

Saint Michael and All Angels Anglican Church

9741 Main Street, Canning

St. Michael and All Angels is one of three churches comprising the Parish of Cornwallis which was established in 1760 by New England Planters from Rhode Island and Connecticut. This small church was located on Sir Frederick Borden's property across the street and moved to its present site ca. 1900. Unusual features include a 'rood beam', typical of medieval church architecture, to support a cross and a screen separating the chancel from the nave, and a bell from a steam locomotive donated by the now abandoned Cornwallis Valley Railway. Music will be provided by our organist, Dr. Eric Jackson. Refreshments will be served in our small garden.

Emmanuel United Church

28 Main St., Kingsport

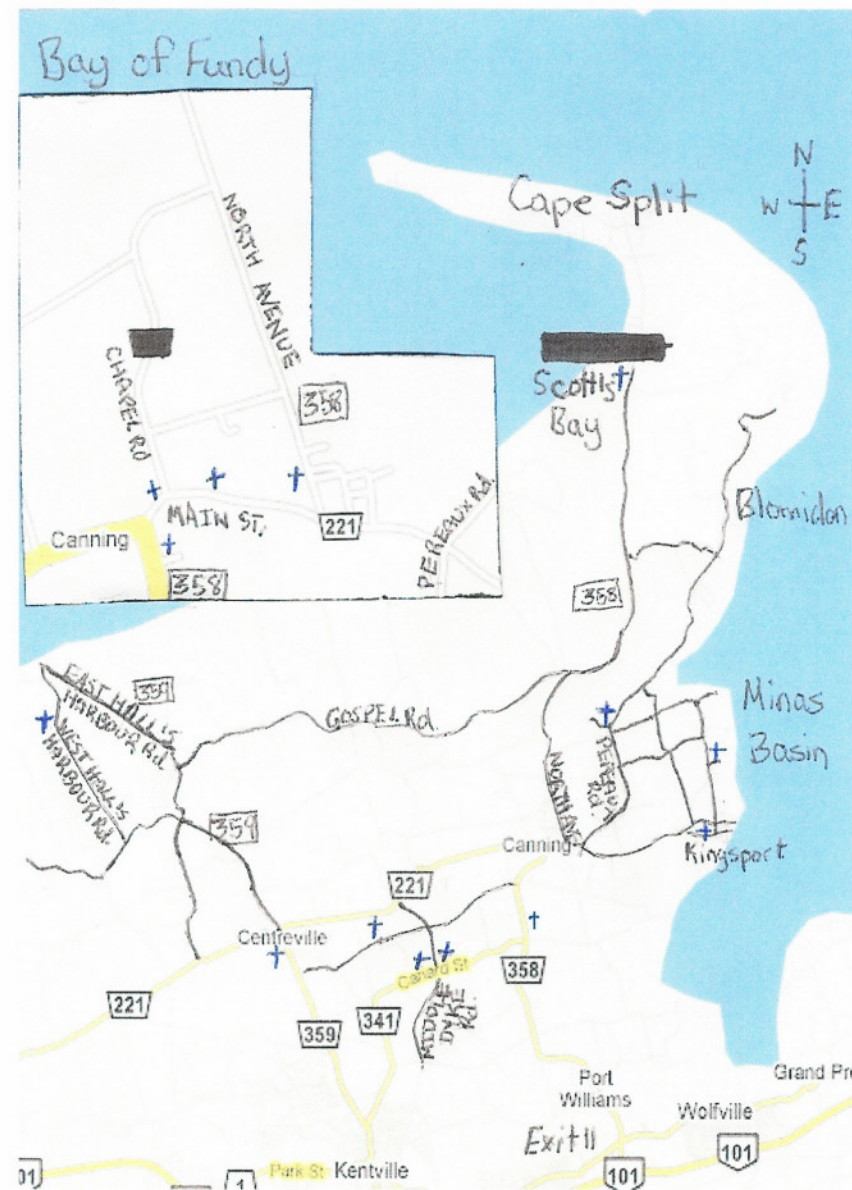
Emmanuel United Church is one of the two churches located in Kingsport by the sea. The congregation first began meeting in homes in the area in 1760, and then moved to Kingsport, from Habitant, in 1889, on land donated by shipbuilder Ebenezer Cox.

Gibson Woods United Baptist Church

8368 Route 221, Gibson Woods

The original Church, where people sat on backless benches, was built in 1871. Thirty-one years later, in 1902, the second Church was erected. The church was and is known as the heart and centre of the Community, where all spiritual and many social activities take place. Within the Church yard is a graveyard, which is still used today. For many years the church was a part of the First Cornwallis United Baptist Church. The Church continues to promote togetherness and the love of Christ to one and all. We are so sorry that we cannot take part in this celebration of local churches. We will be attending the 155th Session of the African United Baptist Association in Truro that weekend.

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Borden Wharf Lighthouse

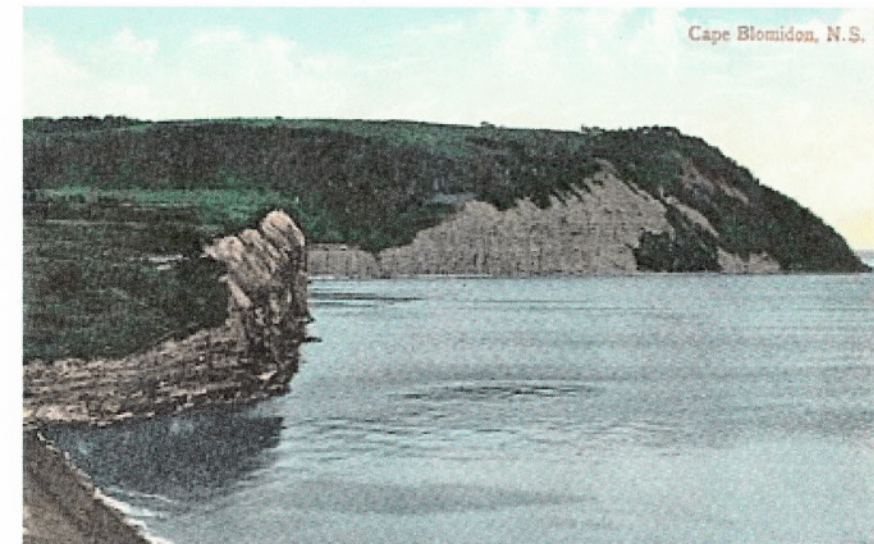
The Borden Wharf Lighthouse, behind the Heritage Centre, Main St., Canning will be open during the Church Tour. An amateur radio station, VE1FA, will be operational at that time, for the Annual Lighthouses on the AIR program. All are welcome to drop in, visit the lighthouse and watch amateur radio in operation. We hope to send a message around the world about the Churches of Blomidon Country Open House Tour!

Churches of Blomidon Country

Open House Tour

Sunday, August 17th, 2008

1 pm - 4 pm



A project of the Fieldwood Heritage Society and the Canning and Area Interchurch Council

We welcome you to the churches we love and in which we worship. Church buildings are a historical record of our communities. They tell us of prosperity and depression, of war and peace, and of changing populations. The names on the headstones tell of the families who for generations molded the pattern of the land around us. Churches are expressions of human beings, past and present. Many of us were baptized, confirmed, and married in these churches and will likely be buried from them. They are a part of our collective memories.

St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church

On Hwy. 358 on the right as you enter Canning St. Lawrence is one of the churches which make up St. Francis of Assisi Parish, the other being St. Francis in Wolfville. St. Lawrence was built in the mid 1960s, as many Catholic immigrants from Holland swelled the Catholic population in the Canning area. It is a fine example of the small, rural Catholic churches of that period, with a warm, bright and open interior. Displays will tell the stories of the parish, the Dutch immigration and the church.

Trinity United Church

Main St., Canning, corner of Chapel Rd. Trinity United Church was built in 1909. In 1951 Canning joined Canard and Kingsport to become one Cornwallis Pastoral Charge. Now it is Canning and Kingsport Pastoral Charge. The Church has beautiful stained glass windows. Lady Borden was a great supporter of this church. Sir Frederick and Lady Borden's monuments are in the Hillaton Cemetery, now owned and maintained by our church. We welcome visitors to our Church and Cemetery.

Canning United Baptist

223 North Avenue, Canning

In 1906 the congregations of the 5th Cornwallis Baptist Church in Canning and the Free Baptist Church of Habitant joined to form the United Baptist Church. A new building, the present one on North Avenue, was started in 1909 and dedicated in 1911. The 5th Cornwallis Baptist Church, on site of the present Post Office, was purchased by the Government of Canada and moved to become the Canning Armouries and later conveyed to the Royal Canadian Legion (Habitant Branch).

West Hall's Harbour Baptist Church

885 West Hall's Harbour Rd.

Welcome to the 163 year old historic West Hall's Harbour Baptist Church and Cemetery. Take route 359 to the Wharf, then proceed south on West Hall's Harbour Road about ½ mile. The church sanctuary is still largely original, including a 160 year old kerosene chandelier. There is a restored and much utilized pump organ. A tour of the associated 118 year old East Hall's Harbour (Christian Adventist to 1984) Church may be arranged by request that afternoon. Light refreshments will be available. A monthly Gospel Sing will take place that evening at 7 p.m.

First Cornwallis Baptist Church

Corner of Middle Dyke Rd and Route 341, Upper Canard Though founded in 1807, the history of this church dates to 1795 when Rev. Edward Manning began his ministry. First Cornwallis is the mother church of eight other congregations. The current structure was built in 1910 after fire destroyed the beautiful gothic building erected in 1873. The Warren pipe organ dates to 1867 and is still used weekly. Many historical artifacts and documents will be available for viewing, including the recent 200th anniversary book. Refreshments will be served. Canard Burial Grounds includes the graves of Rev. Edward Manning and Senator John MacDonald.

Canard United Church

1315 Highway 341, Upper Canard

Canard United Church, with its many-spired steeple, a favourite of photographers, is celebrating its 150th Anniversary. One of the oldest church buildings in the area, its roots can be traced back to Anglicanism, Congregationalism and Presbyterianism. In 1876 the Session approved the installation of an organ at a cost of \$150, on the condition that "it did not disturb the peace of the congregation". Whether you are interested in history, music or a graveyard tour, guides, some in period costume, will be waiting to assist you. Refreshments will be served.

Union Church of Scott's Bay

The Union Church of Scott's Bay is located in the quaint community on the Bay of Fundy shore. It was built in 1856 and made available to all gospel ministers of any denomination. It also has a cemetery which many people visit to pay their respects to their loved ones or to receive valuable, historical information. We welcome you all to our tour. Refreshments will be served.

St. Thomas Anglican Church

10778 Pier Rd., Kingsport, Route 221

The historic little church of St. Thomas in Kingsport was consecrated by Bishop Courtenay in 1906. A former carpenter's shop was rebuilt on land donated by the rector and converted to a church. There was once a shed for the rector to stable his horse where the altar now stands. A number of beautiful stained glass windows and icons decorate the church.

Pereaux Baptist Church

841 Pereaux Road

The Pereaux Baptist Church is the third daughter of the Cornwallis (Canard) United Baptist Church. Established in 1862 by 31 members living in the area from Canning to Scott's Bay. The Church building has been renewed three times, 1844, 1862 and 1898. There have been a number of changes since 1898. We invite you to come and view our three stained glass windows, Cherry Hall (named in honour of Dr. Millard Ross Cherry), and our digital Rogers Organ. Pictures of our history are available along with tour guides and refreshments.

Centreville Baptist Church (CBC)

870 Murray Drive, Centreville

The first Baptist church in Centreville was established in 1918 as a branch of the First Cornwallis Baptist Church. Originally the congregation met in an old school house until a church was built in 1920 on donated land. A pastor was originally shared with First Cornwallis until 1974, when CBC went on its own. Since 1999, CBC has employed a pastor to minister to youth. Land was again donated for a new church to support the growing congregation. The new building was completed in 1997; however, expansion was again necessary and a new sanctuary was dedicated in March 2007.

Valley Cornerstone Assembly

Route 358, just north of Canard St.

Valley Cornerstone Assembly is an affiliate congregation of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. The roots of this congregation go back to the days of the depression; it had its beginning in the year 1930. During those days the meeting places were in people's homes until it out grew that and built a building in Pereaux on land that was donated by Harry Bennett. After 78 years we are committed to preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and promoting the Pentecostal message in the area. Our theme "a place of new beginnings and restoration". We will have the history of the church waiting for you on your visit. We hope to see you!

You may not have time to visit all the churches today. Please take time to study the map and plan your route.