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CHURCH OF ENGLAND · INDOORROOPILLY

PARISH HISTORY

1888 ~ 1968.

FOREWORD

When St. Andrews Church of England Indooroopilly celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1939 the Rector, Wardens, and Parochial Council decided to publish a booklet recording the history of the parish to that date.

This record was compiled by the then Rector, the Reverend Roy St. George, and in it he acknowledged with thanks the assistance given by various people, including Mrs. C. M. Bancroft eldest daughter of the Reverend Thomas Jones, one time Rector of the parish; and also to all those who supplied information from the offices of Church House, The Courier-Mail and the Telegraph, the Oxley Library, Brisbane City Council, Government Statistician, Registrar-General, and the Commissioner for Railways.

It is from this booklet that the material for this history up to 1939 is obtained, and I here record how much I, personally, and the Rector, Wardens, and Council of today are indebted to Mr. St. George, whose warden I was from 1933 to 1958, for that booklet.

From 1939 onwards other records have been used, personal knowledge added, and a more up to date account given of the parish, including the daughter Churches, together with a complete list of Church Wardens during the eighty years of parish life from 1888 to 1968. I am also indebted to Mr. A. J. Dickenson for checking details and to Mr. T. W. Keily for many of the photos and pictures shown.

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Chapter 1

THE EARLY DAYS

On the 10th of December 1859 the country known as New South Wales was divided, and the Northern part, from what was called Moreton Bay Settlement to Cape York, became a self governing Colony with the name of Queensland given by Queen Victoria, and with Brisbane Town as its seat of government.

This necessitated the formation of a new Diocese and the appointment of a Bishop. Accordingly the Reverend Edward Wyndham Tufnell was consecrated in London as the first Bishop of Brisbane.

He did not arrive here until September 1860 and with him came six young Clergymen from the Diocese of Salisbury, one of whom — the Reverend Thomas Jones — was destined to play an important role in the history of the Diocese and particularly of this parish, where he was Rector for twenty four years from 1894 to 1918.

During the 1860's he frequently rode out on horseback from Brisbane Town to minister to early settlers in the district of Indooroopilly — then very much in the bush.

In 1870 the Parish of Toowong was formed, and Indooroopilly, Taringa, Chelmer and perhaps the more remote areas of Fig Tree Pocket, Moggill, and Brookfield were part of it. There were settlers in the last three named areas, for the Moggill School was opened in 1866 and both Brookfield and Fig Tree Pocket schools in 1871 — the last named with 32 pupils.

The first incumbent of Toowong, the Reverend Robert Creyke, ministered to the spiritual needs of the few residents in these remote areas of this large parish.

There were few houses here at that time, and it was not until 1873 that the Railway was extended from Ipswich to Oxley Point — now known as Chelmer. At the same time a line was built from Brisbane to the northern bank of the river at Indooroopilly, and in 1876 the first railway bridge across the Brisbane river was opened for traffic — thus connecting Brisbane with Ipswich.

It is interesting to note that the first bridge across the Brisbane River was built in 1865 to connect North Brisbane with South Brisbane. This was only a temporary structure, the first permanent bridge being built in 1874 as a toll bridge. The toll however was abolished in August 1877. This bridge and the old railway bridge at Indooroopilly, were swept away by the 1893 flood. The Railway bridge was soon replaced by the present Albert Bridge and the one connecting the two portions of the town by the Victoria Bridge which is to be demolished when the new Victoria Bridge is opened in 1969.

An interesting paragraph appeared in "The First Half Century of the Queensland Railways" published in 1914:—

"The first train carrying railway passengers from Brisbane started at 6.30 a.m. on the 14th of June 1875. The line was not quite finished, there remaining plenty of ballasting to do. Everything was makeshift . . . the bridge over the Brisbane River, which was to supply the missing link was unfinished, and passengers, goods, etc. were conveyed across the river in a punt."

For many years after this the punt was used to carry cars and other vehicles across the river until the present Walter Taylor Bridge was opened for vehicular traffic on the 14th February, 1936.

With the coming of the railway the districts along the line advanced and more people began to settle in Indooroopilly, as well as on the other side of the river; but it was not until the early 1880's that anything is heard of regular Church of England Services being held in the district.

The first records show that the Rector of Toowong, the Reverend C. W. Houlbrooke conducted whatever services were held.

In 1888, however, steps were taken to provide a Church at Indooroopilly.

FOUNDATIONS

On Wednesday, January 18th 1888, at 8 p.m., a meeting of those interested in the erection of an Anglican Church at Indooroopilly, was held in the Wesleyan Church, River Terrace. (This was later converted into a private residence).

The Bishop of Brisbane (Bishop Webber) presided and there were present the Reverend C. W. Houlbrooke, M.A. Rector of Toowong (of which Parish Indooroopilly was then a part), the Reverend J. S. Hassall, Rector of Sherwood, Messrs. G. L. Hart, Day, Nielson, Cannan, Strong, Bolton, Burston, Lambert, Scott, Foxton, Newman-Wilson and Rolston.

At this meeting the Reverend C. W. Houlbrooke gave an account of Church work done in the district during the past years, and explained that it was first intended to build the Church on land kindly offered by Mr. Andrew Bogle on his estate at Witton.

This was not considered sufficiently central for the whole district so Mr. Graham Lloyd Hart offered to the Corporation of the Synod a half acre block at the corner of Lambert Road and what is now called Fairley Street.

It is believed that this offer was conditional of a brick church being ultimately erected thereon. This condition was fulfilled in 1965. The Bishop visited both sites and recommended Mr. Hart's offer be accepted, and this was done.

Two resolutions were carried unanimously —

(1) Proposed by Mr. Nielson and seconded by Mr. Scott that it is desirable to take immediate steps for the erection of a Church at Indooroopilly.

(2) Proposed by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Hart that a committee be formed to give effect to the foregoing resolution and that the gentlemen present constitute such committee with power to add to their number.

Mr. Houlbrook was requested to wait upon the Diocesan Architect, and instruct him to prepare a plan for a brick Church to accommodate ultimately 500, and to give an estimate for a portion to seat 250.

A subscription list was opened and £148-6-0 was given.

A hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. G. L. Hart and Andrew Bogle for their offers of land was recorded, also to the trustees of the Wesleyan Church for the use of their building for the meeting that evening.

A further meeting was held on the 8th of March in "Greylands" the residence of Mr. G. L. Hart, the Rector of the Parish (the Reverend C. W. Houlbrook) presiding. The Diocesan Architect (Mr. J. H. Buckeridge) was present and Messrs. Andrew Bogle and Brown were added to the committee.

Further subscriptions were promised, bringing the total up to £300.

A plan of the proposed Church was laid on the table, but it was considered too large for the district, and the architect was asked to make another plan of a church to seat 250 people, and call for tenders to be submitted to a meeting of the committee to be held one month later.

Subscription lists were printed and circulated and a meeting of ladies called with a view to their assisting in the provision of funds.

The next meeting was held on the 8th of May, 1888 but no record of it or of subsequent meetings can be found. The next record is found in the Brisbane "Courier" of Monday, August 26th, 1889, in which a full report of the opening of the Church is given.

Chapter 2

INDOOROOPILLY CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Opening of the new Church, August 25, 1889

The new building which has been erected for the Indooroopilly Church of England Sunday School, and for the temporary Services of the Church on a site presented by G. L. Hart esq. was formally opened yesterday by Bishop Webber, who preached at both morning and evening services and delivered an address in the afternoon to the Sunday School children.

The church was tastefully decorated in evergreens and flowers, the altar, pulpit and porch being worthy of special attention. At the sides of the altar were a number of ferns and other plants interspersed with snow white flowers. A beautiful cross, made of white roses was on the altar. Under the porch was a large and handsome bell composed entirely of flowers and leaves. The pulpit decorations were by the Misses Hart and Taylor, the altar by Miss Mona Cannan and the floral bell by Miss Pohley.

On the altar cloth was a beautiful spray of white passion flowers worked by Mrs. Mitchell, while in the centre of the cloth was a cross worked by Mrs. Pughe. The Church was crowded at both Services especially the evening one. Mrs. William Robertson presided at the organ and collections were made in aid of the Church funds. During the day the Bishop was the guest of G. L. Hart, Esq.,

At the morning service the prayers and lessons were read by the Reverend T. St. John Pughe, curate of the Parish, and at the evening service the prayers were read by the Reverend E. L. Salisbury of St. Thomas' Toowong and the Reverend T. St. John Pughe, while the lessons were read by the Reverend A. Richards, secretary of the Diocesan Council.

The text for the morning's discourse was taken from 1st Corinthians VI verse 20 . . . and in the evening the Bishop preached an impressive sermon on the full meaning of the word "Worship."

Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m.

The building, which cost £320, is about 45 feet long and 25 feet wide. It is lined on the inside of the studs with narrow boards, and the roof is covered with iron. The walls are 12 feet 9 inches in height. Inside, it is bright and attractive in appearance, and outside it looks well built and substantial. The roof projecting some distance from the walls adds considerably to the effectiveness of the design. The internal fittings are good and apparently well suited to the purpose to which they are to be applied. The building, . . . is to be used only temporarily as a Church and when the permanent structure of brick is erected, will be used as a schoolroom.

Both the temporary and permanent buildings have been designed by Mr. Buckeridge.

The cost of the proposed brick church is estimated at £1,400.

The temporary arrangements include a church furnished with communion table and rails, pulpit and reading desk, vestry with external entrances and a lamp room. A curtain shuts off the Chancel from the remainder of the building, when the latter may be required for secular purposes.

The Contractor for the building was Mr. P. Christensen, of Toowong.

So ends the very complete description of the old Parish Church. The main part of the building has remained unaltered, but in 1900, during the incumbency of Canon Jones, the present sanctuary was added, the builder being Mr. J. L. Pratt of Indooroopilly, while Mr. W. H. Mobsby, a member of the Parochial Council, helped with the designing. At the same time the beautiful stained glass window was given as a memorial to Mr. G. L. Hart — one of the first church wardens.

During the incumbency of the Reverend Thomas Ashburner portion of the south eastern corner of the building was partitioned off for a choir vestry but this was removed when the choir vestry was added beside the sanctuary in November, 1930, the architect being Mr. S. C. Rookwood, and the builder Mr. J. E. McGregor.



Suspended from the limb of a gum tree in the grounds was a bell given to mark the birth of a daughter to the Reverend T. St. John Pughe, the first Rector of the Parish. She was baptized on the 22nd of August, 1890 as Margaret Dorothy, and the bell is still known as "Betty Pughe". Also, during the two years of the Reverend T. St. John Pughe's incumbency the Church grounds were laid out and looked after by a "Church Care Society."

St. Andrews was first known as St. Thomas'. The Diocesan year books 1891-1892 and the Church Chronicle of June, 1891, refer to our church as St. Thomas', Indooroopilly.

On the 9th of January, 1890, the Parish of Toowong was divided and the boundaries of the Indooroopilly Parish fixed.

This Parish, which is the largest parish, geographically, in the metropolitan area covers 44 square miles and includes Brookfield and Upper Brookfield, Gold Creek, Pullen Vale, Moggill, Fig Tree Pocket, Indooroopilly, from the State School eastward to Long Pocket and until 1946, Chelmer — across the river.

Chapter 3

CHURCH FURNISHINGS, MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

The Church was first furnished with chairs instead of pews. In 1894, pews were purchased and the chairs sold in lots of 3 or 4. Some are to be found as treasured possessions in the home of Miss Leila Carr, niece of Miss A. Carr, one of the foundation members of the Church.

There were many beautiful memorials to former parishioners in the furnishings and appointments. The first one that met the eye on entering the church was the stained glass window above the Altar. It consists of three lights and is a really beautiful example of stained glass and a fitting memorial to Mr. Graham Lloyd Hart who gave the land whereon the church was built. He was also one of the first church wardens of St. Andrews and the Chancellor of the Diocese.

(This window was designed and the work carried out by the firm of Kemp in England in 1899).

The altar of carved silky oak is a memorial to the men of the Parish who died at Gallipoli in 1915. The Reredos is in memory of Mr. Edward Day Bird, (a former warden of the church), and his wife, Katherine Lucy Bird; the carving on the Reredos was executed by Mr. L. J. Harvey of Brisbane.

The Altar Cross is engraved with the emblems of the four Evangelists, the altar vases are in memory of Mrs. G. L. Hart and Mrs. Hughes. The altar rails were erected in memory of Francis J. K. Robertson, who was killed in action at Rafa on the 9th of January, 1917.

The Sacred Vessels are in memory of Lieutenant A. C. Cox, who was accidentally killed on the 29th January, 1925.

A beautiful Communion Set of Chalice and Paten was presented by the late Sir Alan Munro and Lady Munro (then Mr. & Mrs. Alan Munro) in memory of their son Donald, who was killed during the 2nd World War.

A silver bread box is in memory of Mr. Edward Day Bird and a missal stand given by the Girls' Friendly Society in November, 1940, is in memory of Misses Eva and Nellie Jones, daughters of Canon Jones — one-time Rector of the Parish.

The brass candlesticks for the altar were given by Mrs. R. J. Thompson.

The sanctuary chair was presented by the family of Canon Jones in memory of him, and The Alms Dish is in memory of a former warden of the Parish — Mr. Herbert Manners.

The carved silky oak choir stalls were given by her friends in memory of Mrs. E. W. Hadgraft, who was for many years organist and then a chorister of St. Andrews.

Additional choir stalls and a clergy chair are in memory of Mrs. Gilson Foxton.

The prayer desk is in memory of Mr. Henry Edward Wetherell and the Rector's stall, a memorial to Mr. Charles Kemp, both former members of the Parochial Council.

The pulpit and the litany desk are thank offerings for mercies vouchsafed to us in the Great War of 1914-1918, and a pulpit light is in memory of Mrs. Haymen.

The lectern is a parishioners' memorial to Canon Jones and the Bible a memorial to Mr. Tom Payne, who was for many years a lay reader and superintendent of the Sunday School.

The litany book is inscribed "In memoriam W. Archdall."

In the vestry was a cupboard for vestments in memory of Mrs. Ann Reynolds, a

friend and worker of St. Andrew's for many years. Also in the church were three banners, one each for the church, the Sunday School (which was a prize won in the Bishop Webber examinations) and the G. F. S.

Since 1939 two other memorials were given:

1. The church hut presented by Messrs. Percy and Eric Brier in memory of Mrs. Eva Brier, wife and mother.

2. A processional cross given by Mr. E. J. Belford in memory of his parents who lived in Clifton.

With the exception of four of these memorials all are now in the chapel of the new church. The Reredos is at the other end opposite the altar, above which is now a beautiful mural. The old pulpit has been dismantled and made into a rack for the display of books recommended for reading, and placed at the main entrance to the church. The old pulpit light is in use in the new pulpit. The choir stalls are in the baptistry and Mrs. Reynold's cupboard is used for vestments in St. Peter's.

In May, 1968, a plaque was placed on the tower by the Parish Council in memory of S/Sgt. Peter James Gallagher, who was killed in action in Vietnam on the 5th of May, 1968. He was the popular subcontractor for the brick work for the completion of the new church.



These pictures show interior and exterior of the old St. Andrew's Church

Chapter 4

CLERGY OF ST. ANDREWS

During the 79 years of its existence St Andrews has been served by five Rectors and several other clergy in interim charge:—

The Reverend T. St. John Pughe	1889-1891
The Reverend Thomas Jones	1894-1918
The Reverend Thomas Ashburner	1918-1930
The Reverend Roy St. George	1930-1959
The Reverend Michael A. Paxton-Hall	1959-1968

Between 1891 and 1894

The Reverend Arthur Robert Meade
The Reverend A. R. Rivers (later Dean of Hobart) and The Reverend E. P. Hood.

After the death of Canon Jones in 1918 his curate, The Reverend G. L. Hunt, took charge for three months until the appointment of Mr. Ashburner. After Mr. Ashburner's retirement in 1930 the Reverend A. Maxwell acted as locum tenens until the arrival of Mr. St. George later in the year (1930).

In the course of the years the parish has been helped by several students from St. Francis' College and by young priests who are now in charge of various parishes. They are Mr. Gordon Guy, 1937-1939, now the Reverend Gordon Guy, Rector of Holy Trinity, Mackay.

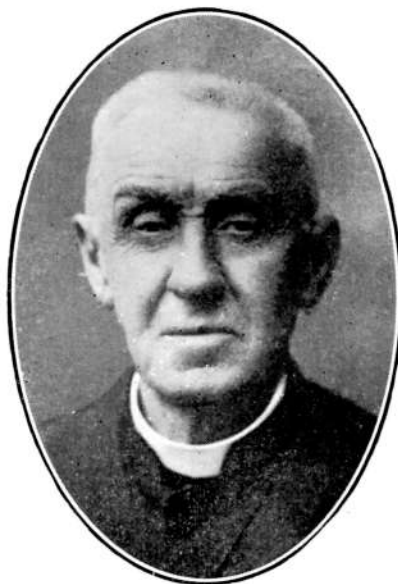
Mr. J. A. Swan 1937, now the Reverend John Alfred Swan, Archdeacon of Lilley and since September 6, the newly appointed Rector of St. Andrew's, Indooroopilly.

Mr. A. S. Jull 1938, now the Reverend A. S. Jull, Rector of St. Mary's, Redcliffe.

Mr. Rupert Orme for a short time in 1942, now the Reverend Canon Henry Rupert Orme, Chaplain to the Royal Brisbane General Hospital.



THE REV. T. ST. J. PUGHE



THE REV. CANON THOMAS JONES

Mr. G. A. Lupton, now the Reverend Canon George Arthur Lupton, Rector of St. Luke's, Toowoomba and Archdeacon of the Downs.

In 1940, the Reverend V. H. Whitehouse, precentor of St. John's Cathedral, was kindly lent to us for a few weeks but he remained for a few years as acting rector during the absence of Mr. St. George as a chaplain in World War II; and finally for one year in 1943-1944 the Reverend H. F. Wilkins assisted. At various times since then students from St. Francis' College have come to help and for several years different members of the Lay Readers Association conducted Evensong at St. Peter's Church, Moggill Road.

Special mention must be made of the late Mr. T. C. Brooks who established, in 1936, the mission called the Venture of Faith in what was once the old Methodist Church and later the Loyal Orange Lodge; he kept it alive and prosperous as St. Peter's Church until he resigned in 1942 and shortly afterwards died.

He was assisted at various times by Mr. Percy Brier, who was licensed as a parochial lay reader in 1936 and has until recently continued as such in St. Andrews.

Finally, very special mention must be made of the generous help given by the late Bishop Dixon to St. David's Church, Chelmer, both before and after its separation from Indooroopilly in 1946.

In 1957, the late Canon Shand retired from St. Luke's, Toowoomba and came to



THE REV. T. ASHBURNER

live in Sherwood and was permitted by the Archbishop to help in our parish by taking over the charge of St. Peter's, now a fully grown church. He continued thus until forced by ill health to resign in the middle of 1963 and died in December of that year. In July of that same year Canon Cornish, recently retired from St. Paul's, Ipswich, offered to help in the parish and carried on when Canon Shand retired.



THE REV. MICHAEL A. PAXTON-HALL

Since the arrival of the Reverend Michael A. Paxton-Hall as rector in 1959, the parish has grown enormously and at the end of 1960 the Reverend Maurice Fox came to us as assistant curate. After serving as a deacon for 7 months he was ordained priest in June, 1961 and remained here until he was appointed Vicar of St. Paul's, Jandowae in April, 1963. In 1966,



THE REV. R. ST. GEORGE

he became Rector of St. Paul's, Stanthorpe. He was followed by the Reverend Robert Snell — a deacon who was ordained priest in December, 1963 and remained with us until he was transferred to Ipswich in 1966. As a second assistant deacon came the Reverend Graham Ross in February, 1964, for one year.

At the beginning of 1966, the Reverend Irvine J. Scott was appointed and after two years of much appreciated help was transferred to Christ Church, Bundaberg early in 1968.

Immediately following him came the Reverend Derek Pryde as assistant priest with the Reverend Geoffrey Thomas for part-time help.

When the parish was divided in August, 1968 and Kenmore, Brookfield and Moggill were proclaimed a separate parochial district the Archbishop appointed the Reverend Derek Pryde vicar with Kenmore as the centre.

Here are a few notes about the past rectors, four of whom have now passed to the higher life; a fuller description may be found in the booklet of 1939.

First Rector: The Reverend T. St. John Pughe. He was born in Bangor, Wales, and came to Queensland as a young man. He was made deacon here in 1886 and ordained priest in 1888 at Ely, England, taking his degree of M.A. at Cambridge that same year. He was curate in charge for some months before being licensed as the first incumbent of the parish early in 1890.

In 1891, he was transferred to St. Luke's, Toowoomba and shortly afterwards made a Canon of St. John's Cathedral.

Second Rector: The Reverend Canon Thomas Jones — that grand old priest of our church in Queensland, was appointed rector of Indooroopilly in 1894, and died in 1918 well loved and respected by all who knew him, among them being the writer of this history.

Thomas Jones was born in 1836 at Preston in England, and educated at the Preston Grammar School. Circumstances prevented his taking a degree at Oxford but he was made deacon in Salisbury Cathedral in 1860 and came to the young colony of Queensland that same year with the newly consecrated Bishop Tufnell and five other young clergy. He was priested at St. John's pro-cathedral in 1861 and for a while was in charge of a small church in South Brisbane — St. Thomas.

Then he went to Rockhampton until 1865 when he became Rector of All Saints', Brisbane. After 12 years he went to New Zealand and thence to England but returned to Brisbane in 1879 and shortly afterwards was appointed as locum tenens for the Dean of Hobart. He was appointed Rector of St. James', Toowoomba in 1881, resigned in 1890 and went again to England. On his return he was for a time assistant priest at All Saints, Wickham Terrace and then in 1894 came to St. Andrew's as our second Rector and made a Canon of the cathedral.

Not only was he a well loved priest and a saint of God; he had a fine sense of humour and the writer of this history recalls incidents when he was met by the Canon who enquired in his deep, almost guttural voice "Well and how's church music?" At that time the writer was organist of the City Tabernacle Baptist Church, but was living in Indooroopilly and worshipping when he could at St. Andrew's.

Third Rector: The Reverend Thomas Ashburner. He was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge and ordained deacon in 1888 and priest in 1889 in the diocese of Southwell.

He came to Queensland on the invitation of Bishop Webber and was appointed Rector of St. Andrew's, Gympie in 1893. Later he became Rector of Childers, then Beaudesert, Esk and Drayton and finally, Indooroopilly where he lived and worked for 12 years from 1918 to 1930.

He retired and went to live with his son on a farm in Mount Tamborine where he died in May, 1950. He was quite a different stamp of man from his predecessor but nonetheless was well respected by his people here and elsewhere. It is said that on one occasion, he was offered an honorary canonry of St. John's Cathedral by Archbishop Donaldson but his innate modesty would not let him accept it.

Fourth Rector: The Reverend Roy St. George is the only one of the five rectors who was Australian born.

He first saw the light of this world in Newcastle, N.S.W. in 1890; and after a few years in the commercial world he came to Brisbane to be trained for Holy Orders. The First World War interrupted his studies but he was eventually ordained priest in Brisbane by Archbishop Donaldson in 1919 and was appointed assistant curate of Christ Church, Milton, when the Reverend V. H. Whitehouse was Rector there.

He was then offered the parish of Pomona and in 1930 came to Indooroopilly, where he lived and worked — sometimes during difficult days — until he resigned in 1959. He continued to live in the parish doing occasional locum tenens work, and died in April, 1962.

The following is an extract from an In Memoriam written by Mr. Percy Brier in the Parish News of July, 1962:

'I (the writer) was his warden for 25 years and got to know him very well. He was neither an eloquent nor a brilliant preacher, but I have heard him give an excellent sermon, and I have yet to meet a priest who administers the chalice more beautifully than he did. Further, he had, as I know from personal experience — what we could call healing hands.'

He was slow in speech, and in thought, and sometimes in action; and like most of us, he had certain traits of character, that some people found difficult to accept, but behind them lay an innate kindness and a sincere reverence in the conduct of the church services.'

Further references will be made to him in the course of this history.

Fifth Rector: The Reverend Michael A. Paxton-Hall, was born at Walthamstow near London and came to Australia as a young man in 1938. He lived in Sydney until 1941 when he came to Brisbane to be a student at St. Francis College. He was made a deacon on St. Thomas' day, 1944 and ordained a priest the following year.

He served his curacy as deacon under Canon Cornish at St. Paul's, Ipswich, and then spent five (5) years as a bush brother of St. Paul.

His first parish was Caboolture; from there he went to Childers and in 1959 accepted this parish of St. Andrew's, Indooroopilly.

Since he has been with us (and he came at a difficult period of the parish history) he has, with the help of his wardens, councillors and four (4) curates transformed the parish into a live centre of God's Kingdom.

This will be realized as this story unfolds. It is not surprising that we received a genuine shock when he announced his resignation, at the end of June, 1968, because of his appointment to St. Mark's, Warwick.

He left us early in August but before doing so informed us that our next Rector would be the Venerable J. A. Swan, Arch-deacon of Lilley, who would be with us early in September.

Chapter 5

CHURCH BUILDINGS

For many years St. Andrews had neither rectory nor parish hall.

It is not known where lived the first rector or the three priests who had the interim charge between the resignation of Mr. Pughe and the appointment of Canon Jones.

But when Canon Jones came to the parish he lived in his own home in River-view Terrace where his eldest daughter Mrs. C. W. Bancroft came to live for a few years before her death in 1961.

When Mr. Ashburner was appointed Rector in 1918 it was necessary to provide a residence for him and his family so the

Another reason was the fact that the church, rectory and hall were situated in different parts of the parish and it was felt desirable to have them if possible, on the same property. However, this is still almost impossible so ultimately the hall was sold, the money received was invested and within recent years used for the commencement of the new brick church.

As the Sunday School had used the hall for so many years and there was no other building available the new owners of the old parish hall allowed us to continue to hold the Sunday School therein until other arrangements could be made. Then when in 1948, Mr. St. George offered us one of the army huts from Enoggera, it was purchased by Messrs. Percy and Eric Brier and given to the church in memory of Mrs. Eva Brier who died in 1943.



THE RECTORY, INDOOROOPIILLY

present rectory was built, where it still remains, at the corner of Lambert Road and Central Avenue.

During Canon Jones long reign as Rector, the parish hall was built in River-view Terrace in 1912. The reason for building it so far from the church was the feeling that the district of Indooroopilly would spread westwards and therefore the permanent church would be better placed on the western side of the railway line. Accordingly, land was purchased and the Hall built with the hope of later securing the corner block (where Woolworths store is today) on which to build the church. Various matters, chiefly finance, hindered this work and then the Mission church off the Moggill Road came to life and served that portion of the parish; so the idea of the parish hall becoming the centre of the parish was abandoned.

This building was placed alongside of the fence dividing the church property from that of Mr. D. M. T. Forster. It was renovated and furnished by the parochial council, and later a room was built under the northern end and used for a kindergarten school.

Pending the completion of the new brick church the hut was removed and re-erected in a similar position in 1963 on some land purchased by the parochial council from Mr. Forster shortly before he died in 1961. Soon afterwards the old wooden church was also removed and re-erected in front of the hut which had been raised to enable the church and hut to be connected so that later, both buildings could be used as a hall and for a Sunday School.

Thus an attempt was made to centralize the church buildings and prepare the way for the completion of the permanent church.

DAUGHTER CHURCHES

1. In 1892, Mr. Rivers (later Archdeacon and Dean Rivers of Hobart) persuaded the people of Brookfield to build a little church there; it is still standing on the hill overlooking the village.



GOOD SHEPHERD, BROOKFIELD

Mr. Rivers was one of the three priests who ministered to the residents of Indooroopilly for a little while before Canon Jones came to the parish in 1894.

He, Mr. Rivers, evidently visited Brookfield where there seems to have been a number of Anglican families. The church is named the *Church of the Good Shepherd*. Owing to its distance from the mother church, it has had a somewhat chequered career, and for a while languished; some of its properties were lost or removed — the bell was found at St. Peter's, Moggill Road a few years ago, but the prayer book has completely disappeared.

However, since 1947, there has been a revival, the building has been renovated and painted, the floor sanded and the grounds tidied and, what is more important, there is an awakened church life which everyone is endeavouring to foster, encourage and stimulate.

The church is now a worthy place of worship in a delightful rural setting.

Within the last ten years several new furnishings have been given — two of them as memorials, others as thank offerings.

In 1960, a chalice, in 1962, an altar which was dedicated in that same year, and in 1964 two standard candlesticks were given by Mrs. Edith C. Morgan.

Two altar candlesticks were donated by Mrs. Cooper in memory of her parents who lived in Taroom and in 1966 the lovely silky

oak altar rails were given by her in memory of her husband Major Roy Cooper and her son Ken.

In addition, a beautiful altar cloth was presented anonymously, a hymn board by another lady and quite recently, curtains, and an altar canopy by the Young Members Department of the Mothers' Union.

Early in 1960 subwardens were appointed and since then the church has been represented on the parochial council of St. Andrews.

Services are now held every Sunday, either by one of the priests or one of the two lay readers.

Sunday School is also held regularly and all points to an awakened church life.

2. In 1923 monthly celebrations of Holy Communion were commenced in the local School of Arts in Chelmer. Hitherto, the Chelmer people had to cross the river by rail or punt, or walk over the bridge to attend St. Andrews — their parish church.

In 1930 Mr. Ashburner retired and went to live on Tamborine mountain; and when Mr. St. George came to St. Andrews in June, 1930 from Pomona an increase of services was made to twice a month plus Christmas and Easter Services. This was the beginning of many changes that were to be made in the subsequent years.

Chelmer was beginning to develop growing pains and in 1936 the first move was made to provide a church building there. A splendid site was purchased and enthusiastic committees of men and women raised sufficient money to enable the foundation stone to be laid in November, 1939. The following May (1940), the lovely Church of *St. David* — the *second daughter* Church of St. Andrew's, was dedicated by Archbishop Wand.

The estimated cost of this church was £1,400 but at the time of dedication the value of the building and its furnishings was about £2,000. Had it not been for the help needed to establish St. David's as part of the parish, the mother church of St. Andrew might have been erected then.

It was not long after the dedication that a petition was lodged with the diocesan authorities for Chelmer to be made a parochial district. The necessary papers were signed and sent to the Church House in Ann Street, and in March, 1946, the Archbishop appointed the Reverend A. S. Dence Vicar as from the 1st of April.

The committee of St. David's had purchased land for a vicarage and made improvements to the grounds of the church.

Since then Chelmer has been raised to parish level and is now well established with a daughter church and has no longer any allegiance to the mother church of St. Andrew.



ST. PETER'S (OLD CHURCH)

3. The story of the *third daughter* church is one of justified faith — *St. Peter's, Moggill Road.*

In 1935, the late Mr. T. C. Brooks, a member of the parochial council of St. Andrew's, asked for permission to establish a mission centre in the Loyal Orange Lodge (formerly the Methodist Church of the district) off the Moggill Road near the Indooroopilly State School.

The mission was called the "Venture of Faith" and was under the care of Mr. Brooks.

For a while the building was hired, but in 1936, the parochial council decided to buy it and the adjoining twenty-four (24) perches of land at the corner of Moggill Road and Rylatt Street.

The entrance to the old building was turned into the chancel and sanctuary and a new entrance made on the western side near the other end. On the 11th of July, 1937, Archbishop Wand dedicated the sanctuary of what, since then, has been called St. Peter's Church. Services were then held regularly, Holy Communion was celebrated once a month by the rector, and Mr. Brooks assisted by Mr. Percy Brier, and later by other lay readers carried on a weekly Evensong.

At first it was a mission church, but soon began to grow in numbers and enthusiasm; the debt on the building was liquidated in 1940, but the amount of £150 was still owing on the adjoining land.

The subwardens and the church committee worked hard and eventually paid that debt.

In 1942, Mr. Brooks resigned and went to live in another suburb where he died in 1944.

Services were then continued with the help of lay readers and students from St. Francis' College; and during the war years

Reverend V. H. Whitehouse administered Holy Communion. Years went by and in 1957, shortly after Canon Shand came from Toowoomba to live in Sherwood, His Grace Archbishop Halse invited him to help in the parish.

He agreed and took charge of St. Peter's and in spite of being a retired priest through ill-health, did a wonderful work there. In 1959, the committee, instigated by the Canon, considered the time was ripe to make a move towards getting funds for a hall to be used temporarily as a church, so a canvass of parishioners was made by an enthusiastic team and sufficient money obtained to move the old church building nearer to Moggill Road and to build a really beautiful hall-cum-church which was dedicated by the Archbishop in December, 1959. This building was designed by Mr. Stephen Trotter and built by Mr. G. Boddily of Coopers Plains at a cost of £5,400.

All this was done independently of the mother church, for St. Peter's has been allowed to work more or less in that way; but by the beginning of 1960 the Rector had the whole parish in his grasp and began working towards the integration of all centres. As they were committed to a fund-raising scheme of their own St. Peter's could not enter into the Wells Planned-Giving Programme inaugurated by St. Andrew's in 1960. However, very soon a partial canvass was discussed and, although a decision to rely on pastoral visitation was reached in March, 1961, the partial canvass as outlined by Wells organisation was decided on and proceeded with. St. Peter's was given good representation on the parochial council and subwardens were appointed. Much repair work was done and by April, 1961, the new hall-cum-church was paid for; but there was still an overdraft of £1,375, which was a big reduction on the £8,000 overdraft of three years previously.

In May, 1961, all centres were welded together and all funds merged into the one Indooroopilly Church of England General Fund or the St. Andrew's Church of England Memorial Fund.

The reduction of the debt, and other matters, were due mainly to Mr. Douglas Huggins, who was warmly thanked for all he did.

By September, 1962, the hall was out of debt and all commitments met. In July, 1963, Canon Shand was obliged to give up his work but Canon Cornish, recently retired from St. Paul's, Ipswich, agreed to help. Canon Shand died in December, 1963 and early in 1964 consideration was given to the opening of a fund to purchase a suitable memorial to him. In August of that year the parochial council decided on a lectern to be designed by Mr. Stephen Trotter at a cost of about £90, and a bursary also to be provided for a student of St. Francis.

The balance of the fund was allocated to a pulpit that came unexpectedly with the lectern. At the same time donations were invited for a suitable memorial to Mr. St. George and they came in quickly for both funds.

At the parochial festival in July, 1965, the Rector dedicated both the beautiful lectern and the pulpit together with six new pews which had been given by St. Peter's Women's Guild as a memorial to the pioneers of St. Peter's.

The memorial to Mr. St. George — a beautiful font — was placed in the baptistry of St. Andrew's and dedicated by the Archbishop with other memorials when he dedicated the new brick church of St. Andrew on the 4th of September, 1965.

Before the dedication Mrs. Napier resigned the position of organist of St. Andrew's but remained as organist of St. Peter's.

Some of the pews of the old Church of St. Andrew were used until new ones could be purchased. The Guild was willing to bear the cost of reconditioning these pews but it was not done until 1967 when new ones were expected. It is interesting to note that the grounds of the church were kept in order of the Y.A.F. who, because of lack of funds also painted the hall in 1967. This hall was the old wooden church that had been removed to its present position.

The notice boards have been redesigned recently and erected, the frontals and pews once used in the old St. Andrew's church are now polished and in position and the church with its new furnishings and a sanctuary lamp, dedicated by the Rector on the 28th of July, 1968, in memory of Mrs. Elliott Alice Moore is a worthy house of God with a seating capacity of 180.

4. *The Church of the Holy Spirit, Kenmore.* This is the fourth daughter Church of St. Andrew's and in some respects almost looks like a daughter Church of St. Peter's,

because much of the work of establishing it was done by members of St. Peter's.

The phenomenal growth of Kenmore as a suburb and the consequent expansion of the population made necessary the addition of a new place of worship.

Land was bought in 1959 just below the Moggill Road with the approval of the diocesan council, and the small unused Church of the Holy Spirit in West Toowong was also purchased and re-erected on this land.

The first communion service was held there on Christmas Day, 1959, and the first Evensong on Sunday, March 13, 1960. Regular weekly celebrations of Holy Communion have been held ever since. After a working bee had prepared the grounds and building, the late Bishop Dixon dedicated the church on the 5th of June, 1960 (Whitsunday).

The following year (1961) owing to the rapid growth of the congregation, extra land was bought and consideration given to enlarging the church by adding a sanctuary and a bigger porch, as well as raising money for the possible acquisition of another and better site.

These alterations did not begin until August, 1962, and in 1963 the progress of the church warranted the advice to form a committee to consider the needs of the future.

The registrar of the diocese agreed that it would be wise to retain the present site, especially as Mrs. Penhaligon promised us in 1963 the first offer of her property on Moggill Road, in the event of her selling it.

Negotiations were set on foot to acquire the land behind her house, the underneath of which she offered us for the use of the Sunday School.

The subwardens were deputed to arrange a master plan for future church property, including the expected purchase of Mrs. Penhaligon's house.

These plans were referred to the diocesan registrar and approved. It was felt that £7,000 would be needed and set aside for these considerations and it was decided to invite the professional architects of the district to enter into a limited competition for the site development and the first of five stages of building.

These stages were as follows:—

First stage (immediate): Part of the parish hall to serve temporarily as a church with seating capacity of 125 to 150.

Second stage: The rectory.

Third stage: The parish church and the removal of the present church building.

Fourth stage: Completion of the parish hall and facilities for the Y.A.F. underneath.

Fifth stage: (General roadways, parking, and sporting areas in the grounds).

Each of the contestants received a list of the required proposals and the closing date was first decided to be in December, 1963, but was later postponed until February, 1964.

A panel of judges was appointed and they chose Mr. John Dalton and commissioned him to prepare plans for the first stage of the scheme. Thanks were recorded to the panel which included the rector, Messrs. A. J. Dickenson, Capel Greenway, G. A. Johnson, F. B. Lucas, Norman Walker, the diocesan registrar Mr. Roland St. John for all they had done. Early in 1964 land was secured at the entrance to the church grounds.

A reserve fund of £11,000 was established and Mr. Dalton prepared a sketch of a complete hall to cost £10,000 to be erected in 12 weeks as a church with a temporary sanctuary similar to St. Peter's and with a vestry off the sanctuary.

The sub-committee thought it too expensive and the subwardens decided that £7,000 must not be exceeded and they were given authority to expedite matters. There was some talk of having a footbridge over the creek which forms the southern boundary of the land to enable some parishioners easier access to the church but this has not been done yet.

Mrs. Penhaligon and her son agreed to sell her property in August, 1964 for £4,000, and a deposit of £1,000 was paid to her with the intention of paying the balance when she vacated the house early in 1965. She vacated her house in December, 1964, and as certain alterations were necessary Mr. St. John was invited to discuss them with the property and finance board.

These alterations were effected and the Reverend Robert Snell and his family took up residence, therein in April, 1965.

At this time the thought of the ultimate separation of Kenmore and the eastern portion of the parish involving St. Andrew's and St. Peter's arose. The difficulties surrounding such a move were explained by Archdeacon Arkell; they included a request from Kenmore to the diocesan authorities which was then obviously unlikely.

I am indebted to Mr. Dudley Wilde for most of what follows:

The Property and Finance Board laid down a rather rigid set of conditions for the design of the new hall and did not approve of the design submitted by Mr. Dalton.

After several further submissions and other difficulties that arose Mr. Dalton asked, in October, 1965, to be relieved of his commission, and that another architect be engaged.

Mr. Dudley Wilde of the Architectural firm of Goodsir and Carlyle, Baker and Wilde was invited to investigate the board requirements and if satisfaction were obtained he would be commissioned to proceed with the contract documents for the construction of the first stage of the development.

This duly occurred and tenders were called in February, 1966, and the tender of K. F. Allen Pty. Ltd. at \$23,718 was duly accepted. This amount included \$534 for a septic system to the curates residence.

Work began on the church-cum-hall in April, 1966, and on the 29th of May Archdeacon Arkell unveiled a plaque to commemorate that fact.

A Women's Guild was established and preparations were made for the opening of the church in September.



ST. PETER'S (NEW CHURCH)



HOLY SPIRIT (NEW) KENMORE

It was hoped the Y.A.F. would help to keep the grounds in order as they had done for St. Andrew's and St. Peter's, and that material and equipment for furnishing would be given or obtained from old St. Andrew's.

Money was received for the font and for the altar. The credence table was given by Mr. G. A. Johnson and his mother in memory of his father. The prayer desk was promised, and pews were purchased from the old seaman's mission; thus the seating difficulty was overcome. Many other items were straight out gifts from various parishioners.

The furniture (thus provided) was designed by the architect to maintain a continuity of design throughout the building including the interior. The design of the building is as follows:— Levels of the ground were used to produce a two-storey development — one full floor at first floor level and a park floor at ground level. The first floor contains the church hall to seat 150 persons, with a verandah overflow area on the south, a vestry and a small kitchen. A concrete staircase links the first floor with the ground floor which contains toilets and space for a future Y.A.F. area.

The building is of timber framing and external sheeting to first floor and concrete block to ground floor. The hall is sheeted internally with hardboard lining and slash pine ceiling. Roof beams are boxed in and sheeted with natural cork from Portugal to assist in acoustics as well as for appearance.

The floor of the hall is sheeted with polished hardwood. The roof is a dome-shaped structure giving a coffer-like appearance internally and is sheeted with a galvanised metal deck.

The final cost of the church was \$25,085 and the furnishings \$811.

This exceeded the original contract amount; and was due to excavation and drainage to make ready for stage two — the provision of facilities. There are at present two tennis courts laid down as well as a cricket pitch and the church grounds are kept in good order.

So after a period of stress and strain the new Church of the Holy Spirit was dedicated as a church-cum-hall on Sunday,

August 26, 1966, at 9 a.m. by His Grace Archbishop Strong of Brisbane and Primate of Australia.

On Sunday, July 21, 1968, a special meeting of parishioners from the whole parish was held at Kenmore with Archdeacon Swan (rector elect of St. Andrew's) in the chair, to discuss and draw up a petition to the Archbishop-in-Council to proclaim Kenmore, Brookfield and Moggill a separate parochial district. The Rector and other members of St. Andrew's were present and the registrar, Mr. Roland St. John, addressed the meeting. After some discussion the petition was drawn up, signed and sent to the diocesan council and on Sunday, August 4 (his last Sunday with us) the Reverend M. A. Paxton-Hall announced that the petition was granted and that the name of the priest-in-charge or the vicar, would be announced at the same time when Archdeacon Swan is inducted as Rector of St. Andrew's. This hope was realised on the 5th September when it was announced that the Archbishop appointed the Reverend Derek Pryde as Vicar.



HOLY SPIRIT (OLD) KENMORE

5. *St. Michael and All Angels'*, Moggill. The district of Moggill is one of the oldest and most remote parts of our parish; there are several loyal Anglican families scattered about the area who were eagerly awaiting the erection of a building wherein they can worship together.

It is only ten or twelve years ago that any regular services were held there, and they have been in private homes. Evensong was first held once a month on a Thursday in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Les Cunningham, then in 1961 Holy Communion was celebrated in Mr. & Mrs. J. Crozier's home, where the first Christmas Day Service was held that year. Owing to Mr. Cunningham's ill health in 1962 Evensong was transferred to Mr. & Mrs. Len Dart's home.



ST. MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS' MOGGILL

Mrs. N. V. Cottrell began a Sunday School in her home this year and in April, 1963, she brought 14 children to St. Andrew's; today she has 70 children attending.

The interest shown by Moggill residents especially in Operation Door Knock in 1962 induced the Wells organisation to include Moggill in the second planned-giving programme of 1963. By this time our church people there began to express a wish for a church building of their own, although very grateful to Mrs. Crozier, Mrs. Cottrell and Mr. Dart for what they were doing.

From July, 1963, the Rector arranged regular monthly services for Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month as well as a similar monthly Evensong on Thursdays. In 1965, Mr. Cunningham died; also Mr. Dart was obliged to discontinue the Evensong at his home. This was then held in Mrs. Crozier's home. Canon Cornish used to come from Ipswich over the ferry for Holy Communion, but he was obliged to give up because of his health, so other arrangements were made.

Land has been owned by the Diocese for many years, but it was not suitable for Church purposes, so after receiving permission from the Diocesan Council it was sold in 1965 for £300 and an acre of land adjoining the State School was acquired in 1966 for £800. This land was cleared and levelled and at Michaelmas 1966, a special service was held in a marquee to show appreciation of the Archbishop's consent to name the Church, when it is built, St. Michaels and All Angels.

This was a highlight in the life of the Moggill Community but the following year, 1967, a similar service was held and it brought together the largest gathering of parishioners of the district.

Gifts for the Church have been received already—ten tables and twelve forms came from Dr. Hawker of Kenmore and Mrs. Cottrell donated her reed organ—at present used by her kindergarten—for future use.

A Confirmation class was held in her home this year (1967).

So keen are our people there, they were willing to pay the cost of the removal of the old Church of the Holy Spirit, Kenmore, if it were to be sold, or to obtain a pre-fabricated building either painted or not.

But as man proposes and God disposes, the opportunity arose to buy the old State School which was rendered vacant by the recent erection of a new school. The school was purchased early in 1968 and preparations were made to move the building to the adjacent land, remodel it, and prepare it for use.

This was done also and on the 14th of July, at 11 a.m. the Right Reverend Bishop Hudson, dedicated it as the Church-cum-Hall of St. Michael and All Angels. This was a red-letter day in the history of the Parish, and the Moggill people art to be congratulated on all they have done to make this possible.

The Parish choir sang the Service and many people from different parts of the Parish were present. It is particularly pleasing to record that the Church is free of debt and that services can now be held there every Sunday.

Chapter 7

CHURCH FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Finance was a problem during the period of developing other churches.

Both Chelmer, until it became a separate parochial district, and St. Peter's helped by paying to St. Andrew's, an agreed assessment and eventually the debt on the Rectory as well as the debts of the daughter Churches were wiped off.

In 1940 during the war years, 1939-1945, Mr. St. George was called up as a Military Chaplain, and the Reverend V. H. Whitehouse was loaned to us from the Cathedral. He came for a few weeks but remained for a few years.

During that period difficulties arose, but were passed through successfully; and we must remember that Mr. St. George wished to resign his position as Rector or as Chaplain, but the Archbishop (Dr. Wand) would not consent to either. As Mr. Whitehouse had no car, visitation was considerably reduced and congregations began to fall off.

In those days, only 300 families were listed in the Parish Roll. Today there are 1,600.

We were able to pay our own way, but it was not easy to do so, and add to the Special Fund for the new church. In 1944, there was only £200 in that fund, but by 1946, the amount had reached £418, largely due to the Rector's wish that £10 each month (the balance of his stipend) should be paid into the fund.

Ordinary funds were obtained by the weekly offerings, through envelopes or the collection plate, and by subscription to what was once called the Stipend Fund, but later the General Fund.

Also the Women's Guild—the one organisation in the parish that has remained constant—gave the Wardens a generous sum annually from the result of a Fete and other functions.

The Parish Hall in Riverview Terrace was proving difficult to maintain adequately, although it was available for hire and brought in a small income. The late Mr. W. J. Phillips, who died in 1963, was responsible for the letting of the hall and the debt of gratitude which we owe him, is here recorded.

As far back as 1936 the erection of the new permanent church was considered, and a fund, called the New Church Building Fund, was opened in the Government Savings Bank. In 1946 the amount to the credit of this fund was £11-15-5.

Owing to the outbreak of World War 2, all thoughts of building this new church were shelved, but the fund was kept open and in 1944 it had grown to £62-4-3.

In 1945, £120 was transferred from the General Fund and this with interest, brought the total credit of £183-3-0.

In 1946 a special offertory of £109-5-6, plus another transfer from the General Account and one or two small donations plus interest brought the Fund to £424-6-5, by March 31st, 1947—the end of the Church financial year.

In 1947, as has been previously stated, the Parish Hall was sold for £1,200 and the money invested by permission of parishioners given at a special meeting.

By March, 1948, the Fund had reached £443, but circumstances necessitated the borrowing of £200 from this fund to help furnish the Church Hut, then in position in the Church grounds.

This internal loan was repaid in due course.

By March, 1949, with repayments and interest, the Fund was £265-17-2, and during that year further repayments, plus a bequest of £50 from Mr. H. E. Wetherell, brought the amount to £374-19-10.

By this time the two accounts No. 1 General and No. 2 Special were merged into one account.

However, once again the Wardens were obliged to dip into this New Church Building Fund for £160 to paint the rectory in 1950.

Previous to this, another £200 was invested in Government Bonds, thus in 1957, the fund was down to £14-19-10. During this year £52-8-0 was repaid and the total rose to £66-17--10.

During 1951 and 1952, £111-6-0 was repaid from the General account and 1952, £190 was transferred to General account for Hall extensions, thus leaving the New Church Building Fund with £22-17-9.

In 1953 another £110 was refunded and the credit reached £132-17-9 by 1954. All this is stated to show the difficulties that had to be overcome, even to keep the Church solvent; but the ultimate intention of building the new church was never absent.

In 1952 the Rector, the Reverend Roy St. George, considered the time has arrived to make some start on the permanent Church as the wooden building was beginning to show signs of deterioration, so during 1953, the matter was further discussed and Mr. A. J. Dickenson, the present Rector's Warden was requested to draw sketches and designs, which were submitted to parishioners at the Easter meeting in 1954.

After much deliberation and careful thought, a design was evolved, submitted to the Archbishop and approved by him. This was then approved by parishioners in November, 1954, and preparations were made for the laying of the foundation stone of the new church in June, 1955, to coincide with the 25th anniversary of Mr. St. George's arrival in the Parish.

The original intention was to build the Columbarium (now called the Chapel of All Souls) with the sanctuary and two vestries above it, and to move the wooden building and join it to the new portion until such time as funds would allow for the completion of the brick church.

However, even this scheme had to be modified for, although subscriptions were sought and generously given and with the sale of our Government Bonds (£1,400), there was only sufficient money to finance the first portion of the new church, namely the Chapel of All Souls.

The laying of the foundation stone on the 26th of June, 1955 brought a congregation of 500 people, and the collection for the day was £400.

The little church was packed and more people listened to the service outside by the aid of a public address system.

Immediately after this ceremony a No. 2 account was opened for the Special Fund, to be known as the St. Andrew's Church of England War Memorial Church Fund.

Tenders were called in August 1955, for the original intention, but being too high, had to be rejected. Fresh tenders were then called for the erection of the Chapel only. A tender was accepted and the contract signed on the 11th of April, 1956, and work began in June.

It was to have been finished in September, but various causes prevented this and the Chapel (or Columbarium) was not completed until early in 1957 for the sum of £3,800.

The Archbishop dedicated the Chapel, now called the Chapel of All Souls, with its beautiful gifts of (a) the marble and sandstone altar donated by the Rector and Mrs. St. George in memory of their son Harold; (b) the marble shelf above the altar by Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Dickenson; (c) the candlesticks by Mrs. Coates and her family in memory of her husband and their father; (d) the altar cross by Mr. & Mrs. J. Watson-Will as a thank offering for the recovery of their daughter from illness; (e) later, in 1959, the communion rails were given by Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Macfarlane in memory of their son, Graeme; (f) the credence table in 1961 in memory of Percy Llewellyn Adams by Mrs. E. M. and Miss J. Adams; (g) a side table in 1967 by Mrs. R. D. Sherrington.

After the dedication on the afternoon of the 22nd of September, 1957, the Parochial Council discussed how to finance the second phase of the building scheme, which was to erect the Sanctuary and Vestries above the Chapel at an estimated cost of £5,000. The Wardens had hoped for a generous offering at the Dedication Service, but were disappointed.

However, schemes were devised and eventually a decision was made to launch out into the deep, raise as much money as we could, and borrow the remainder from the bank—with Diocesan approval and guarantee to back up our commitments.

At one stage (in 1956), the Parochial Council listened to a very convincing address by a representative of the Wells Organisation, but after serious consideration it was felt unwise to introduce a new scheme until

the work begun was already completed; so with the heartening experience of the 'Aid the Aged' appeal in 1958, with its astonishing financial result, the Council asked Mr. Dickenson to prepare plans and specifications for the second phase of the Building Scheme.

This was done and yet difficulties arose, and it was not until March, 1959, that work on the second section actually began.

This was finished in the year and with the help of Mr. C. D. Thomas, arrangements were made for an overdraft to meet the commitments.

It is interesting to record that in the process of obtaining funds £55 was collected by children by the sale of bricks — on paper — for one (1/-) each.

Later in this year a decision was made to put the church finances in such a satisfactory way that the new church could be finished in reasonable time.

Meanwhile other events were happening. To show our appreciation of the work done by Mr. and Mrs. St. George for a quarter of a century, the Wardens inaugurated a fund for the purchase of some personal gifts for them.

A very gratifying response was received and on the 3rd of May, 1955, we were able to present Mrs. St. George with a beautiful chiming clock and the Rector with a really beautiful set of Vestments.

During 1958, Mr. Percy Brier retired from the position of Rector's warden after 25 years of service and he was succeeded by the present Rector's warden, Mr. A. J. Dickenson.

Six months later the Reverend Roy St. George announced his intention of resigning as from the end of April, 1959, so that he could complete 40 years as an ordained priest.

At the end of April a large gathering of parishioners and residents of Indooroopilly as well as personal friends of Mr. St. George assembled in the hall that was once our Parish Hall, but is now the Returned Sailors Soldiers and Airmens Hall, to bid farewell officially to Mr. and Mrs. St. George, and to present Mrs. St. George with a beautiful white handbag and Mr. St. George with a wallet containing a cheque for £250—both as tokens of appreciation of all they had done for the Church in the 29 years of his incumbency.

At this meeting Mr. Percy Brier thanked those present for what they had done and also told them not to be surprised if they were invited within 12 months to subscribe to a fund for the completion of the new church. He hoped that this would come to pass very soon so that it could be a fitting memorial to one who had done so much for the Parish in the past.

Alas! Mr. St. George was not spared to see the fulfilment of his dream, as he died in April, 1962, three years after his official farewell.

By this time, April, 1959, the Reverend M. A. Paxton-Hall, had been offered and had accepted the Parish, and Mr. St. George had agreed to carry on as locum tenens until the beginning of June, when the new Rector would take up residence and begin work. During July, His Grace, the Archbishop, inducted and installed the Reverend M. A. Paxton-Hall as Rector of St. Andrew's, and thus began a new era in St. Andrew's history.

To return to church finances, it is to be noted that shortly after Canon Shand took charge of St. Peter's in 1957, he outlined a scheme of fund raising for the whole Parish, but this did not come to fruition.

A subcommittee was then formed to investigate the Diocesan Promotion Scheme.

This also had to give way to the final decision in the latter part of 1959 to engage the Wells Organisation to conduct a canvass or planned-giving programme — a decision that seemed necessary to stir up the lethargy of so many nominal church goers.

This canvass began on the 26th of February, 1960, and included first of all an overhaul of the Parish Rolls, then a decision to allow St. Peter's own fund-raising scheme pledgers to be excluded from the Parish canvass unless they specifically agreed to come in.

The enthusiasm shown in the "Aid the Aged" appeal in 1958, was again manifested, and a team of earnest and active men went out to visit the greater part of a total number of 900 families and bring back with them promises amounting to £23,500 over a period of 150 weeks.

In readiness for the great day when the new church would begin to appear, Mr. D. M. T. Forster sold to the Parish portion of his property adjoining the church grounds, whereto the old wooden building could be moved and there be no loss of continuity in the services of the church. This removal was effected in January, 1963, a few weeks after

the church hut had been put into position ready for the two buildings to be connected. The next step followed soon afterwards. Tenders were called for the completion of the new church, but as they were all much higher than the Wardens expected, none was accepted.

However, another arrangement was made and a contract signed in December, 1963, with a promise to begin work in February, 1964. Various developments prevented this, but at last on the 29th of May, 1964, work began with the necessary foundations.

What follows is wrapped up in the story of St. Andrew's as from 1960; but before continuing this story, a slight pause must be made to think of what has been done.

This shows us that the history of our Parish is bound up in three important eras of Parish life.

The first between 1889 and 1930, deals with the early life of the Parish and the work of three Parish priests, namely, The Reverend T. St. John Pughe, the Reverend Canon Thomas Jones and the Reverend Thomas Ashburner.

This will be found in the Chapters 1 to 7 and part of 8 of this story.

The second era concerns the work of the Reverend Roy St. George and the development of the Parish during his incumbency from 1930 to 1959.

Much of the great work achieved by him is to be found in the sections dealing with the daughter churches of St. David, Chelmer and St. Peter, Moggill Road, and with the finances leading up to the beginning of the New War Memorial Church.

The third era deals with the work of the fifth rector, the Reverend Michael A. Paxton-Hall. Several matters have overlapped and been mentioned in more than one section of the story. This is inevitable.

And so we return to St. Andrews — the Mother Church.

Chapter 8

ST. ANDREWS

It is in this picture we will see the extraordinary growth and development of the Parish and its life. There are three causes of this.

The first is the amazing expansion of suburban life as shown in Kenmore, Brookfield and Jindalee, even the closer suburb of Witton and the opening up of new estates near St. Andrew's

The second cause is the decision to engage in the planned-giving programmes and the awakened interest thereby in church life.

The third and perhaps greatest cause (and this is no reflection on the work of the Reverend Roy St. George), is the driving force both physical and spiritual of the newly-appointed Rector, the Reverend Michael A. Paxton-Hall without whom the results we see today could not have been achieved.

He soon discovered both the weakness and the strength of the parish, and before the end of 1959, different organisations were mooted, which began operation in 1960.

These will be seen in the description of the twelve organisations at present developing parish life. At the Easter meeting in 1960, a very speedy building up of the parish spiritually and financially was announced. Good reports came in from all organisations, a roster of sidesmen for St. Andrew's and St. Peter's was made. The Sanctuary Guild became active again, and servers were also rostered under the care of Mr. Bill Watkins.

The Parish News began publication in March, 1960, and has continued successfully ever since. It is interesting to record that the Rector's Warden (Mr. A. J. Dickenson), one of our synodsmen, was elected to the Diocesan Council. He was also the honorary architect for the new church and as the target of £23,000 for the three years planned-giving programme had reached £26,960 by October, 1961, it was decided that plans be

drawn and submitted to the Archbishop and with his approval and that of the Brisbane City Council, an approach be made at the appropriate time for a loan of £12,000 from the Property and Finance Board in order to commence the new church.

Operation Roll Call in November, 1960, discovered through a zoning system two hundred (200) new families. The parish was growing and the need of clerical assistance was obvious; accordingly Mr. Maurice Fox was ordained Deacon in December, 1960 and came to the St. Andrew's as curate.

All loans to the Parish Council had been paid by this time and the credit of the Building Fund was £1,000; this was sent to the Diocesan Registrar for investment.

Early in 1961 the inside of the Rectory (most of which had been done before the Rector's arrival) was painted voluntarily by the members of the C.E.M.S., the Reverend Maurice Fox was welcomed to the parish, and the Rector went to Sydney to investigate the Ministry of Healing, which resulted in the formation of a Chapter of the Order of St. Luke.

A visit from the Wells Organisation resulted in a partial canvass to bring in St. Peter's and the new families. This was *Operation Dovetail*. From now on all monies from the daughter churches were to be banked in the Indooroopilly Church of England General Fund, or St. Andrew's Church of England War Memorial Fund.

The Reverend Maurice Fox was ordained a priest in June, 1961 and was therefore of greater assistance to the Rector.

The C.E.M.S. began monthly visits to the Goodna Special Hospital.

By August the parish was raised to class five (5) and the first parish picnic organised.

By October of this year (1961) the first of our three years planned-giving programme showed a possibility of £31,000 being realised.

The first tree in the grounds was removed to make way for the new brick church. *Operation Contact* for the parish roll began in 1962 with zoning and street planning; and suggestions for a second canvass were made.

Bill Watkins was transferred to Sydney and his position of head server was given to John France Hall of Kenmore and Brookfield. Mr. Royce Voss joined the diocesan staff but continued as church treasurer with Mr. Don Mecham as recorder for the planned-giving programme. On the 29th of April, 1962, the Reverend Roy St. George passed to the higher life, and suitable references were made to him and his work in the parish from 1930 to 1959.

At this time all the churches were united financially but each kept its own identity. In May, the parish was raised to Class 4. There was talk of removing the old wooden church, at a cost of £200, to the land behind the late D. M. T. Forster's property—see Chapter 10.

In August Archbishop Halse passed on, and as our part in the memorial to a beloved leader, the parish raised £1,200.

After a short curacy the Reverend

Maurice Fox was sent to Jandowae as Vicar; as he had lived in his own house here, steps were taken to secure a flat for the next curate — the Reverend Robert Snell who arrived soon afterwards.

By April, 1963, the pledges for the second canvass reached £38,000 and the Rector felt this was the turning point in parish history.

At the Easter meeting this year the Rector stated his great pleasure with the progress made. *Operation Dovetail* has been particularly good; in July the pledges amounted to £40,000.

Tenders were called for the erection of the new church but were too high; later a tentative tender of £27,000 was received and after due consideration accepted. Approval was given by the City Council for the removal of the old church and the hut, and also for a toilet block and septic system to serve all properties.

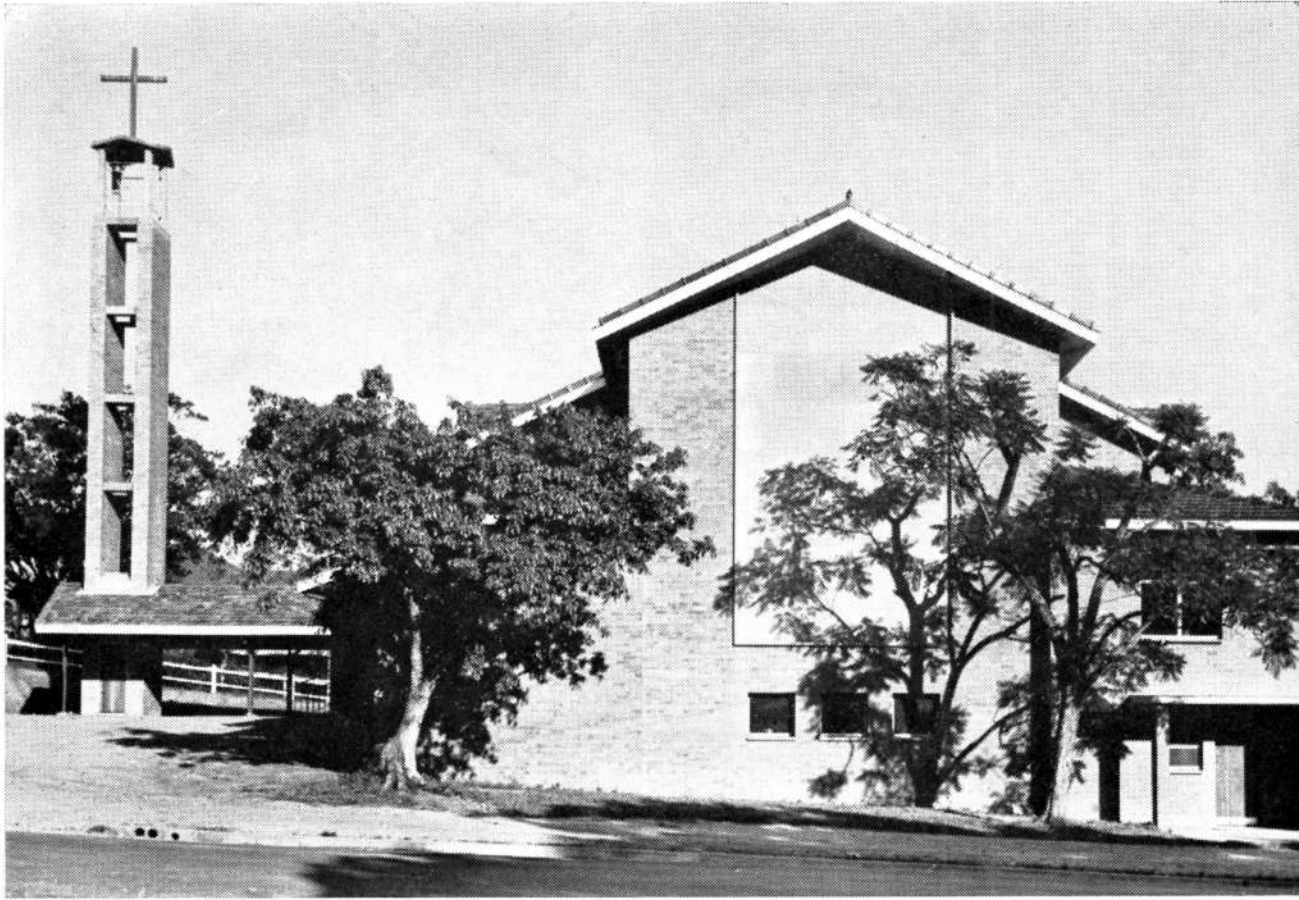
A farewell to the Reverend Maurice Fox and a welcome to the Reverend Robert Snell had taken place in May and a car purchased for the use of the curate. In July, Canon Shand was obliged to give up his work at St. Peters, and alas, passed within the veil in December. Canon Cornish, who had recently retired from St. Paul's, Ipswich, offered his help and this was gladly accepted.

The state of the finances stood at £9,000 in hand, and £35,000 was expected in pledges.

Mrs. Penhaligon agreed to give us first offer of her property at Kenmore; this has been duly recorded in Chapter 8; also, on the recommendation of Mr. Percy Brier an organ fully described under "Organists" in Chapter 11, was purchased with the understanding that it would be put in good order by the vendors. It remained in the old wooden church until removed to the new brick church in August, 1965.



CAPEL GREENWAY, PEOPLES' WARDEN
1961-1968



THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

The contract for this new Memorial Church was signed by Textor Constructions Pty. Ltd. on the first of November, 1963 with the expectation that the church would be ready in eight (8) months time. The church signatories were Messrs. H. F. Trivett for Capel Greenway, the People's Warden; Royce Voss as Treasurer; and the Rector.

Work on the new church did not begin until May, 1964 but the necessary excavation was done and the tree with the bell (Betty Pughe) removed in readiness.

The death of Roy St. George in April, 1962, and of Canon Shand in December, 1963, brought the decision to establish a fund for a suitable memorial to each. These were a font for Roy St. George at St. Andrew's and a lectern for Canon Shand at St. Peter's. Both funds were specially subscribed to by parishioners and the memorials were dedicated in 1965.

Early in 1964 a second curate in the person of the Reverend Graham Ross was appointed, but he remained with us only about a year for in 1965 he was transferred to Stafford.

The first year of the second planned-giving programme was highly satisfactory, land was bought at Moggill in readiness for the erection of a church at some future date.

By July, progress on the new church pointed to an expected finish early in 1965, and the second canvass looked like reaching £45,000.

At the end of 1964 authority was given to place orders for the new furnishings of the new church, a full list of which was published in the Parish News. At the time of the Dedication in 1965 all furnishings were in place free of debt, because they were donated by parishioners and others. Among the many gifts are the following memorials:

1. The marble altar, given by Mrs. Maud Cubitt in memory of Lt. Douglas Cubitt killed at Tobruk, 14-4-41.

2. The crucifix given by Dorothy May Simpson in memory of her Aunt, Ann Jane Carr.

3. The credence table given by the Ladies' Guild in memory of the Reverend Roy St. George.

4. The font, by subscription from parishioners in memory of Mr. St. George.

5. A sick communion set given by Mr. J. Johnson in memory of his wife and a silver flower stand by the Guild in memory of Mrs. Johnson.

6. A book cupboard given by her family in memory of Mrs. L. V. Fluck.

Many of the pews in the nave in the side chapel are also memorials. A complete list of these will be found in the Church Memorial Book. The majority of the church furnishings are straight out gifts which were all in position and paid for at the Dedication.

Also the first stained glass window for the chapel was made, the tower finished and the bell (Betty Pughe) hung below a roof on which a large metal cross was erected in October, 1964; yet we still awaited the arrival of steel for the framework of the building, but while waiting the brick work continued.

This, however, was held up occasionally and there was some difficulty with sub-contracts; but eventually all was finished at a cost of \$62,000, less than the lowest of the three tenders that had been rejected.

The total cost of the War Memorial Church is approximately \$90,000 which includes the furnishings (about \$10,000) and the columbarium and the vestries above it (recently used as the Rector's study and the church office).



**INTERIOR SHOWING THE MARBLE ALTAR
AND THE CRUCIFIX**



**THE FONT
IN MEMORY OF THE REV. ROY ST. GEORGE**

This with the land bought from Mr. D. M. T. Forster and the removal of the old timber building and the hut and some necessary alterations and additions — a total of approximately \$3,000 — makes our new church worth \$93,000.

As the day of dedication drew near several matters of domestic concern were attended to; the Archbishop was pleased with his inspection of the building and fixed the date of dedication for Saturday, September 4, 1965.

As the hour of dedication drew nearer there was a feverish rush to have everything ready. And by God's help all was ready.

And now follows a description of our new St. Andrew's Church given to me by Mr. A. J. Dickenson — a Senior Architect of the State Department of Works in Queensland, and Rector's Warden and Honorary Architect for the Church:— The original instructions to the architect were to design a brick sanctuary and vestries to be sited so as to form the nucleus of a new brick church, so that the timber church could be moved, set on new foundations, and connected to the brick structure.

A design was prepared and advantage taken of the slope of the land to make provision for a chapel and columbarium underneath the proposed brick sanctuary.

This sanctuary, vestries and columbarium were erected, but the proposal to connect the timber church to the brick sanctuary was not proceeded with.

After the purchase of land from Mr. D. M. T. Forster in 1961 the instructions to the architect were changed. Instead of connecting the timber church to the brick sanctuary, it was decided to move both the timber church and the hut to the additional land thus leaving the site of the proposed brick church free of obstructions. The design of the brick church was completed along the lines of the original instructions using the

brick sanctuary and with provision for the choir in the chancel.

While tenders for the brick church were being considered, the opportunity was taken to adopt the architect's recommendations that the internal arrangements be modified without increasing the overall dimensions of the building.

A design was prepared with sanctuary at the geographical west end, extending the full width of the nave, and the brick structure originally intended as the sanctuary was replanned as a baptistry with a choir gallery above. This modified plan was accepted and the brick church completed accordingly. The large sanctuary and chancel areas allow the communion rail to extend for the full 57 feet width of the chancel and side chapel.

The high altar is free standing so that services may be conducted in accordance with changing liturgical patterns.

The building is 105 feet 11 inches in length and 71 feet 7 inches in width.

Brickwork was used to keep faith with the intention of foundation members of the parish that the permanent church be of brick. The face bricks are Brittain's medium fawn, these having been selected when the first section of the brick church was erected, because it was expected that Brittain's, with their extensive resources of brick clay could match these bricks when the building was eventually completed.

This proved to be the case.

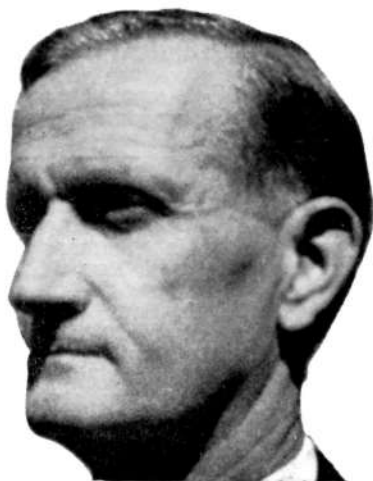
The nave is 45 feet wide, the roof being supported by portal frames of structural steel. These frames are 19 feet high at the side walls and rise to 30 feet above the nave floor at the centre of the roof span.

The roof of the verandah and roof of the side chapel on either side of the nave are pitched at a lower level so that the upper parts of the side walls of the nave are filled with large clerestorey windows.

The roof and ceiling of the nave extend over the sanctuary and choir gallery in an unbroken line. The ceiling is arranged to follow the slope of the roof and the portal frames are exposed both as an expression of the structure and to form construction joints in the large expanse of fibrous ceiling.

The floor of the nave, sanctuary and side chapel are of turpentine, this hard wearing timber having been grown and milled in the Northern Rivers District of New South Wales.

The acoustical treatment of the interior of the building is based on the use of simple materials for control of reverberation and for the reflection of the spoken word from sanctuary and chancel as well as organ music and singing from the gallery. Although the building is relatively large in volume the acoustical treatment was designed to provide acceptable conditions without the use of a sound reinforcement system. The shape of the nave ceiling where it follows the gabled outlines of the clerestorey windows affords good dispersion of sound. Acoustic tile panels in the main ceiling, textured plaster panels



ARTHUR JOHN (JACK) DICKENSON
RECTOR'S WARDEN 1958-1968



INTERIOR-ST. ANDREW (SIDE) CHAPEL

on east and west walls, and acoustically treated panelling in the baptistry and gallery prove areas of absorption.

The whole building has been designed so that the congregation can worship without being disturbed by excess of ornament and also that large expanse of windows allows one to be aware of the surrounding neighbourhood and the trees and the sky. The brick tower has a reinforced concrete frame and is connected with the south verandah by a covered way. It is 60 feet high with a copper cross 10 feet high on the top; the upper level is designed to accommodate a peal of bells, and at present the original church bell "Betty Pughe" is installed on a stainless steel mounting.

So ends the architect's detailed description of our truly beautiful church.

The following description of the Dedication, written by me, appeared in the October issue, 1965 of the the Church Chronicle:—

On Saturday night September 4, His Grace, the Archbishop dedicated the new Church of St. Andrew, Indooroopilly with all the dignity and beauty of our Anglican Ceremonial. There was a congregation of 700 and many people had to sit on specially hired chairs on the verandah.

The beauty of the church is apparent to all and the first impression one receives on entering it is the spaciousness of the interior. It is lofty and sufficiently long to make a rectangle that creates good acoustics.

The furnishings (all donated) have been specially designed to fit in with the whole concept of the church, which is a happy compromise between the old and the new. On the wall behind the lovely white marble altar hangs a carved wooden crucifix that arrests the attention of the worshipper. The pulpit and the lectern are unusual and with the pews and the rich red carpet and the prayer desks add to the uniformity of the whole design.

The beautiful font is a memorial to the late Rector, the Reverend Roy St. George, during whose incumbency the foundation stone was laid by Archbishop Halse.

In the chapel, above the altar of the old church is a really beautiful mural designed and executed by Mrs. Jukes, and on the side of the chapel are the stained glass windows of the old church with an appropriate plaque. At the entrance is a commemoration stone.

The choir and organ are in a gallery above the baptistry and impel the congregation to sing heartily, and this, added

to the ceremonial, made the service of Dedication a wonderful paean of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God . . .

After the service most of the congregation adjourned to the parish hall for a cup of tea and to meet the Archbishop who, during the evening, presented Mr. A. J. Dickenson, (the Rector's warden and architect) with an illuminated address of thanks for all that he has done in giving us such a beautiful memorial church.

The next morning His Grace concluded the Dedication by celebrating the first Eucharist in the new church at 7 a.m. At 9.30 a.m. the Rector, the Reverend M. A. Paxton-Hall celebrated and at 7.30 p.m. the festival ended with a Festal Evensong at which the Reverend Dr. Keith Rayner gave an inspiring sermon on what the church should be. And before the final blessing the choir stood before the altar and all sang the Te Deum with the organ pealing forth in joyous tones.

The official documents regarding the dedication were received from the diocesan registrar and duly signed. And after such an inspiring event the parish settled down to normal life.

In 1965, a decision was reached to have a third canvass in 1966. *Operation Doorknock* for the Tufnell Home was decided, Jindalee was included in the parish as from April, and in June Mr. Alan Case was appointed treasurer in place of Mr. Royce Voss who was obliged to resign owing to excess of diocesan work.

An interesting event occurred at the Easter meeting that year by the election to the council of Mr. Norman Amos of the Y.A.F. — the first member of that body to be so honoured.

Towards the end of the year one of the former members of the Y.A.F. who was ordained a priest in 1964 came and celebrated one morning in the old church. I refer to the Reverend Keith Colbert now in the Bush Brotherhood at Quilpie.

Another member, now the Reverend Robert Cooper, was made deacon this year and ordained priest in December, 1966. The Reverend Robert Snell was transferred to St. Paul's, Ipswich in January, 1966. We said goodbye to him at Evensong on the 3rd of January and welcomed his successor the Reverend Irvine J. Scott who left us in January, 1968 for Bundaberg.

The third planned-giving programme got away to a good start at the Family Dinner in February, 1966 in the University refectory.

At the Easter meeting the Rector said he believed the church year 1965-1966 would be considered a turning point in parish history because

1. The parish church was dedicated.
2. The whole of the internal furnishings over \$10,000 were paid for.
3. A successful third canvass was launched with more than \$81,000 promised.
4. Kenmore church-cum-hall started.

The final cost of the new St. Andrew's was \$62,000 and that of the Kenmore which

was dedicated on the 28th of August, 1966, \$25,085 with furnishings \$811.00. On this same day Mr. A. J. Dickenson was admitted as a lay reader and given the Archbishop's special license to allow him to administer the chalice at Holy Communion when required.

A similar license was given to Mr. Alan Case also.

Operation Doorknock for funds for Tufnell Home extensions was successfully organised by Mr. Eric Brier and resulted in \$1,100 being raised for the Tufnell Home extensions.

Only one other parish raised a higher amount.

A decision was made to have a memorial book in which a record may be inserted and therefore preserved of all memorial gifts in the old timber church and the present war memorial church.

Another decision this year was to take part in the Church Life Movement to work with members of other churches in the mission of the church in the modern world.

A third decision was made in December, 1966 to have the long awaited parish mission the following year. (It was first thought about in 1962). This proved to be the highlight of parish activity for 1967.

It was conducted by two of the Franciscan Friars of Brookfield during one week in October. The results of the mission which was well attended have yet to be discovered; Brother Simon conducted the adult mission and Brother Williams the children's portion.

Many other items of varying interest must be recorded.

Early in the year an "Organ Fund" was arranged quite independent of the parochial council. An organ recital was given by our church organist, Mrs. Ron Tolmie in June.

This was preceded by a talk on organs in general and our own in particular by Mr. Percy Brier. The audience which was reasonably large showed much appreciation and the fund benefitted considerably but the concert given by the choir later in the year was not only a huge success financially but also socially.

During the year Mr. Percy Brier was obliged to give up his work as lay reader but was able to put together this history of the parish.

Last November the first of some expected future broadcasts by 4KQ of Evensong took place and was appreciated by many who were unable to be present on that occasion.

In the church today two pews allotted to the church wardens have their wands of office in position; two banners are placed in the sanctuary, one for the Mother's Union and one for St. Andrew, both designed by Mr. Dickenson; and the originally intended vestry above the columbarium became the Rector's study and the church office has been transferred to what was the choir vestry. Finally in the chapel are two handsome stained glass windows, one of St. Mark, the other of St. Luke.

In addition to previously mentioned activities of the parish are three which engaged our attention (1) The Freedom from Hunger Campaign; (2) M.R.I. a result of the Toronto Conference; (3) The Church and Life Movement — a nation-wide project of leader training, group discussions and community contact — all as an inter-church activity.

Looking through the Parish News, one finds constant references to the various organisations, (especially those of youth), which include pageants and tableaux illustrative of aspects of worship.

Also one reads of the great assistance given to the clergy by Mrs. Gow in the religious instruction in the several state schools during the past five years.

Finally as we conclude the 79th year of our parish life (August 25, 1968) we record the arrival of the Reverend Derek Pryde and his family to be the senior assistant curate, and the Reverend Geoffrey Thomas as part time assistant and that Mrs. Pryde, Mrs. Wallace and the Franciscan Friars will be helping in the work of religious instruction.

Also that during this year several important changes took place and have been recorded elsewhere.

After the parish welcome to the Reverend Derek Pryde and the Reverend Geoffrey Thomas we settled down to the year's work. The several annual meetings in April, revealed steady progress in all departments of parish life.

Shortly after Easter we were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. St. George in Sydney, and on the 6th of July a special requiem was celebrated by Archdeacon Hoog, an old personal friend, who afterwards placed her ashes in the Chapel of All Souls.

On the 6th of May, Evensong was broadcast by 4KQ for the second time, and in July a special Evensong with modern hymns and music was conducted by the young people. This was genuinely appreciated by those present.

The Healing Ministry and weekly services continued and the choir visited the daughter churches to sing at their festival services.

Altar servers had their final eucharist with the Rector on Saturday, July 27, followed by a breakfast in the hall.

The petition for the formation of Kenmore, Brookfield and Moggill into a parochial district was signed and sent to the Archbishop-in-Council, and was granted.

The new church-cum-hall at Moggill has been dedicated and is now free of debt.

Everyone received a great shock when the Rector informed us that he had been offered the parish of St. Mark, Warwick, and had accepted it; and that he would leave us early in August.

The nominators immediately got to work but nothing could be done until the Kenmore petition was settled.



DOUGLAS KEITH STEHR
PEOPLES' WARDEN 1968

As a final official farewell to the Rector a barbecue was held on the 21st of July at Bundaleer at which he was presented with a cheque, Mrs. Paxton-Hall with a lovely handbag and the children with suitable gifts.

On the 28th of July, the Rector gave his final services to St. Peter's, Brookfield and Kenmore, and on Wednesday, July 31, the parochial council presented him with a beautiful cope which he blessed and wore at Evensong on Sunday, August 4, when he preached for the last time.

At this service and also at the final celebrations of holy communion he announced the decision of the Archbishop-in-Council to grant the petition for the new parochial district of Kenmore, Brookfield and Moggill; also that the Venerable John Alfred Swan, Archdeacon of Lilley would be our new Rector and would be inducted on the 5th of September. He hoped the name of the Priest-in-charge, or the Vicar of the new parochial district would be made known at the same time.

After a touching farewell Evensong we bade farewell to a beloved Rector, and as a final tribute to one who has done so much for us about sixty (60) people from all parts of the parish journeyed to Warwick for his induction as Rector there on the 9th of August.

During this induction service Bishop Hudson announced that the new Rector had also been appointed Rural Dean of Warwick which embraces the parishes of Warwick, Texas, Inglewood, Stanthorpe, Killarney, Clifton, and Allora.

Our sixth Rector, the Venerable John Alfred Swan was inducted by Bishop Hudson on the 5th of September and his first services as Rector will be the third anniversary of the dedication of our new church. He will also begin the 80th year of our parish life and the fourth era of our parish history.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT, ORGANISATIONS AND GUILDS

The management of the parish is in the hands of the Rector and his two Wardens, one appointed by him, the other elected by the people; they are assisted by an advisory council of any number from 3 to 21 that is divisible by 3.

This is so decided to enable the Rector to appoint one-third of the council and for the people to elect the remaining two-thirds.

This year's council, known as the parochial or parish council consists of 21 men with representation of each centre within the parish. All are appointed and elected as are the wardens at the annual meeting of the church held within thirty days following the end of the financial year, March 31.

The following is a list of wardens of ST. ANDREWS from 1889 to the present day.

<i>Rector's Wardens</i>		<i>People's Wardens</i>	
1889-93	G. L. Hart	1889-93	J. R. Newman-Wilson
1893-94	W. Heath	1893-94	H. S. Dutton
1894-95	G. Day	1894-95	E. D. Bird
1895-96	"	1895-96	"
1896-97	A. Stewart	1896-97	F. W. S. Whitchurch
1897-98	A. Stewart and Littleton Groom	1897-98	F. W. S. Whitchurch
1898-1900	Littleton Groom	1898-1900	"
1900-01	"	1900-01	T. Neilson
		1900-01	T. Neilson also E. D. Bird
1901-02	W. Page Gray also W. H. Hart	1901-02	"
1902-07	"	1902-07	"
1907-09	"	1907-09	A. P. Leslie
1909-10	J. W. Philpott	1909-10	R. C. R. Newman
1910-11	J. Parkinson	1910-11	"
1911-12	G. Matters	1911-12	F. B. Steele
1912-13	"	1912-13	F. Bellingham
1913-14	H. B. Caldwell	1913-14	"
1914-21	Fred Brimson	1914-15	C. S. Eden
		1915-17	E. G. Sanders
		1917-20	R. L. Jackson
		1920-21	D. M. T. Forster
1921-22	G. S. Crouch	1921-22	"
1922-23	Charles Beswick	1922-23	Herbert Manners
1923-24	D. M. T. Forster	1923-24	J. W. Townson
1924-26	Charles Beswick	1924-26	W. W. Dopson
1926-28	F. Earle	1926-28	"
1928-33	D. M. T. Forster	1928-33	H. S. Mapleston
1933-58	Percy Brier	1933-34	D. M. T. Forster
		1934-36	C. S. Eden
		1936-38	H. O. Pluckrose
		1938-40	Harry Wade
		1940-47	Cyril Burcher
		1947-57	Peter Smith
		1957-58	J. D. Macfarlane
1958-59	A. J. Dickenson	1958-59	Charles Beswick
1959-61	"	1959-61	C. D. Thomas
1961-68	"	1961-68	Capel Greenway
1968-69	"	1968-69	Douglas Stehr

On some occasions there appears to have been a change of wardens within the church year, as in 1897, L. E. Groom (later the Hon. Sir Lyttleton E. Groom) and in 1920 Messrs. Crouch and Townson; in 1933 two people's wardens and in 1940 Dr. Sherwood and Mr. Bellingham acted for three months only and Messrs. Percy Brier and Cyril Burcher took over — the former having stood down for a short period

SUB-WARDENS

ST. PETER'S

Rector's Wardens

1937-38	T. C. Brooks
1938-42	"
1942-45	Harry Prowd
1945-47	C. Waugh
1947-48	H. A. Sweetser
1948-51	Fred Harper
1951-54	Alan Case
1954-58	W. D. Huggins
1958-69	Jim Lobban

People's Wardens

1937-38	W. D. Huggins
1938-42	Fred Harper
1942-45	"
1945-47	"
1947-48	"
1948-51	Secretary Alan Case
1951-54	Secretary J. Paterson Treasurer Alan Case
1954-58	Alan Case
1958-69	W. D. Huggins

BROOKFIELD

Rector's Wardens

1961-63	Roy Cooper
1963-67	Roy Cooper
1967-69	S. I. J. Parkin

People's Wardens

1961-63	R. A. Horsnell
1963-67	D. W. W. Jones
1967-69	D. W. W. Jones

KENMORE

Rector's Wardens

1961-62	Alan Case
1962-63	R. Pyle
1963-65	Jim Shepherd
1965-66	Dr. J. Hawker
1966-69	F. G. Barnett

People's Wardens

1961-67	Norman Walker
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1967-69 J. A. Drury

MOGGILL

Rector's Wardens

1938-	J. A. Crozier
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People's Wardens

1968-	Lex Morley
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PARISH ORGANISATIONS

(1) *St. Andrew's and St. Peter's Womens' Guilds (W.G.)*

Many years ago a Womens' Guild was formed at St. Andrews and has functioned steadily ever since. As has been stated previously this guild was a great help to the wardens during the lean years following World War II, by raising money through fetes and other ways for general funds as well as for necessary repairs.

They worked for and paid for the carpet in the chancel and aisle of the old church.

Since the commencement of the planned-giving scheme under the Wells Organisation the activities of the guild have been directed into other channels such as visiting the homes for aged women, and making excursions to other works of the Home Mission.

Further details of the guild's activity will be found in the reports submitted to the Easter meetings; one interesting item was (or is) that by tradition the supper following Evensong on St. Andrew's night is convened and served by the Women's Guild.

In 1964, on the Rector's suggestion, they presented to St. Andrew's, a set of purple vestments; this was instead of the usual monetary donations previously given at St. Andrew's tide.

St. Peter's Women's Guild works independently from St. Andrew's, but follows mainly the same policy and activity.

This guild has also visited the Nielson Home at Chelmer and entertained the inmates as well as St. Andrew's Guild at St. Peter's.

It is interesting to note that both guilds pay visits to the Seven Oaks Spastic Centre at Fig Tree Pocket, work for missions and help in the cleaning of the church and especially the brassware on the altar.

(2) *Church of England Men's Society (C.E.M.S.)*

This is the male counterpart of the Women's Guild; it is a parish society consisting of members from each centre of the parish who are pledged to follow a rule of life:—

- (a) to pray to God every day,
- (b) to be a faithful communicant,

(c) by active witness, fellowship, and service to help forward the kingdom of Christ.

It is more than 50 years since the C.E.M.S. first began its work in Brisbane, and there must have been a branch in Indooroopilly about that time because there was, in the vestry of the old church, a certificate, relative to it. However, it seems to have faded out after a short life, but was revived in 1960 when the first admissions were made on Sunday, May 22 of that year.

The membership has never been large because each member must be a committed Christian (see rule of life).

Meetings were held once a month and began with Compline in the church followed by Bible study; then a business meeting is held in the hall followed usually by an address by a chosen speaker, afterwards followed by a social gathering. Now the meetings are less regular. At one time some members visited the Goodna Special Hospital once a month and periodically two members are still rostered for duty at the Seamen's Mission at the Hamilton.

The society, although only small in numbers, helps in the smooth running of the parish by doing small jobs such as a monthly working bee to keep the grounds tidy, and for larger jobs one of which was the painting of the rectory at one stage. This was also done by a group of men before the Rector took up residence in June, 1959 and was one indirect cause of the re-formation of the society in 1960.

(3) *Mother's Union (M.U.)*

This is a world-wide organisation with branches in the various parishes. It was started in St. Andrew's in November, 1960 with membership open to any mother in the whole parish.

The work of the union is mainly to uphold the sanctity of marriage and the family; this is implemented by regular meetings, visits to other branches and to places like Symes Grove recently established in Zillmere from a legacy.

A prayer group has been formed and held each week at St. Andrew's; this and special occasions, also strengthen the contribution of the union to the spiritual life of the church and parish.

(4) *Young Wives' Groups*

This organisation was formed at St. Peter's by Mrs. R. St. John in 1956. It is really the Young Members Department of the Mother's Union, but as there was no Mother's Union in the parish at the time it was formed, it was known as the Young Wives' Group, but now by its correct name Y.M.D.

There are two groups, one at Kenmore, the other at St. Peters both with the same objectives, namely (a) the foregathering of the young married women of the parish centres for the purpose of getting to know other members of the same big family, (b) listening to talks and instructions on many matters relating to church and family, (c) visits to various institutions and places of interest, (d) joining with the Mother's Union for special functions, (e) working for missions and (f) the keeping of a cradle roll.

It is interesting to note that on one occasion a visit to Community House, Albion, gave us the information that altar breads for the whole of Australia are made there.

In fact the two groups and the Mother's Union are, together, doing a work for the church in a way peculiarly their own.

(5) *St. Andrew's Sanctuary Guild*

This guild, once known as St. Catherine's Guild has been in operation for only a few years, its duty is (a) to look after the altar linen and the sacred vessels used at the Eucharist or Holy Communion; also (b) to arrange the flowers which were placed on the altar of the old church but which are now placed in special boxes on either side of the main altar of the new brick church; (c) to look after the vases and candlesticks required in the side chapel and in the columbarium or Chapel of All Souls.

Further the members help in the decoration of the church for festivals.

These important functions are fulfilled in the daughter churches by the women of the Mother's Union and the young members department thereof.

(6) *Girl's Friendly Society (G.F.S.)*

A branch of this society was formed in St. Andrews in 1915 and worked for and gave some of the smaller furnishings of the church. A beautiful G.F.S. banner was worked by Miss Eva Dopson and her three sisters, the central painting being done by Mr. William Bustard. It used to be seen with the Sunday School banner and another worked by Miss Edith Wetherell (for many years organist of the church) in the chancel of the old building.

Unfortunately the G.F.S. was disbanded during the Second World War, but was re-established in 1960 with increased membership and enthusiasm. Later information to hand is that the G.F.S. was started in 1959 at St. Peters by Mrs. Miller.

There are now two branches at St. Peters — an intermediate and junior group both working in many ways to help the mission work of the church and to obey the object of the society, namely to unite girls and women in a fellowship of prayer, service and purity of life for the glory of God.

(7) *Young Anglican Fellowship (Y.A.F.)*

This fellowship was established in 1959 by Miss Dorothea McLennan and Mr. A. J. Dickenson for those in the age group 15 to 25.

It helps to bridge the period between Sunday School and full adult membership of the church. It is a flourishing group entirely self-governing meeting on a Sunday at 5 p.m. for tea and invariably some talk by a chosen speaker, after which attendance at Evensong helps to brighten that service.

Meetings are social, educational and spiritual and at other times help is given in a practical way by doing jobs around the church building and ground both at St. Andrew's and other parish centres. Extra efforts have included visits to old peoples' homes and various diocesan activities.

Already two members have been accepted for the priesthood — Keith Colbert, ordained in 1964 and Robert Cooper ordained in 1966. A leader is chosen periodically: today Mr. Bruce Macfarlane occupies that position.

(8) *Church of England Boy's Society (C.E.B.S.)*

This society was formed at St. Andrew's early in 1961 for boys of the parish in the age group 8 to 15.

Their work embraces in a smaller way, that of the Y.A.F. but, of course is under the control of adults whereas the Y.A.F. is self-controlled.

At times the boys have helped in tidying up the grounds. They also have sports such as swimming and football in the day time and table tennis at night. The first admission service was held on the 17th of May, 1961.

Some years ago an attempt was made by Mr. Fred Whitchurch to establish a boy's club, but it did not last long enough to be of any real value and the equipment for gymnastics was sold.

At present the C.E.B.S. meets at Kenmore under the leadership of Mr. Norman Oakden for the juniors and Mr. Norman Walker for seniors. He also has a group of senior boys at St. Andrew's.

(9) *Companionship Groups*

This group was formed by Miss Gretel Langford in 1958 when her mother was superintendent of the Sunday School at St. Peter's. It was intended to help boys and girls of the 12 to 15 age group to understand and participate later in the full life of the church, and like the C.E.B.S. is a bridge between Sunday School and the Y.A.F. and the senior G.F.S.

Miss Langford led the group for 2 or 3 years and in 1960 handed over the leadership to Mr. Hugh Olive who was in charge for 3 years. During that time Mrs. Gow assisted him and in 1963 he handed over the leadership to Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gow who brought the group to St. Andrew's where it is still flourishing.

Last October, Mr. Ian Hurwood formed a new group at St. Peter's.

Besides studying for the Bishop Webber Scripture examinations, the St. Andrews group presented a delightful pageant at Evensong in 1966 and this year sent about 40 young people to the Y.A.F. thus proving the worth of their work.

(10) *Sunday Schools*

And now for the important training of the young in matters spiritual.

There are today five Sunday Schools in our parish — one at each centre with a total enrolment of more than 500 children, including the kindergartens; and there are more than 30 teachers engaged in the work. It is interesting to record that the original Church of St. Andrew was built for a Sunday School, and at that time (1889) there were 72 scholars and 6 teachers, including the first rector and his wife.

During the following years many people, mostly women, gave invaluable services as teachers, and several men acted as superintendents. They were Messrs. Tom Payne, in memory of whom the Bible of the old church was given. R. C. Newman, Eric Hughes, W. H. Carr Junior, Charles James, A. S. Jull and Gordon Guy. The last two named are now priests of the Church of God, the former at Redcliffe and the latter at Mackay. Today Miss Connie Rouse is the active and enthusiastic superintendent at St. Andrew's. Mr. R. W. Willis at St. Peter's, Mrs. D. R. Bilston at Kenmore, Miss Jeanette Jones at Brookfield and Mrs. Cottrell at Moggill.

During the year 1964 the Reverend Graham Ross looked after the Kenmore Sunday School during his year with us as curate, and Dr. J. Hawker also took charge there until his departure for Adelaide in 1966.

Mrs. Don Mecham had a Sunday School in her home at Fig Tree Pocket for two or three years until she was obliged to give it up because of ill health; and for the 18 months that Jindalee was under our care Miss Lightfoot and Mrs. H. G. Irons were superintendents.

Jindalee is now attached to Sherwood.

St. Andrew's Sunday School was first held in the then newly erected wooden church in 1889; after that it was held in the Stamford hall for a little while until the parish hall in Riverview Terrace was built. There it remained until the hall was sold in 1948 and the church hut was in use.

Now it is held in the old wooden church and the hut which are connected and situated in the land purchased from Mr. D. M. T. Forster in 1961.

The children at Fig Tree Pocket used to come to the family eucharist at St. Andrew's on the third Sunday of the month.

For the last few years all Sunday Schools have joined in the annual family gathering at Bundaleer and at Christmas time have filled an empty Christmas tree with gifts for the less fortunate.

This, besides learning of their faith and realising the need for missions, is helping the children to prepare for their future adult church life.

It is interesting to note that St. Peter's Sunday School was the first in Queensland to have an empty Christmas tree for children to place there on gifts for the less fortunate.

(11) *Altar Servers*

This organisation is a band of boys and young men whose duty is to assist the priest at celebrations of Holy Communion or the Choral Eucharist.

Some members belong to the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary.

The present strength is about thirty and embraces servers from all the churches of the parish who form a body of devoted youth many years old but only within the last few years one of the organisations of the parish.

There have been several head servers in the past since 1960, three have acted with conspicuous success. They are Bill Watkins, now in Sydney, John France-Hall of Kenmore and Brookfield and Ian Colbert. Today, Mr. Ian Hurwood is in charge. Two servers of the past have recently been ordained priests: they are the Reverends Keith Colbert and Robert Cooper.

(12) *Choir, Organists and Organs*

Years ago, St. Andrew's had a choir under the direction of Mr. R. L. Jackson, head teacher of the Indooroopilly State School.

This choir was well known for its good work and has not been equalled, although at one time about 1940 some good work was done under the direction of Mr. Percy Brier, especially one Palm Sunday night when Maunders' Cantata "Olivet to Calvary" was sung in place of the sermon, with Mrs. Harold Pilkington (nee Constance Buchan) taking the chief solos. Many other cantatas have been sung as well as the normal services of the church.

Unfortunately the choir gradually dwindled in size until it faded out. But the names of three members call for special mention as each gave a splendid service of twenty-five (25) years.

They are Mrs. H. S. Mapleston, who had an unusual contralto voice. Messrs. C. F. Brimson, who was also secretary of the parochial council and a one time warden, and Charles Beswick one time choir master.

More than one attempt has been made to form another choir but without success until in July, 1960 the present parish choir came into being under the direction of Mr. Niel O'Flynn, until he was transferred to Townsville in 1963.

In its short life, with all too few members, it has established itself well and turned our services into glorious acts of worship.

Besides singing the various services of the church, (canticles, psalms and settings of Holy Communion (or the English mass)) the choir has given concerts, and being the parish choir has journeyed to St. Peter's, Kenmore and Brookfield to enrich the Patronal Festival or Feasts of Title.

It is now affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music under the direction of Mr. Len Berwick.

Organists of St. Andrews

Stanley Hobson	1890-1894
Page Gray	1894-1900
Mrs. Hadgraft	1900-1915
Edith Wetherell	1915-1935
Allen Moore	} between 1935 & 1945
Harold St. George	
Claude Clerk	}
May Shire	
Dorothea McLellan	1945-1956
Frances Low Choy	1958-1960
Mrs. Napier	1960-1962
Mrs. Ron Tolmie	1962-1965
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Organists

The first organist of the church was Mr. Stanley Hobson, later organist of St. Luke's Toowoomba. He was appointed in 1890 and was followed by Mr. W. Page-Gray in 1894 until 1900. Then Mrs. E. W. Hadgraft took charge for fifteen years, during which period the choir reached its high pitch of excellence.

Then followed Miss Edith Wetherell for twenty years. She was followed by Mr. Allen Moore and then Mr. Harold St. George played until Mr. Claude Clerk was appointed with Mr. Charles Beswick as choir master.

In 1945, Miss May Shire began a period of eleven years 1945-1956 of consistent and faithful work until failing health compelled her to resign.

For a while Mrs. St. George and others filed the breach until in 1958 Miss Dorothea McLennan came. She gathered together a few girls for the morning services and a few boys for the evening and on occasions both choirs combined — especially for a carol service. In 1960, Miss McLennan resigned to go to England and Miss Low Choy took her place until she also resigned and followed Miss McLennan to England at the end of 1962.

Mrs. Napier was then appointed, and she, like all her predecessors played on the old organs often referred to as American organs, but really reed (or cabinet) organs.

Mrs. Napier was not happy with the big Wurlitzer organ purchased in 1963 and as the dedication of the new church drew near she asked to be relieved of the position of organist of St. Andrew's but remained as organist of St. Peter's.

This was made possible by the offer of Mrs. Ron Tolmie to help in the music of the church and after a period of fifteen months training by Mr. Percy Brier, she was appointed official organist of St. Andrew's as from the dedication on September, 1965.

She is assisted by Mr. Bruce Macfarlane. He was also trained by Mr. Percy Brier, who occasionally assists.

When there is no organist available the congregation sings alone and sings very well: altogether with a new organ, an enthusiastic choir, and improved congregational singing the services are beginning to reveal the power of music in the worship of almighty God.

A few words about the organs used in our churches is not inappropriate here. They are with one exception the cabinet or reed organs built originally in America. St. Andrew's had one — a Palace organ — for seventy (70) years; it was replaced for a while by a smaller instrument of the same type pending the erection of the new church. Both organs are now in the Sunday School. It may interest some parishioners to know that the Palace organ originally had a row of dummy pipes above the console and that it used to be next to the lectern on the epistle side of the church.

In 1963, an opportunity to purchase a two manual and pedal reed organ by Wur-litzer of New York was afforded us and after due consideration and on the advice of a competent person was duly secured and placed in the old church.

Although it lacks some of the devices found and expected in pipe organs it has an exceptionally good tone and a reasonable variety of tone colours. Moreover it has sufficient power to be heard when and where necessary for it is amplified and blown electrically and has certain electronic devices. It has thirty (30) stops and when it has been thoroughly overhauled, and perhaps added to, and freed from any mechanical troubles (and one organ builder considers it can be put into first-class order) it will be eminently suitable for church purposes and for recitals. Last year (1967) the present organist, Mrs. Ron Tolmie, gave an interesting recital preceded by an informative talk on the instrument and organs in general by Mr. Percy Brier.

Two other groups, although not organisations must be mentioned; they are the Lay readers, and the Order of St. Luke which has this year given place to the Guild of Saint Raphael.

In the 1939 Brochure five lay readers are listed namely Messrs. Percy Brier, T. C. Brooks, Gordon Guy, Lyn Roberts and Jack Swan.

The last three are now priests, Mr. Brooks died many years ago, and Mr. Brier has recently been obliged to retire. More recently Messrs. Alan Case and Bill Watkins were licensed and last year (1967) Mr. A. J. Dickenson received his licence. Further both Mr. Alan Case and Mr. A. J. Dickenson have been granted the privilege of assisting at the service of Holy Communion by administering the chalice.

A Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician was established in 1962; and as a result a weekly healing and intercession service has been held at St. Andrew's. For a

while there was a monthly meeting at St. Lucia, but now, as the Brisbane chapter has fulfilled its original intention of bringing the Healing Ministry into the church this has been disbanded and the chapter split into two or three different chapters.

In its place the Rector, the Reverend M. A. Paxton-Hall, formed a branch of the All Anglican Guild of St. Raphael which continues the weekly intercession of healing services with occasionally the ministry of the sacrament of Holy Unction.

There is a membership of sixteen who were admitted on Sunday, October 29, 1967.



ARCHDEACON J. A. SWAN

Present-Rector of St. Andrews. 1968

CONCLUSION

And now a short summary of what has been learnt in the course of this history.

We have seen the record of the growth and development of the parish from the conception of a church in 1888, its opening in 1889, as part of Toowong parish, its early infancy from 1890 when it was formally established, to its present fully adult life.

The parish of St. Andrew, Indooroopilly began in 1890 with a mere handful of people worshipping in a timber building that cost £320 (\$640 of our currency today) to build.

Today there are 1,600 families on the parish roll with approximately 8,000 adherents.

The old timber church was erected mainly for a Sunday School and for the temporary services of the church, on a half acre block of land presented to the diocese by Mr. Graham Lloyd Hart with the condition that a brick church would ultimately be erected. This proposed brick church was designed to cost £1,400 (\$2,800 of our currency).

Our new War Memorial Church of brick has cost \$62,000 in addition to \$18,000 for the columbarium and vestries above it; and with the four daughter churches (1) of the Good Shepherd, Brookfield; (2) St. Peter's, Moggill Road, and (3) the Holy Spirit, Kenmore; (4) the recently dedicated St. Michael's and All Angels, Moggill, makes our parish property well over \$100,000. The parish has been served by 5 rectors, at least 5 interim priests, and 3 others as assistants besides several students now fully ordained priests. In addition we have had 5 lay readers, only 2 being in active service today, and they each have a special licence from the Archbishop to administer the chalice at a communion service if and when required.

There is a short biographical sketch of each of the five rectors as well as a list of curates and those in interim charge.

There was neither parish hall until 1912 nor rectory until 1918, and today the total number of parish buildings is three new brick churches, five old timber churches and one small hut as well as the rectory and the curates residence at Kenmore.

The life of the parish has been divided into three eras:— (1) 1889-1930; (2) 1930-1959; (3) 1959 to 1968.

At one stage each of the daughter churches controlled her own finances, but today all monies from the vast parish of 44 square miles, are under the control of the rector and the church wardens of St. Andrew's.

The cost of all buildings has been met, but there is a bank overdraft of \$32,000 (approx.) and a diocesan council loan of \$20,000.

With an annual income of \$36,000 we are able to cope with financial difficulties as they arise; and all this is largely due to three factors — (1) the phenomenal growth of suburban life during the last ten years; (2) the Wells Organisation planned-giving

programmes; (3) the driving force of the fifth rector — the Reverend Michael A. Paxton-Hall.

During the first era 1889-1930, the first daughter church was built at Brookfield in 1892, largely at the instigation of the Reverend A. R. Rivers (later Dean of Hobart), and in 1912 the old parish hall was built in Riverview Terrace. The reason for this is stated in chapter 5. In 1918 came the Rectory, also explained in that chapter. In 1923 a monthly celebration of Holy Communion began in the Chelmer School of Arts.

During the second era 1930-1959 services at Chelmer were held twice a month until 1940, when the lovely Church of St. David was dedicated by Archbishop Wand. In 1946 St. David's became a separate parish.

In 1936 the old Loyal Orange Lodge of the Moggill Road was bought and somewhat remodelled to become the old St. Peter's church which was dedicated by Archbishop Wand in 1937.

Services were held regularly with a monthly communion service and a weekly Evensong. The latter was carried on by Mr. T. C. Brooks, a lay reader who first proposed the formation of a mission church in that area. He was assisted by other lay readers.

He left the parish in 1942 but the services were continued with the help of lay readers and students from St. Francis' College.

In 1957 Canon Shand, recently retired from St. Luke's, Toowoomba, was invited by Archbishop Halse to help in the parish. He took charge of St. Peter's and in 1959 the committee of the church, instigated by the Canon, raised funds for a new church or hall-cum-church which was dedicated by the Archbishop in December, 1959. The old church was moved nearer to Moggill Road in land previously purchased on the corner of Moggill Road and Rylatt Street.

All this was done independently of the mother church.

The third era began with the advent of the Reverend Michael A. Paxton-Hall in June, 1959; it was not long before he discovered the weakness as well as the strength of the parish.

One of the first decisions made under his guidance was the invitation to the Wells Organisation to enter the parish and conducted a planned-giving programme.

Much of the success in this era is the direct or the indirect results of the three programmes conducted in 1960, 1963 and 1966 (this last one is in its third year of planning).

In February, 1960, the great work began. A number of men, many of whom, had been interested in the "Aid the Aged" appeal in 1958, offered to help in the canvass of the parish for pledges. A loyalty dinner was held in Finney's Restaurant in the city, at which the women of the parish did a splendid job as hostesses.

Then the campaign began. A target of £25,000 (\$50,000) over a period of 150 weeks was set and \$47,000 was reached. A second campaign in 1963 reached \$82,000 and a third in 1966 exceeded the set target of \$80,000. The loyalty dinners of the second and third campaigns were held in the Refectory of the Queensland University.

During 1960 Operation Roll Call resulted in an enrolment of 1,000 families in the parish register. In 1961, Operation Dovetail, a partial canvass to bring in St. Peter's pledgers added another 100 families; this brought together many families in the western area of the parish as well.

In 1962, Operation Contact introduced a plan of 11 zones each with a captain and lieutenants to report any needy cases of clerical assistance.

In 1966, Operation Doorknock was very successful in obtaining funds for the Tuffnell Homes.

Another important decision was to have the finances of the whole parish under the one control of the Rector and the Wardens of the mother church. Previous to this, the daughter churches, chiefly St. Peter's had more or less managed their own affairs. During the last ten years the lovely hall-cum-church of St. Peter was dedicated by Archbishop Halse in December, 1959, land was bought at Kenmore, and the unused church of the Holy Spirit, West Toowong, was bought, erected on the recently acquired land at Kenmore and dedicated by Bishop Dixon on Whitsunday, 1960. Then in 1965 our own beautiful St. Andrew's was dedicated by Archbishop Strong on the 4th of September, 1965 and the new Church of the Holy Spirit at Kenmore on the 26th of August, 1966, also by His Grace, the Archbishop of Brisbane and Primate of Australia.

New notice boards have been erected at the several churches, and repairs effected at Brookfield; land was bought at Moggill in 1966 and in 1968 the old state school was purchased, removed to the adjacent land and remodelled to become the church-cum-hall of St. Michael and All Angels that was dedicated by Bishop Hudson on the 14th of July.

Prior to this a celebration of Holy Communion was held at Michaelmas in a marquee on the newly acquired land in 1966 and 1967 and was very well attended, also prior to the dedication of St. Andrew's the old timber church and the hut were removed to land sold to the parish by the late D. M. T. Forster in 1961 behind his property adjoining St. Andrew's where there was an old tennis court which was floodlit in 1962 for C.E.B.S. activities.

A weekly newsletter is circulated and since April, 1960, a monthly Parish News has been and still is issued.

There are 12 organisations operating in the parish, 6 of which have been established in this third era and all 12 are helping in parish life.

In 1961, the Rector went to Sydney to investigate the Ministry of Healing. The result was the formation of a Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician.

This has been disbanded recently as the Brisbane Chapter and a branch of the Guild of St. Raphael has been established in its place at St. Andrew's.

Over the years, most of the furnishings of the churches have been gifts, some as memorials of former parishioners. All these are to be found in a special Memorial Book.

The majority of these memorials in the old St. Andrew's are now in the side chapel of the new church (a list of them is to be found in chapter 3) and the majority of furnishings in the new churches are straight out gifts, all in position and paid for at the dedication.

The financial difficulties of the second era are recorded in chapter 7 and a general outline given of the problems connected with the erection of the mother church of St. Andrew, and the daughter churches of St. Peter and the Holy Spirit.

Historical matters associated with the whole parish have been given in several chapters, and in matters spiritual — apart from the short biographical sketches of the five Rectors, and reference to those in interim charge — the names of those assistant curates who have helped so well, particularly in the last era, are included.

The various organisations have been mentioned each with a brief reference to the work they do.

And now, in this eventful year of 1968 we record the resignation of one Rector and the appointment of another, and the separation of Kenmore, Brookfield and Moggill from the mother parish of St. Andrew as a parochial district with an appointed Vicar.

This enabled us to hand over a large part of our parish as a mother gives her daughters into the keeping of others, knowing that all she has done for them will return to her as a reward for preparing them for their future independent life, yet still remaining members of the family — in this case the larger family of the Archdeaconry of Lilley and the Diocese of Brisbane.

Finally as a result of all these activities we are an awakened people — both clergy and laity — united in the work of extending God's kingdom in this particular area of His vineyard.

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