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The Journey

At St. Matthew's

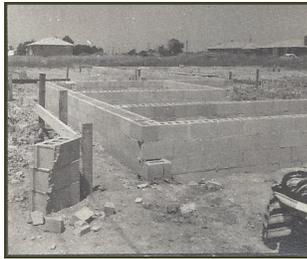


VOLUME VIII ISSUE 3 65TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EDITION

"We are called to share God's love as we welcome and care for our community"

The Parish of St. Matthew—Then and Now

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1955-57



Foundation - Parish Hall
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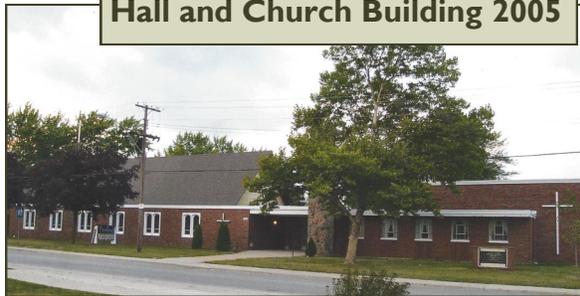
Parish Hall
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Sunday Worship -
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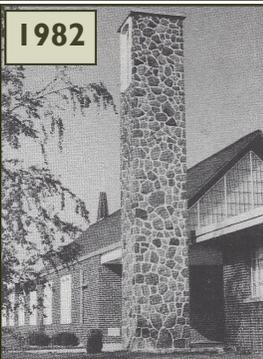


Construction -
Church 1967

Hall and Church Building 2005



Christmas Eve Worship, renewed church 2019



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Photo at the top - St. Matthew's, fall 2019;
and photo left,
2020, the Year of the COVID-19 Pandemic



Sapphire Anniversaries

The Parish Church of St. Matthew's
65th Anniversary Celebration

Also celebrating with Mike Ricketts for his wonderful
Music Ministry to us over the past 45 years

Then and Now - Our Bishops and Primate



The Most Rev'd Walter Foster Barfoot, Archbishop of Edmonton, later of Rupert's Land. Primate from 1951-1958.



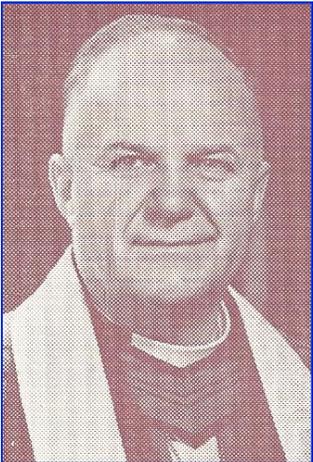
The Most Rev'd Linda Nicholls was elected as 14th Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada in July 2019.



The Rt. Rev'd George N. Luxton, Sixth Bishop of Huron In office 1948 -1970



The Rt Rev'd Dr. Todd Townshend, Seated as the Fourteenth Bishop of Huron on January 25, 2020



The Rt. Rev'd William A. Townshend, First Suffragan Bishop of Huron In Office 1955 - 1967 (Bishop Todd's grandfather)



The Rt. Rev'd Terrance A. Dance Twelfth and last Suffragan Bishop of Huron In Office 2009 - 2015



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September 2020

Dear friends in Christ in St. Matthew's Parish,

Congratulations on your 65th Anniversary!

When an anniversary arrives we usually gather for a celebration to give thanks for the past, rejoice in the present and look eagerly into the future. This will be a different kind of anniversary as the present and future are filled with some uncertainty – and we may well not feel as celebratory about them in the midst of COVID-19.

It is however a time to give thanks for the past and look for the signs of resilience and courage that sustained our ancestors in the faith. They too encountered discouragements and challenges and were able to conquer them to leave to you the legacy of St. Matthew's community and ministry you now enjoy.

Remember, too, the response to each of the questions in our baptismal covenant is, 'I will – with God's help'. We have God's help as close as the whisper of prayer from our hearts and we have each other as companions in community. God has promised 'never to leave or forsake us' (Deuteronomy 31:6). We have all we need!

So in this anniversary year – remember the faith and courage of your ancestors; remember that God is with you today, tomorrow and always; and remain steadfast in living your baptismal promises as you face the future at St. Matthew's.

With prayers and blessings,


The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate

 **The Diocese of Huron**
THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
The Right Reverend Todd Townshend, Th.D.
Bishop of Huron

September 8, 2020

The Rev'd Andreas Thiel – Rector
And the Community of St. Matthew's, Windsor

Dear Friends:

I congratulate St. Matthew's on the celebration of your 65th Anniversary, worshipping together as a community of Christ.

It has been a particularly challenging year, so I give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received in the Diocese of Huron, and in particular, the gift of the parish family of the community of St. Matthew's, Windsor.

As your bishop I look forward to sharing in your ministry as we strive to persevere in our expanded ministries through these challenging days. I pray that God will continue to bless us all and empower us continually with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live the life God has given to us.

May God continue to bless you and uphold you, with love, peace and joy.

Yours in Christian Faith,

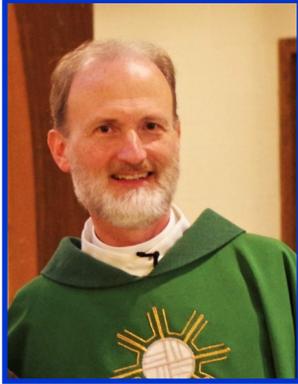
 *We thank God for you, all!*

The Right Reverend Todd Townshend
Bishop of Huron

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A Message from Our Rector



“Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...”

(1 Peter 2:4-5)

Happy 65th Anniversary, St. Matthew’s community!

I can think of no better way for anyone to begin their celebration than to peruse this special edition of *The Journey*, with its many tributes to the people who have gone before us in faith. We are particularly blessed to have so many among us who remember quite clearly what it was like in those early days: what it was like to be raising families – or growing up – in the post-WWII era. They will tell you about the hundreds of Sunday School students, around which the parish was organized; they will tell you about these South Windsor neighbourhoods being developed with great energy; they will tell you how the Lord’s Day was widely observed, and how area churches were bustling throughout the week with evening classes, lectures and meetings. As St. Matthew’s turns 65, these and other recollections are still readily accessible, and so we are gifted with a large treasure trove of still-living memories.

When I was in Palestine/Israel in 2019, I learned that members of the Palestinian Christian community frequently refer to themselves as the “living stones”. This is, of course, to differentiate themselves from the many existing structures constructed of ancient stones. Those structures, for all their antiquity, remain mute. Instead, it is *the people*, with their deep connection to the land, and with a collective heritage spanning countless generations, who are able to make the history “come alive” in a unique way.

The recollections contained in this volume are from the “living stones” of St. Matthew’s. Together, they help to keep our history alive, and prevent it from being simply a matter of names and dates. The invitation this day – and in the coming days – is for us to add *our* voices and *our* memories to that living history, so that on some future anniversary, others will discover themselves to be similarly blessed with a sense of being intimately connected to those who have preceded them in faith.

God has blessed this St. Matthew’s community in countless ways. May our ongoing Christian witness be a fitting response to God’s immeasurable Grace!

Blessings,

Andreas†



Mike Ricketts: 45 Years of Music Ministry at St. Matthew's



THEN— In the very early days, The Rev'd Grant Darling felt that St. Matthew's should have a choir. A small but joyful group met for rehearsals in those homes where pianos were available; Margaret Snelling was one of these original members. By 1958, a piano had been obtained to assist our excellent choir, under the direction of Al Loney to lead us in music. Eventually we were able to purchase an organ. Mrs. Loney was our pianist and then organist. In 1972, Al Loney tendered his resignation as choirmaster, but fortunately his son Tom was able to take over the role, and also be our organist. In 1974, Tom left to pursue advanced studies at the University of Western Ontario. Ron Dosenbach served for a few months but left in 1975. Al and Muriel Loney stepped up to the task of keeping music in the services until **it was our good luck to engage Mike Ricketts**, marking the beginning of an association still greatly appreciated today, after 45 years.



Mike recalls that when he first came to St. Matthew's in 1975, Beth Felet's father, the late Ted Abey, and Stan Goldspink, were wardens; Stan later joined the choir and was a faithful member for more than 20 years. Richard Postovit was already a choir member, as well as Beth Felet, who along two other young females, had obtained a place for girls in the junior choir just a while before Mike's arrival. Kim MacKendrick was President of the choir. Back then, the choir vested in black cassocks and white cottas (photo right, top); since the end of the century and the beginning of the new Millennium, choristers had switched to white albs (photo right, bottom). In Mike's words: "Our choir has always risen to the occasion of meeting the liturgical music needs of the parish, and over the years has been willing and eager to learn new styles of music to support our evolving liturgies." We have made use of three organs (including our current Rodgers organ), two pianos, and a Clavinova in the choir room. The choir's numbers have ranged from eight to twenty-two members, with a membership of between twelve to fifteen faithful choristers in recent years.



Throughout his ministry at St. Matthew's, Mike has collaborated with three rectors and an interim bishop in keeping our music program vital, as well as the commitment of past and current members of our choir.

Now—We feel truly blessed to have had such an accomplished and dedicated musician as our pastoral musician for 45 years.

Thank you, Mike, and HAPPY SAPPHIRE ANNIVERSARY!



A Brief History of The Parish Church of St. Matthew

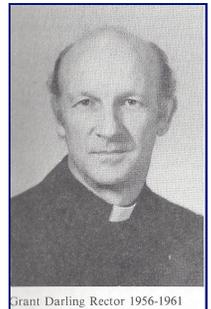
In the Beginning...

The Church at Glenwood When World War II ended, the Government of Canada obtained many tracts of land to be developed into housing communities for war veterans. One of these tracts included the land surrounding the Roseland Golf course, in the then Township of Sandwich West. On November 20, 1949, Bishop George N. Luxton issued a Certificate of Organization establishing the Parish of St. James church, Roseland. The parish grew so rapidly that in 1954, their rector, The Rev'd W.K. Morrison was granted permission to start a branch Anglican Sunday School at Glenwood Public School. This was the actual conception of St. Matthew's Parish. **On March 20 1955, Mothering Sunday, the first service of worship was conducted at 9:30am with attendance of 125** with the school director, Mr. Fitch, in charge of the Service, and The Rev'd W.K. Morrison as preacher. It was probably difficult for Father Morrison to conduct the services and preach the sermon from the centre of the long narrow hall with some of the congregation on the right and some on the left, and the choir recessed directly behind. The congregation most likely noticed the posters made by the students, perhaps their own children, attached to the walls, particularly to the end wall, for at that time there was only the front of the school, all the rest added later.

A New Parish Church Due to the increased enrolment at Glenwood and the overcrowded conditions at St. James, Mr. Morrison and Bishop Luxton agreed for a second location for Anglican worship to be established. At that time a Windsor Electrical Contractor, Mr. Zaleney, was in the process of developing the land between Norfolk St. and the Grand Marais drain and, in order to help his financing of the project, he agreed to sell lots on the west side of Glenwood running north from Norfolk Ave. This property comprised almost one acre, and was serviced by roads and water mains on Norfolk and Glenwood. The committee recommended its purchase for \$5,000.00 to which Bishop Luxton happily agreed.

With growth of the Sunday school to 140 students, and the purchase of property for a new church site, it was agreed that church services should also be started; the first regular church service was conducted on December 4.

On February 12, 1956, after the church service, a meeting was convened to organize a new parish, which was to be a second point parish with St. James, with Mr. Morrison as the incumbent, but due to Father Morrison's health issues, the Bishop decided to establish two separate parishes. The Diocese purchased a Rectory on Morris Dr. and on June 6, 1956 the appointed rector, The Rev'd Grant Darling, arrived to take over his new charge.



Grant Darling Rector 1956-1961

The Parish Church of St. Matthew The name of the church was chosen by ballot on June 17, 1956 from several names suggested by the congregation after a morning service. Names put forward were: St. Margaret's, St. Matthew's, St. Michael and All Angels, St. John the Baptist and St. Chad's. The name St. Matthew received the most votes and so **The Parish Church of St. Matthew** came into being. By this time the St. Margaret's W.A. (women to work together for the new parish), a B.A.C. (*Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen*) and an A.Y.P.A. (*Anglican Young People's Association*) had been formed. Formal permission was received from Sandwich West School Board for the continued use of Glenwood School. Rental fee of \$3.00 plus janitorial fees per Sunday.



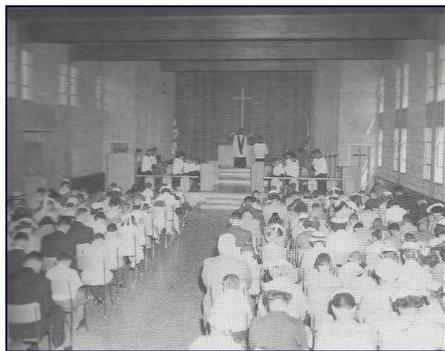
On October 28, 1956 a sod turning ceremony was held on the land acquired with Archdeacon K. Bolton turning the first sod. The first confirmation service for St. Matthew's was held at St. John's, Sandwich on December 16, 1956. Christmas services that year were held at Southwood school's Gymnasium and Paulin Memorial church. The first annual vestry meeting was held on January 20, 1957.

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... cont. A Brief History

The foundation stone was laid on Tuesday August 20, 1957 by Suffragan Bishop William A. Townshend and attended by several ministers: Mr. Davies, Mr. Jaggs, Mr. Rowles, Father Harding from St. James, as well as Mr. A. K. Finnie (Rector's warden), Mr. E. R. Jones (people's warden), and most of the congregation. The first service in the new Parish Hall was held on November 24, 1957.

On Sunday December 9, 1957, Bishop Luxton dedicated the Parish Hall and consecrated the Sacred Vessels and Ornaments.



The service of Confirmation was held on Dec. 15, 1957; we were able to hold Christmas Services for the first time in the new Parish Hall. Our congregation had grown from a mere handful to almost 200 families, and continued to grow as the community developed and many families moved into the area. By this time a Chancel Guild had been formed. The three women's, B.A.C., and A.Y.P.A. groups, all worked very hard to help raise funds, provide various equipment and furnish the kitchen. This made possible a number of functions held in the hall including the service of induction for The Rev'd Grant Darling on January 27, 1958. Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, and Guides were all well represented by St Matthew's and each year, we had a large class of confirmation candidates.

A House of God Until January 1961, under The Rev'd Grant Darling's youthful and vigorous leadership, St. Matthew's developed from an off-shoot mission of St. James' to a well-established Parish Church. In March of that year, The Rev'd A. Donald Munro came to St. Matthew's as its second rector, bringing a wealth of experience and a stable, almost fatherly, presence. Church activities flourished and the congregation continued to grow.



A. Donald Munro Rector 1961-1968

By 1964, the mortgage on the church hall had been paid off. A new program for building a church and a rectory, with Ken Heath's chairmanship, was then initiated. Massey court (then a field) was being opened for development and a lot was purchased to build a rectory adjacent to the church. An excellent pledge committee led by John Jemison conducted a canvassing program, originally seeking three-year pledges; this campaign had to be extended to five years, due to extreme price increases during the project.



The old rectory on Morris Ave. was sold, and the new one was partially financed with these funds, and finished in 1966. The church building was completed in February of 1967, and the service of dedication was held on Friday March 3, 1967. Officiating was The Rt. Rev'd G.N. Luxton, Bishop of Huron, assisted by The Rt. Rev'd Carmen J. Queen, Bishop of St. Clair and Suffragan Bishop of Huron, and The Rev'd A.D. Munro. Father Munro left in June 1968; his health had rapidly deteriorated during the past year, and he had been transferred to a smaller parish in Wheatley; sadly, he passed away

before being able to celebrate his first service there. The Rev'd A.D. Munro was buried from St. Matthew's in the afternoon of June 20, 1968.



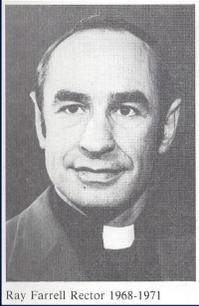
BISHOPS ATTEND—Two bishops who conducted the dedication of the new St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Norfolk St., Friday evening, look over the impressive building with the church's rector and wardens. From left to right: Warden Donald Cadwell, Rt. Rev. Carmen J. Queen, Suffragan Bishop, Rt. Rev. G. N. Luxton, Bishop of Huron, Rector Rev. A. Donald Munro, and Warden Jack Rowenham. The opening ends 10 years of working, planning.



As our Parish Hall could be credited to father Darling, so our church stands as a memorial to the late Rev'd A.D. Munro.

Announcement of the St. Matthew's brand new church building (Huron Church News, 1967)

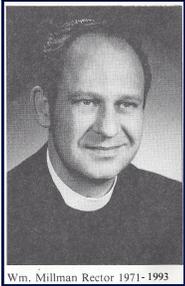
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Ray Farrell Rector 1968-1971

A Time of Change Although framed by great economic stress, The Rev'd Ray Farrell's ministry from 1968 until 1971 marked a time of renewal: a younger family in the rectory, a new emphasis on stewardship and, probably his greatest contribution, the introduction of modern liturgy to St. Matthew's. A "folk mass" format was introduced at a 9:30 am service, with a more traditional service offered at 11:00 am.

Silver Anniversary...



Wm. Millman Rector 1971-1993

Starting in 1971, some "firsts" during The Rev'd Canon Bill Millman's term include a Youth Group with up to 30 members, and The Art Exhibits and Sales, a series of successful shows featuring the work of local artists. The first Art show in 1972 raised \$280 to begin the "Pave-the-Parking-Lot" Fund, and continued on a yearly basis until 1979, later to be re-instated by the Garswood family in 1982. At the diocesan level, St. Matthew's hosted the first Diocesan Regional Children's Festival. The "Soup Suppers" began in 1977 to support the PWRDF, and our association with Hiatus House was established in 1978. **St. Matthew's turned 25 two years later, in 1980.** Rev'd Bill restored a more traditional service at St. Matthew's, and was always pro-active in his leadership. Parishioners still remember how he would visit and aid their families when needed. Father Millman remained as our rector until his retirement in 1993.

How the MacKendricks got connected to St. Matthew's by The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick

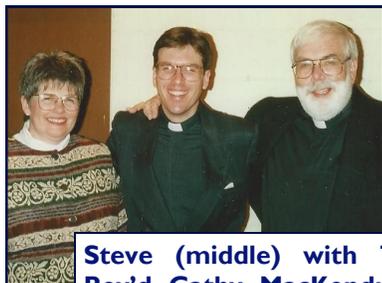
We moved to Windsor July 1, 1971. In the middle of August that year, a knock came to the door. It was Rev'd Bill Millman. He came to welcome us to the neighbourhood. He explained that a member of St. Matthew's was the woman who did Welcome Wagon for our area. I had met her already, with her bag of goodies, and she lived down the street.

We chatted briefly and somehow the choir came up. Kim perked up and said that his father had been a member of St. Jude's Oakville for 36 years. Kim also said that he always thought he might do the same thing. In unison Bill and I said "So?" Kim went off to the first choir practice in September and I toddled along the following Sunday.

That is how we found our new "family" ... The rest is history.



The Rev'd Canon Stephen Bradley Harnadek became our rector in 1993. Insisting in being called simply "Steve", he always emphasized the importance of a church remaining more concerned with God's will for them than with mundane issues.



Steve (middle) with The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick, and The Rev'd John McAvoy, ordained deacons in 1996



Mary Louise Drake started her ministry as church nurse in 2000, and continues in that role to this day.



The Rev'd Bob Chandler in 2003 shortly after being ordained as deacon (with the then Bishop of Huron, The Rt. Rev'd Bruce Howe)

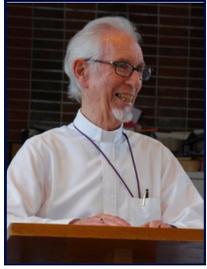


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... And Gold

In 2005, we celebrated **St. Matthew's 50th Anniversary**; the following are words from Rev'd Steve Harnadek's message back then: "... Who would have thought that over the past years we would see the ministry of three deacons, a church nurse, and all the various lay pastoral ministries that God has raised up in our midst, like Eucharist ministers and the Marlborough Breakfast Program? As for the future, I think it is best left in the hands of God, since God seems to have done a pretty good job so far! So, we may not know what lies before us, but we know who is leading us there. That is enough and more than enough", and "hold on to your pew, because God isn't finished with us yet!"

Rev'd Steve remained in his post until transferring to All Saints Anglican Parish in Sarnia/Corunna, in 2012.



The Rev'd Chris Brouillard-Coyle served as our Assistant Curate throughout the year 2009.

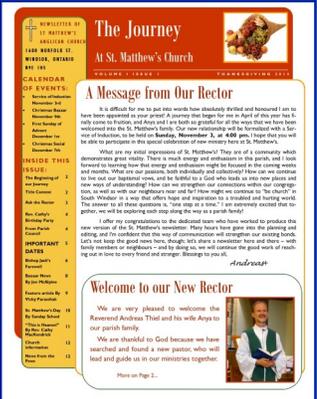
We were truly blessed to have The Rt. Rev'd Jack Peck serving as a interim minister for part of 2012 and 2013.

After a long process in search of a new rector, The Rev'd Andreas Thiel and his wife Anya Laurence-Thiel joined our St. Matthew's family in September of 2013, as the congregation was busy renovating the rectory, and preparing a warm welcome for them.

On Sunday, September 15, 2013, Rev'd Andreas presided our services for the first time, and his Service of Induction was held on November 3, 2013.



We embraced the RENEW initiative proposed by our Diocese; besides the complete renovation of the rectory, the interior walls of the church were refreshed by a new coat of paint, as were the exterior windows and the main doors. A strong building renovation campaign was launched to renew our space and improve accessibility to the building. Our narthex was blessed with a framed stained glass window, as well as with a new digital screen with slide show and church information displays. The St. Matthew's banner now adorns the Sanctuary. We re-invented our newsletter and *The Journey's* first issue was distributed in the fall of 2013. Since then, we have experienced periods of re-affirmation of some of our practices, modifying of others, and learning of new ones. Our mission statement **"We are called to share God's love as we welcome and care for our community"** was crafted as a reflection of our unchanged values of commitment to God and our people.



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Then, Diamond ...

In 2015, we celebrated

The Parish of St. Matthew's 60th Anniversary!



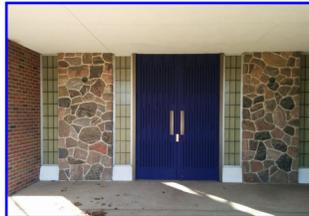
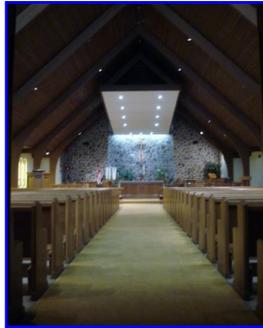
The All Renewed St. Matthew's In February 2016, almost 50 years after the church building dedication, and after a 12-month RENEW capital campaign, we began the Lenten season at the same time as our journey through the renovation work. Six weeks later, we were blessed with a more efficient, more accessible, safer, brighter, and renewed worship space and exterior doors.

THEN



Photo caption above from **Huron Church News, 1967**: "A field stone east wall and a wide chancel aisle are features of the new St. Matthew's, Windsor. The Paschal Candle may be discerned at the left of the sanctuary arch (Photo by W.J. Lescomb, Windsor.)"

BEFORE



DURING



Photos from <https://www.facebook.com/saintmatthews-windsor/>
Huron Church News clipping courtesy of Bev Chantler

NOW



On June 3, 2016, the welcoming signs and happy faces outside matched the mood indoors, in our brightly lit and newly renovated worship space, as we celebrated the completion of the project with a special performance by Karen Morand and BOSCO, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall.

**Inaugural Recital for our Rodgers Organ
Oct. 23, 2016**



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Our English as a Second Language (ESL) Program began in 2018



My Journey to St. Matthew's

by The Rev'd Glenda Fisher



In November, 2013, I was ordained to the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Huron. I began to attend monthly deanery clergy meetings and it was at these meetings that I met The Rev'd Andreas Thiel. I had been searching for a 'spiritual director' for some time and after having become acquainted with Andreas, I 'knew' I had found the person I was seeking. I asked if he would be willing to assume this role in my life. After prayer and consideration, he agreed. It was during our regular meeting times that I became more aware of St. Matthew's parish and was often moved by Andreas' sharing about the people and the various ministries. In early 2018, I requested a 'leave of absence' from diaconal ministry due to health issues, but by mid-March, I was well enough to begin to attend services and my search for a

parish led me to the church that I had come to know through Andreas..... and here I am.....two and a half years later! When I came to St. Matthew's, I recall how warmly I was embraced by so many. I felt so 'at home'. After a time, I requested to resume my active ministry as **a Deacon at St. Matthew's**. This was affirmed by my parish family at Vestry on February 3, 2019. Beyond measure, the people of St. Matthew's truly embrace their chosen motto: "We are called to share God's love as we 'welcome' and 'care for' our community." I am so humbled and so proud to be a part of St. Matthew's. I am so deeply grateful that my 'journey' led me here.



KIDZ Church 2019



2020 The Year of the COVID19 Pandemic



And Now ... Sapphire!

Throughout these 65 years, our parish life has been filled with many changes and events; some happy, others bittersweet, and at times challenging, but always guided by our mission statement, and the positive spirit of our congregation.

Now, just like back then, so many treasured moments we have shared

Happy 65th Anniversary, St. Matthew's!

A Timeline 1955-2020

Our dedicated families have been - and continue to be - instrumental in St. Matthew's growth and milestone achievements; in this timeline throughout over six decades, some of them share their thoughts about St. Matthew's at the time they joined our congregation:

1950s



Then: with Rev'd Grant Darling
Now: with Rev'd Andreas Thiel
Guiding our children through their church experience



From Margaret Jemison



"John and I moved as a young couple to our home on Rockwell St., in November of 1955, and soon after that, The Rev'd Grant Darling dropped by and invited us to join his congregation for worship at Glenwood school, and we became a part of the St. Matthew's family from its inception."

From Beverly Chantler

"When I was confirmed at the age of twelve, my family was part of St. James' Church in Roseland. Shortly after that, my parents, Helen & Dougal Grieves, became founding members of the new congregation at St. Matthew's, and played an active role in the efforts for the construction of the Parish Hall on Norfolk St. (for example, I still remember our basement full of licorice boxes to be sold, as a fundraiser). I was part of the Bible school at St. Matthew's as a teenager, and worship services were still being held at the Hall when George and I were married by father Munro in 1961. Our family continued to grow, along with our church family at St. Matthew's."

1960s



Then: with Rev'd Donald Munro
Now: with Rev'd Andreas Thiel
Keeping a strong rapport with our wardens



Rev'd Donald Munro with George & Beverly Chantler June 24, 1961

The brief term of Rev'd Ray Farrell as our rector (1968 -1971) was nevertheless marked by important milestones. One of his many progressive initiatives was the resolution that "...at least one woman be elected to the Board of Management each year..." Dorothy Garswood became the first female member of the Board, followed by Margaret Jemison, and many others over the years.



Dorothy Garswood with Chancel Guild (1979)

Canada adopted its iconic National Flag in 1965.



On July 20th, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first man ever to walk on the Moon.

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Then—Pierre E. Trudeau, our 15th Prime Minister (in office 1968 – 1979; 1980-1984)
Now—Justin P.J. Trudeau, our 23rd Prime Minister (in office since 2015)



1970s

Then: Soup Suppers
Now: Soup Luncheons
 Supporting the PWRDF since 1977



1980s

Then: Board of Management (1981, with Rev'd Bill Millman and Bishop David Ragg)
Now: Our Parish Council (2020)

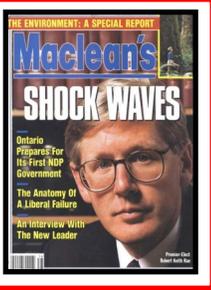


Sue & Mark Bernard 1983



Mary Louise & Gordon Drake 1986

Bob Rae—21st Premier of Ontario, leading Ontario's first NDP Government (in office 1990-1995)



1990s



From Patty Paraschak

Then—"When Bob Rae was premier, we got a grant from the NDP to create handicap accessibility, so the washrooms' entry from the Parish Hall was closed, allowing bigger stalls and wider doors. Architect Ray Masters, who drew the design, was part of our Board of Management"
 Margaret Jemison

Now— Washroom renovations in 2019 (Women's pictured below)



"My children and I joined the church around 1995. My husband Michael, and his family, had always belonged to the church, so when I decided to start taking the kids to Sunday school, I started bringing them to St Matthew's. That way when I was working, the Paraschak clan would be there with the kids. Steph and Dave were baptized shortly after. The photo is from around that time."

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The September 11 attacks, often referred to as 9/11, were a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks by the Islamist terrorist group Al-Qaeda against the United States on the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001.



2000s

Then: Rev'd Steve Harnadek
Now: Rev'd Andreas Thiel
 Our rectors can cook!

From Jane Patterson

Jane with Ryan and Kevin (2003)



"How I Found St. Matthew's - and How You Found Me

In 2001, Jeff and I were expecting the arrival of our third child. We were members of St. Barnabas' and the long-time rector, the Rev'd Bill Bradley, was leaving the parish. After living in South Windsor for over 10 years, this was the perfect time to move to our neighborhood church. We knew several families already, including our neighbour, the Rev'd Steve Harnadek. We joined St. Matthew's and began the preparations for Ryan's baptism with Mary Carey, our parish sponsor. Ryan was baptized on the first Sunday after the tragedy of September 11. I will always remember that service - the joy of the baptism, mixed with the uncertainty that we all felt, as we grappled with world events in the context of faith and love. The worship style, slightly different from my previous experiences, caused me to consider my faith in a new light. Your outreach ministries expanded my view. In a short time, this was our family's church. Thank God we had your strength and prayers behind us when I faced a major health crisis in 2004. Reverend Steve brought all of your support to help uplift my family and bring us through that crisis. Your spirit continues to inspire me. Under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Andreas, Reverend Cathy, and Reverend Glenda, we continue to share God's love. I am so glad that you welcomed my family."

Jane and Jeff Patterson, Kevin, Collin, and Ryan

From Danielle Richer

How the Finlayson/Richer family came to St. Matthew's Church



"Usually it is the parents that introduce children to church, but in our case it was our daughters who did it. My husband Paul is Polish-Ukrainian, United, and going to church once in a while was enough; I am French Canadian, Catholic, and grew up with the notion that one could never go to church often enough. However, I had lost my way when it came to the Catholic Church, and by the time Paul and I ended up in Windsor, we had no church experience together except for the annual Church Parade day with our children's Boy Scouts and Girl Guides troops. Through a series of serendipitous events that I can only attribute to a higher authority, it came to be that our daughters, Sarah and Emily, had a sleepover at Emma and Kate Westray's house. Their mother Louise Davis and I had met early on after our move here, and had become friends. Our girls had more sleepovers together, and they even had gone to Sunday school once or twice together, when something spoke to Sarah, which caused her to announce at dinnertime that we should start going to St. Matthew's church. And something spoke to us, her parents, to say "this is the right thing to do." Since that day back in 2002, there have been baptisms, weddings, funerals, choir practices, Church council and Vestry meetings, crafting sessions, Christmas Craft and Food Markets, yard sales, picnics, talent shows, and so much more; the outcome is that we joined the St. Matthew's family, and have slowly been growing our faith ever since. "

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From Dora Donlon

“Here is our story of how we found St. Matthew’s:

Mark and I were engaged and looking for a church to be married. We had visited other parishes but when we met Rev’d Steve we knew we had found a home! He was so friendly and welcoming, he made us feel instantly at ease. He bonded with Mark over baseball and they both laughed as Steve told us that he wouldn’t be at church that weekend because he was going to a baseball game. We quickly realized, as we participated in services, that the entire community of St. Matthew’s was just as welcoming. We enjoyed coming on Sunday mornings and getting to know the community. Our wedding passed (2009), and two babies later, we feel a bit out of touch as we navigate through our busy lives. However, we do know that whenever we walk through the church doors, there is a welcoming group of smiling faces on the other side ... and for that, we are thankful.”



Mark & Dora Donlon
2009

The Donlon Family

Throughout the Years



Picnic 1996



Elders’ Tea 2015

Gatherings

Then: The Swine Flu H1N1 pandemic lasted from January 2009 to August 2010. **Number of deaths: 284,000**
Now: The Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 pandemic is ongoing. The disease was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, China. **Number of deaths as of September 22, 2020: 974,025**

2010s



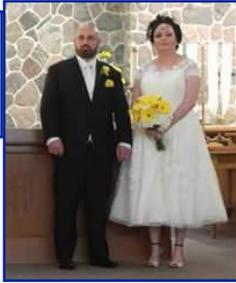
1950s



2016 renovations

Worship in the Parish Hall

Aaron & Melissa (Goldspink) Bratt
2017



Stan Goldspink’s
90th birthday
September 2019



Chancel Guild 1995



Craft Guild 2019

Skillful Hands



Bazaar
1993



Craft & Food Market
2019

Christmas Sales



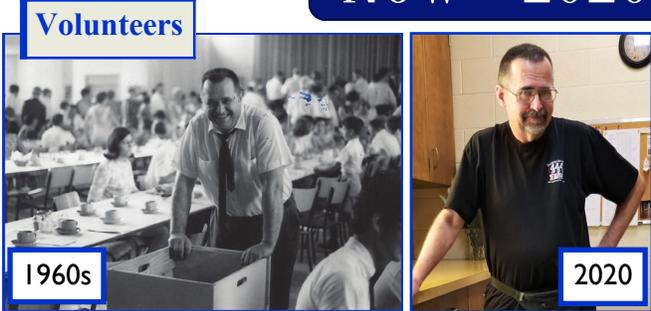
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NOW - 2020 !



Mary Davis' 90th birthday January 2020



1960s

2020



2002



2016



Pancake Suppers

The Rector's 10-mile Walkathon for the PWRDF, Sunday, June 14



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**Please call or e-mail
the church for
pre-registration**

**Sunday Services:
8:00 am & 10:00 am**

**Please wear your mask
and keep a distance of at
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