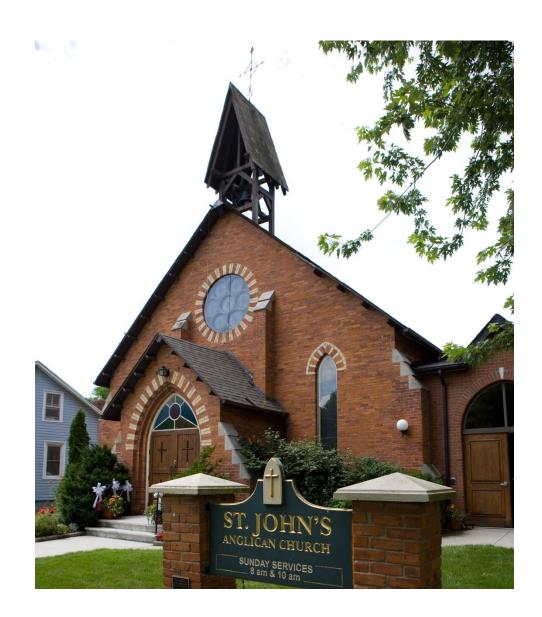
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH PORT DALHOUSIE ST. CATHARINES ONTARIO PARISH PROFILE



St. John's Anglican Church St. Catharines, Ontario

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S PORT DALHOUSIE



The parish of St. John's Port Dalhousie is pleased to provide this profile of our beloved church and congregation. We hope that the following entries and photos will provide an accurate, extensive picture of who we are and portray our prayers and goals for the future as we live the gospel in our community.

OUR TRANSITION PRAYER

Lord Christ,

Your continued presence encourages us with hope and optimism. During this period of discernment, we offer to you our prayers. On behalf of our parish family, we ask that you increase our capacity for patience and learning that we might comprehend your greater will. We seek the guidance of your Holy Spirit to strengthen our sense of vision to be able see the path before us ever more clearly. May we activity listen to you and to one another in order to make our decisions. We ask for your grace as we undertake the mission set before us to enhance the leadership of our parish. We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

Written by the Venerable Bruce McPetrie and read at all important gatherings during this transition year as we worked toward the creation of this Church Profile and the identification of our new mission and goals as we prepare for our future.

LOCATION

St. John's Anglican Church is located in the heart of the former village of Port Dalhousie in the city of St. Catharines (population 135 000). This quaint sea-side community on the shores of Lake Ontario has a history dating back to the mid-1800's when it grew from the need for ship-building and transporting goods down the "new" Welland Canal. Many homes and businesses date to these early days. People still enjoy walking through the lovely tree-lined streets, visiting the marinas, picnicking or sunning on the beaches of Lakeside Park or going for a ride on the hundred year old carousel that is still just a nickel a ride. Stores, restaurants and pubs are down the block and the historic grandstand that hosts the Royal Canadian Henley Rowing Regatta and many other local and international regattas is just a stone's throw away. Our new regional hospital is also just minutes away. St Catharines boasts a vibrant Performing Arts Centre and active sports scene including amazing cycling routes and the Meridian Centre, the thriving new downtown sports venue. The Niagara Region offers affordable housing, a moderate climate, thriving agricultural and wine industries, proximity to Toronto (90 minutes), the U.S. Border (30 minutes), and Niagara Falls (20 minutes) and a growing improving public regional transit system including Go Transit by 2023. The church has easy access to the Queen Elizabeth Highway and HWY 406.

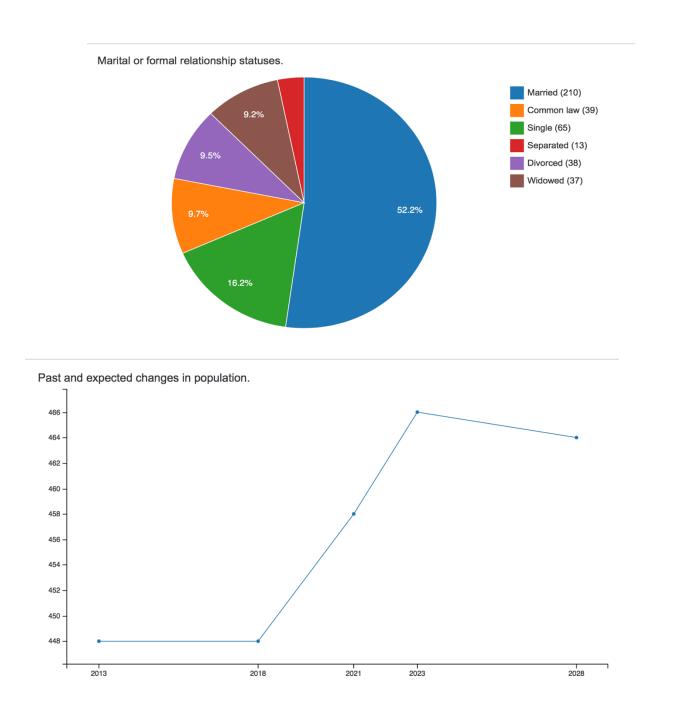
MAP - Google maps 2019 showing church location in Port Dalhousie, St Catharines, Niagara Falls, edges of Lakes Ontario and Erie, QEW and HWY 406.





DEMOGRAPHICS

Port Dalhousie Historic district will see the addition of 300 new condominium units on Lakeport road. Construction is underway on one building and the second building has all the planning approvals in place. More condominiums are slated to be built in Port Dalhousie.



DEMOGRAPHICS OF PORT DALHOUSIE

Population by Age:

6%	less than 10yr
5%	10-4yr
6%	15-19yr
13%	20-29yr
29%	30-54yr
20%	55-64yr
21%	65+

Average Income: \$132 584

18%	\$50K
54%	\$50K-\$150K
28%	\$150+

Average Education:

32%	University
29%	College
39%	High School

Households:

39%	Couples
36%	Families
25%	Singles
50%	Kids
50%	No kids
49%	Male
51%	Female
84%	Own
16%	Rent

HISTORY

2019 marks the 185th anniversary of St. John's! The oldest parish in town, our history dates back nearly two hundred years with the first recorded Anglican services in 1834. The original wooden church structure built in 1841 was replaced by our current brick and stone building in 1868. Since then St. John's has welcomed everyone with its beautiful stained glass windows, dark stained pews, and traditional architecture as a place to worship and grow in their relationship with God and their neighbours. As the village of Port Dalhousie has changed with time, so has the church evolved by adding many improvements in the early 2000's to make it accessible, comfortable and useful for the community.

See the Appendix for a recent article in our local quarterly, The Port Reporter, highlighting many aspects of our history.



Photo from the St. Catharines Standard recognizing the 175th Anniversary of the Parish with the Mayor, Bishop, and great, great, great granddaughter of the first priest leading the procession in a horse drawn carriage. June 2009

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MEMBERSHIP

St. John's by the Numbers- 2018

No. of households	111
No. of identifiable givers	112
No. of children baptized	3
No. of marriages	1
No. of funerals	14
Average Sunday attendance	75
8:00a.m.	11
10:00a.m.	64
No. of children 5-11	4
No. of students	5
No. of nursery children	1
Sunday Services	2
Clergy	1
Honorary Priests	0
Licensed Lay Readers	0
Vocational Deacons	0

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Total Average Sunday Attendance

Average Attendance	2016	2017	2018
8:00 am	10	10	11
10:00 am	78	65	64

High Feast Services Attendance

Feast Days	2016	2017	2018
Easter	135	111	115
Pentecost	103	61	76
Christmas Eve	157	122	95

Special Services

Special Services	2016	2017	2018
Baptisms	2	0	3
Marriages	1	1	1
Funerals	5	5	14
Confirmations	4	0	0

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WORSHIP

St. John's has two Sunday morning services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am, with a combined average attendance of 75. Worship services continue at the same times during the summer months.

The 8:00 am service is a said Eucharist using the Book of Common Prayer. This service is smaller, usually with 10 or 11 people in attendance, but they are very faithful and involved.

The 10:00 am service is a sung Eucharist, using the Book of Alternative Services and the Common Praise Hymnal. Musical accompaniment is provided on our beautiful pipe organ. The choir (about 12 members) lead the singing and often present anthems. The congregation is enthusiastic in their singing, and involved in many aspects of worship – by reading the lessons, leading the prayers of the people, acting as chalice bearers etc. The children of the Sunday School gather in church before the service – and following a 'Children's Focus' time with the rector after the first hymn they go to their classes. The children return to receive communion or a blessing.

We are open and interested in exploring new forms of worship. The following special services have been held:

Healing Service with anointing (first Sunday after 10:00 am worship)
Ash Wednesday (evening service with the Imposition of Ashes)
Holy Week – one service each evening:
Evening Prayer
EvenSong
Tenebrae
Seder Dinner followed by Maundy Thursday Service with washing of feet
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross followed by walk for PWRDF
Easter Vigil
Ascension – Morning Prayer Service
usually one sung EvenSong in the fall (often close to All Saints Day)
Christmas Eve – often two services, but last year just one

A weekly bulletin is prepared by the parish office administrator, with the order of service, page references, prayer requests in our cycle of prayer for the international community, our diocese and our own parish family. Announcements of special and up-coming events are also included.

ST. JOHN'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

ELECTED AND VOLUNTEER OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS:

St. John's has two WARDENS. These persons, together with the incumbent, constitute the Corporation. Wardens have traditionally been appointed or elected for two year terms with no formal succession plan in place for these positions. Traditionally the wardens and incumbent have signing authority for bank/financial matters. Presently our interim rector has chosen not to have signing authority. Diocesan job descriptions are adhered to and are in the office to review.

PARISH COUNCIL meets on the third Monday of each month with the exception of the two summer months. Minutes are taken of the parish council meetings and are circulated to all parish council members and available to any parishioner. All groups report to parish council and actively participate. Parish council is open to all parishioners.

There are currently two LAY DELEGATES and one ALTERNATE DELEGATE to Synod. Currently there are no YOUTH DELEGATES to DIOCESAN SYNOD.

The PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR is a part-time position. She is newly hired and highly skilled.

The OFFICE is open two half days per week. Recently we have re-configured our administrative space to provide more privacy and personal storage for the Rector, a more efficient and larger work space for the Office Administrator, and a dedicated work space for the Cemetery Board, Sunday counters, and other volunteers.

The experienced ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR leads a 12 member choir. They sing at our 10 a.m. choral Eucharist service and all special services and hold weekly practices apart from the two summer months.

St. John's is blessed with a dedicated, reliable SEXTON who has served us faithfully for years.

Until his recent passing, the people of St. John's enjoyed the ministry of an Honorary Priest.

Our Wardens and interim pastor are developing an updated list of job descriptions for paid and volunteer positions. Due to numerous changes in staff and volunteer positions during this interim we are attempting to implement the diocese's risk assessment review as part of our screening process.

PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

MINISTRIES

Faith Formation

Prior to transition, regular weekly sessions of **Anglican 101** and **Bible Study** led by the Rector were well attended.

Our **Sunday School** meets during the 10 a.m. service led by a director of program and two other volunteer teachers. Children enjoy talks with the Rector at the beginning of the service before heading to class. Presently our Sunday School serves about 6 youth who are predominantly adolescents joined by a couple of primary aged children.



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LAY MINISTRIES:

ALTAR GUILD

A dedicated group of 12 women pursue their ministry not only in our church, but also at weekly services at the Linhaven Home for Seniors two months a year. Their artistic talents transform our worship space in each liturgical season of the year.

VOLUNTEERS THAT SUPPORT WEEKLY WORSHIP

Teams of Chalice Bearers, Sidespeople, Readers, Intercessors, and Counters contribute to our worship in these important ministries.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Coffee Hour following the 10a.m. service is well attended, providing regular members and newcomers alike a time to socialize over coffee, tea, and an array of baked goods. Our large team of hosts provides this popular hour year round.



CARING CIRCLE

A few dedicated volunteers send cards to the sick, bereaved, and shut-ins and arrange delivery of plants at Christmas. Many have identified this ministry as an area that could be expanded to reach out and connect in a purposeful way with even more of our membership.

A Parish member trained as a spiritual care visitor makes regular pastoral visits.

WOMEN'S GROUP

This vital, active group holds regular monthly meetings where they offer an opportunity for fellowship, fund raising, and organizing outreach to the community. They host speakers, go on field trips, and learn new skills such as rug hooking. The Women's Group provides much lauded catering for receptions and funerals as requested.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

This group of talented men share their skills and dedication to the parish to keep our church complex and grounds in good repair and compliant with municipal codes and by-laws. Their efforts help reduce our maintenance and repair costs.

CEMETERY BOARD

St. John's has an iconic, historic cemetery on Main Street a few blocks away from the church. Our experienced team of volunteers sees to the government regulated administration and excellent maintenance of this highly visible, iron wrought fenced cemetery which serves not only congregation members but those beyond the parish.



PRAYER SHAWLS

A dedicated group of knitters provide comforting wraps for anyone in need. Hundreds of shawls have been and continue to be blessed during our regular services and then delivered to grateful recipientsbe they bereaved, in crisis, ill, shut-in, or celebrating the birth of a child. Our shawls have been distributed to hospitals and care facilities as well.

MEN'S BREAKFASTS

Over twenty gentlemen meet about every sixth Saturday at a local restaurant for a morning of fellowship for fellowship's sake.

ST. JOHN'S GARDENER'S

A group of volunteers lovingly tend the gardens and grounds of the parish announcing to passersby that St. John's is a cared for place.

GOOD FRIDAY WALKATHON FOR PWRDF

For over twenty years parishioners and extended family and their canine friends walk every Good Friday following service in memory of their loved ones who have passed away and to raise funds for the PWRDF. Led by a large wooden cross created by a parishioner for this walk, we wind our way through the village's business district down to the water's edge in Lakeside Park and back to the church to share in a communal midday meal. Thus far we have raised more than \$33 000 for this important cause. In 2018 the walkathon raised \$1639. This year, \$1300+.



STEWARDSHIP

GIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER (G.I.F.T) Our stewardship campaign, prepared last year before the transition, is ready to launch.



The Organized Mail-Out Model has been chosen from the Diocese of Niagara 2017 Annual Giving manual. Timelines and major actions have been identified.

FUNDRAISERS

Teams of hardworking parishioners organize several fund raising events each year, some annual events and others one time themes. Some include: Peach Festival, Holy Cow BBQ's and paid parking during major rowing regattas, Taste of the Town, Roast Beef Dinner, Pub Night, Pancake Supper, Strawberry Social and Fashion Show. Not only do these events raise funds for operating expenses but they also help purchase identified items in our capital budget. The added bonus to these events is the fostering of relationships within the parish, welcoming of those from the community, and highlighting the energy and presence of the parish in the town.

FINANCES

St. John's Anglican Church Operations - General Account Receipts

Proposed Budget

	Budget 2019	Forecast 2020
Envelopes	110,000.00	110,000.00
Open (Non-receipted)	3,000.00	3,000.00
Initial	300.00	300.00
Easter	3,000.00	3,000.00
Thanksgiving	2,000.00	2,000.00
Christmas	10,000.00	10,000.00
Other (Non-receipted)	3,500.00	3,500.00
Building / Rectory	0.00	0.00
Parish Memorial & Bequest Donations	0.00	0.00
Altar Guild, Memorial Flowers and Candles	300.00	300.00
Non-Parishioner	0.00	0.00
PWRDF	2,000.00	2,000.00
SYNOD Credit for Interim Rector	0.00	0.00
Refugee Sponsorship Donations	0.00	0.00
Total Offerings	134, 100.00	134,100.00
Donations - Re: Weddings, Funerals, etc.	0.00	0.00
Licensing of Space Fees	7,000.00	8,000.00
Hall Rental - Insurance received	0.00	0.00
Funerals & Special Services	0.00	0.00
Office Rentals	4,800.00	4,800.00
Withdrawals from Synod Endowment Funds	4,000.00	4,000.00
Withdrawals from Synod Rectory Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00
Interest in Meridian Fund Accounts	300.00	300.00
Hands Across Niagara	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising Income	11,000.00	11,000.00
Taste of the Town	0.00	0.00
	10,000.00	10,000.00

Comfort & Joy Income (Christmas Bazaar) PWRDF - Good Friday Walk	1,600.00	1,600.00
Altar Guild Donation	0.00	0.00
Altar Guild Fund Raising Income	0.00	0.00
Women's Group Donation	0.00	0.00
Women's Group Fund Raising Income Special Funds - Payment from	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00
HST Rebate from Cemetery Board	0.00	0.00
HST Rebate from Parish Groups	0.00	0.00
Misc. Income	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Other Income	46,700.00	47,700.00
Transfer from Memorial Funds	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Nursery/SS/Youth	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Women's Group	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Building Fund	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Refugee Fund for Payments	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Altar Guild Transfer from Raffle Account	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00
	0.00	0.00
Total Transfers from Church Groups	0.00	0.00
-	180,800.00	181,800.00
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Plus Total Receipts	180,800.00	181,800.00
Minus Total Disbursements	203,436.00	203,921.84
Operating surplus / deficit for year	-22,636.00	-22,121.84
Cash Balance in General Fund on January 1st.	-6,778.86	-6,778.86
Cash Balance in General Fund on December		
31st.	-29,414.86	-28,900.70
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Operations - General Account Disbursements Proposed Budget

	Budget 2019	Forecast 2020
Rector/Interim Rector	51,000.00	52,020.00
Organist & Choir Director	9,773.00	9,968.46
Administrative Assistant	7,488.00	7,637.76
Supply Clergy	1,435.00	1,463.70
Youth Director	0.00	0.00
Sexton	8,801.00	8,977.02
Honorarium - Envelope Secretary & Treasurer	1,275.00	1,300.50
Medical, Dental & AD&D	1,663.00	1,696.26
Long Term Disability (LTD)	1,936.00	1,974.72
Term Insurance & Estate Benefit	430.00	438.60
CPP Expenses	2,983.00	3,042.66
Employment Insurance (EI) Expenses	1,500.00	1,530.00
WSIB Premiums	500.00	510.00
Rector's / Interim Rector's Housing Allowance	20,394.00	17,000.00
Moving Expenses	1,000.00	1,020.00
Parish Pension - St John's portion	10,815.00	11,031.30
Continuing Education - Rector	600.00	750.00
Continuing Ed Parish Admin	150.00	153.00
Total Salaries and Allowance	121,743.00	120,513.98
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Church	1,750.00	1,785.00
Office	1,200.00	1,224.00
Photocopier Lease	3,800.00	3,876.00
Natural Gas & Water Heater Rental	6,000.00	6,120.00
Insurance - Bldg & Content Insurance - Hall Rental to SYNOD	10,730.00 0.00	10,944.60 0.00
	5,000.00	5,100.00
Electricity Water	700.00	714.00
Organ and Choir	1,133.00	1,155.66
Postage and Advertising	515.00	525.30
Repairs and Maintenance	6,180.00	6,303.60
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Yard Cleaning and Expenses Grass Cutting & Yard Work Contract Snow Removal Contract Telephone/Long Distance/Internet Security & Fire Alarm Systems Elevator Maintenance Refundable GST & PST	210.00 1,545.00 2,400.00 1,980.00 475.00 775.00 0.00	214.20 1,575.90 2,448.00 2,019.60 484.50 790.50 0.00
Total Church and Hall	44,393.00	45,280.86
Diocesan Mission Ministry	29,713.00	30,307.26
Bank Charges and Interest	67.00	68.34
Synod & Youth Delegate Fees	370.00	377.40
Fund Raising Expenses	3,000.00	3,060.00
Youth Director Expenses & VBS	0.00	0.00
Sunday School, Nursery & Youth Expenses	300.00	306.00
Benevolent Fund Expense	400.00	408.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00
Transferred to Memorial Funds	0.00	0.00
Transferred to Nursery/SS/Youth Funds	0.00	0.00
Transferred to Women's Group	0.00	0.00
Transferred to Building / Rectory Fund	0.00	0.00
Transferred to Refugee Fund	0.00	0.00
Transferred to Altar Guild	0.00	0.00
Transferred to Raffle Account	0.00	0.00
Outreach - PWRDF	3,600.00	3,600.00
Outreach - Parish Sponsored	0.00	0.00
Outreach - Refugee Sponsorship	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expenses	37,450.00	38,127.00

203,586.00 203,921.84

COMFORT AND JOY FESTIVAL

This popular annual bazaar involves the majority of the congregation in one form or another. The Comfort and Joy Festival, held the first Saturday of December, is a highly anticipated event in the wider community and has become a major fiscal contributor to our budget. The months long preparations, donations, and participation on the day of this event fosters a sense of team in the parish and attracts newcomers to the parish family.





HALL RENTALS (LICENSING OF SPACE FEES)

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Over the decades, apart from regular one-time events such as showers, birthday celebrations, and funeral receptions, St John's has been rented year-long for AA meetings and a wide variety of fitness programs. Increasingly, however, our complex, due to its location in Port, accessible elevator, parking lot, and well maintained facilities, is more and more appealing to outside organizations for long term use agreements. Just recently our local Royal Canadian Legion Branch #350, whose facilities have been demolished and await the construction of their new space, has found a home with us to stage their dinners and social evenings locally. The Scottish Club has just signed with us to begin a new era for them in our halls as they enjoy weekly meetings and special events year round at reasonable cost and maintenance free comfort for them. Apart from providing a steady income for us, Parish Council has identified such long term use agreements as opportunities for us to find partnerships to support their work and deepen the community's perception of our role in their everyday life.



OUTREACH

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

For decades, over 75 people meet in our halls every Monday evening. The parish is proud to support The Port Dalhousie Group.

COMMUNITY CARE

Our modest sized parish donates over 3000 pounds annually to help feed the hungry in our city. Each month, a particular food item identified by Community Care as particularly in demand is targeted in our bulletin. This monthly focus has been embraced by our congregation and donations have risen.

DIGNITY KITS

Over the last 5 years, St. John's continues to team with St Barnabas and St. Columba churches to gather hygiene supplies donated by parishioners to help those who are homeless or at risk in St. Catharines. Our parishioners worked with teams from the other two parishes to create well over 1000 kits which are gratefully received by agencies such as Start Me Up Niagara, R.A.F.T., Gillian's Place, a support shelter for Women and Children who experience abuse.

RESOURCE ASSOCIATION FOR TEENS

Weekly donations of food and supplies are collected for R.A.F.T. and the parish gives a cheque annually to support their work.

MILK BAGS

Hundreds of milk bags are collected monthly that are used by a local group to create portable, lightweight, hygienic sleeping mats for those who are homeless.

COMMUNITY CHARITIES

In 2018, as in past years, St John's donated \$10 200 annually from our budget to support several local and national charities. Due to income restraints in this transition year, vestry voted to suspend and revisit our financial outreach in the third quarter. The parish's wish is to continue to help those beyond our walls, despite our present challenges.

PWRDF

Our congregation regularly supports the PWRDF. Between our annual Good Friday Walkathon and regular envelope givings, St. John's forwarded \$3459 in 2018 to this important national outreach program.

OUT OF THE COLD/ START ME UP NIAGARA

Our dear, now departed, Honorary Priest was a vibrant contact for these initiatives. St John's heartily supported these programs by donations of money and clothing and volunteering at a breakfast program that helps those less fortunate and the working poor in our community who may not be able to afford three meals a day.

OLD ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

To encourage safe disposal practices and care for the environment, a bin in our Narthex is provided to collect old electronic waste.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

In September 2017, after working two years within the parish and seeking partners in the local community, our parish raised over \$40 000 without diocesan financial aid to sponsor an Iraqi family of four from Jordan to a new life here in St. Catharines. Through wonderful donations and lots of elbow grease, a lovely apartment awaited them on their arrival. Several parishioners have supported them over this time with social visits, extra food and gifts, and help getting established. The family has been guests at the church various times. The two children are thriving at school and have mastered English. Now launched, the family recently moved into a townhouse on their own. They have welcomed a new baby, Adam, born in January. At the end of our sponsorship program, \$6000 in funds raised was sent to the diocese which will help other parishes in their sponsorships.



PROPERTY

To quote a former rector, "Our beautiful church means a great deal to us and so it should. Architecturally, the church was designed to attract the eye upward and away from itself. Its stained glass windows and its belfry point heaven-ward to remind the viewer that this building was constructed to the glory of God; to draw the faithful to God. Furthermore, a church building always points beyond itself; to those who built and have sustained it through the years.....Their vision; Their faithfulness; Their love for God and one another."

The church complex consists of the church, and upper and lower levels connected by a Narthex. The installation of an elevator has created a building that is largely accessible and barrier free. (Please refer to attached blueprints for specific layout.)



THE CHURCH

- Built in 1868, it is one of the oldest in the area
- Has maintained its Gothic architecture with a high vaulted ceiling and rood screen separating the nave from the sanctuary
- 20 stained glass windows (also in slender, Gothic style) present Biblical themes and commemorate the lives and contributions of past generations. The windows are crafted exclusively in hand-blown glass and protected on the outside with clear coverings
- Traditional interior, with dark oak pews, wooden plank floors and large pendant lighting provides an inviting and comforting setting for worship and prayer
- Comfortably seats about 150 people in nave and 20 in the chancel.
- While keeping its traditional appearance, a number of improvements have been added:
- Our pipe organ, installed as a memorial to those members of the parish who gave their lives during WWI and WWII was installed in 1954. It was designed by local organist Eric Dowling and built by Keats Organ Company. It was converted to solid state in 1996 by Dubay Organs. It has been well maintained, with service now provided by Northern Organs.
- The sanctuary and choir pews were slightly reconfigured in the 1990's so that the altar could be moved away from the exterior wall of the church
- Improved heating, air conditioning, and lighting
- A sound system (that can also be connected to the Narthex and Smiley Hall)
- Designated accessible seating for those with mobility issues and their families
- The kneelers have been padded and pew cushions are available for any who need them
- The sacristy is comprised of two rooms with ample storage for church hangings, and the seasonal decor that the Altar Guild uses
- A 28 slot parking lot

THE NARTHEX

• Accessible from both the parking lot and Main Street

• Provides a friendly and protected area where people can meet, hang up their coats, and chat before and after church.



THE UPPER LEVEL

• A centre hallway in this level separates Smiley Hall (named in honour of long-time parishioner Bill Smiley) from the rooms along the north side of the church, where there are dedicated spaces for the rector, church administrator, the choir, and a work room which can be used for the cemetery board, counters, or other small groups as needed.

SMILEY HALL

• This spacious room features a high, vaulted ceiling, hardwood floors, wainscoting and many windows to provide a bright and inviting venue for a multitude of events. An elevated stage across the end of the hall is accessible with stairs at each side. Stage lighting and a sound system make it very functional for many parish activities. The hall has a capacity of 115 (for table and chair dinners) or 163 for other gatherings.



THE RUSSELL ROOM

• (named in honour of former priest David Russell) completes the main rooms of this level. It too has a vaulted ceiling, tall slender windows and an additional sink and cupboard space. Most formal meetings of 25 or less people are held in this room.



• Two washrooms and a mechanical room complete the upper level.

THE LOWER LEVEL

• The lower level can be accessed via elevator or one of two sets of stairs (from the Narthex or the foyer on the Main Street side of the building)

• The main hall on the lower level is used every Sunday as a gathering place for coffee and goodies after the 10:00 am service



• Again, a centre hall separates the large hall and kitchen from a number of rooms designated for Sunday School and Youth Activities or storage rooms for the various groups.

KITCHEN

• Over the years the kitchen has seen numerous renovations. It is now very functional and modern, with two fridges, two stoves, a commercial dishwasher and three separate sinks and a large centre island for prep and ample cupboard space.

• The kitchen is regularly inspected and compliant with the Public Health Department



NURSERY

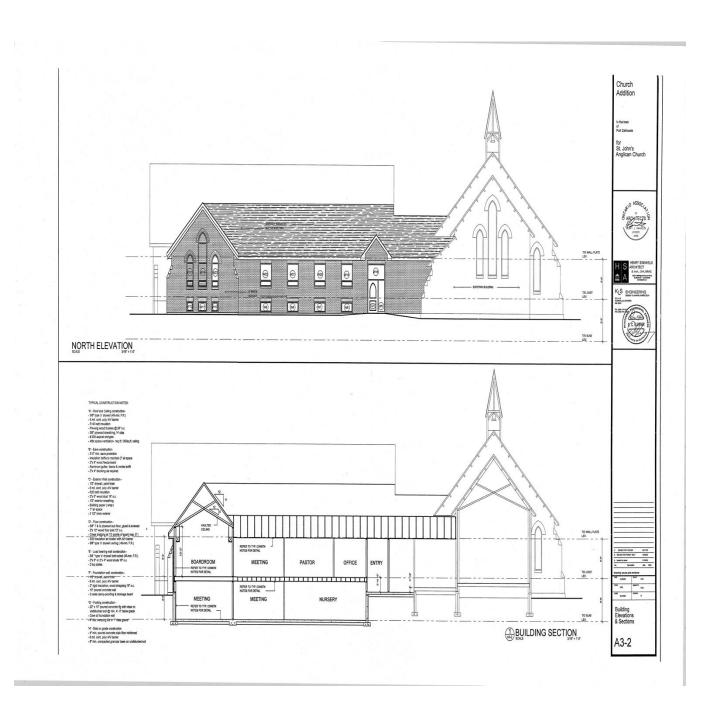


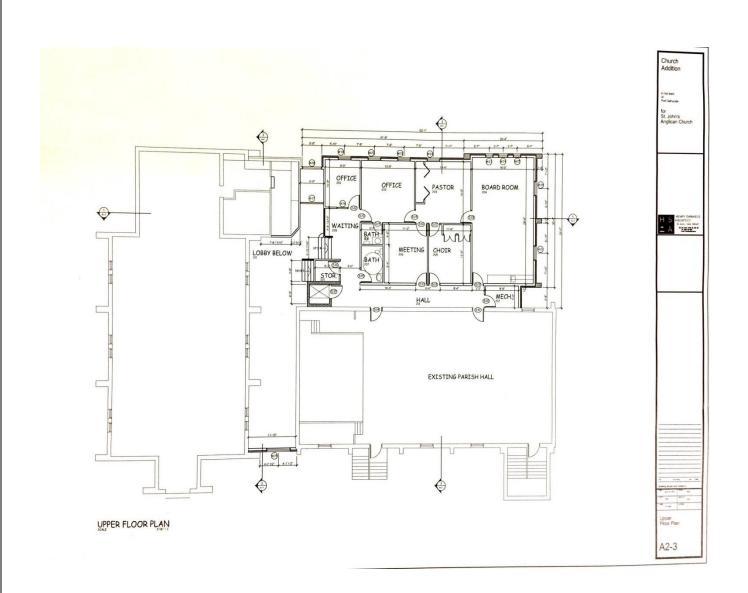
A large and well-equipped nursery room is also located on this level – it has an abundance of toys and supplies for infants and pre-school children. It has its own washroom and storage area.

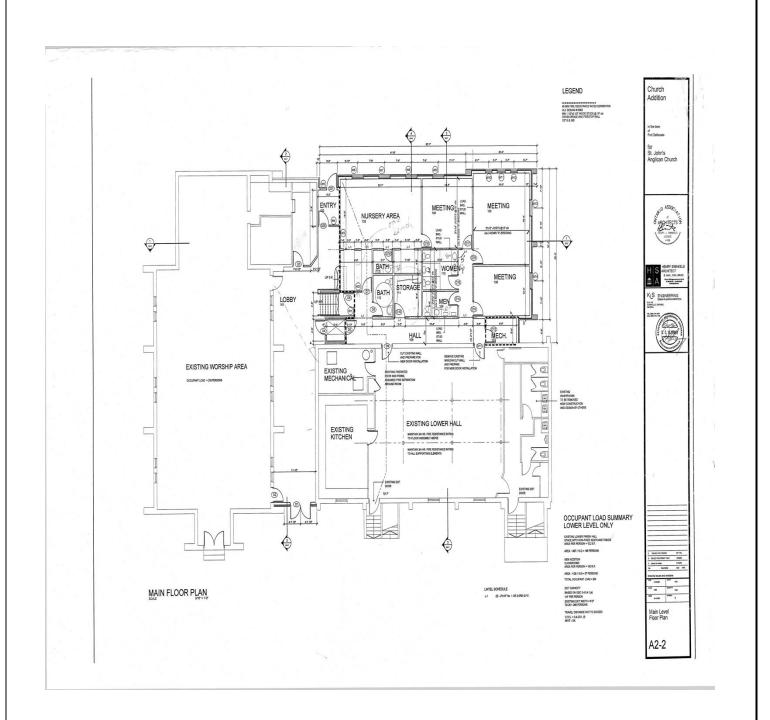
• An accessible washroom and two sets of Men's and Women's washrooms are also located on the lower level

Pursuant to our latest Decennial Inspection of 2015, a letter from the Diocese complimented the parish on its progress addressing the issues identified.

FLOOR PLANS AND ELEVATION DRAWING







LICENSING OF SPACE

A Motion to Empower Corporations to Enter Intro Site Use Agreements of Less than Three Years and A Motion to Empower Corporations to Enter Into Site Agreements of More than Three Years were passed at our Vestry Meeting on February 19, 2019. See Appendix

WIDER CHURCH

FUTURES/GREATER ST. CATHARINES CONVERSATION

A committee of parishioners and our rector participated in this multi-year initiative sponsored by former Bishop Bird to look at the future way our cluster of Anglican Churches in the St Catharines area could address meeting the needs of the faithful in the years ahead. We discussed the role of the church in an increasingly secular society, how we can use the resources we have to best serve congregations and those in the community.

PARTNERING WITH OTHER PARISHES

As described above, St John's partners with St Columba and St Barnabas in the creation of Dignity Kits for those in our city who are homeless or at risk.

In the recent past, several parishioners helped monthly at the Out of the Cold breakfast program held at St George's Church, a downtown parish.

For years, St John's joined the local Roman Catholic and United churches in Port Dalhousie to host revolving Lenten lunches and tri-church picnics on Henley Island. Although that tradition has faded with the closing of the United Church in town, the willingness to co-operate with our faith neighbours continues.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL CHURCH

Our most recent rector was the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada's representative for two years at the United Nation's Status of Women Conference in New York City.

SITUATION ANALYSIS

On March 31, following the 10am Eucharist, more than 60 parishioners gathered together to participate in an **Appreciative Inquiry Workshop** led by The Reverend Canon Terry DeForest and assisted by Ms Cathy McCann. The core values of our faith community were defined through the process of storytelling.

CORE VALUES

- Sense of parish community with an emphasis on God as immanent (as opposed to transcendent)
- Characteristics of a congregation in which we value as reflections of our best selves: acceptance caring, warmth, honesty, welcoming, and inclusive
- Valuing the legacy of Anglican traditions
- Nurturing spiritual growth, expressed through inclusiveness, openness to doubt and questions, openness to shifting paradigms, joy expressed in music
- Outreach
- Community presence-visible presence in a wider community
- Community engagement through social justice- making and advocacy

WISHES AND DREAMS

We dream of ongoing growth in the parish:

- Spiritually (including bible study) connecting our lives and the present world
- Financially
- Numerically
- In children and youth members and involvement
- In outreach activities
- In a visible profile and presence in the community
- In a more diverse music ministry
- In our capacity for caring through pastoral teams
- In our parish's demographics becoming more like the demographics of the wider community
- In growing partnerships with members of the wider community.

ST. JOHN'S MAIN FOCI AND PLANNED STRATEGIES AT THE PRESENT TIME

- Starting June 2019, promoting the church and attracting new membership/visitors by inserting ads and interest articles in the local quarterly The Port Reporter that now has expanded its distribution area to the entire municipal ward. See Appendix
- Creating a Mission Strategy Committee by November 2019. Tie in with Bishop Bell's Mission Action Planning.
- Fall stewardship campaign "Growing in Faith Together"
- Planning with the Port Dalhousie Legion Branch #350 to host the post Remembrance Day ceremony reception in our halls in November.
- Promoting traditional and new forms of fundraising events.
- Seeking diocesan support to strengthen our skills in effectively welcoming visitors and potential newcomers

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR PARISH'S PART IN GOD'S MISSION?

We are inclusive. We support the Diocese of Niagara's position on the Marriage Canon. We are willing to explore faith outside the church building e.g. Church in the pub or coffee shop. We are very supportive of outreach both locally and beyond but know we can do more to engage in social justice initiatives.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT YOUR PARISH?

- Our historic church is a lovely and inviting structure whose parishioners give warm welcomes to visitors and potential new members alike.
- We are well regarded in the community and acknowledged for being very active and social.
- We are an important part of the fabric of the town. Just across the street from the cenotaph, we play an integral part in Remembrance Day services and our members regularly participate in the annual Lantern Walk and Carol Sing held during Port's Christmas Market.
- Our church enjoys a special relationship with local annual events –for years our rector had been invited to be padre for the annual Blessing of the Fleet at the Port Dalhousie Yacht Club and padre for the Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph. Relationships have deepened recently with the BWC (Beautification and Works Committee, an active village group that works to engage local citizens to beautify the town). They helped us raise funds for the Refugee Sponsorship and we promote and engage in their activities and fundraisers.
- We love our history of "performance" and fellowship on our stage in Smiley Hall where musical shows, mystery plays written by our playwright parishioner, and Pub Night talent evenings have regaled us for decades.
- St. John's is blessed with an active congregation that hosts very successful special events year round providing support income for the parish.

AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY: Sitting on Main Street in a highly visible location, St. John's is poised in the next few years to enjoy potential congregational growth as hundreds of luxury condominiums are being built a mere few blocks away on the waterfront of this walkable community. As we continue to evolve, we are eager to forge new partnerships and strengthen existing ones to confirm the relevance of our mission and re-establish St. John's once again as a hub in the community.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN ISSUES AND CONCERNS YOUR PARISH HAS IN PURSUING ITS PART IN GOD'S MISSION?

- Ageing congregation who has recently lost many active members.
- Avoiding burnout for our hard working parishioners.
- Regaining our solid financial standing.
- Providing relevant experiences and appeal for all generations, balancing tradition and change.

WHAT IS THE CLIMATE OF THE CHURCH AT THE PRESENT TIME?

Optimism and hope are growing at St John's following the difficult loss of our Rector who accepted a placement out of province and the resultant departure of several active, talented members and leaders in the parish. Since the late fall of 2018, our interim pastor, with the support of our bishop, has facilitated a period of consultation and healing where parishioners are working hard to mend rifts and to embrace the future and the new way of doing things. Parishioners have stepped forward to fill vacated positions and to raise funds to restore the parish to its former healthy financial status. After much reflection and prayer, the congregation has identified many short and long term goals that it is excited to undertake under the guidance and inspiration of our new rector.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR NEW RECTOR

A PERSON WITH GOOD RELATIONSHIP SKILLS:

a good listener, a good communicator, able to relate to people of all ages, conflict management skills, a sense of humour, self-aware, personable, warm, mature, and confident.

A PERSON WITH DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP SKILLS:

collaborative, consultative, able to work in partnerships and teams, shares leadership, enables others to embrace their outreach and community engagement ministries, prepared to lead through change, promotes the well-being of the church as a high priority.

A PERSON WITH MINISTRY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND EXPERIENCE:

experienced in parish ministry, a good orator, able to cast an exciting/engaging vision, passionate for social justice, able to honour both tradition and innovation, experience with and supportive of a diversity of music ministries. Our church vision is currently under construction. We are seeking new leadership during this journey to hone our vision.

PREPARATION OF THE PARISH PROFILE

Due to the generosity of Bishop Susan Bell and the Reverend Canon Terry DeForest, Director of Human Resources for the Diocese of Niagara, the leadership of St John's was able to deeply involve the great majority of our membership in order to receive meaningful input to help our Parochial Committee create this Church Profile:

- 1. Town Hall Meetings in November and December 2018 led by the Venerable Bruce McPetrie;
- 2. Parish wide Survey distributed in mid-March at services and by email. (see Appendix);
- 3. *Appreciative Inquiry Workshop* on March 31, 2019 led by the Reverend Canon Terry DeForest and assisted by Ms. Cathy McMann;
- 4. *Our Vision of Leadership* on April 15 with Parish Council and many interested parishioners led by the Reverend Canon Terry DeForest;
- 5. Several meetings of the Parochial Committee to discuss parishioner input and to write this profile.

MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE:

Wardens: Doreen Haywood and Bruce Timms

Lay Delegates: Marlene Pinder and Susan Thibodeau

Assistance provided by the Reverend Canon Terry DeForest and Interim Rector the Venerable Bruce McPetrie.

APPENDIX

- The Port Reporter (history article) (https://www.pdconservancy.org/the-port-reporter)
- Parish Brochure
- Vestry Report 2019
- St. John's Parish Survey -- March, 2019
- Plans to improve our current financial situation
- St. Catharines Standard article -- June 21, 2019 (possible Lake Ontario Ferry from Port Dalhousie to Toronto)
- St. Catharines Standard article -- June 24, 2019 (progress on the construction of the approved and proposed condos being built in Port Dalhousie)