

REVEREND JOHN PATRICK - St. Anne's Anglican Church

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Origin of Congregation

Parish founded by Reverend Donaldson who came to Steveston on land belonging to a group of Baptists who had progressed as far as the foundations. Reverend Donaldson deeded the land to the Diocese later.

Location

On Broadway Avenue - one block closer to docks from Garry Street - Parish Hall on Fourth Avenue. Reverend Donaldson left in 1914 - widow stayed longer.

Rev. Patrick came in 1957 - Church then was at old location.

Description

- Small white frame building, high peaked roof, duroid covered later.
- Nave took up most of interior with Chancel & Sanctuary at end - along side of these was a lean-to for the vestry.

Lighting - Old-style knob and tube wiring lights hanging by chains which swung back and forwards in heavy wind wiring, often broke.

Roof - Leaked badly.

Story of Opening of Church (as told to Rev. Patrick by widow of Mr. Parker).

Reverend Donaldson had church ready for opening by Bishop Sillitoe of New Westminster. Door was padlocked and he took a horse whip down Moncton Street to a contractor, Mr. Parker, who

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wanted to be paid for his lumber. Church opened 1891. Mrs. Parker also told story of widow of Reverend Donaldson who stayed in Steveston for many years later.

Stables behind church had been made into a garage. Manse had been made into suites during 2nd World War, and was occupied by a bootlegger at the time of Rev. Patrick. As that owner would not sell the land between the manse and the church, the church was unable to put in necessary plumbing.

### Church Hall

Was shaped like a T - had been two buildings - one St. Jerome's church, Shell & Steveston area - other a school. Flooring had to be constantly jacked up in later years.

### Plumbing

Needed new septic tank, but could not get permit from municipality.

Church was patched up constantly. Held about 50 - 60 people. Originally, pioneer people and descendants. No boundaries at that time of Parish until St. Alban's started building new Parish Hall in late 1960's and, as basis for mortgage loan, Bishop set boundaries as west of Gilbert Road being St. Anne's Parish.

### Memorials

- Altar Cross in memory of Reverend Donaldson.
- Altar silver chalice and paten donated by Women's Association.

Memorial windows were removed and brought to new building when it was built.

### Groups

- W.A. very active - served hot lunches for workers at B.C. Packers twice a month.

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Groups....continued

- Men's group
- Choir

Organ

Very small electric organ which was always affected by electrical breakdowns, also as standby hand-pumped harmonium. Electric one brought over but rebuilt and later given to church in Port Hardy.

Special Events

First wedding held shortly after Rev. Patrick's arrival was the first for many years.

Visit of Archdeacon Thomson from Vancouver for a mission week - pulpit tipped over.

Reason for Move

- Could not get plumbing permit
- Could not get land for off-the-street parking (by-law)
- Poor condition of building

Arrangement for Move

Lot obtained from Mrs. Skinner (daughter of Mr. Francis) on lease arrangement first then as church operational with free title.

Rev. Patrick sold the rectory to pay off debts, then hall and church, leaving \$2,200. to build a new church.

Plans

Drawn up by Rev. Patrick - details of authorization given. Started to build 1959. Put partition across middle of structure using one half as church and the other half as Sunday School.

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Plans ...continued

Details given of building permits. Loan taken out from Bishop of New Westminster of \$15,000.

Contractor

Mr. Jack Morgan was a builder in Vancouver, resident of Richmond.

Loan paid back. Further loan made of \$5,000. to make additions.

First Service

Easter Sunday, March 29, 1959. Last service held in old church Good Friday, March 27, 1959, with parishioners moving equipment after the service.

Took pews, altar cross, organ and bell from tower (not yet installed).

Memorials      (NOT ON TAPE)

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| Windows                        | - Mary Louisa Bowen               |
|                                | - Mr. Charles Herbert             |
|                                | - Mrs. Hannal Ebbutt              |
|                                | - F/O Russel Foster               |
|                                | - W/O Robert Lewis Francis        |
|                                | - James Henry Francis             |
|                                | - Robert Thomas Palmer            |
|                                | - W.A.                            |
|                                | - Gift of William & Alice Buswell |
|                                | - Mr. Siddall                     |
|                                | - John Seal                       |
| Communion Chalice<br>& Servers | - Mr. Mulholland                  |
| Offertory Plates               | - Michael Eyton                   |
|                                | - Corporal W. W. Smith            |

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Memorials ...continued

Font	-Mrs. Henrietta M. Spencer & Mr. & Mrs. James Matthew
Prayer Desk	-Mrs. Louisa Bowen

Plan of New Church

Entrance in corner of "L" shaped building. Has gymnasium, board room and kitchen in one arm and nave in other arm.

Church not consecrated as not policy of Bishop to consecrate. Will dedicate but not consecrate. Rev. Patrick explains this, and his hopes for future buildings.

Background of Congregation

Has grown considerably. Multi-nationals in group - observe all rubrics of the Prayer Book.

Special Events

Confirmations now held in Regional Deaconates.

Attitude to Union with United Church

Has been under discussion for past 32 years: ballots being sent out April, 1975, from the Primate of All-Canada. Biggest stumbling block is concept of clergy - Deacons, Priests, and Bishops. United Church have elected moderators who seem unwilling to accept Bishops.

Plans for Future

Still some completion of building to be done. Parking lot needs paving.

Rev. Patrick feels ornamentation of a church is superfluous in world conditions of hardships and poverty.

Hope to install bells, one from the original building and a second one for this building.

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Groups Presently Meeting

- Anglican Church Women (formerly W.A.) - day and evening groups
- Large choir
- Young people's organization
- Church school
- Church school teachers meetings
- Gym classes
- Social events

Services

Every Sunday, communion at 9:30. Every second Sunday, 11:00 a.

Priest

Reverend Patrick is Priest-in-charge, but now has no Deacon. Has a Lay Reader.

Upkeep

Envelope system at open collection plate. Self-supporting now, since new building constructed.

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