

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

(WEST TORONTO)

288 HUMBERSIDE AVENUE



VISITORS-GUIDE

SYMBOL

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH. W.T.



The ancient symbol of a rising eagle is said to have been assigned to St. John because his gaze pierced further into the mysteries of Heaven than that of any man. The manner of his death is not known. A gold eagle, rising and nimbus on a blue field.

PREACHING THE WORD OF GOD



INCUMBENTS

1887-1976

1887-1891

Reverend A. C. Miles. B.A.

1892-1894

Reverend P. M. McKim. M. A.

1895-1904

Reverend F. DuVernet. D. D.

1904-1917

Reverend T. B. Smith. B. A.

1917-1935

Reverend R. MacNamara. L.Th.

1935-1949

Reverend H. R. Hunt. M.A. D.D.
(Subsequently Suffragan Bishop).

1949-1955

Reverend C. D. Cross. B.A. L.Th.
(Later Became A Canon)
(Subsequently Archdeacon)

1956-1960

Reverend R. F. Stackhouse.
M.A. B.D. Ph.D.
(Principal Wycliffe College)

1960-1964

Reverend G. Philpotts. L.Th. M.Th.

1964-

Reverend M. P. Poole. B.A. B.D.
(Later Became A Canon)

HISTORY

-o MISSION o-

In the year 1878 a few Church of England people living in the neighborhood of what was the Town of West Toronto Junction, formed a Mission and held services in a small cottage on what was then Elizabeth Street. The first Vestry Meeting was held on December 19, 1879.

-o FIRST WOODEN CHURCH o-

In 1880 the Lord Bishop of the Diocese gave his sanction to the erection of a building for the purpose of Divine Worship, known as St. John's Mission-Runnymede. This Church was erected at a cost of \$700.00 and opened for worship on November 20, 1881.

In 1887 there was a rapid growth of the town and his Lordship was requested to set apart this district as a separate Parish. This he did under the name of St. John's Parish West Toronto Junction.

-o THE SECOND CHURCH o-

The building erected in 1880 being too small to accommodate the increasing congregation, it was resolved in the winter of 1888 to erect a larger building.

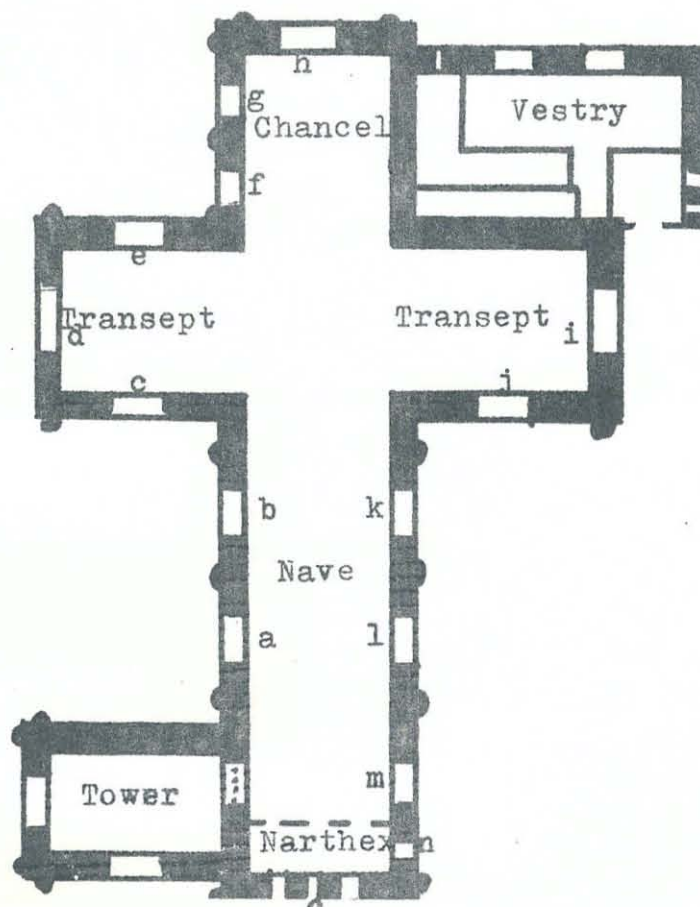
The Corner Stone of this new building was laid on May 11, 1889, by Reverend J.P. Sheraton D.D., Principal of Wycliffe College, Toronto, and opened for service on Sunday, January 26, 1890, by the Right Reverend Arthur Sweatman, Bishop of Toronto. The plot of ground on which this Church was situated was given by Messrs. John Fisk and Thomas Wadsworth in 1880. Cost of this first brick Church being \$8,737.00.

-o THE THIRD CHURCH o-

The Corner Stone of the present Church was laid on May 5, 1923, and opened for worship on Sunday, November 4, 1923, by Right Reverend James Fielding Sweeney D.D., Bishop of Toronto. The Mortgage on this building was cleared on November 19, 1944. Renovation of the Church interior and Narthex was completed December 20, 1953, at a cost of \$21,000.00. A Parish House at High Park Avenue and Humberside Avenue was purchased in 1959 becoming part of the present Church holdings.

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MEMORIAL WINDOWS



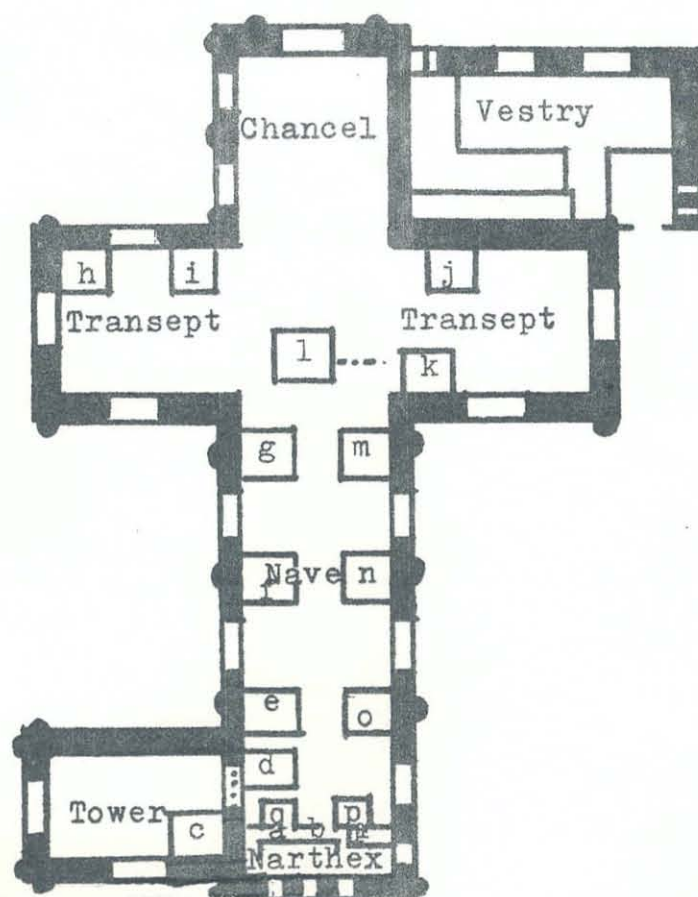
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

- a - "Blessing the Children"
- b - "Jesus, Mary & Martha"
- c - "Virgin Mary"
- d - "Christ Breaking Bread"
- e - "The Good Shepherd"
- f - "Sermon on the Mount"
- g - "Fishers of Men"
- h - "Ascension"
- i - "Crucifixion"
- j - "The Boy Jesus"
- k - "Christ the Healer"
- l - "The Empty Tomb"
- m - "Adoration of Shepherds"
- n - "Behold I stand at the Door
and Knock"
- o - "The Rising Eagle Symbol"

IN REMEMBRANCE OF

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| Mary Elizabeth Cooper | 1924 |
| Martha Ann Hinde | 1923 |
| Marjorie Ethel Stokes | 1957 |
| Samuel Ryding & Wife | 1968 |
| Sarah Griffin | 1917 |
| Most Rev. F. DuVernet | 1904 |
| Rev. T. Beverley Smith | 1917 |
| War Memorial 1914-1919 | 1923 |
| 50th. Anniversary | 1931 |
| Bible Class Boys | 1945 |
| R. Rutt Hopkins, M.D. | 1930 |
| William H. Dixon | 1943 |
| Hilda May | 1962 |
| H. Harrison & Wife | 1969 |
| Commemorating the Five
Bible Classes 1919-1947 | 1976 |

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND
IN MEMORIAM



PLAQUES:

- a - Tower Lighting - Loving Memory of William Speers
- b - Flowering Crab Tree - Loving Memory of Dr. G.G. Elliott
- c - St. John's Carillon - By Dr. Jackson and T.W. Chadburn
- d - War Memorial - 1914-1918 - 1939-1948
- e - In Loving Memory of Rolph H.D. and Lexie Sim
- f - In Loving Memory of Marguerite A. Hopkins
- g - In Loving Memory of T. Beverley Smith
- h - In Loving Memory of Elizabeth E. Pears
- i - In Loving Memory of Annie Marsh
- j - In Loving Memory of Richard MacNamara
- k - Sunday School War Memorial - 1918-1919
- l - Distinguished Visitors Pew
- m - In Loving Memory of Canon R.P. McKim
- n - In Loving Memory of Sarah J. Kimmis
- o - In Loving Memory of Julia Henry Murray
- p - In Loving Memory of Incumbents
- q - St. John's Honour Roll
- r - In Loving Memory of Frank E. Munroe

THE
CHANCEL
O
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

1911		Pulpit
Robert Steven Drewitt		
1915		
Cyril Monsarrat Thompson		Credence Table
1945		
Members who gave their lives in the Second World War	Organ and Chancel Furnishings	
1945		
Members who gave their lives in the Second World War		The Organ
1950		
Edgar T. and Mary Ann Needham	Book of Common Prayer	
1954		
Susan Jane Wilson	Chancel Step Hand Rail	
1959		
C. Franklin Legge	Prayer Table	
1959		
Given by Miss Edna Thompson	Lectern Bible	
1959		
Margaret Luke Hann and Hubert A. Hann	Chancel Gates	
1960		
William Henry Taylor	Prayer Table	
1961		
Ada Gertrude and Colin Ogden	Organ Chimes	
1962		
C. Franklin and Ada Richardson Legge	Exposed Great Organ	
1963		
James H. Shortt and Thomas H. Rawling	Book of Holy Communion	
1966		
Percy Wicker MacDonald	Choir Division of the Organ	
(No Date)		
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Norris	Oak Chancel Chair	

THE
CHAPEL
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GIVEN IN REMEMBRANCE OF LOVED ONES

Anglican Church Women of St. John's	Book of Holy Communion
Elizabeth and Minnie Handel	The Altar
Mr. and Mrs. J.W.L. Addleton	The Cross

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, W.T.

REREDOS

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Visual Symbols beginning in the First Century, still find extensive use in the service of the Church in this Twentieth century; here are a few, beautifully carved into the solid oak panels of the Reredos.



The Reredos was installed to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of 'Adah Alicia Clarke' (1890-1952).

Installation taking place during a period of extensive renovations carried out in 1953-1954.



Designed to complement the large Ascension Window, and serving as a suitable backing for the Chancel area, which was changed from a dark finish to its present light finish, giving a more spacious appearance to the Central Point of Worship.



The Reredos carvings are a fine example of the Art and Skill of the Religious wood carver. The Communion Table was also placed at this time.



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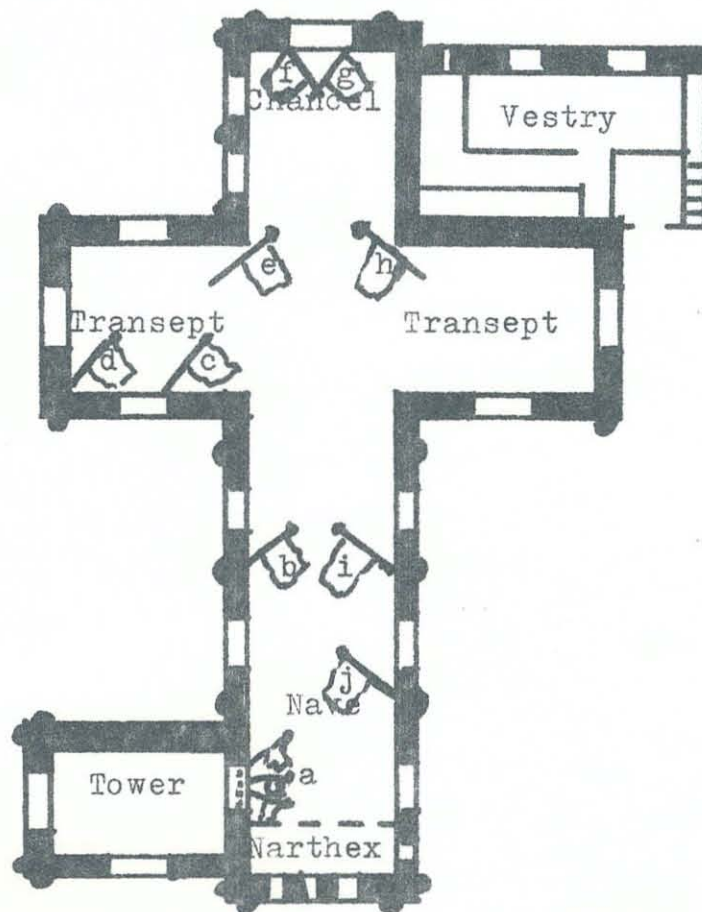


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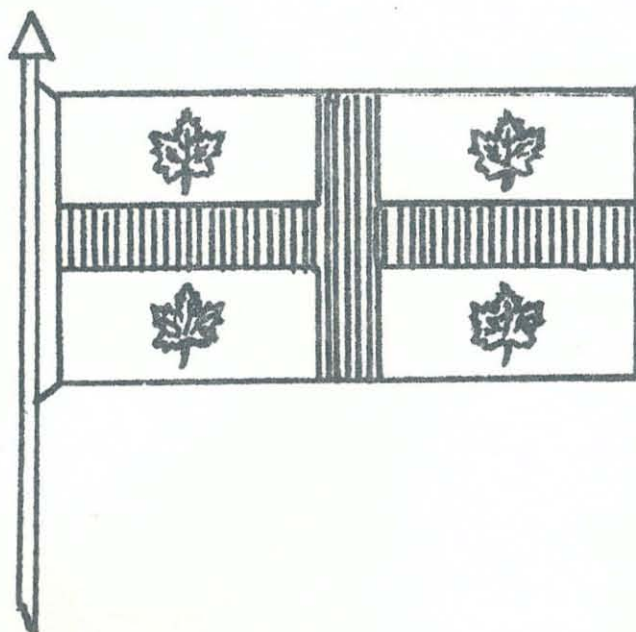
Mr. and Mrs. William Lowndes	Cruet
Anne Lenore Wing	Cruet
Sergeant W.G. Fell	Pix
The Hinks and Gregory Families	Chalice
Charles Wildman	Tray
Harvey L. Bennett	Paten
Eunice Margaret Noble	Ciborium
Elsie Isabel Taylor	Silk Veil and Burse
Marjorie Stokes	Silk Veil and Burse
G. Lindsay and V. MacKay	Silk Veil and Burse
Robert H. Murray	Vase
Evelyn F. Murray	Vase
Garland Hooper	Vase

COLOURS IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
RAISED TO THE GLORY OF GOD



- a - Triple Cluster War Memorial Flags. 1914-1918; 1939-1945.
- b - Ontario Provincial Flag. Authorized May 21, 1965
(Dedicated In Memory of Alice and Joseph Young)
- c - 7th. Cub Pack Toronto. Colour retired February 25, 1973.
- d - 7th. Toronto Troop Boy Scouts. Colour retired 25/2/73.
- e - Anglican Church of Canada Flag. Adopted September 1955.
- f - The Christian Flag. Designed by Mr. C.C. Overton of N.Y.
(Dedicated November 17, 1974)
- g - Flag of St. John's Church. Designed by Mr. R.E. Willis
(dedicated November 17, 1974)
- h - Canadian National Flag. Royal Proclamation January 28, 1965.
(Given by David and Mary Legge, June 27, 1965)
- i - Union Flag of Great Britain. Approved in 1801.
- j - Canadian Red Ensign. Authorized April 24, 1922
(Retired January 28, 1965)

CHURCH FLAG
OF THE
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA



The official request for a distinctive Church Flag came from the Diocesan Synod of Montreal in 1953, following approval of the idea by the Executive Council of the General Synod at Fort William in August, 1953; a sub-committee was appointed which submitted to the General Synod Meeting at Edmonton in September, 1955, a design which provoked a most interesting discussion, resulting in the adoption of the design almost identical with the Arms of the Synod itself, namely the Red Cross of St. George and the four Green Maple Leaves.

When the National Flag is displayed in a Church between the Communion Rail and The Chancel steps, the accepted practice seems to be to hang it to the right of any person facing the congregation, while the Church Flag is properly displayed on the opposite and to his left. If hung in the Nave of the Church their positions should be reversed.

THE
CARILLON

St. John's Church Carillon was installed to the
Glory of God
and as a gift to the congregation
by
Dr. Jackson and Mr. T. Chadburn
Easter Day, April 24, 1924

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The Carillon consists of a Peal
of Ten Bells, cast by 'Gillett and
Johnston' of Croydon, England.

A companion set is installed in
the Episcopal Cathedral in Buffalo,
New York.

This Carillon is arranged for
operation either manually or
mechanically, and is electrified.

'RING OUT YE BELLS OF JOY AND PRAISE'

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