



CENTENNIAL CHRONICLES

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My apologies for the delay in sharing another issue of *Centennial Chronicles* with you. Suffice to say that I was working on one for review by Father Luke when I heard of his departure. Meanwhile the uncertainty surrounding the impact of Covid 19 variants, and the seemingly uneven roll out of the vaccination program, has continued to stall any idea of a new normal returning in the near future.

With the window and painting work done last Fall, however, and the arrival of Spring which has brought on the reappearance of our dedicated garden crew to start yet another year of faithful volunteer service, the HT building and grounds at the corner of Roper and Foster are about to look as attractive and wonderful as they have for many years. We can celebrate this 'new' look as the beginning of our Centennial year, which dates from the beginning of May 2021!

Although the welcome and much appreciated visit of Bishop John Stephens on May 30th – Trinity Sunday - will recognize this landmark in our parish life, it is sad indeed that we cannot meet and celebrate together in community. This will have to wait for another time, perhaps later this year or maybe not until next Spring, when we can envisage a full church and attendant after-service gathering in the hall spilling out into the upper garden.

Meanwhile three centennial initiatives are on the radar:

Carol De Boeck's 'history group' is working towards creating a photo-rich publication in 2021 to mark the centennial. We will be expanding on an illustrated text compiled by Peter Johnson for the 50th anniversary of the opening of the current church some fifteen years ago. We will be combing through recent annual reports and photos and other archival records; as well, we will be approaching parishioners for specific information as well as general reminiscences.

Complementing this will be the gathering of some oral history. Obviously face-to-face is crucial for this to be properly meaningful, so the idea is still in the planning stage. In the next issue, I hope to have more information about how we would like to embark on this project.

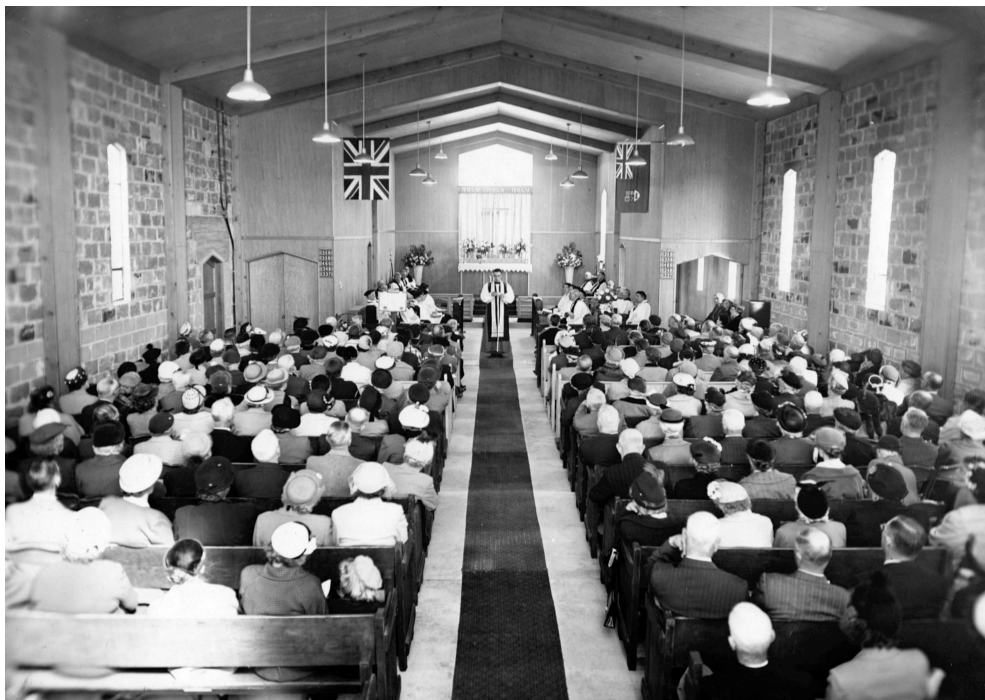
A rethinking and renovation the interior of the church has been on the minds of many parishioners for a number of years. In 2020, Simon Johnston initiated a conversation between a small group of parishioners and an architect who specializes in the redesign and modernization of church spaces. Once Parish Council has had the chance to meet again in person, it can pick up the threads from the discussions to date and prepare some ideas and options to be shared with the wider congregation in a focused way. We would plan small gatherings in the church itself to achieve this. The feeling is that we need to develop a less cluttered and more flexible interior space. Many of us are embarrassed by the state of the floor, but this can't be tackled in a vacuum.

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The day is Wednesday, April 21, 1954. The Bishop of New Westminster, the Rt. Rev Godfrey Gower (centre rear) has come to White Rock to dedicate the new Church of the Holy Trinity Church. Here the choir is processing down the 'back lane' from the Church Hall, built earlier and now including the spaces of the current offices, library and kitchen.



Bishop Gower addresses the congregation..." a tremendous undertaking ... an example to the rest of the diocese".