ministry.

Leader: For those in leadership positions in your service, that we never cease to follow you, we pray,

All: Lord, refresh our ministry.

Leader: For a deeper sense of mission, your mission, which you call us to share, we pray,

All: Lord, refresh our ministry.

Leader: For a sense of excitement in doing your work of renewing the earth, we pray,

All: Lord, refresh our ministry.


(Intercessions can be added)

Concluding Prayer

Leader: Creator of the universe, you called order out of chaos. You created beauty and goodness. You know the chaos of our lives. Call from us the beauty that you have created. Refresh our lives, renew our ministry, enliven our energy in your service so that all we do expands your kingdom. We ask this through Jesus, our brother and savior.

All: Amen.

* Lord send out your spirit and Renew
the face of the earth



Organ: p. 952 // Guitar: p. 618)

Christopher Walker

REFRAIN:

Send us_ as your bless-ing, Lord,_ send us_ in the pow'r of your Spir-it,
to live the Good News._ Pro- claim-ing your gos- pel of peace; that
all the world_ will come to be-lieve; sal- va- tion_ and glo- ry,_ and
wis- dom_ and pow- er_ are yours,_ are yours._ Sal-
va- tion_ and glo- ry,_ and wis- dom_ and pow- er_ are yours,
now and_ for ev- er - er - more!

Fine VERSES:

1. Bless the lips_ of
2. Bless the ears_ of
3. Be with those_ whose
4. Bless all those_ who
5. Bless all those_ in
6. Bless us_ all,_ the

1. those pro- claim - ing your Ho - ly_ Word, with a
2. all who wait for your Sav - ing_ Word, may your
3. hands are blessed with your heal - ing_ pow'r. Through their
4. suf - fer hours_ of sick - ness_ and pain, may they
5. pris - on for their be - lief in_ you. Be with
6. mus - ic - muk - ers who sing your_ praise. In our

1. voice of truth re - veal - ing your glo - ry, that the
2. voice be heard by those you have cho - sen, Make them
3. touch a wak - en those in de - press - ion, from their
4. feel your car - ing hand is up - on them, through their
5. them and help their lives be your wit - ness, Let their
6. songs and mus - ic speak to your peo - ple; that the

to Refrain

1. sound of your Word_ will be a bless - ing for all.
2. strong in faith_ and hope to face the un - known.
3. dark - ness_ lead them in - to your light.
4. suf - fer - ing_ re - veal your cru - ci - fied Son.
5. faith in you_ grow strong - er hour_ by hour.
6. mus - ic of heav'n_ will sound out here on the earth.

Archives

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June 11, 1997

Hello Shirley,

It is good to hear from you. Hope the summer is going well. Thank you for the letter in regard to St. Ambrose's anniversary.

Ambrose was an interesting fellow. He was born in Trier, on the Rhine river, about 339^{ad} and died in 397^{ad}. He was the son of the Praetorian Prefect of Gaul (rather like the Viceroy of India) and, so, one of the higher nobility. He started out in a legal and civil service career and served as governor of the area around the city of Milan which was the capital of the Western Roman Empire at the time.

Either willingly or unwillingly (the stories vary) he was elected bishop of Milan in 374. In a slightly different procedure from the one we usually use in this diocese he was baptized, deaconed, priested and consecrated as bishop all on the same day.

As a bishop he was one of the leaders of the Church of his day. He was a noted preacher, administrator, writer, pastor and advisors to Emperors. He is particularly noted for having played a part in the conversion of Saint Augustine who held him in great respect. He was the author of several hymns still in use (in translation in Anglican churches) and the majority opinion these days would hold that he is the author of the Athanasian Creed which can still be found in the back of the Prayer Book. It should be said that he was involved in a bitter and murderous dispute with the Arian heretics of his day and the words of the Creed are directed at them. Some find it a bit jarring.

With Jerome, Augustine, and Gregory the Great he is regarded as one of the "Doctors" of the Latin Church of which we are a part.

Now on to other things: Anything we have on the Church and parish will be in the files in Sault Ste. Marie and I will pass this letter on to Edith Morrow and ask her to have a look. There may be something but it is not extensive. She will be in contact to let you know.

As to pictures: Our collection of clerical photographs is not extensive. We also don't have the resources to make reproductions and send out copies. Again, I will ask Edith to have a look and let you know what is in the files.

All the best with this, and I hope it is great fun for everyone involved

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA

LIST OF BISHOPS

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| ✓ 1. The Right Reverend Frederick Denison Fauquier D.D. | 1873-1881 |
| 2. The Right Reverend Edward Sullivan D.D. D.C.L. | 1882-1896 |
| ✓ 3. The Reverend Canon George Thorneloe D.D. D.C.L. | 1897-1927 |
| ✓ 4. The Right Reverend Rocksborough Remington Smith | 1927-1939 |
| ✓ 5. The Right Reverend George Frederick Kingston | 1940-1944 |
| ✓ 6. The Most Reverend William L. Wright | 1944-1974 |
| 7. The Right Reverend Frank Foley Nock | 1975-1983 |
| 8. The Right Reverend Leslie E. Peterson | 1983-1993 |
| 9. The Right Reverend Ronald Ferris | 1995- |

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On March 16, 1880 Wm. H. Brown executed a deed in favor of the first Bishop of Algona, the Right Reverend F. D. Fauquier, in trust for an Anglican Church site. The Church, when it was built was dedicated to St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (in Italy) who died in the year 397. It is quite unusual to find such a dedication in the Anglican Church, and Baysville Church may well be the only one in Canada dedicated to the good St. Ambrose.

During the early years, the Missions at Baysville and Stonleigh (St. Peter's) were under the pastoral care of the priests of St. Thomas' Parish Bracebridge. Last of these to minister in Baysville was the Rev'd. James Boydell who it is reported, used to ride to Baysville from Bracebridge on his bicycle.

Apart from the administration of the Sacraments, laymen have always done the burden of the work in Missions, Swanzy Slement, a Lay Reader and Sunday School Superintendent is well remembered for his work at St. Ambrose. There is a stained glass window in the Sanctuary of the present Church in his memory, Theological students also assisted in the Church during their University vacation. Mr. Lloyd is remembered among these.

In 1895, the Reverend Alexander William Hazelhurst, an Englishman, was appointed as first full-time priest in Baysville. A young married man, he devoted nearly 35 years of his life to this Mission. His widowed Mother from Staffordshire, England, died at the age of 70, and was the first person buried in the Anglican Cemetery in Baysville, in the year 1910.

The first Church was built in 1898. A grant of one hundred pounds was given towards the building by the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge. The Church Wardens at that time - Robert Aston Ellis and Edward Deakin, builder of the foundation Robert Rhodes. The Church population at this time was about a hundred Souls.

A new Church was built and consecrated by Bishop Thornloe of Algona in May 1901. This building was made possible largely through the generosity of a growing and devoted congregation. The first building was used as a Sunday School and Parish Hall. In January of 1911 a furnace was installed in the Church. The Women's Auxillary was instrumental in getting the furnace installed.

On September 3, 1919, a fire of unknown origin destroyed St. Ambrose Church and Parish Hall. On September 15th. the W. A. Bought the old Public School for \$100. plus taxes. This was used as a Church until a new one was built, and still continues in service as a Parish Hall.

In 1920 a Building Committee was formed to make arrangements for re-building a Church on the same site. The Committee consisted of the following members:- John King, George Aldred, J.J. Roberts, Mrs. John King, and Miss. E. M. Ellis. The estimated cost of the building, \$4000. Richard Piper was appointed overseer. The new Brick Church was begun in 1921, is finished inside with Birch panneling. The building was consecrated on May 17th, by Archbishop Thornloe.

The shock of the fire caused the sudden death of Helena Hazelhurst. at the age of 59 years. She was buried on December 2, 1919 in St. Ambrose Cemetery by the Archbishop of Algona. In the new Church there is a window depicting her name-Saint, St. Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, holding the Cross, which according to ancient tradition, she was responsible for discovering after its burial following the Crucifixion. As, well, the beautiful toned Bell in the belfry of the Church is in her Memory.

Horse and buggy, or boat, provided transportation between Baysville and St. Peter's Church, Stonleigh, and St. Mary Magdalene's Church Dorset, both the responsibility of the Incumbent of St. Ambrose'. In winter, services in the outstations were held less frequently and travel was by sleigh.

As a reward for his long and devoted service to the Church, the Bishop of Algoma created the Rev'd. Mr. Hazelhurst an Honorary Canon of St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie. The honour of this appointment should reflect upon the parishioners of Baysville for their loyalty to him and his devotion to them was responsible for his long incumbency.

In 1927 Canon Hazelhurst left Baysville, and was succeeded by the Rev'd. Richard Warder, a young priest who also was English. During his incumbency St. Mary's Church, Norway Point, was opened as a Mission of St. Ambrose.

In October 1934 the Rev'd. W. Rutherford Tindle became priest-in-charge, remaining until May 1938, when he was succeeded by the Rev'd. Canon Banks who remained until the end of 1940.

From 1941 until 1955, St. Ambrose Church was under the pastoral care of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, known better as the "Cowley Fathers". The priests of this monastic community came from the Mission House in Bracebridge to minister to this, among several dozen Churches in Muskoka. During this time, the Parsonage, built about 1895, was sold.

In 1955, the Diocese of Algoma reorganized the Churches in the area, creating the Lake of Bays Mission, consisting of St. Ambrose, Baysville; St. Mary Magdalene, Dorset; St. John's, Fox Point; St. James, Port Cunnington; and St. Mary's, Norway Point. The Rev'd. Roy H. Nixon was appointed priest-in-charge, and it was decided that the priest should live henceforth in Dorset, being the central location. The Rev'd. J.T.L. James became priest-in-charge 1959; Rev'd. J. Francom 1963; Rev'd. Robert Lumley 1967.

St. Ambrose Church contains Memorials to several of its former Parishioners. In the Sanctuary on the north side is the St. Helena window in memory of Helena Hazelhurst, as mentioned above. In the center is a triple window, the middle panel showing Christ as the Good Shepherd, is in memory of Andrew Swanzy Slemont, mentioned above, presented by his Sunday School Scholars. The left panel shows a Font, and the right a Chalice, both being given by the Girls Guild. On the south side of the Sanctuary, the window depicts St. Peter, holding the traditional keys. This window is in memory of Edward Deakin, given by his daughter Ellen. The Brass Altar Cross in memory of Dewardo Sylvester Rowe. The Altar Candlesticks are given by the Rev'd. R. T. Sadler, M.A. and used in his memory. On the credence table are candlesticks in memory of Anne Louise Ellis and Elizabeth Maude Ellis. There are also several memorials centred on the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Mass Book is in memory of Louise (Langmaid) Winder, 1888-1963. The Chalice is in memory of Alfred Winder, 1886-1964. The other vessels used in preparation of the Blessed Sacrament and the silver Tray upon which they rest are in memory of their son, Harry, 1915-1960. In memory of his wife, Beulah, 1920-1968, there is a Sanctuary Lamp. Behind the Altar is a screen in memory of both Louise and Alfred Winder. The artwork on this reredos is described at the west end of the Church in a framed printing which reads as follows:

"St. Ambrose, patron Saint of this parish, was popularly acclaimed as Bishop of Milan in A.D. 374. A professed though yet unbaptized Christian he reluctantly abandoned his career as a promising young lawyer to accept. The Feast Day of St. Ambrose, December 7, marks the anniversary of his episcopal consecration.

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The triptych on the reredos portrays his renown as a preacher by the letters Alpha and Omega, the book and the Chalice. The musical instruments remind us that he was the founder of hymnology. The descending dove and the water, traditional symbols of the Holy Spirit, depict his conversion of St. Augustine.

For their excellent scholarship, St. Ambrose and St. Augustine are known as two of the four Doctors of the Western Church".

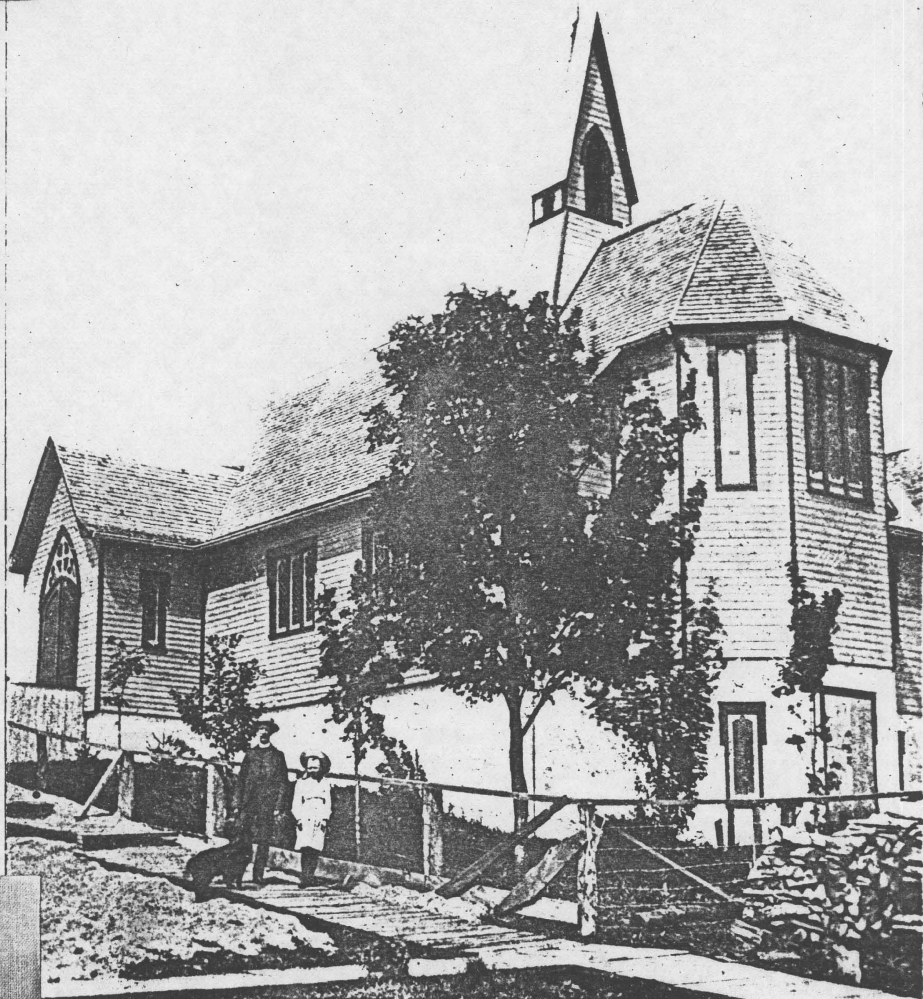
The Altar, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Austin, summer residents of the early 1900's. The Prayer Desk in the Chancel is in memory of Charles Wesley Rhodes, who died Feb. 20, 1920. A large Prayer Book for the Desk in memory of Alice G. Denison. The electric Reed Organ is in memory of Alexander William Hazelhurst, priest 1857- 1938. A pair of Brass Vases in memory of Alice May (Piper) Campbell, one of the early organists of St. Ambrose. Two Pew Frontals in memory of W. A. members and Pews in memory of Ellen and Peter Brown, Janet Brown, Thelma Green, Rebecca and Richard Piper, Mr. and Mrs. J. Featherstonhaugh. New Lighting throughout the church in memory of William Langmaid. On the south wall next the Chancel, a Window, depicting "Not My Will but Thine be Done", in memory of William and Hannah Jackson and Family. On the north side of the Chancel, the Anglican Flag, in memory of Florence E. Piper.

On the walls of the Nave are a War Memorial listing the names of all Baysville men who served in the Second War, and a Brass Plaque in memory of Harry C. Langmaid, who died in the First World War. In the west end of the Church is a circular glass window, "The Light of the World", in memory of Dorothy May McCarthy 1896-1950 given by her brother F. L. Tate, in 1954.

It would be impossible to name all those who had made important contributions to the life of the Anglican Church in Baysville. Looking through old records the following names are noted:- Green, Grist, Tooke, Bushnell, Rowe, Henderson, Shewfelt, Piper, Burke, Rhodes, Harrison, Brown, Burbridge, Coleman, Harp, Shannon, Brownlee, Ellis, King, Baker, Vipond, Vanclieaf, Biglow, Newton, Gaisford, French, Preston, Allred, Roberts and no doubt several others we have no record of. God alone knows how many have worshiped Him in St. Ambrose Church. The Parish Register is complete. Worshipers have gathered in numbers ranging from the "two or three" which Our Lord in the Gospels said was sufficient, to crowds of up to 200, on the occasion of the Consecration of the new Church. The Parish Register is complete from the beginning of Canon Hazelhurst's ministry, January 1, 1896. Before which time records were kept in the register of St. Thomas Church, Bracebridge. The 1896 register, still in use in 1972, records 279 persons made members of the Church in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Canon Hazelhurst alone baptized 135 of these, one of them total immersion in the river at Baysville. Forty-two Confirmation Services have been conducted in the Church, by Seven Bishops. One hundred and twenty-eight persons have been committed to the hands of God in the Burial Office, conducted in St. Ambrose Church.

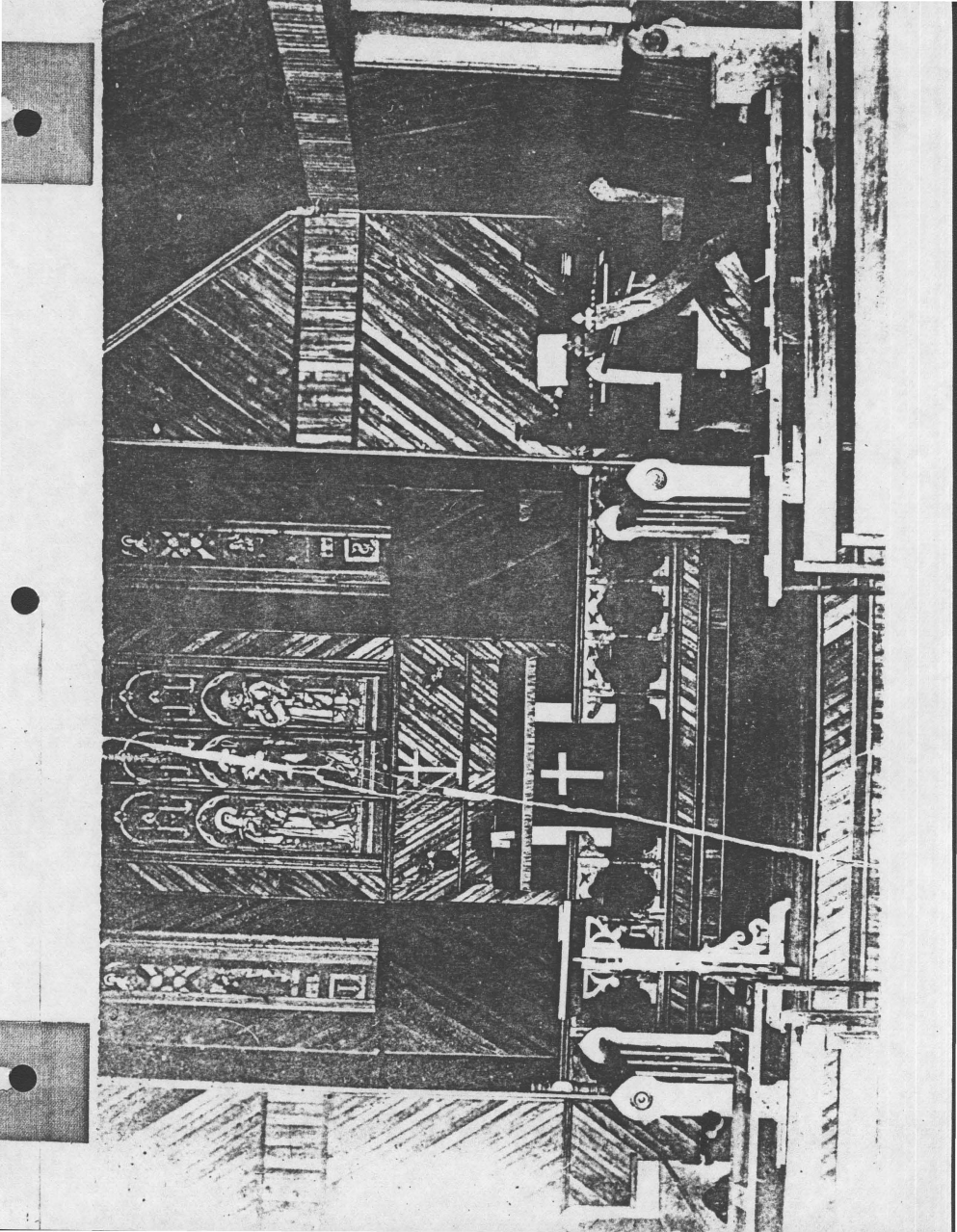
Three organists of the early days of our Church were:-
Mary (Langmaid) Henderson; Alice May (Piper) Campbell; and Nancy Roberts

The above gleaned from old records by Rev'd. J.T.L. James in 1961 and brought up to date January 1, 1973.



ST. AMBROSE CHURCH, BAYSVILLE RECENTLY DESTROYED BY FIRE

CANON HAZELHURST AND DAISY Church Built 1901.



1. Name of Parish?
2. Name of Church?
3. Number of families in each?
4. When were first services held in Mission?
5. Where?
6. By whom?
7. When was first Church built?
8. At what cost?
9. When was parsonage built?
10. At what cost?
11. Is there any debt on parsonage?
12. When was Parish Room built?
13. At what cost?
14. Is there any debt?
15. Was Church re-built, if so, when?
16. At what cost?
17. Is there any debt on Church?
18. Seating capacity of Church?
19. When was Mission divided?
20. When further divided?
21. Extent of original Mission?
22. Extent after each division?
23. How many families in Parish in the first place?

In 1883?	In 1893?	In 1903?	In 1906?
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24. Income of Church in the first place?

In 1883?	In 1893?	In 1903?	In 1906?
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25. Number of children in Sunday School in 1883?

In 1893?	In 1903?	In 1906?	
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26. Number of communicants in 1883?

In 1893?	In 1903?	In 1906?	In 1893?
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27. Succession of Clergy in Mission and date of appointment?
28. Number of baptisms in history of Mission?
29. Number of marriages?
30. Number of funerals?
31. Relative number of Church people?

Roman Catholics?	Methodists?
	Presbyterians?
32. Character of community, farming, mining, milling etc?
33. Prospects for future - any notes that may be of interest?

- 1 Bayville (It is a mission, not self supporting)
- 2 S^r Ambrose at Bayville, S^r Peters
at Stoneleigh, S^r Marys at Dorset.
- 3 sixteen at Bayville, Three at Stoneleigh,
six at Dorset. (at Stoneleigh, people
have gone to the west.
- 4 about the year 1874
- 5 At Stoneleigh, In the house of Mr Chas Piper.
- 6 R. Kimber Johns, at that time he was a
farmer, & acted as Lay Reader, at present
~~the~~ he resides in Gravenhurst.
- 7 1877. At Stoneleigh, Bayville Ch was built
about 1882, & Bayville then was attached W Bracebridge
- 8 Labour & material practically given.
It was a log Church, & cost was small,
can not be ascertained. Church at
Bayville was built & then blown down
by a storm & lay there for a long time &
then was rebuilt chiefly through
the energies of an old U.S. soldier
who was in Gen Sheridan's army
through the civil war, name was
Andrew Clement; of Ireland
originally. from
- 9 1896. At Bayville.
- 10 about \$550.00
- 11 no.
- 12 Original Church at Bayville is now
used as Parish Room. There has been
a new Church built in 1898 & 9. old
Church was never consecrated
- 13 Old Church serves as Parish Room built 1882.
- 14 no
- 15 New Church was built in 1895-6 &
then old church was turned into Parish Room

- 16 New Church was built - at a cost, (including labour & material fees) \$1,800.00. would cost to-day on account of wages & material being higher all of \$3,500.-
- 17 No
- 18 150. capacity.
- 19 Mission was originally served from Bracebridge. About 1892 it was served by a Resident. catechist or student. - supervised by Priest. resident. at - Bracebridge
- 20 Dorset was added to Baysville about 1893
- 21 Mission started at Stoneleigh & the extent was Baysville. about 8 miles
- 22 Dorset was added & mission became about thirty miles in length, there is practically no breadth to it.
- 23 Stoneleigh about three. Baysville about seven in 1883. in 1893. at Stoneleigh seven. Baysville about nine. Dorset about four. In 1906. Stoneleigh three. Baysville sixteen. Dorset six. these are Church families.
- 24 In 1893. offertories amounted to about 15¢ to 25¢ per Sunday. In 1903. about \$2.00 per Sunday. In 1906 about \$2.50 per Sunday.
- 25 In ~~1873~~ 1883. three children. In 1893. about - twenty to twenty five. In 1903 about - thirty five. In 1906. about - fifty.
- 26 At Stoneleigh about seven. at Baysville about five. In 1893 at Stoneleigh about ten.

26 continued at Baysville about sixteen, Dorset about four. In 1903. Stoueligh about ~~forty~~ fourteen. Baysville twenty five, Dorset four or five. In 1906 Stoueligh seven. Baysville about forty. Dorset twelve.

27. Originally served by catechists & students under supervision of Priest at Brackbridge. Present incumbent, was sent to mission in 1894, ordained ~~in~~ Deacon in 1895, Priest 1896. been in mission ever since.

28 One hundred & thirty in present incumbent time, no record of past, ^{-in my opinion.} should judge there would have been about a hundred before that time.

29 Twenty four (there were others before, no record)

30 Fifty three (there were others before, no record)

31. ~~that~~ Church people, thirty five.

31 Church people in whole mission about one hundred & sixty five - seventy five. Roman Catholics about forty five. Methodists about thirty five. Presbyterians about one hundred & eighty. to two hundred.

32 Farming of a poor kind, Lumbering is still carried on, but there is not very much of it done now, a little milling, & a little mining. The district is becoming busy in the summer as a tourist resort, & is ~~so~~ rapidly developing in that direction.

32 It is the problem. Farming will always be carried on more or less, but it will never be a success, except; perhaps sheep farming, it is one of the

best-
 countries anywhere in Ontario for
 sheep raising, any diseases that are
 common ^{among sheep} in other places are absolutely
 unknown here. It is quite possible
 that minerals will be found in the
 near future among the rocky hills
 that will make it worth developing
 minerals have already been found,
 but only in small quantities, so that
 it has scarcely paid to develop them.
 This Mission has been a hard problem
 to work, but it has always been a cheerful
 mission to work in, on account of the
 class of people who live here, all have
 been working people, & there are no
 class distinctions, & all have
 done willingly & cheerfully whatever
 they have felt able to do for the Church.
 There is a beautiful Church here now,
 second to none in the Diocese, taking
 in consideration all surrounding &
 everything else.

In the early days the Church encountered
 great opposition from other bodies.

Andrew Clement, the real founder
 of the Church here in Raysville, was
 an old soldier in the U. S. Army during
 the Civil War, he was a descendant of
 one of the old Huguenot-families, &
 was originally intended to enter the
 Ministry of the Church, & was in his
 younger days educated for that purpose,
 but drifted around the world until
 he became a soldier of the United States,
 & after the war was over, by the way he
 was wounded, all his toes shot off.

came over W Canada, & finally here, to Bayville, he got employment as a clerk & time keeper in a lumber camp, & finding there was no Church & no church service here, he set to work & started to hold a Sunday school, walking seven miles every Sunday for that purpose, he commenced his S. School with one scholar, a little girl, & then the next Sunday a boy came, & the S. S. & that really was the start of the Church here.

Some time after him starting his little Sunday school class, he was sent by the firm he worked for, to a distance too far for him to attend his school, & when he eventually came back, he found his little flock had drifted during his absence, to the Presbyterian Sunday School, so the first Sunday he went right to the Presbyterian S. S. & demanded his children, (he was godfather to a number of them) back, & got them. After his death his old S. S. scholars erected a very nice memorial window to his memory in the new Church. He started the Church here on good Church lines, & it has been good going ever since, it was not hard to follow in the path of such a good old Churchman. It was a pleasure. One instance shows his character as a Churchman. One twelfth of July when the Organ men were decorating

the streets, he was asked to assist:
his reply was "No Grogg. I am
neither a Protestant - nor a Papist."

Any other information I can get -
I shall be happy to supply.

Yours faithfully,
Huttayaburud -
Incumbent;

Report on
the Mission of
Baptists

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