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St. Paul's Anglican Church

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This History is Dedicated to
The Memory of
the REV. CANON WILLIAM BETTRIDGE
Founder of
the Church of England in Princeton
and to that of
the REV. HENRY BARTLETT
Through whose untiring efforts
the present St. Paul's Church
was built.



ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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FOREWORD

Over 100 years have passed since the first Church of England was built in Princeton, but with this year marking the centenary of the construction of our beloved St. Paul's, we rejoice in giving thanks to God, for the untiring efforts of the many men and women who have served this parish and the whole church, always remaining steadfast in the faith.

Let us not make the mistake of worshipping our forefathers and the building which they have constructed, instead let us remember them with the kindest regard and fondness which they so richly deserve. All praises are God's and God's alone.

St. Paul's is not just an historical building but is as meaningful as the day it was built. It is still the house of God, where Saints and sinners alike are welcomed, so that they may meet Jesus Christ, the righteous, and become enlightened in the faith. It is written in St. Luke, Chapter 22, Verse 27, For whether he is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

In this day of ever increasing changes, one often wonders what will become of the little country church. Will we be taken over by the larger city churches? Will we be able to meet the ever increasing demands that are made upon a small church? We, of course, are unable to answer these questions, but we will continue to serve the community in the same traditions as St. Paul's, Princeton, has been noted for in the past.

May God bestow his blessings upon the present and future generations.

Fred Carson
People's Warden

HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

In this, the centennial year of the construction of the present Anglican Church in Princeton, it is only fitting that we should delve into the history and bring to light what we can of the early beginnings of our beloved St. Paul's. Unfortunately, for one reason or another many records of interest have been lost or destroyed or perhaps were never kept. Therefore, any errors or omissions are unintentional.

In very legible carving on the stone plaque inserted high on the exterior west wall, it is specifically stated: "This church was built in 1867 and renovated in 1917." This plaque only tells part of the story of the Anglican Church in Princeton.

Although the present St. Paul's Church marks its one hundredth anniversary this year, the history of the parish dates back much further. Canon William Bettridge, the first Rector of Woodstock (Old St. Paul's) 1834-1879, is rightly regarded as the founder of the Anglican Church in Princeton, as well as others throughout Oxford County.

In his travels he could see a definite need for a church in Princeton where the growing population would have an opportunity to worship God in the Anglican tradition. Under his leadership and encouragement, a small white frame church was erected some fifty rods east of the present Princeton Cemetery on the Governor's Road now known as No. 2 Highway. The burial ground was located immediately behind the church and was used until approximately the turn of the century.

The village proper with its post office, cooper shop, blacksmith shop, hotel and other businesses grew up along the Governor's Road. It was not until the arrival of the Great Western Railway in 1856, that the community began to develop to the north.

We do not know the exact date the first church was built, but we do know it was used until the present church was erected. After the Anglicans moved into the new building, they made an agreement to sell the old church and the land upon which it stood, to the German population for their use, with the stipulation that the land surrounding it as well as the burial ground was to remain Church of England property. The Germans were granted permission to use the burial ground for as long as they wished. This church stood for sometime after the present St. Paul's was built, but burned down between 1880 and 1885.

While we cannot locate any parish records of these early days, we know that Canon Townley of Paris carried on the work after Canon Bettridge found it too great a strain with all his other duties. Following

Canon Townley's ministry the Rev. Clotworthy remained in charge until his retirement in 1866.

The first Anglican Clergyman to reside in Princeton was the Rev. Henry Bartlett who was appointed to the charge in 1866. His foresight and energy led to a new church on a new site. It was becoming obvious that the original church was becoming inadequate to accommodate the growing congregation and also its location was unsuitable now the village was developing on its present location north of the Governor's Road.

On May 9, 1866, the Church of England purchased 5,940 square feet of land, situated on the corner of Main and Elgin Streets, from Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Freeman, for the sum of \$107.76.

To raise money, Henry Bartlett went to England early in 1867 on a lecture tour to arouse interest in the Dominion.

The money raised in this way together with contributions from the small body of Anglicans here, was sufficient to see the church completed by the end of Confederation year.

St. Peter's, Drumbo, was also largely financed by funds collected on this tour and was built some three years later. The design of these churches, which are very similar, must also be attributed to the Rev. Mr. Bartlett.

Mr. Bartlett has the distinction of serving the longest ministry of the many incumbents of Princeton. He was here for twelve years from 1866 to 1878.

Following Mr. Bartlett, we have no fewer than four Clergy within the next six years. The Rev. Messrs. J. Edmunds, R. O. Cooper, D. J. Caswell, and James Ashton were incumbents of Paris who conducted services at Princeton. Ashton's successor, Mr. Auguste F. B. Burt, took the services in 1884 under the direction of the incumbent of Ayr. Burt came to Princeton as a university student, but was soon to be ordained. After his ordination, Rev. Burt remained in charge of the parish until January, 1886.

Attendance has varied through the years and on one November Sunday, as few as nineteen were present. One hundred and fifteen attended on December 21, 1884. Presumably visitors, rather than a large membership, accounted for much of the congregation.

A list entitled "Names of Members and others"—St. Paul's, Princeton, 1886, includes such names as Burns, Martin, Hersee, Cheesewright, Gissing, Smiley, Fredinburgh, Hewitt, Cowan, Raines, Strode, Goble, Loney, Little, Galbraith, Burgess, Stitt, Harvey, Rogers, Daniels, Davis, Mitchell, Bayless, Robinson, Clarke, and Maycock.

Many of these people still have descendants living in the district.

At this time, Ayr ceased her connections with Princeton and Princeton formed part of the Burford and Cathcart mission with the Rev. W. H. Wade incumbent of Burford in charge.

In the early summer of 1887, Wade was transferred to Woodstock, where he became known throughout Canada as the spiritual advisor of Burchell, who had murdered a young Englishman in what was then known as the Luther Swamp and was located at Eastwood. This was later named Benwell Swamp in honour of the murder victim.

In July, 1887, William Johnson became the Pastor at Burford and thus, took charge of Princeton and Cathcart as well. Rev. Johnson received his education at Mitchell and his theological training at Huron College. In December, 1889, the Rev. William Johnson moved to Forest and after being transferred to four other parishes retired to Woodstock in 1908. He died of Parkinson's disease in 1919.

In 1890, the Rev. Arthur K. Griffin became Rector of Burford and consequently was in charge of Cathcart and Princeton as well. It was at this time that St. Paul's was in financial distress, so students, working under the direction of Rev. Griffin, conducted services at Princeton until 1893.

With the arrival of the Rev. Edwin Lee in 1893, apparently things began to improve. Charles Blewitt of Gobles purchased land and began building a solid brick rectory just to the south of the church. The rectory was finished later that fall and Rev. and Mrs. Lee were able to move in on November 16. The Lees are credited with having the first child, a daughter, born in the Rectory.

It was not until 1907, during the incumbency of the Rev. J. Hale, that the congregation made the first repayment of \$150.00 on the \$1,500.00 mortgage held by Mrs. Gissing. This mortgage was later held by Mrs. Burns. Through a generous bequest of the late Mr. and Mrs. Blewitt in 1918, the rectory was completely cleared of debt and sufficient money left to make some necessary repairs and install a new furnace. This same rectory, now seventy-four years old, has served St. Paul's faithfully through the years.

Another sign of progress was the renovation of the church and the addition of a much needed vestry on the north-east corner in June of 1894.

The envelope system was first introduced to St. Paul's by resolution on April 14, 1895 and has been in continuous use ever since.

On May 19, 1895, after the Rector had consulted the Bishop, it was deemed necessary to close St. Peter's, Drumbo, due to the lack of

attendance. Later that same month, on May 24, services at Falkland began with about 45 in attendance.

On April 29, 1896, when the Bishop visited the parish, a class of 47 candidates were presented to him for confirmation.

Presumably, the majority of the candidates had come from Falkland, since St. Bartholomew's had just been opened prior to this confirmation and became a two point charge with Princeton.

In 1906 the parish hall was built, during the incumbency of the Rev. H. W. Snell or the Rev. J. Hale, since there was a change of parsons again this year.

In 1897, the Rev. Francis (Frank) Leigh took charge of St. Paul's. Leigh was a Welshman who had been born in Llanelly, Wales, in 1858. Before coming to Canada he was a coal miner and had been buried for three days in a mining disaster. He taught school in Canada for seventeen years before deciding to enter the Priesthood. In 1900, the Rev. Leigh was transferred to Holy Trinity, Burford, where he remained until 1909. He was then transferred to Mt. Brydges and later to Hespeler. Frank Leigh was superannuated in 1925 and died at Galt in 1931.

In May of 1917, during the incumbency of the Rev. T. Bird Holland the fiftieth anniversary was celebrated in suitable fashion. Many former Rectors, whose terms of service dated back for twenty-seven years, were present and took part in the anniversary services, which were combined with the Rural Deanery meeting and lasted for two days. To commemorate this occasion the memorial plaque (referred to earlier) was unveiled and dedicated by the Very Rev. Dean Tucker, who also preached the special sermon for the occasion.

During the incumbency of the Rev. C. V. Fraser, the work of restoration and beautification of the church was continued as a memorial to the soldiers who were returning from World War I, with special services being held in 1919 in honour of those who gave so much.

One page in the church's record is of particular interest. It reads, "I passed thro' Princeton (Ont.) Trafalgar Day 21/10/19. Edward P." Edward, Prince of Wales, wrote that when the Rev. C. V. Fraser submitted the book to him at Creditville, when the train was detained there.

In 1933, St. Paul's was apparently in distress circumstances again, when the Incumbent of Burford, the Rev. R. W. Lane, took charge. Mr. Lane had been born at Charlottetown, P.E.I. and educated at Wycliffe College.

In 1934, Rev. Lane was transferred to Norwich. He later became Rural Dean of Essex and Elgin. During the war he served as Military Chaplain and was later appointed to St. John's, St. Thomas and St.

Aidan's, London. He is now assistant Rector of Grace Church, Brantford.

Rev. Lane's successor, the Rev. C. F. Johnson, arrived in Burford in 1934, thusly taking charge of Princeton and Drumbo as well. Mr. Johnson was born in London, England, and came to Canada at the early age of six. He received his elementary and secondary education at Hamilton, before entering the retail business in order that he might gain experience in meeting the public. He then entered the University of Toronto and Wycliffe College, being ordained at All Saints Cathedral, London, in 1928. Upon his being priested, Mr. Johnson was appointed as Rector of St. John's, Milton, P.E.I., where he served until his transfer to Christ Church, Dresden, Ontario.

Apparently things began to improve, when several young Curates were appointed to help Rev. Johnson with the five churches in his extensive parish. These Curates served the parishes of Princeton, Drumbo, and Ayr. Clifford V. Tomkins (now Canon Tomkins of St. John's and St. Luke's, Brantford) conducted services from 1935 to 1936 and again in 1940. Mr. Tomkins was succeeded by T. D. Lindsay only to be replaced by Rev. Carman J. Queen (now suffragan Bishop of St. Clair) in 1937.

Bishop Queen arrived in Burford as a single man and boarded on Maple Avenue South. On January 8, 1938, he was made Deacon by Bishop Seager and on March 13 of the same year, he was priested and was appointed incumbent of the three point charge he had been serving. Marriage followed and Bishop Queen and his young bride moved into the Rectory at Princeton, which had not been used as a residence for many years.

After leaving St. Paul's in 1940, Bishop Queen spent four years as Rector of Ridgetown and Highgate. He spent two years at Tillsonburg and Culloden and nearly ten years at St. James', Ingersoll before being appointed as Diocesan Commissioner in 1956.

In the early 1940's, Princeton became part of a three point charge with Drumbo and Oxford Centre.

On May 15, 1949, St. Paul's had a very sad and unforgettable experience, when it was announced that Rev. Robert Trowbridge, our beloved pastor, passed away earlier that morning. The funeral service was conducted by Bishop Luxton, and was held from St. Paul's with interment in the Kitchener Cemetery.

In 1958, the old reed organ, which had faithfully served its time, was found to be completely worn out. A new electric Hammond organ costing \$1,600 was chosen to replace it. Donations received by the special campaign launched by the Board of Management, added to

money already raised for this purpose made this purchase possible.

In 1962, when Oxford Centre joined Eastwood as a new Parish, Princeton and Drumbo were reunited with Ayr, under the incumbency of the Rev. W. J. Pyke. The rectory at Ayr was used during Rev. Pyke's time. The Rectory in Princeton was rented during this period.

For many years the church and the parish hall were heated by oil space heaters and before that coal stoves and before that four wood stoves were used, one at each end of the church, one in the parish hall and one in the Vestry. As the oil stoves began to fail (the church was never really warm) the Board of Management decided that it was time that something was done about it, so in 1963, the contractor began excavating below the chancel and, by the end of the year, there were two new furnaces installed, one for the parish hall and the other for the church. The total cost of this operation was \$4,625.77 which was raised, almost entirely by donations.

In January, 1966, our present Rector, the Rev. H. N. Alan Tilford was appointed to the charge of Princeton, Drumbo and Ayr. The Rector was to use the rectory at Princeton while the one at Ayr was sold. Mr. Tilford came to St. Paul's from Alvinston as a Deacon and was priested later that same year.

On Sunday, August 6, 1967, special services will be held to commemorate the centenary of St. Paul's Church with special guest preachers, in the persons of the Rev. J. McKenzie Dobson of Shelburne and the Rev. Canon C. V. Tomkins of Brantford. Both are former Rectors.

St. Paul's through the grace of God, has continued to serve the community for a century and it is only fitting and proper that we praise and give thanks to God, for the blessings that He has bestowed upon us.

CHOIR AND ORGANIST

Music plays a very important part in our church service. The lovely old hymns and canticles, the responses and psalms are a joy to sing. Those who have had the privilege of serving in a church choir must find their lives much fuller, having served God in this way.

We see in the early records of the church that St. Paul's was blessed with an abundance of very fine male voices. The choir in those years presented cantatas and a number of religious concerts in the church. Singing and choir work played an important part of St. Paul's early days.

Around 1908 a reed organ was purchased. This organ was played for some years by Mrs. Benham. An interesting story is told of one of the young boys required to pump the bellows on the organ. During the sermon the lad fell asleep and to the organist's horror no music came forth for the hymn. After this the organ was pumped by the organist on the foot pedals.

In 1927, while Rev. J. M. Dobson was Rector, it was decided to buy vestments for the choir. This was a very happy decision—the vestments were made by the ladies of the church and the vestry was used as a robing room until the choir became too large and was moved to the Parish Hall. Miss Mabel Costain was organist at this time. After a few years the Costains moved from Princeton and the organ was played by a number of people in the next while—Dorothy Davis, Gertrude Eastman, Derwood Eaton, Herbert Webster and several others.

In 1951 the choir produced and presented a Christmas Pageant which proved to be very well received and was repeated for a number of years.

In 1958 a move was made to collect funds for a new organ. Several parishioners and former parishioners contributed to the fund as a memorial and the board of management supplied the remaining funds and so a Hallman Spinet Organ was purchased and placed in the church. This organ was dedicated by Archdeacon Appleyard of Brantford in 1958. A memorial plaque was purchased and dedicated in April, 1967.

In 1943 a Junior choir was organized and the ladies again made the vestments for the children. In 1949 more children were added to the choir and more vestments had to be made.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Although there aren't any records of the Sunday School available, it is thought that it was begun early in the life of the parish. For many years there were three Sunday School classes and a bible class, with good attendance at each.

Mrs. William Freeman was superintendent for a good number of years and under her kind and able leadership the Sunday School grew.

The Sunday School has always played a very important part in preparing the children for the adult church services.

Christmas concerts with a tree and free gifts for all were held in the parish hall. The children would play games, recite poems,

present skits and any little thing they could think up until it was time for Santa Claus to pass out the gifts. For many years a Christmas Pageant was produced on the Sunday before Christmas, filling the church nearly to capacity with people from all denominations as well as our own.

In the summertime the big event was the Sunday School picnic. For many years it was held at Southside Park in Woodstock, but in recent years the picnic has returned home to our own Memorial Park.

The attendance has been very good in recent years under the guidance of Mrs. D. Govier, Mrs. C. Leuszler, Mrs. R. Norry and their superintendent, Mr. Robert Norry.

THE LADIES' AID

The Ladies' Aid, known as the St. Paul's Ladies Guild, was first organized on June 14, 1893, with Mrs. Freeman as President and Mrs. Wilnot as the Secretary-Treasurer.

The ladies have always played an important part in any church and St. Paul's is no exception. Without the aid and support of the ladies, who have held strawberry socials, pancake socials, bazaars, and various other projects in order to raise funds for the church, it would be a very difficult task indeed, for the church to meet its many obligations.

In 1918, some twenty-five years after its inception, the Ladies' Aid purchased and presented to the church, a piano for use in the parish hall and has been used down through the years by young and old alike. This same piano, now forty-nine years old, still remains in the parish hall and is undoubtedly one of the oldest pieces of furniture in the building.

Since then, many gifts have been donated and much work done throughout the church as a result of the ladies. The carpeting in the church, the remodelling of the kitchen, the supplies for the kitchen and more recently, helping to redecorate the church and putting a new roof on the parish hall and kitchen are just a few of the many items that this fine organization has helped with during the years.

All too often the ladies are taken for granted, so let it be recorded for all to see, the present and future generations alike, just how proud and happy we are to have an organization such as the St. Paul's Ladies' Guild.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Many parishioners who have contributed to the tradition of St. Paul's Church are remembered in memorials, keeping before present congregations those names that are a part of the church we know today.

Among the memorial windows the east one is probably one of the oldest, in memory of Edith Brookman, beloved wife of J. E. Richardson, whose tragic death shocked the community in 1897. On the south side of the nave, the first one portraying St. Luke, was erected in 1901 by W. H. Davis in memory of his father and mother. The centre one is in memory of Nellie Gissing, child of the Druggist. The third one, portraying St. Mark, was dedicated to the memory of the Rev. Alfred Moore, who served the parish as one of the students during the lean years.

Among the windows on the north side we find one dedicated to Francis and Millicent Galbraith. He was the Postmaster and the proprietor of a grocery store in Princeton. There is another in memory of Mary Cheesewright, the wife of a sailor who lived in Princeton. There is still another dedicated to the memory of Charlie Freeman, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. William Freeman, a victim of diphtheria.

The windows in the west end were donated by the Ladies' Aid and the Sunday School, as a thank offering, in 1897.

The font is in memory of Frederick Cheesewright with the brass baptismal bowl being in memory of Frank Kempert.

The memorial step was dedicated to the memory of Michael and Anna Karp, with the cross which rests upon it being a memorial to Alfred N. Ecclestone.

The Eucharistic candle sticks and snuffer are dedicated to the memory of Georgina A. Moore, wife of the Rev. Alfred Moore.

Altar linen, after being made and embroidered by Mrs. Fred Davis, was presented to St. Paul's and dedicated to the memory of Mrs. William Davis Sr.

The Chancel offering plate was given as a thank offering by the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Dobson.

Ada Thompson, who was accidentally killed in 1925, is remembered by the altar prayer book stand.

The paten is given in memory of Florence Allen.

Hanging beside the organ there is a plaque which reads, "This organ is given to the glory of God and in Loving memory of—Frederick C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. Costain, A. H. Cooper, Elizabeth Gissing, Clyde E. McWebb, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hughes, Stanley Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Wilmot, William J. Davis, Irene Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blewitt, Isabella Cowan, Fred Howes, Nellie Howes".

In recent years, a memorial fund has been organized at St. Paul's and the proper book purchased. The memorial book, memorial stand, a Lectern Bible and an altar prayer book have been purchased from this fund and dedicated to the memories of Charles Moore, Kenneth Bell Jr., Chauncey J. Brown, Mrs. Edith L. Cowan, William Sheridan, and Robert H. Styres.

BEQUESTS

Through the years sums of money have been left to St. Paul's and have either been put into Synod trust funds or left directly to the church:

Bequest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blewitt, who left enough money to clear the mortgage on the rectory and make any necessary repairs to it and for installing a new furnace.

Bequest of Mrs. A. E. Smith (\$3,500) (interest for church).

Bequest of Mrs. J. Naumuk of Canning (25% of the estate to go directly to the church).

ST. PAUL'S ROLL OF HONOUR

On both sides of the nave there is a plaque listing the names of those people who had served in the two great wars. These plaques were erected by Albert J. Pellow, so that their names should live forever, LEST WE FORGET.

THOSE WHO DIED

1914-1918	1939-1945
Louis Davis	Morris Taylor
Eric Hughes	Roger Veit
Wilfred Kebble	

THOSE WHO SERVED

1914-1918	
James Broumpton	George Horne
Charles Dunn	Thomas Hughes
Charles Moore	Stanley Martin
Bert P. Parker	Milton Mullen
Harry Poad	Albert Pellow
Hubert Cope	Richard Roscoe
Digby Dickson	John Strode

1939-1945

Arthur Adams
Eric Carl
Charles Carson
Elsie Carson
Jack Carson
Roy Carson
Charles D. Cowan
Robert Cowan
Joseph Durham
Norval Durham
Alfred Ecclestone
Donald Forrest

John Hawke
Fred Hughes
Arthur Kipp
Herbert Watts
Frederick Nye
Edward Taylor
Douglas Thompson
Irkwood Thompson
Kenneth Thompson
Reginald Wallace
George Watts
Kenneth Watts
Raymond Watts

CLERGY 1867-1967

REV. HENRY BARTLETT 1866-1878
REV. J. EDMUNDS 1878-1880
REV. R. O. COOPER 1880-1882
REV. D. J. CASWELL 1882-1883
REV. JAMES ASHTON 1883-1884
REV. AUGUSTE F. B. BURT 1884-1886
REV. W. H. WADE 1886-1887
REV. W. JOHNSON 1887-1889
REV. ARTHUR K. GRIFFIN 1889-1890
STUDENTS 1890-1893

ROGER S. W. HOWARD
A. H. RHODES
A. L. BEVERLY
ALFRED MOORE

REV. EDWIN LEE 1893-1897
REV. FRANK LEIGH 1897-1900
REV. W. V. McMILLEN 1900-1904
REV. H. W. SNELL 1904-1906
REV. J. HALE 1906-1910
REV. FRANK WHEALEN 1910-1913
REV. W. E. PHILIPS 1913-1915
REV. T. BIRD HOLLAND 1915-1918
REV. C. V. FRASER 1918-1920
REV. C. R. S. PYKE 1920-1923
REV. C. A. BEASELY 1923-1926
REV. J. MCKENZIE DOBSON 1926-1929
REV. T. W. JONES 1929-1930
REV. W. C. BRYANT 1930-1931
REV. W. J. ECKLESTON 1931-1933
REV. R. W. LANE 1933-1934
REV. C. F. JOHNSON 1934-1935
REV. C. V. TOMKINS 1935-1936
REV. T. D. LINDSAY 1936-1937
REV. CARMAN J. QUEEN 1937-1940

REV. C. V. TOMKINS 1940
REV. P. A. RICKARD 1940-1942
REV. CHESTER W. MIXER 1942-1943
REV. LESLIE B. JENKINS 1943-1946
REV. P. S. HARDING 1946-1947
REV. ROBERT K. TROWBRIDGE 1947-1949
REV. H. LENNOX 1949
REV. E. C. WARD 1949-1956
REV. J. P. PECK 1957-1960
REV. W. K. MILLS 1960-1962
REV. W. J. PYKE 1962-1965
REV. H. N. ALAN TILFORD, present Rector since January, 1966

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OFFICERS

Rev. N. A. Tilford Incumbent

Wardens Fred Carson (People's)
Frank Miller (Rector's)
Treasurer G. Roy Carson
Vestry Clerk Miss Lois Perdue
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Miller, Mr. Doug Govier,
Mrs. Charles Leuszler, Mr.
G. R. Carson, and Mr. Fred
Carson.
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Mr. Frank Miller
Substitute Lay Delegates Mr. Frank Cowan
Mr. Fred Carson
Organist and Choir Leader Mrs. John H. Hawke
Sunday School Superintendent Mr. Robert Norry
Sunday School Teachers Mrs. Robert Norry
Mrs. Douglas Govier
Mrs. Charles Leuszler
President Ladies Guild Mrs. Charles Leuszler
Chancel Guild Mrs. Herbert Howes
Mrs. Frank Miller
Mrs. James Church
Centennial Committee Mr. Fred Carson
Mrs. John H. Hawke

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	Miss Sharon Miller
Printing for Services	Miss Lois Perdue

ANGLICAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION

The first recording of the Anglican Young People's Association was made on September 22, 1908. This was the annual meeting of the Association and the minutes were written in such a way as to suggest that the A.Y.P.A. had begun prior to this.

On September 29, after a brief discussion, it was decided by a vote that the balance of the treasury be applied on a new church organ. A committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Norris, Miss Gissing, Miss Strode, and Mr. Blackmore was appointed to purchase the new organ. It is assumed that this organ was purchased early in 1909, although, this is not clearly stated.

Debating seemed to be very popular in the early days of the A.Y.P.A. and in the records of these debates we find such important names as Dr. D. M. Sutherland.

For several years four types of meetings were held: literary, religious, Missionary, and social. These meetings were usually held once a week, usually one of the four topics at each meeting and were held on Tuesday or Thursday.

In 1912, a pancake social was held in the parish hall, (presumably) the first social of its kind to be held at St. Paul's. A committee of A.Y.P.A. members was organized and consisted of Mrs. Read, Mrs. Whealen, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. P. Blackmore.

The Young People helped the church in many ways with the volunteer labour when redecorating the church and the paying of various bills from time to time. It appears as if the maintenance of the Rectory was the pet project of the A.Y.P.A. for many years.

The popular way of raising funds to support the church, as early as 1913, was the presentation of plays and concerts. The young people used to spend many winter evenings practising in the parish hall. It was both work and play. A concert was first held in the I.O.O.F. Hall on March 28, 1913. For many years, the young people travelled to different communities with their presentations. The last presentation, in the form of a minstrel show, was produced in 1956 under the direction of Mrs. Jack Hawke.

The incomplete list of presidents include such names as Mr. H. Parry, Mr. Norris, Miss Gertrude Eastman, R. Cowan, Keith Wilmot, Miss Ruth Cowan, Bob Sheridan, Yvonne Sevier, Richard Govier, David Ward, Margaret Podetz, Bob Lane, Ron Cowell, Tom Jeans.



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