



St. George's 1940

## **T**he Anglican Centre

The Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island has come to a significant point in its 100 year history. It has chosen to initiate a new phase in its worship, its community, its service and its outreach to the island and the world beyond.

We have come to the point in our common life where we need to build a Centre to enable us to undertake the outreach to others that we now cannot do. Creating the new Centre requires a \$405,000 capital fund drive. Your contribution will give us a future we can only imagine and allow us to undertake most readily the work that has been prepared for us to do.

## **T**he History of Anglican Worship on Salt Spring

Anglican worship and community have been a vital part of island life since 1869 when clergy from Chemainus came by boat to hold services in private homes and in island schools.

In 1889, the building of a Church at Central Settlement and the arrival of the Rev. Belton Haslam gave Anglicanism a firm footing on the island.

The new Church was consecrated as St. Mark's in 1892 and in the following years, Mr. Haslam laid plans for a second Anglican Church in the Fulford Valley. The arrival of the Rev. Mr. Wilson spurred on construction and three short months after its commencement, on Easter Monday 1894, St. Mary's was completed. By 1913 the population was centering on Ganges Harbour and a third Anglican church, St. Paul's was built on Ganges Hill, only to be destroyed by fire in December of 1938. The next year, on land donated by Gavin Mouat, the present St. George's church was built.

## **T**he Breadth of our Activities Here and Elsewhere

Today, our Parish reaches out to well over 400 souls who attend Eucharist at any of our three Churches or are administered to directly through services at Greenwoods, at Brinkworthy and at the Lady Minto Hospital. Worship is the centre of our life and the heart of our Ministry.

We believe that our life in the spirit demands that we reach out to others in need and annually we donate over \$40,000 to various ministries and works of mercy. Here on Salt Spring monies and time are donated regularly to Youth oriented programs such as the Youth Center and the Peer Counselling movement within our school. We have taken a formative, and leadership interest in the creation of a Crisis Centre for Youth.

Our outreach is all encompassing and focused strongly on our island community.

We are also a business, and an organisation that has an annual budget of \$150,000. We have a Parish Council who meet monthly.

There are standing committees on Spirituality, Worship, Outreach, Youth and Education, Stewardship and Finance all of whom meet on a regular basis. We are a community within a community serving, providing and growing with our times.

## **O**ur Future

Like the community in which we live, we have a vision for the future: to continue and enhance the work we are doing and to meet new challenges and needs as they arise. We see particular responsibilities in the effective care of the many retired and elderly people, and in working with young families and children. There is an increased opportunity to reach out to all through our work, our prayer and our generosity.

Above all we want to be open to God's guidance, so that we may truly be a servant Church.

## **T**he Anglican Centre of Worship and Meeting

To provide a base for this task of ministry we will build a new Anglican Centre. A Centre that will include a new and enlarged Church. The new Church will serve the whole parish, offering services of both B. C. P. and B. A. S., because worship is what makes us who we are. It will include a new Sunday School, because we continue our nurture in the faith. Expanded meeting facilities and new hall space will be provided because we must accommodate the growing needs in our island community.

What we build must not only serve the practical needs of more and better space but it must also, in itself, be an evangelist. Our Centre will tell people that they are welcome and that this is the home of a loving, caring and outreaching family.

## **A** Role for All

To Build the New Anglican Centre, the Vestry Committee has authorised a campaign to raise the \$405,000 that will make this possible. This amount will be added to the \$122,000 which has already been accumulated by the farsighted stewardship of earlier Councils. No less than 2,000 to 3,000 hours of voluntary labour will also be required. Considerable thought on how the Parish and its members can contribute through donating material and personal talents has been done. We the congregation are the primary source of both the funds and the labour that will make this building a reality.

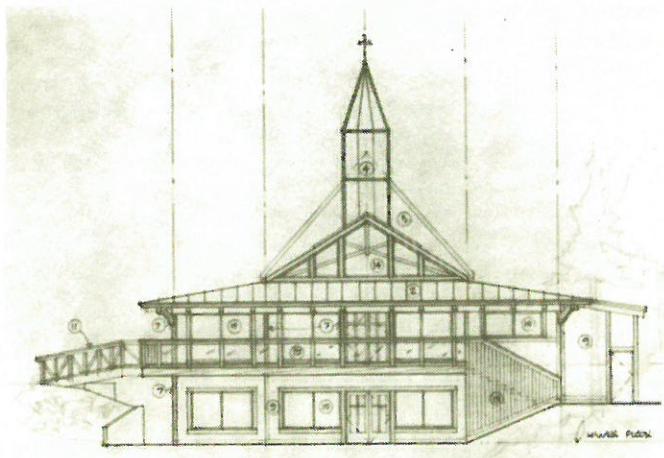
The Campaign Committee formed by the Parish Council invites you to support the work of this new building through a generous contribution towards our goal. Specifically, Parish members and friends will be asked to consider:

1. A three year cash pledge that will provide the ongoing monies necessary for construction.
2. Including the Parish in your estate as a way to create a long term endowment to support mission outreach and care of the new Centre.

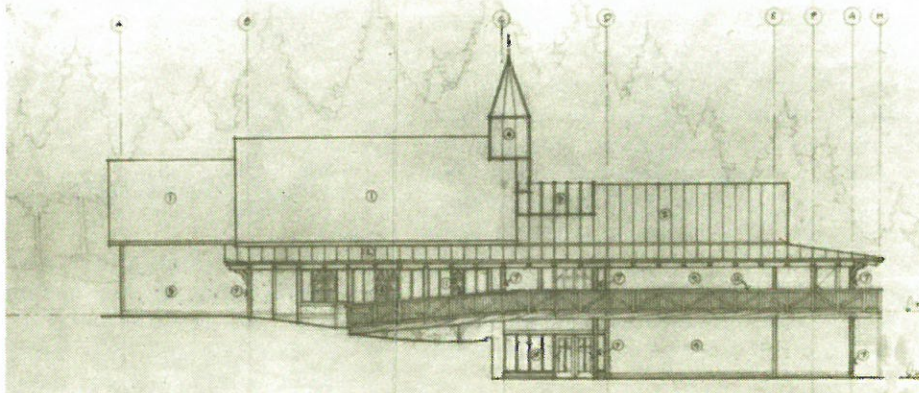
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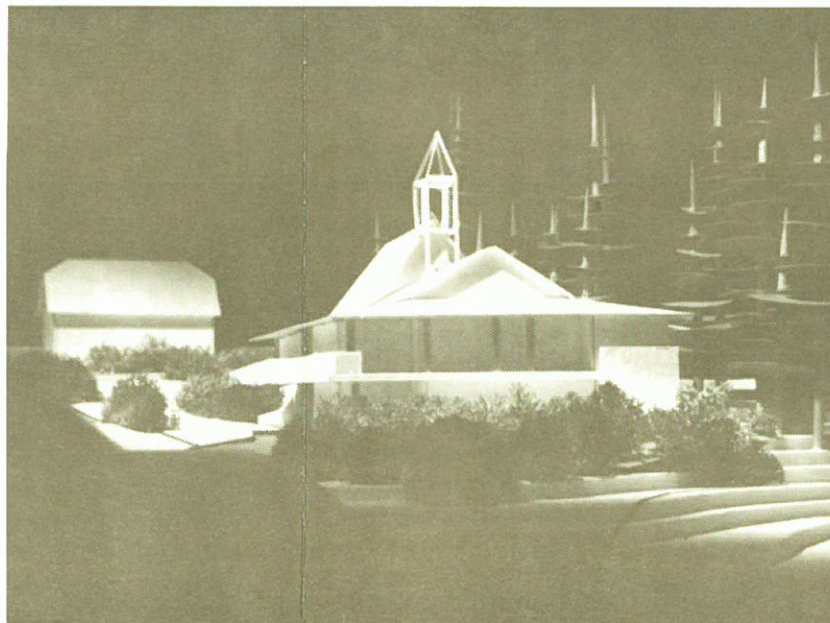
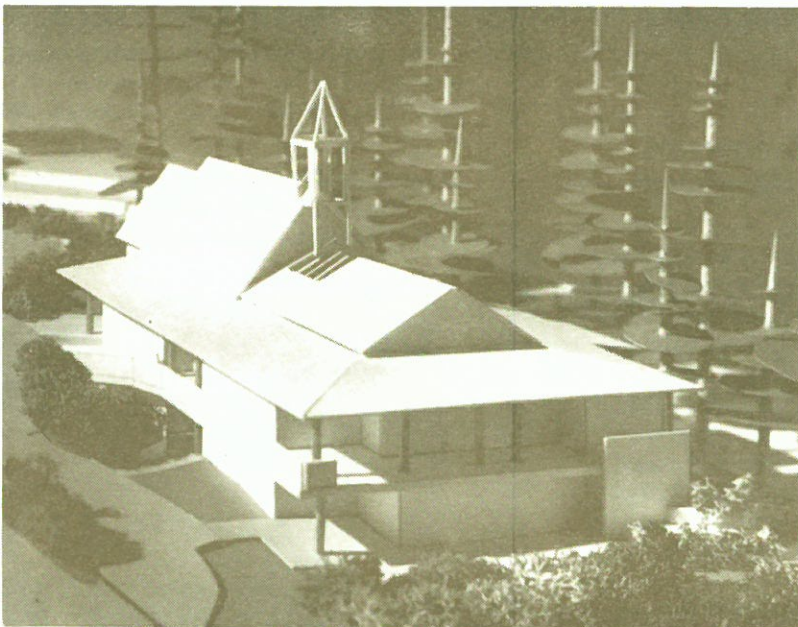
Rev. C.H. Popham & Bishop Sexton



SOUTHEAST ELEVATION  
SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"



SOUTHWEST ELEVATION  
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Building Models looking from the Harbour

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