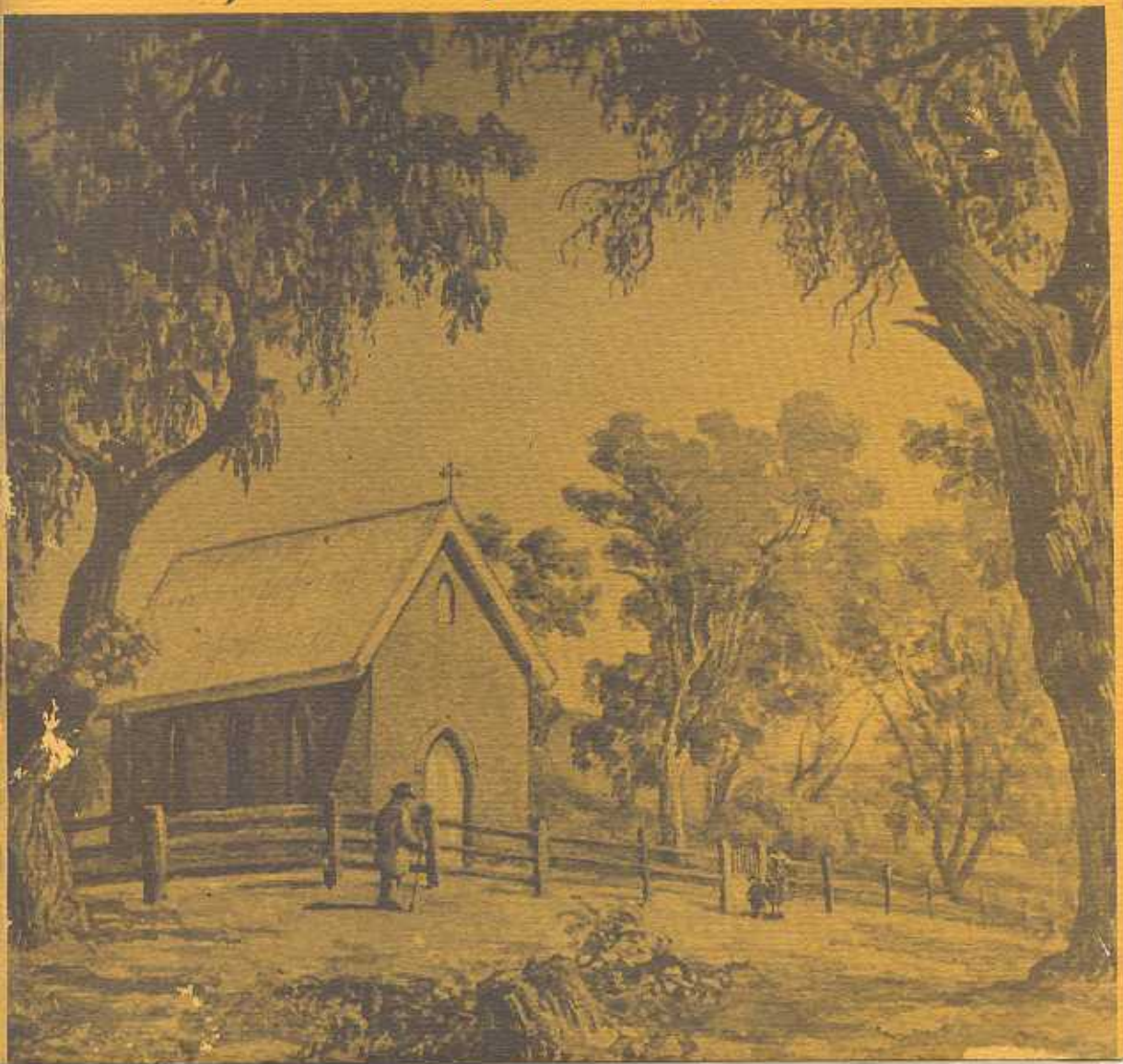


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PREFACE

The sources for this booklet, apart from the memories of some parishioners who have remembered what parents and grandparents told them are-

The parish's records; the registers of services are complete from 1880 (apart from some gaps in the registers of marriages); the minutes of the Vestry's meetings are only scrappy before 1892, but are complete since.

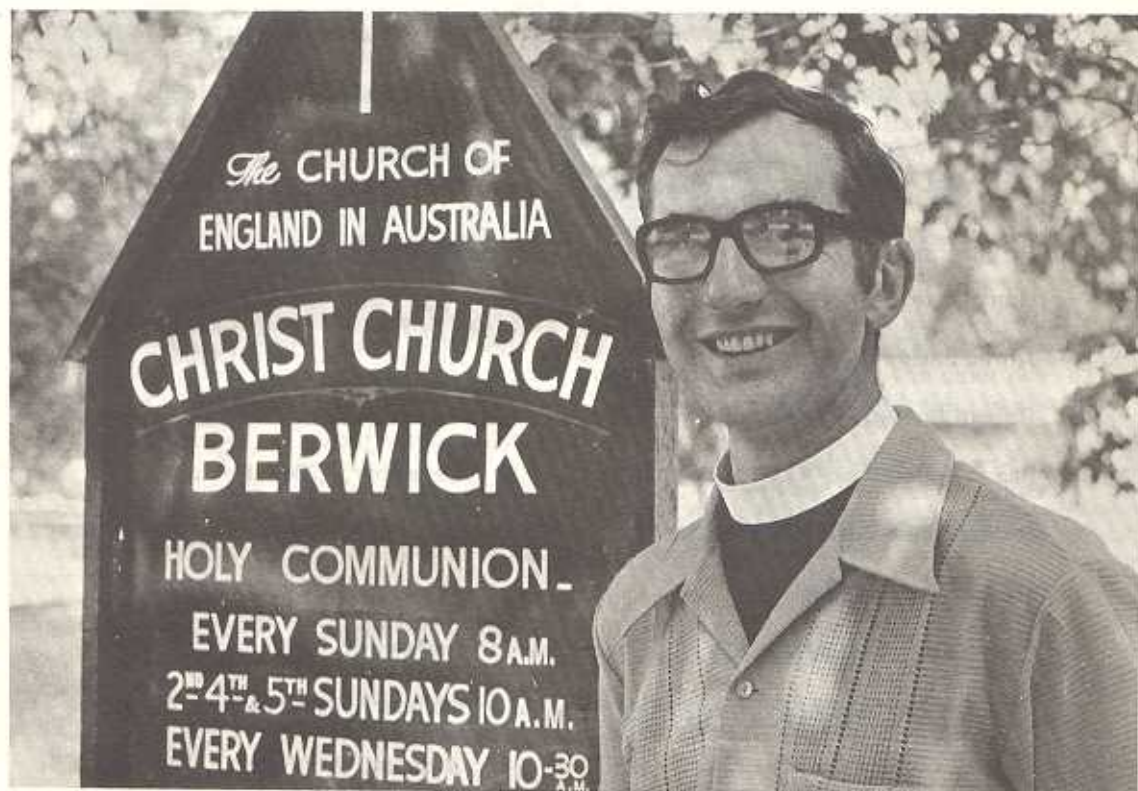
The Year-Books of the Diocese and its newspaper "The Messenger" help to fill out the scanty records, but the early Year-Books present their material in very summary form only.

Our thanks to all members of the Parish who assisted with the preparation of this material.

Frederick M. Lubbin

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" THE CENTENARY VICAR " 1977 Rev. STEPHEN CHERRY

VICARS OF THE CHRIST CHURCH, BERWICK

(Since it was a separate parish)

Benjamin REED	June, 1881 - April, 1882
John Moxey EASTERLING	June, 1882 - October, 1883
John Heiffor HILL (for part of 1887 and most of 1888 Mr. Hill was	November, 1883 - July, 1898 on leave from the Parish)
Alfred BRAIN	September, 1898 - June, 1899
Harry Joseph HARVEY	July, 1899 - July, 1903
Alfred James COLE	August, 1903 - April, 1932
Robert Jameson ROWELL	April, 1932 - October, 1936
James Valentine PATTON	December, 1936 - February, 1937
Ernest Louis Renard PANELLI	May, 1937 - November, 1943
William Percy DAUNT	January, 1944 - August, 1948
Robert Griffith MOUNTNEY	September, 1948 - April, 1951
Jock Lugton RYAN	October, 1951 - August, 1954
Patrick Edward Duff GASON	January, 1955 - April, 1961
Charles Frederick SEXTON	August, 1961 - August, 1967
Richard Stephen CHERRY	November, 1967

THE BEGINNING.

The heavily timbered country which eventually became the township of Berwick formed part of the tribal lands of the Bunerong tribe of Aborigines. The heavy bush-land abounded in many varieties of native flora and provided an excellent habitat for large numbers of birds and animals. Although the aborigines lived mainly in the more open areas to the south, relics which have been uncovered show their presence in the area for thousands of years.

It is not surprising that the rich black soils of the area were soon exploited by the European settlers of Port Phillip. It was only four years after the first settlement of Melbourne that we have the first recorded interest by the Europeans in the Berwick district. Just who was the first settler is unclear, but in 1838 Captain Robert Gardiner extended his run from the Gardiners Creek to the Cardinia Creek. It is believed that he purchased this land from a Terence O'Connor who settled a couple of years earlier. The area became known first as Kardinia (after Kar-Din-Yar "Looking at the Rising Sun"), but later became referred to as Berwick, probably so named by Gardiner after his birthplace of Berwick-on-Tweed.

Settlement must have been quite rapid for the first agricultural show, although not held at Berwick, was held in 1848 only ten years later, under the auspices of the Port Phillip Farmers Society, Berwick being one of its three branches. The other two branches of the society at Gisborne and Bacchus Marsh no longer survive, making the Berwick & District Agricultural and Horticultural Society the oldest such organisation in the state, and the oldest surviving Show.

The early farmers grew potatoes, wheat, and barley, as well as a variety of other crops, concentrated along the banks of the Cardinia Creek. Bullock drays hauled the produce to Melbourne town, and the goldfields. Soon dairying was introduced and became a major industry. Mr. William Wilson opened his quarry in 1859.

In 1861, the Berwick township site was proclaimed by Sir Henry Barkley acting as governor in council, on the eastern side of the hill upon which Berwick stands. Later most development took place in the western side.

On the 6th. February, 1951 most of the area was decimated by the great Black Thursday bushfires which swept throughout Gippsland, turned day into night with dense smoke.

By 1865 a coach service linked Berwick with Melbourne six times a week, and Sale three times a week. The school opened about 1870, and the railway in 1877. the year that Christ Church was inaugurated.

The explosive expansion of the settlement at the present time, where farmland is giving way to the residential streets, perhaps best reflects the rapid expansion of these early years. Between these two bursts of activity, Berwick consolidated into a pleasant semi-rural town, developing, along the way, its own unique identity.

FOUNDATIONS

Little is known of the Anglican community of Berwick during the early years of settlement. We know that the first Anglican services held in Berwick took place in 1866 on the site of the present Presbyterian Church, and were conducted by Rev.J.B. Gason who came across from Cranbourne. The following is an extract from the Melbourne Church News dated 1st. October, 1866 :-

" Berwick - An alteration has been made in the church services in this district. The fortnightly afternoon services, held hitherto in the German School house on the Harkaway-hills, has been discontinued, and a fortnightly morning service substituted in the township, in the Presbyterian church, the use of which has been kindly granted by the trustees. Preliminary steps are being taken towards building a church on the property reserve for that purpose. On Tuesday evening, 25th. September, the reverend C.L.H. Rupp delivered a lecture on ' True Manliness,' in the building of the mechanics' institute, after which according to previous notice, a meeting of the members and friends of the Church was held, at which a number of persons were appointed as a managing committee of general local church matters, and constituted also as a building committee for the erection of a church. -Communicated. "

The land on which the church building stands was reserved from the sale on the 9th. October, 1863, following the proclamation to the town site in 1861. Trustees were appointed for the land, most of which is still retained. The trustees were :-

Thomas Walton, who controlled a large property at Narre Warren.

He was the grandfather of Arthur Robinson. Mrs

Fred James of Narre Warren is also a descendant.

George Robinson

James Kelly

George Miller

J. W. Robinson, father of Arthur Robinson

This would indicate there was quite a sizeable and settled Anglican community in the area in the 1860's, and perhaps before. (Thomas Walton took up his holding in 1855).

On the 5th. December, 1876, the foundation stone was laid for the Christ Church on the reserved land. This foundation stone may be seen at the south west corner of the church :

" Hoc Conditum Est (i.e. " This was placed")
Dec - 5 - 1876 "

The inaugural service in the new building was conducted by the Bishop Moorhouse at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday, March 9th, 1877. This was followed by afternoon tea in the grounds. On the previous evening a concert was held to celebrate the occasion.

The building did not include the chancel and sanctuary, the vestry and the porch which was all added about ten years later. (see the picture on the front cover, which dates to 1877).

The church at Berwick at this time was part of the Lay Reader's District at Cranbourne. No permanent minister was appointed at this stage, and services were conducted by the Head Master of the Berwick State School, Mr. Camm, together with visiting preachers from Melbourne.

In 1880, the parish of Gippsland Forest was formed. The priest in charge, Samuel Sandiford, used to take a monthly service of Holy Communion at Christ Church. By 1881, the growing importance of Christ Church was recognised and on June 5th. of that year Rev. Benjamin Reed was appointed as the first permanent minister.

THE LIVING CHURCH

Christ Church became the mother - church for a large area comprising the western parts of the former Shire of Berwick. Besides the present areas, the whole of Pakenham district, and Upper Beaconsfield were included in the Parochial District of Berwick. St. John's, Narre Warren North (where the Clair Robinson Reserve is now) was built in 1876; in 1928 it was burnt down and was not re-opened. Services have also been held at Officer, and at Upper Pakenham and South Pakenham.

Records for the first two years of the new Parish are, unfortunately, not available. These were either lost, or perhaps not kept. The earliest records we have is the minute book of the Board of Guardians (Vestry) commenced at a meeting held on November 7th. 1883, at the time of the appointment of the third Vicar, Rev. John Heiffer Hill. This meeting was held at the home of Mr. H. Searle, and those present were Rev. J. H. Hill (Chairman), Mr. S. Paternoster, Mr. H. Searle and Mr. E. A. Vieusseaux, Guardians were in existence at this date as the resignation of Mr. Robert Kelly, and Mr. A. B. Kent were accepted with regret.

Records of the church - records - collections - the 1st service 4/1/1877
 Mr. Vieusseaux was appointed Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and a new set of books were to be obtained for keeping the necessary accounts. This would indicate that the records of the first two years were already unavailable. The previous vicar, Rev. John Moxey Easterling appears to have a stormy tenure as motions of the books indicated much correspondence on the subject of money, owed to Mr. Easterling, and the suggestion that an investigation of the parish was to be carried out by the very Rev. Archdeacon Stretch.

Like most Vestries before and since, the Board of Guardians had many problems with raising the money for the running of the church. Main sources of income appear to have been collections, subscriptions (pew rents), and special efforts and social gatherings. The main expense, apart from the general upkeep of the church, was the stipend of the vicar. In 1884 the stipend was set at £220 per annum, payable by monthly instalments of £10, due on the 4th. of each month, the balance to be paid quarterly. It would appear that from time to time, the money was not available for the payment of the stipend, and appeals were made to various groups outside Berwick to increase their contributions, and also to the Diocese for help.

A further drain on resources was the erection of a parsonage. When Archdeacon Stretch attended a meeting of the Guardians on June 5th, 1885, he suggested that one should be built. A majority of the Guardians thought that it was beyond the means of the members at the time. The Archdeacon after making his suggestion wisely decided that he had a train to catch and could not discuss the matter at the time. He departed leaving the Guardians to consider the matter and prepare an estimate. The suggestion must have born some fruit, for the records show that on September of 1887 the amount in the Parsonage Fund Account was £21.

Records for 1888-1892 are unfortunately missing. It was during this time that Rev. J.H.Hill was overseas, and a locum appointed. Whether any records were in fact kept, it is not known. It would appear that the parsonage was built during this time as, early in 1894, the secretary was asked to write to the guarantors of the Parsonage Fund acquainting them that " an urgent request had been recieved from the Secretary of the Diocesan Funds for payment of overdue bills and requesting their advice and assistance". Although these problems were apparently solved, money was still

needed. One ingenious idea was thought up in September 1897 when it was decided to insert advertisements in Melbourne daily papers with a view to letting the Parsonage for the summer months in order to reduce the debt on the Parsonage Building Fund. Accounts from "Argus" 2 shillings, and "Age" 2 shillings, appear in the records, so this was in fact done, but whether there was any response it is not known.

On February the 22nd. 1899 it was resolved that the Vestry (as the Board of Guardians had become after 1893) invite the congregation to deny themselves during Lent and giving the proceeds of such self-denial at a social to be held on Wednesday the 5th. April, the money thus raised to be used for the purpose of reducing the debt of the parsonage. It was pointed out that the sum of £12 only was needed to enable the Vestry to claim the grant of £25 from the Diocesan Registry.

Correspondence and arrangements appear on many occasions on the subject of that Parsonage debt. In 1904, a letter was received by the registrar stating that the amount still owing was £140, and that a £1 per £1 subsidy would be paid on money raised during the next two years. Thus if £70 was raised, the debt would be clear. This money was raised and the last instalment of £35 was paid on August 7th. 1906.

The records also reveal many donations to the Church in material objects and labor. Those who have given great service to the Church over the years are noted in a special section, but several items desire mention here. The altar, which is still used in Christ Church today was made and donated by Mr. W.A. a'Beckett in 1898. This has recently been renovated by Mr. Sam Warne. On October 23rd, 1900 it is recorded that "the thanks of the Vestry be given to Mr. Harvey for his action in placing the window in the chancel" ("just which window this is, it is not known). In 1903, a set of communion vessels were donated by subscribers, and lighting in the church provided with acetylene lamps. In January, 1917, the furnishings of the Church were enhanced by the gift of a beautiful memorial pulpit from the parents of Lance-Corporal Tetley, who died at Gallipoli in August, 1915.

In 1914, a fund was begun to replace the old organ in the church. There is no record of just how well this appeal fared, but it is recorded in 1915 that thanks be tendered to Mrs. S.L. Wilson for the donation of a new organ. The old organ was sold to the Leongatha Church for £15, but due to representations from the buyers, because of the amount of repairs that had to be done, this amount was reduced to £10. Even then, the Berwick Church had some problems in extracting payment, as letters flowed back and forth during the next year or so.

Other items added to the Church in the first quarter of the century include the memorial window and tablet from the Berwick Grammar School as a memorial to Mr. Vieusseu, and the Roll of Honor Board. A Mr. W.J. Harvey Smith of Upper Beaconsfield arranged for the supply and fitting of a new acetylene generator at a greatly reduced cost, and this was noted in the records with appreciation.

One sidelight on the attitude of the times was the matter of installation of a telephone at the Vicarage. Mr. Lyon and Dr. Langmore moved in December, 1913, that a telephone be connected. This motion, however, was rescinded at the next meeting, the chairman Rev. A.J. Cole, indicating that he didn't think the expense was warranted, as indeed did the majority of the Vestry. It wasn't until June 1922 that the

He, it and I, had been removed by someone and I made new ones - gold leaf - and fitted. 1976

*Wilson father
G.L.*

*Had a...
10' organ on left in St George's Rd. Just blind church, but I know on it once.
I bought my 3rd level on opposite side of road from him also the brick ladder.
Friend of G.L. Wilson. "Young George" as G.L. Harvey Wilson.*

telephone was installed, the cost of 3 pounds being born by the Ladies Guild.

On December the 5th, 1926 the Jubilee of the laying of the Church Foundation Stone was celebrated. The Archbishop of Melbourne The Most Rev. Harrington Lees preached at the morning service, together with Rev A. Brain (Vicar 1898-1899). A reunion of parishioners was held at the Vicarage on the following Monday afternoon.

It is unfortunate that no-one at this time took the opportunity to review the first 50 years and record the achievements and problems of this era. It would be interesting to know today their impressions of this period and their thoughts for the future.



Long time workers for Christ Church, Berwick
Dr. Percy Langmore and Mrs. Evelyn Allan
at Annual Garden Party '1967'

Present by Mrs. E. Wilson. Young George 20 & B. Nancy Wilson.

THE DIFFICULT YEARS

The period 1920-1940 were hard years. The Great Depression put particular strains on the work of the church and general maintenance was a problem. There appears to have been, however, a spirit of goodwill amongst the church community, and while there were difficulties, there were few disagreements and all were working in the spirit of co-operation. It is during this time that the first Annual Reports appear in the records. They show the trials that the Church faced during this time. Three of these reports (1928, 1931 and 1937) are set out below.

Annual Report, 1928

"Annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1928.

The statements of Receipts and Expenditure shows an income of 296 pounds, 2 shillings and 6 pence, and an expenditure of 264 pounds 16 shillings and 6 pence, leaving a credit balance of 31 pounds 6 shillings, out of this amount some 9 pounds is owing for repairs to the Vicarage and 30 pounds on account of Stipend, leaving a deficiency when these two amounts are paid of 7 pounds 14 shillings for the year. The Sunday offertories are 21 pounds 2 shillings and 11 pence less than those of the previous year and the donations 12 pounds 3 shillings less than the previous year

The Board of Management of the Home Mission Fund notified the Vestry at the beginning of the year that it was not prepared to give the usual annual contribution of 35 pounds to that fund; but only gave the sum of 2 pounds 9 shillings, the offertory on Home Mission Sunday, and the Stipend fund is 30 pounds less this year than last year, which amount must be made up. The Flower Show as usual was a marked success. after deducting all expenses a sum of 83 pounds was handed over to the Vestry. The members of the Ladies' Guild and other helpers arranged two concerts to raise funds for carrying out some very necessary repairs to the Church and Vicarage, which were also well patronised and a sum of 30 pounds was cleared. Mr. W.G. a'Beckett arranged an Old Time Night entertainment, which was a marked success, greatly enjoyed by all present and brought in a sum of some 15 pounds. Some very necessary repairs have been done to the walls of the Church, and the thanks of the members of the Church are conveyed to Mr. Stuart, who carried out the work free of charge. The outside walls of the Vicarage have been painted and some other necessary repairs affected. Some more repairs are urgently needed, but there are no funds available for the purpose at present.

The Choir greatly needs strengthening and any help in this very necessary work will be appreciated.

We desire once more to extend our warmest thanks to Dr. Langmore, who notwithstanding his very busy life, so willingly helps in the services both morning and evening, and also to Mr. W.G. a'Beckett for the valuable assistance he has given by taking the Church service when called on to do so. Our thanks are also due to the Ladies' Guild and other helpers, who so successfully carried out the Flower Show; to Mrs. W.G. a'Beckett for the very enjoyable Old Time Night entertainment she arranged and carried out so successfully; to the Ladies who collected the subscriptions; to the generous contributors to the funds of the Church; to Messrs. Loveridge and Morrish for auditing the accounts; to the Organist and Choir, and other willing helpers; and we trust the same kindly help will be continued, and the same spirit of peace and harmony may be with us during the present year.

The Vestry Christ Church, Berwick,
V.S. Hutchinson
Hon. Sec and Treasurer"

*W.G. a'Beckett were
related to Marga Phillips.
Her grand uncle or something.*



Christ Church 1977
showing Memorial Garden and Bell Tower

Annual Report 1931

"Annual Report for the year ending 31st. of December 1931

The Statement of Receipts and expenditure shows an income of 272 pounds 9 shillings and 10 pence, and an expenditure of 260 pounds 1 shilling and 6 pence; leaving a credit balance of 12 pounds 8 shillings and 4 pence. The Stipend has not been fully paid; an amount of 21 pounds is still owing.

The offertories for the year amounted to 126 pounds 6 shillings and 10 pence, a decrease of 24 pounds 14 shillings and 11 pence on last year's offertories. The donations amounted to 42 pounds 3 shillings, a decrease of 3 pounds 18 shillings and 6 pence on last year's total.

This deficiency is largely due to the general depression during the past year. Almost all other Churches have suffered in a similar way. Many parishioners, whose names were handed in to the Secretary as contributors to the envelope system did not adopt it, and some have given donations instead.

A successful Cantata was given in March by the Choir of St. Mary's, South Camberwell, under the direction of Mr. E.T. Jennings, and Mrs. Apperly's Dramatic Company staged an excellent comedy on the 22nd of July. The Vestry appreciates very greatly the kind efforts of both.

Considering the depression and the unfavorable season, the Flower Show was as usual very successful, a sum of 76 pounds being handed over to the Vestry, a small sum being kept in hand to commence next year's operations.

On July 5th the Archbishop of Melbourne conducted a Confirmation Service at which several young members of the Church were confirmed.

We regret to announce the resignation, owing to ill health, after 28 years service in this Parish, of the Revd. A. J. Cole. During the long period of his ministrations in the Parish Mr. Cole has held the respect and esteem of the Parishioners. Mrs. Cole has been an indefatigable worker in the interests of the Church and it is mainly owing to her energy that the annual Flower Show has been such a marked success of the last 25 years. We feel that their numerous friends in the district will join with the congregation in wishing them many happy years of health and happiness in their retirement.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to Dr. Langmore for his valuable help in both morning and evening services, to Mr. Leonard Langmore, Mifs. Barker, Mifs. T. Williams and others for assistance in the Sunday School; to the Ladies Guild and all other helpers who assisted to make the Flower Show so successful; to the Ladies who collected the subscriptions etc., to all who contributed to the funds of the Church; to Messrs. Loveridge and Morrish for auditing the accounts; to the Organist and those who assist in the Choir; and to all other helpers; and we hope that the same kindly help will be continued during the current year."

A special meeting held on the 26th October 1936, gives us further indications of the problems of the times.

"Memorandum - Parochial meeting with Archbishop 26/10/36 Following a communication from the Archbishop intimating that he desire to meet members of the Vestry on 26th October. 1936, a meeting of all members was arranged at the Bank residence. All members were present and also Mr. a'Beckett (Synod Lay Representative) and Messrs. Thorogood, Marsh and Harris of the Upper Beaconsfield Vestry. The Archbishop was accompanied by Bishop Booth of Geelong as Archdeacon of Melbourne. His Grace referred to the two vacancies in this and Cranbourne parishes and traced the

1. amount of Alice Barker. Sister of Alfred.
2. Younger sister of Violet Foster



VICARAGE IN EARLIER YEARS

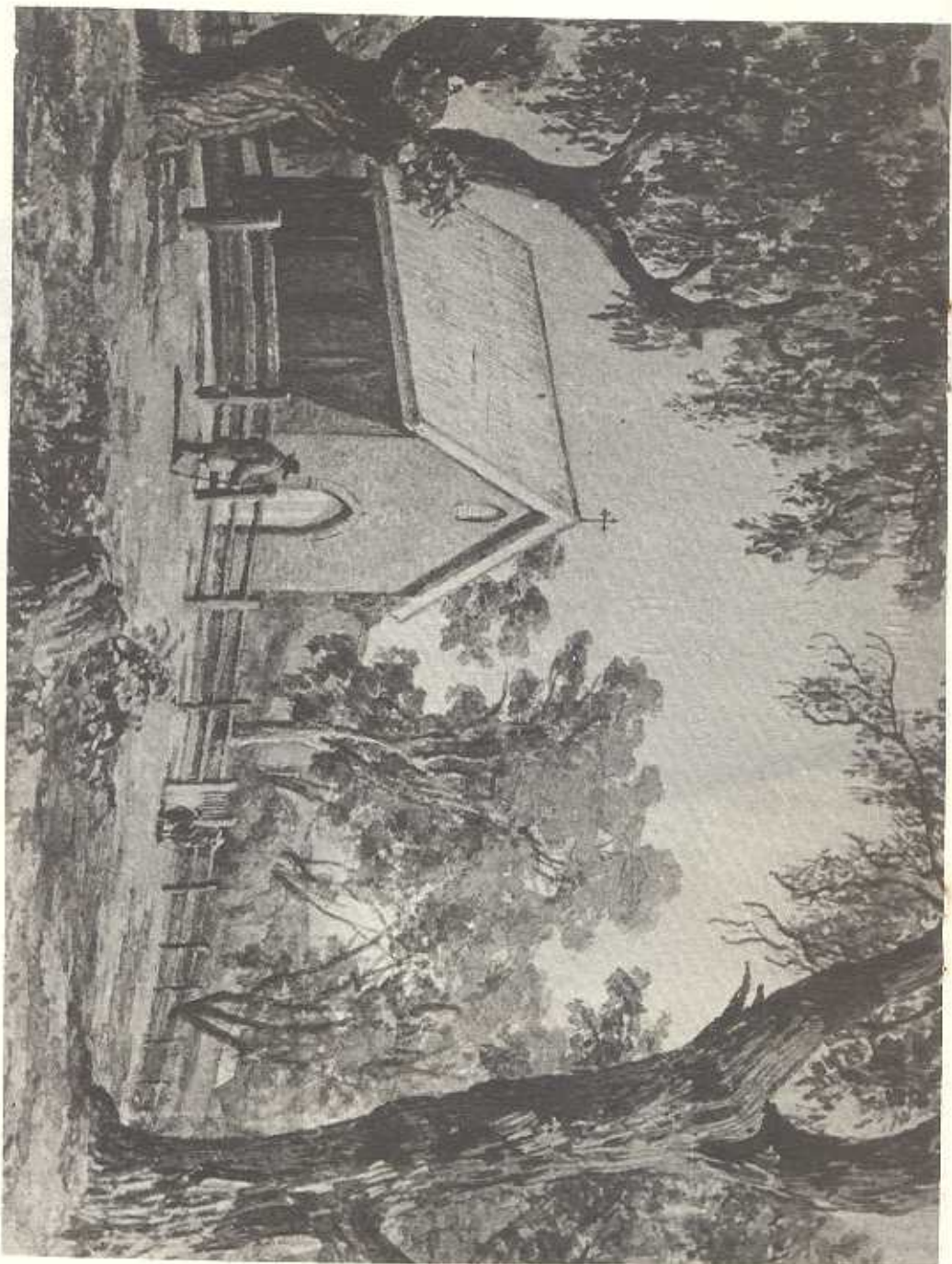


VICARAGE RENOVATED IN LATER YEARS

*Some years after
it was sold.*

These photographs show the vicarage which was in use from the Rev. J.H. Hill's ministry until the end of the Rev. R.G. Mountney's incumbency. It passed through a number of hands since it was sold by the parish; its present owners Mr. & Mrs. R.J. Watson (who were married at Christ Church), have completely rebuilt the back parts since they bought it in 1973. The design, by a young Berwick architect, "Eddie" Barron, can be seen to harmonize thoroughly with the original front rooms.

*July 1986 now for sale they can't use buy it back
Draftsmen not architect.*



THE ORIGINAL CHURCH BERWICK.

From a painting owned by Jack Warrne. Originally painted for Mrs. Curtis
Painted by E. Parsons 1877

CURTIS

Warrne

financial position of both. He intimated that to make use of the Diocesan clergy in the best interests of the work, he had in mind combining the two parishes under one Vicar with possibly a Curate assistant. He intimated that as matters stood, neither Parish was paying the full minimum stipend (it being pointed out that Berwick did not allow any use of travelling expenses of the incumbents car). Cranbourne, it was gathered, was not in a good position and had been receiving considerable assistance from the Home Mission Fund. It was also intimated that neither Parish was able to adequately pay an incumbent of the standard probably desired by both. There was a shortage of suitable "man-power" to man parishes of the Diocese and to fill existing vacancies and those known to be pending. Amalgamation was therefore in mind to make the best use of available priests, to arrange so that parochial resources would be expended (in the matter of stipend) to the best advantage of the Parish, and to minimise the assistance required from the Home Mission Fund for whose funds there was pressing demand.

He had just left the Cranbourne Vestry who had agreed to a general proposal of amalgamation and were prepared that the Vicar of the proposed new combined parishes should reside in Berwick. He therefore asked for the approval of the two vestries to a general proposal to combine the two parishes under one Vicar who would be assisted by a curate. Present parish financing would not be disturbed—the total present incomes—taken at 500 pounds, to be allocated between the Vicar and the Curate. As an approximate idea only, 300 pounds was mentioned as a probable stipend to the Vicar plus say 60/75 pounds travelling allowance and the remainder to the Curate as stipend and allowance. The apportionment between the parishes and centres would be 190 pounds from Berwick and 60 pounds from Upper Beaconsfield and 200 pounds from Cranbourne plus 50 pounds grant from the Home Mission Fund.

After discussion in which questions as to the workability of the proposal were mentioned, the meeting resolved on agreement to the Archbishop's proposal on the above lines it being understood that the same would be on trial for twelve months and its operation then reviewed. His Grace stated that if it proved unworkable or each parish developed sufficiently to each support its own Vicar, the position could be reviewed—the proposal was not irrevocable.

It was recognised that Berwick would have to be prepared to take turn with the Vicar who would be expected to give his time and interest over the whole area. Berwick Vestry, whilst not favoring altogether what was to it a somewhat retrograde step, intimated that it was prepared to fall in with the plan on lines suggested as a trial in deference to his Grace but felt that with the right lead its position could be improved and mention was made of the excellent band of ladies of the Guild. The meeting then closed.

Prior to the meeting, those present met his Grace and the Bishop of Geelong (Rt Rev. J.J. Booth) at afternoon tea as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brown at the Bank.

After the meeting, his Grace accompanied by the Bishop of Geelong and escorted by Mr. Brown inspected the Vicarage and Church property."

"Informal meeting of members of the Vestry at Bank on Friday 13th November, 1936.

Present Drs. Langmore and Griffith, Rev. Daunt, Messrs. Myring, Barker and Brown. Mr. Warne was unable to be present, Dr. Langmore was voted to the chair.

The Secretary explained that the meeting had been called on short notice to seek authority to proceed with various repairs and renovations of the Vicarage necessary and asked for by the new Vicar so the same could be put in hand and the premises be ready for him on arrival.

Jack
I think

A letter from the Diocesan Registrar was read intimating that The Archbishop had appointed the Rev. J.V. Patton Vicar of the combined parishes of Berwick and Cranbourne and that he would conduct the induction ceremony at Berwick on 25th November. The Sec. explained that this date clashed with a function in the town and efforts were being made to seek an alteration of the date. He would be seeing the Rev. Patton on the morrow and would seek his assistance in arranging that if possible.

Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

In presenting the accounts herewith the Vestry is glad to be able to show a generally maintained position notwithstanding a brief period of disturbed organisation and leadership following the regrettable death of former Vicar the late Rev. J.V. Patton; and expenditure incurred during the year on urgent renovations to the Vicarage.

Offertories show an appreciable increase over the previous period, and the annual Flower Show and Fair also showed a splendidly improved result.

A highly valued gift which adds to the comfort of the worshippers and which will be an economy also was the installation of the electric light in Christ Church by the generosity of Mr. George Wilson. *⚡*

The comparatively substantial expenditure of 41 pounds 14 shillings and 7 pence was incurred on very necessary repairs to the Vicarage. Many urgent repairs to Church and Vicarage had to be left undone in 1937.

For the first time for many years Berwick parochial district has met its obligation to the Home Mission Fund, its quota to which was this year re-assessed at 20 pounds; this congregation having met the deficiency or statutory payments to make up the quota in full. We regret to record the loss of our former Vicar, the Rev. J.V. Patton, M.A., B.Litt., Dip Ed., who died on the 21st of March last after a brief illness and ere his ministry had barely begun, he having been inducted to the combined parishes on the 3rd of December, 1936. During the interregnum the parish was ministered by the Rev. W.P. Daunt and other helpers until the appointment of the Rev. E.L.R. Panelli, Th.L., to this vacancy and his induction on the 20th May last by his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne.

We desire to express our appreciation to the Rev. W.P. Daunt and the several honorary lay readers who have assisted at time to time; to the Rev. and Mrs. A.J. Cole for again organising the show of floral exhibits, and to the Ladies' Guild for their valuable work and co-operation in preparation for and at the show; and to the several other donors of special donations to help defray the cost of the Vicarage renovations and the renovation of the grounds; the efforts of Mr. John Warne in organising entertainments to this end also deserve our special mention and gratitude.

During the period under review the Weekly Freewill Offering system was established with 18 initial subscribers for the first quarter, with an increased issue for the second quarter, it is hoped to extend further this system of regular and systematic giving and thus help to stabilise our income. Several Church people maintain regular subscriptions, which we value, and to these we also express our thanks.

The Cranbourne parish is being released from the amalgamation arrangement and is to be re-constructed as a separate parish. The Pakenham parish is to be attached to Berwick as from the 1st of February, 1938. Under the re-arrangement Berwick's contribution to the Stipend will remain unaltered at 190 pounds per annum.

We also desire to express our grateful thanks to the Sunday School staff, Flower Guild and all those parishioners and friends who by personal, active effort and support have in any way assisted the work of the Vicar and Vestry in their respective spheres in conducting the work of the parish.

*Notes were taken and bound
"Notes" at that time*

John

→

Miss Searle to collect 15 years later. This would be about 1948.

About Well.

We extend to Miss Searle (Organist) our sympathy in her protracted illness. Our hope is for her speedy recovery.

We trust for a continuance of your practical interest and support so essential to the effective and smooth working of the parish.

During this period, the following items appear in the records.

In 1927 the Church sustained a very deep loss by the passing of Mrs. Griffith, wife of Dr. Griffith, a member of the Vestry since 1913. The Annual Report of 1927 records that Mrs. Griffiths was 'a lady who always took the keenest interest in the welfare of the church, a valued member of the Ladies Guild and also the Choir, and one beloved and esteemed by all who knew her'. A memorial stained-glass window was placed in the church by Dr. Griffith. In 1929 an envelope system was investigated as means of improving church finances, it did not have much success and many communications were sent out explaining the system to the parishioners

On April the 3rd, 1929, permission was given for two Honor boards from the Berwick Grammar School to be hung in the Church. This was never done, and it was only in 1976 when preparations were being made for the Centenary that this motion was discovered and the matter carried out.

On July 16th, 1929 the thanks of the Vestry is recorded to Mrs. Barker and the ladies of the parish for collecting money to install electric light in the Vicarage.

On April 17th, 1932 the sum of 10 pounds was allocated for the installation of a bath heater and a sink in the Vicarage. These appear to be new items. Life in the Vicarage would have been quite spartan.

On May 9th, 1934, the death of Mr. Hutchinson was recorded. Mr. Hutchinson was first elected to the Vestry on February 22nd, 1926 and elected Secretary on February 28th, 1927. With the ending of the depression, the crisis of World War cast a shadow over the life of Christ Church. The war, however, served to strengthen the people of the parish, and despite continued financial difficulties, the Church entered a period of expansion, both spiritually and materially. Within the Church itself, a memorial window to Rev. A. J. Cole was erected, in 1939 by Mrs. Cole, who also donated in 1943 carpet for the sanctuary and chancel, and a curtain for the wall in behind the altar. Also in 1943 Mr. W. Johnson arranged for renovation of the altar and retable. A memorial tablet to W. G. a Beckett was unveiled in 1945

The two items which caused much discussion during the war years were some pine trees and a new fence.

In July 1941, the Vestry decided to remove certain pine trees from the area of the church. Many offered to donate trees to replace them; Dr. Langmore, J. Myring, Wm. Johnson, J. Warne Miss Searle, Miss O. Reid, Mrs. Hutchinson and the girls of St. Margret's School. One tree near the Vicarage remained, however, for although it was a nuisance, no one was prepared to fell it for fear of damaging the Vicarage. Professionals and amateurs alike refused the job of removing this tree. Even the S.E.C. was approached but to no avail. Eventually in 1946 it was removed safely by a Dandenong firm for the sum of 5 pounds. The matter of a new fence was an even longer story. Even before the outbreak of war, it was recognised that the fence around the church would have to be replaced. The finance, however, was not available. In September, 1941, Mrs. Cole offered to assist with finance, and the money was raised by a collection. The Department of Labor had other ideas and refused permission for the fence to be built. At the end of the war, plans were again made to build the fence (the money still being held in trust). Materials were then unavailable. By 1948, the Annual report states that the Vestry had obtained concrete posts, cyclone netting and gates, but lacked the iron pipe top railing. It was not until the following year that the pipe was obtained and the fence erected.

17.
The organ was always in the church. I found the Ber War one in a cupboard in small hall and asked Vestry that section be carried out

Miss Johnson's husband

The sale of the old vicarage was probably the biggest headache the Vestry ever made

On the personal side, Miss Searle retired in 1939 after 49 years as Organist. In 1949 Christ Church suffered two sad losses with the deaths of Joseph Myring and Dr. C.A. Griffiths who had served the church in various capacities. over a long period of time. In 1949 it was decided that a new Vicarage should be built. There were long discussions as to whether the old Vicarage should be renovated rather than a new one built, but the quotes could not be obtained for renovation. The site was chosen, and a builder engaged. His quote for the work was 3055 pounds, which also included resiting of the Sunday School hall, and repairs to the church. With the later addition of a back porch, the quote rose to 3,286 pounds 7 shillings. The old Vicarage was sold in 1951 for the sum of 2,055 pounds. The incumbent at the time of the building, Rev. Robert Mountney, never got to live in the new building, and his successor, Rev. J.Ryan, became its first occupant in 1951. Despite the fact that the new Vicarage was not yet entirely paid for, the people of Christ Church soon decided to undertake a building program, this time a parish hall. The main aim for building the hall appears to have been the need for Sunday School space, and as a centre for youth activities. The building was purchased from Concrete House Projects (Housing Commission) at a cost of just under 4000 pounds, and was dedicated by Bishop McKie in June 1958.

still not paid for 1990.

It was a very good hymn donated by Mrs. G.H. Wilson

There were many suggestions as to how the building was to be paid for, the most popular being the sale of the church land below the Vicarage. Permission to sell the land was granted by the Archdiocese in 1957, but this was never taken up. The finance in fact, came from the issue of debentures. These debentures were fully redeemed on April 4th, 1968. The old Sunday School was moved to its present site (the third move) to make way for the new hall. This building reveals the ravages of time (it was built in 1904), but it has recently been renovated and painted by volunteer labor.

brother of Beulah's

Brother of Fred, "Jim" Messy Graves

In 1956, the parish decided to make a real effort to overcome its financial difficulties, and to increase the size of the congregations. The plan was to hold a Canvass called a "Faith and Action, Campaign". Mr. J.L. Allan was appointed organizing secretary, Cr. A.G. Robinson-general chairman, Mr. J. Loveridge-Canvass Committee Chairman, Mr. H.Sissons-assistant organizing secretary, Mrs C.F. Greaves-Hostess Chairman, Lt. Col. O.B. Williams-Canvass Team Chairman, and Mr. J.B.Thomas-Initial Gifts Chairman. *John of Iowa*

A most attractive booklet was produced setting out the objects of the campaign and how it would affect the parish. The booklet stated "To raise the necessary finance, it has been agreed we will conduct an organized canvass of all parishioners by visiting them in their homes. We will ask simply that each family set aside a generous and sacrificial part of their weekly income for a period of 150 weeks, and, that this contribution will be given its true priority during the period.

Solicitations will be restricted to members, prospective Church members, parents of children attending Sunday School, and any others who consider that they have some connection with the church, but who do not attend."

After almost a year of hard work, the results of the canvass showed that while offertories had increased 150%, church attendance had not, and the organizers considered that it had not been a success.

Many youth organizations were formed during the 1950's. A young Peoples Fellowship was formed, which however only lasted twelve months, C.E.B.S. and a Junior G.F.S. Social dances for teenagers were also held in the Hall, organized by Mrs. A'Vard,

It was a very good organ donated by Mrs. E.L. Wilson.

Recitals were held on it each year by a City Organist. This was the organ played by Aunt Nell and Jack and Mrs. Allen.

Mr. H. Britton, and Mr. G. Andrews. The G.F.S. folded in 1962, reopened in 1963 but stopped in 1965. The C.E.B.S. went into recess in 1963 and has not reopened. In 1961 a young Anglican Fellowship was started, also a young Womens' Group, and a group called "Forward in Depth". Just what has happened to these organizations is not known. A Youth Group, formed in recent years, is fortunately still thriving.

There have been a number of organs in Christ Church. By 1962 the organ donated in 1915 was declared unfit, and it was proposed to purchase a new one. The money was not available, however. The problem was solved in some mysterious way for the minutes of March 7th, 1963 record that the "offer of an organ from Mrs. X (unnamed) for the nominal sum of 25 pounds be accepted". The present electronic organ replaced this instrument in September 1968.

Other items of interest added to the church since 1950 were two Buttresses (1950), heaters in the church (1962), candlesticks (donated by a Beckett family 1963), and exterior lighting 1964. A memorial garden and bell tower were erected in memory of William Johnson and Miss Jessie Traill. It was dedicated by Mr. Sexton and Mr. Cherry on 1st November, 1970. Mr. Johnson was a devoted churchwarden for many years and his family gave the garden in his memory. The Vestry decided to incorporate the Bell Tower in the plan in memory of Miss Traill who left the church a generous legacy in her will. The altar was moved out from the wall to its present free-standing position in February, 1972.

It will be noted that the name of Dr. Percy Langmore appears many times in the records of the church. Dr. Langmore was first elected to the Vestry on February 12th, 1908, and at his death in 1972 had served the church continuously for 64 years. During the last 10 years of his life, Dr. Langmore was appointed as an "Honorary Vestryman", and excused from regular attendance. It would appear that he was still quite regular in attendance at meetings and took an active part in all important discussions. At his passing, the minutes record "That this Vestry records with thankfulness to Almighty God their appreciation for the life of Dr. Percy Langmore, in the community of Berwick and particularly in Christ Church.

When suburban development reached the parish about 1970, it became increasingly obvious that a parish with an outer suburb at one end and the rest semi-rural was not a satisfactory unit. So in February 1973, St James' Pakenham with St. John's, Upper Beaconsfield, was made a separate parish, leaving Christ Church, Berwick on its own. The present parish embraces:

- Hallam (east of Hallam-Emerald Road)
- Narre Warren, Narre Warren North, Narre Warren East.
- Berwick
- Harkaway
- Beaconsfield

After quite a deal of discussion, services were begun in the Mechanics Hall, Webb Street, Narre Warren, on June 9th, 1974. Services are held every second and fourth Sundays. Lay Readers from Christ Church conduct the services at Berwick while the Vicar celebrates at Narre Warren. Despite plans to purchase land in Narre Warren in 1959, no such provision was made. *Such services at N/W.*

In recent years, Christ Church has become interested in the trial of new forms of liturgy. Australia '69, Australia '73 and Australia '77 have all been tried and discussions held as to their effectiveness.

an "Honorary Vestryman" is impossible! When I returned to Berwick I found that no one had told the Dr. of Church for years - I took him such a beating - I had to write before he died that it was not a very good organ donated by Mrs. E.L. Wilson.

They all liked talking about him but did nothing about it.

The Annual Flower Show has just completed 72 years of operation, providing both a much needed boost to church fund raising and a popular yearly event.

Perhaps the most unusual happening in the last hundred years occurred in May 1973 when the Vicar, Rev. Stephen Cherry, decided to lop some branches from a tree in the church land below the Vicarage. A falling branch broke his leg and left him hanging upside down from a fork of the tree until rescued by one of his lady parishioners, (Mrs. Julia Nutting). For the next few months, the Vicar was forced to take services from a variety of standing and seated positions.

There have been constant references in the church records for the need to compile a History of Christ Church. This was never done, and unfortunately, many of the people who would remember the distant past are no longer with us. It is hoped that this record will remind those who have been connected with Christ Church over the years of the struggles and achievements of the past and serve as a basis for further research in the future.

F.J. McCUBBIN

1977

*Fr Stephen got permission from A/RP
for me to help him with the Eucharist.*

*He sat on a stool behind the altar with his leg
in plaster supported on a chair. He said the parts
of the service necessary for a Priest to carry out
and I read the rest and administered the sacrament?*

The Answer

SOME PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH

During the last hundred years, many people have had a long, and close association with Christ Church, Berwick. These include members of the Board of Guardians and the Vestry, Organists, members of church organizations such as the Sunday School and the Ladies' Guild, people who have been employed by the church, members of the congregation, and of course the Vicars and Readers.

The following list sets out the names of many of these people in the hope that they will be remembered with affection. As these names have been extracted from Vestry records, it is likely that some important names have been omitted. We trust that readers will accept our apology for such omissions.

- The Names* →
- Thomas WALTON *relation of Clara Jones* Settler at Narre Warren. Original trustee.
 - George ROBINSON *Grandfather of Norman and others* Original trustee.
 - James KELLY *Father of Robert Kelly* Original trustee. Father of vestryman Robert Kelly.
 - George MILLER *step brother* Original trustee.
 - G.W. ROBINSON Original trustee. Father of Arthur Robinson, Engineer, Secretary, treasurer, and valuer of Shire of Berwick.
 - Henry SEARLE *my grandfather* Blacksmith. Started business in 1859 on or near site of Elderly Citizens' Building. Guardian 1884. *one corner of Meeler Street & Highway.*
 - Simon PATERNOSTER Storekeeper. Came to Berwick about 1862. Elected Guardian 1884. *where 55'W is now.*
 - E.A. VIEUSSEAUX Elected Guardian 1884. One time assistant at Mr. Hessel's School, and later owner and Headmaster of Berwick Boys' Grammar School. When he died in 1917, school was taken over by Church. He was a councillor for some time. Organist.
 - Robert KELLY *son of James* Elected Guardian 1884. From Harkaway.
 - A.B. KENT From Narre Warren. Lived in home now owned by Sir Ian McLennan. Sec/Tres. of Guardian. *N.W.N. Rd.*
 - W.G. A'BECKETT Guardian 1884-1912. Shire Councillor and J.P. He made the Altar in Christ Church and there is a plate to his memory near the organ. Lay Reader.
 - Dr. ELMES Elected Guardian 1884. Early resident doctor. He made and carved the Font in the Church, ~~and perhaps did the carving on the Altar.~~ *Made the font.*
 - W. FOSSEY First bank manager resident in Berwick (C.B.A.) Auditor to Guardians. Warden 1893.
 - Whitford SEARLE *Mothers Brother* Honorary bellringer to 1884. *a plague from old boys of grammar school on his*
 - Mrs. HILL Vicar's wife. Appointed organist 1884. *grave was supposed to be in Church*
 - Mr. HAMMOND Guardian 1885.
 - Capt. T.G. VAILE Guardian 1886. Treasurer.
 - Mr. WISEWOOD
 - Mrs. MAGILL

Some people of the Church (continued)

F.W. KELLY	Vestryman 1893
H.G. RANKINE	Vestryman 1893. Head of State School. Was Secretary to the Vestry for more than 20 years, also choirmaster.
A.G. GOWER	Vestryman 1893
W. CURTOIS	Vestryman 1893. Also 1903- 1907.
A. <u>E.</u> LOVERIDGE	Vestryman 1893. Grocer. Father of J.S. Loveridge, Grandfather of Ellis.
Mr. CATLER	Vestryman 1894
Mr. CHALK	1894
Mr. SYKES	Builder? 1985. Fixed break in wall of Church built buttress on N/E corner, put tie rod through church.
William FULLER	To vestry 1897
F. CALLINGFORD	To vestry 1898
A. ROBIN	To vestry 1898
G.O. LYON	To vestry 1899. Harkaway.
T. TRUSWELL	To vestry 1899
T.J. COLVIN	To vestry 1899
H. PERRY	To vestry 1900
H.B. BRISTOW	To vestry 1901
Mrs. P. ORBELL JONES	<i>Upper Beach</i>
W.J. SMITH	1903 <i>Upper Beach</i> . <i>W.J. Harvey Smith</i>
F.J. THOMAS <i>Jessie</i>	To vestry 1903. Treasurer.
Mrs. TAYLOR	Church cleaner 1903
Mr. GARDINER	Bellringer 1903
Mrs. GRIMSHAW	Church cleaning, bell ringing, attended gas, organ blowing. 1903.
Mrs. OGILVY <i>Substantive</i>	
H.W. SPERRING	1904
Mr. WALKER	1904
Miss DENBIGH	Choir
Miss SEARLE <i>(Nellie)</i>	Organist for 49 years. Resigned 14. 4. 39.
Mr. TYMMS	Treasurer 1907
Dr. P.V. LANGMORE	To vestry 23. 10. 1907. On vestry about sixty years (actively). Also responsible for tree planting in township. Local G.P. and father of Dr. Leonard Langmore connected for many years with Sunday School.
Miss HORNBY	Sunday School Superintendent 1908.
W. WADE	1908 <i>Chatsworth</i> <i>father of Jessie & Chrissie who died at 101.</i>

Some people of the Church (continued)

- Mr. MYRING Vestryman and church warden for many, many years. Retired rubber planter. Father of Kathleen Myring, and John who married one of the Deane girls.
- Mr. Albert TONKS
- Mr. ALMOND 1931
- Dr. Leonard LANGMORE Sunday School 1931
- Mr. MORRISH C.B.A. Bank Manager. Auditor for Christ Church.
- Mr. Sam WARNE Present vestryman. Closely connected with church for last six years, but previously vestryman in early thirties. *Parochial Lay Reader.*
- W.D. STUART
- Mr. DONNELLY Envelope Secretary 1932. ~~Post Master.~~ *Senior Postal Clerk.*
- Mrs. A'BECKETT
- Miss Thelma WILLIAMS Sunday School 1932. Daughter of W. Williams. Sister of Mrs. Violet Facey.
- Mr. BROWN Auditor. C.B.A. Bank Manager and parishioner.
- Mrs. G.S. WILSON *Donated organ etc.*
- Mrs. DRAKE Doctor's wife. Member of Christ Church and St. Johns Upper Beaconsfield which she had built in memory of her husband. Resided in Berwick for some years.
- Col. RYAN "Edrington" *Nephew of Andrew Chimeside Brother of Lady Casey. M.H.R.*
- Mr. MacNEIL (McNEILL)
- Mrs. CAHILL
- Mr. NEVANS Vestryman and Secretary associated with Christ Church for many years. Resided in Brisbane (H?) with family. *Reserve H.*
- Mr. WHIFFIN
- Mr. FARMAN
- Miss WADE, Jessie Ladies' Guild and Flower Show for many, many, years.
" Chrissie
- Miss BEARD Ladies' Guild and Flower Show. *Reserve H.*
- Mrs. HUTCHINSON "Lanny"
- Mrs. REID "Kingarie" *The Dons. Mother of Alison Napleton. wife of Bill. Mother of Margaret McGee. Cotton Napleton.*
- Mrs. Essie JOHNSON
- Mr. J. HOLT Reader.
- Mrs. E. ALLAN Organist 18 years. Foundation member of Mothers' Union. Actively involved in Flower Show and Ladies' Guild for many years. Sunday School Superintendent. For a number of years organized garden parties at her home to raise funds for Christ Church. *Wife of Fred, Margwick, Jim and others.*

Some people of the Church (continued)

- E.W. HARRIS Vestryman and family connected with Christ Church for a number of years.
- Mrs. DAWSON Beaconsfield. Foundation member of Mother's Union, also choir member for many years. Mother of Mrs. Heathcote.
- Mr. Fred FURBOROUGH Recently retired Vestryman. Actively connected for 30 years. Vicars warden. Mrs. Furborough connected with Ladies' Guild and Flower Show.
- Mr. Gilbert LONG Local head teacher. Family connected with Church for many years.
- Mr. Jim ALLAN *Brother of Fred & Margie* Vestryman for 20 years, Secretary and Church Warden. As a boy whilst attending Sunday School, rang bell for all services for which he received 10/- per annum.
- Mr. TWINHAM
- Mr. Stan ANDREWS Vestryman and choir member.
- Col. WILLIAMS Vestryman and Church Warden. Mrs. Williams being connected with Ladies' Guild and Flower Show. Held meetings at her home.
- Mr. Harold SISSONS Vestryman, acted as Secretary/Treasurer for number of years.
- Mr. Joe WILLS Local School Master, vestryman for many years.
- Mr. Alf POOLE Church Warden, vestryman many years. Mrs. Poole was connected with Ladies' Guild.
- Mr. O'FARRELL
- Dr. Noel STEPHENSON Present local doctor, connected with Christ Church for many years. Currently responsible for Youth Group along with Mrs. Stephenson and family.
- Mr. Bill JOHNSON Spent all his life in district. Church Warden, Vicars Warden. Secretary. Very closely connected at all times with Christ Church. Present bell tower *No.* situated in Church grounds in his memory. Family still actively connected with Ladies' Guild, Mothers Union. His wife, Essie, Vestrywoman and Ladies' Guild. Daughter Margaret McGrath Mothers Union, currently taking part in lesson readings.
- Dr. Owen SPENCER Local G.P. Vestryman and very actively involved in Christ Church whilst residing in Berwick. Spencer family all actively involved.
- Dr. David RODDA Local G.P. and vestryman also with family actively involved in all church activities.
- K. HUDSON 1950 *Beaconsfield*
- H.C.C. WALLACE 1951

Some people of the Church (continued)

Miss Lorna FURBOROUGH	Organist.	
Mr. Ron RICHARDS	Organist.	<i>Brother of Tom's wife who was the Organist?</i>
Mr. POOLE	1956	
Mr. REMINGTON	Treasurer for Stephen Army.	<i>now lives in Leicester ave.</i>
Mr. OATES	1957	
Dr. SPENCER	again	1958
Mr. GAY		
Mrs. LUCAS	Cleaner	1958
Robert LOYER		1971
Mandy PHILLIPS	<i>Mr Cameron Daughter of Mavis</i>	
Mrs. HURST	<i>Mother of The Green Grass of Home.</i>	
Mrs. LOYER	<i>Robert's mother</i>	
Lord and Lady CASEY		
Mr. P. SYMONS		
Ken PERRIN		
Frederick McCUBBIN		
Miss RICHARDS	Sunday School	
Miss A'VARD	Sunday School	
Mrs. WARRENDER	Sunday School	(from Pakenham)
Miss WARRENDER	Sunday School	(from Pakenham)
A. POOLE, JNR.		1959
Mrs. EDWARDS		
Jon BRUCE		1960 <i>Son of Mary Grant Bruce.</i>
Mr. T. COLLEY		1960
Mr. H. BRITTON		
G. ANDREWS		
Mrs. McLEAN		
Sister MORRIS		
Mrs. NOBELIUS		
Mr. LAWTON		
Mr. & Mrs. DIXON		
Miss JOSKE	<i>Aunt of Clara Joske (N.G. Nurse) now Mrs John Owen Redaway.</i>	
T. WARNE		
Peter BRITTON		
Reg ROWSWELL		1965
Mr. TONKS	<i>again</i>	1965 <i>Son of Charles & Katherine Rowswell, husband of Coralie Rowswell, who is daughter of Tom Richards.</i>

Some people of the Church (continued)

Mr. ECCLES 1965

Mr. BRANDWOOD

Mr. ELLIS & W^o. They moved to Mt Eliza. He is now dead and Mrs. Ellis lives in Hiddlers Green.

Mrs. RICKARDS out June - an earlier wife of Tom.

Mr. LAUGHTON

Mrs. MEEKING Cleaner

C. SEXTON

Mr. KEMP

F. CANOBIO

Mr. SONOGEN

Mr. Bill CORBETT Organist husband of Margaret Arceet.

Mrs. Lucretia WHEALTON Organist Nana Warren.

Mr. STANFORD

Miss TRAILL again!

Mr. Fred ALLAN - Secty to Vestry. etc. etc. for many years.

Geoffrey NUTTING - Rayhead

Richard WINDEBANK

P. MOORE Was a "permanent" Deacon in charge of a hostel for boys in the Cambrian area. Came to Berwick when it closed up I think.

W. DUNGAN Was in charge of horticultural apprentices at Oakleigh High and developed a large Horticultural Centre there.

Mrs. A'VARD Was ordained a priest and became vicar of Neppa.

Mrs. Heather A'VARD and Gary A'VARD Now a Deacon further up in Gippsland. Run Gardening Session on Sale Radio.

Dorothy JUKES "Our Dot"!

Ray CHAPMAN Son of Jack &

Gary SIMMONS Husband of Heather (Sunday School Berwick & Nares steven).

