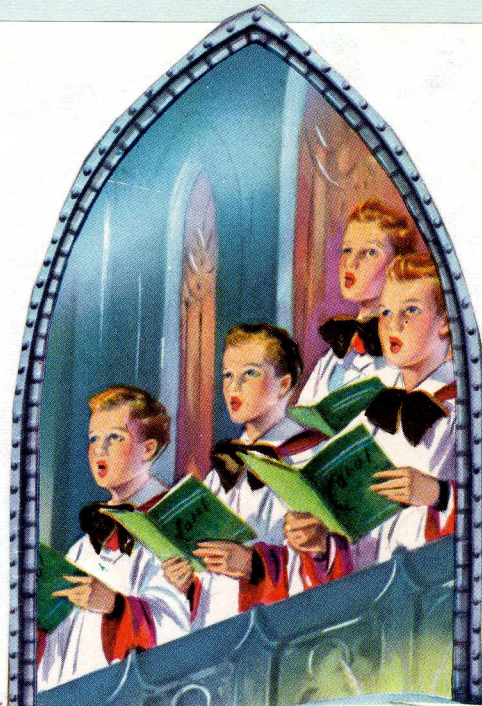


CHURCHES.



ST. PAULS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Highway 27.

Mr. James Stewart gave the land for the Church and Cemetery about the year 1851. A log church was built then and in after years it was turned to face the road and bricked just as it now stands.

The first minister was Rev. James Adams, an Irish boy who came to this country and was inducted in 1854, the 28th of June. Mr. Adams served this congregation together with another congregation on the 11th, Concession of King. He died in 1879 and is buried with his people beside St. Paul's Church where he served so faithfully and so well. He is not forgotten and were you to visit that church this summer you would see that someone still cuts the grass on Mr. Adams 's grave.

This congregation had no manse and Mr. Adams bought 15 acres from one Jake Hawman, west of Nobleton, where he had his home and where his family lived for several years after his death. It was part of this lot that was purchased by the Methodist church in 1896.

There has been a great number of ministers in all these years. The present one is Rev. David Wotherspoon, who lives in the manse at King.



Mrs. John Boak.
1953.

Ninth Line, King, Presbyterian Church

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH DEDICATION

A large congregation attended the dedication services last Sunday afternoon June 3, 1962, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Nobleton. The attendance of over 250 included representatives of neighboring churches from Aurora, King City, Schomberg, Beeton, Nashville, Bolton, Maple, St. Paul's Vaughan and Woodbridge.

The overflow was accommodated in the Church school room where a public address system had been arranged by Egan Bros. of Bolton.

The order of service was most impressive with members of the kirk session taking their places at the front and the Holy Bible being placed on the pulpit by clerk of session W.B. Cross. West Toronto Presbytery then proceeded to main door of the church where the acting moderator Rev. D.S. Jackson of St. Andrews, Port Credit, knocked three times saying "Open to me the gates of righteousness, I will go into them and I will praise the Lord". The doors were then opened by Mr. W.B. Cross, chairman of the building committee and the various members of the presbytery were admitted.

Taking part in the worship service which followed were Rev. M. E. Burch, B.A., B.D., clerk of Presbytery and a former minister of the charge and Rev. M.S. Jess, B.A., of Caven Church, Bolton and Nashville.

The Act of Dedication of the new church was performed by Rev. D.J. Jackson, acting moderator. At the baptismal font the dedication was given by Rev. B. F. Andrew of St. Andrew's Church, Maple and St. Paul's Church, Vaughan; at the pulpit by Rev. A.F. Howick of Woodbridge; at the holy table by Rev. J.E. Taylor of Tottenham, Beaton and Schomberg charges.

The prayer of dedication was by Rev. Dr. D.P. Rowland of York Memorial Church, Toronto. This was followed by the ceremony of the keys with Mr. J. Montgomery. Rev. Jackson and R.J. Ross taking part.

Rev. L.H. Fowler of St. Andrew's Church, Aurora, preached the sermon and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Gordon Agar.

The sod turning ceremony for this beautiful, modern edifice, took place just one year ago and services have been held in it since Christmas with Rev. G.K. Agar of King City, the minister and Mr. S. Finch, organist.



A BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NOBLETON

(For the Presbytery of West Toronto, September 14/65)

The modest contemporary Church in which Presbytery meets today is the result of a pioneering spirit brought by Presbyterians into West King more than a century ago.

While St. Paul's, Nobleton is in large measure a continuation of the former St. Paul's Ninth Line Church, it also serves the community formerly ministered to by Beza Church, Tenth Line. In a little cemetery adjoining what was once the Ninth Line Church is a tombstone marking the grave of the Rev. James Adams, who died on June 5, 1879, after labouring there for twenty-six years. Originally it was Free Church and was part of the Charge which included the Eleventh Line and Laskay Congregations. Of more recent years it was joined with Eversley, Strange and Tenth Line Congregations, which in their early history had been Church of Scotland. A short time before the Tenth Line Church was closed it was added to the Bolton and Nashville Charge, leaving the three-point Charge of St. Andrew's Eversley, St. Andrew's Strange and St. Paul's Ninth Line.

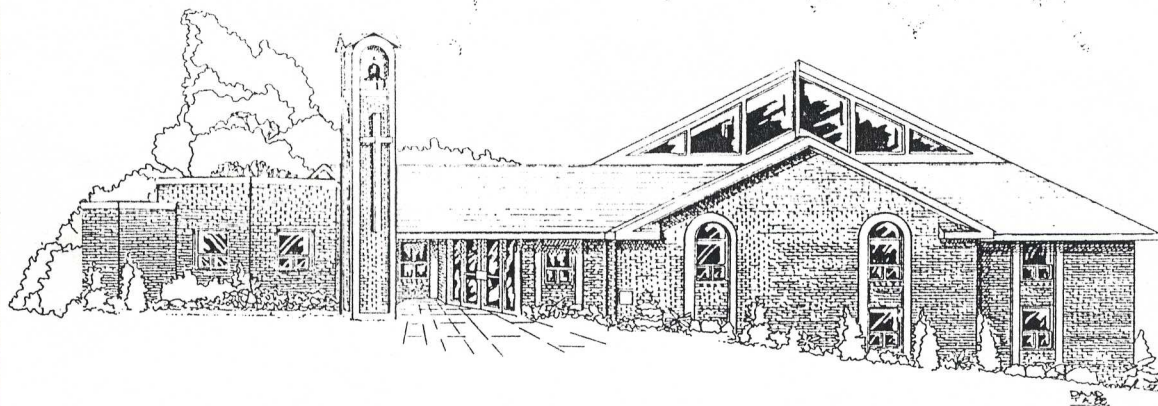
Because of the effect of the population explosion on King City and Nobleton, Presbytery agreed on June 17, 1958: "That the work at West King (Ninth Line) be removed to Nobleton and that this take effect on July 1, 1958; that the Congregations at King and Nobleton be erected as a two-point Charge on September 1, 1958; and that the Presbyterian Congregation in Nobleton be known as St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Nobleton." (Minutes, P. 96).

For the first few months after the formation of the Nobleton Congregation Worship was held in St. Alban's Anglican Church during the afternoon. When a morning Service was preferred arrangements were made to use the Orange Hall, and these continued until the new Church was built.

An Interim Session had been appointed, with the late the Rev. Dr. D.P. Rowland as Interim Moderator and T.P. Geggie and W.B. Cross as Assessor Elders. On January 17, 1960 the first Elders elected by the new Congregation were ordained and inducted; they were: W. B. Cross, W. Finch, J. H. Montgomery and R. J. Ross.

A piece of land had been donated by Mr. W. B. Cross. In the spring of 1960, however, a road survey made it impractical to build a Church there. Accordingly, the land was sold to the Toronto and York Roads Commission and the present site chosen. The Sod-Turning Service was held on June 4, 1961, and work on the building progressed so that it was ready for Worship by Christmas. June 3, 1962 was the date of its Dedication; on that occasion a Bible which had been presented by Sir William Mulock to the Tenth Line Church in 1883, was placed in the Pulpit.

With seventy-seven names now on the Communion Roll, St. Paul's, Nobleton bears witness in the steadily growing and changing community to the same Gospel which first established the Presbyterian Church in the western part of King Township.



the new ST. PAUL'S

Ministers of St. Paul's

1969-1976	Rev. E.G. Smith
1977-1982	Rev. Anthony R. Dollison
1983-1989	Rev. Dr. Stan D. Self
1990-	Rev. Blaine W. Dunnett

The New St. Paul's

The new building was started in 1988. It can seat 290 people. Services were held in the Community Hall during the renovation process. Mr. W.B. Cross continues to be Clerk of Session.

There were 154 members as of summer 1991. St. Paul's is a very diverse congregation, with almost all denominations represented. It is a family-oriented church which puts Christ first in all things done.

