

CORNERSTONES STORIES

**OLD CORNER-STONE
LAID AT ST. JOHN'S**
Rector Briefly Reviews
Church's 44 Years of
History
AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY
Under smiling skies and in the
presence of a goodly gathering of
parishioners and clergy, the cor-
ner-stone of the new St John's Ang-
lican Church at Humberside and
Quebec avenues was laid Saturday
afternoon at 3 o'clock. Right Rev.

The Globe, May 7, 1923, p. 11



A cornerstone can be referred to as a "foundation-stone", and is symbolic of Christ, whom the Apostle Paul referred to as the "head of the corner" and is the "Chief Cornerstone of the Church" (Ephesians 2:20)



May 11, 1889, cornerstone day for 2nd Church

Some cornerstones include time capsules from, or engravings commemorating, the time a particular building was built, or denote previously standing buildings

The 3rd St. John's church cornerstone was laid along with the cornerstone of the parish's 2nd church building, which stood at Dundas St. & St. John's Rd (Malta Park today). That cornerstone was laid on May 11, 1889, with great celebration



On June 7, 1981, a Centennial Stone was added for the 100th of the first church opening, Nov. 20, 1881



West Toronto Weekly, May 3, 1923, p. 1

On May 5, 1923, the cornerstone for the new St. John's on Humberside Ave. was laid by the Bishop of Toronto

"Under the stone were place a copy of the parish magazine, *The Churchman*, certain historical documents, and the customary coin of the realm."

On Nov 4, 1923, the new St. John's was officially opened, designed by Toronto architects, Gordon & Helliwell, with many elements from the 2nd church integrated into the new church. Its lower portion was constructed of Credit Valley stone, the interior particularly beautiful, with special attention paid to the lighting



West Toronto Weekly, Nov. 1, 1923, p. 1