



Little Britain

United Church and Hall

“The Old Stone Church”

Established 1852

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.

Historic 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

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 (was 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 Historical Site, and a major restoration was undertaken.
- 2002** Little Britain United Church celebrated 150-year Anniversary.
- 2004** The old hall was demolished and replaced with a modern, fully accessible hall.

Service Offerings/Donations

Cash Offerings are donations which are 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. (If names and addresses are provided, a tax receipt will be issued.)

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

Garage Sale - Little Britain hosts a large yard sale in late Spring. Hot dogs, drinks, chips and baking are usually for sale as well. (Gently used items can be donated and are accepted two weeks prior to the sale)

Lasagne Dinner & Auction - Hosted in the fall

Bid on interesting and unique items and enjoy a tasty lasagne dinner, at this lively and laughter-filled event.

Christmas Craft Sale – A variety of local crafters are displaying their crafts for sale. Tables are available for rent. The craft sale is 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 and make an online donation of your choice using this QR Code:



Little Britain United Church Hall





HALL RENTALS

140 person capacity (120 comfortably)

Full accessibility for persons with disabilities
Main floor washrooms
Coatroom
Green geothermal heating/cooling system, energy-efficient lighting
Ample parking
Three break-out rooms with windows
Minister's office, Administrative office, General office & an Archive room
Vaulted ceiling, with noise suppressing Acoustic Panels
Liquor allowed with Manitoba Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) permit

KITCHEN FEATURES

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

SANCTUARY RENTALS

Weddings (Church and grounds)

Funerals (Church and grounds)

*(both include use of Hall washrooms & Quiet Room
for Bridal Party or Grieving families)*

Rental fees for both Hall and Sanctuary can be found
on the Little Britain United Church website:

littlebritainunitedchurch.ca

**To make inquiries or reservations,
please email: lbucoffice@gmail.com**

Or call 204-757-2489

And leave a message.

Your call will be returned

Within three to five days.