



ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

11733 - 87 AVENUE NW

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DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

St. George's Anglican Church is a church in the Windsor Park neighbourhood, near the University of Alberta. Built in 1955, the church is located in a landscaped, park-like lot. Its many distinctive features include an angled entranceway, long window walls, and a unique belfry that has been dubbed "The Bird Cage."

HERITAGE VALUE

St. George's Anglican Church is architecturally significant as it proves to be an excellent example of an ecclesiastical version of the International Style leading to Early Modernism. This style is typified by the use of a low horizontal profile, low-slope pitch roof over the sanctuary, broad overhangs, flat roof over the annex with continuous window wall facing the entrance, concrete block construction in natural finish, and the continuous horizontal band of windows in the sanctuary.

The church is historically significant for its association with the expansion of the city and the development of the residential neighbourhood of Windsor Park after WWII.

In 1910, the area of Windsor Park was bought for residential development and named by an English syndicate. It remained largely undeveloped until after WWII. The neighbourhood's community league was founded in 1947 and a clubhouse was built in 1949. This neighbourhood may have been named after Windsor, England, or after Windsor Castle, which is the principal residence of Queen Elizabeth II.

Like most of Edmonton, this neighbourhood provided housing for the booming city. Windsor Park lies along the western edge of the University of Alberta campus, and many of its residents have connections to the institution.





CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The character defining elements as expressed in the form, massing and materials of this building such as:

- + low horizontal profile and low –slope pitched roof over sanctuary;
- + broad overhangs and angled entrance with long canopy supported on angled steel pipe supports with wood soffit;
- + wood entrance doors;
- + flat roof over the annex;
- + continuous window wall facing the entrance;
- + concrete block construction in natural finish;
- + continuous horizontal band of windows in the sanctuary;
- + small copper-clad open steeple; and
- + integrated landscape and park-like setting.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 16234 in October 2012.



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