

Welcome to St. John's



On June 4, 1760, a fleet of twenty-two vessels carrying the Cornwallis settlers sailed into Minas Basin. Major Starr's disembarked in Port Williams, with a royal mandate from King George III to establish the Church of England Parish, "Parish of Cornwallis". For ten years, the Anglicans in Cornwallis Township worshipped in private houses and buildings. In 1770, a small church was built at Fox Hill, Lower Church Street. This original church still exists. It has been relocated to just west of the current St. John's church and is used as a summer house.



St. John's Fox Hill, 1770 – 1810.



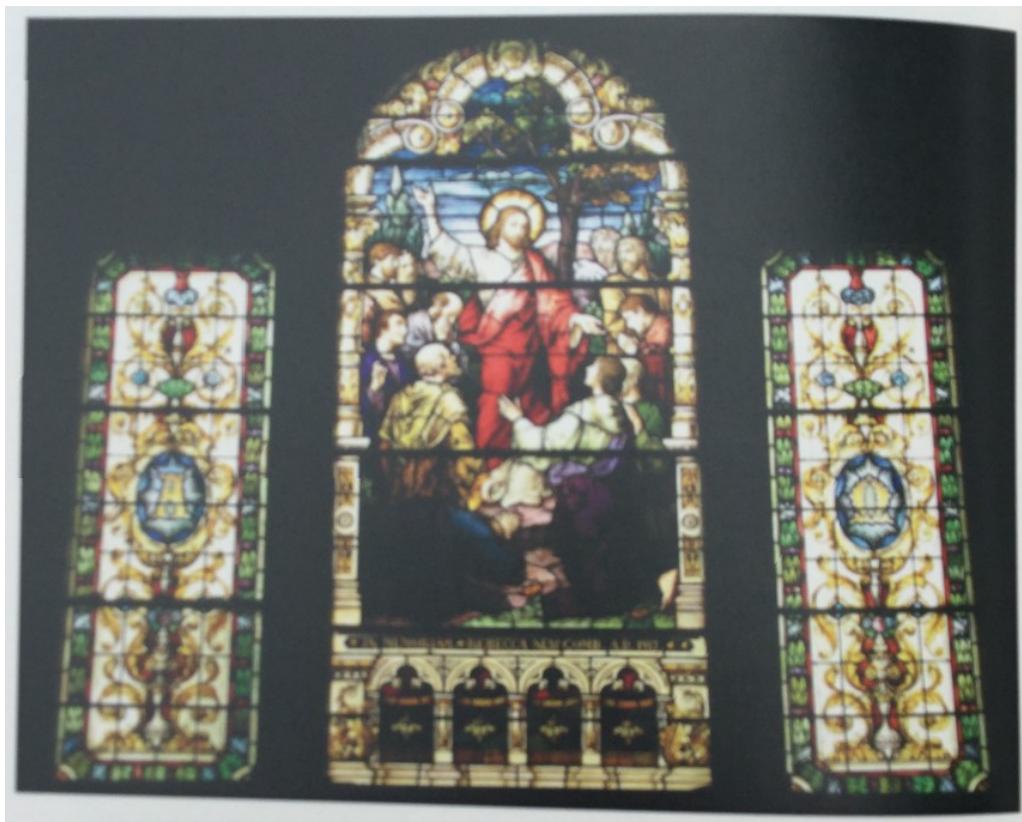
A descendant of Charles Prescott placed this window, "Christ and the Children", surrounded by the tree of life, in 1951.



Entrance to the Fox Hill Cemetery, the original location of the church.

The oak and brass trimmed eagle lectern was placed in the church in 1906.

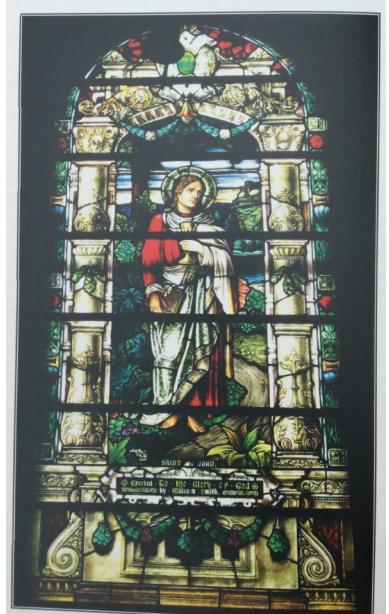
The first stained glass window to be placed in the church, 1913. center scene depicting The Risen Christ Sending Forth the 11 Apostles (Mark 16:15 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every living creature') and two side panels of stained glass with emblems of Alpha in one case and Omega in the other.



"Behold, I Stand by the Door and Knock"
(Revelation 3:20), 1914.



Note the beautiful woodwork covering the vaulted ceiling, balcony, doors & trim, and the pews.

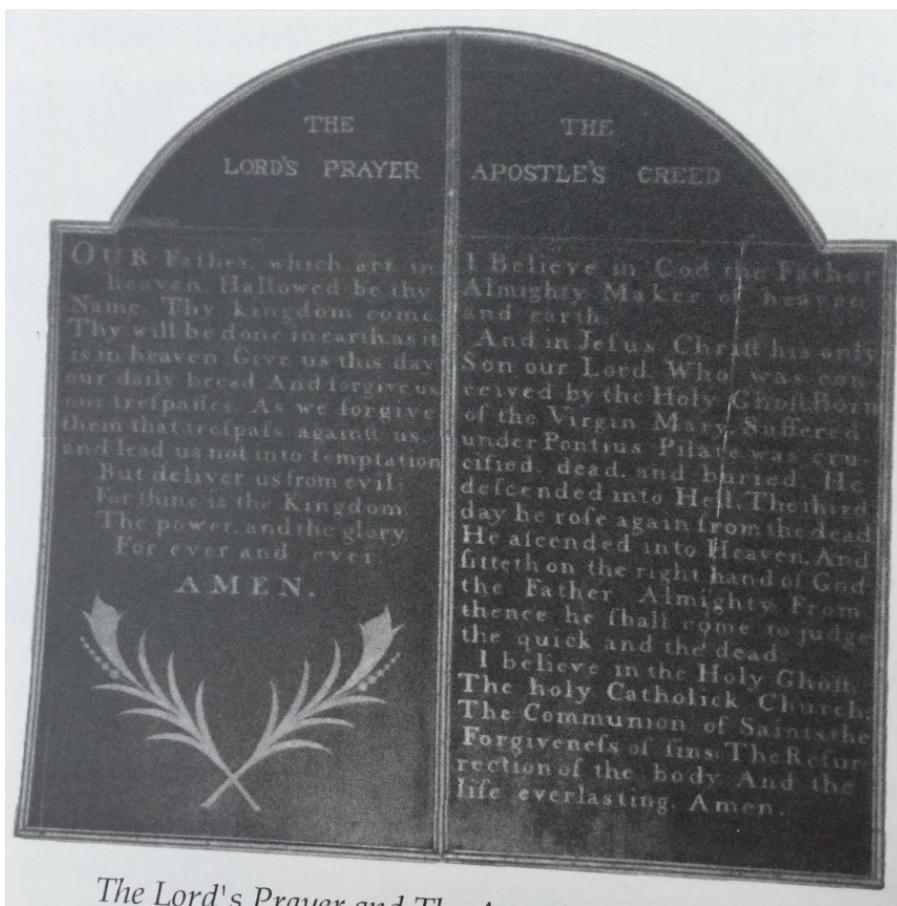


"St. John", 1914.

The history of St. John's includes its cemetery. Private George Price, raised in Port Williams, and an adherent of St. John's, was the last allied fatality in World War I. Mary Adella Clerk Peake was the first Canadian fatality in World War II.



A close up of the window “Behold, I Stand by the Door and Knock” (Revelation 3:20), 1914.



The Lord's Prayer and The Apostle's Creed

The Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed tablet, 1810.

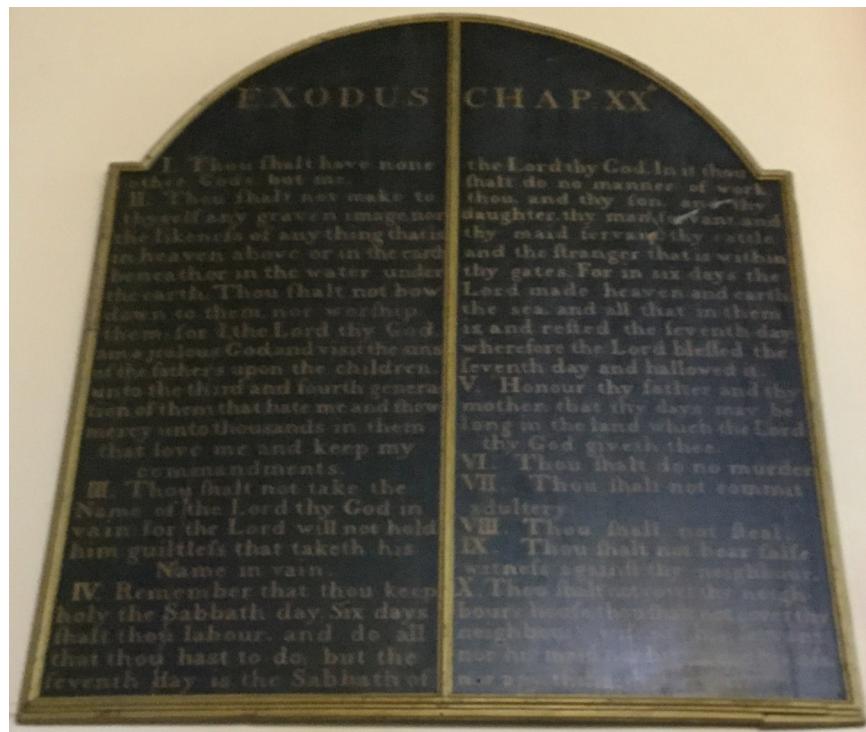


A farmer sowing seeds, with Blomidon in the background, and an eagle flying overhead.



The Baptismal Font

The Ten Commandments tablet, 1810.



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Join us every Sunday at St. John's (11am) and St. Thomas (9:30am).

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