

St. Stephen's Remains Open!

By Kathy Baker

A rumour has been circulating about the closure of St. Stephen's Chandos. But to paraphrase a well-known Canadian singer, "This rumour has been greatly exaggerated". St. Stephen's is alive and well - thank you very much, and plans to stay that way for many years to come.

St. Stephen's is located on Hwy 620 at the intersection of West Bay and Clydsdale Roads. It is a beautiful country Church lovingly built in 1876 by the Tanner family. The Church is Anglican, but everyone is welcome. In fact, many of our members belong to different Christian denominations. It is open from Victoria Day to Thanksgiving, serving mostly cottagers. Nevertheless, descendants of the Tanner family attend St. Stephen's to this day.

At a Vestry meeting in July 2018, the St. Stephen's congregation overwhelmingly voted to remain open for the foreseeable future. The Congregation also voted in favour of new siding for the Church exterior, so that St Stephen's will remain standing for many generations to come. For St. Stephen's, this is a big expense. But it is also a real commitment to the ongoing life of the Church.

So on behalf of the Congregation, hopefully, I have dispelled any notion that St. Stephen's is closing. In fact we welcome you to come and see the Church for yourselves.

A perfect opportunity to visit St. Stephen's will be the **Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday October 7, 2018 at 9:30 AM**. The Church walls will be covered with amazing technicolour and all the windows and pews will be decorated with Mother Nature's magnificent bounty – a real sight to see. We do hope you can come. But if not, there will be many more opportunities starting Victoria Day weekend, 2019.

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!

Photo on the right from Kathy Baker.

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6:00 & Loonie Auction @ 7:00pm

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