



ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

It was on Christmas Day 1858 that St. Paul's Church, Jarvis was first used for worship. The congregation sat on planks placed on blocks. The Ladies Aid raised the money to furnish the church in 1859. This church was built during the ministry of the Rev. Solomon Briggs who remained until 1864. He was not the first Anglican preist to minister in this district. The Rev. Francis Evans began the work in 1846 holding services in the houses, and school, and others following him included the famous Rev. Bold Cudmore Hill, who lived at York.

The church was consecrated by Rt. Rev. Bishop John Strachan, and at the same time forty-five persons were confirmed. The land was donated by Mr. John Jones. This original church was well built of solid brick, and is still in use as a Parish Hall, Chapel, and Vestry. The cemetery at the back of the church was first used about this time.

Under the ministry of the Rev. F. C. Pipe (1896-1899) it was decided to build a new and larger church, which was built in 1897, and was first used for worship on Jan. 9, 1898. Bishop Dumoulon, Bishop of Niagara officiated on that occasion. The building committee were Messrs Wm. Peterson, J. A. Burwash, Wm. Sewter, David Hill, Thos, Phibbs, and C. E. Bourne, who was treasurer.

Two quotations from an old historical sketch may be of interest-Over the altar is a delicately carved medallion of the head of Our Lord, a work of the now famous Paul Peel.

The church bell, the sound of which is so familiar to all residents of the community, bears the inscription: "CAST FOR ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ZJARVIS, ONTARIO 1871" THE FIRST CHURCH BELL
ERECTED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WALPOLE"