

For a few months services were conducted by a theology student Mr. (later Rev.) W. Martell. Then in October 1947 Capt. Donald Hester C. A. was appointed to the parish as Missioner in Charge. Capt. Hester was married to Phyllis, a daughter of Rev. C. A. G. Spence. He remained here for three years. During his incumbency the envelope system of giving was instituted. Mention is made in his reports of wood bee's. Parishioners gave permission for wood to be cut on their wood-lots to provide fuel for the huge wood-burning furnace situated in an earth-floored basement under the main body of the church. Complaints of its trouble in burning well are found in the vestry minutes. Often the church would be so smoke-filled at service times, parishioners looked at prayer books through smarting eyes, if they didn't half freeze first.

New electric fixtures were installed in 1949 and a new purple altar frontal enhanced the chancel. A Parish Council comprising the Rector, Wardens, and active communicants was formed to better assist in Church administration. Capt. Hester left the Parish early in 1950, and was followed by two students, Rev. C. Thomas for a few months, then the Rev. Gordon Hendra. Our 75th Anniversary was celebrated that year with more renovations; the church ceiling painted and seats varnished. The rectory was rented on a monthly basis during Mr. Hendra's tenure, so that it could be vacated quickly when needed again.

Miss Mabel Jones, Deaconess, became the incumbent in February 1951 and soon even those who disapproved of a "woman preacher" agreed that the parish was lucky to have such a devoted and active little worker. Along with extensive parish visitation she