



## St Aidan's Anglican Church – Windsor, ON

Website: [www.staidans.on.ca](http://www.staidans.on.ca)

**St Aidan's building location:** 5145 Wyandotte St. E, Windsor, Ontario

### Church membership

- Total 2008 membership – about 450
- Members eligible to vote – 214
- Average weekly attendance – about 125

### Clergy

Rector – The Rev Tom Carman

Deacons – The Rev Paul Almond, the Rev Harold Dolman

### History

The first service held in St. Aidan's Parish took place 3 August 1924, with a service of dedication on St. Aidan's Day, 31 August 1924. Parishioners from what was then Ford City and Riverside actively participated in the construction of the small frame church building, even digging out the basement by hand.

The cornerstone of the present church building, at a new location, was laid 20 September 1950. The first service in current building took place 2 December 1951, with a service of dedication on 25 January 1952. A large church hall was completed in 1997, with members contributing considerable "sweat equity" and paying the full \$925,000 cost for this addition.

In September 2005, the congregation and leadership of St. Aidan's ascribed to the statement of faith found in the [Montreal Declaration](#) of [Anglican Essentials Canada](#). In February 2008, the congregation and leadership voted to become an Anglican Essentials Network parish.

### Ministries in the Community and Beyond

**Hospitality** – Volunteers prepare and serve fellowship meals and funeral luncheons – and a myriad other acts of welcome and kindness

**Missions** – Offers financial and prayer support for missionaries serving in other countries

**Youth and Children's Ministries** – offers a variety of programs and activities designed to nurture the spiritual development of children and young people. (These include Uth for Jesus, Kidz for Him, Prayer Pals and Vacation Bible School.)

**Fellowship/Social Ministry** – organizes special social events for fellowship amongst the parishioners.

**Refugee Ministry** – For decades St. Aidan’s has assisted individuals and families from other countries to become permanent legal residents of Canada by acting as a liaison between the refugee(s) and relevant government agencies. The parish organizes and collects donations of furniture, clothing, etc., for these refugees, as needed.

**Adult Christian Education** – A variety of programs are offered, including Alpha, Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored. In addition, the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen, Potter’s Daughters, Good Times Seniors (for all seniors in the community), B-Group, Parish Bible Studies and Cell Groups provide social and spiritual support for adults.

**Additional community ministries:**

- Funding and staffing a “**Breakfast Club**” programme in a local public school.
- A team of Eucharistic ministers provides **pastoral care** in hospitals, nursing/rest homes and residences throughout the county.
- Providing **meeting facilities** for community organizations, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Overeater’s Anonymous and Square Dancing.
- Collecting **canned goods and clothing** to assist the needy.