

The History of St. Paul's Church of England, Oatley is published to commemorate the Consecration of St. Paul's on the 7th September, 1975, and we are greatly indebted to Mr. Norman Austen for this History. A few months ago, we were treated to some 'tit bits' on our Notice Sheets. Then came his appeals for information on past Rectors, Wardens, Organists, and goodness knows who.

Still I had no idea that he had such a comprehensive work in mind. Here are the distillations of hundreds of hours. I commend this History to you.

Read it, note its lessons, and build further from this point, with a zeal matching that which Norman put into his research.

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BEING AN ACCOUNT OF THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN OATLEY.

FROM 1889-1975.

FOREWARD.

This brief history of the Church of England in Oatley will cover the comparatively short span of eighty six years since 1889, when Oatley was part of the Parish of St. George (embracing the whole area from Rockdale to George's River) in the Rural Deanery of South Sydney, Arch-deaconry of West Sydney. We will then trace it through from the laying of the Foundation Stone of St. Paul's by Sir Allen Taylor, Lord Mayor of Sydney, on 29th July, 1911 until 1945, when with the population growth within the St. George area, Oatley became part of the more closely knit and smaller Parochial District, Provisional Parish and finally, the Parish of Mortdale, Oatley and Oatley West with the Churches of St. Peters, St. Paul's and All Saints. Now a viable Parish Oatley became first a Parochial District on the 30th March, 1955; then a Provisional Parish on the 8th August, 1959 and finally, the Parish of Oatley, on the 1st December, 1972.

We the present generation of worshippers at St. Paul's must be ever mindful of our debt of gratitude to past clergy and congregations, not only for their prayers - for their faith, love, trust, hopes and aspirations. So many people mindful of the vital impact the true Christian life makes.

As we read ponder, ponder seek to re-live and understand the selfless involvement, activity and worship of so many congregations of the past and present, let us ever be mindful that Christ is the answer to every problem, be that problem a personal one or one of world-wide significance. Let us join in thanksgiving for the things that have come to pass; let us give praise to the Highest as we remember the near two centuries in the Life of the Church of England in Sydney generally, and the sixty four (64) years in the life of St. Paul's, Oatley in particular being always conscious of those "Which have born the burden and the heat of the day".

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# THE EARLY DAYS OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

## Chapter 2.

The beginnings and the growth of the Anglican Church in Australia, and specifically in Sydney, make interesting reading and can be best understood by quoting briefly an extract from "The Sydney Morning Herald" special edition of the 18th April, 1934, marking the centenary of that journal.

I quote- "When the scheme for a convict settlement at Botany Bay was originally formulated, the Home Government gave so little thought to the religious aspect that it required influential and persistent effort to secure the appointment of a chaplain.

William Wilberforce was entrusted with the task of finding a man to take charge of the spiritual needs of the settlement, and with the help of members of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, he finally chose Rev. Richard Johnson. Yet, such was the indifference of the authorities that four years after establishment of Port Jackson, there was still no recognised place of worship, the service being held under gum trees, or in an old boat shed.

In the following year, 1793, Mr. Johnson took matters into his own hands and built a modern Church of posts, wattle, mud-plaster and bark, on a rise to the eastward of the head of Sydney Cove, the total cost of the "edifice" being £67/12/6 (about \$135).

On October 1st, 1798, the Church was burned to the ground, but in reporting the matter to the Home Government, Governor Hunter mentioned that he had laid the foundation-stone of a larger church, and while this and another which had been commenced at Parramatta were in process of completion, a spacious storehouse was set apart for religious worship. A Government order of July 23rd, 1802, directed that these churches should be respectively named 'St. Philip' and 'St. John' and by these names they are known to this day.

The arrival of the Rev Samuel Marsden in 1794 greatly relieved the mind and work of the chaplain, who, a comparatively weak man, was glad of the help of a really strong character such as the newcomer.

By 1830 the church in the colony was formed into an Archdeaconry and was placed within the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Calcutta (India). This continued until 1836 when the Bishopric of Australia was constituted. The Venerable William Grant Broughton, d. D. , being consecrated the first Bishop.

Meanwhile the famous church of St. James' had been built and others had been established at Windsor(1820), Liverpool(1819), Campbelltown, Newcastle and Port Macquarie.

At the time Bishop Broughton was consecrated the population of Sydney had grown to 20,000. Bishop Broughton, died in 1853 and in the following year Frederick Barker, Vicar of Baslow in Derbyshire, was made Bishop. One of his first duties was to hasten the construction and completion of St. Andrew's Cathedral, which was finally opened on St. Andrews Day, 1868.

During the episcopate of Bishop Barker the southern portion of the See of Sydney was formed into the diocese of Goulburn and the western portion was proclaimed the Diocese of Bathurst. In April, 1882 Bishop Barker died and was succeeded two years later by Dr. Barry who resigned in 1889. In 1897, when William Sumarez was Bishop the Diocese of Sydney was raised to the dignity of an Archbishopric by resolution of General Synod. Dr. Smith died in 1909 and Dr. Charles John Wright became Archbishop and Primate.

**A CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE of the beginnings of BISHOPRICS and CHURCH LIFE within NEW SOUTH WALES and the first BISHOPRICS in SISTER STATES.**

- 1836. 18th January, Sydney raised to a Bishopric, Bishop William Gran Broughton.
- 1854. 30th November, Frederick Barker consecrated Bishop of Sydney.
- 1856. Bishop Barker founded the Church Society (now Home Mission Society) and in 1872 it was decided that on two Sundays a year Church collections within the diocese should be devoted to this Society.
- 1859. Diocese of Newcastle, Bishop Tyrrell.
- 1863. 14th March, Formation of the Diocese of Goulburn (now the Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn) under Bishop Mesac Thomas.
- 1866. Act of Parliament enabled the Church to manage its own property.
- 1866. 5th December. The first Sydney Diocesan Synod. met to be held annually since.
- 1867. Diocese of Grafton - Armidale. Bishop William Collison Sawyer.
- 1869. 5th May. Diocese of Bathurst. Bishop S. E. Marsden.
- 1884. 24th April. Alfred Barry consecrated Bishop of Sydney.
- 1884. Diocese of Riverina. Bishop Sydney Linton.
- 1890. William Sumarez Smith consecrated Bishop of Sydney.
- 1897. By resolution of General Synod. Sydney became an Archbishopric with Dr. W. S. Smith as Archbishop and Primate and Metropolitan of Australia.
- 1901. 24th August. Archbishop John Charles Wright elected as Primate and Metropolitan of Australia, the first person so elected as Primate of these offices holding their positions by virtue of their Office as Archbishop of the See of Sydney.
- 1914. Diocese of Grafton separated from Armidale, Bishop C. Druitt.

BISHOPRICS OF SISTER-STATES.

- 1842. Diocese of Tasmania. Bishop Francis Russell Nixon.
- 1847. Diocese of Melbourne. Bishop Charles Perry.
- 1847. Diocese of Adelaide. Bishop Augustus Short.
- 1856. Diocese of Perth. Bishop Hale.
- 1859. Diocese of Brisbane. Bishop Edward Wyndham Tufnell.
- Diocese of Northern Territory.
- Diocese of Papua, New Guinea.

## A GLANCE BACK AT EARLEY CHURCH LIFE IN OATLEY, UNTIL 1955.

### Chapter 3.

Perhaps at this point it would be well to take a backward glance at Church life in Oatley and surrounding areas before the turn of this century and up to 1955 when St. Paul's, Oatley became a Parochial District.

Prior to 1837 this suburb of Oatley Formed part of the parish of St. James, Sydney. This same year of 1837 saw the formation of the Parish of St. Peter's, Cook's River, with the various Rectors of St. Peter's ministering throughout the entire area from Cook's River to George's River until 1870. In this year the Parish of St. George was established, with the Church of St. Paul's, Kogarah as headquarters.

In 1897 the Rev. Arthur Killworth was appointed Rector of the Parish of St. George, which at that period of time included the whole area from Rockdale to Georges River. At the date of his appointment there were only two churches in the Parish - the Parish Church of St. Paul's, Kogarah and the Church of St. George, Hurstville, where the building of a brick church was commenced in 1889. It was mainly through the efforts of the Rev. Killworth that in 1898 the church of St. Peter's, Mortdale was erected by voluntary labour as a branch church of St. Paul's, Kogarah.

In the same year the rapidly growing Hurstville was separated from St. George to become the Parochial District of Hurstville with the Rev. E. C. Robinson as Curate-in-Charge, working within the framework of the Rural Deanery of South Sydney and the Archdeaconry of West Sydney. Our Parish and the surrounding Parishes of Mortdale, Penshurst, Oatley, Peakhurst, Hurstville Grove, Oatley West and Beverly Hills (as we now know them) were then under the Pastoral Care of the Rev. E. C. Robinson and within the Parochial District of Hurstville and from 1902 under the succeeding Rectors of the Parish of St. George Hurstville, of whom the first rector was the Rev. D. H. Dillon.

There are records available of Church Committee Meetings held at Mortdale's St. Peter's during 1898 with the Rev. Robinson as Chairman and it would be these Church Committee Meetings at Mortdale together with the Parish Council Meetings at St. George's Hurstville that would be of concern to our area of Oatley.

In 1909 the Rev. Dixon Hudson was instituted as Rector of the Parish of St. George, Hurstville - a position he capably filled until 1933. During part of this period from 1909 to 1924, under the charge of Rev. Dixon Hudson and largely due to his leadership as Cure of Souls in the Parish of Hurstville ours and surrounding areas made such solid progress with the erection of the following churches:- St. John's, Penshurst, where on October 15th, 1910 the foundation stone of the Church was laid by Bishop J. D. Langley, Bishop of Bendigo; and at St. Paul's, Oatley, on July 29th, 1911 where the foundation stone was laid by Sir Allan Taylor, the Lord Mayor of Sydney; with the dedication of St. Paul's for Public Worship by Archbishop Wright of the Diocese of Sydney; and again on November 11th, 1916 the Foundation Stone of Holy Trinity, Peakhurst, was laid by Dean Talbot, with the ceremony of Dedication by Archbishop Wright on March 10th, 1917.

With the continuing rapid growth and development of the St. George District the Rev. J. P. Dryland was inducted as Curate-in-Charge of the Parochial District of Mortdale, Penshurst, Oatley, Peakhurst and Hurstville on September 24th, 1924. During the following year, 1925, this Parochial District was granted full status as a Parish.

In June of 1928 the Rev. Dryland was succeeded by the Rev. C. P. Birk, who was inducted as Rector of the Parish of St. Peter's, Mortdale, the then Parish Church. Ill Health forced Rev. Birk to resign and in May of 1929 the Rev. W. J. Siddons accepted the appointment as Rector.

During his term as Rector for over 17 years the Rev. Siddons exercised a most significant ministry until 1946. During these years the Parish involved in the erection of two churches - All Saints in Oatley West and St. Bede's in Beverly Hills, and the conversion of a Cottage-Church into a Chapel at Hurstville Grove. In addition Parish Halls were Built at St. Paul's, Oatley and at St. John's, Peshurst.

In 1944 the area of Oatley West was added to the name of our Parish and with the addition of Beverly Hills the following year of 1945 our church district carried the imposing title of 'The Parish of Mortdale and Peshurst, cum Oatley and Peakhurst, with Hurstville Grove, Oatley West and Beverley Hills'.

It is very worthwhile pausing here to consider the very hectic life of our Rector during the 1930's and 1940's with the centres of worship at each of the seven suburbs comprising his Parish. Sunday Services meant a very tight schedule for the Rector and I quote, "it was not uncommon for the congregation of St. John's, Peshurst where the last service of the day was usually held, to sing hymns until the Rector made his rather rushed appearance to deliver his sermon after having travelled at break-neck speed from his previous centre. He would often leave a Service to be completed by a layman and, vestments fluttering, hasten to the next service already begun". Quoting from the Parish paper "Church Messenger", the Services for Sunday, November 4th, 1945, at each of which Services the Rev. Siddons preached; 9.00 a.m. All Saints, Oatley West; 10.10 a.m. St. Bede's, Beverly Hills; 11.00 a.m. St. Peter's, Mortdale; 2.30 p.m. St Paul's, Oatley; 4.15 p.m. Holy Trinity, Peakhurst; 7.00 p.m. St. Aidan's, Hurstville Grove and at 7.30 p.m. St. John's, Peshurst.

The years following 1945 witnessed the formation of a number of new Church Districts, until on 23rd April, 1947 the first Parish Council Meeting chaired by Rev. G. G. Mottram, was held of the smaller and more compact Parish of Mortdale, Oatley and Oatley West, with the Churches of St. Peter's, St. Paul's and All Saints. This parish was, from the point of view of the Parishioners of Oatley, all that was left of the original Parish of St. George of 1897, in which they were vitally concerned.

During the intervening years from 1947 to 1954 our Parish of Mortdale, Oatley and Oatley West was under the Rectorship of the Rev. S. Paddison and from the pages of our 'Register of Services' at St. Paul's he was ably supported by preachers whose signatures appear thereon:- John Chapman, H. Robey, J. F. Drayton, D. C. Abbott, Rueben Cale, E. C. Bennett, A. Sommerville, B. Pearsall, Andrew Hayman, C. Rushbrooke, Victor Evans, J. Derwent, W. Pearsall.

Prior to July, 1953 St. Peter's, Mortdale, petitioned the Archbishop to grant it increased status to allow it finally to become a separate parish. As All Saints, Oatley West, was proposing to take the same steps it was resolved at a Committee Meeting on the 6th July, 1953, that St. Paul's, Oatley should likewise petition. In August with All Saints apparently somewhat hesitant about proceeding a special Vestry Meeting of St. Paul's resolved unanimously to proceed with the petition for Oatley's increased status and separation, the success of which was assured when Archdeacon Denman made his recommendation to Standing Committee after an interview with the Wardens and Church Committee of St. Paul's; but with urgent required need for a Rectory it was not until almost two years later that Oatley was granted Parochial District Status. During some of this period probably after the 18th October, it formed with the Parishioners of All Saints the Parish of Oatley and West Oatley.

From records available it would appear that the last meeting of the Parish Council of Mortdale, Oatley and Oatley West was held at All Saints on the 19th October, 1953 under the Chairmanship of the Rev. S. W. Paddison. It is possible that this meeting may have been more a meeting to iron out certain financial worries likely to be encountered with the formation of a new area. The members of the Parish Council present at this meeting included Messrs. Bradfield, Pitkin, Swinfield, Johnstone, Piper, Ryan and Derwent.

The year 1954 was a most momentous one for those of St. Paul's, with the purchase of a Rectory and with many meetings in preparation for the appointment of a minister to take charge of the Parochial District of Oatley. But the story of Oatley in 1955 and until today, the 7th September 1975, will be continued in another chapter.

### **CHURCH COMMITTEES:**

Before closing this chapter of pre-1955 St. Paul's, Oatley, mention should be made of the organization of the day-to-day activities of our Parish since its Dedication on December 12th, 1911 and its first General Meeting on January 10th, 1912. Prior to 1911 there are records of Church Committee Meetings held at St. Peter's, Mortdale with the Rev. E. C. Robinson as Chairman, and it would be at these Committee Meetings at Mortdale together with Parish Council Meetings at St. George, Hurstville that would be of concern to Oatley Parishioners.

It would not be until the Dedication of St. Paul's, Oatley on December, 12th 1911 that we, at St. Paul's would have a Church Committee of our own, although it is quite possible that someone at Oatley could have been on the Church Committee of St. Peter's, Mortdale.

It is sufficient to note that the first recorded General Meeting of St. Paul's took place in the Church Hall on January 10th, 1912. (It is assumed that meetings of Parishioners of Oatley area must have taken place during 1911 to discuss plans for the building of St. Paul's. The January 10th meeting was chaired by Mr. Thompson in the presence of Messrs. Williamson, A. Shaw, Stead, Thompson, Cuthbertson, Megson and Drew, Mesdames. Plunt, M. Shaw, Limbe, Bennett, Rimoldi, S. Shaw and Thompson and Misses. V. Drew, R. Drew and Thompson. And although contrary to Church Law at that time the Meeting resolved that it would be in the best interests of the Parishioners of the newly erected St. Paul's if all Parishioners at this meeting should form the Church Committee of St. Paul's. And so was elected the first Church Committee of St. Paul's, with Mr. A. Shaw as the first Secretary-Treasurer.

It was not until April 11th, 1913 when the first Vestry Meeting of St. Paul's was held under the Chairmanship of the Rev. Dixon Hudson that Messrs. A. Shaw, S. Shaw and A. Stead were elected as Wardens together with a Committee of Messrs. C. Page, Thompson and Cuthbertson. From the minutes of the meeting it would appear that all Wardens were elected by the Meeting and that the Rector did not make an appointment.

And so for a period of 45 years, from 1912 to 1954 all Powers, Duties and Rights to organize all matters pertaining to St. Paul's were vested in Church Committees elected at Annual Vestry Meeting of Parishioners. Quite frequently during these years the Annual Vestry Meeting of St. Paul's voted to dispense with a Church Committee for that year, vesting all such Powers, Duties and Rights in the three Wardens. It should be mentioned that the Wardens of St. Paul's, besides being members of the local Church Committee were also, together with the Wardens of the Sister-Churches comprising the Parish, members of the Parish Council which handled the business of the Parish as a whole.

It would be of interest to list the members of the first Church Committee of St. Paul's elected on the 17th April, 1913, and follow it with a list of such other Committees as can be culled from records. It can be generally assumed that in most missing years the Committee was the Church Wardens, the names of whom can be read among the various indices after the last chapter.

1913. Wardens, Messrs. A. Shaw, S. Shaw and Stead

Members. Messrs. C. Page, Thompson and Cuthbertson.

1927. A most unusual decision was made at the Vestry Meeting of April 29th, chaired by the Rev. J. Dryland. In addition to the three Wardens Messrs. Page, Roberts and T. Jordan, the Meeting elected a large "Consultative Committee of the nineteen parishioners present, probably most irregular, but also most effective as they were present at the meeting. Because of the unusual nature of this committee it is well worth-while recording the names:

Mesdames. Phillips, Murray, Thompson, Steadman, Phipps, Vaughan, Beresford, Nichols, Greenbank, Siddons, Dickson, Saunders, Page, and Messrs. Smith, Siddons, Sheadman, Vaughan and Thode.

It is most interesting to note that even in those days Ladies' names were in the majority in Church matters.

1936. Wardens. Messrs. D. Wendon, L. Lewis, G. Kendall, Bradfield, W. Pearsall, Brandt  
Members. Mesdames. Gow, Riley, Stibbs, Cudlip.

1941. Wardens. Messrs. R. Cale, W. Pearsall, L. Lewis.  
Members. Mesdames. Murray, Clark, Stevens, Towers.

1944. Wardens. Messrs. R. Cale, L. Lewis, W. Pearsall.  
Members. Mesdames. Phillips, Murray, Beresford, Miss. Murray.  
Messrs. Rashbrooke, Alden, Thurlow, Pavey and J. Derwent.

1954. Wardens. Messrs. G. Kendall, Swinfield, J. Derwent.  
Members. Mesdames. Gow, Swinfield, Adams, McTyer.  
Misses. Milsop, Woodhill;  
Messrs. Davis, Rashbrooke and Mr. Justice Nield. (This was the last Church Committee of St. Paul's.)

The first meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Oatley and Oatley West was held at St. Paul's, on the 16th August, 1954 with the Rev. S. N. Paddison occupying the chair. Those present included Mrs. McTyer, Miss. Alsop and Messrs. J. Derwent, Davis, Propsting, Johnstone, Ryan, Harmer, Piper, Kendall and Evans.

At the last Parish Council on November 15th, 1954 it was reported that Archdeacon Denham intended to recommend that St. Paul's Oatley should become a Parochial District from the beginning of 1955. This recommendation was confirmed by the Archbishop and St. Paul's Oatley became a Parochial District as from the 18th March, 1955.

Before closing this chapter in the history of St. Paul's prior to 1955 let us look once again at the 'Minute Book' of that year, when the Secretary of many years' standing Mr. John Derwent, in concluding the minutes of the last meeting of the Oatley and Oatley West Parish Council, penned the following words, "Let us go forward shoulder to shoulder as a united army, fighting evil, establishing righteousness, brothers in service, sons of one God who is Father of us all. And although much effort must, of necessity, be material, we should consider it only as a means to an end and strive for higher things. For did not Paul, in his epistle to the Colossians in 3:5 say " If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."

## THE TWO CHURCHES OF ST. PAUL'S OATLEY 1911 AND 1956.

### Chapter 4.

Although our older Church of St. Paul's, now our Sunday School Hall, was erected on the corner of Rosa and Neville Streets in 1911, there is no information available to indicate how the site was acquired, nor of the effort made to raise the necessary finance for building. Similarly, though we do know the date of the Dedication of the Church, no certain information is at hand as to when the building debt was finally cleared and St. Paul's was consecrated. But we do know that the Foundation Stone was laid officially by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Sir Alan Taylor, on July 29th, 1911. in the presence of a large and enthusiastic congregation, with the ground and streets gaily bedecked with bunting. No records are available of the struggles and the determination of those keen, early Church pioneers who strove to see their dream of a local place of worship become a reality, and to help in turning this then far-distant and outlying suburb of those days into the lovely garden suburb of Oatley today.

Some indications of the financial struggles besetting our early St. Paul's is found in our earliest Church Committee Minute Book commenced on January 10th, 1912, in which a minute of the meeting of the 14th March chaired by Rev. Dixon Hudson reads, " That a letter be written to Sir Alan Taylor requesting him to appoint a time to receive a deputation re promised donation to Church Building Fund.", but there is no further mention in later minutes as to the success of this approach, but much is written of the further struggles to pay off the church debt, and for some years the Minute Book records the efforts to furnish the Church and to pay the debt. There is also ample evidence of the multiplicity of fund raising efforts through bazaars, concerts, paper drives, social evenings, flower shows, fairs, market days etc., together with the inevitable subscription lists and lady collectors of those times.

Among our Church Records is a photo of the "Laying of the Foundation Stone" of St. Paul's, with the Union Jack and the Cross of St. Andrew holding pride of place, and with a happy gathering of bowler-hatted gentlemen, straw-boater youth, ladies with their bowered straw hats and with girls wearing their frilled lace-collared frocks.

On December 2nd, 1911, St. Paul's was opened for Public Worship by the Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, the Right Reverend John Charles Wright. It is almost certain that this service was the Service of Dedication of St. Paul's, Oatley, though no specific mention can be found to authenticate this claim.

As early as the 1920's far-seeing parishioners envisaged the time when the St. Paul's of 1911 would possibly be inadequate and would have to be replaced, so at a meeting of the Church Committee on December 6th, 1926 Mr. R. Saunders successfully moved "That a Fund be opened for a new brick Church Building and that a meeting of Parishioners be called for Tuesday evening, the 14th December in connection with same".

Although this motion received unanimous support from the Committee Members present, there is unfortunately, no available record of a meeting being held or of any action being taken to implement the motion. But from reading of further committee minutes of a later date it would appear that the suggestion of raising funds was swallowed by the urgent need of the Parish, as a whole, in building a Rectory in another area and in this work Oatley would have to share. This need was quite a controversial issue as more than one church area in the different suburbs comprising our then large parish was desirous of having the Rectory built in the proximity of its own church.

An interesting item, worthy of mention here, is contained in the minutes of the Church Committee Meeting of July 4th, 1927, concerning the lovely stained glass window in the Old Church Sanctuary, when the chairman the Rev. J. P. Dryland reported the receipt of a telegram stating that the frame of the new memorial window - a memorial " To the Glory of God, and in Loving Memory of our Dear Son and Brother, Corporal Frederick Fletcher, who was killed in action in France, aged 22 years" had been broken in transit to St. Paul's and that the makers were repairing it, ready for installation during the following week. With the distinct possibility in the very near future of the demolition of the Church, earnest consideration must be given to the preservation of this memorial window in an appropriate position within our own Church buildings.

With thoughts of the future once again "The Church Messenger" of June, 1934 in its "round the Churches" columns reported "A Building Committee has now been established to organise and place on a lasting basis the New Church Building Fund, which was opened at our (St. Paul's) last Vestry Meeting," but unfortunately no Committee names are mentioned. This proposal does not appear to have gathered much momentum, a fact that was almost certainly due to the urgent need of providing additional accommodation at St. Paul's for Sunday School purposes. There then followed two years of planning and financing for extensions to the rear of the Church to provide the much needed additional accommodation for Sunday School, Church Meetings and Social functions.

While still £20 short of the required target the Church Committee decided to proceed forthwith, acting in faith for the success of a special appeal, a faith that proved to be fully justified as sufficient funds (£159.11.1) was donated for the completion of both the extension and the lining. The project was completed, much of it by voluntary labour during 1936, and was dedicated by Bishop Edward Wilton on September 13th of that year.

A Twentieth Anniversary Souvenir Brochure, 1924 - 1944, highlighting the 20 years of progress since the Parish of Mortdale, Penshurst, Oatley, Peakhurst and Hurstville Grove separated from the Parish of Hurstville, in an article entitled "A Glance Forward", contained among other cryptic 'Looking - forwards', a reminder of the task ahead in the years to come - St. Paul's, Oatley, A NEW PERMANENT CHURCH TO BE BUILT!"

During the aforesaid years, it should be recorded, and it does so appear from the small items scattered throughout the Minute Books, that various Ladies' Organizations of St. Paul's played a more than powerful role in the life of the Church both spiritually and financially. Financially in raising of funds for stipend, church furniture and additions, such as replacing the opaque windows glass with coloured glass. Perhaps it would be well to write that this work of the Ladies was performed by various groups of Ladies - there were several different Church Groups of Ladies and it sometimes rather difficult to be certain which particular group is referred to. Certain it is that it refers to Ladies' Groups.

For some years there is but scanty information as to the actual work of the Building Fund Committee, but from information available in the Minute Book of St. Paul's Church Committee recording New Church Funds being invested in War Savings Bonds or of money being loaned interest free to other Church purposes, would certainly seem to indicate some New Building Fund activity at last.

During the late 1940's there was much discussion and debate as to whether a new Church or Hall should be constructed. Some former parishioners of those days are of the opinion that a Church would have been built but that higher Church authorities favoured the building of a Hall. There is also a suggestion that post-war building restrictions may have had something to do with question. As far as the Parish appeared to

be concerned, and they were apparently backed by the Rector, the general-parishioners feeling was for a new church.

At a meeting of the Church Committee on the 7th August, 1950 a plan of St. Faith's Church of England Narrabeen, was submitted and overwhelmingly favoured. But despite this enthusiasm, the following month witnessed the issue of a new Hall again coming to the fore, only to face rather interminable discussions, meetings, plans, rescissions of motions and so on, which, allied with certain post-war restrictions resulted in little headway being made in the building of extensions to the Kindergarten Hall, or in the furthering of plans for a new church or hall.

Then on the 21st April, 1952 the Annual Vestry Meeting recommended to the incoming Church Committee that the Church be moved to the rear of the block, facing Neville Street, that a small extension be made to the Hall at the rear, and that planning should proceed for a New Church to be erected on the corner of the block, with a Rectory to be built later facing Rosa Street. On an approach being made to Diocesan authorities by the Church Committee the Archbishop immediately vetoed the extensions to the Hall and recommended again the erection of a new brick Hall, and not a New Church, this latter project of a Church being move favoured by the Rector and Committee.

At a special meeting on the 3rd November, 1952 a architect's preliminary plan for a Church was presented and the Wardens were authorised to proceed with its implementation as soon as possible, with a New Church Building Committee to be elected in the new year.

The Meeting to implement this motion was held on the 27th February, 1953 in the presence of the Rev. S. N. Paddison, Mesdames Phillips, Murray, Swinfield, Adams, Noble, Havilah, Byron; and Messrs. E. Lawson, W. Swinfield, J. Derwent, G. Rashbrooke, G. Kendall, P.Clark, - Davis, G. Brown, A. Tobitt, C. Bunting - all these being delegates from the Church Committee and from all Church Organizations. As a result of this meeting a strong Committee was elected with Vice-Presidents Mr. G. Kendall and His Honour Justice Nield, Secretary Miss. I. Scutt, Minute-Secretary Mr. E. Lawson and Treasurer Mr. P. Clark together with a Committee of all present. In the words of the constitution of this Committee it was clearly stated that all funds raised were for the purpose of building a new brick church with money to be raised by means of Social Evenings and Functions, Concerts, Paper Drives, the issue of £50 Certificates spread over a period of 10 years, sales of paper bricks etc., but it was specifically stated that under no circumstances were raffles or any other games of chance to be used as a medium of fund raising.

Steady progress would appear to have been made and at September, 1954's N.C.B.F. Meeting, at the urgent request of the Wardens of St. Paul's, the constitution of the N.C.B.F. was changed to enable certain future money raised to be legally diverted to assist in the purchase of a Rectory, now required for Oatley's coming new Status as a Parochial District in 1955.

The N.C.B.F. Committee continued to operate enthusiastically and with some considerable success until mid-1956, when, to quote from the Secretary's Annual Report of that year, that lack of interest on the part of the members of St' Paul's Church; when the average attendance at Committee Meetings had dwindled to only six; and when one meeting had lapsed through lack of a quorum, there seems little hope of building a new church.

Another difficulty facing the N.C.B.F. at this time and one that certainly posed certain problems was to be found in the change of emphasis from the then generally accepted and somewhat former traditional methods of fund raising by means of dances, fetes etc. to the more Christian acceptable methods of faith offerings and tytheing. At that period, with enthusiasm apparently at a low ebb on the part of many who did

not wish to become fully involved or committed, and with no new scheme for raising funds, it was resolved at the meeting of July, 1956, when there was an attendance of 9 committee members, that the Committee should recess until February, 1957. There is no record in the minute book of the N.C.B.F. Committee or in Parish Council Minutes of this or any other meeting having been held.

But in all fairness it should be said that despite the halt in the fund-raising for a new church building, the present day congregation has much to thank those who worked for this purpose during the 1940's and up to 1956 for when the New Church Building discussion was re-opened in 1963 it was pleasant to realise that there was a credit balance in the N.C.B.F. of some little under £2000, quite a little nest-egg on which to build. This money was invested in War Savings Bonds and quite a considerable sum had been loaned interest free to Riverwood-Narwee Parish and to our own various Church Funds, all money to be available when required.

And so matters rested until the Vestry Meeting of 2nd May, 1960 the Rev. Rix Warren, in his Annual Report kindled the glowing embers of the dream of a new St' Paul's Church - embers which, after a rather comparatively slow awakening and fanned by an ever-growing enthusiastic band of visionaries, yet by necessity, realists, finally caused this dream to burst into flame to become our lovely modern A-frame Church of St. Paul's, of today. And the words that brought about this re-awakening and revival were those of the Rector's in his report. "In the work of God there is always room for increased giving, and one is reminded that, unless we are increasing our giving, the work of St. Paul's and beyond is not going to progress as it should. We are approaching our 50th Anniversary and we hope to make some definite advance with regard to our new Church Building at this Jubilee Time. It is right that we lay primary emphasis on Spiritual progress and results, but it is also necessary that we provide ourselves with an improved Church Building which will not only meet the need for additional accommodation, but will also furnish us with a Church structure in keeping with our aim in life to provide the best we can, for God.

"In the material, as well as in the Spiritual realm, we must look to Him. In whatever sphere we serve Him, we should remember that He will supply all our need according to His riches in Glory through Christ Jesus."

"As we face another year together, there is a verse of Scripture that I think we should keep in mind with regard to every aspect of worship for the extension and Glory of His Kingdom:-"

Psalm 127:1 "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

We are now virtually at the stage of the last vital beginning of our new Church, though, as aforesaid, the "glowing embers" were not yet ready for sparking and almost two years were to elapse before real progress became apparent.

Much deep thought has gone to the question in the writer's mind as to how the final stage of this chapter should be written, whether a series of bald statements should be made that a decision was made to build our Church, that tenders were called and the contract signed on a certain day, that the Foundation Stone was laid on such and such a day, that it was dedicated and consecrated on.... and so on. For better or for worse the decision has been made, that although what follows will be more or less well known to many of us, much of it will be but hazily remembered, and also because there are many among our younger and newer worshippers at St. Paul's who do not have knowledge of the history of it all. So right or wrong this history will be at this place by and large, a chronological account with some necessary, though limited commentaries of

the life of our New Church from its 1960-1961 re-birth following Rev. Rix Warren's stirrings in his above quoted report to Parishioners on May 2nd, 1960 to the Consecration Service of 7th September, 1975. The writer further assures his readers that in this section someone is sure to read something which they consider might be questioned, for the writer himself rediscovered several things that he should have queried if mentioned by someone else. An assurance is given that all is from written minutes and reports. There will be occasions when certain names will be mentioned but this will be necessary and not to draw attention away from the hosts of others who play a worthy Christian role in achieving our newer House of God.

1960. May 2nd. Rev. Rix Warren's Report to Vestry Meeting to re-awaken interest in building a New Church.

Aug 2nd. Parish Council decision to reform New Church Building Fund Committee. (N. C. B. F. C.)

Sept 6th. N.C.B.F.C. appointed by Parish Council to investigate the building of a New Church.  
Committee: Rector (Rev Warren), Wardens (Messrs. Stidston, Pearsall, McLennan)  
Secretary (Mr. Ashton) and Treasurer (Mr W. Earl) with powers to co-opt. )

1961. May 2nd N.C.B.F.C. with Parish Council approval, made an interest free loan of £350. from accumulated funds to the struggling Riverwood-Narwee Parish to be available on request.

No records whatsoever are available during 1961 and up to late 1962 as to any Committee action or report, but from reading of Parish Council Minutes it would appear etc. at other that involvement in somewhat heavy expenses for the installation of sewerage both Church and Rectory and other demands prevented any positive drive for funds, and hence cancelled out any need for immediate building investigations.

1962. Oct 16th Parish Council decision to investigate existing Church accommodation and to plan with regard to future building, but MOST IMPORTANTLY, it was required that a monthly report be made to Parish Council.

Nov 13th Reported that accommodation in St. Paul's was adequate for the present. Wardens to access. The Rector again stressed the desirability of a definite building scheme.

Dec 11th Future planning placed in the hands of Wardens (Messrs. Pearsall, Chiswell, Milham), Secretary (Mr. Austen) and Treasurer (Mr. W. Earl), to meet and report within three months.

1963. Feb 12th Committee to meet Archdeacon Begbie to discuss loan procedures.

May 2nd Secretary reported to Parish Council giving a brief resume of visit and interview with Archdeacon Begbie dealing principally with desirability of reducing seating accommodation from 400 to about 200-250 and Parish procedures for authorization of loans, approval of plans and specifications etc. His suggestion to visit certain new churches.

Apr 4th Prior to this meeting the Wardens (Messrs. Pearsall, Hurford & Austen) together with Messrs. Stidston, Deasey & Leask visited Normanhurst and Sylvania Churches.

Decision to reconstitute N.C.B.F.C. of Wardens, Secretary (Mr. Austen) with Messrs. Havilah & Leask co-opted.

May 21st Parish Councils accepts Committee's recommendation re 200 accommodation and instruct Architect Mr. Allen Patterson to proceed with preliminary plans.

July 9th Council approves submission of proposed Church plans to Diocesan Architectural Panel. Building Committee to submit plans to Parish Council of financial ways and means of raising Church Building Funds.

Aug 1st Council accepts N.C.B. Committee's recommendation to accept in principle Bank of N.S.W.'s (Penshurst Branch) tentative loan offer and to call a meeting of Parishioners to enable a presentation to them of all aspects of the New Church Building, -Scriptural

#### Approach

(Rev. R. Warren); Church Plans (Mr. W. Pearsall); Financial Position (Mr. N. Austen) and Methods of raising Funds (Mr. J. Stidston).

Sept 11th Parishioners' Meeting enthusiastically endorse Council's acceptance of N.C.B.C.'s recommendations, asking Council to proceed with Church Building Project at the earliest possible date. Previously Rev. Warren had addressed the Meeting much along the lines of his previously recorded Report to the 1960 Vestry Meeting. Mr. W. Pearsall exhibited the Architects Plans answering many questions re accommodation, general layout, lighting and placement on the site. He also discuss at some length Council's favouring the approach to the following the general appearance of the Normanhurst Church, and to why newer thoughts were being given to the original proposal to build an the corner of the site. Mr. Austen gave estimated costs at £17.000 repayable in 10 years @ 5.5% reducible day to day. With £2.000 in the Building Fund £3.000 was required to meet the required deposit of £5.000. He also submitted detailed figures requiring 50 shares of £60.00 each payable at will over a period of two years to raise the Deposit needed. These shares to be covenanted for by the shareholders taking out full or fractional shares, based on 37 family Shares, and 13 Shares from fractional covenanters. Figures were also given to the meeting indicating that a continuation of these covenants after the two year period would redeem the total loan itself within 10 years. Mr. Austen also submitted a suggested covenant form to enable the Bank Manager to make a realistic recommendation to his Head Office when forwarding our loan application. Mr. Stidston followed this matter of finance suggesting many practical means of arranging personal finances.

Sept 12th Parish Council Secretary, Mr. Austen appointed Secretary-Treasurer of N.C.B.F. with specific instructions to receive Parishioner-Covenants, to record promised amounts only, and to destroy covenants forms, as recommended by the meeting of Sept. 11th and as accepted by the Bank Manager. Council further instructed Secretary to authorise the printing of special Church Building Envelopes ready for distribution the first Sunday.

- Oct 2nd This month saw an advanced step into this project in Faith, a Faith that has been more than justified in the early fulfillment of our project. The matter of Church Boxes was left in the hands of Mr. Leask. A car drive to Normanhurst Church was also organised.
- This period was devoted to general organisation, discussion of plans and materials etc, with architect and generally consolidating the position during the concluding month of Rev. Warren's ministry, and the period of awaiting the arrival of Rev. George Robinson from England.
- 1964 Oct 4th Special Meeting of Parishioners authorised Parish Council to proceed with building plans, to call tenders when all legal requirements had been fulfilled, and to forward a letter to all within the Parish so informing them.
- Nov 12th Resolution to Council was accepted that old Church of St. Paul's be moved to northern side of the site facing Rosa Street as Council had been unable to purchase the adjoining to enable the New Church to be erected on the site corner.
- Dec 3rd Parish Council discussed at great length the N.C.B. Committee's recommendation to accept our Architect's Scheme for future development of the Rosa-Neville Streets' Church site, a plan embodying a three-stage development of the Church, Hall and two-storey Rectory, which was later approved in principle by Diocesan Architectural Panel and Kogarah Municipal Council in Council and Diocesan correspondence of November and December of 1964. Stage one (1) to be proceeded with as early as possible.
- 1965 Feb 18th Secretary-Treasurer reported finance now showed a Credit of £4,198 and that the question of Neville Street alignments of proposed New Church had been agreed to by Kogarah Council as requested.
- July 13th Church Plans approved by Diocesan Architectural.
- Oct 21st Diocesan Ordinance prepared and Tenders called.
- Dec 2nd Tender of W. H. Payne for £20,157 accepted.
- Dec 2nd Formal application made to Bank for Loan; Committee of Rector (Rev G. Robertson), Secretary (Mr. N. Austen), Messrs. Deasey, Robertson, Derwent and Noakes to meet Standing Committee on December 20th. Move to Name Church a "Memorial Church" defeated by 5 votes to 4.
- Dec 28th Loan of £15,000 approved by Bank of N.S.W. Delegates met Standing Committee on the 20th December where Ordinance 46, St. Paul's, Oatley, Variation of Trust and Mortgage was accepted with the Archbishop's assent. Building Contract signed by all parties. Kogarah Council approved all working plans and specifications. With a number of larger accounts already paid N.C.B.F. now stands at £5.663.
- 1966 June 4th Setting of the foundation Stone of the New St. Paul's Church of England, Oatley by the Right Reverend A. J. Dain, Bishop Coadjutor of Sydney in the presence of over 500.
- June 14th Parish Council accepts the offer of Mr. Douglas Cross M.L.A. and former Mayor of Kogarah, to landscape forefront of the new Church Site.

Nov 5th The Opening and Dedication of St. Paul's, Oatley by The Most Reverend M. L. Loane, M.A. ,  
D.D. , Archbishop of Sydney, accompanied by the Venerable H.G.S. Begbie, B.A. ,  
Archdeacon of Cumberland and Registrar, in the presence of over 800.

Nov 17th Decision to purchase Miller Organ at a cost of £1688.

1968 Feb 2nd Little progress made in clearing organ debt. Council decided that use be made of a Bank  
Overdraft, Such Overdraft being covered by six guarantors.

1970 Feb 19th Donation of £500 allowed final payment on Organ overdraft.

1975 June 30th Final payment on N.C.B.F. Loan made to the Bank of N.S.W. many months in advance of the  
anticipated loan period.

Sept 7th Consecration of the Parish Church of St. Paul's, Oatley. by the Most Reverend M.L. LOANE,  
D.D. , Archbishop of Sydney, accompanied by other Church Dignatories.

FURNITURE It should be recorded that with very few exceptions all the furniture within the New Church  
has been a Memorial Gift or a Private Gift. Following Parish Council Precedent of  
recent years these gifts are acknowledged by a simple plaque inscribed " To the Glory of  
God ", " and in Memory of.....", or " To the Glory of God A Gift." without any  
acknowledgement of Donor.

Let us now depart from our considerations of chronological highlights and in spite of the title of this  
chapter and somewhat enforced materialistic work-a-day approach and handling of this subject, where the  
wording of this chapter must of necessity be mainly concerned with the statement of bald facts if one is to  
give a clear and precise account of the day to day doings of the N.C.B.F. Committee. Throughout our project in  
planning for the New St. Paul's, we were ever conscious of the hand of the Lord in all our deliberations,  
forever guiding and directing the thoughts and actions of His earthly servants as they humbly and prayerfully  
planned to meet and handle each developing crisis. We must acknowledge that we, who were deeply  
involved in the New Church project, were at times, "thrown down", frustrated and despondent. Finances  
seemed to lag behind budget needed. But it always proved to be our frailties that gave the fault. The N.C.B.F.  
and P.C. neglected to carry out a former decision a decision we knew God had placed on our hearts. So we  
took to reporting fully to the Parish every three years in order to reassess and rededicate ourselves to God.  
Whenever we returned as the Prodigal Son - God again set things right. He has lovingly brought us to this - His  
day of consecration of St. Paul's.

But to continue the trend of the earlier thought that brought about the beginnings of the previous  
paragraph, it would also be wrong, if, besides neglecting to consider our crisis, our 'Back-slidings' and our  
return to the way of the Lord, we neglected to consider other aspects of building and maintenance in  
connection with St. Paul's.

Consideration, if only very brief, has already been given to extensions to the former St. Paul's and to  
heavy financial involvement in the installation of sewerage to both church and rectory. One must think also of  
the task of planning, financing, and of many 'working bees' involved in the acquisition of the Kindergarten  
Sunday School Hall in 1959, and in its erection, additional improvements and maintenance. Nor one must  
overlook the guidance received and the response given by the Lord's people when the call came for the need

to provide a Rectory as a pre-requisite to our successful petition for Parochial District Status, resulting in the purchase of the Rosa Street Rectory for the sum £3,300 in 1955, so that now with additional expenditure of over £10,000 on extensions and improvements over the succeeding years on our Rectory we now own a property conservatively valued at £45,000.

In the matter of our N.B.C.F. we acknowledge our debt to those of the past as well as the present, including folk who have remained involved though now residing in other areas and others, recently come, who have willingly entered into the responsibility.

THE PROVISIONAL DISTRICT, THE PAROCHIAL DISTRICT

THE PROVISIONAL PARISH and THE PARISH OF OATLEY

Chapter 5.

THE MEN WHO GUIDED ST. PAUL'S. - REV. REGINALD W. HANLON.

When Oatley and Oatley West became separate identities in 1955, our Church District became known as The Provisional District of St. Paul's, Oatley from March 18th, 1955 to be followed some days later with the Recognition and Introduction of the Rev. Reginald W. Hanlon, Th.L. , as Curate -in-Charge by the Ven. S.H. Denman, L. Th., Archdeacon of Cumberland on March 30th.

Although there was great joy and satisfaction among Parishioners with St. Paul's becoming at long last a new identity in its own right, and having a Minister of their own, this young Curate had quite a difficult task, though withal a most rewarding ministry, as he steered, led, directed and encouraged this new Provisional District as it strove to justify its newly acquired status allowing it to plan, and under the guidance of the Lord, to decide its own future.

Rev. Hanlon remained as Curate-in-Charge until 1959 when he accepted the Rectorship of St. Stephen's, Mittagong, later serving with C.M.S. in the Diocese of Nakura, Kenya and returning to Sydney in 1965 as Rector of St. Paul's, Chatswood.

His ministry at Oatley was characterised by an earnest zeal and fervour to weld Oatley Parish, ( for so long one of a number of various Sister-Churches sometimes loosely, of tomes contraversally linked in a series of gradually reducing Parish areas) into a strongly Christian self-governing and viable Parish unit.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THESE YEARS 1955-1959.

During this ministry and encouraged by Rev. Hanlon. St. Paul's adopted free-will offerings as the only method of Church Financing, a faith giving method that has permeated the work of St. Paul's to this day.

The need for a Parish Hall was again raised by the Rector on the 7th November, 1956 but did not become an accomplished fact until early months of 1959.

The inaugural meeting of St. Paul's World Missionary Council was held on the 27th February, 1957 and a scheme of percentage allocation to various Mission Groups was confirmed, such to be done annually. The following Council Members were elected:- Miss. I. Scutt (Secretary), Mr. A. W. Earl (Treasurer), Misses. Rorrison, D. Dunsmore, Mrs. A. W. Earl, R. Earl, Mrs. B. Parkins, Mesdames, K. Earl, Havilah, Woodhill, McLean, Byrnr and Messers. B. Chiswell, Hawkes, Ashton, Byrne.

Provisional Parish status was granted on 2nd October. 1957 when the Venerable H. Gordon Begbie advised Synod that the P. T. Committee had so recommended.

Early morning Services of Holy Communion instituted for each Sunday.

Members of Parish Council rostered for the first time to assist Wardens at all services.

Use of Duplex Offertory envelopes introduce during 1959.

During the second half of 1959 Rev. Hanlon accepted the Rectorship of St. Stephen's Mittagong and he and his wife (Shirley) must surely have taken up their life at Mittagong with enthusiasm strengthened with the knowledge and confidence of a first work for the Lord at St. Paul's well done.

### THE REV. SAMUEL R. WARREN.

On September 4th, 1959 Bishop H. G. S. Begbie instituted the Rev. Samuel R. Warren into the Provisional Parish of St. Paul's, Oatley as Curate-in-Charge.

Rev. Rix Warren and Mrs. Warren (Irma) had both served over five years as Missionaries at Groote Eylandt (Gulf of Carpentaria) where Rix served as C.M.S. Chaplin and where Mrs. Warren found her training as a triple certified Nursing Sister invaluable. Missionaries at heart these two endeared themselves to so many of us at Oatley, and after a most valuable Christian pastoral ministry among us for five years until 1964, they returned to the Missions Field with S.A.M.S. in the Republica Argentina, South America. Here their missionary zeal and their hard-earned Spanish language, together with their characteristic enthusiasm, are undoubtedly reaping the harvest of the Souls for the Lord.

During the years of this ministry the foundation laid by our first Curate were consolidated and considerable outreach was achieved.

Some of the more important highlights of this period are here listed (though certainly not all of them)

Missionary Giving increased to become a major outreach of St. Paul's though it is to be regretted that individual personal involvement among Parishioners was not always apparent, and so even today the position is the same, with gifts being tithed as shown by the State of Missionary finance, but without the involvement.

Rev. Warren's words in his Vestry Meeting report of 1960 re-awakened a former dream from as far back as 1926 the dream of a new brick Church.

The Open-Air Witness of 1961 in St. Paul's Golden Anniversary Year, or as it was generally called the "Jubilee Year". and in November, St. Paul's Jubilee Crusade.

Active participation in the inauguration of a Rural Deanery Chaplaincy to St. George Hospital, a project still supported by St. Paul's.

Stirrings re the desirability of becoming a Parish as early as Parish Council was satisfied of the viability of the increased status.

### REV. GEORGE ROBINSON

Early in July 1964 the Rev. George Robinson accepted an invitation from the Archbishop of Sydney to come to Oatley. Thus it came that the Rev. George Robinson accompanied by Mrs. Robinson (Esme) and Family left St. Clement's, Parkstone, in the Diocese of Salisbury, England to be instituted as Curate-in-Charge of St. Paul's by Bishop H.G.S. Begbie on the 13th August, 1964, to fill the Curacy that had been vacant for almost five months since his predecessor had resigned to join S.A.M.S.

His contribution to the work of our Lord in Oatley was a vital cheerful and inspiring Christian teaching ministry and outreach. His was a teaching ministry that permeated, not only his preaching, but also his outreach into his every day-to-day activities and contacts throughout the Parish. In addition he brought the necessary enthusiasm, energetic drive and practical knowledge, gained in his pre-Ministry years, to become a most active participant in bringing to fruition our former Curate's reborn dream of a newer St. Paul's.

During his time at St. Paul's, Rev. Robinson was largely responsible for the following innovations:-

Re-activation of Guest Services with individual responsibility for introducing friends and others to this service.

Re-inauguration of St. Paul's Men's Fellowship, a Fellowship which throughout the history of St. Paul's has the capacity to operate most vigorously, apparently both socially and spiritually, with excellent programs and

opportunities for corporate participation, only to suddenly fade away into apparent insignificance, and once again after many, many months of seemingly true Christian Fellowship.

George was certainly a 'stirrer' of the Leaders of the various Church Organizations and had the capacity to keep in touch.

He re-vitalised 10.30am Morning Services with Church Organizations' Parades, and with a line up of visiting speakers, and a special services for Educational Week, together with Missionary Week-ends.

He used his bright personality and persuasiveness and was most adept in 'gathering-in' congregations.

#### REV. JOHN HAYNES.

Early in July 1967 the Rev. George Robinson accepted an invitation to the vacant Cure of St. David's, Willoughby, Archbishop offered St. Paul's Curacy to the Rev. Walter John Haynes. Although urgently in need of extended sick leave Rev. Haynes came from St. Matthews, West pennant Hills, to our Parish to be inducted into the Provisional Parish of Oatley on the 14th September, 1967 by Bishop Graham R. Delbridge, now Bishop Gippsland, Victoria. A gentle kindly Christian, ably supported by Mrs. Haynes, his brief few months with us, due to illness, did not allow the real impact of his special personality and ability to be absorbed into the Parish. We are nevertheless deeply indebted to him and his family for his contribution to the continued growth within our Parish.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Haynes had served as C.M.S. Missionaries in the Dioceses of West Szechwan (China) during 1943-1945 and with their family had suffered great privations in common with other Europeans, especially those serving in the Mission Fields, during the Communist uprisings in China, privations from which John has not fully recovered. As aforesaid it was because of this that John remained with us but for a few short months when he was forced to take sick leave, staying with us in the Rectory for some months, until the imminent arrival of his successor, but unable to participate in work of the Parish any longer. He was finally compelled to take extended leave and seek another position in life from April, 1958.

He was indeed a warm hearted man, sympathetic and thoughtful, who endeared himself to those who came to know him truly and recognise his worth as a Servant of the Lord. His short term at St. Paul's was a calm and serene one for he paid careful attention to procedures, but his stay was too short for impact other than a recognition and a loving remembrance of a calm, loving, steadfast Christian pastoral care in all he said and did.

#### REV. LAURENCE J. LOVELL B. A.

After seven months of facing the difficulties of a vacant Curacy We at St. Paul's were happy to welcome a new Rectory Family from England.

The Rev. L. J. Lovell B.A. accompanied by his wife Dr, Mary Lovell, and their three (soon to become four) sons arrived from St. Keverne, where he was serving as Vicar, in the Diocese of Trure, England. He was inducted as Curate-in-Charge of the Provisional Parish of St. Paul's, Oatley on the 20th October, 1968 by the Archdeacon Graham R. Delbridge Th. Sch. Archdeacon of Cumberland, before a congregation of over 200 parishioners.

At the First Session of the 37th Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in October, 1972 after quite a battle of speeches, the Provisional Parish of St. Paul's, Oatley became the Parish of St. Paul's Oatley by an overwhelming majority. This status was confirmed as from 1st November, 1972.

On December 24th of that year, an overcrowded Church witnessed our Curate-in-Charge officially become the Rector of the new Parish of St. Paul's, Oatley at a service of Institution and Induction conducted by the Ven. A.D. Cameron, Archdeacon of Cumberland.

The Rev. Laurence Lovell B.A. and his wife Mary ( a doctor of medicine) have definitely won a place in the hearts of the people of Oatley - both within and without the orbit of St. Paul's. The Lord has given them an extensive ministry of counseling and help among the social problems abounding in the world today. To their rectory door came callers and calls from far afield as well as from Oatley. Folk in need from many denominations call for moral and spiritual support and advice, and help is never denied them.

Our Rector is not strictly a "traditional" cleric and his spontaneity keeps us alert and active - not all of us always agreeing, but loving him and admiring his sincerity and his stand. A capable preacher he has a remarkable gift for "fitting" the word to his hearers and driving home the point.

In 1973 the Rector inaugurated the 9.30a.m Family Service in order to familiarise the Sunday School children with the Church Service and also to provide a convenient time of worship to parents of these children as well as others. On each 3rd Sunday this Service also includes baptisms. For 30 minutes the Senior Primary Sunday School Classes take their places in the Church, and then depart to their Sunday School with their Teachers for 45 minutes, while the Rector takes his sermon and concludes the Service. In this Service the Rector places great stress on congregation participation. Certain it is that these Sermons are not 'lullabies' for not so wide awake listeners might be unexpectedly stirred to find themselves without a ready response. This service can be quite an exhilarating experience for even a wrong or unexpected response provides our versatile Rector with an opportunity to digress from his well planned address and to take advantage of the point raised - a task which he, is able to do with great skill. Truly he teaches us of the Lord God and His Promises with the need for 'personal involvement' the 'key word' of his ministry.

At the time of Rev. Lovell's arrival at St. Paul's the Parish had completed two years of the 10 - Year New Church Building Loan repayments plan, and now our Church is paid for and we are free of any debt whatsoever well ahead of the projected time. In this matter the Rector has played an important role as always in such ventures, there arose periods of deep concern over finances, the Rector was always to the forefront proclaiming the work of the Lord, and encouraging the principles of tithing and commitment.

As a result of his desire for personal involvement of all who profess a love of our Lord, Laurence has made good use of his Lay Readers' and Lay Assistants - a move strongly endorsed throughout the Parish. During the past two years he has also played a major role in encouraging menfolk to participate in the work of the Navigators.

In truth these years have been a real teaching and pastoral ministry as well as being of growth and consolidation. The Rector has long encouraged and urged a Plan for Parish Caring, and we believe we are seeing a new growth in love and concern for others.

Before concluding this chapter tribute must be paid to a number of clergy who have brought the Gospel message to us when we were without the service of our own ministers during holidays or other absences. Those clerics to whom we are indeed grateful include the name of one of our own former boys of St. Paul's, Rev. John Chapman, and others are Rev. Reg. Piper, Rev. Ross Saunders, Rev. Roy Gray.

#### REVS. GUMLEY & KENDERDINE.

It would certainly be vary remiss of this history if it failed to say that during the inter-regnum periods that occurred in 1964 and again in 1968, periods of four and seven months respectively, following the curacies of the Revs. Warren and Haynes our Parish was singularly blessed in being privileged to meet two fine Christian gentlemen, both of them long retired clergymen, the late Rev. C. Gumley and the late Rev. C.T.

Kenderdine. Both were kindly, humble, sympathetic and understanding clerics, wise in the ways of mankind, well versed in the Scriptures, true disciples of the Lord, experienced in handling problems of mankind, and ever ready to advise and give a helping hand where and when needed. Bishop Dain could not have made a better choice than of these two gentlemen; whom he sent to St. Paul's.

The following information concerning our Ministers at St. Paul's is taken from 'The Clerical Directory' of the 1975 'Year Book of the Diocese of Sydney'.

**HANLON,** Reginald William. Moore Theol. Coll., Syd., and Th. L. (2nd Cl Hons), 1954; Moore Coll. Diploma (2nd Cl. Hons.), 1955; D. 1955, P. 1955, by Archbp. of Syd.,; C.I.C. St. Paul's Oatley 1955-1959; R. St. Stephen's, Mittagong, 1959-61; with C.M.S. 1961-65 (Dio. of Nakuru, Kenya); R. St. Paul's, Chatswood from 1965.

**WARREN,** Samuel Richard Alan. Moore Theol. Coll., Syd., and Th. L., 1952; D. 1952, by Archbp. of Syd.; C. of St. Clement's, Marrickville, 1952-1954; Ghapl. C.M.S. Groote Eylandt, Aust., 1954-59; a C.I.C. Prov. Par. St. Paul's, Oatley, 1959-64; with S.A.M.S. from 1964.

**ROBINSON,** George. H.N.C. (Mech), 1959; Oak Hill Theol. Coll., Lond., 1959; D. 1961; Sarum P. 1962; C. St. Clement's, Parkstone (Dio. of Salisbury), 1961-64; C.I.C. St. Paul's, Oatley, 1964-1967; R. St. Stephen's, Willoughby, from 1967.

**HAYNES.** Walter John. Ridley Coll., Melb., 1942; Th. L., 1942; D. & P. 1943, Sydney; C. St. Clement's, Marrickville, 1943-45; C.M.S. Missionary (Dio of W. Szechwan), 1945-56; R Emmanuel Church, Lawson, 1951-54; Absent on Leave, 1954-56; B.F.B.S. in S. Aust. 1956-60; R. St. Saviour's, Punchbowl, 1960-64; C.I.C. Prov. Dist. of St. Matthew's, West Pennant Hills, 1964-67; C.I.C. Prov. Par. St. Paul's, Oatley, 1967-68; On leave, 1968-69; G. L. from 1969.

**LOVELL,** Laurence. St. David's Coll., Lampeter, B.A., 1954; Tyndale Hall, Bristol, D. 1956, P. 1957, Rochester; C. Penge, 1956-60; Illogan, 1960-63; V. St. Keverne, Dio. Truro, 1963-1968; C.I.C. St. Paul's, Oatley, Dio. Sydney, from 1968. R. from 1972.

## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS OF ST. PAUL'S, OATLEY - PAST AND PRESENT.

### Chapter 6.

This the last chapter of this short history has been constantly in my thoughts as I researched the pages of the past for little information came to light of the real activities of many Church Organizations that must have worked within the framework of St. Paul's.

There is to be found only very meagre references to these groups. (Be they spiritual or practical working organizations), despite my conning the pages of Parish Council Minute Books and in Church Publications. Added to this is the fact that most such organizations there is almost complete absence of records except brief reports to Annual Vestry Meetings.

It would be right to say that the significant part played by Church Organizations and their Leaders both past and present, has so often been unheralded, often unseen and certainly almost always unsung. Generally, when mentioned in Minutes, Group activities were lightly glossed over by the merest mention of some highlight, while in cases of financial assistance to the Parish there was often merely a statement of money being gratefully received.

As these words are being written and pondered over it would seem that the only procedure open is to write a list of organizations pre-1954 and post-1954, using the year of our area becoming an identity in its own right as the border.

**PRE-1954:-** Although there were probably other organizations at St. Paul's, the first ' Minute Book' mention of a Church Group was that of a CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE when at a Committee Meeting of 18th June, 1916 the terms of reference were "that, because of certain unseemly behavior, the Church Lads' Brigade be debarred from use of the Church and that the Rector and Wardens convey this decision to the Group". Ah, well! Perhaps boys were always boys and such actions are not necessarily the prerogative of today.

Here are some 'St. PAUL'S FIRST', i.e. Where it can be discovered that the specific organization met for the first time.

10. 1. 1912 St. Paul's Church Choir. Mrs. Williamson being both Choir-mistress and Organist.
8. 2. 1916 Church Lads' Brigade.
2. 2. 1916 Sunday School. This is a difficult one and it is questionable if this was the first Sunday School. I Favour that this reference is to an overflow of pupils being accommodated on the verandah of some home.
14. 3. 1916 St. Paul's Tennis Club.
19. 5. 1926 Mother's Union. The President, the late Mrs. G. Kendall Snr. travelled from the City to chair each meeting.

16. 7. 1936 Sanctuary Guild. My research indicates that this Guild is the only Church Organization that has continued uninterrupted through the intervening years.
23. 5. 1936 Church of England, St. Paul's, Fellowship. This being an under 30's group.
12. 6. 1939 Senior Fellowship.
- 1933 St. Paul's Choral and Dramatic Society. Organist Mr. V. Doultree was Conductor, with Miss. B. Allen as Producer. There are glowing references to this Group's performances of "The Messiah" (Handel) and in "Olivet to Calvary", and their invitations to sing at sister Churches.
10. 9. 1939 St. Paul's Boys' Choir. I understand that this group was under the care and baton of the Choirmaster Mr. V. Doultree, and from 'snippets' gathered here and there he held his Choir of Boys' together, a difficult task always, with frequent excursions and actually was strongly involved with the training and education of the boys in other directions than music.
- Other groups mentioned at St. Paul's: - Lady Collectors, Ladies Guild, Ladies' Parochial Association, Kookaburra Club being Youth Club associated with the work of the B.C.A., People's Union, Girls' Club, Servers' Guild, Sunday School.
- 1945 Men's Fellowship. For at least two years this Fellowship played a very active role both socially and practically, as far as can be judged from various tid-bits to be found, only to melt away as determinedly as it had first flowed.

**POST 1954:-** Church Organizations that continued to work after Oatley became a Provisional District, together with newer Groups are listed here:- Mothers' Union, Ladies' Guild, Youth Fellowship, District Visitors, New Church Building Fund Committee, St. Paul's Choir, Men's Fellowship, Girls' Friendly Society, Church of England Church of England Boys' Society, Sanctuary Guild, Girls' Brigade, St. Paul's Girls' Fellowship, Ladies Fellowship, Parish Bible Study Group, Young People's Sunday Bible Class, Adult Sunday Bible Study, Young People's Fellowship, St. Paul's Fellowship, St. Paul's World Missionary Council, Young Marrieds, Navigator Group.

Hillcrest Hospital Visitation Group For upwards of twelve years this small but most effective St. Paul's Group, on the fourth Thursday of each month, has played a vital Christian outreach to the elderly inmates of Hillcrest, taking much happiness into the restricted lives of these folk, who look forward to the opportunity of spiritual comfort, singing, companionship and small talk. Like all others Church Organizations, additional Group members would be welcomed.

**GROUPS ACTIVE 1975** and Leaders or Secretaries:-

- Sanctuary Guild.....Mrs. A. Harris
- Sunday School.....Mr. H. Fieldus ( Superintendent )
- Kindergarten Sunday School.....Mrs. J Derwent, Mrs. P. Hurford.
- St. Paul's Choir.....Mr. L. Lloyd ( Choirmaster ).
- C.E.B.S.....Mr. F. Shaw (Branch Governor) Mr. J. Duckham (Esquire Leader) Mrs. R. Shortell (Lads' Leader)
- In writing of C.E.B.S. mention must be made of Mr. J. Childs, former Leader of St. Paul's C.E.B.S., Branch Governor and now District Commissioner.
- Girls' Fellowship..... Mrs. A. W. Earl; Mrs. H. Fieldus.
- Ladies Fellowship..... Mrs. L. White, Mr. A. McCoy
- Sunday Bible Study.....Mrs. J. L. Deasey

Young People's Fellowship.....Rector

Young People's Sunday Bible Study.....Rector

'Navigator' Group. Being a Group of enthusiastic menfolk becoming highly involved with this very specialist 'OUTREACH' and a Group that promises much for St. Paul's.

SPECIAL MENTION should be made of the outstanding service given by the Ladies of St. Paul's throughout the years from 1911 to 1975. This service has been performed by our Ladies, not only as members of the various Church Organizations, but also as individuals, for example, in Catering for the serving at social functions, and in hosts of similar activities. The work of our Lord at St. Paul's would be severely handicapped in its Christian Outreach if it were not for the Ladies.

In the issues of the Parish "Messenger" 1928-1945, in my possession, In the Minutes of Church Committee and Parish Councils, and in the many Vestry Meeting Reports, names of many Ladies appear time and time again, suggesting sterling service performed by them. As these ladies are not specifically mentioned as Leaders of particular Church Groups or Organizations, it becomes difficult to name them without naming every Lady mentioned - an impracticable task. So let the reader of these pages pay silent tribute to those Ladies, both past and present, who so valiantly and selflessly served the Lord in so many different spheres of activity within and without the orbit of the Church of St. Paul's, Oatley.

## IN RETROSPECT UP TO THE PRESENT AND TO A BRIGHTER VISION OF THE FUTURE

### Chapter 7.

As the Church ( the people ) of St. Paul's pause and think back to the but dimly known years of the last century and the slightly more known earlier years of the nineteen-hundreds one can only be amazed at the faith that urged these Christian stalwarts towards the erection of Oatley's first Church where Divine Service was first held on December 2nd, 1911. Then as we look back on more than half a century of Church Life since that first Service we see many evidences of God's richest blessings upon the Church family of St. Paul's.

It is right then that we acknowledge a goodly heritage - that we thank God for the faithful work of those who came before - that we praise Him for the devoted witness of both clergy and people of the years gone by. As St. John wrote in his Gospel, Chapter 4:28. "Other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours".

Are we truly prepared to carry the burden? To do so, we, the continuing Church, must possess abundantly two qualities - that should be - NO, MUST BE self evident in the total life and witness of any truly Christian Church. These two qualities that are so desirable, so necessary? Firstly LOYALTY TO JESUS CHRIST, and secondly. LOVE TOWARDS MEN FOR OUR LORD'S SAKE. And love means, compassion, understanding, loyalty, friendship, sympathy, tenderness, listening ear, ready smile, quiet tongue, all these and many more are the qualities of LOVE.

What an important responsibility is ours then to live out continually the wondrous redeeming love of our Lord - a love given of the Holy Spirit and lived out in power of the Spirit, in service to others at home, in ever widening circles, even into the whole wide world.

If we are prepared to accept and profit from the heritage of the past, we are to show deeper love and understanding of the past, then we must play our true Christian role today, keeping before us a brighter vision of the future. If we accept the challenge it is our responsibility no Christian duty to be re-dedicate ourselves totally to the service of others.

The future of St. Paul's is dawning, even now as we read the concluding words of this chapter, the "sum" of our actions and achievements is already rising to brighten not only the present but also the future.

"Teach us good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest; to give, and not to count the cost, and not to heed the wounds; to toil, and not to seek for rest; to labour, and to ask for no reward save the joy of knowing that we do Thy will" Amen.

WHAT SHALL I RENDER UNTO THE LORD FOR ALL HIS BENEFITS TOWARDS ME?

PSALM 116:12

APPENDIX 1.

BOUNDARIES OF PARISH OF ST. PAUL'S,OATLEY.

PROVISIONAL DISTRICT OF ST. PAUL'S, OATLEY.

(The boundaries of our Parish today are the same as those described below)

R. D. St. GEORGE

Commencing at the intersection of Cronulla Railway Line with the South Western prolongation of the South Eastern side of Princess Street thence in a southerly direction by the Railway Line to Mimosa Street thence in a Westerly direction by the centre of Mimosa Street to Gungah Bay thence along the eastern foreshores of Gungah bay to the Georges River thence along the foreshores of Georges River in an Easterly direction to Oatley Bay thence along the Western shore of Oatley Bay and the North West Arm to Renown Park thence by the Eastern side of Renown Park to the centre of Judd Street thence South Westerly by the centre of that street to the centre of Colebourne Avenue thence North Westerly by the centre of the Avenue to the South Western prolongation of the rear boundary of allotments fronting the South Eastern side of Princess Street thence South Westerly by that prolongation to the Railway Line the point of commencement.

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Re-described following the formation of the Provisional District of St. Aidan, Hurstville Grove 20/2/1963.

Note: These boundaries apply for the Parish of St. Paul's, Oatley.

Appendix 2.

LIST OF CLERGY SERVING IN OATLEY.

1897. Rev. Arthur Killworth. Rector, Parish of St. George, an area from Rockdale to the George's River.
1898. Rev. E.C. Robison. Parish of St. Gorge, Hurstville.
1898. Rev. D.H. Dillon. Curate, with oversight of our area.
1898. Rev. D.H. Dillon. Rector, Parish of St. George.
1909. Rev. Dixon Hudson. Rector of Parish of St. George.  
(Rev. Dixon Hudson served here until 1933)
- 1924-1928. Rev. J.P. Dryland. Curate-in-Charge to 1925, then Rector of Provisional District and Parish of Mortdale, Penshurst, Oatley, Peakhurst, Hurstville Grove.
- 1928-1929. Rev. G.P. Birk resigned from ill-health after several months.
- 1929-1945. Rev. W.J. Siddens. Rector of Parish of Mortdale, Penshurst, Oatley, Peakhurst, Hurstville Grove, then until 1945, Rector of Mortdale and Penshurst, cum Oatley and Peakhurst, with Hurstville Grove and Oatley and to which was added Beverly Hills in 1945.  
Rev. Victor A. Evans served as Curate from 1943-1947.
- 1947-1955. Rev S. Paddison. Rector of the Parish of Mortdale, Oatley and Oatley West.

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- 1955-1959. Rev. Reg. Hanlon, Curate-in-Charge, Oatley.
- 1958-1964. Rev. Rix Warren, Curate-in-Charge, Oatley.
- 1964-1967. Rev. George Robinson, Curate-in-Charge, Oatley.
- 1967-1967. Rev. John Haynes, Curate-in-Charge, Oatley.
- 1968-1 Nov. 1972. Rev. Laurence Lovell, Curate-in-Charge, Oatley.

THE PARISH OF OATLEY - 1st NOVEMBER, 1972.

(Oatley became a Provisional Parish on the 30th September, 1957)

From 1. 11. 72 Rev. Laurence Lovell, B.A., Rector of Oatley.

CURATES SERVING SINCE 1924.

1924-1929.	Rev. H. J. Lofts.
1929-1930.	Rev. C.E.A. Reynolds.
1930-1931.	Rev. K. F. Saunders
1933-1934.	Rev. G. G. Mottram.
1936-1939.	Rev. G. Smee.
1940-1942.	Rev. N. B. Minty.
1943-1947.	Rev Victor A. Evans.
1944-1945.	Rev. G. G. Mottram.

Appendix 3

CATECHISTS AND OTHERS WHO SERVED AT ST. PAUL'S.

1927.	Mr. R. Bradbrook (Moore College)
1828.	Mr. R. F. C. Bradley (Moore College)
1928.	Mr. R. Ezzy (Moore College)
1930.	
1931.	Mr. G. Mottram (Moore College)
1932.	
1934.	
1935.	Mr. G. Smee (Moore College)
1941.	Mr. N. R. Glover (Moore College)1941.
1947.	Sister Lucy Greenwood, Deaconess.
1948.	Mr. D. Abbott (Moore College), now Staff Chaplain Eastern Command.
1950.	
1951.	Mr. A. Hayman (Moore College), now Rector of All Saints, Austinmer.
1952.	
1953.	Mr. D. Davis (Moore College), now Rector of St. Alban's, Lindfield.
1953.	
1954.	Mr. J. L. Drayton (Moore College), now C.I.C. of St. Michael's, Newport.
1954.	Mr. A. Somerville (Moore College)
1954.	Mr. J. Paul Dryland (Moore College)
1961.	Mr. J. R. Le'Huray (Moore College), now Rector of Holy Trinity, Kingsford.
1962.	
1964.	Mr. E. Carnaby (Moore College), now Secretary Inland Missions, Adelaide.
1965.	
1967.	Mr. S. Langshaw (Moore College), now Rector of St. George's, Earlwood.
1969.	

- 1971. Mr. G. Chipps (Moore College)
- 1972. Mr. R. Watts (Moore College)
- 1974. Mr. R. Haynes (Moore College)

#### Appendix 4.

##### BISHOPS WHO HAVE MINISTERED AT ST. PAUL'S, OATLEY

- 1929. Archbishop J. C. Wright, Archbishop of Sydney.
- 1931. Bishop Gerard D'Arcy Irvine, Bishop Coadjutor Diocese of Sydney.
- 1936. Bishop E. Wilton, Bishop of Melanesia.
- 1937. Bishop C. V. Pilcher, Bishop Coadjutor Diocese of Sydney.
- 1955. Bishop M. L. Loane, Diocese of Sydney.
- 1956. Archbishop H. Mowll, Archbishop of Sydney
- 1959. Bishop H. G. Begbie, Diocese of Sydney.
- 1958.
- 1960.
- 1961.
- 1962. Bishop R. C. Kerle, Bishop Coadjutor Diocese of Sydney.
- 1963. Archbishop H. Mowll, Archbishop of Sydney.
- 1964. Bishop R. C. Kerle, Bishop Coadjutor of Diocese of Sydney. Now Bishop of Armidale.
- 1965. Archbishop H. Mowll, Archbishop of Sydney.
- 1966.
- 1971. Archbishop M. Loane, Archbishop of Sydney.
- 1966. Bishop J. Dain, Bishop of Sydney, and now Assistant Bishop from 1965. Bishop Dain has ministered at St. Paul's Church on seven occasions, four of which were in 1968.
- 1967.
- 1968.
- 1970.
- 1967. Bishop G. Delbridge, Diocese of Sydney (Now Bishop of Gippsland, Victoria, ministered at St. Paul's Church twice in 1968 and also in 1952 as Archdeacon.
- 1968.

##### ARCHDEACONS WHO HAVE ALSO MINISTERED AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

- 1928. Archdeacon Wright.
- 1928. Archdeacon Woodthorpe.
- 1944. Archdeacon E. A. North.

1952. Archdeacon Bidwell.  
 1952.  
 1955. Archdeacon S. H. Denham.  
 1952. Archdeacon R. G. Fillingham.  
 1959. Archdeacon H. G. Begbie.  
 1964. Archdeacon H. G. Begbie (Archdeacon was later Bishop of Parramatta).  
 1955.  
 1967. Canon D. B. Knox, Principal of Moore College.  
 1972. Archdeacon A. D. Cameron (Now Bishop, Diocese of Sydney)

Appendix 5.

PARISHIONERS OF ST. PAUL'S WHO SERVED IN THE MINISTRY.

<u>Rev. John Chapman.</u>	Director Dept. of Evangelism B.D.M., Diocese of Sydney.
<u>Rev. T. Cuthbertson.</u>	On leave due to ill health.
<u>Archdeacon. P. Chiswell.</u>	Gunnedah, New South Wales.
<u>Rev. R. Hurford.</u>	St. John, Tisbury, Wiltshire, England.
<u>Rev. H. Robey.</u>	All Saints, Booral, Diocese of Brisbane.
<u>Rev. N Matherson.</u>	On leave from Ministry.

Appendix 6.

THOSE FROM ST. PAUL'S WHO SERVED IN THE MISSION FIELDS.

<u>Rev. &amp; Mrs. S. R. Warren.</u>	S.A.M.S. from 1964, Terrero, Capital Federal Republic Argentina.
<u>Miss. Joan Halliday.</u>	Leprosy Mission, New Guinea, Still serving.
<u>Rev. E. Carmody.</u>	Inland Mission, serving in South Australia.
<u>Rev. &amp; Mrs. R. Hanlon.</u>	Served with C.M.S., 1961-65, Diocese of Nakuru, Kenya. Rector St. Paul's, Chatswood, 1965-1975. Has accepted call to St. Mark's, West Wollongong as from Sept, 1975.
<u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. A. Tobitt.</u>	Wyclif Bible Translators, New Guinea.

Appendix 7.

CHURCH WARDENS AT ST. PAUL'S 1912-1975.

1912. Messrs. A. Shaw, (Rector's), Thompson, Stead.
1913. Mr. A. Shaw, (Rector's), Mr. S. Stead, Mr. S. Shaw.
1914. Mr. F. Thompson, (Rector's), Mr. S. Stead, Mr. Jones.
1915. Mr. W. L. Taylor, (Rector's), Mr. Jones, Mr. Page.
1916. Mr. Bodman, (Rector's), Mr, W. T. Taylor, Mr. C. Page.
1917. Mr. Bodman, (Rector's), Mr, W. T. Taylor, Mr. C. Page.
1918. Mr. Bodman, (Rector's), Mr, W. T. Taylor, Mr. C. Page.
1919. Mr. Bodman, (Rector's), Mr, W. T. Taylor, Mr. C. Page.
1920. Mr. Braithwaite, (Rector's), Mr. C. Page, Mr. Stephenson.
1921. Mr. Braithwaite, (Rector's), Mr. C. Page, Mr. Stevenson.
1922. Mr. S. Shaw, (Rector's), Mr. Maddock.
1923. Mr. R. E. Sanders, (Rector's), Mr. S. Shaw, Mr.. G. Kendall.
1924. Mr. G. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. S. Shaw, Mr. Maddock.
1925. Mr. G. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. Roberts, Mr. R. E. Sanders.
1926. Mr. C. Page, (Rector's), Mr. Roberts, Mr. R. E. Sanders.
1927. Mr. C. Page, (Rector's), Mr. Roberts, Mr. T. Jordan.
1928. Mr. F. J. W. Smith, (Rector's), Mr. T. F. C. Jordan, Mr. L. W. Lewis.
1929. Mr. F. J. W. Smith, (Rector's), Mr. A. W. Howard, Mr. E. Stenberg. G. H. K. Kendall,
1930. Mr. F. J. W. Smith, (Rector's), Mr. A. W. Howard, Mr. E. Stenberg.
1931. Mr. E. Stenberg, (Rector's), Mr. A. W. Howard, Mr. E. Newell.
1932. Mr. E. Stenberg, (Rector's), Mr. A. Newell, Mr. D. G. Bradfield.
1933. Mr. A. Newell, (Rector's), Mr. D. G. Bradfield, Mr. H. Carpenter.

1934. Mr. W. Dancer, (Rector's), Mr. W. Docksay, Mr. A. Newell (all resigned)

1934. Mr. G. H. K. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. L. W. Lewis, Mr. D. R. Wendon.

1934. Mr. G. H. K. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. L. W. Lewis, Mr. D. R. Wendon.

1935. Mr. G. H. K. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. L. W. Lewis, Mr. D. R. Wendon.

1936. Mr. D. K. Wendon, (Rector's), Mr. G. Kendal, Mr. L. Lewis.

1937. Mr. L. Lewis, (Rector's), Mr. G. Kendall, Mr. R. Cale.

1938. Mr. L. Lewis, (Rector's), Mr. W. Pearsall, Mr. R. Cale.

1939. Mr. L. Lewis, (Rector's), Mr. W. Pearsall, Mr. R. Cale.

1940. Mr. L. Lewis, (Rector's), Mr. W. Pearsall, Mr. R. Cale.

1941. Mr. L. Lewis, (Rector's), Mr. W. Pearsall, Mr. R. Cale.

1942. Mr. L. Lewis, (Rector's), Mr. W. Pearsall, Mr. R. Cale.

1943. Mr. L. Lewis, (Rector's), Mr. W. Pearsall, Mr. R. Cale.

1944. Mr. L. Lewis, (Rector's), Mr. W. Pearsall, Mr. R. Cale.

1945. Mr. L. Lewis, (Rector's), Mr. G. Kendall, Mr. R. Cale.

1946. Mr. L. Lewis, (Rector's), Mr. W. Pearsall, Mr. D, Rashbrooke.

1947. Mr. L. Lewis, (Rector's), Mr. R. Cale, Mr. D. Rashbrooke.

1948. Mr. G. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. D. Rashbrooke.

1949. Mr. G. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. D. Rashbrooke.

1950. Mr. G. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. D. Rashbrooke.

1951. Mr. G. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. D. Rashbrooke.

1952. Mr. G. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. H. Robey.

1953. Mr. G. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. W. Swinfield.

1954. Mr. G. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. W. Swinfield.

1955. Mr. G. Kendall, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. W. Swinfield.

1956. Mr. R. Ashton, (Rector's), Mr. B. Earl, Mr. J. Chapman.

1957. Mr. B. Earl, (Rector's), Mr. R. Ashton, Mr. H. A. Byrne.

1958. Mr. H. A. Byrne, (Rector's), Mr. R. Ashton, Mr. J. Stidston.

1959. Mr. H. A. Byrne, (Rector's), Mr. J. stidston, Mr. E. Hurford.

1960. Mr. J. Stidston, (Rector's), Mr. W. Pearsall, Mr. D. McLennan.

1961. Mr. J. Stidston, (Rector's), Mr. W. Pearsall, Mr. K. Leask.

1962. Mr. W. Pearsall, (Rector's), Mr. B. Chiswell, Mr. H. Milham.

1963. Mr. W. Pearsall, (Rector's), Mr. E. Hurford, Mr. N. J. Austen.

1964. Mr. J. L. Deasey, (Rector's), Mr. E. Hurford, Mr. N. J. Austen.

1965. Mr. J. L. Deasey, (Rector's), Mr. N. J. Austen, Mr. J. Derwent.

1966. Mr. J. L. Deasey, (Rector's), Mr. N. J. Austen, Mr. J. Derwent.  
 1967. Mr. J. L. Deasey, (Rector's), Mr. N. J. Austen, Mr. J. Derwent.  
 1968. Mr. N. J. Austen, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. E. Hurford.  
 1969. Mr. N. J. Austen, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. E. Hurford.  
 1970. Mr. J. L. Deasey, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. J. Childs.  
 1971. Mr. N. J. Austen, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. K. Leask.  
 1972. Mr. N. J. Austen, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. K. Leask.  
 1973. Mr. N. J. Austen, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. K. Leask.  
 1974. Mr. N. J. Austen, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. K. Leask.  
 1975. Mr. N. J. Austen, (Rector's), Mr. J. Derwent, Mr. K. Leask.

## Appendix 8

### LAYMEN WHO SERVED.

#### LAY READERS.

- 1962 - 1975. Mr. J. L. Deasey.  
 1972 - 1975. Mr. N. J. Austen.

#### LAY ASSISTANTS.

- 1972 - 1975. Mr. N. J. Austen.  
 Mr. J. L. Deasey.  
 Mr. J. Derwent.  
 Mr. K. Leask.  
 Mr. R. Nobbs.

#### SYNOD. REPRESENTATIVES.

- 1957 - 1962. Mr. E. Hurford.  
 1963 - 1971. Mr. J. Stidston.  
 1972 - 1974. Mr. N. J. Austen.  
 1973 - 1975. Mr. J. L. Deasey.  
 1975. Mrs. P. Cox.

#### PARISH NOMINATORS.

1973. Messrs. N. J. Austen, J. L. Deasey, J. Derwent, K. Leask, Mrs. B. Mclean.  
 1974. Messrs. N. J. Austen, L. L. Deasey, J. Derwent, K. Leask, Mrs. B. McLean  
 1975. Messrs. N. J. Austen, L. L. Deasey, J. Derwent, E. Hurford, K. Leask,

Appendix 9.

PARISH COUNCILS 1955 to 1975.

1955. Messrs. C. Rashbrooke, Swinfield, W. Pearsall, Mr. Justice Neild.  
Mesdames. Phillips, McTyre, Miss. Scutt, Miss. Woodhill and Wardens.
1956. Messrs. Rashbrooke, Deasey, Derwent.  
Mesdames. Byrne, Earl, McTyre, Dunsmore, Miss. Scutt and Wardens.
1957. Messrs. Deasey, Derwent, Swinfield, Everingham, Stidston.  
Mesdames. Dunsmore, Earl, Miss. Scutt, Woodhill and Wardens.
1958. Messrs. Hurford, Earl, Pearsall, Deasey, A. W. Earl.  
Mesdames. Dunsmore, Earl, Miss. Scutt and Wardens.
1959. Messrs. McLeannan, Pearsall, Deasey, Ashton, Bowles, Hawkes, Havilah. W. Earl and Wardens.
1960. Messrs. Deasey, Hurford, Ashton, Cray, Chiswell, Havilah, Leask, Smith and Wardens.
1961. Messrs. Gabriel, Havilah, Robertson, Deasey, McLeannan, Ashton.  
Mesdames. Byrne, Stidson and Wardens.  
Mr. Austen and Parkins elected in August to fill vacancies through resignations.
1962. Messrs. Robertson, Leask, Parkins, Deasey, Kennett, Austin, Stidston, Mrs. D. Earl and Wardens.
1963. Messrs. Chiswell, Deasey, Joyce, Leask, Robertson, Havilah, Stidston, Lloyd and Wardens.
1964. Messrs. Leask, Stidston, Joyce, Robertson, Chiswell, Sheridan, Derwent, Hurford, Noakes and  
Wardens.
1965. Messrs. Joyce, Leask, Stidston, Duckham, Robertson, Noakes.  
Mesdames. Dunsmore, Byrne and Wardens.
1966. Messrs. Robertson, Duckham, Noakes, Joyce, Leask, Stidston.  
Mesdames. Mrs. Dunsmore, Miss. Scutt and Wardens.
1967. Messrs. Joyce, Dines, Shaw, Leask, Robertson, Noakes, Stidston, Fieldus, Duckham.

- Mesdames. Garvey, Jordan, Miss. Scutt and Wardens.
1968. Messrs. Deasey, Duckham, Shaw, Fieldus, Stidston, Parkins, Whitehouse, Bacon, Leask, Noakes.  
Mrs. Dunsmore, Miss. Nutall and Wardens.
1969. Messrs. Deasey, Leask, Mollett, Stidston, Noakes, Bacon, Shaw, Duckham, Fieldus, Dines,  
Roberts.  
Mrs. Garvey and Wardens.
1970. Messrs. Stidston, Bacon, Gill, Sargent, Fieldus, Noakes, Shaw, Keeley, Nightingale.  
Mesdames. White, Byrne, Garvey and Wardens.
1971. Messrs. Gill, Bacon, Noakes, Shortell Fieldus, Childs, Shaw, Keeley, Croft.  
Mesdames. Byrne, D. Earl and Miss. L. Williams and Wardens.
1972. Messrs. Nobbs, Childs, Gill, Wootton, Noakes, Keeley, Shortall, Stidston, Deasey, Croft.  
Mrs. Garvey and Miss. D. Fahy and Wardens.
1973. Messrs. Noakes, Bedford, Stidston, Gill, Bacon, Keeley, Deasey, Wootton, Cook, Croft.  
Mrs. Leask and Miss. D, Fahy and Wardens.
1974. Messrs. Deasey, Childs, Derwent Jnr., Keeley, Gill, Wootton, Cook, Lloyd, Noakes.  
Mrs. Shortall, and Miss's D. Fahy and P. Lloyd and Wardens,
1975. Messrs. Gill, Derwent Jnr., Deasey, Leeson, Childs, Lloyds, Keeley.  
Mesdames. Noakes, Croft, Shortall, Leask and Miss. D. Fahy and Wardens.

Appendix 10.

**SECRETARIES OF ST. PAUL'S, OATLEY.**

1912. Mr. A. Shaw.
- 1913-1914. Mr. A. Shaw.
- 1915-1919. Mr. C. Page.
- 1920-1921. Mr. S Shaw.
1922. Mr. Maddock.
- 1923-1927. Mr. C. Page (It would so appear by the writing).
1928. Mr. T. F. C. Jordan.
1929. Mr. A. W. Howard.
1930. Mr. W. Siddons.
1931. Mr. E. Stenberg.
- 1932-1933. Mr. D. Bradfield.
- 1934-1936. Mr. D. K. Wendon.
- 1937-1947. Mr. R. Cale.

1948-1955. Mr. J. Derwent.  
1956-1959. Mr. H. A. Byrne.  
1960. Mr. M. Cray.  
1960-1961. Mr. R. Ashton.  
1962-1969. Mr. N. J. Austen.  
1970. Mr. J. Stidston, Mr. N. J. Austen.  
1971-1975. Mr. N. J. Austen.

Appendix 11.

**TREASURERS OF ST. PAUL'S, OATLEY**

1912. Mr. Thompson.  
1919. Mr. Taylor.  
1920-1922. Mr. S. Shaw.  
1923. Mr. Malcolm.  
1928. Mr. F. J. W. Smith.  
1928-1930. Mr. A. W. Howard.  
1943-1947. Mr. L. Lewis.  
1951. Mr. H. Robey.  
1952-1956. Mr. C. Rashbrooke.  
1957-1960. Mr. A. W. Earl.  
1961. Mr. McLannan.  
1961-1962. Mr. B. Havilah.  
1963-1964. Mr. B. Chiswell.  
1965-1971. Mr. R. C. Noakes.  
1972-1975. Mr. E. Keeley.

Appendix 12.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.**

( Sunday School held in the School of Arts pre 1911 ).

1911. Mr. S. Shaw.  
Late 1920's to early 1940's - Mr. L. G. Lewis.

- 1925. Mr. C. Smith.
- 1926. Mr. C. Page, Mr. Howard and Mrs. K. Earl.
- 1944-1945. Mr. R. Cale.
- 1946. Mrs. J. Jordan, Mr. J. Stidston and Mr. H. Fieldus.

**KINDERGARTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

Miss. Nell Murray, Miss. Marge Davidson, Mrs. J. Derwent and Mr. H. Fieldus.

**ORGANIST.**

- 1911-1912. Mrs. Williamson.
- 1913. Miss. Miller.
- 1930. Mrs. E. Stenberg.
- 1932. Mr. Howard.
- 1930's(late) Miss. Jessie Smith.
- 1940's. Miss. Gwenneth Lawson.
- 1941. Miss. Betty Cudlip.
- 1947-1954. Miss. Marjorie Davidson, Miss. Julie Childs, Mrs. A. W. Earl, Mr. Greenwood, Mrs. A. Jordan, Mrs. F. Shaw and Mr. M. Gabriel.
- After 1954. Mr. R. Hurford, Mrs. A. Jordan, Miss. Ruth Deasey, G. Tilbury and Mrs. R. C. Noakes.

