

CHURCH HISTORY



Our beautiful old stone church on the hill is located on Guelph Line, just north of Derry Road, in the town of Milton, Ontario. From our front steps, you have a breathtaking view of the Niagara Escarpment. Tombstones in the adjoining cemetery bear the names of many early area settlers, some of whose descendants are still numbered among the congregation, along with new residents to the community.

1856-1900

In 1856, Mr. George Agnew and family donated land in order to build an Anglican church with accompanying cemetery. The original building, and nearby horse shed, were constructed of wood. The wooden church was replaced with the present stone building in 1896 - the cornerstone dated June 18, 1896 can be seen at the south door. The hymn board, made in 1909, provides a link to the original wooden church, being fashioned from an old pew. The Women's Auxiliary (today the Anglican Church Women ACW) was formed at that time and continues to initiate community and parish events, as well as being significantly involved in outreach activities.

1900-1950

When a hurricane tore off the church roof in 1913, other local churches gave special contributions to help with the cost of repairs. The bell tower dates from 1914 and is dedicated in memory of a former parishioner. A Cemetery Board was formed in 1940, and in 1976 a cairn was built to preserve some of the old tombstones. Our annual memorial service remembers and reflects on the lives of loved ones, whether buried in St. George's cemetery or elsewhere. Beautiful stain glass windows adorn the church - many of which were donated by congregation members in memory of family.

1950-present

The church lands were extended by donations from Mr. Oscar Coulter and family (1955) to enlarge and improve the parking lot and driveway and from Mr. Erland Jay and family (1978) to enlarge the cemetery. The Jay family also donated a sound system for the Sanctuary in memory of Erland's mother. A major addition to the physical plant, completed in 1990, comprises a large multi-purpose parish hall and kitchen, air conditioned offices, meeting room, and Sunday School area, plus an elevator which makes the whole building completely accessible. A gathering area (narthex) connects the original worship space to the office area, and is used for gathering and hospitality before and after the Sunday service.