



CENTENNIAL CHRONICLES

#1: July 2020

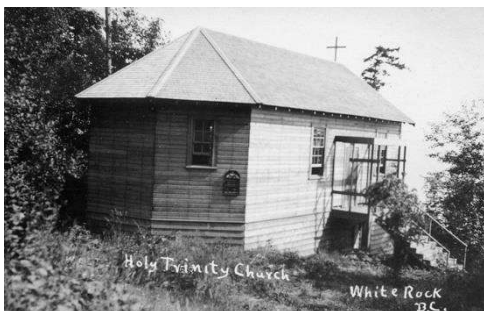
Although there had been an Anglican presence in White Rock as early as 1913, and regular services were held in the original White Rock school house on the property of Henry Thrift on Buena Vista Avenue from 1915, the World War prevented formal construction of a church. However, land was purchased on Victoria Avenue in early 1921; a small church was then built by volunteers and hosted its first service on March 25th. Our centennial, however, dates from May 1, 1921 when the church was dedicated with the name of 'Holy Trinity'.

With May 21, 2021 fast approaching, thoughts have turned towards a number of projects that might be undertaken during the period 2020-2022 to recognize the landmark event of our centennial. Robin Inglis has agreed to act as Co-ordinator, working with a number of different parishioners heading up specific initiatives. Carol De Boeck, for example, has put together a small 'History Group' to research past people and events in the local archives and our own church files. Hopefully this can result in an exhibition, some newspaper coverage and an inexpensively produced memorial publication. Nigel Cole will be hosting a series of podcasts featuring parishioners and past rectors and staff to recapture some of our more recent past not reflected in any archival records.

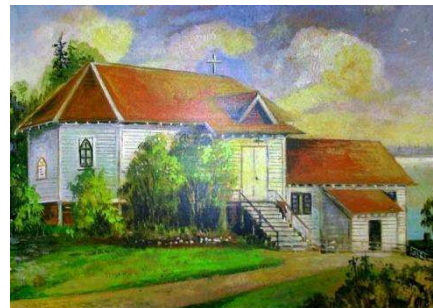
We have also been turning our thoughts to restoring aspects of the church building. Henry Lazar has been pursuing the idea of replacing the much-faded plexi-glass security coverings on our stained-glass windows. If we can do this we can also attend to cleaning, frame and metal painting and any required repairs. Complementing this work, we would like to consider repainting the entire church exterior, the office annex and Griffiths Hall. Imagine arriving next May at Foster & Roper to be presented with a bright, newly painted building, sparkling clear windows and a blooming Spring garden! With the new Bishop of New Westminster as our guest for a celebratory centennial service (Archbishop Melissa is retiring in early 2021) Holy Trinity could be singing with joy!

The interior of the church has long required some serious attention (the flooring especially is many, many years past its best-before date) and Simon Johnston will be heading up a team to explore how we can not only renew the interior but best consider options as to how we might make the space more flexible for different uses beyond a couple of hours of worship each Sunday.

Moving forward, the intention is to have a monthly chronicle to keep everyone in the loop. Meanwhile, questions, concerns, ideas??? Drop Robin Inglis a line at robin.inglis42@gmail.com or phone 604-816-4582.



First Church on Victoria Avenue, 1921.
White Rock Archives



Expanded Victoria Avenue Church:
Painting by Frank Bird, 1939. *Holy Trinity Collection*