

St. Luke's Church

Cameron & McKenzie Sts.
Thunder Bay, Ont.



1890 — 1980

FOREWARD

On this the occasion of the 90th Anniversary of the building of St. Luke's Church, your Rector and Wardens are pleased to be able to compile the information presented in the booklet showing some of the history of our Parish in concise form.

We hope that in viewing the past with the many hardships encountered to bring the St. Luke's family to what we have today it will present a challenge to accomplish greater things in the future.

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1953-1958 Rev. David Mitchell
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1974-1978 Rev. William Ellam
1979-1989 Rev. E.P. Moyle

1988- Rev. Peter Williams

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF ST. LUKE'S

- 1873 Records in St. John's Church (located in what was then Prince Arthur's Landing) indicate the Rev. C.D. Dundas ministered to all people of Anglican faith and held services at Silver Islet, the Town Plot (Fort William) and at Oliver. (The Town Plot was apparently an area in the vicinity of the present Police Station.)
See comment at end.
- 1877 Rev. J. Ker McMorine held services in the town plot area as well as the West Fort William area.
- 1885 Rev. C. I. Machin came to St. John's in 1885. He regularly visited Fort William and held services in the first Public School which was located near where the C.P.R. subway is now. Later a new school was built at the present corner of Victoria and Simpson and services were held in an upstairs room. Rev. Machin also held regular services in West Fort William. He apparently usually walked over from Port Arthur and one of the parishioners would drive him home.
- 1887 Bishop Sullivan visited Fort William in June and at a meeting of Church members held in the Presbyterian Church in Westfort it was announced that Mr. M. Chas. Kirby was to be ordained on Aug. 7 and would be stationed in Fort William.
- 1887 First Baptism recorded in St. Luke's Church records - Aug. 11 - Albert Edward Gilmore. Born April 28th.
- 1887 First service held by Mr. Kirby in the school house in September. He was ordained Deacon.
- 1888 First Burial recorded was that of Mary Weigand who died May 28, 1888.
- 1888 Bishop Sullivan conducted the first Confirmation service in the Presbyterian Church on December 2.
- 1889 Advertisement in the Fort William paper of April 27, 1889:

"English Church"

"Fort William West - Preaching every Sunday Evening at nineteen o'clock. Sunday school at fifteen o'clock. Choir practice every Friday at twenty o'clock.

Fort William - Preaching services every other Sunday at 10:30, every other Sunday afternoon at fifteen o'clock.

Services at Oliver every other Sunday at 10:30 o'clock."

(sgd) Rev. Charles Kirby, Pastor

- 1889 Rev. Kirby was ordained to the Priesthood in June.
- 1890 The first Wedding recorded was held on July 4, 1890 at which time Ernest John Brimmell and Henrietta Marie Byrne were united in marriage.
- 1890 September 17 saw construction work on the Church commenced on land given to the Bishop of Algoma by the C.P.R. The cornerstone was placed in position by Miss McIntyre and had been taken from the old trading post and dated back to 1732.
- 1890 The first service was held in the new Church on December 14, 1890. Rev. M.C. Kirby preached in the morning and Rev. E. Jackson of Port Arthur preached in the evening. The Choir sang an anthem "How Manifold are Thy Works". The collection amounted to \$52.00.
- 1893 The earliest available vestry meeting minutes are for this year and a notation is made that earlier records had been destroyed in a fire in the office of one of the Wardens.
- 1894 At about this time Rev. Kirby took possession of the first St. Luke's Rectory which was erected on what is now May Street.
- 1895 At a meeting on February 21, a committee was formed to canvas for subscriptions in order that St. Luke's may become self-supporting.
- 1895 June 23 Rev. E.J. Harper was the new Rector and conducted his first service.
- 1895 In December a committee was formed to look in to the possibility of purchasing a lot on May Street near Victoria Avenue so that the Church could be relocated in a more desirable location.
- 1896 The W.A. offered to assume control of the Parsonage fund which offer was accepted. Plans were drawn up and quotation accepted to put an addition of 30 feet on to the church with the cost not to exceed \$600.00.
- 1897 A new Doherty-Reed organ was purchased.
- 1899 St. Luke's were continuing a request to the Bishop that St. Luke's have a full time Rector. The Rector of the day served both St. Luke's and St. Thomas' congregations. In 1896 the Bishop satisfied some of the complaints by ruling the place and times of services in each church.

- 1899 The lot on which the present Rectory stands was purchased for \$175.00. The Rectory on May Street was sold. The W.A. rented a house on the corner of Victoria Ave. and Brodie St. where the present Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce stands for the use of the Rector.
- 1903 The Gallery was built in the church for the use of and at the expense of the Sunday School.
- 1904 The present Rectory was built through the efforts of the W.A. at a cost of \$5700.00.
- 1906 May of this year saw new pews ordered to replace the chairs that were being used.
- 1906 It appears that St. Luke's and St. Thomas' parishes were finally severed when Rev. S.N. Rankin was appointed to St. Thomas'.
- 1908 After about 15 years of discussion about relocating St. Luke's Church without success it resulted in the establishment of a new parish to be called St. Paul's. Building was commenced and the church occupied in 1908.
- 1910 On January 1, Rev. H. Frankland held his first services.
- 1910 It was finally decided to move the church on the present property but to face East and West instead of North and South and place it on a foundation.
- 1910 A new Altar rail and lighting fixtures, gifts of members of the congregation, were in place for the Easter services.
- 1910 July 10 the first meeting of the Sunday School in the new basement was held.
- 1911 Feb. 10, Rev. Frankland held his last service prior to his returning to England.
- 1911 Rev. Rankin who had been in charge of St. Thomas' was moved to St. Luke's and Rev. Popey appointed to St. Thomas'.
- 1912 Rev. Rankin preached his last sermon on Whitsunday 1912 and then returned to England. For a period of about six months several people conducted the services.
- 1912 Rev. Canon Burt conducted his first service on Friday, November 29, 1912.

- 1914 Permission was requested by the Brotherhood of St. Andrews to erect a club room on the vacant lot adjacent to the church. Permission was granted providing no expense would fall on the vestry. On Feb. 19 the club room was opened with a social. An extension was put on later in the same year.
- 1914 Boy Scout troop was formed and the Charter was issued from England in May of 1914. From information available there were only two of these Charters in Canada - one in the Toronto area and the one for St. Luke's. These were issued before a Boy Scouts association was established in Canada.
- 1916 Feb. 19 was a fateful day for St. Luke's. Fire struck and did a great deal of damage to the interior of the church, especially the sanctuary. Fortunately the club rooms were available and used for services until Easter. As well as repairing the damage, many improvements were made.
- 1919 Canon Burt was being moved and he conducted his last service on March 30. Rev. Canon Popey replaced Canon Burt and held his first service on May 4.
- 1920 A motion was again brought forward to procure property for a new church site. There was no seconder so the motion was dropped and it was considered better to try and fill the present church.
- 1921 At the annual Vestry meeting women had a vote for the first time, this now being canonical law.
- 1922 A new boiler and heating system was installed with the greater part of the expense being paid by the W.A. and Altar Guild.
- 1923 A campaign was launched to raise \$1000.00 toward a new pipe organ.
- 1924 A committee was formed to look into the purchasing of a new organ and it was decided to purchase one for \$2100.00. It was then necessary to build an addition as an organ chamber. This was done on the south side of the Chancel. (This area is now used as the "Polhill Room")
- 1925 The new organ was installed and used for the first time on Palm Sunday.
- 1926 Question was raised regarding repairs to the church-Hall and Rectory. A committee was formed to investigate the situation. It was suggested that a new Hall be built with a basement at a cost not to exceed \$6000.00. The present Hall was built at that time at a cost of \$5291.00.

- 1930 As the window in the Sanctuary had been destroyed in the fire, it was replaced as a memorial to Mrs. Tharte with proceeds from the building fund.
- 1932 Canon Popey announced his resignation at the annual meeting in January. He conducted his last service on Easter Sunday, March 27.
- 1932 Rev. S.F. Yeomans conducted his first service on April 3.
- 1932 May 30 to June 3 the Diocesan convention of the W.A. was held in St. Luke's.
- November 22, John Thomas Weigand was buried. He had been a resident of Fort William longer than anyone at that time. He had lived here for 63 years and died at age 89.
- 1934 On April 22 the colours of the Girl Guides were dedicated and presented at the morning service. Cubs and Scouts were in attendance.
- 1935 Miss Marion Yeomans took over as organist.
- 1936 On January 28 a requiem service was held in memory of King George V.
- 1939 - 1945 During this period of the Second World War, St. Luke's Church saw 159 of their men and women in the services.
- 1944 An honour roll to these people was unveiled and dedicated before an overflowing congregation.
- 1945 A new boiler and stoker was installed with the church and hall being attached to one system. A walk-through was built between the two buildings.
- 1949 A new Hammond organ was installed. Some of the required money was raised through a canvas of business people with the rest being raised through the fair booth.
- 1953 Rev. Canon S.F. Yeomans conducted his last service on December 27 prior to his retirement after more than 21 years as Rector.
- 1954 The Rev. David N. Mitchell conducted his first service as the new Rector on Jan. 24, 1954.
- 1954 A 300 pound bell had been donated by Mr. W. Lysnes. On April 23 at a service of dedication the bell was raised to the steeple with the assistance of heavy rigging equipment loaned by Mr. M.F. Mills.

- 1957 A campaign for funds for the church extension fund was instituted. An every member canvas was carried out under the guidance of the Wells Organization.
- 1958 On November 30, Rev. David N. Mitchell conducted his last service prior to moving to his new charge.
- 1959 During December 1958 and January 1959, Canon S.F. Yeomans again conducted services.
- 1959 Rev. H.A. Vallis conducted his first service on February 15.
- 1959 A modern gas fired boiler was installed and is still in use.
- 1959 Plans were formulated for an extension to the church and construction commenced in 1960. During the course of this work, the gallery at the rear of the original building was removed. The addition provided more seating as well as better entrance and cloak-room facilities.
- 1960 In June of 1960 a bursary fund was set up in the form of a Divinity Students Fund to the memory of Sydney and Isobel Yeomans. A room was constructed behind the present organ to be known as the "Polhill Room" for the Rector's use as an office.
- 1961 In February a special dedication service was conducted by the Most Rev. W.L. Wright, dedicating the new addition. New pews were installed to the memory of loved ones. These are listed elsewhere under "Memorial Gifts". They greatly enhanced the appearance of the nave of the church.
- 1965 Work was commenced on a "Nursery Room" for preschool aged children. During the late 1960's and 1970's a renovation program was undertaken on the Rectory. This was carried out over a number of years.
- 1973 Rev. H.A. Vallis was moving out of the Diocese and conducted his farewell service on November 18, 1973.
- 1974 Rev. Wm. Ellam conducted his first service on June 23, 1974. During the period from Nov. 18 to June 23, we were thankful to have the assistance of other clergy especially Rev. Chas. Ripley and Rev. Frank Moore.
- 1975 A Grant was received from the Federal Government to assist in re-modelling the church basement. This was carried out with the aid of additional funds from the Ladies Groups and individual donations.

- 1977 An agreement was signed with the City under the Neighbourhood Improvement Program to lease the yard to the City for five years for \$1.00. In return they would build concrete stairs to two entrances to the hall and change the grounds.
- 1978 Rev. W. Ellam conducted his last service Sept. 10, 1978 prior to moving to North Bay.
- 1979 Rev. E.P. Moyle conducted his first service on January 21, 1979.

On reviewing the history of St. Luke's Church over 90 years in which our building has been in use, it is obvious that growth could not have occurred without the work of many people in their faithful service. To try to name these many people would be foolish because no doubt someone would be missed, however it does seem fitting that mention should be made of the outstanding contribution and tremendous effort that has been made by the Ladies of the Church. On reviewing Church Records we find references in 1896 of the W.A. offering financial assistance. This effort has continued to the present and on many occasions in the past this help has no doubt meant survival.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

PULPIT In memory of Thomas Clifford Kirkup

LECTERN In memory of Herbert Wrenn

BRASS TABLET In memory of Ellen Louise Norbury
In memory of Lt. Victor A. Stone
In memory of Louis Rapley
In memory of Emily and Percy Burton

BRASS VASES In memory of Sydney Wilkinson
In memory of Louisa A. Kirkup
In memory of Mary A. Crittall
In memory of Percy T.G. Gillman
In memory of William Harpur

BRASS OFFERTORY PLATES
In memory of Mary Eva Hardiman
In memory of the Parents of Mr. and Mrs. F. Metcalf

ALTAR BOOK In memory of Mrs. Ada Kennedy

ORGAN In loving memory of the men of St. Luke's that served in
the War of 1914 - 1918.

ALTAR In memory of Mr. George H. Coe

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
In memory of Mrs. Tharle
In memory of past Clergy
In memory of Alex Cameron
In memory of Arthur and Jessie Visseau
In memory of Hugh Todd
In memory of Robert and Mary Thompson
In memory of Thomas and Marjorie Sakamoto
In memory of Samuel and Daphne Park
In memory of Francis Bernard Metcalf
In memory of Alice and Robert Frost
In memory of Percy and Ellen Gillman
In memory of Hilda Sutton

PANELLING In memory of Mrs. Sara Coe; Mrs. Isobel Yeomans;
Samuel Speed; Percy T.G. Gillman; Charles and Sidney
Lea; Wilbert Smyth; Samuel Pattison; William Morgan Sr.
and Jr., David, Peggy; Thomas and Sarah Corrigan;
Francis and Bessie LeGassick; George Polhill and Baby
Simpson; Eleanor Howland; Mary Ann Brown; Ellen
Coombs; Ada Kennedy; Elizabeth St. Louis; Leonora
Skippon.

- PEDESTALS In memory of the sisters of Mr. and Mrs. P. Gillman
- CREDENCE TABLE In memory of Mrs. Isabella Brooks
- LAVABO BOWL In memory of Mr. W. Polhill
- COMMUNION VESSELS AND LITANY BOOK In memory of Martha and Ethel Randall
- BRASS CANDLES In memory of Martha Randall
In memory of Mrs. L. Polhill
- CANDLE TAPER In memory of George Polhill
- ALTAR LINENS In memory of Canon S.F. Yeomans
In memory of Mrs. W.J. Morgan
- BURSE AND VEIL (green) In memory of Percy T.G. Gillman
(red & violet) In memory of Ada Kennedy
(white) In memory of Minnie Hay
- ALTAR HANGINGS (violet) In memory of John R. Pattison
(white) In memory of Alice Lindsay
- STOLE (violet) In memory of John R. Pattison
(white) In memory of Mrs. Amy Hamill
- CHOIR PEWS, PSALTERS & HYMN BOOKS
In memory of Emily and Percy Burton.
- PROCESSIONAL CROSS
In memory of Mr. C.F. Cavner and Bertha Frost
(brass) In memory of Alice Lindsay
- BIBLE (lectern) In memory of Mrs. Ada Kennedy
(pulpit) In memory of Sylvia and Winnifred Smith
(at Chancel steps) In memory of Jack Crayford
- HYMN BOARD In memory of Mr. William Kennedy
- PRAYER DESK BOOK In memory of James and Martha Arthurs
- LITANY DESK In memory of Mrs. W.J. Morgan
- COVER FOR FONT In memory of Bertha Lea
- PALL (white) In memory of John Petrick
(violet) In memory of E. Marshall

CRUETS In memory of the Polhill Family

CHASUBLE (red) In memory of Sydney Munson

STOLE, ALMS BAGS AND PLATE COVERS (green)
In memory of Florence Pattison

PRAYER AND HYMN BOOKS

In memory of Isaac and Ellen Hunter
In memory of Susan Joy Williams
In memory of Orphie Sandberg
In memory of Frank Sharp

PULPIT LIGHT In memory of Mrs. Jane Stewardson

GUEST BOOK In memory of Loved Ones of Mrs. H. McKinnon

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE In memory of Mrs. Lily Polhill

PEW FRONTALS In memory of Mrs. Minnie Bromley
In memory of Mr. Thomas Crittall

WARDENS WANDS In memory of Isabelle Cameron

PRAYER BOOK (for reading desk)
In memory of Gordon Charles Herbst

MARKERS In memory of Ethel Randall
In memory of Francis Metcalf

MISSILE TABLE In memory of Harry McManus

ALTAR RAIL In memory of William Stark

SMALL MOUNTED CROSS

In memory of the Episcopate of the Most Rev. W.L.
Most Rev. W.L. Wright

PEWS

In memory of Tom and William Brooks
In memory of Canon S.F. Yeomans
In memory of John S. Nakamoto
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kennedy
In memory of William and Marie Doucett
In memory of Harry Stewardson
In memory of Eleanor Howland (two pews)
In memory of the Brooks Family
In memory of Charles and Sidney Lea
In memory of William and Isabelle Stark

In memory of Mary Jane Burns
In memory of Mother and Father New
In memory of Leonora Skippon
In memory of Percy Gillman
In memory of Mrs. Edith Skinner
In memory of the Mountford family
In memory of John and Anna Beecher
In memory of George and Mary Crittall
In memory of Mr. F.H. Kitley
In memory of J.H. Prettie
In memory of Mother and Father Davies
In memory of Mrs. W.E. Allan
In memory of Percy Stark
In memory of Horace and Matilda Clayton
In memory of Jane Stewardson
In memory of Robert Strawson
In memory of Mother and Father Williscroft
In memory of Nancy Lofts
In memory of Gertrude Davies
In memory of Past Mothers
In memory of Loved Ones

NON-MEMORIAL GIFTS

BRASS ALTAR RAIL Presented by Mr. G. Allen

BRASS VASES Presented by Mrs. Sellers Sr.

BISHOP'S CHAIR Presented by W.A.

KNEELER AND DESK Presented by Charles Lea

CHANCEL SCREEN Presented by Mrs. Rowe

LIGHTING UNITS Presented by members of St. Luke's

SANCTUARY LIGHT Presented by Mr. Whitehurst

PEWS

given by Altar Guild

given by W.A.

given by A.Y.P.A.

given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sharpe

given by Mr. and Mrs. C. Graham

given by Jenkins Funeral Home

given by Blake's Funeral Home

PRAYER AND HYMN BOOKS

presented by Cub and Scout Ladies Auxiliary
presented by W. Stark
presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. Nakamoto
presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. Aris
presented by Mr. and Mrs. K. Nishimura
presented by Isabelle Cameron
presented by Hazel and Robert Johnson
presented by St. Luke's Evening Group

NOTICE BOARD Presented by David Pattison

ALTAR LINEN Presented by the Altar Guild

At present we have a Memorial Fund to be used toward a new organ. Our present organ was installed in 1949. There have been many donors to this fund to date. Names have been recorded so that recognition can be given.

COMMENT

In the early years of Fort William (possibly 1873) some people moved out of the Fort and built businesses and homes along the river. Although never registered, this area seems to have been known as "The Town Plot". The Cemetery was near where Canada Packers now stands.

With the coming of the C.P.R., the homes were moved to the West Fort William area and the cemetery was moved to Mountain View. At this time the area appears to have been surveyed and the Westfort area was set out and registered as the Town Plot. This was around 1887.

NOTES





FORT WILLIAM

1890

St. Luke's

1990

THUNDER BAY

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FOREWORD

What a wonderful achievement! A celebration of 100 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE. None of this would have been possible without the volunteers in every aspect of Church activities. Money does not buy this kind of sacrifice and devotion. Without their faith, work and charity, much of the beauty we see in our Church would not have been possible. It is their legacy of hard and loving work for God and their fellow man. Sadness too, for these members who have passed on to a higher service, we feel, in their way are sharing this wonderful event with us. For this inheritance of loving and devoted service, we are truly thankful.

Our Anniversary in October is a fitting tribute, for we have harvested the best from so many faithful workers. We feel we can state with no reservation, the biggest fear in compiling a booklet such as this is that someone may not have been thanked for being a good and faithful servant for God and His work. If so, we sincerely apologize.

The Anniversary Committee

ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



Prior to 1916



1960-1990

GREETINGS FROM.....

Archbishop Michael G. Peers
Primate
Anglican Church of Canada
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Friends:

It is an honour for me to send greetings to the people of St. Luke's Church on the occasion of your one hundredth anniversary.

St. Luke's Church has a long and distinguished history in the life and work of the Anglican Church, both in Canada and overseas. Throughout the years the people of St. Luke's Church have witnessed to the Gospel Message through praise, service and thanksgiving. The lives of many people have been enriched and nourished through the ministry of St. Luke's Church. Throughout times of war, depression and periods of economic growth, the people of St. Luke's Church have remained faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ. I know that you will continue to uphold the fine tradition established by those who went before you.

May God bless all of you in the days ahead.

The Right Reverend
Leslie E. Peterson, B.A., L.Th., D.D
Bishop of Algoma
Sault St. Marie, Ontario

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to all of you who are members and friends of St. Luke's Church as you celebrate your Centennial. I rejoice with you as you share the stories of your past, your life in the present, and your hopes for the future.

The family spirit in St. Luke's parish has been warm during my time as your Bishop. I pray that your vision and energy will continue to grow as you move into your second century as a parish, under the leadership of The Reverend Peter Williams.

All of Algoma rejoices with you as a member of our diocesan fellowship, as you take time this year to celebrate your history, and your dreams.



The Rev. John Peter
Williams, B.A., M.DIV.
Rector, St. Luke's Anglican
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Dear Friends and
Parishioners:

It is a joy to be the Rector of this historic church in Thunder Bay at the time of this significant Centennial Celebration. I have, as you know, only been in your midst for a few years. However, during that time I have come to appreciate the faith, zeal and commitment of many parishioners: some now in the Nearer Presence of God, and, many yet living. This parish, like most, has experienced mountain peaks of blessing and service as well as valleys of spiritual and numerical decline. As we move into the second Century of St. Luke's ministry it is my prayer that you will, as never before, embrace wholeheartedly the faith of your fathers and mothers, and gain a new vision and zest for evangelism and sacrificial service; both in parish life and in outreach and mission.

The eyes of the Lord roam across the face of the earth, searching human hearts; marking those who desire to seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness. To all such His promise holds good: "All these things will be added unto you." May we at St. Luke's Church, Thunder Bay, respond to the call of God in the days ahead to fulfill our high and holy destiny as a parish church.



Canon David N. Mitchell
Gravenhurst, Ontario

Dear Friends:

My wife and I are pleased to offer congratulations to the parish of St. Luke's in this your centennial year. You may well look back with pride upon one hundred years of faithful witness to Christ and His Church at the Lakehead.



We were privileged to spend nearly five years at St. Luke's and will always remember the devoted work of the parishioners for the parish and their loyalty to the larger family of God in this Diocese of Algoma.

Now, after thirty years as part of that same family, we rejoice with you in your celebrations. May St. Luke's continue to serve as faithfully in the next century as it has done in the past.

God bless you all.

(Since receiving this letter, Canon Mitchell has passed to higher service.)

The Rev. William J. Ellam
North Bay, Ontario

To the Parishioners of St.
Luke's:

Greetings, and congratulations
on your celebration of the one
hundredth anniversary of the
parish.

You have reached this plateau
partly through the deep com-
mitment and loyalty of the mem-
bers down through the years.

One of the outstanding traits in
your parish is that of the close
bond between family and genu-
ine fellowship and concern for
each other.



I remember when I first came as your pastor in 1974 what an odd thing it seemed during a Communion Service for the Choir to be singing during Communion with various members squeezing past each other to come to the rail with certain people out of the congregation. This appeared to be very disruptive and I was determined to put a stop to it, until I realized that it was probably more important for families, children, parents and grandparents to be together at the rail than it was for the Choir to remain intact during the singing of a hymn.

This was just a symbol of the close family ties and love that is so evident in St. Luke's. Thank you for teaching and sharing this with me. Because of your caring and openness to my family and to me during our stay in Thunder Bay, would you allow me to say; "Once a member of St. Luke's, always a member of St. Luke's!"

May you continue in God's Love and Service until the words of the hymn be fulfilled; "When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!"

The Rev. E.P. Moyle
St. Paul's Rectory
Wawa, Ontario

Dear Friends:

As St. Luke's celebrates its 100 years of service to the Anglican Community of Thunder Bay, I know you are justly proud of your achievements.

The strength of any parish is the people who labour in love and faith to build the body of Christ and to reflect His love. The loving and caring nature of St. Luke's has been its strength over the years. I pray it will be its witness and strength in the years to come.

Betty and I have many happy memories of our ministry with you. St. Luke's occupies a very special place in our hearts.

As you enter into your second century of Service and witness, I know you will strive to continue as a warm and caring Christian community labouring to build the body of Christ and to reflect His love.

We look forward to helping you celebrate this wonderful occasion.

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1911-1912 Rev. S.N. Rankin

1912-1919 Rev. Canon Burt

1919-1932 Rev. Canon J.C. Popey

1932-1953 Rev. Canon S.F. Yeomans

1953-1958 Rev. David Mitchell

1959-1973 Rev. H.A. Vallis

1974-1978 Rev. William Ellam

1979-1987 Rev. E.P. Moyle

1988- Rev. John Peter Williams

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF ST. LUKE'S

- 1873 Records in St. John's Church (located in what was then Prince Arthur's Landing) indicate the Rev. C.D. Dundas ministered to all people of Anglican faith and held services at Silver Islet, the Town Plot (Fort William) and at Oliver. (The Town Plot was apparently an area in the vicinity of the Donald St. Police Station.)
- 1877 Rev. J. Ker McMorine held services in the town plot area as well as the West Fort William area.
- 1855 Rev. C. I. Machin came to St. John's in 1885. He regularly visited Fort William and held services in the first Public School which was located near where the C.P.R. subway is now. Later a new school was built at the present corner of Victoria and Simpson and services were held in an upstairs room. Rev. Machin also held regular services in West Fort William. He apparently usually walked over from Port Arthur and one of the parishioners would drive him home.
- 1887 Bishop Sullivan visited Fort William in June and at a meeting of Church members held in the Presbyterian Church in Westfort it was announced that Mr. M. Chas. Kirby was to be ordained on Aug. 7 and would be stationed in Fort William.
- 1887 First Baptism recorded in St. Luke's Church records is Aug. 11, Albert Edward Gilmore, born April 28th.
- 1887 First service held by Mr. Kirby in the school house in September. He was ordained Deacon.
- 1888 First Burial recorded was that of Mary Weigand who died May 28, 1888.
- 1888 Bishop Sullivan conducted the first Confirmation service in the Presbyterian Church on December 2nd.

1889 Advertisement in the Fort William paper of April 27, 1889.

"English Church"

"Fort William West - Preaching every Sunday Evening at nineteen o'clock. Sunday school at fifteen o'clock. Choir practice every Friday at twenty o'clock.

Fort William - Preaching services every other Sunday at 10:30, every other Sunday afternoon at fifteen o'clock.

Services at Oliver every other Sunday at 10:30 o'clock."

(sgd) Rev. Charles Kirby, Pastor

- 1889 Rev. Kirby was ordained to the Priesthood in June.
- 1890 The first Wedding recorded was held on July 4, 1890 at which time Ernest John Brimmell and Henrietta Marie Byrne were united in marriage.
- 1890 September 17th saw construction work on the Church commenced on land given to the Bishop of Algoma by the C.P.R. The cornerstone was placed in position by Miss McIntyre and had been taken from the old trading post and dated back to 1732.
- 1890 Brass Altar Cross donated by Archbishop of York uncle to Rev. M.C. Kirby.
- 1890 The first service was held in the new Church on December 14, 1890. Rev. M.C. Kirby preached in the morning and Rev. E. Jackson of Port Arthur preached in the evening. The Choir sang an anthem "How Manifold are Thy Works". The collection amounted to \$52.00.
- 1893 The earliest available vestry meeting minutes are for this year and a notation is made that earlier records had been destroyed in a fire in the office of one of the Wardens.
- 1894 At about this time Rev. Kirby took possession of the first St. Luke's Rectory which was erected on what is now May Street.
- 1895 At a meeting on February 21st, a committee was formed to canvas for subscriptions in order that St. Luke's may become self-supporting.

- 1895 June 23rd Rev. E.J. Harper was the new Rector and conducted his first service.
- 1895 In December a committee was formed to look in to the possibility of purchasing a lot on May Street near Victoria Avenue so that the Church could be relocated in a more desirable location.
- 1896 The W.A. offered to assume control of the Parsonage fund which offer was accepted. Plans were drawn up and quotation accepted to put an addition of 30 feet on to the church with the cost not to exceed \$600.00
- 1897 A new Doherty-Reed organ was purchased.
- 1899 St. Luke's parishioners were continuing a request to the Bishop that St. Luke's have a full time Rector. The Rector of the day served both St. Luke's and St. Thomas' congregations. In 1899 the Bishop satisfied some of the complaints by ruling the place and times of services in each church.
- 1899 The lot on which the present Rectory stands was purchased for \$175.00. The Rectory on May Street was sold. The W.A. rented a house on the corner of Victoria Ave. and Brodie St. where the present Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce stands for the use of the Rector.
- 1903 The Gallery was built in the church for the use of and at the expense of the Sunday School.
- 1904 The present Rectory was built through the efforts of the W.A. at a cost of \$5700.00.
- 1906 May of this year saw new pews ordered to replace the chairs that were being used.
- 1906 It appears that St. Luke's and St. Thomas' parishes were finally severed when Rev. S.N. Rankin was appointed to St. Thomas'.
- 1908 After about 15 years of discussion about relocating St. Luke's Church without success it resulted in the establishment of a new parish to be called St. Paul's. Building was commenced and the church occupied in 1908.
- 1910 On January 1st, Rev. H. Franklin held his first services.

- 1910 It was finally decided to move the church on the present property but to face East and West instead of North and South and place it on a foundation.
- 1910 A new Altar rail and lighting fixtures, gifts of members of the congregation, were in place for the Easter services.
- 1910 July 10th, the first meeting of the Sunday School in the new basement was held.
- 1911 Feb. 10th, Rev. Frankland held his last service prior to his returning to England.
- 1911 Rev. Rankin who had been in charge of St. Thomas' was moved to St. Luke's and Rev. Popey appointed to St. Thomas'.
- 1912 Rev. Rankin preached his last sermon on Whitsunday 1912 and then returned to England. For a period of about six months several people conducted the services.
- 1912 Rev. Canon Burt conducted his first service on Friday, November 29, 1912.
- 1914 Permission was requested by the Brotherhood of St. Andrews to erect a club room on the vacant lot adjacent to the church. Permission was granted providing no expense would fall on the vestry. On Feb. 19th the club room was opened with a social. An extension was put on later in the same year.
- 1914 Boy Scout troop was formed and the Charter was issued from England in May of 1914. From information available there were only two of these Charters in Canada - one in the Toronto area and the one for St. Luke's. These were issued before a Boy Scouts association was established in Canada.
- 1916 Feb. 19th was a fateful day for St. Luke's. Fire struck and did a great deal of damage to the interior of the church, especially the sanctuary. Fortunately the club rooms were available and used for services until Easter. As well as repairing the damage, many improvements were made.
- 1919 Canon Burt was being moved and he conducted his last service on March 30th. Rev. Canon Popey replaced Canon Burt and held his first service on May 4th.

- 1920 A motion was again brought forward to procure property for a new church site. There was no seconder so the motion was dropped and it was considered better to try and fill the present church.
- 1921 At the annual Vestry meeting women voted for the first time, this now being canonical law.
- 1922 A new boiler and heating system was installed with the greater part of the expense being paid by the W.A. and Altar Guild.
- 1923 A campaign was launched to raise \$1000.00 toward a new pipe organ.
- 1924 A committee was formed to look into the purchasing of a new organ and it was decided to purchase one for \$2100.00. It was then necessary to build an addition as an organ chamber. This was done on the south side of the Chancel. (This area is now used as the "Polhill Room".)
- 1925 The new organ was installed and used for the first time on Palm Sunday.
- 1926 Question was raised regarding repairs to the Church-Hall and Rectory. A committee was formed to investigate the situation. It was suggested that a new Hall be built with a basement at a cost not to exceed \$6000.00. The present Hall was built at that time at a cost of \$5291.00.
- 1930 As the window in the Sanctuary had been destroyed in the fire, it was replaced as a memorial to Mrs. Tharle with proceeds from the building fund.
- 1932 Canon Popey announced his resignation at the annual meeting in January. He conducted his last service on Easter Sunday, March 27th.
- 1932 Rev. S.F. Yeomans conducted his first service on April 3rd.
- 1932 May 30th to June 3rd the Diocesan convention of the W.A. was held in St. Luke's.
- 1932 November 22nd, John Thomas Welgand was buried. He had been a resident of Fort William longer than anyone at that time. He had lived here for 63 years and died at age 89.

- 1934 On April 22nd the colours of the Girl Guides were dedicated and presented at the morning service. Cubs and Scouts were in attendance.
- 1935 Miss Marion Yeoman took over as organist.
- 1936 On January 28th a requiem service was held in memory of King George V.
- 1939-1945 During the period of the Second World War, St. Luke's Church saw 159 of their men and women in the services.
- 1944 An honour roll to these people was unveiled and dedicated before an overflowing congregation.
- 1945 A new boiler and stoker was installed with the church and hall being attached to one system. A walk-through was built between the two buildings.
- 1949 A new Hammond organ was installed. Some of the required money was raised through a canvas of business people with the rest being raised through the fair booth.
- 1953 Rev. Canon S.F. Yeomans conducted his last service on December 27th prior to his retirement after more than 21 years as Rector.
- 1954 The Rev. David N. Mitchell conducted his first service as the new Rector on Jan. 24th.
- 1954 A 300 pound bell had been donated by Mr. W. Lysnes. On April 23rd at a service of dedication the bell was raised to the steeple with the assistance of heavy rigging equipment loaned by Mr. M.F. Mills.
- 1957 A campaign for funds for the church extension fund was instituted. An every member canvass was carried out under the guidance of the Wells Organization.
- 1958 On November 30th, Rev. David N. Mitchell conducted his last service prior to moving to his new charge.
- 1959 During December 1958 and January 1959, Canon S.F. Yeomans again conducted services.

- 1959 Rev. H.A. Vallis conducted his first service on February 15th.
- 1959 A modern gas fired boiler was installed and is still in use.
- 1959 Plans were formulated for an extension to the church and construction commenced in 1960. During the course of this work, the gallery at the rear of the original building was removed. The addition provided more seating as well as better entrance and cloakroom facilities.
- 1960 In June of 1960 a bursary fund was set up in the form of a Divinity Students Fund to the memory of Sydney and Isobel Yeomans. A room was constructed behind the present organ to be known as the "Polhill Room" for the Rector's use as an office.
- 1961 In February a special dedication service was conducted by the Most Rev. W.L. Wright, dedicating the new addition. New pews were installed to the memory of loved ones. These are listed elsewhere under "Memorial Gifts". They greatly enhanced the appearance of the nave of the church.
- 1965 Work was commenced on a "Nursery Room" for preschool aged children. During the late 1960's and 1970's a renovation program was undertaken on the Rectory. This was carried out over a number of years.
- 1973 Rev. H.A. Vallis was moving out of the Diocese and conducted his farewell service on November 18, 1973.
- 1974 Rev. Wm. Ellam conducted his first service on June 23, 1974. During the period from Nov. 18th to June 23rd, we were thankful to have the assistance of other clergy especially Rev. Chas. Ripley and Rev. Frank Moore.
- 1975 A Grant was received from the Federal Government to assist in remodelling the church basement. This was carried out with the aid of additional funds from the Ladies Groups and individual donations.
- 1977 An agreement was signed with the City under the Neighbourhood Improvement Program to lease the yard to the City for five years for \$1.00. In return they would build concrete stairs to two entrances to the hall and change the grounds.

- 1978 Rev. W. Ellam conducted his last service Sept. 10, 1978 prior to moving to North Bay.
- 1979 Rev. E.P. Moyle conducted his first service on January 21, 1979.
- 1980 New organ required, a fund was established to achieve same.
- 1981 Roof of Church insulated and reshingled. Paths around Church paved.
- 1982 New organ was purchased.
- 1983 New Allan organ installed and played for the first time by Mrs. Nancy Polhill, on January 16th.
- 1984 New rug installed in Church and vestibule. Gable end of Church bricks repaired. Roof repaired on addition section of Church.
- 1985 Presentation of Lay Readers License to Ron Stark and John Sovereign. Very successful Children's Day was held. Fund instituted for Camp Gitchigomee, \$1.00 per month. Donation sent to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in U.S.A. which had been badly damaged by a tornado. The A.C.W. had the distinct honour of celebrating their 100th Anniversary at a special coffee hour.
- 1986 One of St. Luke's young men, Philip Behman, was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Edmonton in the Cathedral of that city. Charles Hamill resigned as Sexton after 33 years service. Brick of Church was sandblasted and front steps pebbled. Sound system installed in Church. Mr. Vic Sutton appointed as Sexton.
- 1987 Book of Alternative Services was introduced and used periodically. Discussion as to use of King James version of Bible as to Good News Bible. Rev. E.P. Moyle preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, Nov. 27th. Youth Group and Sunday School children entertained at a Social Hour following the service. Building Committee was reactivated. Rev. John Jordan appointed as interim Priest.
- 1988 Ruby Casella elected Chairperson for the 100th Anniversary which will be held in October, 1990. Mrs. Dorothy Hamill resigned after 35 years as Assistant Sexton. May 1st saw Rev. J. Peter Williams as new Priest in Charge. New steel cross presented for the steeple of our Church, by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Behman. Mary Sanderson celebrated her 100th birthday.

1989 A Bequest Steering Committee was organized, also a Memorial Committee was set up. Mr. Horace Ball celebrated his 100th birthday.

1990 Tabitha Group disbanded after 31 years of faithful service. The Bishop's Appeal Fund drive was very successful with St. Luke's well beyond its set goal. Church and Parish Hall painted. Brick work was acid cleaned and sealed. As this booklet goes to press, the weeping tile project around the exterior of Church and Parish Hall is scheduled for the Fall.

On reviewing the history and growth of St. Luke's, there is no doubt items inadvertently missed. Please forgive us of any oversight. Growth could not have taken place without the help and devotion of many faithful parishioners that have given willingly of their time and talent. We hesitate to mention names in case we missed someone, but we thank God for them and hope through prayer, work and fellowship our parish of St. Luke's will continue to flourish for many years to come. We would be remiss if we did not say a special "THANK YOU" to our Anglican Church Women, who, back in 1896, offered their financial assistance which has carried on to this day.

ORGANIZATIONS

Over the years at St. Luke's there has been many groups but like many other churches and organizations, leaders are hard to find. There are so many other items to take our interest away from the Church.

Looking back over the records, St. Luke's must have been a hive of activity. Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Junior Auxilliary, Girl's Auxilliary, Women's Auxilliary, Tennis Club, Disking Club, A.Y.P.A. Group, Men's Club, Brotherhood of St. Andrews, Server's Guild, Altar Guild, Choir and Anglican Church Women.

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

The Woman's Auxiliary was organized April 17, 1885. It was known then as Women's Auxiliary to Missionary Society of Church of Canada. This was changed in 1947 to Women's Auxiliary and in 1966 to Anglican Church Women.

First President of St. Luke's was Mrs. Onslow. Officers in the Centennial year: Miss Florence E. Pattison, President, Mrs. Norma Polhill, Secretary (an office she has held for 15 years), Mrs. Dorothy Hamill, Treasurer. The program of each A.C.W. includes worship, education, fellowship, practical work and financial responsibility. There are two groups within our Church, A.C.W. and Mother's Group. The latter was organized by Mrs. H. Vallis. They are the visiting group to the local hospitals, particularly for out-of-town patients. In 1990 the Tabitha Group disbanded after 36 years of service. This group had been organized by Mrs. D. Mitchell.

Besides assisting around the Church, where needed, they hold Teas, assist in community endeavors such as Soup Kitchen, Christmas cheer packaging, sending clothing to the North, contributing to charitable funds and assisting with the financing of the many needs within the Church, Rectory, etc. Last year a Carol Service was instigated as a 100th celebration. A group went to homes, hospitals and visited the shut-ins with the singing of Christmas carols. It was very enthusiastically received by these people and will be repeated again this year.

ALTAR GUILD

The Chancel Guild was first organized in 1909. The name changed later to Altar Guild. The Guild is responsible for the care of linens, communion vessels and preparation of the Altar for Sunday and special services.

Many of these ladies, some passed to higher service, have been faithful and dedicated members to the Guild. Mrs. W. Hainstock washed all the linens for years. Mrs. I. Kennedy did much of the beautiful crochet work that is still on some of the linens. Mrs. Ellen Gillman was Treasurer for 40 years. Mrs. Lily Stark was President for 15 years. This is a time consuming and devoted service that these women volunteer to do. The beauty of the altar cloths etc., is a wonderful testimony to this very necessary duty. Mrs. Alma Nicholls, our President in our Centennial Year, has served 17 years. There are 11 active members and two honorary members.

ALTAR SERVERS

At present there is a group of faithful young people who assist the minister at the services. Kelvin Byce, Melanie Gottfred, Michael Wolfe, Greg and Jeff Medwid and Darleah Kostyniuk.

CHOIR

The Choir has been under the direction of Mrs. Marion Beecher since she became the organist in 1935. She is a faithful, devoted servant to her Lord and St. Luke's. Over the years we have had a Youth Choir and a very faithful Senior Choir who lead in the singing Sunday by Sunday. The Choir practices faithfully every Thursday night and are always willing to help with any musical evening or event when called upon. They are blessed with a talent that is meant to be shared for the enjoyment of others. They do so willingly.

EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS:

Patricia Mark, Diane Hartley, John Sovereign, James Sutton, James Kiramathypathy, Paul Behman and Larry Gorst.

LICENSED LAY READERS:

Ronald Stark and John Sovereign.

1990 ADVISORY BOARD:

James Sutton, Vic Sutton, James Kiramathypathy, Daniel Kiramathypathy, Robert Rydholm, Sam Stephenson, Gordon Visseau, Ronald Stark, Alan Laswick, Tom McCreary, Ernie Rollason, Lorne and Pat Mark, Barry and Sally McBain, Alma Nicholls, Florence Pattison, Roberta Wolfe, Sylvia and Alex Kostecky, Ted Hamill, John Sovereign, Betty Gottfred, Rowe and Marguerite Hamilton.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Over the years many informal Bible Studies have been conducted among parishioners at St. Luke's. Christians have always known that the Spirit filled life and the Word filled life are synonymous. For the past few years a mixed group of some 12 to 14 people have met on Wednesday evening at the Rectory for study and fellowship. We are presently looking at the practical and challenging course "Witness Among Friends". No prior Bible knowledge is required for this study. Just a love for the Lord and a desire to learn and grow.

There has been a weekly Ladies Bible Study group meeting under the leadership of Allyson Sovereign every Wednesday afternoon (except A.C.W. meeting day). We have studied the books "What Happens When Women Pray", "Women of the Bible", and "Be Joyful" (Phillipians). This year we hope to study the book of Psalms. We have a small but faithful group of ladies. Our group begins and ends with prayer time. We pray for the needs of the group, parish, community and the world.

Through our fellowship together we are growing in the knowledge and love of God. We welcome all ladies to our group.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

The Breakfast group began in the spring of 1984 as a joint venture with St. Thomas' Anglican Church. The group meets every Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. and still includes members of St. Luke's as well as a number of men of other denominations. Meetings are held over breakfast at the Inntowner Restaurant.

The purpose of the group is to find good Christian fellowship with other men in the church. Jim McKeever comes prepared with a text or topic for discussion. Our meetings are stimulating and filled with good fun. We conclude by praying for one another. It is a joy to experience the unity in Christ, which our Lord prayed for with believers of other churches, as we meet week by week.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School is in session from September to June. Over the years we have been fortunate in having many faithful men and women who have given of their time unselfishly to the children of their parish. These children

are our future workers of our Church. They should be encouraged and welcomed to attend the Sunday Service. Each Christmas they present the Christmas Story for the parishioners and is always met with a great appreciation from all who are privileged to take part in this event. The Superintendent of Church School is Mrs. Frances Sutton.

YOUTH GROUP

There are approximately 15 members, both Junior and Senior Youth Groups. During the past couple of years they have been actively involved in various community outings. A visit to Old Fort William, roller skating, shows, toboggan parties, skating and helping to fill the bags for the Christmas Cheer. The Christian fellowship and fun they have will serve as cherished memories in their future years. Some members had a nice visit with Dennis and Brenda Saunders in Minneapolis. They had played a big part in this group when they were here. Melanie Gottfred and Kelvin Byce represented our Church and Krista Walter went as an observer this year at Youth Synod and from their comments, they thoroughly enjoyed it. Thus the groundwork is laid for what should be a great benefit to their Church and to their future. Good work! Well done!

CUBS, SCOUTS, GUIDES

St. Luke's enjoys the distinction of being first in the field in Thunder Bay (Fort William then) in the organizations of both Scouts and Guides. The First Fort William Troop obtained its original charter in 1914. The Girl Guides were organized in 1921.

These groups have since disbanded due to lack of leadership.

DISKING CLUB

Disking originated at St. Paul's Anglican Church in 1924 by The Rev. H. Simms. Our club was organized in the late 1920's and continues actively today.

WARDENS

Following is a list of some of the men who have served in the capacity of Wardens. Special mention is to be made to Mr. Robert Rydholm who has served for 19 years. A sincere "Thank You" Bob - you are a good and faithful servant of St. Luke's.

M. Barnuk, F.G. Beecher, P. Behman, W. Biggar, J. Burton, W.E. Bonner, C. Brown, Wm. Coslett, J.F. Craig, D. Dean, Wm. Donaldson, S. Forbes, C. Gibbons, C. Hamill, C. Hanton, C.F. Howland, J. Kiramathypathy, A.E. Knox, A. Kostecki, A. Laswick, H. LeBrun, H. McManus, H. Middlemiss, W.J. Morgan, F. Metcalf, J. New, E.G. Nicholls, E. Orchard, W. Polhill, L. Rowan, R. Rydholm, W.J. Shapton, R. Stark, H.W. Stewardson, J. Sutton, V. Sutton, K. Todd.

Over the years, we at St. Luke's have been gifted with people who have been excellent Treasurers: C. Brown, H. LeBrun, E.G. Nicholls, B. McBain, L. Mark and J. Barnes. We probably have omitted others, but it is essential to any Parish to have men and women who have proven to be so capable to look after these duties. We have been truly blessed. The Church Envelope Secretary is Mrs. Elizabeth Nishimura. The Chairman of Sidesman is Mr. Alan Laswick.

STEWARDSHIP

We have a tendency to forget the wonderful, talented and generous people who work behind the scenes to see that the Church is kept running smoothly. Without this expertise we could not have survived to our 100th Anniversary with so much enthusiasm and dedication from these hard working and willing people. Men! Women! Children! Working together for the love of God, Church and each other has made many things that seemed impossible, done and often surpassed our expectations!

We thank you for your skills, support and just heeding a call for help. Some may say too often perhaps, but there is always that dedication that comes through to realize yet another goal reached for our Church.

To our Rector, Rev. Peter Williams, the devoted Women's Groups and all members of our congregation, our sincere thanks. By doing good we feel good. But it would not be possible without the help of others. ONE HUNDRED YEARS! What a remarkable milestone to achieve for our Church. We have seen good years and not so prosperous years, but the torch that we were handed has been rekindled by your faith in God, in your Church and in love for one another. Let us rededicate ourselves to this

service. While many of us may not be around for the next big celebration, say One Hundred and Twenty-five, we hope to leave you a rich inheritance of love and good fellowship towards each other. It has been our pleasure to serve you. We thank you for this privilege.

Your Wardens,

Bob Rydholm, People's Warden

Jim Sutton, Rector's Warden

MEMORIAL GIFTS

PULPIT In memory of Thomas Clifford Kirkup

LECTERN In memory of Herbert Wrenn

BRASS TABLET In memory of Ellen Louise Norbury
 In memory of Lt. Victor A. Stone
 In memory of Louise Rapley
 In memory of Emily and Percy Burton

BRASS OFFERTORY PLATES

 In memory of Mary Eva Hardiman
 In memory of the parents of Mr. and Mrs. F. Metcalf

BRASS VASES In memory of Sydney Wilkinson
 In memory of Louisa A. Kirkup
 In memory of Mary A. Crittall
 In memory of Percy T.G. Gillman
 In memory of William Harpur

WOODEN ALTAR In memory of Mr. George H. Coo

ORGAN In loving memory of the men of St. Luke's that
 served in the war of 1914-1918

CHANCEL STEP RAILINGS

 In memory of Edward Aris

BRASS AND AMETHYST ALTAR CROSS

Donated by Archbishop of York (uncle of Rev. M.C. Kirby)
- England - 1890

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

In memory of Mrs. Tharle
In memory of past Clergy
In memory of Arthur and Jessie Visseau
In memory of Hugh Todd
In memory of Robert and Mary Thompson
In memory of Thomas and Marjorie Sakamoto
In memory of Samuel and Daphne Park
In memory of Francis and Bernard Metcalf
In memory of Alice and Robert Frost
In memory of Percy and Ellen Gillman
In memory of Hilda Sutton
In memory of Loved Ones donated by Lorne and Pat Mark
In memory of Grace Rodgers
In memory of Louise McKinnon
In memory of Donald (Binkie) George Bryan
In memory of Kathleen and Robert Strawson
In memory of Hilda and Charles Button
In memory of Alex Cameron

PANELLING

In memory of Mrs. Sara Coe; Mrs. Isobel Yeomans; Samuel Speed; Percy T.G. Gillman; Charles and Sydney Lea; Wilbert Smyth; Samuel Pattison; William Morgan Sr. and Jr. David, Peggy; Thomas and Sarah Corrigan; Francis and Bessie LeGassick; George Polhill and Baby Simpson; Eleanor Howland; Mary Ann Brown; Ellen Coombs; Ada Kennedy; Elizabeth St. Louis; Leonora Skippon; Elsie Ball.

PEDESTALS

In memory of the sisters of Mr. and Mrs. P. Gillman

WOODEN CREDENCE TABLE

In memory of Mrs. Isabella Brooks

LAVABO BOWL

In memory of Mr. W.E. Polhill

- COMMUNION VESSELS AND LITANY BOOK
In memory of Martha and Ethel Randall
- BRASS CANDLES In memory of Martha Randall
In memory of Mrs. L. Polhill
- CANDLE TAPER In memory of George Polhill
In memory of Ernie Nicholls
- ALTAR LINENS In memory of Canon S.F. Yeomans
In memory of Mrs. W.J. Morgan
- BURSE AND VEIL (green) In memory of Percy T.G. Gillman
(red & violet) In memory of Ada Kennedy
(white) In memory of Minnie Hay
- ALTAR HANGINGS (violet) In memory of father - John R. Pattison
(white) In memory of Alice Lindsay
(green) In memory of Mary Ann Brown
- STOLE (violet) In memory of John R. Pattison
(white) In memory of Mrs. Amy Hamill
- CHOIR PEWS, PSALTERS & HYMN BOOKS
In memory of Emily and Percy Burton
- PROCESSIONAL CROSS
(wooden) In memory of Mr. C.F. Cavner and Bertha Frost
(brass) In memory of Alice Lindsay
- HYMN BOARD In memory of Mr. William Kennedy
- HOLY COMMUNION ALTAR BOOK
In memory of Ada Kennedy
- BIBLE (lectern) In memory of Mrs. Ada Kennedy
(pulpit) In memory of daughters Sylvia and Winnifred Smith
(at Chancel steps) In memory of Jack Crayford
- PYX In memory of Rev. H.A. Vallis

PRAYER DESK BOOK

In memory of James and Martha Arthurs
In memory of Gordon A. Lewis

LITANY DESK In memory of Mrs. W.J. Morgan

COVER FOR FONT In memory of Bertha Lea

PALL (white) In memory of John Petrick
(violet) In memory of E. Marshall

CHASUBLE (red) In memory of Sydney Munson

1 GLASS CRUET In memory of Ken Davies

2 GLASS CRUETS
In memory of my parents Mr. & Mrs. Timothy

STOLE, ALMS BAGS AND PLATE COVERS (green)
In memory of Florence Pattison

PULPIT LIGHT In memory of Mrs. Jane Stewardson

PRAYER AND HYMN BOOKS

In memory of Isaac and Ellen Hunter
In memory of Susan Joy Williams
In memory of Orphie Sandberg
In memory of Frank Sharp

GUEST BOOK In memory of Loved Ones of Mrs. H. McKinnon

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In memory of Mrs. Lily Polhill

PEW FRONTALS In memory of Mrs. Minnie Bromley
In memory of Mr. Thomas Crittall

WARDENS WANDS

In memory of Isabelle Cameron

PRAYER BOOK (for reading desk)

In memory of Gordon Charles Herbst

- MARKERS In memory of Ethel Randall
 In memory of Francis Metcalf
- MISSILE TABLE In memory of Harry McManus
- SMALL MOUNTED CROSS
 In memory of the Episcopate of the Most Rev. W.L. Wright
- PAIR FORMAL CHAIRS A.C.W.
 In memory of Behman and Burns family
- 100th ANNIVERSARY CAKE KNIFE
 In memory of May MacLeod
- SILVER CANDLESTICK HOLDER (2)
 In memory of Mary Jane Burns
- SILVER TEA SERVICE SET - Black Handles
 In memory of Mable Bass
- SILVER TEA SERVICE SET
 In memory of Elizabeth Dunk
- ALTAR RAIL In memory of William Stark
- CAKE AND KNIFE SERVER
 In memory of Mrs. Paul Vanderkaa
- ADVENT WREATH TABLE
 In memory of Lily and Fred Bonnett
- PRAYER DESK COPY OF BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
 In memory of Gordon A. Lewis
- PEWS In memory of Tom and William Brooks
 In memory of Canon S.F. Yeomans
 In memory of John S. Nakamoto
 In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy
 In memory of William and Marie Doucett
 In memory of Harry Stewardson
 In memory of Eleanor Howland (two pews)
 In memory of the Brooks family
 In memory of Charles and Sidney Lea

In memory of William and Isabelle Stark
In memory of Mary Jane Burns
In memory of Mother and Father New
In memory of Leonora Skippon
In memory of Percy Gillman
In memory of Mrs. Edith Skinner
In memory of the Mountford family
In memory of John and Anna Beecher
In memory of George and Mary Crittall
In memory of Mr. F.H. Kitley
In memory of J.H. Prettie
In memory of Mother and Father Davies
In memory of Mrs. W.E. Allan
In memory of Percy Stark
In memory of Horace and Matilda Clayton
In memory of Jane Stewardson
In memory of Robert Strawson
In memory of Mother and Father Williscroft
In memory of Nancy Lofts
In memory of Gertrude Davies
In memory of Past Mothers
In memory of Loved Ones

PASCHAL CANDLE

In memory of Sarah Payne

BANNER HOLDER AND 2 ACOLYTES

In memory of husband Earl Lofts

SILVER HOST BOX

In memory of Ernie Nicholls

HAND CARVED KNEELING DESK

In memory of George B. Lea

SILVER PATEN

In memory of Mother Randle

CHANCEL CHAIRS In memory of Robert and Alice Frost

BRASS COMMUNION CUP AND PATEN

In memory of Mary Margaret Norris

CHOIR PEW CUSHIONS

In memory of Loved Ones donated by Lorne and Pat
Mark

CANDLE SNUFFER In memory of Ernie Nicholls

SILVER CUP AND PATEN #15

In memory of a memorial to Church at Depot
Harbour
donated by St. Stephen's Toronto - 1915

WALL MOUNTED CHIMES

In memory of Olive New

OIL STOCK (annointing)

In memory of J. Reid

NON-MEMORIAL GIFTS

BRASS ALTAR CROSS

presented by Archbishop of York (uncle to Rev.
M.C. Kirby)

BRASS ALTAR RAIL

presented by Mr. G. Allen

BRASS VASES

presented by Mrs. Sellers Sr.

BISHOP'S CHAIR

presented by W.A.

KNEELER AND DESK

presented by Charles Lea

CHANCEL SCREEN

presented by Mrs. Rowe

LIGHTING UNITS

presented by members of St. Luke's

SANCTUARY LIGHT

presented by Mr. Whitehurst

PEWS given by Altar Guild
given by W.A.
given by A.Y.P.A.
given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sharp
given by Mr. and Mrs. C. Graham
given by Jenkens Funeral Home
given by Blake's Funeral Home

PRAYER AND HYMN BOOKS

presented by Cub and Scout Ladies Auxiliary
presented by W. Stark
presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. Nakamoto
presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. Aris
presented by Mr. and Mrs. K. Nishimura
presented by Isabelle Cameron
presented by Hazel and Robert Johnson
presented by St. Luke's Evening Group
presented by Mr. and Mrs. G. Pape

ALTAR LINEN presented by the Altar Guild

YAMAHA PIANO AND BENCH

presented by St. Luke's Evening Group Members
and Friends

NOTICE BOARD presented by David Pattison

BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES FOR ALTAR

presented by Marion Beecher

PRIEST PATEN AND HOST BOX

presented by Dominion W.A.

STEEL STEEPLE CROSS

presented by Paul and Noni Behman

OIL PAINTING presented by Rev. E.P. Moyle

BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

presented by Tabitha Group

STAINED GLASS WINDOW

presented by Mrs. W. Stark

SILVER BAPTISMAL EWER

presented by Members of St. Luke's

PARISH HALL WALL CLOCK

presented by St. Luke's A.C.W.

BRONZE DISKING CUP (Runner Up)

presented by R. Cadieux

3 SMALL BRASS VASES

presented by St. Luke's W.A.

RED ALTAR HANGINGS

made by Jean Stewardson

2 GLASS CRUETS presented by A.C.W.

BEQUESTS

From time to time we have been encouraged to remember our Church when making out our Will. St. Luke's has been blessed by Members doing just this. Therefore it was necessary to form a Bequest Committee to supervise spending of these special funds. We thank God for these faithful people who gave of their time and talents and gone on to higher service.

Bequests have been received from Mrs. Edna Wright, Mrs. Vera Evans, Mrs. Isabelle Cameron, Mrs. Kathleen Strawson, Mrs. Kathleen Kennedy, Mrs. Lily Bonnett, Mrs. Carol Saucier, Mr. George Raby, and Mrs. Rena Belle Biggar.

Christmas 1923

"O, Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord."



Best of Wishes from the Rev. J. C. Popey, St. Luke's Rectory
FORT WILLIAM, ONT.





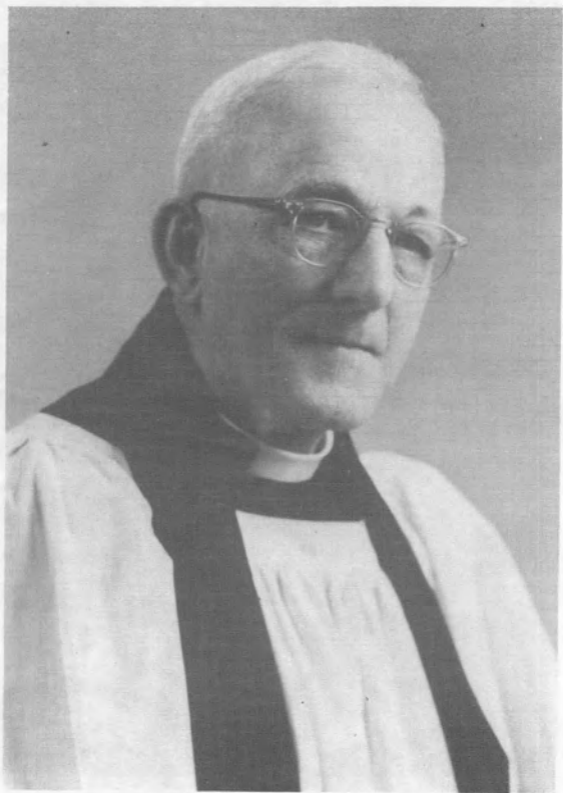
Rev. J.C. Popey, 1911



Rev. H.A. Vallis & Effie - 1959 - 1973



Daisy Rapley, Lily Bonnet, Agnes Howland
and Jessie Corrigan. A.C.W. life members
cut the 100th Anniversary cake of the A.C.W.



Rev. Canon S.F. Yeomans 1932 - 1953



Junior Choir of late 1950's