



THE ORIGINAL CHURCH BERWICK.

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

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Jack Wame

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notes were revised and second "Notes" at that time.

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Will not further delay. This would be about 15 years later

Don't Well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lewis Johnson's husband

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

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

still not paid for 1990.

It was a very good organ donated by Mrs. H. Wilson.

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

Brother of Fred, "Jim"

Mersey Junction

brother of Benj. Lister

In 1956, the parish decided to make a real effort to overcome its financial difficulties, and to increase the size of the congregations. The plan was to hold a Canvass called a "Faith and Action, Campaign". Mr. J.L. Allan was appointed organizing secretary, Cr. A.G. Robinson-general chairman, Mr. J. Loveridge-Canvass Committee Chairman, Mr. H. Sissons-assistant organizing secretary, Mrs C.F. Greaves-Hostess Chairman, Lt. Col. O.B. Williams-Canvass Team Chairman, and Mr. J.B. Thomas-Initial Gifts Chairman. A most attractive booklet was produced setting out the objects of the campaign and how it would affect the parish. The booklet stated "To raise the necessary finance, it has been agreed we will conduct an organized canvass of all parishioners by visiting them in their homes. We will ask simply that each family set aside a generous and sacrificial part of their weekly income for a period of 150 weeks, and, that this contribution will be given its true priority during the period.

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

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

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

It was a very good organ donated by Mrs. E. L. Wilson.
Recitals were held on it each year by a City Organist.
This was the organ played by Curt Wall and Jack and Mrs. Allen. 19.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

an "Honorary Vestryman" is impossible! When I returned to Berwick I found that no one had asked the Dr. to Church for years - I took him such a beating while I waited before he died at 96. They all liked talking about him but did nothing about it.

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

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

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

F.J. McCUBBIN

1977

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

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

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SOME PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

Some people of the Church (continued)

F.W. KELLY	Vestryman 1893
H.G. RANKINE	Vestryman 1893. Head of State School. Was Secretary to the Vestry for more than 20 years, also choirmaster.
A.G. GOWER	Vestryman 1893
W. CURTOIS	Vestryman 1893. Also 1903- 1907.
A. <u>E</u> . LOVERIDGE	Vestryman 1893. Grocer. Father of J.S. Loveridge, Grandfather of Ellis.
Mr. CATLER	Vestryman 1894
Mr. CHALK	1894
Mr. SYKES	Builder? 1895. Fixed break in wall of Church built buttress on N/E corner, put tie rod through church.
William FULLER	To vestry 1897
F. CALLINGFORD	To vestry 1898
A. ROBIN	To vestry 1898
G.O. LYON	To vestry 1899. Harkaway.
T. TRUSWELL	To vestry 1899
T.J. COLVIN	To vestry 1899
H. PERRY	To vestry 1900
H.B. BRISTOW	To vestry 1901
Mrs. P. ORBELL JONES	<i>Upper Beach</i>
W.J. SMITH	1903 <i>Upper Beach</i> <i>W.J. Harvey Smith</i>
F.J. THOMAS <i>James</i>	To vestry 1903. Treasurer.
Mrs. TAYLOR	Church cleaner 1903
Mr. GARDINER	Bellringer 1903
Mrs. GRIMSHAW	Church cleaning, bell ringing, attended gas, organ blowing. 1903.
Mrs. OGILVY <i>Buchanan Rd.</i>	
H.W. SPERRING	1904
Mr. WALKER	1904
Miss DENBIGH	Choir
Miss SEARLE <i>(Nellie)</i>	Organist for 49 years. Resigned 14.4.39.
Mr. TYMMS	Treasurer 1907
Dr. P.V. LANGMORE	To vestry 23.10.1907. On vestry about sixty years (actively). Also responsible for tree planting in township. Local G.P. and father of Dr. Leonard Langmore connected for many years with Sunday School.
Miss HORNBY	Sunday School Superintendant 1908.
W. WADE	1908 <i>Chatsworth</i> <i>father of Jessie & Chrissie who died at 101.</i>

Some people of the Church (continued)

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

Some people of the Church (continued)

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

Some people of the Church (continued)

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

Some people of the Church (continued)

Mr. ECCLES

1965

Mr. BRANDWOOD

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

Mrs. RICKARDS not Jane - an earlier wife of Tom.

Mr. LAUGHTON

Mrs. MEEKING

Cleaner

C. SEXTON

Mr. KEMP

F. CANOBIO

Mr. SONOGEN

Mr. Bill CORBETT

Organist

husband of

of Margaret Arceet.

Mrs. Lucretia WHEALTON

Organist

Narr Warren.

Mr. STANFORD

Miss TRAILL again!

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

Geoffrey NUTTING - Rayheaden

Richard WINDEBANK

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

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

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

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

Dorothy JUKES "Our Dot"!

Ray CHAPMAN Son of Jack &

Gary SIMMONS Husband of Heather (Sunday School Berwick & Narro Steerer).

