

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE

This year, Elmwood celebrates its 101st Anniversary in October. On June 19, 1926 the corner stone was laid, and on October 27, 1926 the church was officially opened. Elmwood began as a strong congregation with a relatively small membership which grew over the years. We continue to be a strong congregation with members and adherents who are generally regular attendees at services.

Our current minister, Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton, is retiring at the end of the summer but he has continued a long history of traditional ministry and preaching. The choir is conscientious and committed to supporting the worship of the church with fine music. We are pleased to welcome the contributions of musicians from the community to our services. We are very proud of our 2 manual, 22 stop Gabriel Kney pipe organ. The choral tradition at Elmwood is long and deep. In the past, we have presented many major works, some with instrumentalists, by such composers as Vaughan Williams, Faure, Vivaldi, and our own organist emeritus, Bert Van der Hoek.

Our church hall is booked almost every day with various outside organizations such as Tai Chi classes and a community dance group. A weekly program called the "Dew Drop Inn" reaches out to the community with coffee, tea and activities. Various leaders provide help with the Elmwood Ladies Fellowship (ELF) and other short term programs. We have taken part in Christmas in the Village for the past several years. Special church events and dinners are also held throughout the year in our church hall.

Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church is located in a friendly neighbourhood known as Wortley Village which is just south of the downtown core of London. You will find almost everything you need in the village: several churches, schools, YM/YWCA daycare, parks, restaurants, pubs, coffee shops, library, shopping, and a wide variety of housing. There are many community events held in the village annually, such as The Gathering on the Green, Halloween in the Village and Christmas in the Village.