

Historical Record
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ST ANDREW'S
Church of England

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Of St. Aidan's East

St. Aidan's Parish was part of St. John's, except for that part East of Elphin Road.

As the Town spread to the East, St. John's Incumbent, the Revd. R.C. McKelly, & Church Wardens, Walter Perrin, M.E. Robinson, & Ernest Whitfield decided to start a centre in Abbott St. in rented premises on the corner of Abbott & Arthur Sts.

On Whit Sunday, 5th June 1892, a Sunday School was opened, with Two Teachers & Eight Children.

In Lent, 1893, Wednesday evening services ^{were commenced,} and on the 18th June, Sunday evening services.

The steady growth of attendances at the Sunday School and also at the services encouraged the officials of St. John's to build a School—Church, and the land facing Arthur St. between Berean and Lanoma Streets was purchased. Mr. Alexander North was asked to prepare plans for a Parish Church.

The portion first built by Messrs. J. & I. Gunn was the Nave. This part was used for Church Services & Sunday School.

The Foundation Stone was laid by Bishop The Right Reverend H. H. Montgomery, (Father of Field-Marshal H.K. Montgomery) on Friday, 21 June 1893.

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First Services. The first service in the new Church was held on Thursday, 17 May 1894, when Bishop Montgomery celebrated Holy Communion & preached the opening sermon.

With the Bishop were the Revs. R.C.N. Kelly, S. Bucknall, Canon Adams, A.H. Champion, A. Barkway, H.H. Edwards, J.M. Norman, R.B. DeWolf, F. Topham, C.G. Wilkinson, L. Tarleton, & J.B. Sharland.

Lay Readers, Messrs. E. Whitfield, J.C. Genders, & A.E. Cooke.

Each night of the following week a series of services were taken by the Revs. S. Bucknall, R.B. DeWolf, R. Dixon, and F.A. Breguet, Canons Finnis, Beresford, & H.J. Edwards.

Thereafter, two Sunday, & a Wednesday evening service were held each week, and taken by visiting Clergy, and a band of Lay Readers - Among them, were Messrs. E. Whitfield, M.E. Robinson, W. Perrin, E.A. Cook, F. McDonald, A.C. Jenkins, H. Hopwood, G.H. Arthur, A.R. Wiseman, E.A. Gee, F.H.C. Mattingley, and E. Scott.

The building was also used for Sunday School, Parish gatherings, and Concerts.

Furnishings. Among the many donors to the list of gifts to the Church, were —
Two Chancel Chairs, by Brigadier General Martin, R.D.
The Prayer Desk, by the Sunday School.
Communion Table, by St. John's "Parish Messenger".

Furnishings. (Continued.)

Lectern. by Mr. M. E. Robinson.
Pulpit came from St. John's, when St. John's was rebuilt.
Windows, by Mrs. Frank Tyson.
Organ, by Mrs. Walter Perrin.
Organ Bench, by Mr. Hill.
Bell. by Miss Bennett, Claremont House.
Alms Dish, by Miss Sanden.
Font. by Mr. Henry Bennett.
Sanctuary Carpet, from funds collected by Mrs. M. E. Robinson.

Sunday School Workers.

Misses Maud and Genders, Merle Findlay,
 Kate Moncur, W. Stewart, R. Berhard, and
 Messrs. J. Crust, R. Douglas, and C. A. Perrin.

Sunday School & Hall.

In 1919 it was decided to build a Sunday School and Hall, & a Committee, consisting of Rev. H. N. Baker of St. John's Church, Messrs. C. A. Perrin, C. E. Berhard, R. Dent, W. S. Johnstone, P. A. Findlay, A. F. Findlay, and N. A. Findlay, (Hon. Secs.) raised the necessary funds, and on 13 May 1919 the Foundation Stone of the Parish Hall was laid by His Excellency, Sir Francis Newdegate, Governor of Tasmania.

Among those present were Archdeacon Beresford, Canon De Coetlogon, Rector of Holy Trinity; Revs. H. N. Baker, Rector of St. John's; C. E. Wilkinson, A. Barkway, O. V. Abrams, & The Mayor, Alderman E. Shields. Colonel F. E. Harrap, D.D. accompanied the Governor. Also present were Architect J. Tandy, & Builder, P. J. Dell. Miss Edith Perrin presented the Governor with a trowel with which ^{to lay} the Stone, under which were placed some coins, and a list of those responsible for the building of the School.

The Reverend H.W. Baker said that the sum of £750, had been subscribed towards the cost of the School which would be £1440.

Mr Baker remarked that the erection of the new building was the first step towards the establishment of the autonomous Parish of St. Aidan. This came about in 1921 following a resolution of Synod which approved of the formation of the new parish and defined its boundaries.

1921

On June ^{5th} 1921 the Reverend Herman Montague Tucker Rupp was inducted to the Cure of Souls in the Parish of St. Aidan by the Archdeacon of Launceston (Ven. A. R. Beresford), the Bishop of Tasmania (Rt. Rev. R. I. Kay) having issued a licence instituting Mr. Rupp on the same day.

After a period of approximately two years as Rector, Mr Rupp retired from the diocese.

1923

He was succeeded at St. Aidan's in 1923 by the Reverend William Greenwood, who had been Rector of Bothwell.

The lay officers of the Church in that year were as follows—

Churchwardens Mr. G. E. Perrin;

Mr. C. Eberhard;

Treasurer Mr. J. Southon;

Parish Council Messrs. C. Hughes;

C. H. Perrin;

Govan;

N. Hindley.

Secretary Mr. R. I. Tyson.

Superintendent of the

Sunday School: Mr. C. H. Perrin.

Lay Representative at Synod: Mr. C. H. Perrin.

At the meeting of the Parish Council 9th. April 1923, it was decided to form a Men's Club. Mr. W. Findlay was the first Secretary, and the early meetings were well attended. The Club met on Monday nights for games and social activities. Mr. A. B. Findlay lent a billiard table.

In December the Rector was conducting services at Waverley. In this year a fine asphalt tennis court was laid down, and opened free of debt.

1924

At the Annual Meeting on 7 February it was decided to appoint a Women's Council for Church work, consisting of the following ladies - Mesdames G. Perrin; P. Dell; C. Ehrhard; V. Greenwood; J. H. Robson and Miss H. Perrin.

April: The Rector reported to the Parish Council the steps taken by the Church-wardens and himself regarding the proposed gift from St John's Church in lieu of the yearly grant. The gift was to form an endowment fund, but was to be used for the time being for the building of a rectory.

December: Mr Norman Findlay arranged a concert to raise funds to purchase an iron safe for Church securities.

1925

August: The Mothers' Union provided a Sanctuary carpet.

The Rector was requested to form a C.M.I. Committee.

September: The Wardens of St John's Church were thanked for their action in handing over the sum of £400. to St Aidan's Church.

October: Miss Lannay presented a handsome blackwood Hymn Board.

November The Rector reported that the Churchwardens had accepted the following tenders for building works:-

New Rectory: J. B. Featherstone £1436-14-0

Additions to the Hall: H. J. Dell £163-0-0

December: The foundation stone of the Rectory was laid on Saturday 12 December.

1926

At the Annual Meeting on Thursday 4 February, the parishioners presented Miss Moncur with a large easy chair in recognition of her long and faithful service in the Parish.

May. Mr Greenwood went to England, and in June Mr. T. J. McCabe was acting Rector and took over the Chairmanship of the Parish Council for the period of the Rector's absence.

November: A Cricket Club was formed with the idea of keeping members of the Men's Club together during the summer months.

1927

March: Reverend T. J. McCabe announced

that he would be taking up the duties of Rector of Deloraine and that the Reverend C. Allen would take charge at St. Aidan's.

May: Reverend W. Greenwood returned.

1928

June: The Architect was instructed to prepare specifications for the extension of the Church.

November: Mrs. G. E. Perrin on behalf of the Parish Council extended a hearty welcome to Reverend Francis Joseph McCabe B.A. as Rector of St. Aidan's Parish.

It was agreed that a Parish Magazine should be issued monthly and that 500 copies should be printed.

1929

January: Great improvement in the Choir was reported. Reverend McCabe on behalf of the Choir Members presented Mr. L. F. McIntyre, Choir Master, with a silver mounted umbrella.

December: It was recorded in the minutes that "Appreciation is due to Mr. Cyril Perrin for valuable services as Superintendent of the Sunday School for 23 years."

The Kindergarten room being added to the Parish Hall was nearing completion.

August Mrs F. McDonald took charge

of the Choir during Mr. McIntyre's illness.

1932

October: The Rector reported that Mrs. Percy Smith had donated £100 to the Church as the nucleus of a pipe organ fund.

March: Miss Eberhard resigned as organist and Mr. Arthur Gee was appointed.

March: Reverend McCabe advised the Parish Council that he had accepted a call to the Parish of Burnie.