

THE HISTORY OF
**THE PARISH CHURCH OF
SAINT GEORGE THE MARTYR**

THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO

*The Lord is my
strength and my song;
He has become my
salvation.*

Psalm 118:14



SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
1911 - 1986

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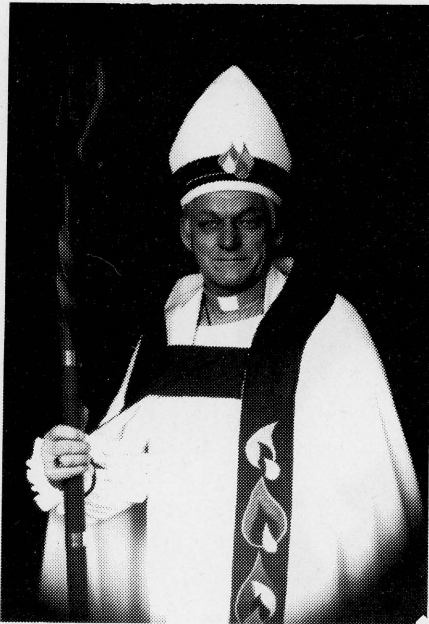
DEDICATION

To the many faithful souls both lay and clergy who, in love and devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ, have contributed so much to the life and witness of His church in the parish of Saint George the Martyr since 1911. We gratefully acknowledge them.

DEO GRATIAS

PREFACE

This book will endeavour to present all the historical information available about St. George's Church, from its founding members in 1911 to the present. Inevitably there are gaps, but with the excellent help of all the material kept in memory and on paper by Mr. R. Roger Page and others, we hope that the account is fairly complete.



THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

**THE RIGHT REVEREND
LESLIE E. PETERSON, B.A., L.TH., D.D.,
BISHOP OF ALGOMA**

To the people of the Parish of
St. George's Anglican Church,
Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Greetings to all of you as you celebrate the 75th Anniversary of St. George's Church. I know you all have keen memories of people who have faithfully served here over the years.

This booklet will help to revive these moments and maintain your linkage with the past. We are all part of a long heritage that has roots long before our own personal histories.

The treasure today, as always, is Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Saviour. As you move in faith today in obedience to Him, in service to the people around you, may St. George's continue to be a beacon of light in a dark world, a place for Christian worship and fellowship: a congregation where the faith is transmitted and enacted in daily living.

May all the Saints at St. George's radiate His love.

Yours in Christ,

Leslie E. Peterson
Bishop of Algoma.

THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

FR. KENNETH G. OSTLER, B.A., M.DIV.



We, the family of St. George the Martyr celebrate our 75th Anniversary this year of 1986. This crossroad in our life and history is a time when we look back over the years to our roots and first beginnings as a parish church. We give thanks to God for the men, women and children that our Lord Jesus Christ has shaped and moulded by His hand in the life and ministry of St. George's. It is also a time when we look forward into the future with expectant faith for what He will continue to do in the lives of His people who seek Him.

"This is what the Lord says: Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

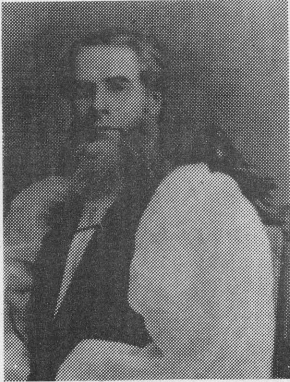
(Jeremiah 6:16)

The Church is where God's word is proclaimed, where God is praised and adored through Jesus His Son, where Jesus is present and where His people are brought into unity through the ministries and graces God has given. May the family of St. George's Church ever continue to seek the Lord Jesus so that He will continue to reveal His presence in our midst. May we ever seek to make Him our Head and Lord.

"Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge Him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the spring rains that water the earth."

(Hosea 6:3)

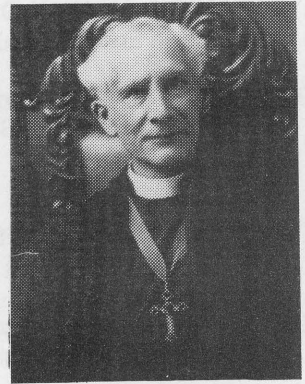
THE BISHOPS OF ALGOMA



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1873-81



SULLIVAN
1882-96



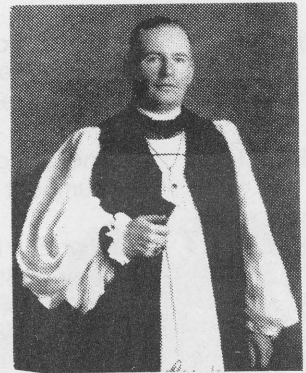
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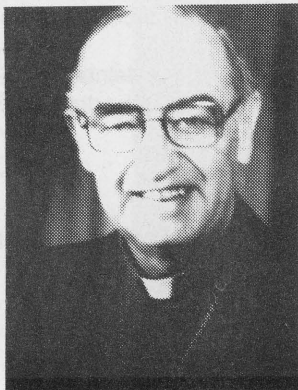
SMITH
1926-39



KINGSTON
1940-44



WRIGHT
1944-74



NOCK
1974-83



PETERSON
1983-

THE CLERGY OF ST. GEORGE'S

A. DAUGHTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN'S (1911-1917) with St. Michael's and St. Mary's, Brent Park. (North End Mission)

1911-1917 Canon Charles Hedley (Rector of St. John's) Ordained priest in 1894 at St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto

B. PORT ARTHUR MISSIONS (1917-1927) St. George's, St. Michael's, St. Mary's, independent of St. John's, dependent on the Algoma Mission Fund.

1917-1919 Father Roland Ford Palmer (priest in charge - Port Arthur Missions) Ordained priest in Sault Ste. Marie in 1917. In 1919 he took a leave of absence to test his vocation to religious life, professing S.S.J.E. in 1923.

1920-1921 Father J. Southam (locum tenens to St. John's and looked after St. George's.) From the Diocese of York, England

1920-1922 Father Theodore V. L'Estrange (incumbent of Port Arthur Missions) Ordained priest in 1921 in St. Paul's, Fort William

1922-1924 Father Eric Montizambert (rector of St. Johns [1921-1926]) but looked after the Port Arthur Missions 1922-1924.) Ordained priest in 1915 in Sault Ste. Marie.

C. INDEPENDENT, SELF-SUPPORTING PARISH (1927-30). St. George's, St. Michael's, St. Mary's. St. Mary's closed in 1927 and became part of St. George's congregation.

1924-1928 Father Keppel W. Hill (incumbent of Port Arthur Missions 1924-1927) (Rector of St. George's, St. Michael's, St. Mary's 1927) Ordained in 1924 at St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie.

1928-1930 Father Gordon Graham Ordained priest in 1928 in Sault Ste. Marie.

D. PARISH OF ST. GEORGE, ST. MICHAEL, ST. STEPHEN (1930-1937)

1930-1937 Father Lee I. Greene Ordained priest in 1929 in Sault Ste. Marie.

E. PARISH OF ST. GEORGE AND ST. STEPHEN (1937-1954)

| | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|---|
| 1937-1939 | Father Benjamin Wood | Ordained priest 1933 in Bracebridge. |
| 1939-1943 | Father Norman M. Post | Ordained priest 1935 in Algoma |
| 1943-1949 | Father Thomas Cann | Ordained priest 1939 in the Diocese of Keewatin |

F. PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE (1954-)

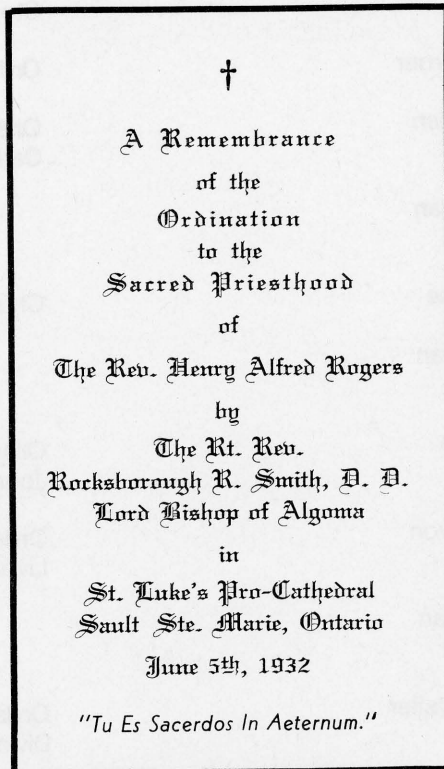
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| 1949-1959 | Canon Stephen Turner | Ordained priest 1925 in Sault Ste. Marie. Died in office. |
| 1959-1972 | Father James Turner | Ordained priest 1953 in Sudbury |
| 1969-1972 | Father John Jordan (assistant priest) | Ordained priest 1952 in the Pro Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie |
| 1972-1973 | Father John Jordan (priest in charge) | |
| 1973-1981 | Captain Earl Burke | Church Army |
| 1973-1981 | Father John Jordan (assistant priest) | |
| 1981 | Father Earl Burke | Ordained priest 1981 in St. John's, Thunder Bay. |
| 1981-1984 | Father Duncan Lyon | Ordained priest 1961 in Liverpool, England |
| 1984-1985 | Father John Jordan (priest in charge) | |
| 1985- | Father Kenneth Ostler | Ordained in 1976, St. John the Divine, North Bay |

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY FROM ST. GEORGE'S

St. George's can be proud of the fact that in its history to date three of its sons have offered themselves for ordination to the priesthood. The first candidate was Henry Alfred Rogers who attended St. George's when Fr. Graham was priest. He was trained at Nashotah House, a well-known theological seminary in Wisconsin. He was ordained priest by the Rt. Rev. R. Rocksborough Smith, Lord Bishop of Algoma, at the Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie on June 5, 1932.

The second was Michael Holmes Dunnill, who trained at the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Bracebridge, Ontario. He was ordained priest by the Most Rev. W.L. Wright, Archbishop of Algoma, in Thunder Bay on September 11, 1960. In 1979 he returned to Thunder Bay and acted as Honorary Assistant at St. George's.

The third candidate was Capt. Earl Burke who came to St. George's in 1973, as a Church Army Captain to work with Fr. Jordan. He responded to God's call to the ordained ministry and studied under Bishop Nock. He was ordained priest in Thunder Bay in February 1981 by Bishop Nock.



LAY READERS

Mr. A.R. Merrix 1915 -
Mr. Harry Height 1940 -
Mr. Fred Godfrey 1963-1984

WARDENS

Rector's Wardens

| | |
|-----------|------------------|
| 1912-1922 | John Edwards |
| 1923-1925 | Thomas Crittall |
| 1926-1928 | Mr. Millington |
| 1929-1930 | William Paynter |
| 1930-1944 | Roger Page |
| 1944-1946 | Harry Guy |
| 1947-1957 | Edward Martell |
| 1958-1959 | Peter Stirling |
| 1960-1962 | John Dunnill |
| 1963-1964 | Fred Godfrey |
| 1965-1966 | Peter Stirling |
| 1967-1969 | Peter Wintoneak |
| 1970-1973 | John Barrett |
| 1974-1976 | Sam Bachinski |
| 1977-1980 | John Sopko |
| 1981-1982 | William Drummond |
| 1983 | George Burns |
| 1984 | Ben Wright |
| 1985-1986 | George Burns |

People's Wardens

| | |
|-----------|------------------|
| 1912-1914 | Thomas Crittall |
| 1915-1922 | Harry Whitehouse |
| 1923-1924 | Mr. Tassell |
| 1925 | Charles Swingler |
| 1926-1937 | Fred Barrington |
| 1938-1941 | Harry Guy |
| 1942-1948 | William Height |
| 1949 | Arthur Simmons |
| 1950 | Cliff Southern |
| 1951-1957 | Ernest Goodman |
| 1958-1959 | Walter Alexander |
| 1960-1962 | Peter Stirling |
| 1963-1964 | Jack Loewen |
| 1965-1970 | George Burns |
| 1971 | Ernest Goodman |
| 1972 | J. Roger Page |
| 1973-1978 | George Burns |
| 1979-1981 | Tim Poulin |
| 1982 | George Burns |
| 1983 | Don Stewart |
| 1984 | George Burns |
| 1985-1986 | Tim Poulin |

TREASURERS AND ENVELOPE SECRETARIES

The following is a list of some of the long-term treasurers and envelope secretaries.

Mr. Roger Page
Mrs. Marie Isaacs
Mrs. Ruby Ketteridge
Mrs. Mae Reid
Mrs. Arlene Barrett

Mr. Teddy Martell
Mr. George Hayes
Mr. George Glover
Mr. John Dunnill

ORGANISTS

Mrs. Gertrude Stone
Miss Mary Booth
Mr. L.A. Spencer
Mr. Doug Dahlgren
Mr. Rene Charriere
Mr. John Futhey

Mrs. Phyllis Jordan
Mrs. Stephanie Hawkins
Mrs. Mabel Thom
Miss Julie Sato
Mrs. Doris Moore
Mrs. Nancy Pohill

OUR LONGEST TERM MEMBERS

There are still three faithful members of St. George's whose parents were among the founders of the Parish in 1911:

Mrs. Gus Peterson, nee Lily Stokes, baptized, confirmed, and married at St. George's

Mrs. George Hayes, nee Betty Hickinbottom, baptized, confirmed, and married at St. George's.

Mrs. Roger Page, nee Hazel Roberts, baptized and married at St. George's, confirmed at St. John's.

Miss Mary Booth has been a parishioner since the 1920's.

Mr. Roger Page has been a member since 1927.



Mrs. Lily Peterson



Mr. Roger Page, Miss Mary Booth, Mrs. Hazel Page



Mrs. Betty Hayes

Mrs. Peterson has been active in the Young People's Club (AYPA), the Girls' Guild, the Young Women's Guild and the Women's Guild. She was president of the Young Women's Club for three years. She was Vestry Clerk and taught Sunday School.

Mr. Page was Rector's Warden for 15 years, Treasurer, Envelope Secretary, Sidesman, Member of the AYPA, and delegate to diocesan and general synods. He was Memorial Fund Treasurer and Bursar for the Order of the Holy Shroud until 1986.

Miss Booth was a Sunday School teacher for 32 years. She was active in the CBS and the Altar Guild and was church organist.

Mrs. Page was an active member of the AYPA, the CBS, the Women's Guild, the Altar Guild, and the Choir. She taught Sunday School and for several years was secretary of the Deanery Teachers' Association. She was the first Coffee Hour convenor.

Mrs. Hayes was a member of the AYPA, the Young Women's Guild, and is still an active and faithful member of the Women's Guild.

THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR

THE NAME: THE HISTORY OF SAINT GEORGE

The most common legend of Saint George in the Western world is his slaying of the dragon. In fact, very little is known about the actual life of Saint George, but he is believed to have been martyred because, at the end of the third century in the city of Nicomedeia, he tore up an edict against the Christian churches of that city, issued by the Roman Emperor Diocletian. He did this at a time when the senior Roman official was in that city, so this constituted an act of extreme daring.

Both Greek and Latin historical accounts of Saint George credit him with having withstood great tortures, one after another, prior to his death. His rapid recovery from these tortures, which included being bound to a wheel set with blades and swords, the rack, red-hot irons, and many others even more gruesome, caused numerous conversions.

The better-known legend of his subduing the dragon comes from a later French source. This version of the legend tells of a dragon living in a pond near a city. The dragon had several times driven back an army, and it had poisoned all who came near with its noxious exhalations. Two sheep a day were sacrificed to its voracity. When the supply of sheep was exhausted, the lot fell to the sons and daughters of the city. One day, when the princess was to be sacrificed, Saint George happened by. Seeing the maiden in distress, he commended himself to God, transfixed the dragon, and had the maiden put her girdle around it. Together, in this way, they led the dragon, now completely docile, into the city where Saint George cut its head off. Other versions tell of a princess and her retinue shut up in a castle perishing for lack of water. The dragon held off any rescuers at the base of a hill until Saint George came by and saved them.

Although the legends tend to discredit the facts, history records Saint George as indeed a real saint.



THE PRESENT BUILDING

The church of Saint George the Martyr is a small white building on the corner of Algoma and McIntyre Streets. What it perhaps lacks in grandeur on the outside, it makes up for in elegance on the inside. The white walls and dark wood ceiling, beams and pews give the interior a peaceful serenity, enhanced on a sunny day by the deep red and blue tones of the light streaming through the stained glass windows. The church is not large, holding about 150 people, but the parishioners have always made up for lack of size by their determination. In the light of this determination, the dedication to Saint George the Martyr is a meaningful one.

CHRISTMAS 1985



THE CRUCIFIX AND FIGURES ON THE ROOD SCREEN

A lovely ivory of the crucified Saviour was presented to the church by the then Bishop of Algoma, the Rt. Rev. R. Rocksborough Smith, and was for a time placed over the altar. Later, it was placed on one of the cross beams of the roof, just outside the chancel, to form what is known as a Rood Screen, normally found at the entrance of the sanctuary. Bishop Rocksborough Smith had a great affection for the Mission of St. George's because it expressed in its tradition the Catholic heritage of the Anglican Church to which he was deeply committed. The above mentioned crucifix came from Oberammergau in Germany, which many readers will know is the village where the Mediaeval Passion Play of the Life of Christ is performed every ten years as a thanksgiving to God for deliverance from the plague which claimed the lives of many of the residents in 1633. Bishop Rocksborough Smith bought the crucifix at the Passion Play of 1930.

The figures of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and St. John, which complete the Rood Screen were donated by one of St. George's parishioners. The figures are seen in the picture of the 1944 Sanctuary on Page 40.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

| Gift or Memorial | In Memory Of | Given By |
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| <u>SANCTUARY</u> | | |
| Altar | | Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament (CBS) 1946 |
| East Window (Good Shepherd Window) | George Hills, Bernard (Babe) Swingler, Allison Funk, killed in action 1939-45. | |
| Sanctuary Lamp | John Thomas Booth | his wife, Mrs. Katherine Booth, and their daughter, Mary |
| Aumbry | Mr. & Mrs. John Jordan Sr. Elmer and Marguerite Lackey | Fr. John Jordan, Mrs. Phyllis Jordan 1985 |
| Sedilia | Canon Stephen Turner | The congregation 1962 |
| Bishop's Chair | Harry and Mary Reeves Parker James and Elizabeth Gibbon | Mr. & Mrs. T.E. Parker, their son and daughter 1924 |
| Sanctuary Chairs | Elizabeth Krafner | her daughter, Mrs. C. Isaacs |
| Altar Crosses | 1. Mrs. H. Lyke, Oct. 1915 2. Joseph Edward Phalen (1928-1946) | His mother |
| Missal (Altar Prayer Book) | Louisa Maud Noy | Her husband, George |
| Missal Stand | | Confirmation Candidates June 12, 1921 |
| Credence Candlesticks | Harriet Britton | 1956 |
| Candlesticks | John and Georgina Cutts | Their daughters, Mrs. Gladys Davey, Mrs. Marjorie Flynn |
| Memorial Chalices and Patens (Chalice, Paten, Napkins) | 1. Canon Stephen Turner 2. Richard John Calver 3. George & Florence Dennis | 1960 1967 the family |
| Cruets | | Confirmation Class of 1924 |
| Flagon | Harvey and Edith Kerr | |
| Lavabo | | Senior Girls Sunday School Class 1957-59 |
| Ciborium | Elizabeth Siddall | |
| Pyx | Charles Swingler | |
| Altar Alms Dish | Charles George O'Connor | 1952 |
| Collection Plates | 1. Canon Stephen Turner 2. | Roger and Hazel Page 1965 |

| Gift or Memorial | In Memory Of | Given By |
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| Risen Christ (Wooden Sculpture) | Stephen Wilson | his mother, Mrs. Thelma Wilson 1983 |
| Sanctuary Arch | Ethel Allison Sopko | her husband, John Sopko 1982 |
| Red Carpet (length of church) and Sanctuary Refurbishing | Mrs. Kay Stirling | her husband, Peter Stirling, memorial gifts, congregational gifts 1982 |
| Red Carpet | Fr. Thomas Cann | Mr. & Mrs. Roger Page 1982 |
| <u>CHANCEL</u> | | |
| Choir Stalls | | Congregation 1962 |
| Organ | Members of St. George's who gave their lives in both World Wars | Mr. and Mrs. Biddulph |
| Hymn Board | | Junior Auxiliary 1962 |
| Organ Lamp | John and Eleanor Dyer (Mrs. Dyer choir member 40 years) | Their daughter, Mrs. Joyce Duffield |
| Wall Cross | In thanksgiving for the Episcopacy of The Most Rev. William L. Wright (1944-74) | |
| Processional Cross | | Mr. & Mrs. George Burns and family |
| Brass Sunday School Cross | Joseph Phalen, accidentally killed 1946 | his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Phalen |
| <u>VESTRY</u> | | |
| Green Vestments | | Mrs. H. Johnson and family |
| Funeral Pall | Peter and Alfred Stirling | 1968 |
| <u>NAVE</u> | | |
| Pulpit | former members of the Women's Guild | Women's Guild 1962 |
| Brass Eagle Lectern | Captain and Mrs. A.E. Grant | their children, Mrs. Bernice Cousins and Mrs. A. Wray. Originally in St. Ansgarius' Church (1910), dedicated in St. George's in 1924. |
| Lectern Bibles | 1. John and Georgina Cutts 2. Mr. Fred Godfrey | their daughters, Mrs. Gladys Davey and Mrs. Marjorie Flynn 1951 Men of the Congregation 1986 |

| Gift or Memorial | In Memory Of | Given By |
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| Baptismal Font | Girls' Guild | 1945 |
| Font Shell | Harold and Lily Stokes | their daughter, Mrs. Lily Peterson |
| Litany Desk | Eleanor Esther Wrenn | her daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Dyer, 1949 |
| War Memorial Tablet | The men in the congregation who served in World War 1. | Unveiled by Capt. T. Irvine R.C.M.P. during the incumbancy of Father L.I. Greene |
| | Killed in action: William Holt, John Hanson, Walter Denison, Harry Potter William McDines, Clarence Milne | |
| | Deceased: Hugh McDines, Frederick Miners, Josiah Biddulph, George Denison, George C. Hills, Ralph H. Dunnill | |
| | Killed in Action (World War 11) Babe Swingler, George S. Hills, Allison Jack Funk, Herbert Page, James Maw 43 who served in World War 11 | The names for World War 11 were added later. |
| Brass vases at the sides of the Memorial Tablet | Leslie Hills | His parents, Mr. & Mrs. George Hills |
| Church Windows | | |
| 1. Font Window | Teddy, Ray and Bobby Martell | |
| 2. St. George's Window | Vernon Howard Swingler Russell Henry Swingler | |
| 3. Chalice Window | John Reid and his daughter Margaret Jane Newman | Mrs. J. Reid and family |
| 4. Cross and Crown Window | Charles A. Britton (obit 1928) | |
| 5. Holy Spirit Window | Henry Alfred Guy (obit 1936) and his mother Ellen Guy (obit 1942) | |

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| Pews (1929 -) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. William A. Vance (obit 1953) 2. William T. Moore (obit 1956) 3. George Alexander McVicar 4. Henry Hall Carew Rogers (obit 1878) 5. Hilda Tanner 6. Leslie Hills 7. Bobby Cousin 8. Albert and Alice Walker 9. Caroline M. Fregau (obit 1956) 10. L. Cpl. Allison Jack Funk killed in action, France, Aug. 8, 1944 | <p>St. George's Men's Club</p> <p>his family</p> <p>his family</p> <p>his family</p> <p>St. George's Concert Party 1931</p> <p>St. George's Concert Party</p> <p>his family</p> <p>their family</p> <p>her family</p> <p>his family</p> |
| Prayer Books | In memory of and in honour of various members of the congregation | 1982 |
| Entrance Doors | George and Florence Dennis | Mr. and Mrs. George Burns Mrs. Florence Travolo |



PHOTO TAKEN IN 1986

THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH

OUR ROOTS 1787 - 1911

The history of the Church of England in Canada, under proper organization and direction, began when the first bishop of Nova Scotia, the Right Reverend Charles Inglis, stepped ashore at Halifax in 1787. Then it was almost one hundred years before the Diocese of Algoma was formed in 1873. At first, there were many problems with the establishment of the Diocese, as it was a missionary one and previously, dioceses had been formed only after the Church of England was already well established in the area. The first Bishop of Algoma was the Right Reverend Frederick Dawson Fauquier. At that time there were only eight churches in the diocese - the only stone one being at Sault Ste. Marie. One bishop, four priests, three deacons and a lay reader made up the personnel.

The Archdeaconry of Thunder Bay forms a large portion of the Diocese of Algoma. The Deanery of Thunder Bay was founded in 1896, and included the parishes of St. John's, Port Arthur, St. Thomas' and St. Luke's, Fort William, and St. John's, Schreiber. In 1957, the Deanery of Superior was formed to include parishes along the north shore as far as White River and Wawa. The Deanery of Thunder Bay was then changed to comprise the parishes of Fort William, Port Arthur and West Thunder Bay. Since that time the Archdeaconry has been further reorganized, and now comprises its original parishes from Manitouwadge to West Thunder Bay.

The first church in the Diocese was St. John's in Port Arthur, the original church having been built in 1872. Gradually, as the population increased, other churches followed: St. Luke's (1885) and St. Thomas' (1890) in Fort William, and then St. Michael's (1906) in Port Arthur.

Some Anglicans were attending the Swedish Church of St. Ansgarius, established years before by the many Scandinavian settlers in the area and still on Wilson Street. Priests were appointed by the Church of Sweden and services were conducted in Swedish, and the various Scandinavian tongues.

As time passed, more and more settlers spoke only English, and it also became harder to obtain priests from Sweden. Canadian priests were appointed and many English-speaking settlers in the neighbourhood attended services at St. Ansgarius', which became in fact, if not officially, an Anglican parish church, using the Anglican Prayer Book at its services.

St. Ansgarius' register of services (1909-1912) shows English services from May 2, 1909 to October 1912. In 1912 St. Ansgarius' was sold to a Norwegian Lutheran Church. The register was then unused and was passed on to the young mission church of St. George. St. George's records appear in it from April 25, 1916 to August 31, 1929.

A. NORTH END MISSION 1911-1917

Daughter church of St. John's (along with St. Michael's and St. Mary's, Brent Park)

1. FORMATION OF THE CONGREGATION AND PLANS TO BUILD:



Canon Charles Hedley
(St. John's) 1911-1917

Since winters were long and cold and distances hard to cover from the north end of Port Arthur to the existing church of St. John's, parishioners began to meet in private homes. Records found in St. George's Church indicate that on January 25, 1911 the first Church of England cottage service in the north end of Port Arthur was held in the home of Mr. J. Edwards, North Algoma Street and was conducted by the Reverend Charles Hedley. That first congregation of what was to be called St. George's comprised the following people:

Mrs. J. Edwards
Mrs. Schofield
Mrs. H. Franks
Mr. W. Jones

Mrs. W. Smith
Mrs. A. Thomas
Mr. Edwards Sr.
Mr. T. Crittall

Mrs. W. Jones
Mrs. A. Britton
Mr. J. Edwards

Following the service a meeting was held and it was proposed that a Mission Fund be started. An immediate collection was taken and \$1.15 realized. Mr. Crittall was appointed treasurer of the Mission Fund. Although the cottage services were frequently led by laymen, the clergy at St. John's often helped out, particularly Canon Charles Hedley and Fr. G. Sherring. The average attendance at these services was 17.

On September 18, 1911 the following statement was made and appears as a handwritten document among the church records.

NORTH END MISSION (ENGLISH CHURCH)

"We, the members of the North End, English Church Mission, have for some time past been working in order to build a Mission Church. We have been successful in raising nearly \$200. We feel justified in making this appeal for assistance, believing that a Mission in the North End of our city will be beneficial to the growth of the Church and the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Dated at Port Arthur, Ont. Sept. 8th, 1911

Gifts are indicated as received from Ruttan Estates Limited and about a dozen individuals - \$902.25.

On October of the same year (1911) another meeting was held at the home of Mrs. M. Britton, 286 North Algoma Street, which all the North End Anglicans attended, under the chairmanship of Rev. Charles Hedley and it was decided to build a Mission Hall at once. The committee for this included the following people: Messrs. J. Edwards, W. Jones, H. Stokes, M.G. Britton, S. Hartley and T. Crittall. A fund set up for this purpose got away to a good start with a handsome donation of Fifty Dollars from Mr. F.H. Keefer, KC. Records also show that the total collections received at the cottage services during 1911 amounted to the sum of \$61.06. Donations received were \$262.54 with Bank interest of \$2.25 for a total of \$325.85. The expenses were listed at \$303.10 leaving a balance at the year end of \$22.75.

Among the homes at which cottage services were held this first year and later were those of:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. John Edwards | Mr. & Mrs. Albert Walker |
| Mr. & Mrs. W. Smith | Mr. & Mrs. Harry Stokes |
| Mr. & Mrs. M. Britton | Mr. & Mrs. Ted Martell |

Mrs. Gus Peterson (nee Lily Stokes) recalls sitting on the stairs of her home listening to the services and meetings.

2. ST. GEORGE'S MISSION HALL - LEYS ST.:

It would appear that during the Fall of 1911 a building was erected, for on January 12, 1912 mention is made that the Church service was held in the "Mission Hall" conducted by Canon Hedley and Fr. Sherring with an attendance of 17 people. From 1912 - 1917 services were conducted by clergy from St. John's and various laymen:

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Clergy: | Laymen: | |
| Canon Hedley | John Edwards | John Manning |
| Father Sherring | Henry (H.E.A.) Rogers | Mr. Finlayson |
| Father F. Colloton | R.R. Racey | Frank Keefer |
| Father A.J. Bruce | A.R. Merrix | |

The church was still financially dependent as well on St. John's.

The contract for the shell of the Mission had been let to Messrs. Johnstone and Abbott. Messrs. E. Edwards, J. Edwards, W. Jones, S. Hartley and H. Stokes finished the interior. Mr. G. Crittall built the chimney, Mr. M.G. Britton did the plastering and Fr. Sherring painted the outside. This portion of the work was voluntarily donated. The women of the parish at the same time formed an auxiliary and made plans for an Easter supper at the home of Mrs. A. Britton. The first Secretary was Mrs. Lily Stokes.

By April 1912, the Sunday School had five teachers with 53 children on the roll and an average attendance of 41. During the following year a hymn board, a notice board, a font* and oak lectern were added, as well as a cross to mark the building as a Christian Church. The Mission Hall was plastered and boarded. That year there were eight cottage services, 42 Sunday services, two marriages, four burials, one confirmation and sixteen baptisms. Sunday attendance averaged between 26 and 42. There were 41 families on the parish list as well as eleven individual members.

By April of 1915 the building was free of debt. The total cost of the building was \$937.82. Steps were taken to begin the addition of a vestry and a kitchen.

In 1918 according to the Parish History as recorded in Sault Ste. Marie, "St. George's received a visit from Canon Hedley, then a chaplain from the front during the First World War, who was able to give some interesting information about our boys from the front. He specially mentioned Dennis Martell of St. George's who was the first man to go up to communicate when his fellows held back from

shyness at Canon Hedley's first Celebration at the front. He spoke of his underground church with its altar, cross and candles made of stone by the men. He said he was pleased to see the Altar lights in use for they always used them at the front."

* It is interesting to note that this font was 'rediscovered' underneath the sanctuary floor when renovations were undertaken in the summer of 1982. Its stand is being repaired as we go to press.

B. PORT ARTHUR MISSIONS PARISH 1917-1927

independent of St. John's, dependent on the Algoma Mission Fund. The Parish consisted of St. Mary's, Brent Park, St. Michael's and St. George's.

Mr. Racey presided over an Easter vestry meeting held in 1917 to appeal to the Archbishop, the Most Reverend George Thornloe, to appoint a priest to the Port Arthur Missions. The first priest, Fr. Roland Ford Palmer, was appointed that year.



Fr. Roland Palmer
1917-1919

The first service of St. George's as a Mission church dependent on the Algoma Mission Fund was conducted by Fr. Palmer Nov. 15, 1917. In 1982 Fr. Palmer was asked at the age of 91 to make a tape recording of his memories of St. George's. Fr. Palmer died on Aug. 24, 1985. The following are excerpts from the tape;

"Canon Hedley, a priest of the Algoma Diocese, became very much impressed with the Brantford experiment, that of a mother church with its corona of daughter parishes. When he was made rector of Port Arthur in the Thunder Bay District, at St. John's church, he started to do the same thing there. He started a mission of St. George's in the east end, of St. Michael's in the north end of town, of Brent Park in the north-east part of the town. Bishop Thornloe moved me from Englehart, where I had been the incumbent, my first parish, to Port Arthur. He had come to the conclusion that Canon Hedley's plan for a corona of dependent churches around a mother church was not a good one. The people, as long as things were controlled by St. John's, were never going to make an effort to be self-supporting.

A major development in the outreach of the church took place during the 'flu

epidemic of 1917-18. It was the first one that there was. The great 'flu epidemic was very virulent. The doctors knew nothing about it. They didn't know really what could be done for it. People were turning ill and many died and all through our parishes there were people in great distress. When Canon Hedley welcomed me, when I arrived in Port Arthur, as he had not yet left, he took me round to show me the churches. He also showed me where my parish boundaries were. Very complicated. I'd pop in and out, and up and down, and round about, so that after, he said, "Well, Palmer, are you sure that you know where those boundaries are?" I said, "Yes, Canon Hedley, I can very easily remember them. All the big houses are in your parish and all the little ones are in mine." And that was true. A lot of people were very poor people for the most part, who had just arrived a few years before from England. A lot of those at St. George's were from Birmingham, those around Brent Park were from Leeds, and they were just struggling along, and the houses had no inside toilets, no electricity. They had to heat them with stoves and a few of these people were coming down with the 'flu. There was somewhat of the same sort of thing happening in John Leigh's parish, because he had some poor people as well. So the two of us were kept very busy, not only ministering to them spiritually, but also going into the homes to keep the fires up, to empty the slops for the people, and to cook a little bit of something for them - trying to help them. It was a great blessing in the long run because, although it was very sad that we lost some of them, others had not always been very keen about their church life. Because of what John Leigh and I were able to do for them, their whole tone and their whole interest changed, and it made our church life much easier after the 'flu was over.

We were forbidden to have services in the churches. It seemed rather absurd. The schools, of course, had been closed, but the stores were all open, streetcars were all running. People were crowded into the streetcars going to work, and yet, we were not allowed to have services in the church. I was young and rash, I suppose, but I was determined that I was not going to stop my services. So I put my advertisement in the newspaper, in the **Chronicle**. It used to publish the church services without any pay at all. You just took it down there and they put it in. So, I put my church services in. The gentleman where I was boarding was the District Attorney, Mr. Langworthy. He said, "I suppose, Mr. Palmer, that's a mistake, that notice of your services in the **Chronicle** today?"

I said, "No, Mr. Langworthy, it's not a mistake. I'm having a service at St. Michael's at 9:00 on Sunday morning."

"Well," he said, "Don't you know that it's been forbidden?"

I said, "Yes, I do."

"But," he said, "are you going to go and have a service?"

I said, "Certainly, I am. What people need now is prayer. There won't be a crowd of people there; most of them are so sick they can't come. There will only be a few people there, and they are safer there than they are in the stores."

"If you do it," he said, "you will be arrested."

"Well, then," I said, "I'll have to be arrested." He then told me not to make a martyr of myself. I replied that I was not trying to do that, simply to try to do my duty to the people. So, when Sunday morning came, I went to St. Michael's on Red River Road. Dear old George Elliot, who had his grocery shop across the street, had come over as he did every week - he was our church warden - and lit the great, big stove, so the place was fairly warm. I went in and a few people gathered. Then two policemen arrived. I went down to the door and welcomed them. They looked very

awkward and embarrassed, and then came in. They were both churchmen, so I gave them Prayer Books and hymn books and they sat in one of the back pews. I wondered if they were going to arrest me at once, or if they were just going to wait to see if I was actually going to have a service. So, I lit the candles and put my vestments on. I thought perhaps they would do it when I came in. But, no, they didn't. The service went on. The two policemen joined in and made the responses. I can't remember now if they made their communion or not. The service came to an end, and I went to the door to shake hands with people as they left. The two policemen shook hands and away they went.

When I got back to my boarding establishment, dear old Mrs. Frost from St. George's sent a message over: "Father, I am so glad you are safely back. I thought you would be in prison. I've got a lovely hot dinner here all ready for you. I was going to bring it over to the prison." Nothing more was ever said.

It was not very long after that, that Armistice Day came. John Leigh still did not have any services in his church; he was rather more tight than I was. After all, Mr. Langworthy was one of his principal parishioners. People began coming down to St. John's church, wanting to give thanks to God. I said to Mr. Leigh that we should have a service on the verandah of the rectory. Well, it was a November day. November in this part of Ontario is very cold and chilly. It was a nasty, drizzly day - I would call it miserable - but we put a table out and we had Holy Communion to thank God for the signing of the Armistice. Later in the day, Mr. Leigh and I, who both had Scout patrols, brought our boys together and waded through the town in our cassocks, with the boys and our flags, thanking God for bringing the war to an end. That afternoon there was a great service in the central park. The Ministerial Association had arranged it. All religious bodies were represented there except the Roman Catholics, who at that time had nothing whatever to do with us. There was a very strong division at that time between Romans and non-Romans. I was asked to read a lesson, and instead of merely reading a lesson, I used one of the Psalms. After each half verse there came the response: "God's mercy endureth forever." I told the people that they could shout out the response after I read every half verse. And that is what we did.

After the 'flu had gone away, we found that church life picked up very much. Of course, it was also helped by the fact that people were really so grateful that the war had come to an end.

We had an enthusiastic congregation there, and wonderful church-wardens, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Whitehouse, and other good helpers. I remember so well that at the back of the church there was a great bell standing on the floor. We were never able to put it up, because we couldn't afford to build a belfry. The church was moved from Leys Street to the present location in 1924.

About this time I was after more furnishings for St. George's, and so I went to see Mrs. Wray. She was the mother of the family that were the funeral directors in Port Arthur. She very kindly said that I could have the brass lectern that had been in St. Ansgarius. There were also some very beautiful murals which I was told about, but I could never track them.

Another matter that may be of interest to you is the clergy in the twin cities around the year 1918. In Fort William, St. Luke's, the oldest parish, had Canon Burt. There is one little comical incident that I remember in connection with St. Luke's at the time. Bishop Thornloe, our Diocesan, had made it clear that he did not approve of choir women wearing surplices and cassocks, because they were men's gar-

ments and women shouldn't wear men's garments. However Canon Burt either didn't altogether understand that order, or had been overridden by the ladies themselves. They had obtained cassocks, surplices and mortar-boards. When the Bishop arrived for a confirmation at St. Luke's he looked out of the clergy vestry, and he could see in the other vestry the ladies in these garments. He immediately asked Canon Burt what they were doing dressed like that. He made it perfectly clear that he was not going on with the confirmation as long as the ladies wore those garments. So they took them off, and went into the choir, as they had done in times past, in their ordinary garments.

The mission churches which had surrounded St. John's - St. George's; St. Mary's, Brent Park; St. Michael's, on Red River Road - were all under my care. There were five clergy all together. Out in the country there were the missions at Murillo and Hymers, and they were looked after by a student. Sometimes, in the winter time, they had no one there at all, when the student went back to college to finish his divinity education. The clergy of Fort William were, for the most part, the ones that went out there, about once a month, to give them the Sacraments. Once or twice I went out there for that purpose."

1920 - 1924.

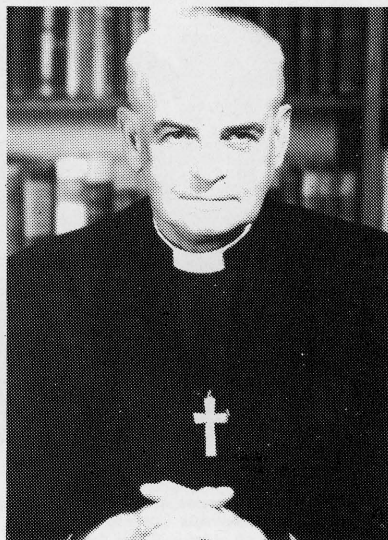
After Fr. Palmer left, the church was serviced as follows by clergy and curates from St. John's:

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| 1920-21 | Father J. Southam | at St. John's |
| 1920-22 | Father T. L'Estrange | in charge of St. George's |
| 1922-24 | Father Eric Montizambert | at St. John's |
| 1923 | Mr. C.N. Palmer | summer student from Trinity College |

and laymen from St. George's and St. John's:

Mr. Frank Keefer
Mr. H. Melrose
Mr. J.I. Parker
Mr. Lloyd Small

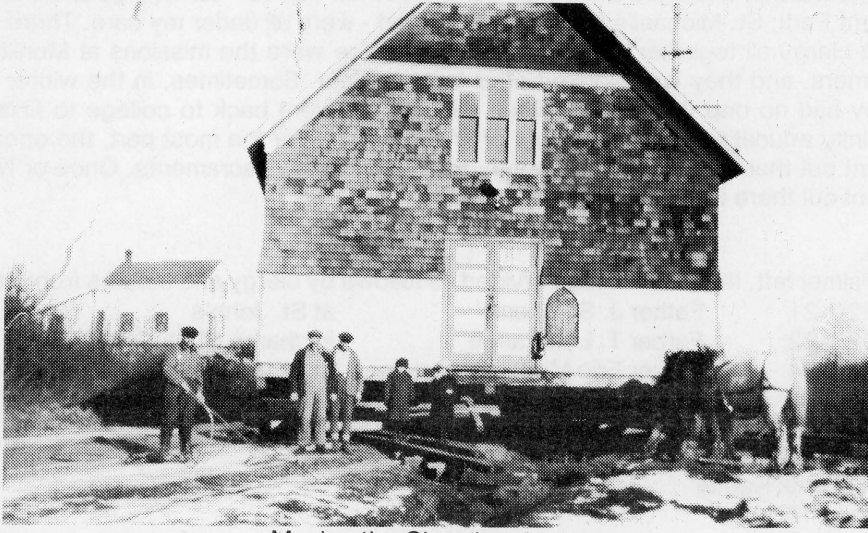
The services were advertised as paid announcements for the first time in the local newspaper in 1922.



Fr. Eric Montizambert
1922-1924

On January 23, 1923, a vestry meeting was held, Fr. Eric Montizambert presiding, to consider moving the church to a new site. On October 14, another meeting was held, with Mr. Keefer presiding. A letter from City Council was read. It recommended the purchase of two lots at the corner of Algoma and McIntyre Streets, if the terms were satisfactory, and no other site was proposed by the congregation. On October 24, Mr. Keefer again presided over a meeting where a resolution was passed to purchase these two lots for the sum of \$359.31.

At the very beginning of the new year, a further meeting was held to consider the cost of moving the church. This had been estimated at \$886.45. Collections and Pledges of \$586.40 had already been made for this purpose.



Moving the Church to McIntyre St.



Sunday School
Picnic

C. INDEPENDENT AND SELF-SUPPORTING PARISH OF ST. GEORGE, ST. MICHAEL, ST. MARY 1927-1930 (St. Mary's closed 1927)



Fr. Keppel W. Hill
1924-28

The church was moved in March of 1924. At a meeting in May it was decided to sell the Leys St. lot for \$160. 1924 was also the year that saw the introduction of the Duplex envelope system, one side for expenses, the other for missions, and the appointment of Mr. L.A. Spencer as the new organist, a position which he held for the next 40 years.

Fr. Keppel W. Hill, 1924-28, left a summary of the history and general conditions of St. George's for his successor, Fr. Graham. The following are excerpts from the original which is among the Church records;

"I saw from the first that what were then called the Port Arthur Missions could not hope to grow and develop unless those long gaps between succeeding priests could be prevented; hence my objective to make the Missions into a self-supporting Parish which would have the privilege in the case of a vacancy of being attended to by the Bishop.

SERVICES

On the odd Sundays of the month, 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m. Evensong (Choral) and Sermon. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays the Service at 11 a.m. on the 2nd Holy Communion (Choral) and on the 4th Matins.

Since Father Palmer's Mission in February I have been having an 8 a.m. celebration every Monday especially for children, with instruction, and as an incentive or reward for attendance using the Gospel Year Stamps.

The ceremonial is fairly plain. Vestments always worn; the silk ones given by the Rev. J.F. Southam, Father Palmer is getting a purple set from an old W.A. of his in San Francisco, so that a green set will make the complete outfit. Dick and Alfred Barrington have been my servers. At the Incarnatis I "bow profoundly" rather than genuflect. We have no Lavabo.

You will find the congregation professedly "Low-Church". It is rather an amusing attitude. They like things done nicely and rightly; so that they like Vestments, Lights,

etc. but they don't like anything High Church. Moral: explain things but don't label. I have often chuckled to myself at the people's conception of Low Church; but after all they aren't very interested in parties; and after all I never thought the party labels were important.

I have always stuck to the Prayer Book pretty faithfully.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Badly in need of a Superintendent, who can really take charge. The primary teacher, Mrs. Barrington, has recently had to give up. Teachers all very much in need of training, faithful though they may be. Great opportunity to do something here. [Picnic 1926 with 75 children present].

CHOIR

Boys' choir under direction of Mr. Walter Robinson; was surprised for the first time in the last Sunday of Father Palmer's Mission last February. Mr. R. most capable and most popular with everybody. Used to be a choirmaster at St. John's for many years. Forgot to say that L.A. Spencer is organist.

OPPORTUNITY

Undoubtedly a wonderful opportunity; situated in a growing part of the town; no section of Port Arthur with more building than here; the people most enthusiastic, hard working, and self-sacrificing for the sake of the Church. St. George's has a wonderful name around town which is a priceless possession. The records will show you the wonderful growth of St. George's during the past few years.

THE PEOPLE

Mostly English; working class; probably the majority work in the Elevators; practically no business men except 1; not very well educated people nor widely read but as honest and good as could be found anywhere. Kind, thoughtful and generous; Mrs. Hill and I have both often said that we couldn't want for parishioners that would treat us better than the St. George's people have.

WOMEN'S GUILD

A most industrious organization; have full responsibility for payments on the Rectory. Used to be a W.A. but changed to a Guild during time of one of my predecessors. Certainly best as it is. We send enough outside the Parish as it is. A powerful society in the life of the Church. Mrs. Walker the President - a splendid woman.

GIRLS' GUILD

Another successful organization under the Presidency of Mrs. Skippen. Raising a good deal of money for various things; last year they resingled the Church; this year are aiming for a new Porch.

ALTAR GUILD

Only recently organized; have only had a few meetings at which I merely explained things a bit and tried to suggest the proper "atmosphere" for an Altar Guild. Only 5 or 6 members, but had intended to get some of bigger girls interested.

CONCERT PARTY

A society formed just a little over a year ago and most successful from all points of view e.g. social, monetary. Really good talent."

In 1925 a parish meeting was held to consider building a rectory. An effort was made to raise money, but it was not until 1926 that a committee was formed for this purpose. It consisted of the Rector, Fr. Keppel W. Hill, C. Swingler, T. Crittall, Mr. Millington and F. Farrington. At a meeting on June 4, it was moved by C. Swingler and seconded by Mr. Manning, that Mr. Peckett's tender be accepted. It was for the sum of approximately \$5000. The motion was carried. A total of \$1000 had already been raised towards the cost, and a resolution was passed requesting that the Diocese of Algoma be asked for a loan of \$4000, as a mortgage. Plans were submitted for approval. The mortgage was paid off in 1936 on the church's 25th Anniversary. The Rectory was officially opened January 28, 1927. In 1926 the Port Arthur Mission still consisted of St. Michael's, St. Mary's and St. George's. On October of the following year, St. Mary's mission was closed and St. George's took over its financial obligations. The first AYPAs were formed in 1925, although an active Women's Guild had existed since 1915. A seven-day Lenten Mission was conducted by Fr. Roland Palmer and made a wonderful impact on the Parish.

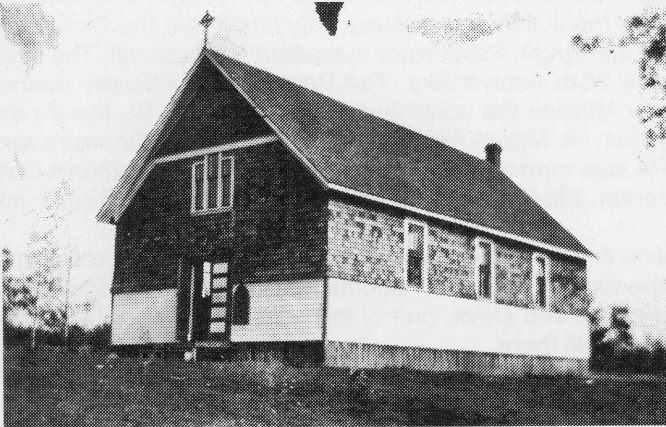
By the time of Fr. Keppel Hill's resignation in 1928, the Sunday School numbered 70 children. A presentation of vestments was made to the parish by Fr. J.F. Southam of St. John's. Because the church was only heated on Sundays by a pot-bellied stove, one of the rectory bedrooms was converted into a chapel and a daily Eucharist was held there.



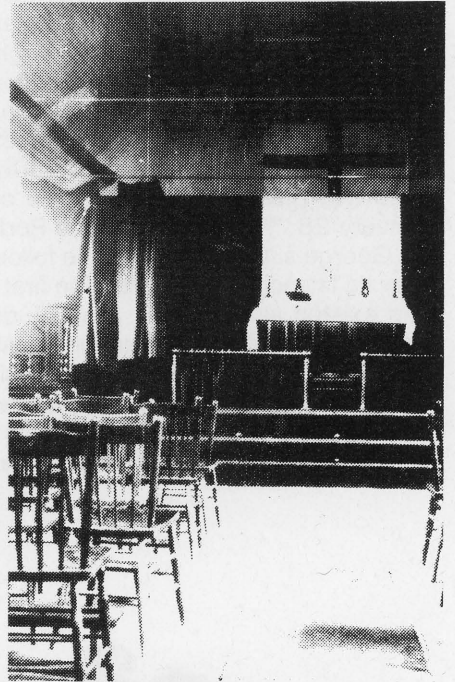
GIRLS' GUILD

Back Row: Mrs. Tassell, Mrs. Harvey, Eileen Hills, Elizabeth York, Hannah Franks,
 Violet (Dolly) Thomas, Evelyn Jones, Kathleen Hills, Margaret Gorrie, Lillian Thomas, Rosina Frost
 Middle Row: Ivy Batchelder, Olive Franks, Doris Jones, Gladys Paxton, Ethel Opie
 Front Row: Mary Tassell, Queenie Martell

THE CHURCH



1924-25



1927



Harvest Festival 1923 or 1925

THE RECTORY

Turning the Sod - 1926



Fr. Hill, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Hill



From the left:

2 Mr. Walker

3 Mr. Barrington

4 Mrs. Smith and baby

6 Mrs. Monty Britton

Mrs. Edwards (with shovel)

Centre:

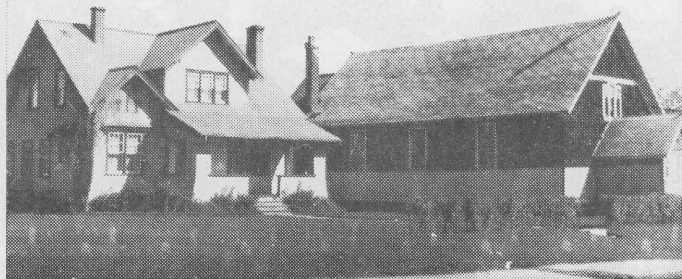
Fr. and Mrs. Hill

left of Fr. Hill - Mrs. Gwen Spencer

left of Mrs. Spencer - Mrs. Dyer

right of Mrs. Hill - Mrs. James Roberts

(with umbrella)



1936

"Leagues of Laughter"

CONCERT PARTIES 1919 - 1936



Top Row: Fred Barrington, Bert Hills, Kit Britton, Phoebe Barrington, T. Butler, R. Faulkner
Middle Row: Art Britton, A. Ashton (pianist), Gwen Spencer, H. Faulkner
Bottom Row: Rose Lampton, Pat Lampton, Doris Lampton, Eileen Hills, Phil Hayden

"Miles of Smiles"



Top Row: T. Butler, Kit Britton, Bert Hills, H. Faulkner, Phoebe Barrington
Middle Row: Monty Britton, Walter Robinson, Martin Jewison
Bottom Row: Phil Hayden, Fred Barrington, Rose Lampton, Pat Lampton, Doris Lampton, Eileen Hills

Port Arthur People Put On Play At Murillo Hall

(News-Chronicle Correspondence)

OLIVER, May 12 — One of the finest entertainments ever put on at Murillo hall was given this evening by members of St. George's Church, Port Arthur, in "Twelve Old Maids". From start to finish the evening was a laugh and even the most gloomy could not but rock with mirth. Before the play, a short program was given, the opening number being a piano solo by Harry Faulkner. The "Komic Kwintette" were particularly good. Their fine, clear humour and comic antics were most amusing, particularly to the kiddies, who occupied front seats in the hall. Mrs. Barrington delighted the audience with "An Old Fashioned Town", her solo was heartily applauded. Musical monologues by

George Coles were very entertaining and loudly encored. Horace Fish acted as accompanist. The "Twelve Old Maids" literally brought down the house. The play went through without a pause or hitch of any sort, each doing his or her part to perfection. The stage setting, prepared and arranged by G.J. Ellett, was admired and appreciated by the company of players and tahey said many kind things of Murillo's fine hall. Every convenience and plenty of room added to the comfort of the performers. Funds were shared fifty-fifty between St. George's Church, Port Arthur and St. James, Oliver, and the packed hall gave evidence of the appreciation shown this company. After the play, members of St. James' Women's Auxiliary served lunch in the dining hall and dancing to music supplied by the Melody Orchestra, was enjoyed for an hour or two.

Concert at St. George's Mission

Last evening at St. George's Mission an excellent program was rendered under the auspices of the Young People's Club. The mission was thronged to capacity with an audience that greeted each number with enthusiastic approval. At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served the artists by Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Smith. As a result of the event the Club realized between \$45 and \$50, which will be used in building an open air skating rink. Rev. Keppel W. Hill acted as chairman and the following is the eprogram given: Opening chorus, the Misses O. and Q. Martell, E. and H. Hill, Messrs. D. Franks, B. Hill and C. Perry; piano selection, J. Curry; comic song, G. Coles; Highland fling, Miss Jessie McDowell; Vocal solo, Miss Edith Blackmore; castinet number, E. Ford; chorus, the Misses D. Blackmore, O. Franks, B. Higginbottom, J. Swingler, W. Solomen, A. Luck, D. Ford and D. Jones; violin selection, F. Shirley; quartette, the Misses E. and K. Hill, Messrs. A. Britton and D. Franks; piano selection, Mrs. C. Whiteley; recitation, B. Hill; piano duet, J. and R. Swingler; vocal number, Mrs. Ford; saxophone solo, R. Baker; comic song, G. Coles; Irish

Jig, Miss Jessie McDowell; vocal solo, Mrs. T. Robinson; piano solo, Miss G. Opie; vocal solo, Miss H. Falkner; closing chorus, the Misses O. and Q. Martell, E. and K. Hill, Messrs. D. Franks, B. Hill, C. Perry, A. Britton and H. Falkner. Accompanists were Mrs. Whiteley, Miss O. Martell and J. Curry.

LEAGUES OF LAUGHTER

"Leagues of Laughter", the new revue to be presented by St. George's Concert Party at the Lyceum Theatre tonight and tomorrow, carries practically the same cast as their last show. Monty Britton has made a welcome return to the company after a year's absence and fits admirably into several character roles. Tom Butler, with his inimitable drollery, exposes the trials and tribulations of a shop assistant. Amongst the items on this program is that well known sketch, Harry Tate's "Motoring" with Bert Hills in the role of the motorist. It might be mentioned in passing that during the reign of the late King Edward, Mr. Tate was twice called upon to perform the sketch at Windsor Castle. The Lampen sisters, pupils of Madame Stuart, have another new dance number. Martin

Jewison will be heard to advantage in several selections. Mrs. F. Barrington and Miss Kathleen Hills unite in supplying the show with a number of haunting melodies in addition to displaying their acting abilities together with the other lady members of the show in their respective roles as follows: Miss Eileen Hills, ingenie and contralto; Mrs. D. Hayden, soubrette, and Mrs. H. Lampen as character actress.

Arthur Britton still excels in the "dude" parts, for which he is famous. Fred Barrington lands himself into a terrible fix when he calls to ask a favor of his next door neighbor. The Faulkner brothers also figure largely in the show. Martin Erickson is the master of ceremonies in a radio number. Miss Edith Wilson will be heard at the piano. This young lady is a real artist. The musical numbers are directed and presented by Arthur Ashton as musical director, assisted by a clever orchestra.

The whole production is under the direction of Bert Hills, and he confidently states that "Leagues of Laughter" is the best thing they have yet done.

LEAGUES OF LAUGHTER
A FINE PRODUCTION
St. George's Concert Party in
Fourth Revue Pleases Large
Audience

Large Audience

Surpassing in originality and portrayal all previous performances and most pleasing and entertaining was the widely varied program of songs, sketches and dances, presented last evening in the Lyceum Theatre, by members of St. George's Concert Party, who appeared in their fourth revue. A five-piece orchestra, playing prior to the performance, and in the intermission, left not a dull moment in the entire show and added the finishing touch to the production. Adding to the success of the show was that it commenced promptly on time, and the rapid succession of one number after another which held the attention of the audience throughout. The revue was given in the Lyceum Theatre, which was entirely filled and those attending were ushered to their seats by members of St. George's Girls' Guild, dressed in dainty black and white costumes.

Superior Dancing

The Misses Patricia and Doris Lampen again appeared to be the most popular on the program, their nimble-footed exhibition of various dances giving them a popular reputation in the Twin Cities. Their first dance, given by request, was Dance of the Cossacks, in costume, their encore being the Irish Washerwoman. On their second appearance they gave an interpretation of Harlequin and Columbine, including a clever exhibition of toe-dancing. Martin Jewison, well-known vocalist, again pleased the audience with two solos, Roses of Picardy, and The Rose, the latter being posed for by Miss Eileen Hills, Miss Katherine Hills, a prominent member of the Concert Party, who becomes still more popular at each revue, sang Carolina Moon, being assisted by the male members of the society, who joined in the chorus. Another musical number, deserving of special mention, was the song, Neapolitan Nights, by Mrs. Fred Barrington, and other members of the company, the lighting effects being particularly pretty and brilliant.

A Novel Feature

Of the more humorous numbers, one entitled Station P.A.O., giving an idea of

a hour-hour in a broadcasting station, with the various "artists" before the microphone, gave the audience a large number of the laughs of the evening. The program included songs, an address on Better Breathing, by Dr. Acehead; the usual bed-time story, How Mr. Wolf Got Farmer Chass' Goat; a duet by the Nightingale Sisters, during which the studio was emptied of all occupants. An especially pleasing number was that of Miss Edith Wilson, who played several popular jazz tunes. M. Erickson was the announcer.

A Motoring Sketch

A sketch, Motoring, was made extremely funny by the presence of Arthur Britton, who made a typical little Lord Fautleroy. The motorist was Bert Hills, who was having no little trouble with his car, an old-time Ford. Others taking part were Mrs. F. Barrington, Misses Eileen Hills, Doris and Pat Lampen and Messrs. Tom Butler and Ronald Faulkner. Fred Barrington starred in A House to Let, a humorous sketch, in which Mrs. Hayden, Miss Kathleen Hills and Monty Britton also took part, and a short cameo, A Favour, by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barrington, was outstanding. Another cameo, Yes, in which Kathleen Hills and Arthur Britton were the principals, was good, and equally as popular was a cameo, the Braver Sex, by Mrs. F. Barrington and Harry Faulkner. Two other sketches, Oh Law, and Shopping, were also two of the hits of the evening. The revue opened with an overture by the orchestra, followed by the opening chorus, Bohemia, by the company, in pretty costumes, and concluded with a fantastic finale, Carnival, in which Harry Faulkner, baritone, was the soloist. The members of the company then appeared with bright-colored paper caps, balloons and streamers, presenting a gay scene, and Cupid (Tom Butler), who appeared in a ridiculously funny costume, was the King of the Carnival. The orchestra was comprised of the following: Piano, Arthur Ashton; saxophone, Jack Bisby; violin, Harold Jones; clarinet, Tony Walters, and drums, Bud Whyddon. The play was produced under the direction of Bert Hills, and the costumes were the work of Mrs. George Hills. The girls acting as ushers were Misses Kathleen Skippon, Margaret Moore, Betty Hickenbottom, Alice Franks, Joan Swingler and Frances Smith. The revue will be repeated this evening.



Fr. S. Gordon Graham
1928-1930

Fr. Graham, Fr. Montizambert (St. John's), Fr. Greene (St. Stephen's)

It is of interest to note that in the early days of the parish all social functions had to be held in the church, simply because there was no other place where they could be held, for at that time they did not have a church hall. However, when Father Graham became the Rector in 1928, he preferred not to use the Church for social activities and offered instead the use of the Rectory. Being a bachelor, he was able to use the upper floor as his living quarters leaving the ground floor rooms for parish events. There was a little resistance to the idea at first but as time went on its use became a valuable asset. Varied social activities took place within its walls: parish dinners, and concerts, whist drives and meetings, and all these contributed substantially in providing fellowship amongst the members of the parish as well as providing much needed money for the Church. The parish at this period was noted for its thriving Concert Party and in addition to giving concerts in the Rectory, they also performed at the old Lyceum Theatre in Port Arthur.

By 1930 the chairs in the church had been replaced by pews, donated by church organizations and by individual parishioners. They are those still in the church, built by Horace Potter, a layman at St. Stephen's. A new furnace was also installed, donated by the Rector, Fr. Graham, to replace the old camp stove used since the church was built. Access to the furnace was through a trap door in the Vestry and a small tunnel - so small that only crawling was possible. Roger Page decided to dig and reinforce a trench large enough to be walked through. Mr. and Mrs. Biddulph made a gift of the organ. The parish boundaries were re-drawn to include St. George's, St. Stephen's and St. Michael's. Father Graham moved in what Fr. Hill had hesitated to call "High Church" tradition, primarily by having the Communion Service as the main Parish Service on Sundays.

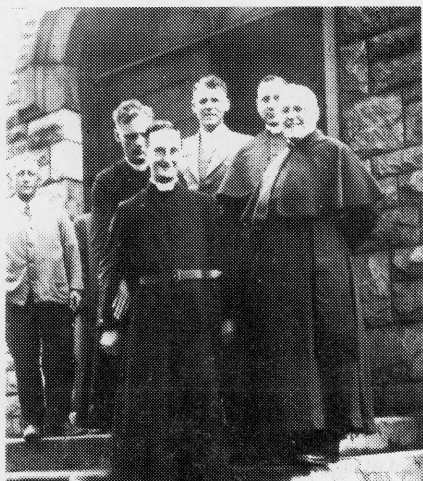
D. PARISH OF ST. GEORGE, ST. MICHAEL AND ST. STEPHEN 1930-37



Fr. Lee I. Greene
1930-1937

The incumbancy of Fr. L.I. Greene (1930-1937) was probably the busiest and most active time in the history of St. George's, both spiritually and in terms of physical growth. The Sunday School roll increased to 115 under Russell Swingler as Superintendent and Mary Booth as assistant. A committee was formed in 1932 to study the possibility of building a basement to a new church at an approximate cost of \$7000. It was decided that no work could be started until four-fifths of the money had been raised. Plans for the possible new church were also drawn up at this time. The plans cost \$282.00. Consideration was given to the purchase of two lots adjoining the church property. In one week the parish raised \$600 to cover a fund-raising trip to England for Fr. Greene. Unfortunately because of the poor economic situation everywhere at that time, Fr. Greene returned after three months very disappointed. Eventually, however, a cash donation of \$2000 was received from the Massey Foundation Fund.

Services were held every day except Saturday. In the winter servers John and Peter Dunnill, and Les Siddall had to wear their mitts. It was so cold that the water in the cruets would freeze. Church groups were active, among them a fine choir, the Women's Guild, the Junior W.A., and a church hockey team. The AYPAs had some 40 members and several excellent concert parties were held. The AYPAs meetings were held in the Rectory and the group often combined with other churches for various events. Activities included dances, hockey games, box lunches, scavenger hunts, corn and weiner roasts, toboggan parties. Travel was by foot or by streetcar. Many of these young people joined the Army, Navy and Air Force and several made the supreme sacrifice. 1933 was a peak year at St. George's. The Rt. Rev. R. Rocksborough Smith (Lord Bishop of Algoma) came that year for the confirmation service and the small church was crowded beyond capacity. There were between 250 and 300 people present. They were jammed into every conceivable space, as the Bishop confirmed 22 candidates. A highlight in 1933 was a weeklong Lenten mission conducted by Fr. Serson S.S.J.E. Good Friday services alternated between St. George's and St. Stephen's and the parishioners walked to the other church, including 80-year old Mrs. Holt, a faithful member of St. George's.



DIOCESAN SYNOD 1934

Fr. Serson, Roger Page, Fr. Greene
Fr. Clarke, Fr. Wood

Churches of S. George and S. Stephen

Rev. Fr. L. I. Greene, Rector

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Oxford Movement Centenary Services

ST. GEORGE

Corner McIntyre and Algoma

8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11:00 a.m. — Sung Eucharist
and Sermon.

ST. STEPHEN

Gresley Park.

9:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

7:30 p.m.—Sung Evensong and
Sermon.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

7:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10:30 a.m.—Sung Eucharist.

9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

ANNIVERSARY - OXFORD MOVEMENT

Churches of S. George and S. Stephen

Rev. Fr. L. I. Greene, Rector

Rev. Fr. C. Clarke, Priest-in-Charge

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

A WEEK'S MISSION

By Rev. Father Serson, S.S. J.E.

S. GEORGE

Cor. McIntyre and Algoma Sts.

8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11:00 a.m.—Sung Eucharist and Sermon by the Missioner.

2:30 p.m.—Sunday School. Address by Fr. Serson.

7:30 p.m.—Sung Evensong and Sermon by the Missioner.

S. STEPHENS, Gresley Park

11:00 a.m.—Sung Eucharist and Sermon.

WEEK DAY SERVICES

HOLY COMMUNION every morning of the week at 7:45 and
9:30 a.m.

EVENING MISSION—Every evening of the week, except Sat-
urday, at 8:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE—Every afternoon of the week, except
Saturday, at 4:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S EUCHARIST—Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

WOMEN'S SERVICE—Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

PARISH MISSION

ST. GEORGE'S HOCKEY TEAM

Hockey Champions Feted at Banquet

St George's hockey team, 1933 champions of the city Church League, were feted last evening at a hockey banquet given in their honor by Mrs. Fred Barrington, the team "mother", in the rectory of St. George's Anglican Church, McIntyre Street. The dining room was tastefully decorated in a color scheme of red and white, the team's colors, and the long table was arranged with bowls of roses and artistic favors which marked cover. Rev. Father L.I. Green, rector of St. George's, acted as chairman for the after-dinner program, calling upon Alex Sim, captain of the team; Reg Guy, coach; Arthur Britton, manager, and the various players, for short addresses in keeping with the occasion. Rev. Father C. Clarke, of White River, also spoke. The ladies assisting with arrangements for the banquet, and waiting on table, included Mrs. G. Hills, Mrs. Barrington, Mrs. J. Cutts, Mrs. A. Sim, Mrs. O. Swingler, Mrs. J. Kerr and the Misses C. Coulter, Joan Swingler and Betty Hickinbottom. Those present at the banquet were Messrs. Rev. Father L.I. Green, Rev. Father C. Clarke, A. Sim, A. Britton, D. Barrington, B. Clarke, R. Holmes, M. Hawkins, B. Hickinbottom, M. Britton, F. Barrington, B. Devine, B. Barrington, B. Britton, G. Hills, B. Tebbenham, J. Cutts, Reg Guy, F. Bruce, C. Holmes, N. Franks, J. Barrington and B. Davey.



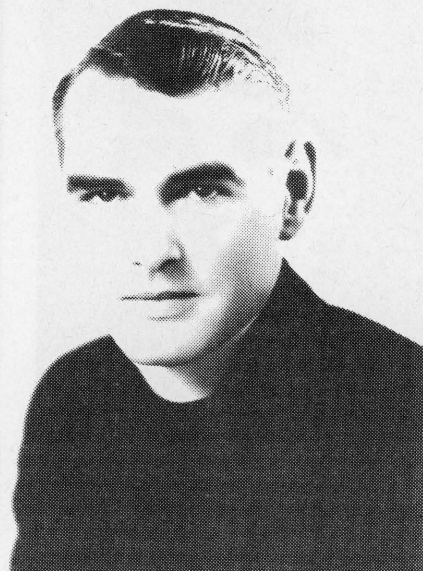
Maurice (Mossie) Hawkins
1932

July 14, 1933 marked the centenary of the Oxford movement in England and special services were held, significant to St. George's because of the influence of the Movement on the Parish at that time beginning with Fr. Graham. Later under Fr. Greene that tradition was further taught, developed and accepted as, for example, parishioners began to practise patterns of worship such as genuflecting and making the sign of the cross. The Oxford movement had as its aim a revival as well of a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and of aids to worship, such as Eucharistic Vestments, Candles, Altar Servers, Processional Crosses, which had been lost in the Reformation.

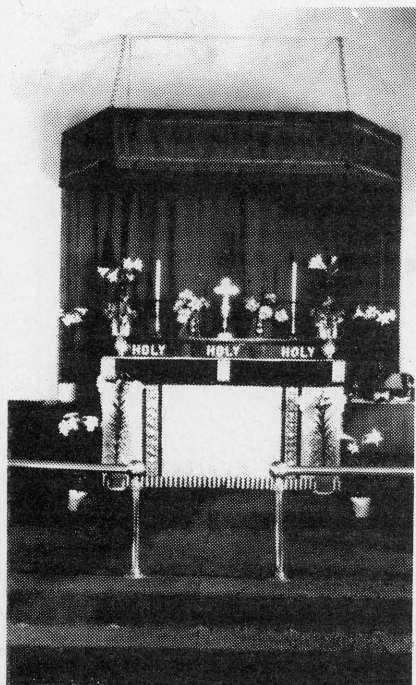
E. PARISH OF ST. GEORGE AND ST. STEPHEN 1937-1954



Father Benjamin Wood
1937-1939



Father Norman Post
1939-1943



The Church in 1942

Annual reports during the years of the Second World War show that the life at St. George's carried on with enthusiasm as reflected in the activities of the various groups in 1941, for example: Women's Guild, Young Women's Guild, Altar Society, Church Council, Choir, Junior Missionary Guild, Little Helpers, Sidesmen, Sunday School Teachers. The Young People's Club (AYPA) (Combined with St. Stephen's) enjoyed marvellous fellowship in debates, parties, treasure hunts. To raise church funds, Fr. Post and Gwen Spencer directed a play, held at St. John's to a packed house, in which the actors were Lily (Stokes) Peterson, Margorie Cutts, Art and Monty Britton from St. George's and Bill Jacobs, Reg Holmes, Marguerite Henry (Stafford) from St. Stephen's.

Mr. Harry Height was a lay reader. Many parishioners were in the Armed Forces during the war and the first two soldiers killed in action from Port Arthur were George Hills and Jimmy Maw from St. George's. Babe Swingler, Alison Jack Funk and Herbert Page were later killed in action.



GEORGE S. HILLS



Bernard (Babe) Swingler



**Fr. Thomas Cann
1943-49**

Fr. Thomas Cann (1943-49) was the first married priest at St. George's since 1928. During his incumbancy, building activities were resumed. The basement was built in 1945. The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament was instituted, and when the new sanctuary was built in 1944 by the men of the congregation under E. Deakin (it was set farther back in the church), they donated the altar we now have. An electric organ was purchased at the same time. The five stained glass windows were given as memorials.



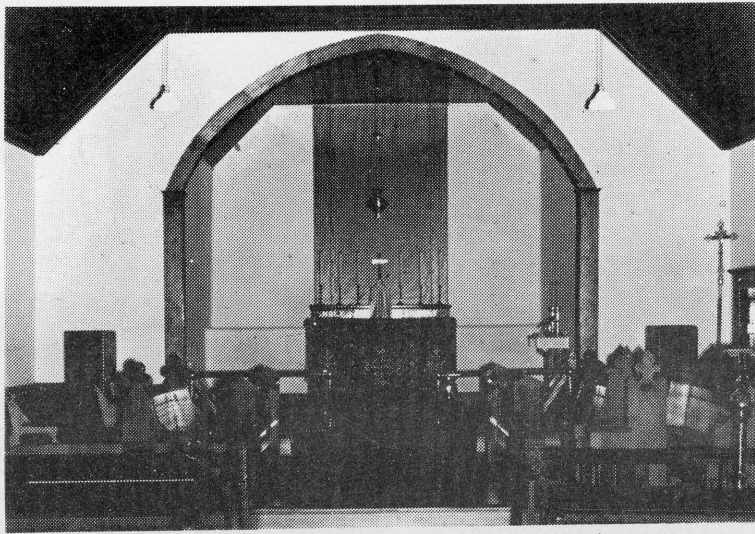
Church with the basement
1945

Picture Wins News-Chronicle Trophy



Titled "Silent Night" as befitting the present season and posed by A. Simmons, member of the choir of St. George's Anglican Church, son of A. Simmons, 270 North Cumberland Street, this picture won the News-Chronicle Trophy as the most popular on exhibition at the Northwestern Ontario Camera Club's show last week. It was taken and prepared for exhibition by Lloyd Small.

Organizations in this period include the Girls and Junior Auxiliaries. The choir had as a member A. Simmons, whose picture shown in the News Chronicle in 1947 won the News Chronicle trophy as the most popular on exhibition at the Northwestern Ontario Camera Club's Show. It was titled "Silent Night" and was taken and prepared for exhibition by Lloyd Small.



Sanctuary 1944



New Sanctuary 1944
(photograph taken in 1950)

F. PARISH OF ST. GEORGE 1954 to the present



Canon Stephen Turner
1949-59

3 The News-Chronicle, Friday, January 30, 1953

Officers Elected By Vestry Of St. George's Church

Ted Martell was elected rector's warden at the annual vestry meeting of St. George's Anglican Church held recently in the church hall.

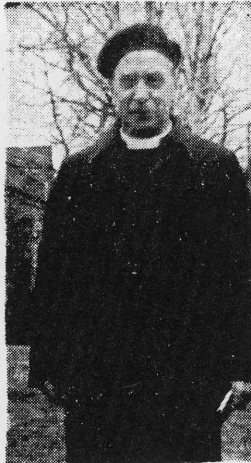
Other officers elected: people's warden, Ernie Goodman; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Isaacs; vestry clerk, L. A. Spencer; sidesmen, D. Rowthorn, D. Murphy, J. Loewen, C. Timms, D. Franks, W. Vance, R. Page, W. Faithful, J. Dunnill, Peter Dunnill, David Dunnill, Gerry Siddall, J. Whatley and J. Westerback.

Church attendance and offerings during 1952 were reported to be the biggest in the history of the parish. The rector, Rev. Stephen Turner reviewed the progress of the parish from 1949 when he came to Port Arthur until the present. He recalled improvements made in both rectory and church and the steady growth of the congregation.

Since Jan. 1, St. George's has been separated from St. Stephen's and has accepted the considerably increased financial responsibility involved in becoming a self-supporting parish.

R. Page reported that as a result of the every-member canvass conducted last fall the prospective income for 1953 had been increased by \$800, more than enough to cover additional income necessary on becoming a self-supporting parish.

The rector expressed his appreciation to all organizations and individuals who had helped to enrich the life of the church. The war-



REV. STEPHEN TURNER

dens thanked Mr. Turner, on behalf of the congregation, for his "faithful and inspiring" service as their spiritual leader.

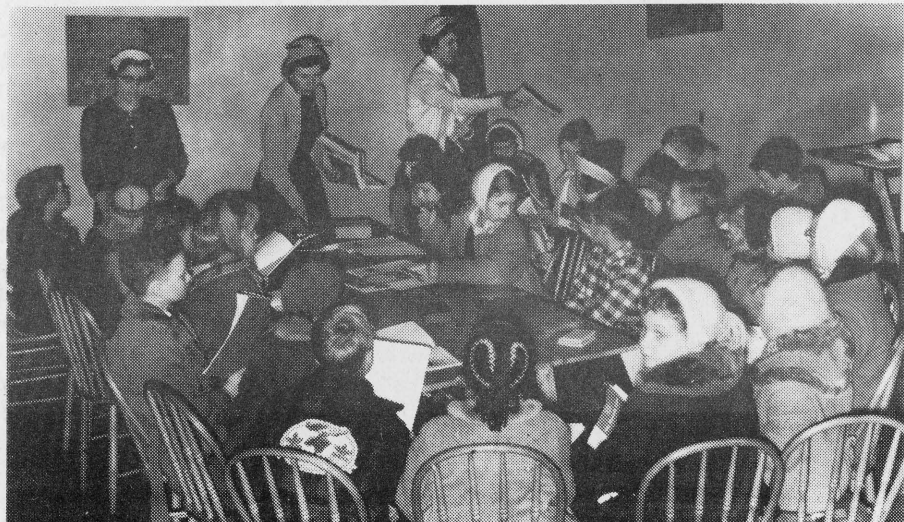
Delegates appointed to the Synod of the Diocese of Algoma to be held at Sault Ste. Marie in June were Ted Martell, Ernie Goodman and R. Page, substitute.

While Canon S. Turner was priest (1949-59), the activity continued. St. George's became an independent Parish in 1954. There was a period of fund-raising and in 1957 the Wells Fund-Raising Co. was engaged. This was a professional company that specialized in church campaigns. The parish was canvassed and gave an extra \$3000 for the Diocesan Archbishop Wright Church Extension Fund. Parishioners who worked on the campaign were Roger Page, Jim Whatley, Harold and Bill Brayshaw, John, Peter, David and Pat Dunnill, Peter Stirling. Improvements were also made to the rectory and the church hall, where the kitchen was completely renovated. The Men's Club was formed, with an enthusiastic membership of about 25. They put in much voluntary labour on these projects and also enjoyed many outings at the Stirling family's summer camp at Wild Goose. The Choir and the Sunday School were active.



CHOIR

Left Side - Arthur Barrett, David Dunnill, Mrs. Swingler, Mrs. Page, Mavis Franks, Elaine Spencer
 Organist - Mr. L.A. Spencer
 Right Side - Marlene Faithfull, Joan Bridger, Canon Turner, Kathleen Spencer, Joan Page,
 Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Thornes, Mrs. Dyer



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mrs. Hazel Page, Mavis Franks, Joan Page
 with their class



CONFIRMATION

Joyce Gill, Elizabeth Sim, Philip Spencer



SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION VAN

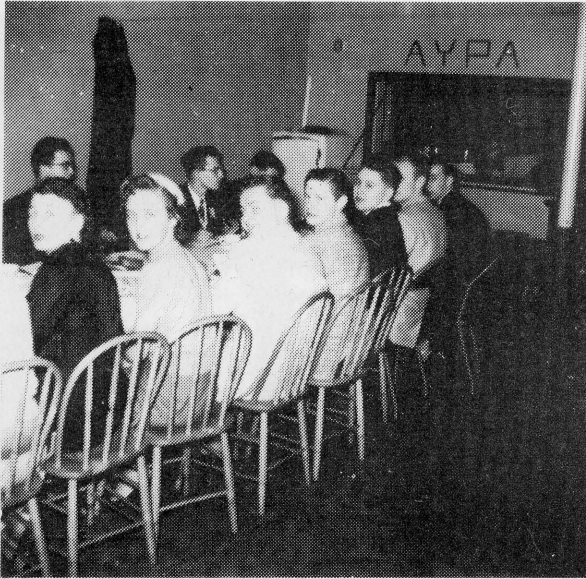
Joan Page with children at Vacation School, Stoney Beach, Manitoba.

Joan worked one summer for Miss Hazell who had directed the Mission Work for many years.

AYPA DEANERY CONFERENCE



Jim Northan (St. Paul's), R. Stackhouse (Hamilton), Joan Page, Reg Swain (Hamilton), Brian Christie (St. John's)



St. George's hosts the
AYPA Conference

From left - Marian Bachinski (second),
David Sim (fourth)

Joan Page attended an AYPAs Conference in St. Catharine's and then St. George's hosted a Thunder Bay Deanery Conference.

The Women's Guild had been an active and vital organization since 1925. The following is a list of some of the longtime members:

Mrs. Hilda Henderson
Mrs. Eva Swingler
Mrs. Betty Hayes
Mrs. Margaret Sim
Miss Nellie Mitchell
Mrs. Zelma Rissanen
Mrs. Elizabeth Siddall
Mrs. Gladys Davey
Mrs. Mary Hickinbottom
Mrs. Lily Peterson
Mrs. Eva Vance
Mrs. C. Johnson
Mrs. Mae Reid

Mrs. Elsie Rowthorne
Mrs. Eleanor Dyer
Mrs. Hazel Page
Mrs. Florrie Sim
Mrs. Elizabeth Mosher
Mrs. Georgina Cutts
Mrs. M.G. Britton
Mrs. Elsie Gilham
Mrs. Lily Martell
Mrs. Eileen Banton
Mrs. Mae Guarasci
Mrs. Jennie Jordan

Mrs. Carol Godick
Mrs. Lottie O'Connor
Mrs. Marie Isaacs
Mrs. Hills
Mrs. York
Mrs. Walker
Mrs. Reid (Sr.)
Mrs. Edwards
Mrs. Coulter
Mrs. Florrie Sim
Mrs. R. Ketteridge
Mrs. Slobodian

In the early years, the Guild had many novel ways of raising money to contribute to church support. Harvest suppers were held in the Rectory (up to 240 served with 36 seated at a time). The meal was cooked in the basement on a wood stove, the younger ones carrying the food upstairs. Christmas and Easter teas and Garden Parties were held. One of the schemes was a small apron with a pocket in which the people paid a penny for each inch of their waist - and we wonder how many cheated! In Lent talent money was raised with the sale of homemade bread and buns. Mrs. Henderson spent many hours baking to fill orders for fruit cakes. For many years she provided the traditional simnel cake for Mothering Sunday for the congregation. Mrs. Joan Dolphin provided the cake on one occasion recently. Towards Christmas members gathered at the Church to make mincemeat and plum puddings. Catering for small dinners was another activity. Mrs. Eva Swingler served as a very

capable treasurer for forty years. The Guild purchased the pulpit and choir pews. Again in the early years there was an active Young Women's Guild whose members gradually moved into the Women's Guild. Some of them were Betty Hayes, Gladys Davey, Joan Turner, Margaret Sim, Gladys Smith, Hazel Page, Marg Franks, Charlotte and Bonnie Coulter, Lily Peterson, Marjorie Flynn, Mona Bell, Florrie Sim, Florrie Walker, Kit Britton, Hilda Borden, Betty Bishop, Kay Stirling.

The Women's Auxiliary was inaugurated early in 1950. Canon Turner called a meeting of interested women and set about forming again a Women's Auxiliary who would work for the good of the Church along with the Women's Guild, and extend this work into the Mission Field. Two of the charter members of the early W.A., Mrs. Doris Adams and Mrs. Edna Goodman, are still members of the 1986 A.C.W.

In 1967 the name was changed across Canada to Anglican Church Women and every church woman is now considered to be a member.

In the early years, the group held teas and bazaars but also encouraged interest and fellowship with square dances, Ranch-burger sales, discing.

Funds raised have been and still are used for financial assistance to the Parish, the World Day of Prayer, St. Hilda's Girls' School in India, Mission to Seamen, and Church Camp (Camp Gitchigomee). Other projects have included Parish and Hospital Visitation, Telecare, bales to the far north, and gifts to the shut-ins.

A diocesan meeting is held annually, and three members from St. George's are members of the 1986 Diocesan Board: Mrs. Jean Brayshaw, president; Mrs. Edna Goodman, vice-president; and Mrs. Ingrid Koropeski, recording secretary.

Mrs. Millie Rimer was the first president and others have been Hazel Gill, Edna Goodman, Nellie Love, Doris Adams, Helen Loewen, Florence Travolo, Frances Burns, Ingrid Koropeski, Cindy Kase, Florence Dennis, Pat Peacock, Jean Brayshaw, and Anne Bachinski.



SPRING TEA AT ST. GEORGE'S

Members of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament of St. George's Anglican Church were

hostesses at a successful spring tea Wednesday afternoon in the church hall. Pictured in the above

photo, from left to right, are: Mrs. J.C. Jacobs, who poured tea, Mrs. C.W. Swingler, Mrs.

W. Vance and Mrs. Roger Page, other assistants, and Mrs. M. Douglas, who also poured tea.

— Staff Photo

The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament

The St. George's Confraternity, dedicated to the honouring of the Sacrament of Holy Communion as a means of grace in church life, was instituted in 1945 by Father Cann. After a period of non-activity it was revived by Father Lyon. Active early members were Mrs. Cutts, Mrs. Siddall, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Martell, Mr. & Mrs. Stirling, Mr. & Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Swingler, Mrs. Davey, Mary Booth, Nellie Mitchell, Mrs. Betty Hayes, Mrs. Spencer.

The Altar Society. There has always been a faithful group of women and girls responsible for the altar. Early duties included cleaning the Sanctuary, scrubbing the floor, washing Communion vessels in the Rectory before there was water in the Church, ironing the albs and surplices before the days of perma-press, and requesting flowers. Members recall seeing a particularly lovely flower garden in the area and asking the owners, often strangers, to donate flowers for the Altar. Funds were raised by dues and teas, and the Society paid for all altar supplies. They also provided vestments. Early and later long-time members included Mrs. Swingler, Mrs. Gwen Spencer, Mrs. Rowthorn, Mrs. Georgina Cutts, Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Siddall, Mrs. Eleanor Dyer, Mrs. Lily Martell, Mrs. Katherine Booth, Mrs. Dode Dunnill, Mrs. C.D. Howe, Mrs. Isaacs, Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Gladys Davey, Mrs. Connie Pepler, Mrs. Margaret Sim, Mrs. Evan Vance, Miss Mary Booth, Mrs. Hazel Page, Mrs. Kay Stirling, Mrs. Pat Briden, Mrs. Elaine Hawkins, and Mrs. Ingrid Koropeski.

Recently Mrs. Ann Griffith has been adding a lovely and personal touch to the church with her seasonal flower and banner arrangements in the chancel.

During Canon Turner's incumbancy and with his encouragement and guidance, Michael Dunnill commenced studies for the priesthood. Most sadly, Canon Turner died on the train returning from the General Synod, in September, 1959, less than three weeks before Fr. Dunnill was ordained a deacon. Many years later Fr. Dunnill was back at St. George's as honorary assistant and celebrated in 1985, the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.



L. to R. - E.R. Haddon, J. Hinchliffe, R. Inshaw, N. Thornton SSJE, E.B. Patterson, Archbishop Wright, R. Lumley, A. Reimers, M. Dunnill, H. Vallis, A.J. Thomson

As the newspaper account of the service of Deacons stated "the late Canon Stephen Turner was proud to have one of his young men studying for the Sacred Ministry and . . . had looked forward to Tuesday's service with great anticipation."



**Fr. James Turner
1959-1972**

Canon Turner was succeeded by Fr. J. Turner (1959-72). The Men's Club changed its name to The Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen (BAC), but was later discontinued. In 1962 new choir pews were installed and the hall floor was tiled. A new pulpit was donated as a memorial. In 1963 Fred Godfrey was licensed as a lay reader. In 1969 Fr. John Jordan was appointed as Honorary Assistant in the parish. In 1971 a dinner was held to celebrate St. George's 60th Anniversary, and a historical brochure was drawn up and published. The church hall was carpeted.

During this period, longtime organist Lancelot A. Spencer retired. "Spenny" had held this post for 40 years until his retirement in 1964. His wife and family were vitally involved in the life of the parish, through participation in the Choir, Sunday School, Servers and the C.B.S. It was a distinct loss to St. George's when Mr. and Mrs. Spencer left the district in retirement. But for many years the church was blessed in having a faithful group of Choristers both junior and senior and this was the result of the long tenure of Mr. Spencer's leadership.

During Fr. Turner's incumbancy, Sandra Duffield (Fenton) spent two summers, in British Honduras and then Guyana, as representative from the Diocese of Algoma. It was an exchange programme and the young Canadians were hosted by Anglicans. They came to understand well the life and conditions in these areas as, under the auspices of the church, they worked with the host young people and townspeople to provide playground and other programmes and to build a community centre in an interior town in Guyana. Sandra brought back from British Honduras the sand dollar which now hangs on the Little Helpers plaque in the nave.



INDUCTION - FR. JAMES TURNER

Back Row - E. Patterson, M. Saubrai, R. Inshaw, A.J. Thomson, J. Jordan
Front Row - E.R. Haddon, J. Turner, Ven. J. Hinchliffe



MR. L.A. SPENCER - RETIREMENT

WOMEN'S GUILD



The Parish Hall of St. George's Anglican Church hummed with activity Wednesday afternoon when members of the Women's Guild entertained at their annual Christmas tea and bazaar. Among those taking part were Left, Mrs. James Turner, and Mrs. J. Henderson, while seated is Mrs. E. Dyer, with Mrs. C. Swingler, Guild treasurer and tea convenor, standing right.

GUILD HOLDS YULE BAZAAR

An event of Wednesday afternoon was the annual Christmas tea and bazaar held in the church hall by members of St. George's Anglican Church Women's Guild.

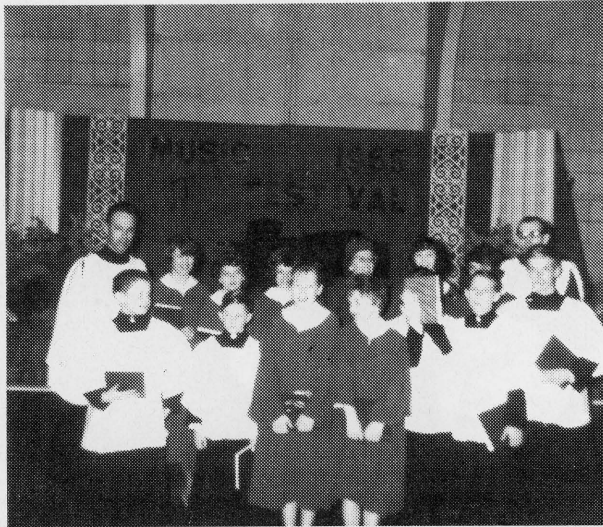
Many guests called during the afternoon and receiving were Mrs. James Turner, wife of the rector, and Mrs. J. Henderson, Guild president.

Mrs. E. Martell and Mrs. J.W. Swingler were tea room hostesses, and pouring tea were Mrs. E. Dyer, Mrs. C. Swingler, Mrs. W. Alexander, Mrs. F. Godfrey and Mrs. B. Gibbon. Serving were Mrs. R. Godick, Mrs. B. Martinsen, Mrs. G. Peterson and Mrs. G. Sim.

The sewing table was in charge of Mrs. E. Vance while Mrs. George Hayes was in charge of the sale of Christmas cakes, puddings and mincemeat. Working at the delicatessen and well stocked bake table were Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. L. Rissanen and Mrs. A. Sim.

Kitchen arrangements were taken care of by Mrs. J. Cutts and Mrs. B. Davy, while Mrs. C. Isaacs took tickets at the door.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR
Winners at the 1965 Music Festival



Back: Rene Charriere, Sheiliagh (Hawkins) Warren,
Margaret Johnson, Elaine Hawkins, Ellen Travolo,
Doug Dahlgren.
Front: Geoff Turner, Seann Hawkins, Susan Robinson,
Gail Robinson, Hugh McLennan

CONFIRMATION
Sheiliagh Hawkins (Warren)
Mrs. Hawkins,
Mrs. Mary Hickinbottom



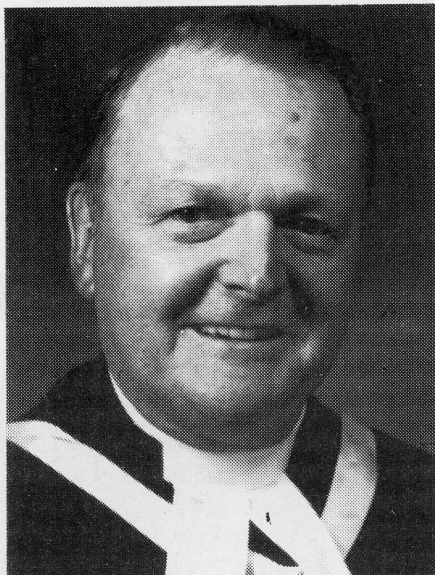
CONFIRMATION



Left to right: John MacRae, Gayle Robinson, Seann Hawkins, Fred Godfrey, Archbishop Wright, Fr. Turner, Clarke, Allan Davey, Mrs. Janet Morgan, Geoff Turner



Front: Diane (Rissanen) Parker, Susan (Hawkins) Verrill, Marie Wilson, Mary Siddall, Ellen McLellan
Middle: Robert Forslund, Ken Forslund, David Jarroway, Dennis Martell, Stephen Hawkins, Fr. Turner, Mrs. Pat Briden
Back: Archbishop Wright



**Fr. John Jordan
1969-1985**

Fr. Jordan (1972-81) had been assisting Fr. Turner since 1969 and succeeded him as priest-in-charge of the parish in 1972, continuing in that capacity when Capt. Earl Burke arrived in 1973. He was sole priest-in-charge again between the incumbencies of Fr. Lyon and Fr. Ostler in 1984-85. Fr. Jordan has outlined his memories of St. George's.

"Just before Easter, 1969, Archbishop Wright contacted me, and asked if I would undertake duties immediately as Assistant Priest to the Reverend James Turner at the Church of St. George the Martyr, Thunder Bay, since Father Turner had been undergoing treatment for a throat and voice problem. The Archbishop stated that he would license me immediately, and formally induct me on his next visit to the city. Thus began twelve very happy and fruitful years for me and my family in St. George's as our spiritual home.

Two and a half years later, in the Fall of 1971, Fr. Turner was appointed as rector of the Parish of West Thunder Bay, effective January 1, 1972.

When it became apparent that a permanent rector could not be found in the immediate future, the wardens and chairmen of the Concurrence Committee approached me, to attend a meeting with them to discuss the future of St. George's.

The ultimate agreement was that I would accept the appointment as rector of St. George's, effective January the First, 1972, and we would work together until June of that year, and then re-assess the leadership of the parish.

In late May and early June, several Parish Council meetings were held to assess our progress in the year to that time. In early June, we came to the agreement that we should approach the Archbishop, and seek his approval of the appointment of a senior Church Army Captain, who could move into the rectory, look after the pastoral and teaching ministries, and share the Sunday preaching duties. The Archbishop agreed with this proposal, and after much discussion and prayerful consideration, Captain Burke, then Senior Training Officer at Training Headquarters in Toronto, agreed to come to us at St. George's to share a Team Ministry with me, to work together and build as the Lord guided us. Thus began what was, for me, one of

the most exciting and rewarding experiences of my life; to work with Earl Burke, Lay Reader Fred Godfrey, and the parish family of St. George's in strengthening and extending Christ's Kingdom in our part of Thunder Bay.

The congregation grew and flourished. The Sunday School blossomed and a youth group was formed. On one most memorable Christmas Day, we visited Mrs. Ellen Dodd who had suffered a stroke and lost her power of speech ten years previously. A healing miracle had been granted to Mrs. Dodd the evening before, and her speech was restored. For the first time, in our presence, she was able to join us in the beloved words of our Liturgy. Some time later, and for a couple of years before her death, she was able to return to Sunday worship in church, and in a strong voice, before the whole congregation, she spoke to those present. Her first words in the church were 'Thank God for giving me back my speech, and thanks to all of you for never stopping your prayers for me.' It was a very dramatic and moving occasion, and demonstration of the love Our Heavenly Father has for His children.

During the time of our team ministry, our sons, John, David, Paul and Peter were all prepared and presented for Confirmation in St. George's. Our daughter Elizabeth (Beth) was married at the chancel steps. In 1980, it was my great joy to baptize our first grandson, Stephen Fisher in the font at St. George's. It was also in St. George's Church that I joined with so many of the founders and pioneers of the parish in committing the souls of loved ones to the Eternal Care of our Heavenly Father. The mortal bodies of both my parents rested at the chancel steps as I was privileged to celebrate the Requiem Eucharist amid loving members of our parish family. Captain Burke preached the sermon on both occasions, and the Services were very memorable occasions of thanksgiving for lives well lived, and for the Victory over death of Our Saviour Christ. I shall never forget a remark made to me following my father's funeral rites. 'I have been to sadder weddings!' Although my father was ill for some years, he did worship in St. George's as long as his frail body allowed. The last several years of my mother's life were enriched, blessed and made happier by her association with the ladies of the Parish Guild. She treasured her participation in the prayer chain, and was given a very real sense of worth through that contribution.

On one occasion, my mother confided in me that she had felt led to prayer that Captain Burke would hear and answer God's call to the Ordained Ministry. A very short time later, Captain Burke confided in me that he had approached the Bishop, after long and hard prayer and meditation and had discussed the possibility of Ordination. Captain Earl Burke was ordained Deacon in St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, in May, 1980. Many of the parishioners of St. George's journeyed to the Sault to attend the Ordination. In February of 1981, in St. John's Church, Thunder Bay, before a packed congregation, including virtually every member of St. George's, the Reverend Earl Burke was raised to the Priesthood in the Church of God. On the following Sunday, in St. George's Church, Father Burke celebrated the Holy Eucharist for the first time, and again, virtually every member of the congregation was present on that occasion to partake of the Body and Blood of Christ at his hands, and to receive his first priestly Blessing.

It was a blow to us all a few short weeks later, when we learned that Father Burke was being moved to Christ Church at St. Peter's, Sault Ste. Marie, effective in early June. I was also advised by the Bishop that he would ask me to 'hold fort' again at St. George's until the arrival of a new rector.

The Reverend Duncan Lyon was inducted as Rector of St. George's in Septem-

ber of 1981, and I was able to assist him in Sunday Services until December of that year. At that time, the Bishop asked me to move to St. Stephen's Church in Current River, to assist Canon T.F. Moore until his retirement at the end of May, 1982. On my final Sunday at St. George's, the members of the parish honoured me at an enlarged, sit-down coffee hour, and presented me with an inter-linear Bible, and a most generous purse of money, with which an engraved priest's neck-cross was purchased, and is worn by me at all services.

An account of my ministry at St. George's would be incomplete without reference to the loyal and devoted support and help of my dear wife, Phyllis. Not only did she continue in her faithful service to me and our children, but she also was our faithful and talented Church Organist from Christmas, 1970 to May, 1982.

In conclusion, I would like to make thankful reference to one of the highlights of my Ministry. On December 16th, 1978, I celebrated the 25th anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. On Sunday, December 17th, at our regular 9:30 Eucharist, a Service of Thanksgiving was held, and the congregation had invited the Bishop and Mrs. Nock to be with us and the Bishop preached for the Anniversary Service. I was told that the Vestry had arranged a small get-together at the Red Oak Inn at six-thirty that evening, with the Bishop, and we would have dinner together. I was overwhelmed, on our arrival, to find a large banquet hall filled with approximately two hundred parishioners and friends of mine from all walks of life. At the conclusion of the evening, I was presented with a gold watch which I have worn daily ever since. It is a constant reminder to me of the love and affection of the parish family and the deep and abiding sense of fellowship and kinship I will always treasure. I pray that for generations to come, St. George's may continue to be a beacon of Faith in our city and diocese."

FR. JORDAN - TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



Back Row - David, John, Paul
Front Row - Fr. Jordan, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Jordan Sr., Peter



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Insh

Fr. Jordan receives spoon for “Stir Up” Sunday

Father Jordan has just received a wooden spoon for use on “Stir Up” Sunday! Roger Page, who was M.C. for the evening, looks on with approval.



Fr. Earl Burke
1973-1981

Fr. Burke came to St. George's as Capt. Burke of the Church Army and continued in that office until his ordination to the diaconate in 1980. He describes his call to the priesthood among his other memories of his years at St. George's.

"When we arrived in October 1973, we found that previous clergy had left their mark - a faithful nucleus of people who were devoted to Christ and His Church. There was a deep understanding of worship, especially the importance and centrality of the Lord's Supper. We sensed there had been much prayer sent up to God on behalf of the parish. Although I didn't know much about St. George's or Thunder Bay, God assured me that this was the place I was to serve Him. Over the next 7½ years I witnessed the Body of Christ being raised up in the parish. It was a privilege to see God working in the lives of the people and seeing them in turn begin to reach out to others.

During the early months, God led me to pray a prayer which continued to be my prayer for the parish throughout my time at St. George's. It was that Christ by His Spirit would take the people of the parish and mould them into His Body - a team of people throbbing together as one body showing forth Christ to the world around them. Three areas we concentrated on over these 7½ years were *Team ministry*, *Bible teaching*, and *lay training*. I enjoyed working with the Rev. John Jordan, Canon Alvin Thomson, Fred Godfrey, our lay-reader, and later Rev. Michael Dunnill (who was baptized, confirmed and ordained in St. George's parish), as well as many of the lay people. There was a great sense of mutual support.

Bible teaching was emphasized. This took place from the pulpit, through several Bible study groups and the Sunday School program. People were also encouraged to read their Bible daily. It was from these study groups that many leaders developed. Later a lay training course was introduced to train lay people to discover and develop their own ministry. Some attended courses and training experiences outside the parish.

There are many memories from this parish of St. George the Martyr. I was impressed by the spirit and devotion of the Women's Guild, the kindness of the A.C.W.

The coffee hour (established before we came) following Sunday Service was a delightful experience. Here we saw the church family, young and old, enjoying each other - senior citizens sitting in a circle vying for the babies, teens in another corner, people in little clusters here and there and children running to and fro. We remember the faithfulness of the prayer chain, the note of victory at the funerals of faithful parishioners (with the church draped in white and with Easter hymns). Most of all we remember the many parishioners who became our friends.



Fr. Burke, Mrs. Burke with Mary
Michael, Shauna, Krista

There were highlights as well. One was the Lenten mission with Rev. Ron Armstrong from Toronto and its blessing to several parishioners. It was an exciting experience when Mrs. Ellen Dodd regained her speech after 10 years silence as was the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Rev. John Jordan's ordination to the priesthood. Personal highlights were the birth of our two youngest children (Michael and Mary) and my own ordination to the priesthood. I had enjoyed 16 years in the Church Army and through my experience in the parish of St. George's God called me to this next stage in my ministry. (Editor's note: Mrs. Dodd looked forward, as did all the Parish to Fr. Burke's ordination. When he first took Holy Communion to her at Bethammi she was so touched that she cried tears of joy.)

A verse of scripture presented to the congregation at the 1st Vestry as a challenge was - 'Enlarge the place of thy tent . . . lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.' Isaiah 54:2. There was a deepening of faith and unity in the congregation over the 7½ years. However during the last year there was a new stirring. Members of the congregation were becoming involved in ministry beyond the parish of St. George's - involvement in Camp Gitchigomee (the church camp) and in study and ministry groups. An Outreach team and a Fellowship team were formed in the parish to develop these areas of parish life. Several ideas such as a men's club and how to reach non-active families were presented to the Parish Council. New families were moving into the parish and I sensed St. George's was ready to move out. My ministry was drawing to a close - a new leader must come."

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS:

Fr. Jordan mentioned the formation of a youth group during the time of his ministry with Fr. Burke. The group at that time was active within the Parish and also with other Anglican Parishes, notably St. Paul's, St. Luke's and St. Thomas's. For a period of time the group met interdenominationally with Knox and First Baptist, and Youth retreats were held at Avila Centre and Camp Gitchigomee.

The organized youth and children's groups before then were the Girls' Guild (1923-38), the J.W.A. (1916-60) with Florence Travolo as a faithful leader, assisted by Ethel Turner and Mrs. Johnson, the Babies Branch of the W.A. with 22 members in 1917, the Little Helpers, the AYPAs (Anglican Young People's Association) 1925-60. Members of the Girls' Guild still at St. George's are Hazel (Roberts) Page, Betty (Hickinbottom) Hayes, and Lily (Stokes) Peterson.

The Sunday School has been almost continually active and one faithful teacher of 32 years is Miss Mary Booth. Among others providing leadership have been Mr. Merrik, Roy Dack, Major Milne, Russell Swingler, Fred Godfrey, Carol Knox, Marian Page, JoAnn Meakin, Margaret Martin, Bill Drummond, and Roseanne Horrocks with music. And there are the many, many teachers who in dedication to Christ have given hours of time and love to provide this opportunity for St. George's children and young people to grow in the love and nurture of the Lord.

St. George's has long been involved and interested in the Church Camp at Sandstone Lake, Camp Gitchigomee, and since about 1975 has shown especially strong support in work parties and staffing from Fr. Burke, Bill and JoAnn Meakin, Barbara Meakin, Carl and Georgia, Eva and Gordon Daniher, Dr. Terry McQuiston, Bob, Laurie, Angie and Maureen Pretty, Bill, Ida, Christine, John and Carl Drummond, Marian Page, Ed and Marlene McMann, John Sopko, Joanna Griffith, Carol Sawchuk, John, Joy, Susan and Sally Wood, Joe Duggan.

St. George's has for the past number of years been among the three most generous churches in the Deanery in financial support.

Both the Camp workers and Sunday School staffs in the present and the past, and indeed all youth workers, are strongly motivated as they see the spiritual benefits, social growth and sound Christian education in the lives of the children and young people at St. George's and at the camp.

The Sunday School has experienced the joy of giving as they present their annual Christmas gift to the congregation - a pageant, a choral presentation, or Christmas tree ornaments for each parishioner.

CAMP GITCHIGOMEE
ST. GEORGE'S & ST. LUKE'S YOUTH WEEKEND



Right:
Paula Gadowski



Centre:
Robert Page



Smedley Hall
Camp Gitchigomee

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Jamie Pretty, Shauna Burke, Richard Page, Mrs. Laurie Pretty



Fr. Duncan Lyon
1981-1984

During the summer before Fr. Duncan Lyon's arrival in 1981, extensive renovations were made to the Rectory. Among those who contributed many hours of work were George Burns, John Sopko, Cy Timms..

Fr. and Mrs. Lyon and their young son, Matthew, were welcomed at a pancake breakfast typical of those which had in recent years become another distinctive mark in the fellowship at St. George's. The traditional (but not quite yearly) St. George's Day dinner was held on April 23rd. The women of the congregation worked hard to produce an excellent dinner of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. About 200 people attended the two sittings.

The Garden Fete in June was revived after many years. The weather was beautiful and there were many activities and games set up on the Rectory lawn, but the one that caused the greatest excitement was "Dunkin' the Rector".

The lay training courses continued Thursday evenings. A men's group was started, called the Order of the Holy Shroud and St. Andrew with a four-fold purpose of worship, study, business and fellowship. The members to date are Fr. Lyon, George Burns, John Sopko, R. Roger Page, John Barrett, Sam Bachinski, Cy Timms, Ian Hoodless, Don Stewart, Gerry LeSauvage, Paddy Hawkins, Bill Drummond, Bill Meakin, Cecil Priestly, Fr. Michael Dunnill. Two of their interesting projects have been to cater for the Parish Harvest Dinners and Pancake breakfasts. Fr. Lyon revived the almost daily Eucharists. The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament was reactivated and solemn Evensong conducted once a month. In 1983 St. George's participated, but in their own individual way, in the AIM programme designed to encourage study and stewardship for mission outreach in Canada and overseas.

Two new services were held at Christmas and Easter. The Christingle service was a lovely variation of the traditional service of lessons and carols and the Easter Dawn blessing and lighting of the Paschal Candle and sung Eucharist at 6:00 a.m. was beautifully moving.

Fr. Lyon edited the monthly magazine which was appropriately, for St. George's, named "The Defender". The name, chosen among those submitted, was the suggestion of Mary Booth.

Under Fr. Lyon's leadership work has begun on the history book for the 75th Anniversary.

New carpeting was laid in the Church, the pews were refinished, and ceiling fans were installed. A

Bishop's Crook, handmade on an order by St. George's, was presented to Bishop Peterson at his installation in 1983.

In 1984 Fr. Lyon and his family moved to Stouffville when he accepted the position of Chaplain at St. John's Anglican Boys' School in Claremont.



Fr. Lyon, Mrs. Wendy Lyon, Matthew

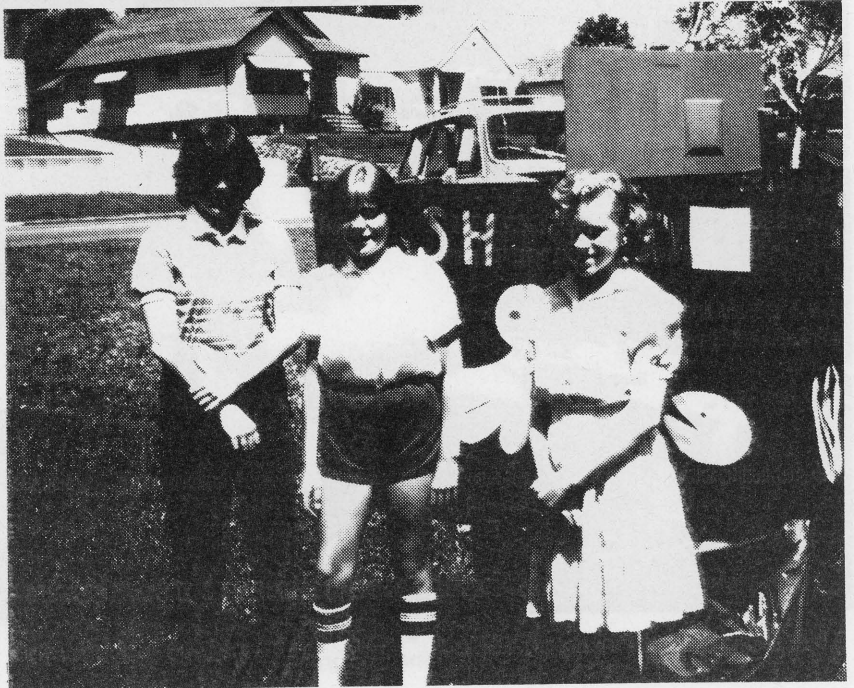
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The parish magazine of St. George's Church, Thunder Bay, has been appropriately named "The Defender." In the February issue a competition was announced for a name and this was won by Mary Booth, whose suggestion was selected from other names entered by a panel of three judges, so Mary won a year's subscription to "The Defender." . . . This year a special committee was formed at St. George's to make arrangements for an appropriate Patronal Festival program for St. George's Day, which was Friday, April 23rd . . . St. George's Parish Council decided that the Easter service at which the Paschal Candle was to be blessed and lighted should be "at the ancient and proper time" which is to say at dawn on Easter Day. Accordingly, the services for Easter Day were: Easter Ceremonies and Eucharist, 6.00 a.m., and Easter Parish Communion, 9.30 a.m. . . . The Reverend Duncan Lyon is Rector of St. George's.

GARDEN PARTY



BARBECUE
Peter Nicholas, Rod Martin



FISH POND
Susan Wright,
Robin Wright,
Tania Dolphin



ACW PIES
Edna Goodman, Anne Bachinski



SECOND-HAND ROSE
Wendy Lyon, Ingrid Koropeski

Fr. John Jordan with Fr. James Turner, Canon Alvin Thomson, and Canon Frank Moore assisting, was in charge from September 1984 to July 1985. St. George's is grateful for the love and devotion of these priests and of Fr. Michael Dunnill, all of whom have been associated with St. George's over a number of years. Fred Godfrey, our faithful and beloved layreader for over 20 years died in October 1984.



Fr. Kenneth Ostler
(1985-)

Father Ostler has given his first impressions of St. George's and an outline of events since his arrival.

"My wife Joanne, son Jonathan, and our Labrador dog Sacha arrived here with me on August 1st, 1985. We were pleasantly surprised and filled with joy by the reception from the Parish and by the barbecue held on the church grounds the day of our arrival. Since then we have found a warm and friendly church community.

My visit first to Laurentian University in Sudbury on September 16, 1985 to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop Robert Runcie, and then to the Muskoka Woods for a Renewal Conference stands out as a memorable occasion this past fall.

Rev. John Jordan, Canon Alvin Thomson, Rev. Michael Dunnill and our church wardens, George Burns and Tim Poulin, have all been very helpful to me both in orientation and in giving me an understanding of our church community here.

Since the summer, the Thursday evening service of Holy Communion and Healing has continued, and since early October the weekly Parish Bible Study has continued after the service. Mrs. Edna Goodman and Mrs. Ingrid Koropeski have been a wonderful help in the monthly service of Holy Eucharist at the Dawson Court Senior Citizens' Residence. A self-support group for bereaved persons directed by Elsa Borg, director of Pastoral care at St. Joseph's Hospital, and co-ordinated by Mrs. Marlene McMann and myself has begun to meet weekly in the Church Hall. Sally Wood has assumed the position of Youth Coordinator between the Parish and Deanery to help plan deanery-wide youth activities. At the annual Vestry meeting in

January 1986, a Liturgical Renewal Study Committee was struck, to be chaired by Mrs. Susan LeSauvage.

The Church was beautifully decorated for Harvest Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was a joy for Joanne and me to take part in the beautiful services and to join with the Sunday School in their delightful Christmas pageant. What a meaningful experience it was to go carolling with the Sunday School teachers to some of our shut-in and hospitalized members. We welcomed in the New Year by celebrating the Holy Eucharist.

In January the Hall was painted and renovated and a sliding door was put in. Among those who helped were John Sopko, Tim Poulin, Cy Timms, George Burns, John Barrett.

On a sad note, we mourned the sudden death of Mrs. Rhoda McLeod. She and her husband Charlie had been long-time friends and neighbours of St. George's. Then we grieved the sudden loss of Mrs. Hilda Henderson, a faithful parishioner who, for many, many years, devotedly served in her church.

This year, 1986, is a milestone in our history and life as a Parish. The 75th Anniversary activities will start with an Anniversary service and luncheon on Sunday, February 16 and will culminate with a dinner on St. George's Day, April 23. We pause to look at the past, but we will consider the future too, and in the words of our Prayer Book collect for the first Sunday after Epiphany, we will "pray and call upon the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we might perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same" as He leads us into our next seventy-five years."



Fr. Ostler, Mrs. Joanne Ostler
Jonathan



Barbecue welcomes new minister

Staff Photo

Rev. Kenneth Ostler, newly-appointed rector of St. George's Anglican Church on McIntyre Street, will

conduct his first service there at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 4. Mr. Ostler and his wife

Joanne were guests of honor at a parish barbecue held Thursday night on the church grounds. They have a

young son. Parishioners brought gifts of canned and packaged goods for a pantry shower in their

honor. Here, George Burns, left, who did the cooking chores, offers the new minister and his wife a hamburger.

A FAREWELL



Ann Bachinski, Sam Bachinski, Edna Goodman, Cecil Priestley, Cecilia Essau (from Malaysia and leaving for Germany to pursue Ph.D. studies), Marian Page

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| | The Rev'd. J. Jordan |
| ASSOCIATE PRIESTS: | Canon A. Thomson |
| | The Rev'd J. Jordan |
| RECTOR'S WARDEN | Mr. George Burns |
| PEOPLE'S WARDEN | Mr. Tim Poulin |
| DEPUTY PEOPLE'S WARDEN | Mrs. Sheiliagh Warren |
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