

Built: 1895-1896
 Built By: John Bath & Sons,
 James Brown
 Structure: Brick Church
 Exterior Wall: Red Brick

Current Owner: Anglican Church
 Present Use: Religious
 Original Use: Religious
 Address: 242 Darby Rd

Architecture:

The church has a steel roof on the main body of the church and the back end of the church has a shingled roof (Fig 2). The church still has its original fieldstone foundation. The building consists of its original windows (Fig 1); however, some in the back have been boarded up because of damage and age. There has been an addition added to the side of the church (Fig 3) which holds the kitchen, bathrooms, vestry and offices. In the interior, there have been many changes throughout the years such as new sanctuary chairs were donated in 1993. Carpeting and flooring have been replaced in the vestry and kitchen.



Fig 1: Front windows - original

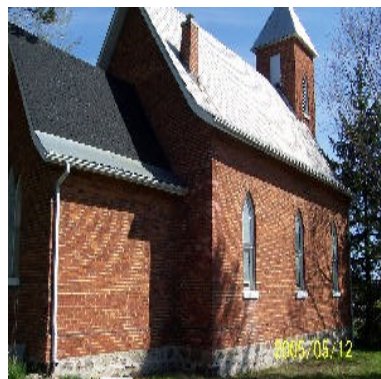


Fig 2: Back of church – Shingled and steel roof



Fig 3: Addition to side of the church

Historical

Prior to the present church being built, the Anglican congregation gathered in a building which was situated in what is now the cemetery. The land was donated by David Bannister, one of the first settlers to Waverley. In October of 1895, construction started on St. John's Anglican Church. A dozen men from the congregation built the foundation. All the wood used in the church was donated by Charles Elliott, James Johnston, William and Edward Dundas. The wood was taken to the Watson Copeland mill near Wyebridge where it was milled into boards. The masonry work was done by John Bath & Sons and the carpentry work was completed by James Brown. The church was opened in June 1896 and the guest preacher, Reverend Canon Murphy from Innisfil was present for the first service. A few years later, a shed was built to accommodate the horses. However, this shed was torn down in 1961 when the addition of the Sunday School rooms was added. The kitchen and washrooms was added in 1962 and was dedicated as the Anne Simpson Memorial Kitchen as she was the first bride to be married in the church.

<u>Previous Rector's</u>	<u>Date</u>
Reverend George Hallen	1835
Reverend William Ross	1861
Reverend John Burkett	1873
Reverend O. G. Dobbs	1881
Reverend A. C. Miles	1886
Reverend William Burns	1889-90
Reverend J. G. Watson	1895
Reverend W. McLean	1896
Reverend L. Foulkes	1903
Reverend H. R. Young	1905
Reverend L. Vaughan	1908
Reverend E. Frank Salmon	1909
Reverend J. Preston	1912
Reverend W. C. Stubbs	1920-52
Reverend Howard K. Matson	1953-55
Reverend John R. Fralick	1955-58
Reverend E. G. Fairhead	1958-61
Reverend E. P. Leckie	1961-66
Reverend David C. Adams	1966-71
Reverend David Long	1971-75
Reverend J. Allan Kirk	1976-80
Reverend Gordon H. Finney	1980-82
Reverend Richard McKnight	1982-84
Reverend Robert Ross	1984-86
Reverend Norman Newbery	1986-96
Reverend Susan Beare	1996-2001
Reverend Frank Beasley	2001-Present