

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF LITTLE BRITAIN UNITED CHURCH

*1852* A log meeting house or “church” with a thatched roof was constructed on Donald Gunn’s land in what is now Lockport. It served 14 families and had benches to accommodate 200 people.

*1860’s* The congregation grew and the Meeting House was fitted with a pulpit, a front porch, and new pews instead of benches.

*1863* The congregation is granted a piece of land by the Hudson’s Bay Company closer to Lower Fort Garry (our present home) on which to build. A stone manse was built first, then the cemetery was opened.

*1872* Construction began on the Church, overseen by local stonemason Duncan McRae (1813-1898). An earlier start is impossible due to sickness, grasshopper infestation, and political unrest.

*1874* The church was completed and named the Presbyterian Church of Little Britain. The pews, pulpit, and other furnishings were moved from the meeting house and are still in use today.

*1920* The bell, tower and memorial tablet were dedicated to those who died in World War I.

*1952* The old stone manse (used to that point as a hall) was demolished and a wooden-framed hall is erected on the same site.

*1960* The hall was enlarged.

*1989* Little Britain United Church was declared a provincial historic site and a major restoration was undertaken.

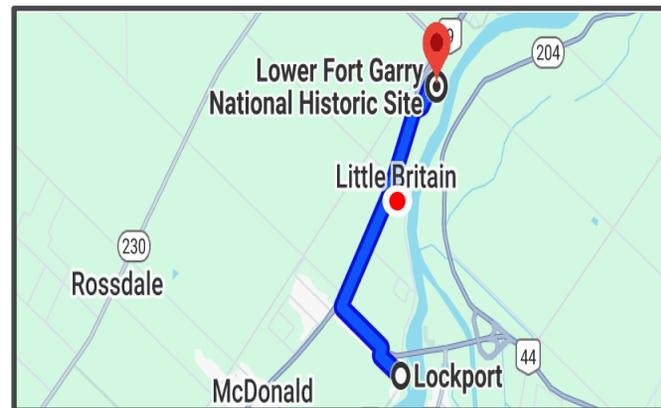
*2002* Little Britain celebrated 150 years.

*2004* The old hall was demolished and replaced with a modern, fully accessible hall.

## Why “Little Britain”?

River lots on the east and west side of the Red River between Lower Fort Garry and St. Andrew’s rapids (now Lockport) were settled by mostly English, Orkney, and Scottish families and hence dubbed “Little Britain”.

In the mid-1840’s, Little Britain became part of the newly-established Parish of St. Andrews.



## LITTLE BRITAIN UNITED CHURCH & HALL

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# Little Britain United Church & Hall

## “The Old Stone Church”



*Little Britain United Church, established in 1852*

**H**istoric Little Britain  
United Church is an active  
and welcoming faith  
community nestled among  
the oak trees on the banks  
of the Red River.

*Join us for worship Sundays at 10:00  
September to June*

Offerings are donations given by church-goers to help pay for the costs of running the church. Offering plates are passed around in the latter part of the service. Giving a donation is your choice and can be any amount that is comfortable for you.

#### Funding for Ministry

Fundraising is necessary to support the operating costs for the church and the hall. We have many fundraising events going on. Any way you can contribute, whether it be time or money, is greatly appreciated. The load is lighter when many share it.

### ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS

**Yard Sale** - Little Britain hosts a large yard sale in late Spring. Hot dogs, drinks, chips and baking are usually for sale as well.

**Lasagne Dinner & Auction** - Hosted in the fall - Bid on interesting and unique items and enjoy tasty lasagne at this lively and laughter-filled event.

**Christmas Craft Sale** - Tables are available for rent. Held in early December.

### ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

1. Local Fund
2. Red River Churches Refugee Team
3. Mission & Service
4. In Memoriams

Go to [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org) and make an online donation of your choice using this QR Code:



All online donations receive tax receipts.

### KITCHEN FEATURES

- ◆ Separate outdoor entrance
- ◆ Two stoves with ovens
- ◆ Upright freezer
- ◆ Large commercial cooler
- ◆ Refrigerator
- ◆ Work island
- ◆ Three-sink washing area (soft water)
- ◆ Bar sink (hard water)
- ◆ Retractable window to main hall
- ◆ Coffee urns, dishes, etc.

### SANCTUARY RENTALS

Weddings (Church and grounds)  
Funerals (Church and grounds)  
*(both include use of Hall washrooms  
& Tallin Room for Bridal Party)*

Rental fees for both Hall and Sanctuary  
can be found on the

Little Britain United Church website at:

[littlebritainunitedchurch.ca](http://littlebritainunitedchurch.ca)

To make inquiries or reservations,  
please email: [lbucoffice@gmail.com](mailto:lbucoffice@gmail.com)

or call **204-757-2489**

and leave a message.

*Your call will be returned  
within three to five days.*



*Little Britain United Church Hall*

### HALL RENTALS

- ◆ 140 person capacity
- ◆ Full accessibility for persons with disabilities
- ◆ Main floor washrooms
- ◆ Coatroom
- ◆ Green geothermal heating/cooling system, energy-efficient lighting
- ◆ Ample parking
- ◆ Three break-out rooms w/windows
- ◆ Minister's office, administrative office, general office, Archive room
- ◆ Vaulted ceiling
- ◆ Liquor allowed with Manitoba Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) permit
- ◆ Acoustic Panels