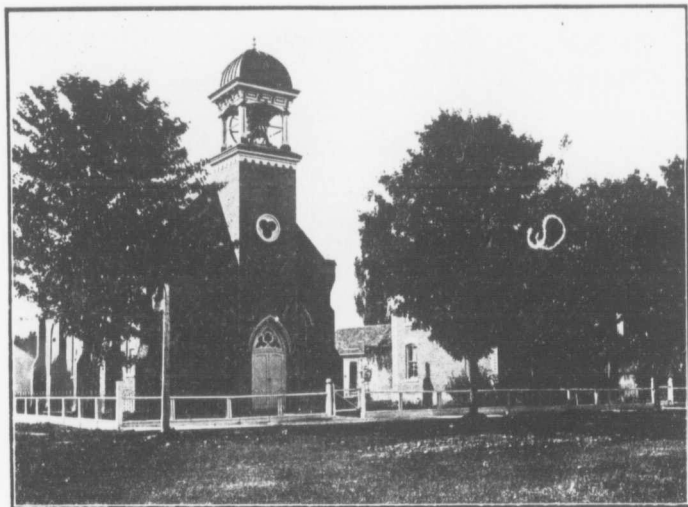


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St. Stephen's Church, Gorrie

"We took sweet counsel together and walked in the House of
God as friends." *Isa. 55:15.*

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Thanksgiving Services to Almighty God for His
inestimable benefits during the past fifty years,
and the spread of His Kingdom among the people of
Gorrie and Howick.

“Let all the people praise thee O God, ye, let all the people
praise thee. . . And God, even our own God, shall give us His
blessing. Psal. 67: 5-6.



Special Services

Sunday, June 20th--Morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Evening at 7 o'clock.

Preacher--The Venerable Archdeacon Perry, M. A.

Tuesday, June 22nd--Closing Service at 8 o'clock.

Preacher--Reverend R. J. M. Perkins, M. A.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various positions in the office of the Secretary of the State of New York, for the term ending on the 31st day of December, 1901.

Secretary of the State, William C. Clegg.
Comptroller of the State, Charles S. Smith.
Treasurer of the State, John H. Thompson.
Attorney General, Charles D. Clark.
Commissioner of the State Land Office, John H. Thompson.



Approved: _____

Witness my hand and the seal of the State of New York, at Albany, this _____ day of _____, 1901.

Governor, _____

Secretary of the State, _____

Comptroller of the State, _____

Treasurer of the State, _____

History of the Anglican Church ...Gorrie...




RECORDS can be found of the establishment of the Anglican Church in the Township of Howick, as early as January 22nd, 1860, when the Rev. Edward E. Newman, administered the rite of baptism to William Charles, infant son of William Charles and Mary Hooker. Similar services are mentioned of baptisms taking place throughout Howick and Turnberry. At Fordwich public worship was being held of a Sunday at this time. It is not until a later period that we find the Rev. Andrew Elias Millar, a missionary, taking his first (recorded) baptism, of Elizabeth, the four year old daughter of James and Mary Campbell, August 23rd, 1863, in the vicinity of Gorrie, or Leechville as it was called then. It is assumed, however, that services on Sundays were being held in private homes between the years 1863 and 1870. Miss Margaret Harding, one of the members of our present congregation, well remembers services being held February, 1869, in the old Orange Hall, over Mr. Hueston's tannery. The church wardens at that time were Mr. Jas. Perkins and Mr. Joseph Wildridge.

As early as July 6th, 1868, at a Vestry meeting the following gentlemen were elected: Dr. Worthington, Richard

James, John Stinson, James Perkins, Henry Perkins, John Watters and Joseph Wildridge to form the building committee for the purpose of erecting a church. On August 4th, the same year, the committee reported having secured lots 46 and 47 on Wellington St. Howick Village, to build the present church on. In the spring of 1869 the actual building commenced and in July the corner stone was laid by the Very Reverend Dean Hellmuth, who became the second Bishop of Huron. All the Orangemen of Howick attended the ceremony and the ladies of the congregation provided free lunch to all. The Sunday previous to the laying of the stone the Dean preached in the old drill shed which stood on the site of the present rectory garden. About this time Mr. Hueston moved his tannery, compelling the congregation to worship in the old school in the Fall, and during the Winter in the new Orange Hall, on Main street. Winter set in that year during October and the work ceased till the Spring of 1870, but in the meantime the brick work and roof had been finished.

In the month of June on a Sunday, this same Spring the church was finally opened for public worship by the Reverend Jas. Smythe of Christ Church, London. Services had been held every other Sunday till then but now the Rev Andrew Elias Millar conducted them every Sunday and remained incumbent for another year.

For a few months after Mr Millar's departure, students and the Lay Reader (Dr. Worthington) supplied on Sundays. In the Winter of 1871 the Reverend E. Softley became rector, who, after a few years labour was followed by Reverend John Woodburn, succeeding Reverend John Woodburn came the Reverend G. Racey who stayed a couple of years. Mr. Charles O'Meara, a divinity student, occupied the field two years, one as a student and one as a Deacon. After his ordination he moved away and after him



came the Reverend Thomas Fisher. Reverend Thomas Fisher's successor the Rev. J. H. Moorhouse, whose stay as rector was marked by the rectory being built and the parish becoming self supporting, the parish consisting of the three places, Fordwich, Gorrie and Wroxeter, and dates back to the Reverend Andrew Elias Millar's day. The Reverend J. H. Moorhouse eventually moved to take charge of St. Paul's Church, Wingham, and for a few months students and lay readers kept the church open until the appointment of the Reverend T. A. Wright.

During the incumbancy of the Reverend T. A. Wright another step in the progress of the parish took place. The belfry was built, bell hung, and the interior of the church renovated. After a few years of labour Reverend T. A. Wright moved to Brantford, to take charge of St. Jude's Church. The Reverend W. F. Brownlie, now rector of St. John's Church, St. Thomas, succeeded the Reverend T. A. Wright, and whilst rector the property on which the drill shed stood was purchased, fenced, and a church shed built for use on Sundays. In the year 1895, Rev. W. F. Brownlie left and the Reverend C. R., now Canon Gunne of Christ Church, London, became rector for a few years until the Reverend A. B. Farney, the present rector of the Anglican Church in Simcoe, took charge. During Mr. Farney's labours service was also held at Lakelet for a while. A few years before Reverend A. B. Farney's incumbancy the church became free of debt, but was not consecrated until September 18th, 1899, by Bishop Baldwin. In the year 1902 Reverend A. B. Farney left for Aylmer, to be succeeded by the Reverend E. A. Hall, who moved to the Diocese of Fredericton after four years stay. The next in line on the clergy list was the Reverend T. H. Farr, present rector of Kincairdine, who stayed in charge of the parish about five years. The Reverend B. A. Kinder, present rector of Leamington,

succeeded Reverend T. H. Farr, occupying the pulpit for two years or more. Here again we note the progress of the parish, by the vestry being added to the church, the chancel rearranged, walls painted, furnace put in, and the following memorials of departed members of the congregation placed in the church by relatives and friends, the pulpit, three stained glass window and the alms basin. Succeeding the Reverend B. A. Kinder was the present rector of Mitchell, Reverend W. H. Robarts, staying four and a half years and in his train the Reverend P. G. Powell, now rector. Another gift at this time, a white marble baptismal font was placed in the church through the efforts of Miss Maria Taylor.

Perhaps the grandest, the noblest, the best of all work for God and His kingdom is the testimony and truth that the labours and efforts of the clergymen during these fifty years have not been in vain, as shown by the following list of the clergymen of the Diocese, who as young men lived in Howick and attended St. Stephen's Church. The Reverend R. J. M. Perkins, M. A., rector of Christ Church, Chatham; the Reverend E. Jacques, B. A., rector of Millbank; the Reverend A. C. Cummer, rector of Thorndale; the Reverend J. M. Horton, Jth, rector of Kingsville; the Reverend H. A. Wright, B. A. rector of Amherstburg; the Reverend E. A. Hall now in the United States.

The Sunday School was organized in November 1870. Mr. Roberts being superintendant, Messrs J. and H. Perkins, Mrs. J. Perkins, Mrs. McWade, Mrs. Roberts, Mr Russel and Miss Roberts teachers and officers.

Roll of Ministers



- 1863—Rev. A. E. Miller
1872—Rev. E. Softley
1875—Rev. J. Woodburn
1877—Rev. G. W. Racey
1880—Rev. C. O'Meara
1882—Rev. T. Fisher
1884—Rev. J. H. Moorhouse
1888—Rev. T. A. Wright
1892—Rev. W. F. Brownlee
1895—Rev. C. R. Gunne, M. A.
1897—Rev. A. B. Farney
1902—Rev. E. A. Hall
1905—Rev. T. H. Farr, B. A., L. Th.
1910—Rev. B. A. Kinder, M. A.
1913—Rev. W. H. Robarts, L. Th.
1917—Rev. P. G. Powell
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Monday, June 21st.
Supper and Garden Party

On the Rectory Lawn

Tuesday, June 22nd.

"At Home" to Visitors In the Afternoon.



St. Stephen's Church, Gorrie

Rector

Reverend J. G. Howell

Wardens

Norman Wade and David Hicks

Secretary-Treasurer

H. W. Holmes