

# Christ Anglican Church

Corunna - Ontario

1861 - 1955



Glory to God in the Highest



WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,  
THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO.

Matthew 6 : 21

The picture on the front cover is that  
of the new altar and chancel.



# YOUR RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

I call you FRIENDS, because the Christian faith stresses that human relationship above all else.

"I call you friends", said Our Lord, "not servants, for the servant knoweth not what his master doeth. I call you friends, for all things I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you." (John XV - 15)

The Christian Brotherhood therefore must be primarily, the society of friends. If we have understood this primary function we are in a position to offer the best possible basis for a true and lasting peace to a world that has had more than its share of unhappiness.

I am writing this letter to you in a spirit of extreme urgency, for I feel we have a tremendous opportunity awaiting us to establish the Christian Church in our Community at a time when it is most needed.

In the past the few have gambled on the hope that the church would succeed on her own merits alone, which she has! But just think what a power for good she could have been had we ALL given her our undivided and whole-hearted support all through the years. We have at last come upon the moment when the Church's own inherent merit is not enough to cope adequately with the forces at large which seek to deny her message of the value of human dignity and equal justice and love for ALL men. It need hardly be mentioned here that there are many authorities both behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains and also in our very midst that seek to reweld the chains of feudal slavery, politically and economically, and the only force opposing this movement is the Christian Church, but her strength is curtailed in that she is only as strong as her weakest adherent.

Our plan in this Community is not just a sincere desire to operate more efficiently but is in reality an intense desire to present a truly united front to all that is negative and desires to victimise our civilization. We hope, with your full co-operation to weld our congregation together so that ours will be a glorious example for other members of the Universal Christian Church to follow. The impetus for our plan is really an ancient one, taken straight from the Old Testament, a plan so simple that we have overlooked it, yet this was the plan Our Lord insisted be used by His followers because it works; it is called tithing. We are presented with a direct challenge; to do as Our Lord commanded and succeed, or go on in our old way, courting every vice of gambling and money-making and eventually NOT succeeding. We can either accept Our Lord's plan and succeed, or not accept

it and lose by default and let some other group do what we have neither the courage, faith, nor foresight to do.

In weighing the pro's and con's of this very important matter, it is advisable to make a careful check on our own resources and see what we have to offer.

First and foremost we have an up-to-date theology which satisfactorily explains to scientist and philosopher alike the Christian concept of life from beginning to end; our scholarship ranks second to none on its own merits. Our clergy must all hold qualified University degrees before they can proceed to ordination.

We have a Liturgy or forms of worship for every occasion in our lives which are both so beautiful and yet practical that many other Christian groups are imitating them.

In our worship the whole congregation is required to participate on the strength of the belief that THE CHURCH is in actual fact the PEOPLE who comprise it. The Prayer Book offers Scripture reading, prayers and praise that for our people the world over has become part and parcel of our whole religious life and expression.

The Church stands forever with her doors open to welcome your momentary retreat from all the anxieties of a highly complex society, a place where you can recoup your physical and spiritual resources and can go forth strengthened and renewed.

These may be humble considerations, but interpreted and utilized in your life enable you to make your greatest contribution not only in the realm of your own existence and in the lives of your loved ones, but also to a remarkable extent in the life of the whole community. It is only natural that since God made us in His form and image, He should be free to act through us!

Let me therefore conclude by asking you to participate in the plan outlined by the men of our Congregation, give them every possible support and encouragement, remembering that in supporting the Church you are guaranteeing our free democratic way of life, both for yourselves and for the generations yet to come. May God's richest blessing abide with you all.

Your sincere Friend and Rector,

*Alex K. Morphy*



# THE HISTORY OF OUR PARISH

The first Anglican Communion in Lambton County was founded at Mooretown in 1832. The mother church of our parish as well as for Lambton County, is Holy Trinity Church at Mooretown. This area was then known as the Sutherland Settlement. On June 22nd of 1835, the progressive Thomas Sutherland called a meeting of all the adherents of the Church of England to consider the erection of a church. He donated one acre of land (God's Acre) for a church and cemetery where the present Sutherland Cemetery is situated. The history-making MacKenzie-Papineau Rebellion of 1837 delayed the completion of the church so that it was not officially opened until January 23rd 1842, under the leadership of the first rector of Moore, the Reverend Alexander Pyne. In 1845 this lovely brick church was consecrated by Bishop John Strachan of Toronto (York). In 1863 a new church was built on the present site at Mooretown. This church was named Sutherland Trinity and was consecrated by Bishop Cronyn on December 20th, 1863. Unfortunately this church was destroyed by fire in 1918. The present Trinity Church was constructed during the next year.

In 1840 Froome Talfourd donated land for a cemetery and church to the Diocese and later in that same year he built St. Mary's Church near where No. 40 Highway now passes through Froomefield. This frame church was used up until about 1865, finally being moved to the Sarnia Indian Reservation. The parishes of Mooretown and Froomefield were administered by the same minister until 1863.

The opening of the first Anglican Church in Corunna took place on August 11th, 1861. The

official opening ceremonies were conducted by the dynamic Bishop Cronyn from London. At this time the beautiful and historic communion service (silver chalices, paten, and wine flagon) still in use today, was given to Christ Anglican Church by Froome Talfourd Esqre., to commemorate the opening of the church.

Christ Church was consecrated in 1863. This early church was a large brown frame structure and stood facing south towards Hill Street, about twenty-five feet west of the present church. The old church was subsequently torn down and a new one opened on July 2nd, 1905. The Reverend Edwin Lee was the rector at this time.

The present parish hall was formerly used by the Chosen Friends' Society as their meeting place. It was located on the second lot north of the public school on No. 40 Highway.

In December of 1954 the interior of the parish hall and church were completely renovated.

The parishes of Mooretown and Courtright were united until 1897. In that year the present church was built at Courtright and named St. Stephen's Church. This church was consecrated for Divine Service on September 27th, 1910.

Up until October of 1953, the three parishes of Corunna, Mooretown and Courtright were mission charges, being in part supported by the Diocese of Huron. Now this parish is self-sustaining. Truly a noble effort for an historic parish.



# WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

— A message from your Building Fund Chairman, Jack Kennedy.

Since September of 1954, a small yet effective group of men and women of our congregation has been working at remodelling and beautifying the church and parish hall. Work was first started on the parish hall in October. The roof was raised and braced, the walls straightened and the ceiling lowered. Then the walls were covered with gyproc and wainscoting and finally the floors were tiled. A new addition was erected also between the parish hall and the church. This area now contains modern washrooms, a gas-fired forced air heating system, and a small office. Then work was started on the primary objective, namely, the renovation of the church itself. A new entrance was constructed containing a roomy cloakroom. The ceiling and walls of the church were insulated and the ceiling was covered with accoustic tile. The floor was tiled. Then the chancel and the choir areas were finished in blonde oak furniture. This area also contains hardwood flooring. The new organ, pulpit, and communion railings were also finished in blonde oak. A beautiful illuminated green reredos stretching up to the ceiling was installed behind the altar. At present new pews are being constructed and finished in matching blonde oak. To date, a few have already been completed and installed in the church. The first service was held in the renovated church on Christmas Eve, December 24th, 1954.

To date over 7,000 man-hours have been spent in renovating the church buildings. These men and women volunteered their precious time. Can you fail them by not donating generously to our Building Fund Drive?

There yet remains—

- (1) the modernization of our kitchen,
- (2) the redecoration and repairing of the exterior of the church as well as the parish hall,
- (3) the landscaping of the grounds, and
- (4) the completion of the pews.



# OUR IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES

In order to renovate the church and parish hall, it was necessary to borrow over \$6,000. Additional funds will be required for the many other improvements needed. To meet the immediate need of repaying the mortgage and to provide sufficient funds for additional work, your Board of Management has deemed that it will require the modest sum of \$5,000 per year for each of the next three years. This is in **addition** to that you are already giving towards the upkeep of the Church through the Current Expense section of the duplex envelopes.

This amount of \$5,000 per year for the next three years for the Building Fund appears to be quite large, but actually it is not. It amounts to only about \$100 per week. If twenty-five families pledge \$4.00 per week or if fifty families pledge \$2.00 per week, or if one hundred families pledge \$1.00 per week, then we shall attain our Building Fund Objective without difficulty.

We hope that every one will see fit to morally pledge himself to an equal amount towards the Current Expenses. Remember that our new building with its added comfort, has also brought with it greater monthly expenses, such as salaries, heating bills, lighting, etc. Please remember too, that these expenses go on whether you are at church or absent. Remember, also that people double their church activity when they double their giving. This means that when you give generously to the church, you give more than money; you also give part of yourself. Thus your spiritual progress increases in direct proportion to your willingness to give.

Your desire to assist in arriving at our objective is our hope of success. The success of this campaign rests on **You**. Corunna, Moore Township, Lambton County, and Canada are growing.

SO MUST CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH





# OUR LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

Closely allied with the immediate task of paying off our Mortgage and paying for the other improvements urgently required, is the problem of Modernizing our Church Finances. Many of our financial difficulties have been caused by failure to make proper provision for the expenses which must be met periodically during the year. These expenses are salaries, taxes, insurance premiums, light, fuel, retirement fund payments, missionary commitments, stationery, etc. To date your Board of Management has had no idea just how much money they could count on receiving during the year from the Current Operating Envelopes. Our church giving has been very spasmodic. Your Church Wardens could never plan for the year ahead. Every business, every home, every organization budgets for the year ahead. Why not the Church? Now is the Time to Modernize. Let us do away with our outdated system of financing.

In order to do this, we should like everyone to budget his givings to the Building Fund in regular weekly amounts, distributed over the next three years. Also, we should like each and everyone to set aside an equal amount in the Church Envelopes provided for the current operating expenses of the church.

Envelopes are being provided for both funds. Acquire the Weekly Budget Habit. It makes giving fun! It makes giving easy! When you decide to budget, start right now. Your only chance to control your money is before it is spent. This is what our church is trying to do. The object of budgeting is to make your money do what you want it to do in catching up with the past (paying off the mortgage), caring for the present needs (operating expenses) and building your happiness for the future (saving).

Church budget-making is primarily a family concern. Build your own plan to suit yourself, but include the church. Thus Church Budgeting, Christian Stewardship, or Proportionate Giving should be your recognition of God's goodness and mercy towards you.

Your future is with God. Give Generously. Give Sacrificially.



# OUR CANVASS PLAN

In order to raise the amount of money necessary to pay for our Building Expenses, your Board of Management has deemed it advisable to hold a general canvass of all the adherents and members of Christ Anglican Church during the week of March 27th to April 2nd.

The canvass plan is very simple. One or two men from our congregation will call upon you in your home. They are to aid you in making a momentous decision; namely the support of God's work. There can be no worthier cause. At the same time the canvassers are carrying out a friendly every member canvass. Each of the canvassers has already signed his pledge card for a generous weekly amount for the next three years. When you have decided upon your weekly amount you will be asked to sign a pledge card covering the weekly amount for the next three years. These pledges are morally binding, but may however be adjusted as your circumstances permit.

We do not want only your financial support. We also want your moral support and personal participation. We believe that this is best attained by regular weekly attendance at Church, as well as by regular weekly giving. Hence we should appreciate your weekly donation more than a yearly settlement.

**We are counting on your support.**



**CAMPAIGN WEEK**  
**MARCH 27th to APRIL 2nd**



# HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

## HOW MUCH CAN I GIVE?

Only you personally can answer these two questions. This decision is a momentous one and will require much serious thought on your part. It is for this reason that these booklets are being mailed to you in advance of the general campaign. By reading and studying each section, we believe that you will be able to decide upon a generous donation to the church. You will also include the church in your budgeting. By doing this you will greatly lighten the onerous task of the canvassers.

The modern concept of Christian Stewardship or Proportionate Giving is that each person gives in proportion to his yearly income. Thus each person carries his or her full share of the support of the church as circumstances permit.

The biblical tithe was one-tenth of all that one harvested in a year. Thus a modern tithe would be one-tenth of your yearly income. This amounts

to only \$2.00 per week for each \$1,000 of annual income. A half-tithe would then amount to only \$1.00 per week for each \$1,000 unit of income. The half-tithe schedule is felt to be a realistic modern contribution to the church.

In order to arrive at a concrete decision with respect to "How Much Should I Give", it is suggested that everyone first decide the maximum weekly amount which can be set aside for the work of the church. It is then suggested that each family next divide this sum into two parts, namely:

- (1) One half to be used for the Building Fund.
- (2) The other half to be used for the Current Expenses.

The following table, based on the half-tithe schedule is shown to assist you in making your decision.

### SUGGESTED LEVELS OF GIVING

Yearly Income	Total Donations per Week	One Half of the Total Donation to be placed in BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES	Other Half of the Total Donation to be placed in CURRENT EXPENSE ENVELOPES
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
\$1000.00	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.50
2000.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
3000.00	3.00	1.50	1.50
4000.00	4.00	2.00	2.00
5000.00	5.00	2.50	2.50
6000.00	6.00	3.00	3.00
7000.00	7.00	3.50	3.50
8000.00	8.00	4.00	4.00
9000.00	9.00	4.50	4.50

When the canvasser calls upon you, please sign your Building Fund pledge card for the appropriate amount shown in column 3 of the above table. Thus if you earn \$4,000. per year, an effective and realistic contribution towards the support of the church would be \$4.00 per week. You would however, sign the **Building Fund** pledge card for only \$2.00 per week. (See the above table, column 3). It is understood that this illustration is only a guide and that the actual amount to be pledged will have to be decided by each family.

We know that you as a loyal Church Member

will support your Building Fund Drive as well as keeping up your regular givings towards the current expenses of your Church.

Let us all share in this great Spiritual Campaign by giving generously and coming regularly to church. Support our Beliefs by our Giving!

This Campaign is occurring during the period of Lent when Our Lord underwent great hardships and suffering on our behalf. We dare not be of little faith and let Him down.

**OUR GOAL IS ATTAINABLE WITH YOUR AID**



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