

The History of Gloucester Churches

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Church Name	Location	Opened	Closed	Details	Reference
?				\$10,000 building permit for church on St. Laurent Blvd (Baseline) in May 1949,	Ottawa Journal, June 2, 1949 p.29
Abiding Word Evangelical Lutheran Church	1575 Belcourt Boulevard, Orléans		Active		
Alta Vista Baptist Church	887 Canterbury Avenue at Plesser			met at Ridgemont High School in October 1959, 8 years old in 1965, new building constructed over past 3 1/2 years. Church under construction in May 1963 and services are being held in Arch Street Public School	Ottawa Journal, October 3, 1959 p.31 Ottawa Journal, May 25, 1963 p.45 Ottawa Journal, October 2, 1965 p.51 Ottawa Journal, February 7, 1976 p.30
Annuciation of Our Lord Catholic Church	2414 Ogilvie Road, Beacon Hill North	1980	Active	Parish founded and first services held on November 30, 1980 in the Colonel High School auditorium. The first parish priest was Reverend Gilles Lavergne. This was a bilingual parish. A church building campaign was to begin.	Ottawa Citizen, December 6, 1980 p.53
Bethany United Church	3150 Ramsayville Road		September 22, 2018	The church celebrates it history and closure on September 22, 2018 at the Greely Legion Hall.	
Billings Bridge Presbyterian Church		About 1865	Relocated	First held services along with Methodists at Temperance Hall, Billings Bridge around 1865. First church was built along the Rideau River, initially for both denominations but later for Presbyterians only. A new church named Calvin Presbyterian Church opened on December 20, 1914 on Sunnyside and Fairbairn in Ottawa South, The church was renamed on June 3, 1914, and the cornerstone for the new church was laid on June 19, 1914.	Ottawa Journal, December 21, 1914 p.11 Ottawa Citizen January 25, 1928 p.16
Carson's Road Chapel				Paul D'Auoust Construction Limited awarded contract	Ottawa Journal, September 5, 1964 p.32
Chelsea United Church				location??	Ottawa Journal, February 17, 1941 p.6
Church of the Resurrection Anglican Church	3191 Riverside Drive south of Walkley Road			Building shared with Riverside United Church	
Church of the	1940 Saunderson	March		parish was founded as a bilingual parish in March 1958. Services	Ottawa Journal, April 23, 1977. p.76

Resurrection of Our Lord	Drive, Elmvale Acres	1958		were first held in St. Leo's School. The first mass held in the church building was on September 4, 1960. It became an English parish on June 28, 1963	
Community Pentecostal Church	1825 St. Joseph Boulevard, Orléans		Active		
Divine Infant Catholic Church Photo	6658 Bilberry Drive, Orléans	September 1979	active	Established in September 1979 as an English-speaking community within the boundaries of the Parish of St. Joseph, Orléans. The community first met in Convent Glen Catholic School. The current church site adjacent to St. Matthew's High School was purchased in September 1980. The church meeting place was relocated to St. Matthew's High School in September 1981. On March 20, 1983, Archbishop Plourde established the Parish of Divine Infant with same boundaries as the Parish of St. Joseph. The ground-breaking ceremony took place on September 29, 1985 and was officiated by Bishop John Beahan. The first Mass in the new church was celebrated on December 20, 1986.	Church website
Eastbrook United Church	Donald Street, Overbrook	1958		First anniversary service was held on June 21, 1959	Ottawa Journal, June 20, 1959 p.2
East Gate Alliance Church	550 Codd's Road	1977	active	Began as Central Alliance Church in 1977 in the former Gospel Tabernacle building on Bank Street at Patterson Avenue. In 1978, some members began meeting at Gloucester High School and the East Gate Alliance Church name was adopted. In December 1980, the church rented the former Quarries Public School and purchased the building from the Ottawa Board of Education in September 1982. The building was remodeled and expanded over a 6-month period starting in September 1983. Building is shared with Ottawa Mandarin Alliance Church	Church website
East Gloucester Presbyterian Church				After church unification, it became Bethany United Church	
Eastview Baptist Church	329 Olmstead Avenue, Vanier	1921	Active	Traces back to the first Ottawa area Baptist mission located in the village of Quarries on Montreal Road. The mission was established in Eastview in 1909 and had a small frame temporary building two blocks from the current church site. Eastview Baptist Mission – met in the Mission Hall in 1913. The church was established in 1921, the current site purchased in 1923 and the cornerstone laid in 1924. The mortgage for parsonage and heating plant was paid off in 1962. Reverend Ralph D. Wright was pastor from 1949 to 1955 and Reverend Walter Stevens was pastor in 1962.	Ottawa Journal, December 1, 1913 p.10 Ottawa Journal, March 17, 1941, p.5 Ottawa Journal, March 19, 1962, p. Church Website

				In 1991, the church established a second ministry to serve the Portuguese community.	
Eastview United Church					Ottawa Journal, February 17, 1941, p.6
Ebernezer, Eglise Baptiste evangelique	150 Donald Street, Overbrook		Active		
Emmanuel Apostolic Church	3347 McCarthy Road, Hunt Club		Active		
Emmanuel United Church	691 Smyth Road at Botsford Road, Elmvale Acres	1959	Active	officially opened on October 5, 1962 at 8 p.m., Met in Vincent Massey Public School in February 1959.	Ottawa Journal, February 19, 1959 p.3 Ottawa Journal, October 3, 1962 p.3
Epiphany Anglican Church	1290 Ogilvie Road, Carson's Grove		Active	Merged parish of former St. Paul's, Overbrook and St. Christopher's, Cardinal Heights.	
Gloucester Presbyterian Church	Pike Street, Greenboro	1927	Active	Founded by those opposed to church union (foundation of the United Church in 1925). The first building opened in 1927 on Bank Street at Sieveright Road. The church relocated to its current location in 1989.	
Gloucester United Church	Albion Road and Rideau Road	1845?	Active	Originally a Presbyterian church located on Albion Road at High Road. A small cemetery in front of Rideau-Carleton Raceway denotes the location. Relocated to current site in 1880??. Became a United Church in 1925.	Ottawa Journal, November 27, 1976 p.52
Good Shepherd Church	3092 Innes Road at the Blackburn Bypass, Blackburn Hamlet		Active		
Hawthorne United Church	2244 Russell Road		Active		
Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church	685 Walkley Road at Springland Avenue	1969	Active	Solemn blessing of church officiated by Archbishop J.A. Plourde on September 14, 1969	Ottawa Journal, September 13, 1969 p.49
Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church	1758 Alta Vista Drive	1954 (first service in new church September 11, 1955)	Active	Official sod turning took place on November 29, 1954 and conducted by Monsignor A.E. Armstrong and blessed by the Vicar General Monsignor John O'Neill Building Permit issued on December 22, 1954 Cornerstone laid and blessed by Archbishop Marie-Joseph Lemieux on August 11, 1955. First mass held in the new church basement held on September 11, 1955 Church nearing completion on November 24, 1955 First mass held in new church on Friday, December 2, 1955. Prior	Ottawa Citizen, November 30, 1954 p.20 Ottawa Journal, December 22, 1954 p.1 Ottawa Citizen, August 12, 1955 p.15 Ottawa Journal, September 16, 1955 p.15 Ottawa Journal, November 24, 1955 p.5 photo of church Ottawa Citizen, December 5, 1955 p.23 Ottawa Citizen, March 19, 1956 p.7 Ottawa Journal, August 27, 1956 p.2

				services were held in church auditorium. First funeral held in new church was for Laurence Crawford, Albion Road, on March 17, 1956 Church was blessed by Archbishop Lemieux on August 26, 1956	
Leitrim Methodist Church	Bank Street at Analdea Drive	1837	1930s	founded 1837, rebuilt 1861, closed 1930s, demolished 1960s. Became the Leitrim Women's Institute Hall after the church was closed. Was used for extra class space for Leitrim Public School in the 1950s.	
Lifecentre	2675 Innes Road, east of Anderson Road, Blackburn Hamlet		Active		
Machzikei Hadas Synagogue	2310 Virginia Drive, Alta Vista		Active		
MacKay United Church	MacKay and Dufferin St., New Edinburgh (39 Dufferin Street)	1875	Active	Celebrated 100th anniversary in 1975,	Ottawa Journal, November 22, 1975 p.52
Martin Luther Church	933 Smyth Road	1955	Active	See Mount Calvary Lutheran Church	
Mosque of Mercy (Masjid ar-Rahmah)	1216 Hunt Club Road		Active		
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church (now Martin Luther Church)	933 Smyth Road at Russell Road, Elmvale Acres	1955	Active	Founded in 1955 as a daughter congregation of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Sunday school began in September 1955 and the first service in November 1955 at Alta Vista Public School. Later services were moved to Riverview Public School. Construction of the new church commenced in April 1957 and the first service was held in the church on September 15, 1957. The church was dedicated on November 24, 1957. Merged with Martin Luther Church in 2018 at the Smyth Road location. The merged church offers services in English and German.	Church website
Nazarene Church Church of the Nazarene	Riverview				Ottawa Journal, February 11, 1967 p.39
New Hope Church	2224 Innes Road east of Anderson Road, Blackburn Hamlet		Active		
Notre Dame de Lourdes Roman Catholic Church	435 Montreal Road	1887	Active	built in 1887 as a replica of the cathedral in Lourdes France. Church was not completed until 1913. Five bell carillon added in 1927. It and the Montfort Seminary were destroyed by fire in May 1973. It was rebuilt as a modern church.	. Ottawa Journal, June 27, 1967 p.129 . Ottawa Journal, March 16, 1974 p.43

Notre Dame de Lourdes Roman Catholic Church Cyrville	Cyrville Road	1873	2009	opened 1873, new church blessed in 1929, closed in 2009 M. Cyprien Triolle founded the parish in 1871 when he asked the bishop permission to build a sanctuary on land donated by Joseph Cyr. It officially became a parish in 1873 when the first priest was appointed. A 2,000 pound bell named Elizabeth was obtained in 1874. The church was turned over to Les Pères de la Compagnie de Marie in 1887 and this continued until 1925. Construction of a new church began in 1927, the cornerstone laid in 1928 and dedicated and blessed in 1929. The original church bell was transferred to the new building, which still stands	Ottawa Journal, November 22, 1975 p.52 Ottawa Citizen, September 28, 2009 p.A1
Orleans United Church	1111 Orléans Boulevard, Orléans		Active		
Ottawa Citadel (Salvation Army)	1250 Walkley Road				Ottawa Journal, March 16, 1974 p.43
Ottawa Mandarin Alliance Church	550 Codd's Road, Quarries		Active	Shares building with East Gate Alliance Church	
Ottawa Messianic Fellowship Synagogue	2285 St. Laurent Boulevard		Active		
Our Lady of Assumption Former names: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Church Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin	320 Olmstead Street, Vanier	August 14, 1931		founded in 1922 Original frame church built in 1931 on First Avenue. Cornerstone for new Yellow brick church laid by Archbishop Vachon on August 18, 1940 on Olmstead Street. Church opened in December 1940, first mass in the parish was celebrated on August 14, 1931 by Monseignor W.E. Cavanagh, Permission to purchase a temporary church known as the Assembly Hall on the east side of Second Avenue, Eastview was given on October 2, 1931. The parish was blessed on August 29, 1931. The construction of a parish hall was approved in February 1932. Property for a permanent church was obtained on May 1, 1940 on Olmstead Avenue. The cornerstone was laid on August 18, 1940 and the new church was dedicated on December 22, 1940. The church was enlarged in 1954.	Ottawa Journal, August 19, 1940 p.11 Ottawa Journal, February 17, 1941, p.6 Ottawa Journal, May 7, 1977 p.16
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish (Roman Catholic)	400 St. Laurent Blvd. Manor Park	1953	Active	Parish founded in 1953, church opened on March 17, 1957. Church dedicated on May 3, 1987 by Archbishop J. A. Plourde	
Our Lady of Presentation Catholic	1161 Riverside Drive, Overbrook				

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Our Lady of the Visitation Roman Catholic Church (originally known as St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church)	Bank Street, South Gloucester	January 1, 1848	active	The first chapel believed to date to 1830. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate first came to Canada on December 2, 1841. The parish was established on January 1, 1848 and a bishop requested that a sizeable stone church be erected. The Oblates were placed in charge of the church in order to learn English. The new church was blessed in July, 1852. In 1854, the steeple was added. In the fall of 1855, the Oblates departed. 100 years later the Oblates returned when St. Anthony's Novitiate for English Oblate missionary brothers was established on the former Norman Spratt farm.	Ottawa Journal, January 14, 1956 p.31
Overbrook Alliance Church	2 Prince Albert Street, Overbrook		Closed		
Paroisses Catholiques Romaines	55 Appleford Street, Cardinal Heights		Active		
Paroquia Senhor Santo Cristo Parish	1100 Kenaston Street, Cyrville		Active		
Pleasant Park Baptist Church	414 Pleasant Park Road, Alta Vista	1957	Active	See Riverview Park Baptist Church	Ottawa Journal, May 3, 1969 p.51
Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ Catholic Church	Elmvale Acres				
Rideau Park United Church	2203 Alta Vista Drive at Cunningham		Active		Ottawa Journal, February 7, 1976 p.30
Riverside United Church	3191 Riverside Drive south of Walkley Road	1962	Active	first service held at Brookfield High School on November 4, 1962, shares church building with the Anglican Church of the Resurrection	Ottawa Journal November 5, 1962 p.4 Ottawa Journal, February 7, 1976 p.30
Riverview Park Baptist Church (now Pleasant Park Baptist Church)	Pleasant Park Road	1957	Active	First service was held on November 3, 1957. First met in Riverview Park Public School. The first pastor was Reverend Fred F. Bennett who arrived in April 1958. Land was purchased from Mrs. Ouelette in July 1960. Sod turned for new church on October 2, 1960 by Dr. P.P.W. Zieman. The church is located on Pleasant Park Road, east of Fairbanks. Architect was Norman D. Sherriff. The cornerstone was laid by Dr. Showalter on March 19, 1961. The church name was changed to Pleasant Park Baptist Church on April 23, 1961. The opening service was held on May 14, 1961. The Right Honorable John Diefenbaker, and Charlotte Whitton were honoured guests.	Ottawa Journal, November 9, 1957 p.50 Ottawa Citizen, March 17, 1958 p.3 Ottawa Journal, October 3, 1959 p.31 Ottawa Citizen, August 9, 1960 p.7 (drawing) Ottawa Citizen, October 3, 1960 p.4 Ottawa Citizen, April 29, 1961 p.16 Church website http://www.pleasantparkbaptist.com/history/

Rothwell United Church	42 Sumac Street, Cardinal Heights		Active	Congregation met in Fairfield Public School in 1958	Ottawa Citizen, November 11, 1958 p.41
St. Aidan's Anglican Church	955 Wingate Drive, Elmvale Acres	August 31, 1958	Active	first service was held at Vincent Massey School on St. Aidan's Day, August 31, 1958. The sod was turned for the parish hall on June 5, 1960 and was first used for services on December 4, 1960. The sod was turned for the church on July 23, 1964, the cornerstone was laid on December 12, 1964 and the church was dedicated on June 4, 1965.	Ottawa Journal, February 25, 1978 p.50
St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church	125 MacKay Street, New Edinburgh	1866	Active	Parish founded in 1866 and the church building was completed in 1868 The first Vestry Meeting was held in early October 1867.	Parish website Ottawa Citizen, October 11, 1867 p.3
St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish	245 Donald Street, Overbrook		Active		
St. Charles Roman Catholic Church	Beechwood Avenue, Vanier		2010	Closed in 2010. Served the francophone community in Vanier and surrounding areas. The church was sold in 2014 and will become the St. Charles Market	Ottawa Citizen, December 24, 2014
St. Christopher's Anglican Church	Cardinal Heights	1957	Closed	First service held on September 16, 1957 at Fairfield School. Known as St. Christopher-on-the-Heights in 1958 and still meeting in Fairfield School. Merged with St. Paul's Overbrook to become Epiphany Anglican Church on Ogilvie Road.	Ottawa Journal, September 9, 1957 p.2 Ottawa Citizen, November 11, 1958 p.41
St. Columba Anglican Church	24, Sandridge Road, Manor Park	1950	Active	Property purchase on Sandridge Road from the school board in 1950. In late September 1950, Manor Park Anglicans voted to form a mission named St. Columba's. Reverend John Stewart of St. Margaret's Eastview had been holding services in Manor Park for the past year. First advertised service at St. Columba's Mission was on October 15, 1950 at 11:00 a.m. and Evensong at 7:30 p.m. It is affiliated with St. Margaret's Eastview. The inaugural Vestry Meeting was held on January 22, 1951 at Manor Park Public School. This take place three months after the founding of the parish. School board receives bid for old 3 room Manor Park School at meeting on October 25, 1951 from St. Columba's Mission The church's first wedding was held on December 6, 1952 between Gwendolyn Brearley and Charles Littlewood. The first confirmation class was presented to the Bishop on	Ottawa Citizen, September 30, 1950 p.72 Ottawa Citizen, October 14, 1950 p.12 Ottawa Citizen, January 23, 1951 p.12 Ottawa Citizen, October 25, 1951 p.4 Ottawa Journal, December 8, 1952 p.8 Ottawa Citizen, January 14, 1953 p.20 Ottawa Journal, March 27, 1957 p.3 Ottawa Citizen, November 13, 1958 p.7 (sketch of proposed church) Ottawa Journal, June 20, 1959 p.2 Ottawa Journal, February 10, 1960 p.26 Ottawa Citizen, March 16, 1960 p.3 Ottawa Journal, March 18, 1960 p.18 Ottawa Citizen, November 19, 1960 p.5 (picture)

				<p>December 7, 1952. At this point, the church had its own building for a little more than a year. Before that, church services were held in Manor Park Public School.</p> <p>The first annual Vestry Meeting was held on January 13, 1953. Church services were being held in a renovated former Manor Park Public School. The church hall was in a former garage on the property.</p> <p>Reverend John Stewart was inducted as the first rector on March 26, 1957.</p> <p>Sod turning ceremony was held on June 21, 1959 at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>The church was to be completed by the end of February 1960. The altar was dedicated to the memory of Thomas Harding</p> <p>New church dedicated on March 17, 1960 at 8 p.m by Bishop E.S. Reed.</p> <p>The church and hall were designed by John Defries, Ottawa architect</p> <p>Church named after an Irish saint. The new church was built for \$153,000</p>	
St. David & St. Martin Presbyterian Church	444 St. Laurent Blvd	November 13, 1955	Active	<p>Founded as St. Martin's. First service held on November 13, 1955 led by Reverend Thompson at Manor Park Public School. St. Martin's was named on May 6, 1956. First service as St. David's & St. Martin's Church held on September 22, 1968</p>	
St. David's Presbyterian Church	473 Donald Street, Overbrook	October 16, 1955	September 15, 1968	<p>First service held at Overbrook Public School on October 16, 1955 and led by Reverend J.H. Thompson, parish established April 19, 1956, site dedicated on July 25, 1957, cornerstone laid on October 13, 1957 by Senator Norman Paterson. Church dedicated on February 9, 1958. The Reverend Dr. P.C. Wotherspoon was inducted to serve St. Martin's on February 1, 1957. A special service on September 15, 1968 merged the church with St. Martin's Church, with the first joint service held at the newly named St. David & St Martin Church on September 22, 1968 at the St. Laurent Boulevard church. The church was sold and the cornerstone relocated to the merged church in May 1969..</p>	Ottawa Journal, January 30, 1965 p.42
St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church	750 Ridgewood Avenue		Active		
St. Gabriel Catholic Church	Cardinal Heights				
St. George & St. Anthony Coptic Orthodox Church	1081 Cadboro Rd, Carson's Grove		Active		
St. George's Anglican	Russell Road	1864	Closed		

Church, Hawthorne					
St. James Anglican Church Edwards	Mitch Owens Road (south side)	1899	Closed	Celebrated 50 th anniversary in 1949. Destroyed by fire in the early 1960s	Ottawa Citizen, July 16, 1949, p.8
St. James Anglican Church Leitrim	4540 Bank Street at Leitrim Road	1860	Active	founded 1853, built in 1860. First known is the English Church, Gloucester. It became an independent parish in 1987. It is the oldest building in the Leitrim community.	
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church	272 Crichton St. New Edinburgh				Ottawa Journal March 16, 1974 p.43
St. Joseph's Catholic Church	St. Joseph Boulevard, Orléans		Active		
St. Louis Marie de Montfort Catholic Church	Trojan Avenue, Forbes		2009	Closed 2009	Ottawa Citizen, September 28, 2009 p.A1
St. Lucy's Hall (Anglican Church)	King George St., Overbrook			later St. Paul's?, (Reverend W.S. Weary), , building acquired and needed alteration	Ottawa Journal, June 23, 1924 p.7 Ottawa Journal, March 1, 1927 p.14 Ottawa Journal, October 3, 1959 p.31
St. Margaret's Anglican Church	Montreal Road, Vanier	1890	Active	was built in 1890 with cornerstone laid by Lady MacDonald, wife of Sir John A. MacDonald	Ottawa Citizen, March 25, 1995 p.C3
St. Martin's Presbyterian Church	(Manor Park – 444 St. Laurent Blvd)	June 18, 1959	Active as St. David and St. Martin	In 1958, the congregation was meeting at Manor Park Public School opening service June 18, 1959, St. David and St. Martin, 444 St. Laurent Boulevard in March 1976,	Ottawa Citizen, November 11, 1958 p.41 Ottawa Journal May 29, 1959 p.5 Ottawa Journal, October 3, 1959 p.31 Ottawa Journal, March 20, 1976 p.30
St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church	2750 Navan Road, Blackburn Hamlet	September 1879	Active	A meeting was held at the schoolhouse in Dagg's Settlement on September 2, 1878 concerning the erection of a church. The brick church opened in September 1879 and was consecrated on October 30, 1886. It was originally a mission attached to St. Bartholomew's New Edinburgh,	Ottawa Journal, November 6, 1976 p.48
St. Paul's Anglican Church	194 Prince Albert, Overbrook	July 1965	closed	land purchased in May 1962, parish now closed, James W. Strutt, architect, tenders to be called next week September 1964, Cornerstone laid, June 27, 1965 by RCMP Commissioner George B. McClellan, the church was expected to be ready for services in about 2 weeks (July 1965). The church was dedicated on October 9, 1965 at 8 p.m. This church merged with St. Christopher's to become Epiphany Anglican Church	Ottawa Journal, May 7, 1962 p.36 Ottawa Journal, September 5, 1964 p.32 Ottawa Journal, June 28, 1965 p.3 Ottawa Journal, October 8, 1965 p.34
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church	Kilborn Avenue, Billings Bridge	1886	actjve	Church damaged by fire on April 27, 1956 encouraged the building of a new church. Original church was located on Bank Street and was seriously damaged in a cyclone in June 1888. The new church opened on Kilborn Avenue.	Ottawa Journal, April 28 1956 p.2

St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church	Alta Vista Drive near Randall Avenue	1927	active		
St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church	2400 Alta Vista Drive		active	met in Alta Vista Public School in October 1959 and in November 1958	Ottawa Citizen, November 11, 1958 p. Ottawa Journal, October 3, 1959 p.31,
Vanier Community Church	155 Carillon Street, Vanier	September 18, 1993	Active	Founded on September 18, 1993 as 'Downtown Church' and met near the Mission Shelter. In 2000, it moved to the current location when it was renamed 'City Church'. The Capital City Biker's Church was founded in 2002 and met on St. Laurent Boulevard and in Arlington Woods. In 2012, the two churches joined together under the current name and at the current location.	Church website