



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

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

Architecture:

Having been built in 1895-96, it is not surprising that this building has undergone some changes since its construction. Some of the minor changes to the building have been the replacement of the front doors with modern steel and glass doors, the donation of new sanctuary chairs in 1993, a steel roof on the core of the building (Fig. 2) and the replacement of the carpet in the kitchen and vestry. The greatest change to the building is the addition constructed on the side of the building. The addition contained Sunday school rooms when it was built in 1961, however a kitchen, bathroom, vestry and offices were added in 1962.

Despite its age however, many elements of the church remain intact. The church's fieldstone location, very common to buildings in Tay Township is original. Also original are many of the windows, including the stained glass (Fig. 1) at the front of the building, however one window has been boarded up due to damage and age.

Figure 1: The original stained glass windows at the front of the church.



Figure 2: The roof of the church showing the new steel roof.



Figure 3: The 1961 addition to the side of the building.



Historical:

Construction on St. John's Anglican Church began in October 1895, with a dozen men from the congregation building the foundation. All of the wood used in building the church was donated by Charles Elliott, James Johnston, and William and Edward Dundas. The donated wood was then taken to the Watson Copeland mill near Wyebridge where it was milled into useable boards. The masonry work on the exterior of the building was done by John Bath & Sons, while James Brown completed the carpentry work for the church.

The work on the church was completed a year later, as Reverend Canon Murphy came from Innisfil to hold the first service in June 1896. Prior to the church's completion, the Anglican congregation gathered in a small building which has since been torn down, but was located where the present cemetery is.

The addition in 1961 replaced the shed built to accommodate horses, and was dedicated as the Anne Simpson Memorial Kitchen as she was the first bride to be married in the new church.

<u>Previous Owners (Rectors):</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sources:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
Reverend George Hallen	1835	Land Registry Office	Barrie
Reverend William Ross	1861	Simcoe County Archives	Midhurst
Reverend John Burkett	1873	Tay Township Office	Victoria Harbour
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	1905		
Reverend E. Frank Salmon	1909		
Reverend J. Preston	1912		
Reverend W.C. Stubbs	1920		
Reverend Howard K. Matson	1953		
Reverend John R. Fralick	1955		
Reverend E. G. Fairhead	1958		
Reverend E. P. Leckie	1961		
Reverend David C. Adams	1966		
Reverend David Long	1971		
Reverend J. Allan Kirk	1976		
Reverend Gordon H. Finney	1980		
Reverend Richard McKnight	1982		
Reverend Robert Ross	1984		
Reverend Norman Newbery	1986		
Reverend Susan Beare	1996		
Reverend Frank Beasley	2001		