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## RINGWOOD.

### FETE IN AID OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

A very successful garden party and fete, held in the roomy and extensive grounds of the residence of Mr. T. F. Young, J.P., which had been kindly lent for the purpose, was opened by Her Excellency Lady Forster, on Saturday afternoon. The grounds are situated in a picturesque and shady spot on the east side of Warrandyte road, and were well adapted for the purpose, the large trees being a nice shade from the heat of the sun, as the day was warm, and the shade was much appreciated by the large attendance present to greet her ladyship, and accord to her a hearty welcome on the occasion of her first visit to Ringwood.

Every arrangement had been made for the holding of the fete, and to provide for the comfort of the visitors. The residence was brightly illuminated at night by many colored electric lights, and as the stalls were prettily arranged the sight at night was a very pretty one, which was rendered all the more attractive by the pleasing manner in which the fair stall-holders were flitting hither and thither, and all the time "up to their eyes" in business.

The vice-regal party arrived by motor punctually on the tick of time. As the motor ran up the drive the Ringwood brass band, of which there was a full muster, played "God Save the King."

The Rev. W. Webber received her ladyship, who was accompanied by her two little boys, and escorted her to the front of the verandah. He said before asking Lady Forster to open the fete he would like to state how pleased he was to announce that she had so kindly acceded to his invitation to attend and perform the opening ceremony. In wording the invitation he had not written "would you," but "could you," come. He knew that she had many pressing engagements which demanded her presence, and this being so, he was all the more pleased that she had found time to visit Ringwood. He then called upon Lady Forster to open the fete.

Her ladyship, on rising, was greeted with applause. She was pleased to attend and open the fete, which was held to raise funds for the church, and she hoped it would be in every way a success. Ringwood looked a very attractive spot, with its orchards on every side. The name of "Ringwood" had a peculiar charm for her, as it reminded her of a town of the same name only 14 miles from Hampshire, where she had spent her life prior to coming to Australia. She had no doubt that in the course of time the large open spaces in Australia would be peopled by a thriving yeomanry. Her ladyship then declared the fete open, and trusted that the stallholders would be amply rewarded for the time and labor they had devoted to the work.

The Rev. W. Webber proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Lady Forster for opening the fete.

Cr. Wm. Mackinlay seconded, and in doing so he said he hoped Her Excellency, when she returned to England, would use her influence in procuring the vast resources of Australia, and the great need there was for immigrants who were of the right stamp.

The vote was carried by acclamation, and fittingly acknowledged by Her Excellency.

The band then played a selection, and the business of the fete was proceeded with in real earnest, and it was pleasing to see the interest that was taken in the proceedings by the distinguished visitor.

During the evening a musical program was rendered, interspersed by selections from the band, which was a valuable addition, and its services were much enjoyed.

One of the events of the fete which caused much interest was the guessing competition, the prize for which was a golden sovereign. The prize was given to the person who could guess the number of peas in a bottle. The bottle contained 878 peas, and Mrs. Hydon put down the number at 877—a splendid guess—and therefore won the prize.

The following were the stallholders:

Fancy stall—Mesdames Young, Wilkins and Langley.

Cake stall—Mesdames Reid and Clarke, Miss Fisher.

Sweet stall—Mrs. Wakeman and Miss Pendlebury.

Flower stall—Mesdames Whitechurch, Blood, Whiteway and Bryant.

Sunday School stall—Mrs. Rapley.

Hoop stall—Messrs. Reid and Cox.

Dips—Masters Arden, Young, and Linda Madley.

The financial result was quite equal to expectations, over £100 being realised during the afternoon and evening.

Great praise is due to Mr. and Mrs. Young for placing their grounds at the service of the committee.

## RINGWOOD'S EARLY DAYS

### St. Paul's Church of England on Wheels

IT was in 1923 that St. Paul's Church of England was shifted from White Horse Rd. near Lorry Flynn's blacksmith shop to its present site in Ringwood Street.

It was quite a job. The church was put on wheels and 12 horses were hitched to the church.

The photo shows the church, just where the clock tower now is, about to turn into Warrandyte Road. Telephone wires in the Main Street made that route impossible. In crossing the bridge over Mullum Creek the church got jammed, but eventually it arrived at its present site, via Loughnan Rd. and Ringwood Street.



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# Archbishop at St. Paul's Ringwood

## Lays Memorial Stone at New Hall

IN a beautiful choral service the Memorial Stone of St. Paul's Church of England (Ringwood) Sunday School Hall was laid last Saturday afternoon. The stone was laid by His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Frank Woods, D.D., M.A.

As the people waited in the street outside the uncompleted hall a procession emerged from its doorway at 3 p.m. Following the Processional Cross came the Choir of St. Paul's, the Vicar (the Rev. Ronald Adams), the Rural Dean of Hawthorn (Canon T. W. Thomas), the Mayor of Ringwood (Cr. Peter Vergers), lay readers, churchwardens, visiting clergy and the Archbishop of Melbourne.

After the singing of "All People That on Earth Do Dwell..." the Vicar welcomed the Archbishop, saying that the Parish was represented from one end to the other at the ceremony. The hall, he said, would be of great religious service to the children and the adults of the community, and a centre of social life and activity connected with the Church.

### One Big Church Family

The Diocese of Melbourne which he represented, said the Archbishop in his address, was one big church family and any part of it which went ahead was the concern of the whole. "And I do want to congratulate you on going ahead with this work," he added.

"I am lucky," he said, "because there is hardly a fortnight going by in which I do not lay a stone or dedicate a new building... surely a striking commentary on the forward movement of the diocese from which I bring you good wishes.

"Your Vicar says that 300 children will be accommodated in this hall. And I suppose parish halls are peculiar to our age. They began about 100 years ago with the growing concentration of the population."

Every building on church land had its own particular significance, Dr. Wood's went on, the church itself signified priority of worship, the vicarage had pastoral significance, and while the Sunday School hall's principal activity would be the teaching of the children it had many other uses.

"St. Paul has told us," Dr. Woods said, "that whatsoever things are pure, just, lovely and of good report, we should think on these things. He is examining the whole of life—every good part of our lives—for our Lord."

A parish hall implied a great deal of lay talent, he went on, and he hoped to see Scouters

and other Youth Leaders bringing their talents into this hall and using them in the service of God.

The service concluded with the singing of a hymn (during which a collection was made for the New Hall Fund), a prayer and the Benediction by the Archbishop.

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## OPENING OF ST. PAUL'S RINGWOOD NEW SCHOOL HALL

1958.



His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Frank Woods, M.A., D.D.

—Photo, David Holmes, 4 Eustace St, Blackburn

## FAMILY LINK IN RINGWOOD

SIR.—May edition of SHE mentions the sale of church property in Ringwood St., Ringwood, and refers to the Warrandyte Rd. property of the same parish, St. Paul's.

The site in Ringwood St. was sold to the parish by Captain E. T. Miles, who, with his family, came to reside in Ringwood in 1910.

In 1915 he bought the site in Warrandyte Rd. and built his home, Glamorgan. He died there in 1944 at the age of 95.

On behalf of the family I wish to say how glad we are to know that our parents' old home is to be church property for all time.

T. A. MILES,  
100 Junction Rd.,  
Wahroonga, NSW.

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## Last service

St. Paul's Anglican Church in Ringwood Street has been sold as a developmental site, and the last service in the Church will be held on Sunday morning, May 21.

The parish is planning to build a new church in Warrandyte Rd., and until then services will be held in the Ringwood Methodist Church.

St. Paul's Parish project meeting will be held on Sunday, May 14, after evensong at the Parish House.

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OPEN COLUMN

To the Editor,  
 Sir,—Since speaking at the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Methodist Church on Saturday, 18th, when I stated that the earliest Baptismal record I could find was in the year 1882, I have made a further search of our records and have discovered the following:—"The Church of England district in the early days was known as the 'Parish of Warrantdyte, County of Evelyn.' It was known thus from 1863 to 1888. It was then known as the 'District of Ringwood, Anderson's Creek and Birt's Hill, County of Evelyn.' In 1889 the boundaries were evidently changed again, and it was called the 'District of Mitcham, Ringwood and Birt's Hill (Croydon),' and in 1890 as the 'Parishes of Warrantdyte, Ringwood and Nunawading.' The register in 1892 refers to the district as 'Croydon, Ringwood and Mitcham.'" It is, of course, a matter of modern history how that in recent times these places have become separate parishes. The first Baptism recorded in my Parish register is as follows:—"Robert, son of Robert and Rosanna Blair, of Mooroolbark, farmer, born 13th September, 1863, was baptized on 27th December, 1863." The writing is vague, but the signature of the officiating clergyman looks like the Rev W. Haxtor, Baxtor or Baxter.

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I would be interested to hear from old parishioners of these districts concerning the early history of the Church of England.

Yours faithfully,  
 V. GARVER,  
 Vicar St. Paul's, Ringwood.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTION.

In common with other places, collections for the hospitals were made in all Ringwood churches on Sunday. When the following amounts were raised:—St. Paul's Church of

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England, £6/8/-; Methodist Church, £5/11/7; St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, £4/1/0; Presbyterian, £3 6/8.

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Pilgrimage finally ends

By JEFF JENKINS



AMY Turner's.

"IT really is hard to believe... It was an amazing feeling, the culmination of a long pilgrimage."

So said Warranwood's the Rev Amy Turner after she was one of a dozen women who created history with their ordinations as Anglican priests.

Ms Turner was ordained at Melbourne's St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, December 13.

She had waited more than six years to become a priest after she became a deacon in 1986.

She admitted she couldn't sleep on Sunday night. "The adrenalin was still flowing."

"The ordination also gave me a sense of freedom, a new beginning."

"It was also a particular joy for my parish, St James' in Warranwood. For them, it was a real celebration too."

A busload of Ms Turner's parishioners attended the ordination.

She had her first official church service, conducting the eucharist, at a special service last Tuesday.

Both the Rev Janet Johnson, of Holy Trinity in Ringwood East, and the Rev Hilary Roath, of St Paul's in Ringwood, were ordained last Wednesday.

Ms Turner had been in charge of the Warranwood

parish for the past three years, but every Sunday she would have to get a retired clergyman to give out communion.

She said the ordination of women, which had caused heated debate within the church, had been done "legally and publicly".

"It is such a positive move for the church, a real stepping forward."

Streamers were thrown in the aisles at St Paul's during the ceremony. Ms Turner said she and the other 11 women received "deafening affirmation".

"I think the congregation clapped for about five minutes."

The women and their family and friends then celebrated until about midnight at Queens Hall at Parliament House.

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YULETIDE FAIR.

The ladies and adherents of St. Paul's Church, under the guidance and direction of the vicar, the Rev. C. J. Martin, and his wife, inaugurated a yuletide fair, which was opened in the Parish Hall on Friday afternoon, 3rd inst., by Mrs. Seton Williams, of Vermont, in the presence of a large number of visitors. The stalls were very nicely arranged, and attracted much attention. The flower stall bore the inscription of the "Garden Gate," and was designed by Mrs. Langley and Misses Smith and Taylor. Mrs. J. Roberts and Mrs. Clark, snr., were in charge of the cake stall, which was labelled the "Yum Yum Cupboard." Haberdashery was nicely displayed and served by Mrs. W. Davidson, Miss F. Davidson and Miss R. Delaney, and was christened "The Hanky Corner." The produce stall was appropriately styled "The Picnic Basket," and was in charge of Mrs. Paterson and Miss Rapley. "The Sugar Plum Shop" was deputed to the care of Mrs. W. J. Wakeham and Mrs. Hewitt, assisted by Mrs. A. G. Ostrom. The fancy department, which was very attractive, and looked nice, was attended to by Mrs. Martin (wife of the vicar) and Mrs. J. Roberts. The fair was a great success, both socially and financially, the gross proceeds being nearly £100.

ANGLICAN CHURCH. There were special services at St. Paul's Church of England, Ringwood, on Sunday last, the Rev. Justice officiating. A fine concert was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday evening. The programme was mostly provided by the juveniles, and reflected great credit on tutor and performers alike. The Rev. Webber presided and gave a recitation, with much humor. The following sang their songs very nicely, viz. Misses Whitechurch, "Won't you buy my Pretty Flowers." Tate; "Dear Little Boy of Mine," "Let the Rest of the World go by," Russell; "When the Great Red Dawn is Shining," Pickett; "Wyoming Lullaby," Davidson; "Give me your heart." The cantata was excellently presented. Miss Flossie Davidson making a fine queen, and Miss Pump, a typical Dame Burden, with Ethel Britten an up-to-date "Slavey." The dumb-bell exercises and action songs by the girls were good. Miss Thelma Britten gave a nice recitation, while "Tottie" Northrope amused all with her "Two Little Kittens." The accompanists during the evening were Mrs. Roberts and Misses Whitechurch, Hann, Britten and Fisher.

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GIFT AFTERNOON.

A very successful afternoon was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday in connection with the produce and toy stalls at the forthcoming garden fete of St. Paul's Church of England. Roses, watonias and bronze gum had been used in the hall decorations, and the tea tables were gay with vases of sweet peas. Mrs T. Roberts and Miss Pollard are responsible for the produce stall, whilst Miss Joyce Pain and Miss V. Cooper will conduct the toy department. A much enjoyed musical programme was contributed to by Miss Ethel Bickford (piano), Miss Vala Bland (violin solos), Mrs E. Robinson (monologue and song), and Mrs Covell (song).

A competition conducted during the afternoon was won by the Mayoress (Mrs A. Blood), Mrs E. Hann, Mrs Dwight and Mrs Bartlett, who tied with three other guests, who each received a posy of sweet peas. Quite a number of suitable gifts was received for the stalls.

Members of St. Paul's Ladies' Guild assisted with the decorations, and tasteful afternoon tea served to the company. MAIL 13/11/30

ST. PAUL'S LADIES' GUILD.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the home of Mr and Mrs A. Nethercote, Ringwood street, on Wednesday, where the St. Paul's Ladies' Guild held their meeting. Arrangements were completed for a gift afternoon in support of the produce and toy stalls and needlework for the fete kept members busy. Amongst those present were Mesdames E. E. Robinson, J. W. Barrett, J. Clarke, T. Roberts, A. Dwight, A. Post, G. Pain, G. W. Astle, F. Matthews and Miss Pollard. During the afternoon tasteful refreshment was served by Mrs Nethercote.

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S. PAUL'S GYMNASIUM PARTY

To finalise activities for the year St. Paul's Girls' Gymnasium Club held a most successful party in the Parish Hall on Monday evening. The tables, caps and balloons were carried out in the club's colours, orange and black, and the toasts were proposed and responded to by Mrs. E. E. Robinson (president), Miss Hargrave and Miss M. Gaywood. During the evening games were competed for, and the prizes went to Misses R. Pump, W. Astle, H. Norman, M. Gaywood and N. Hargrave. Much assistance was given in the evening's arrangements by Mesdames E. E. Robinson, C. V. Ward, D. Hargrave, and Misses O. Hargrave, J. Elliott and R. Elliott. Among those present were Miss Gaywood, Miss Grigg, H. Norman, N. Cooper, J. Elliott, R. Whiter, R. Pump, N. Hargrave, A. Astle, V. Cooper, A. Hann, M. White, D. Parsons, M. Gledhill, T. Wilkins, J. Ward, R. Cooper, T. Covell, J. Miles, T. Hansen, J. Hansen, H. Newell, T. Northrope N. Corbett, P. Jones, M. Agg, B. Beckman, E. Roberts and E. Hann.

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COMPLIMENTARY EVENING

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TO MISS ALICE HANN

Miss Alice Hann of Ringwood, who has for some years been mation of the Forrest River Mission in North-west Australia, and has been enjoying a few weeks furlough at her home in Ringwood, was tendered a farewell at St Paul's Church of England, Ringwood, on Monday, October 30, when glowing tributes were made to her splendid work at the mission.

The Parish Hall was packed, and amongst those present were the Mayor, Cr Frank Parker, Crs E T Purser, H E Parker, T Williams and F W Caterer.

Slides of the work of the mission were shown by Rev W Thompson, and were described by Miss Hann.

1944 The Mayor, in paying a tribute to the work of Miss Hann, said that she was the only white woman at the mission, and they were proud that a Ringood girl was doing such a great work.

Vocal and musical items were rendered during the evening, and a dainty supper was provided by the ladies.

12/9/24 RINGWOOD.

DEPARTURE OF REV. P. WEBBER

1924 The Rev. P. Webber, who has been in charge of the Ringwood, Mitcham and Warrandyte parish for the past four years, having been appointed to the parish of Chelson, was entertained (with Mrs. Webber) at a valedictory social in the Warrandyte public hall on Friday night last. There was a large attendance, and the opportunity was availed of to present Mr. Webber with a handsome gold-mounted fountain pen and a clock, and the ladies gave Mrs. Webber a beautiful umbrella. During the evening several speakers referred to the good work done by Mr. and Mrs. Webber since they had been in Ringwood, and wished them success and God speed in their new parish. Both the recipients made appropriate and interesting replies. During the evening a choice musical program was rendered. Mr. and Mrs. Webber will leave Ringwood early next month.

1944 Mr Robert Blair hardly had a day's sickness in his life. A paragraph in a church journal indicated that he was the first child christened in the Ringwood Church of England in 1863. He owned several hundred acres of land, and his energies were devoted to farming and dairying. He represented the South Riding in the Shire of Lillydale for a number of years, and was a trustee of the local hall.

17/10/24 RINGWOOD. To date

INDUCTION SERVICE.

On Thursday evening last the Rev. C. J. T. Martin was solemnly inducted as vicar of St. Paul's Church of England, Ringwood, by the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. Harrington Lees, who was assisted by a number of visiting clergymen. The ceremony, which was a solemn and impressive one, was witnessed by a large congregation. Appropriate hymns were chosen for the occasion, and all present heartily joined in the singing, which was led by an augmented choir, led by Mr. J. W. Barrett. His Lordship delivered a very solemn and earnest address to the congregation, in which he urged them to unite and assist their vicar in the discharge of his parochial duties, and in all matters appertaining to the welfare of the church. The Archbishop referred at length to the good work Mr. Martin had done at Romsey, where his ministry had been a blessing, and where he was loved and esteemed by his parishioners.

During the service the Archbishop solemnly dedicated two memorial slabs which have been erected in the church. The service was very impressive. The first memorial bears the following inscription: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of George Mallows, who died 3rd April, 1924; A faithful worker in this church, and for five years secretary to the vestry." On the second the inscription was: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Bray, beloved wife of Geo. Bray, who died 19th August, 1924."

A welcome was also extended to the new vicar, who thanked them for the reception accorded him. He hoped they would remember the words of the Archbishop, and stated that unless he had their help and confidence his work would not be a success. He had been very happy in his last parish, where he had spent two years and nine months. With their help he would endeavor to extend the Kingdom of God in the parish.

1924 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

4/3/25 MAIL ANNUAL MEETING.

The Rev. C. J. T. Martin presided over the annual meeting of parishioners which took place in the Parish Hall, Ringwood, on Thursday last. A large number of those interested attended. After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been confirmed, the treasurer, Mr. J. W. Barrett, submitted the financial statements for the past year, which set out balance at commencement of the period £2/14/11, concluding with a credit balance of £17/14/7. Income included offerteries £152/12/; contributions to various funds, £25/10/9; donations, £58/15/; Winter and Yule Tide fairs, £1/2; total, £379/6/9. Disbursements—Ministerial, £231/12/6; general, expenses, £57/4/11; missions, etc., £31/10/9; vicarage, £41/0/5. Total, £370/6/9. The nett debt on the church properties amounted to £1,313.

The vicar, Rev. C. J. T. Martin, said it was encouraging to see so many parishioners present at the meeting. He thanked them for the comfortable vicarage with which they had provided Mrs. Martin and himself. It would entail some sacrifice on their part, and he invited their co-operation towards providing the necessary amount. They now possessed excellent church property, which included a Parish Hall, the equal of most within the diocese. Through the generosity of Mr. A. Temple Miles and others they had been enabled to obtain the necessary seating accommodation. During the past year a fitting Memorial Honor Board had been donated by Mrs. E. T. Miles, and was duly dedicated by the Archbishop of Melbourne. A most important decision had been arrived at in connection with the parochial district, for it had been determined by the vestry to ask the diocesan authorities to excise Mitcham, believing that with the ever increasing population the services of the vicar were required almost the whole of the time at Ringwood. Under present conditions Ringwood and Mitcham were not receiving the attention they should. The severance had been made possible by a generous offer from Captain E. T. Miles. He would also be able to give more attention to that important department of church life, the Sunday school, and to other organisations which were most desirable in the church towards the deepening of the spiritual life of the parishioners. The social side of church work was important.

The rev. chairman read reports from the Sunday School, Mothers' Union, and Ladies' Guild, all of which had performed excellent service during the year. He concluded the report by saying that the outlook for the future was certainly most encouraging.

Election of officers.—Dr. Langley and Mr. C. Wedge were elected church wardens; Messrs. J. W. Barrett, Chas. Patterson, J. Roberts, W. Northrope, W. J. Wakeham, W. Davidson, A. Temple Miles and Rossiter.

Votes of thanks were accorded Miss Pollard in the capacity of organist, and Mr. J. W. Barrett as lay reader, for honorary and self-sacrificing services rendered during the past year; and also to the latter for most valuable assistance as secretary and treasurer of the church. He had found in Mr. Barrett all that the Archdeacon had said of him. Mr. Barrett suitably responded.

It was resolved to continue the publication of the "Parish Messenger," of which Miss Rapley was appointed organising secretary.

After the benediction had been pronounced the ladies of the congregation invited the parishioners to partake of a tasteful supper.

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### Opening of St. Paul's New School Hall, Ringwood



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L. to R.: Rev. R. F. Adams (Vicar), Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Reverend Frank Woods, M.A., D.D., the Rural Dean of Hawthorn, Canon T. W. Thomas

Photo, David Holmes, 4 Eustace St., Blackburn.

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## EXHIBITION OF CHURCH ROBES AND ORNAMENTS



Rev. Bishop arranging an exhibition of Church Robes and Ornaments at St. Paul's C. of E., Ringwood, on Sunday, May 30. The exhibition included a 800-years old Robe (left foreground) from an English Cathedral, and a lantern from Nelson's ship "Victory", (centre) presented by Dame Nellie Melba to St. John's Home for Boys, Canterbury.

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## Ringwood church site facts

Sir, May I take this opportunity of correcting a piece of information in your article on Ringwood's new church in the September issue of "See", where it stated that St. Paul's new church centre is being rebuilt on a "large piece of land given to the parish with its house (which has been used as a vicarage) by Captain E.T. Miles."

The land was originally owned by Captain Miles and the old homestead was built by him in 1900, but was sold to Mr. & Mrs. Palfreyman about 30 years ago. It was subsequently purchased by St. Paul's parish in 1962 when first the plans for the Eastland shopping centre were envisaged and the new church was contemplated. The purchase price of the land then was £25,000 (\$50,000).

While the money was not available from parish funds at the time, the church undertook in faith to

purchase this site after placing a full deposit on it, and arranging for a bank overdraft.

The site, with its old homestead, was gradually being paid off when finally the church property in Ringwood Street was sold in May 1967.

At that time there was still a balance of \$26,000 to pay on the property and this was cleared with the money from the sale of the Ringwood Street site.

(Mrs.) Kathleen J. Lowe,  
Heywood Street,  
Ringwood

*St Paul's Church*

# 6 ANGLICANS CELEBRATE CENTENARY

St Paul's Anglican congregation in Ringwood celebrated its centenary last weekend.

Although, in commercial terms, that's only five per cent of the Christian era, it is, in a young country, quite an ecclesiastical milestone.

St Paul's is in Ringwood and what I am writing circulates, and is possibly read, in areas beyond Ringwood.

Accordingly, I am taking what the management experts call a helicopter view of a parish celebration.

The celebration at St Paul's took familiar forms, some of them conventional and others were in the nature of innovations, but they were all keyed to the fact that a congregation after 100 years, was alive and well.

Like every other such event there have been renewed friendships, memories awakened and a fresh look taken at tasks, both present and future.

But what about the busy anxious world that streams past the church doors day by day, do they find, if they give it a thought that the 100 years of a congregation's life have been meaningful and relevant in any way to them?

I cannot write as one who sees the church as being



## Lerwick's comment

without meaning, or irrelevant, but I know the thought forms that encourage views opposite to mine and I take the opportunity in referring to St Paul's centenary to have my say.

One of the main charges against the church is that it is a bastion of conservatism.

This is expressed in the quip that the Church of England is the Conservative Party at prayer.

### Change

I don't see anything wrong with a political party being at prayer — there ought to be more of it — nor do I see anything wrong with being a bastion of conservatism.

Conservatism isn't a political crime, it merely means that what is worthwhile in the past is conserved while encouraging cautious but courageous venturing into the future.

My reference to the future is not just a conciliatory afterthought.

Even in the past two decades the church has shown itself to be unafraid of change and has undergone changes that can affect the deep springs of mankind's thought and activity.

Vatican II has led men and women to insights that have broken with tradition.

The charismatic movement has been a reaction within many branches of the Christian church to forces that would restrain and calcify the life-giving spiritual forces that are in the church's bloodstream and have erupted triumphantly in many dark hours of world history, and there is also the research and dedicated scholarship that has gone into studies of original documents, resulting in the scriptures being presented in modern language and idiom.

### Mission

Where the church stands apart from the world's "Come on, Aussie, come on" concept of progress is in the belief that it is charged with a redemptive mission.

The church's preaching, its sacraments and its pastoral oversights are not based on the assumption that men are perfect, neither has the church the right to assume that it is a fellowship of perfect people.

Because this redemptive ministry is at work as a leaven, however unnoticed it may be at times, it is cause for thankfulness by the community.

As a very young lad in far off Lerwick, I recall words written over the Communion table of our church:

"This Man receiveth sinners and eateth with them."

### Serve

I saw many good and kindly folk going forward to answer that written invitation which they must have felt was for them.

The words were first spoken to denigrate the Man of whom they spoke but instead they became the means of clothing His person with a new beauty and they also provided His church with an inspiration to serve which, despite many failures, has been and continues to be faithfully discharged.

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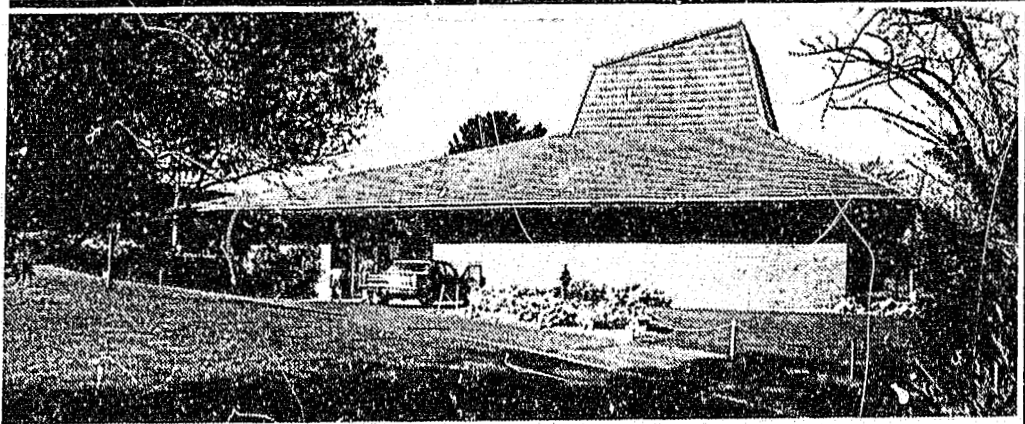
# CHURCH TO CELEBRATE CENTENARY

St Paul's Anglican Church, Ringwood, one of the oldest in the eastern suburbs, celebrates its centenary between October 12 and 14.

The church, which has occupied four sites over the century, has grown like the city it serves so well.

From a tiny building on Mt Dandenong Rd, it has become one of the most beautiful churches in the eastern green belt, set in six acres of natural bushland bordering the Mullum Creek.

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The view behind the altar through the gums must have few equals among the churches of Australia.

There's plenty of room to move in these natural bush gardens, a fitting place to observe the first 100 years.

The caretaker, Mr Mervyn Ashlin, and his helpers have done a splendid job on clearing the blackberries, grading walks through the bush and planting new scrubs.

They're now encouraging the public to use these gardens.

Vicar for the last seven years, the Rev Bill Potter, summed up his church and its parishioners.

"We are a family church and have up to 200 people at our 9 am Sunday service with our eight-piece youth orchestra and organ."

"Youth plays a prominent role in today's church and, thanks to these grounds and buildings, we have so much to offer them."

Here's the church's centenary program:

FRI, Oct 12, 8 pm Youth concert in the church.

SAT, Oct 13, 10 am Three hours of fun for parents and children in the church grounds... games, painting, modelling, craft, treasure hunt, adventure walk, plant a flower for the centenary and drama — history of the church.

12.30 pm Balloon release with your message attached and plenty of soft drinks and food available.

SUN, Oct 14, 10 am Family service, the Rev David Warner; 11.15 am parish family reunion; 12.15 pm light luncheon; 2 pm onwards, memorial tree planting, opening of the Ashlin track, guided tours of former church sites by the historical society, historical display in the church.

7 pm Civic service, the Archbishop of Melbourne, Archbishop Dunn. Former clergy of the church will be attending this service to meet parishioners.

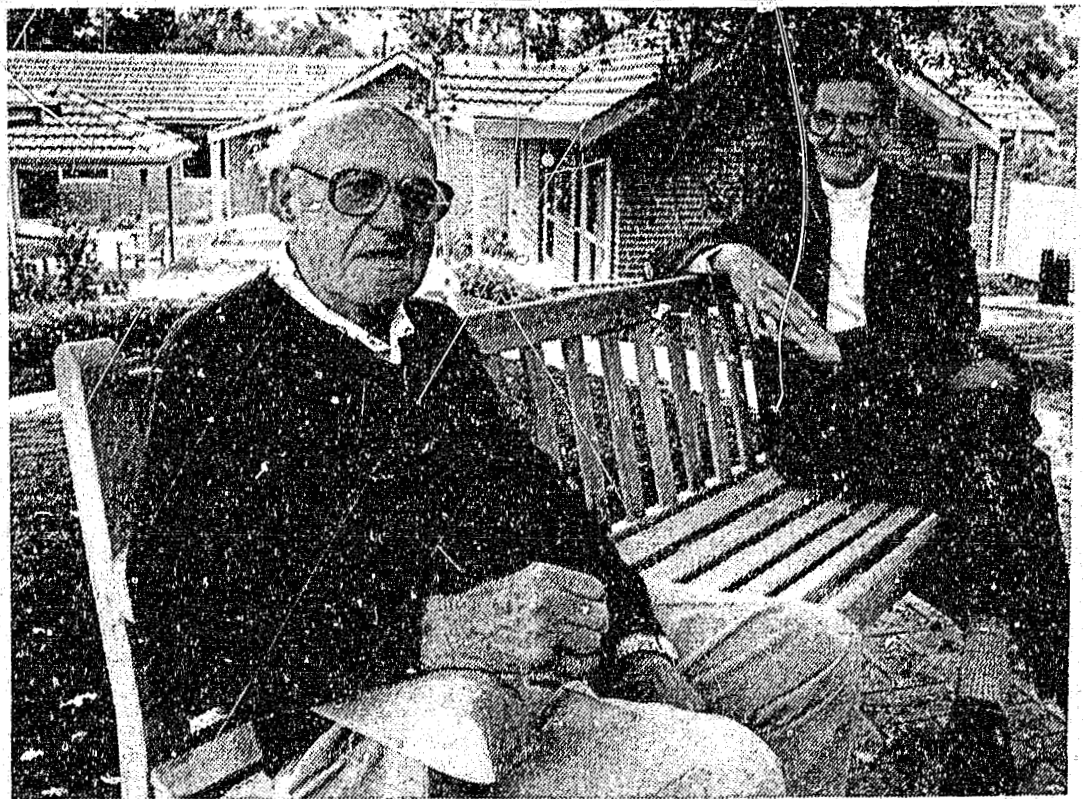
● St Paul's Anglican Church, Ringwood, about to celebrate its centenary, is set amongst beautiful natural bushland less than 1 km from the city's heart. The man of God with a great love for family worship, the Rev Bill Potter who has been vicar for the last seven years, loves the casual tranquil atmosphere.



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THE Reverend John Howells from St Paul's chats with new resident Mr Doug Mainland, 91, at the new units for the elderly in Ringwood.

## Church, Govt join hands

MORE than 300 people attended the opening of 13 units for the elderly in Warrandyte Rd, Ringwood, last Saturday.

The Housing Minister, Mr Barry Pullen, officially opened the units, developed as a joint venture between the Government and St Paul's Anglican Church through the Project Partnership Scheme.

St Paul's donated the land while the Government built the 13 units at an estimated cost of \$1 million.

Residents, who were nominated to occupy the units, had to satisfy certain criteria, including not owning their own home, having assets less than \$15,000 and being on a pension.

The Arch Deacon of Box Hill, the Venerable Rodney Oliver, dedicated the units.

The Member for Ringwood, Mrs Kay Setches, was also present.

A spokesman for St Paul's said the church was delighted with the project.

"We are also delighted that the parish resisted temptation to use the land for commercial development and money raising, but opted to use it for community service," he said.

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The Rev Douglas Edmonds, new vicar at St Paul's, Ringwood.

### St Paul's vicar

THE Rev Douglas Edmonds will soon join the Ringwood Anglican community when he takes up his appointment as Vicar of St Paul's in Warrandyte Rd.

Rev Edmonds is currently a parish priest in the Diocese of Rockhampton but was born and educated in Melbourne and, before entering the ministry in 1979, worked in the public rela-

tions department at the Gordon Institute of Technology.

Rev Edmonds will be inducted by Bishop Robert Butters at St Paul's, 40 Warrandyte Rd, on Tuesday, December 12 at 8pm.

Former parishioners and all members of the community are invited to attend the ceremony.

For details contact Mr Jock Herbert on 758 2249.

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from Whose Rd, C/R Pratt St, to Ringwood St  
"mail" 24-7-30 Capt Mills & family donate organ to church  
in memory of M<sup>rs</sup> Mills



REACHING out to victims of violence are Alison Ingamellis, the Rev. Rob Catford, Annete Hooke and Bill Hooke.

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# THE SILENT SHAMIE

## Church confronts a taboo: domestic violence

WHEN a series of workshops on family violence, sponsored by the Heathmont Uniting Church, begin on August 27, educator and advocate from the Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA House), Anne Hall, will be fulfilling a promise to a 12-year-old incest victim who believed that nothing would ever change. Ms Hall told reporter LIZ BREIT the workshops would address the dilemma faced by Christian women who were forced to turn to secular agencies for help in dealing with violent relationships because churches failed to face the reality that violence and sexual assault happened within the Christian community. The workshops, in conjunction with CASA's Project Anna which aims to educate against violence to women of the church community, will shatter the myths and misconceptions that have caused so much pain to women and children in the past.

**W**HEN Christian women walk out on a violent marriage they bear the added burden that they are breaking a sacred vow to God.

Traditionally churches have ignored their plight and offered them no spiritual refuge, so, with nowhere else to turn, Christian women have been forced to seek help from secular agencies.

Heathmont Uniting Church is part of a vanguard turning the tide on family violence, placing the blame where it belongs and planning strategies for change.

Chairman of the Heathmont Uniting Church adult ministry committee, Mrs Alison Ingamells, said the committee was very committed to tackling the issue of family violence after hearing a speaker from a women's refuge 12 months ago.

She said the four workshops would not cover all the issues involved but "it will be a step towards change".

Anne Hall said that in the past, Christian women who had been the victims of assault had desperately

wanted to know where God was for them.

"They saw their church as a place to pray, to go to in a time of crisis, where they could feel empowered and supported," she said.

"But none of that was there when they needed it most."

Anne is an educator and advocate for the Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA House) and said that Project Anna was borne out of the churches "owning up" to the reality that violence did happen within its community as much as anywhere else.

"Many church teachings view the husband and father as head of the

family so that whatever he said goes," she said.

"So when a marriage turns violent, women find leaving extremely difficult because they believe they are going against God to break their vows.

"They need to know that they didn't break that vow when they walked out, their husband broke it when he assaulted or raped them or abused their children," she said.

The series of workshops are about making changes so that women and children don't continue to bear the burden of responsibility for sexual and physical abuse and Anne said that

breaking the silence about family violence was the first step towards healing.

Anne's work as an outreach worker on the streets of St Kilda and at Winlaton Youth Training Centre gave her heartbreaking insight into the tragic and painful lives of many girls who had run away from their family homes.

When a 12-year-old incest victim in protective custody at Winlaton told Anne that she believed things could never change, Anne took up the challenge.

"Here was a young girl, placed in an institution because her father sexually abused her and she felt she was being punished for it," Anne said.

"The girl lost her family, her school friends and bore the responsibility for her father's actions while he continued life as a pillar of the local church community.

"I found that just listening to the stories from these ordinary girls was not enough, it was happening too often.

"Their stories broke my heart but propelled me into this work.

"There is a lot of injustice about who should take responsibility."

**T**he concluding workshop on September 17 will be about strategies for change and Anne said that directing people to community resources was vital so that after the 'journey' they were not left again to cope alone.

"We don't need the church community to re-invent the wheel by creating the same resources but by using those already in place," she said.

Mrs Ingamells was pleased about the involvement of the Men Against Sexual Assault (MASA) Group.

"We want men to take responsibility for their own violent actions," she said.

"All too often the perpetrators of violence to children is a family member, relative or friend and we hope that people will learn to recognise identifying signs to watch for.

"Children especially don't always know how to explain what has happened to them and they don't need to suffer because of this," she said.

Heathmont Uniting Church's minister, the Rev. Rob Catford, said his church was motivated by compassion in hosting this series.

"Abuse is a reality in the lives of many families in the church and the community," Mr Catford said.

"Every pastor comes in contact inside and outside the church with victims and perpetrators and they need to know there is a very strong support program out there in the community."

The workshops are open to people who have experienced any type of violence at home or in the community, workers in health, education and welfare and concerned people within the parishes or community.

Cost for the full series is \$20 or \$6 per night and will be held each Tuesday, 8 to 10.30pm, from August 27 to September 17 at the Heathmont Uniting Church in Canterbury Rd.

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# Ordination barrier

*JODIE MENZIES finds full support among Anglican clerics of both sexes for the ordination of women deacons in their church ministry.*

**T**HE Rev. Amy Turner is a woman filled with passion, determination and courage.

As the minister in charge of St James Anglican Church, Warranwood, she is one of four women in charge of Anglican parishes in Melbourne.

Mrs Turner's ministry is marred, however, by the fact she can't celebrate the eucharist and can't bless her congregation.

She shares this fate with about 150 other women Anglican deacons around Australia.

While allowed to perform wedding ceremonies, baptisms and funerals, these women are barred from giving the body of Christ to their parishioners because the law says they cannot be ordained as priests.

Two Sundays ago, Mrs Turner shared the grief of the 11 women in Goulburn who were prevented from being ordained as priests by a court injunction.

She told the *Mail* she was tempted to leave her congregation to travel north to support the women coping with their disappointment.

But with typical courage, Mrs Turner stayed to face the people of her own church.

There, she was met with loving support and kind words as the congregation shared her sorrow for the 11 women who had come so close to realising a dream.

Mrs Turner said she had shared that dream since she was a teenager and had longed to take an active role in the Anglican Church.

She was made minister in charge of St James two years ago, chosen over a man.

"They had a choice of myself and a man, who could perform all the duties, and they chose me — that was beaut," Mrs Turner said.

Her service to the church has not been without frustration, but Mrs Turner is a firm believer in converting bad to good.

"I believe in being faithful in the job to which I have been called — it is important to me," Mrs Turner said.

"I could have used up a lot of emotional energy on anger and frustration at not being able to be ordained as a priest, but instead I prefer to turn it into creative energy and give back to the church."

As one of the few women in charge of a Melbourne parish, Mrs Turner feels privileged but also very aware of the responsibility.

She sees herself as a role model for other women and, in one sense, a test case, having been given the chance to prove women do have a

valid role as leaders within the church and that they can make a valuable contribution to a congregation.

Mrs Turner said she had met with some opposition but, on the whole, people had been supportive, particularly her male colleagues.

The Rev. Fr David Wood, of St John the Divine Anglican Church in Croydon, is adamant women such as Mrs Turner should be ordained as priests.

"I am 150 per cent in favor of the ordination of women to the priesthood," Fr Wood said.

"It is essential it should happen and the issue has been dragged on for a ridiculous length of time.

"My experience of working with some of the women in the church suggests to me that the ministry of the church will be enormously enriched when the time comes that women are ordained."

*"Some of them (the women deacons) are of very tough character, and they have to be, with all they are up against. Right now, most of them feel as though they are not being treated as individuals."*

The Rev. Fr Martyn Hope

**T**he Rev. Fr Martyn Hope, of Heathmont's Christ Church, said he was initially opposed to the idea of the ordination of women, but that his own experiences had changed his mind.

"Speaking for myself, I can remember 15 years ago that the thought of it would have horrified me," Fr Hope said.

"But I trained with women who had that vocation and it changed my mind," he said.

He said he could understand the



THE Rev. Amy Turner standing at the pulpit, one of four women in charge of Anglican parishes in Melbourne.

attitude of people who had not dealt with women clergy and who were opposed to their ordination.

"They need to move from an abstract position where the ordination is just an idea, and to meet women with the calling and experience meeting them themselves," Fr Hope said.

"We are now moving from a position where the ordination of women would have been a culture shock, and gaining more acceptance."

Fr Hope now has the utmost admiration for the determination of women like Mrs Turner.

"Some of them are of very tough character, and they have to be, with all they are up against," he said.

"Right now, most of them feel as though they are not being treated as individuals."

Mrs Turner, like Fr Hope, believes theological arguments against ordination have failed.

"You can't use two or three lines from the Bible and expect them to support the argument without look-

ing at them in the context in which they were written," Mrs Turner said.

Fr Hope condemned the narrow-mindedness of those opposing the ordination of women, citing American women who were priests and female bishops in New Zealand.

"The Anglican church as an international organisation has already ordained women priests.

"It is just here in Australia that we are behind the times," he said.

**L**ike Fr Wood, Fr Hope believes the wait for women will soon be over.

But for Mrs Turner, it has been a long wait.

Her male counterparts are usually ordained as priests after being a deacon for a year.

She was ordained as a deacon almost seven years ago and at the time believed the way for her ordination as a priest would be paved within a year or so.

Instead, she continues to hope that legislation and the blessing of the church will be passed so she can fulfill her dream.



Miscellaneous  
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REFERENCE TO CORRESPONDENCE.

No. of Doc.	Name	Date	Subject
13917	Wm. G. Hadden	7.12.76	Furnish returns of operations in 1876 not later than 15/1/76.
13917	J.P. Boardman	7.12.76	do do do
13917	do	11.12.76	Seven days allowed to pay rent (R.P. informed)
13917	Rev. Melbourne	15.12.76	Rent is now paid
11140	Warden Heidelberg	20.12.76	Letters have not shown cause
12656	P. Alden	8/9/77	Applies for permission to erect a building for Church and Sunday School on a portion of this lease. Shows plan in enclosure.
271	W.P. Boardman	17/1/77	Planning & copy of special agreement herewith. Have given my objection to issue of permit for the use a shown of that be the use required.
2751	do	24/1/77	Returns tracing with file marked thereon the copy has no objection
277	W.S. Alden	3/2/77	Will the order numbers to W.P. Boardman on receipt, if so, a permit will be issued. See copy herewith.
111779	do	8/1/77	The file marked by Mr. Boardman will permit.
277	do	13/1/77	Do you see my objection to permission to occupy for the purposes named being given to the app <sup>ts</sup> . See copy herewith.
277	do	15/1/77	Reminder.
3643	do	28/1/77	If the portion of land required be seized the Land Dept will deal with its further occupation
277	do	2/1/78	Reminder.
1571	Wm. G. Hadden	8/1/78	Declines to quit his position to the Rev. P. Alden & occupying a portion of this area for Church purposes - see entry 1886 Ca-
1079	to P. Alden	17/1/78	Disapproved of the previous year's objection
19438	W. Hadden	4/1/78	Reports advised at work - (see 1886 case)
277	Wm. G. Hadden	11/1/78	Furnish returns of operations 1878. Dep. to J. Boardman.
277	Rev. Melbourne	31/3/79	Refuse rent
3310	W.C. Boardman	17/4/79	Requests that sum may be allowed for payment of royalty due.
277	do	3/4/79	Three months allowed from 1/4/79
3712	do	2/5/79	Acknowledges receipt of the above concession.
3113	do	10/6/79	States, the amount to pay the royalty due was lodged in the Australian & New Zealand Bank and in consequence of the stoppage of the bank the money is not available. Requests therefore to be allowed 3 m on the time from 1 <sup>st</sup> July to collect calls to meet the amount.
3159	do	18/6/79	The Compt <sup>rs</sup> have been placed in further difficulty by the pressure of the Bank for repayment of an overdraft. In view of having to mortgage the mine requests that the rent may be waived.
277	do	3/7/79	Permit is again allowed to pay rent and royalty.
6203	do	17/7/79	Acknowledges receipt of file 3310 with thanks.
277	Rev. Melbourne	29/7/79	Receive the overdraft and the royalty.
19623	W. Hadden	16/8/79	Applies for 2-1/2 m over & suspension
277	do	21/8/79	His Dept will not initiate action re 19623
19626	Melbourne	12/1/79	Request the Governor's licence to transfer lease to himself. Refers to Mr. David Nelson of Richmond.

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Sunday School Anniversary Ringwood  
St. Pauls Church of Engl. & Sunday School.  
Mr G. Williams M.A. Chd - Hymns very beautifully  
Mr Hoobing officiated at Organ + Mr H.S. Hollow B.A. Preached twice  
both occasions. See report for fuller particulars.

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Mr H.S. Hollow B.A. now resident in charge of  
of the Ringwood S. Sch. was presented with many  
gifts on his leaving to other duties.

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St. Pauls Sunday School Ringwood  
The Anniversary services were held on Sunday May 12th  
The Rev. Mr. Hoobing of Bournemouth officiated the Communion - the  
offertories + the presents in the evening. The first concert in  
connection with the above was held on <sup>the following</sup> Thursday evening in the  
Ringwood Hall. The Hall was crowded. Mr W.S. Taylor B.A.  
President of the House of Liphole occupied the chair + distributed  
the prizes which were numerously strong - 92 - and which goes  
to prove that the Sunday school is in a fair way of doing  
the thing of the national anthem brought a most enjoyable contribution.  
F. J. R. B.

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 9 St. Paul: General & Special Arrangements (Circular of Arrangements)  
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A Short History of St Paul's, Ringwood, on the Occasion of the  
Centenary, October 1979

Ringwood in 1879 was a tiny place. A few pioneers came to establish orchards in the none too promising clay soil in the area. To eke out a living meantime they engaged in cutting timber for which there was a great demand. Though few in numbers, these fine people felt the need for a church as a centre for their common life and in 1877 they bought land near the intersection of what is now Maroondah Highway and Mt. Pandenong Road. Because of the discovery of antimony close by in 1869 and the presence of the Club Hotel built in 1877 this area became the village centre.

The land was purchased by the Rev. S. Alden in September 1877 from Mr. Pierce Boardman who with the Smith brothers, discovered <sup>antimony</sup> nearby. ~~They then established a profitable mining venture which flourished for some years.~~

Energetic steps were taken and a small church was built and licensed by the Dean of Melbourne the Very Reverend Hussey de Burgh McCartney on 15th October 1879. It was placed under the pastoral care of Archdeacon Stretch during the eighties. This became the parochial Reader's district of Croydon, Ringwood and Mitcham. The Church was called St Paul's from the beginning and was the first church in Ringwood. It was a modest little wooden building and served the community well from 1879 until 1915. A significant step forward was taken on 20th March 1905 when Archbishop Lowther Clarke licensed the Rev. George Chapman as the first vicar. After severance from Croydon in 1919 the district was known as the parish of Ringwood and Mitcham.

The coming of the railway in 1882 was crucial in Ringwood's development for a new town centre sprang up around the railway station; St Paul's was

now at the periphery. After much consideration it was decided to find a more central site. Land was bought on the corner of Pratt Street and Whitehorse Road and a more commodious church was built to meet the needs of a growing congregation. Work began early in 1915 and with furniture and fittings installed the new church of St Paul's was ready for dedication on Saturday 24th April the same year, with accommodation for some 150 worshippers. It was a handsome little building constructed entirely of Tasmanian hardwood, to the design of the architects Messrs North and Williams; the contractor was Mr. H. Jones of Northcote. "A rather original feature of the Gothic style was a central tower surmounted by a spire of proportionate dimensions, the whole having the picturesque rustic effect characteristic of many small churches in rural parishes of England." The internal fittings were also of Tasmanian hardwood, fumed and waxed polished, thus effecting a complete and pleasing harmony with the rest of the building. The architects also prepared designs for a parish hall and Sunday School in the same material and this was built some time later.

At a social gathering after the dedication ceremony the Archbishop of Melbourne Dr Lawther Clarke congratulated all concerned in their enterprise in erecting this church, singling out the vicar Rev. T. H. Justice for special praise for the energy he had displayed in this and other works in the parish. He mentioned that the total cost, including internal equipment, was £800. The following day the Dean of Melbourne preached at the opening services which were well attended, with 70 communicants at the mid-day celebration of Holy Communion.

With subsequent shifts in population, the Church authorities once again

thought it desirable to move to a more convenient position. Captain E. T. Miles who had previously bought land in Ringwood Street, including the old State school building and grounds, offered it for sale to the Church of England and this they bought. A contract was let for the removal of the St Paul's building to the new site and this was effected in 1924, not without difficulties as it stuck on Mullum Creek bridge in Warrandyte Road. The land in Pratt Street was sold for £1245 and subdivided as six shop sites and the original Hall was transferred to Boronia. The old State school at Ringwood Street was renovated and enlarged for use as a Parish Hall. A vicarage was erected on the corner of Civic Place and Ringwood Street in 1924-5. In 1925 Mitchem separated from Ringwood. Since then rapid growth had taken place with the inclusion of Warrandyte in the parish. New churches built at East Ringwood and Heathmont made four centres of Christian activity.

Among many dedicated and devoted people who served the parish faithfully and well the name of the Miles family occurs often in its history. Charlotte Eliza Miles, wife of Capt E. T. Miles a regular worshipper and liberal benefactor, died in 1929. In 1930 a Manborg organ was presented to the Church by members of the Miles family in memory of a devoted wife and mother. A daughter, Mrs J. W. Barrett was a member of the St Paul's branch of the Mother's Union when it was first formed in the early 1920s and <sup>was</sup> an honorary secretary for many years. Her husband, Mr J. W. Barrett was on the vestry for 25 years and served as secretary or treasurer for much of that time.

With the post war expansion of Ringwood the parish grew apace and in 1957 a vigorous Every Member Canvass was organised to enlist membership and stimulate financial support for its growing needs. The congregation was once

more outgrowing the church, so that the building was moved again. This time only a matter of a few feet so that extensions could be made and a new hall built along the East boundary. This fine brick hall facing Civic Place was blessed by Archbishop Woods in 1958.

It became apparent that the buildings at Ringwood Street would be inadequate in the near future, so under the farsighted and vigorous leadership of the Rev. David Warner a planning committee was formed. In 1963 the vestry bought 'Glamorgan' the property of the late Capt. E. T. Miles and family at 40 Warrandyte Road. The fine large red brick house was set in 6 1/2 acres of an old world garden. This purchase was financed by the sale of Ringwood Street property which was in 1967 realized \$196,000.

In response to the challenge of M.R.I. presented by Bishop Sambell following the Toronto Conference, the parish at the annual meeting pledged 10% of this money for extra-parochial use. St Paul's, however, was not left homeless even though the old buildings were demolished after the sale. The generous Methodist Church invited St Paul's to share the facilities of their church in Bedford Road. The house on the property in Warrandyte Road was used as a vicarage; one large room was used as a chapel in the interregum period and the Sunday School was conducted there.

The last services at Ringwood Street were held on Trinity Sunday, 21st May 1967 with family Communion and the delicensing ceremony at 9.30 a.m. A working bee then removed all furnishings and records from the property. At 7 p.m. a combined service was held at the Methodist Church, where the Rev. L. Turner welcomed St Paul's congregation. For the next three and a half years the Methodist Church accommodated St Paul's and a very happy relationship develop-

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The Anglican church was built in 1842. It was the first church in the area.  
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ed. Anglican services were held at 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. and the Methodist and Anglican services were used alternately at the evening service. As an expression of gratitude to the Methodist Church a low relief column of Christian symbols,xxx designed by sculptor Charles Miller was placed on a wall in the Bedford <sup>Road</sup> Street Church.

There was much discussion about the form the new church should take and about its exact location on the Warrandyte Road site. In 1965 the Rev. David Chambers became vicar and the vestry decided in 1968 as a first step to build a new vicarage. This was built at a cost of \$20,150 and opened and blessed by the Archbishop in May 1969. In that month the architects, Gerd and Renate Block were engaged to design a new church and the firm of N. W. & E. Moore made a successful tender early in 1970 for the building. The work proceeded rapidly and amid great rejoicing the building was consecrated by Archbishop Woods on 21st November 1970. The cost of church and fittings together with alterations to what was now known as the Parish House, was \$119,655 and a further \$5,025 was spent on ground works, landscaping etc. The designer of the beautiful memorial garden was the late Ellis Stones.

The architecture was suited to its period and was the result of careful planning and thought about the uses it should serve. It is very open and flexible in plan with no fixed furnishings. By an ingenious system of screens it can be used to meet the needs of smaller or larger congregations. Its proportions are excellent, its surroundings beautiful allowing worshippers to look beyond the altar to the trees and shrubs outside.

The building is enriched by many gifts and memorial tokens which link it with the old church and which are recorded in a special book kept in the



narthex. Two especially beautiful modern works, a pottery Pilgrim Rattle by Dulcie Herd and a sculpture, Christus Rex, by Charles Miller are to be seen in the Church.

The life of the Parish is vigorous and the congregation has continued to grow. The last five years have been notable for experimentation with new liturgies. Of special delight is the childrens' eucharist, in which the children take a meaningful part in worship, preparing the altar and vestments for the service, reading lessons, leading the intercessions, taking part in the offertory procession.

Each year the parish selects a particular project outside Ringwood and various functions are organised to raise funds. This year the project will centre on St Paul's centenary celebrations and a range of functions are planned for 1979. The first in the series of events was an outstandingly successful exhibition of 'Art in Worship' which <sup>was</sup> brought together after many months of organising and planning by a small group of parishioners several of whom are themselves gifted artists. Many of Victoria's leading artists exhibited and this with the skilful mounting of the exhibition brought wide notice and attracted several hundred people far far and wide.

The theme running through the centenary celebrations will be to underline elements of joy, celebration, rededication and outreach and will climax with a 'Back to St Paul's Week' in October and special services on Sunday

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VICARS OF ST PAUL'S

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|--|---------------------------------|
| Rev. Geo. Chapman<br>1905 - 6                      | Rev. T. Wilkinson<br>1941 - 44  |
| Rev. W. Moorhouse<br>1907 - 8                      | Rev. F. E. Lewin<br>1945 - 58   |
| Rev. H. M. Hawkins<br>1908 - 13                    | Rev. J. E. Holt (L.T.)<br>1948  |
| Rev. T. H. Justice<br>1913 - 18 (war service 1916) | Rev. H.A.W. Bishop<br>1953 - 56 |
| Rev. A. J. Thompson (L.T.)<br>1917 - 18            | Rev. R. F. Adams<br>1956 - 60   |
| Rev. A. J. Thompson (Vicar)<br>1918 - 20           | Rev. D. B. Warner<br>1960 - 65  |
| Rev. C. P. Lee<br>1920                             | Rev. D. Chambers<br>1965 - 72   |
| Rev. P. Webber<br>1920 - 24                        | Rev. W. R. Potter<br>1972 -     |
| Rev. C. J. T. Martin<br>1924 - 28                  |                                 |
| Rev. E. E. Robinson<br>1928 - 34                   |                                 |
| Rev. G. G. Tymms<br>1934 - 35                      |                                 |
| Rev. V. Carver<br>1935 - 41                        |                                 |
- + L.T. Locum tenens

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46 Wonga Road,  
RINGWOOD 3134  
August 6 1988

RINGWOOD HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP,  
Mullum Road,  
RINGWOOD 3134.

Dear *Ellie*,

On behalf of the Parish Project Committee, we should like to thank the RINGWOOD HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP for the loan of 15 enlarged photographs of early Ringwood. We had these on display in the Parish House for our Colonial Night, and they lent considerable atmosphere to our evening.

Again, the sincere appreciation of St. Paul's Anglican Church for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

*Bernie Jamieson*

On behalf of the Parish Project Committee,  
St. Paul's Anglican Church.

1914

# Churches

1870s

Particulars are very ~~hard~~ <sup>difficult</sup> to obtain regarding the early days of Church History, and information gathered from early sources is exceedingly meagre.

St. Paul's

## Church of England Ringwood

Informant by Mrs. Wilson

It would appear that the first Church service was held in a small wooden Building erected in Mt. Dandenong Road opposite the Club Hotel in the early 70s and served as a place of worship until 1915. In these early days the Church services were conducted by Students from Melbourne and ~~there~~ there being no train service on Sundays the Student preachers, usually were the guests of Mrs. Wilson whose home was near the Antimony Mines (Mrs. ~~Wilson~~ Wilson's daughter, recalls that the Students often used on Sunday a horse and buggy supplied by her father for visiting their people and ~~was~~ occasionally the Rev. Father Hennessy <sup>accompanied</sup> ~~joined~~ them when calling on the <sup>parishioners</sup> during the ~~many~~ <sup>many</sup> years of worship, Concerts & Bazaars were held to raise funds for Church purposes. The Sunday School Anniversaries were always well attended and on one occasion 92 prizes were distributed. The rapidly rising increase of Church Members made it necessary to consider erecting a new Church. The Vestry decided to secure a site nearer the Ringwood Railway Station and accordingly purchased a block of land on the Whitehorse Road at the corner of Pratt Street. The building of a ~~new~~ church was commenced early in 1915 and ~~was~~ <sup>during</sup> April of the same year was completed. The new church ~~was~~ of St. Paul's was dedicated by the Archbishop of Melbourne on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1915, and later, a new Hall adjoining the Church was completed. (It is interesting to note that the original wooden Building on Mt. Dandenong Road is now occupied as a residential dwelling on the original site.) During the years that followed it became evident that the site ~~of the~~ occupied by the Church was becoming unsuitable for many reasons and that it was desirable to secure land in a more convenient position. Capt. G.T. Miles who had previously bought land on Ringwood Street with the Old State School Building thereon, offered it ~~for~~ for sale. The Vestry accepted his offer

Discard

Mr. Arthur Blood informed me that she handed  
the key of the old original church to Mrs. Ham-  
mon. She told me that she had the key in her  
possession.

2/11/57

Old Hall transferred to B. Bates

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\* Mr. Louis Williams of North Carolina  
\* X.M. 4753, 49, Bay St. Brighton

2/12/58

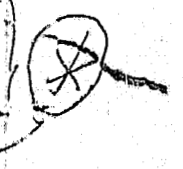
Information given by the above  
Circuit Clerk

Our notable site in aid of St. Pauls Church, New York, in the  
rooming and apartment houses of the residence of Mr. F. P. Jones  
in Lexington, Mass. The site was opened up by the  
local ~~authorities~~ for some time during the afternoon opening  
of the site.

2/12/58  
Information  
from  
St. Pauls  
Church  
New York

Ray, Mr. A. J. Roberts; Director + Contractor of Campsites at Rumpstead  
The same person as the a very different person.

Information  
from  
St. Pauls  
Church  
New York



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St. Paul's Church of England Ringwood

Taken from  
Registry Office  
or  
Moral  
Register  
17/10/24

and in 1924, the church was moved from Whitehorse Road, to its present position in Ringwood Street. The State School is used as a Parish Hall, and a new vicarage erected. The old site was sold, and the Church Hall transferred to Baywater. The Rev. J.T. Martin was inducted to St. Paul's in October 1924, by the Archbishop of Melbourne and the Bishop of Tasmania. During the service the Archbishop dedicated two memorial bronze plates which had been erected on the church. The service was very impressive. The first memorial bears the following inscription, ~~To the Glory of God~~ and in loving memory "To the Glory of God.

and in loving memory  
of George Meadows  
who died 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1924.  
A faithful worker in this Church  
and for 5 years Secretary to the Vestry."

On the second the inscription was  
~~Second Memorial~~

"To the Glory of God  
and in loving memory  
of Elizabeth Bray  
beloved wife of George Bray.  
Who died on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1924

Additional memorials.

"To the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
John Hamer, who died  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 1925.  
and of his loving wife  
Emma Louisa Hamer  
who died Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1926  
for ever with the Lord"

Additional Memorials  
taken from Church Roll  
on my visit 1/5/12

The centre light of window  
in Eastern wall of Sanctuary  
is erected in loving memory  
Alice J. Speeding  
24<sup>th</sup> April 1934

29/6/1900

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Sunday School Anniversary Ringwood  
Church of England

The Anniversary services in connection with the Church of England Sunday School passed off very successfully. The services were held at 3pm + 7pm on the Sunday and were well attended. The teachers met on the Saturday and decorated the Church with flowers and greens. The children under the baton of Mr G. H. Williams, rendered the Hymns splendidly and their Conductor must have felt amply rewarded for the time he had given and the trouble he had taken with them. Mr Hocking officiated at the Organ and Mr H. S. Hollow, B.A. preached on both occasions. On the following Tuesday a Tea and Concert took place in the local Hall in connection with the Anniversary and at both functions the Hall was crowded. The following programme was well rendered - Chorus Children; Recitations, Etty Campbell, and Flossie Hocking. Chorus Children; Song, Miss M. Farmer; Recitations Reginald Black and Ida Napier; Chorus Children, recitation Lily Butts, Song, Rose Andrews; recitation Alfred Hocking; Chorus Children; recitation, Mabel Butts; Duet, Maud Gallon and Alice Wilkins; Chorus Children; recitation, Elsie Davis, ~~E. Davis~~ Dialogue, Misses E. Campbell, E. Davis, E. Marshiter, O. Wilkins, F. Browne;

R20

Mr. Pridmore & Thornleigh; Song Iris Thornleigh,  
Chorus Children; Violin and organ - duet Willie McDermott  
recitation Mabel Dobbin and Daisy Milne;  
Song E. James, recitations, Millie Dobbin and  
Ernest Hanon; Chorus, Children; recitation Alfred Milne;  
The prizes were then distributed and the singing of the  
National Anthem after the vote of thanks brought a very  
successful entertainment to a close.

27<sup>th</sup> July 1900 St. Paul's Ringwood

Notwithstanding the unpropitious weather there was a nice  
gathering in the local Hall at the entertainment held on Tuesday  
the 17<sup>th</sup> July in aid of the funds of St. Paul's Church of England.  
The Chair was occupied by Mr. H. S. Hollows, B.A. who opened the  
meeting with a few remarks, and then went through the  
following programme which was ably rendered. Votes of thanks  
were accorded by acclamation to the performers and to  
Mrs Sweeney for the kind loan of her piano. Mrs. Hocking  
and Miss Blake acted as accompanists. The proceedings terminated  
by Lullaby views of the National Anthem during which the audience  
sang the three verses.

See Report for details  
of programme



21 Interviews with Mr. John Roberts

14/2/58.  
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Removal of Church of England from White Horse Road to  
Site in Ringwood Street.

Mr Roberts, Builder, engaged Mr. Clifton & Melrose  
Builders, Contractors to assist in the building, much difficulty  
was experienced, in as much as the overhead telegraph  
wires at corners of Ringwood St. ~~located~~ connecting the Post Office  
permission would not be granted to temporarily <sup>disconnect</sup> the wires,  
for a period of 15 minutes, to enable the building to  
enter Ringwood. The reason given was that the line was a  
hard one, and should not be interrupted with. The Building  
then had to be taken up <sup>the</sup> Darnley Road, being shipped  
occasionally. When crossing the Bridge the clearance being only  
6 inches with the peak of the horses the strain was immense with  
the result that the Building jammed in the middle of the  
bridge. The Bridge not being <sup>much</sup> overstrained & the building  
weighing 40 tons, <sup>it was</sup> ~~impossible~~ of pulling it over the bridge  
a Steam Roller was used, with a wire rope attached to the  
building to pull it off. The strain was <sup>very</sup> heavy with the  
result that ~~there~~ there was a danger of the Roller being  
drawn <sup>back</sup> on to the bridge, which would <sup>have</sup> probably collapsed  
with the weight. eventually a tractor ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~used~~ <sup>used</sup>  
and after a bit of manoeuvring the Church Building

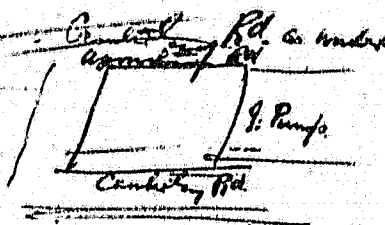
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Was pulled off the bridge and towed to road side  
 so that the traffic could ~~move~~ use the bridge.  
 Traffic which fortunately was very light, <sup>slightly</sup> was diverted.  
 The bridge was blocked for about 4 hours. The Building  
 was towed to Kingwood Street and the work of re-erecting  
 was soon completed. The estimated cost of towing  
 and re-erecting was approximately amount of £250.

Many side accidents took place. (1 doz. bottles of Beer placed in church  
 building, the punishment for men who were working on them. 2 Builders)  
 (The other 2 bottles passed to master. builder reply to them "rough seas")

~~Mr. Armstrong's acct. was long overdue. It has been~~ ~~Armstrong's acct. handed after some.~~



- Sept 1898
9. St. Paul's Concert + Social Ringwood (Cut out if necessary 2 copies)
- 30 "Liberty" Advt.
- Oct. 7. St. Paul's Social. On Sunday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> the Rev W.H. Brett preached at St. Paul's Church, the Rev. was very well liked by the congregation.
- 14 Ringwood notes, might be of interest. (2 copies)
- 21 R. Wood + District Horticultural Socy Report of 2 Annual Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> inst. (2 copies)
- Dec. 9 St. Paul's Bazaar. Report (2 copies) The Bazaar to raise funds to finance the Cruise was opened by Mr Taylor M.A. of Llydell. The Minister of St. Paul's, Mr H. Dacey Cecil presided. The Bazaar was a great success. The Ringwood Hall was nicely decorated for the occasion.

The Guardians of St. Paul's had their quarterly meeting on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Members expressed themselves as pleased with the great efforts the ladies are making to ensure the success of the coming Bazaar to finance the Cruise. Sympathy was expressed with Mr George Shanks in his continued illness, his presence on the Board has been greatly missed.

1/6/1900 Mr H.S. Holloway B.A. now reader in charge of the Ringwood District, was presented with many gifts on his leaving Walker Walker.

31/5/1901. St. Paul's Sunday School Ringwood

The Anniversary services were held on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Rev N.D. Herring of Wessborough addressed the children in the afternoon + the parents in the evening. The Tea + Concert in connection with the above were held on <sup>the following</sup> Thursday evening in the Ringwood Hall. The Hall was crowded. Mr W.B. Taylor B.A. President of the Union of Llydell occupied the Chair + distributed the prizes which were numerically strong - 92 - and which goes to prove that the Sunday School is in a fair way of doing for Ringwood of this National Anthem brought a most enjoyable entertainment.

C. of E.

\* The service of consecration of The Anglican Church of St Paul -  
by His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne the most Reverend Frank  
Woods Saturday 21 Nov. 1970.

11/21/70 just sod turned new church W'dyke Rd  
\$88,000

1924

Mail 30/7/24 subdivisonal experts with J. B. McAlpin  
sale shop sites cur front St W'dyke Rd. where St Pauls CofE  
stood £12 foot cur blocks down to 16 a foot.  
all six blocks 20' frontage disposed of Total proceed  
£1245. (adv. Mail 23/7/24)

1863

Mail 30/3/1939  
letter V. Carver near St Pauls  
correcting previous statement.  
1st baptism in Register  
Robert son of Robert + Rosanna Blair of Mooroolbark  
farmer born 13 Sept 1863 baptised 27 Dec, 1863.

1863-1888 District of Ringwood, Anderson's Ck + Burts Hill  
parish of Wandandyke  
1889-1890 Dist. of Mitcham Ringwood + Burts Hill (Croydon)

\* The Parish of Ringwood / 1957 / Every Member Canvass

Mail 10/5/67  
St Pauls Anglican Church in Ringwood St. sold as a development  
site + last service in the church held Sunday 21 May.  
planning new church Wandandyke Rd + service in  
Methodist ch. temporarily.

C of E

1877 land opp Club Hotel Mt Dandenong Rd acquired from  
Diocese Boardman by the Rev S Alden Sept 1877  
1883 1913 said there 30yrs.

1915 land cnr Stratt St & W H Rd. Arch Mall  
church erected hall few yrs later 23 Apr 1915 Dr Lowther  
dedicated church  
vicar Rev T.H. Justice

1924 church moved new site Ringwood St. vacated by Ed Dept.  
old school used as parish hall  
vicarage built cnr Ringwood St. & "Cure Place"

1958 Archbishop Woods blessed new Hall  
Mail 24/4/58 Archbishop Woods lays memorial stone at  
new Sunday School Hall

Chronicle 15/7/24 Rev W Webber  
Chelsea eyes exchange removed to

See: C of E monthly newsp. July 1967  
letter T.A. Miles Warravongga NSW.  
sale of church property in Ringwood St.

Capt E.T. Miles family in Ringwood 1910 d. 1944 aged 95.  
sold to C of E site in Ringwood St.

1963 Vestry acquired Miles property in Warrandyke Rd

1915 bought site in Warrandyke Rd built home  
Blamorgan Ave.