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May these stories remind us to give thanks to Almighty God for these places of worship and for the labours of those who built them.

A.H. Scollary

FOREWORD

By The Rev. Dr. G.A. Mullins
First Vicar of The Parish of Holy Trinity
Ringwood East

It is more than eleven years since I left Holy Trinity, Ringwood East and so it has been a great delight for me to read Tony Scollary's History of Ringwood East. Since I had been at Holy Trinity for six years I was reminded of my personal involvement in that history but still far enough removed now to be able to read with some detachment. I am personally very grateful to Tony for his painstaking research and careful recording. I know that his work will give many much pleasure and a sense of achievement when they read of their own involvement in the history of Holy Trinity.

I was only six years in Holy Orders when I arrived at Holy Trinity, and although I had been a vicar of a parish previously I now know that I was extremely inexperienced and naive not only in church matters but also in the affairs of life. In those days Ringwood East had only recently gone through its building boom and there was hardly a vacant block of land in the parish. Mostly the families were very young, men were just beginning to become established in their careers and trades, and the working wife and mother had not really reached Ringwood East. The community was young and Ringwood itself had grown old. Schools, recreation and cultural facilities were inadequate and in some case non-existing. It was a long way to town by train and many a father left home and returned from work in the dark. On the weekend he was called upon to get his garden established, help get playing fields in order, build Scout and Guide halls. Wives were expected to attend countless numbers of meetings to create enthusiasm for these projects and raise the money.

Amongst all of this the parish of Holy Trinity was born on 7 February 1963. The hall and the Vicarage had been built but had to be paid for. The numbers attending worship and the Sunday School were such that there was an obvious need for a church, more working-bees, more giving. Time, Talent and Treasure, which were already heavily taxed, were now required to be offered in total sacrifice. The story of how well the Anglicans of Ringwood East responded has been told here by Tony, and the Parish of Holy Trinity - people going to worship, receiving the sacraments and hearing the word - today is their memorial.

When I think of my inadequate leadership and your strained resources, I am forced to conclude that the only reason for existence of the Parish Holy Trinity is that God wanted it for you and it is nothing other than His gift. It is fitting then that we now celebrate with joy and thanksgiving and look forward to further exciting phases in the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

Tony has told you of most things but I wish to recall one matter that was dear to me and some others when we were planning the "new" church building. As I have already said work, hard work and lots of it, was behind us and in front of us. This brought to mind the Latin phrase - Opus Dei (the work of God). For me the church had to reflect or symbolise this and so the building, while being influenced in the many ways that Vanne Trompf describes in this book, also had to be a "work place" or a place where our work was to be dedicated and where we could work at our prayers and common worship. From the pews, which were to represent work benches and placed upon a rough floor we would approach the glory of God symbolised in the richness of the sanctuary knowing full well that we are restless until we rest in him. The plainness of the greater part of the church was to allow us to see that the real emphasis of worship is God and his people in communion - breaking bread together.

Let us bless the Lord.

George A. Mullins, All Souls' Vicarage, Sandringham.

CHAPTER ONE

HOLY TRINITY RINGWOOD EAST

THE LAND THE CHURCH

The story of the land in Patterson Street.

In 1895 George Garraway purchased land bounded by Dublin Road and the railway line. On 19 November 1928 he sold the land to Henry Freeman who subdivided the land for residential use.

The church block, lot 43, was purchased by Margaret Doran on 29 February 1929 and then sold to Mabel Florence Franklin of 10 Bedford Road Ringwood on 20 June 1945. Lowen Alexander Hardy, medical practitioner, of 1231 Burke Road Kew bought this lot on 31 January 1951. He sold lot 43 on 17 May 1953 to the Church of England Trust as a site for a proposed church building.

Lot 44, the vicarage block, was sold to Florence May Clarke of 119 Albert Street Brunswick East on 17 December 1929. Aubrey Wesley Dickenson, orchardist, of Warrantdyte Road Ringwood North purchased this land on 20 July 1956.

On 24 September 1957 vestry bought this block of land after finance was advanced by Jack Durant who gave the vestry an unsecured loan. This block was valued at \$1,658. After only a small repayment of the loan by the vestry Jack Durant most generously gave the balance owing as a gift to his Church. Jack Durant, whilst attending Holy Trinity, wished to remain anonymous but recently gave permission to reveal his name as the donor.

Unless otherwise stated all quotations are from the minute books of the Committee of Management and Vestry minutes.

Stage 1 - District of Ringwood

St. Paul's Church Ringwood supplied the spiritual needs of the parishioners in the areas of Ringwood, Ringwood East, Heathmont and Warrantdyte.

In the immediate post war years Ringwood East began to develop rapidly. The people of Ringwood East still attended St. Paul's but transport to Ringwood on Sundays to fit in with church services was not easy. Cars were not plentiful and train services were infrequent. In 1949, to help transport problems St. Paul's Vestry organised a bus service to bring parishioners to Ringwood. But in 1951 the bus proprietor had to cancel this service due to a dearth of bus drivers. For a time taxis were engaged to transport parishioners, but Ringwood Vestry minutes do not give many details of this service or for how long it continued.

Stage 2 - Local Services

The next stage in the development of fulfilling the spiritual needs of the parishioners was to organise services in the local areas.

In 1951 lot 43, the church block, was purchased. In these early stages the Rev. F.E. Lewin gave encouragement and leadership.

On 3 December 1952 at a meeting in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Harrison in Eastfield Road, a Ladies' Guild was formed to "work for a new church building in Patterson Street."

Those present at the meeting were the Vicar of St. Paul's, the Rev. F.E. Lewin, and Mrs. Lewin; Mesdames G. Harrison, I. Johnson, G. Daniels, D. Scarff, D. Owen, J. Ferguson, L. Dow and S. Wellings. Office bearers of the first Guild were:-

President	Mrs. G. Harrison
Secretary	Mrs. L. Dow
Treasurer	Mrs. S. Wellings

At a Guild meeting on 7 April 1953 the Rev. F.E. Lewin suggested that the Head Teacher of the Ringwood East School be contacted to gain permission to use the school building for Sunday School classes. It was at this same meeting that the Guild requested "that the Vicar and the Ringwood Vestry be asked to form a Sunday School in Ringwood East."

When advice was received that the Education Department would not permit Sunday School classes to be held in the school Mr. & Mrs. Mullens of 77 Mt. Dandenong Road offered the use of their home for Sunday School and for church services. Sunday School commenced on 7 June 1953 and continued there till transferred to the church building in 1955.

The first Anglican service - a communion service - to be held in Ringwood East was conducted in the grounds of Mr. & Mrs. Mullens' home on 14 June 1953 by the Vicar of Ringwood, the Rev. H.A. Warner-Bishop. Bi-monthly services were held there for 12 months after which the services were held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Page in Freeman Street.

The Rev. H.A. Warner-Bishop on 20 August 1953 met with a group of parishioners at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Harrison to form a committee of management, under the Vestry of St. Paul's, to work for the establishment of a church building. Those present at the meeting were the Vicar, the Rev. H.A. Warner-Bishop, Mesdames Roberts, Page, Rowlands, Wellings, Harrison, Adams, Daniels, Mullens, Burns and Messrs. Roberts, Page, Scarff, Howell, Harrison and Rowlands. Office bearers elected were:-

Secretary	Mr. P. Rowlands
Treasurer	Mr. D. Scarff

Mr. Scarff moved and Mr. Page seconded that all persons present be members of the Committee.

It was at this meeting that the name "Holy Trinity" was suggested, but confirmation to be made at a later date. (Date of confirmation is not known).

The committee considered what type of building should be erected. The members considered "that standard church buildings were unsatisfactory and costly." Mr. J. Barton was designing a church building for construction by Standard Steel Co. "a building considered to be orthodox inside with emphasis on light and accoustics; but not an orthodox building from the outside."

Though the business of fund raising and planning for the proposed church building was a big task, time was found to organise a special first anniversary service "On the block in Patterson Street." This service, conducted by the Rev. H.A. Warner-Bishop, was held in a hired marquee, "Mick" Scarff's work bench served as an altar and the organ was played on the tray of a truck.

Planning and approval of finance presented many problems, but after many delays the building was dedicated by His Grace, the Archbishop of Melbourne, Archbishop Booth, on Trinity Eve, Saturday 4 June 1955.

Standard Steel Co. supplied the framework for \$578 and L. Roberts & Co.'s quote for constructing the building was \$4,500. These costs would have been much higher had not the men and women of the parish contributed so much in voluntary labour.

The Melbourne Age of 2 May 1955 reported:

"A most attractive church building which is a new departure architecturally and in color design has been erected among the gums in Patterson St. Ringwood East The new Church is of contemporary design with a skillion roof vertical weather boards Painting, also the pouring of the concrete foundations and laying out of the grounds were done by voluntary labour. Men of the Parish built the altar, and the women of the Church made up the fabrics on the east wall. Care has been taken to preserve the natural beauty of the surroundings Visitors will see the Church surrounded by flowering chrysanthemums"

The Ringwood Mail report of 9 June 1955 states:

"The construction has been such that the building can be used for practically any purpose, and, when complete, it will be used for many functions apart from the Church services and the Sunday School."

That was a prophetic report. The building served the local community in many ways. As well as being used for Church purposes, the building was rented by the Education Department as a class room, hired by a banjo club, used for dances and square dancing and various social functions.

Stage 3 - The Centre

Ringwood East now had its own Church building and so it became a centre in the Parish of Ringwood. A central Council was formed to control parish business and Mr. P. Rowlands was elected the first secretary.

Early in 1956 Holy Trinity had the pleasure of welcoming girls from Tintern Girls' School to Church services. Thus began an association with Tintern that has lasted until the present day.

At the annual church meeting in January 1957 the first Vestry was elected and this vestry replaced the Committee of Management. This Committee and the Ladies' Guild had united their efforts to achieve their goal - namely the erection of an Anglican Church building in Ringwood East.

The members of the first Vestry were:-

Church Wardens Messrs. Page, Howell and Rowlands.

Members Messrs. Durant, Couper, Archer, Scarff, Tanner, Cornish and Mesdames O. Archer and Miss B. Stone.

Secretary to the Vestry Mr. P. Rowlands

Treasurer Mr. D. Scarff

Vestry was continually considering plans to accommodate an ever growing congregation and in 1960 a wing was built on the northern side of the Church building. This extension, of the same architectural construction as the Church building, was built by Mr. K. Wakeman of Ringwood East at a cost of \$3,468. This extension was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Kew, the Venerable G.H. Codrington, on Sunday 12 June 1960.

Stage 4 - The Parochial District

Both Ringwood East and Heathmont were still developing. The Ringwood Parochial Council made a number of submissions and requests for extra clerical assistance. The Parochial Council considered one Vicar could not serve such a vast area. With the appointment of the Rev. A.F. Pattison as assistant priest to the Ringwood Parish some relief was in sight. The Council continued their submissions and requests for the creation of a new parish. Finally, after many approaches to the Diocese, the Archbishop decided to create a new parish of Ringwood East - Heathmont.

On 13 April 1961 His Grace, the Archbishop, inaugurated the new parish of Ringwood East - Heathmont, and inducted the Rev. A.F. Pattison as the first Vicar of this new parish. In concluding the service of Inauguration and Induction the Archbishop dedicated and blessed a new altar that had been given to the Church. It was made by the Rev. Alan Pattison's father and was a gift from the Pattison family.

Vestry decided to alter the worshipping area in the Church buildings. The Sanctuary was set up in the extension "to serve as a permanent place of worship till we have our permanent Church." On 16 April 1961, just 3 days after the Inauguration and Induction, the first service was held in this extension.

Information, our Church paper, No.1, May 1961 records:-

"This was done so that we may have one area set aside for Worship, whilst the remainder is set aside for the usual parish hall activities Contractor Scarff, Foreman Trotman, Leading Hand Joe Doyle and Painter Pattison led a team of ten men"

Later a 12 ft. doorway with folding doors was opened up so that any overflow congregation could be seated in the Parish Hall with an unrestricted view of the Sanctuary.

Vicarage plans had been under constant review and when the Diocese gave approval to negotiate a loan, Vestry decided to build immediately.

In September 1962 after the 8 a.m. service Mrs. D. Scarff "turned the first sod" to mark the commencement of the Vicarage which was dedicated by Bishop Sambell on 20 January 1963. The architect was David Gawler of Gawler, Churcher and Boardman and the vicarage was built by J.C. Maslem & Son for \$12,782.00.

Stage 5 - A Parish and a Church

Both Ringwood East and Heathmont continued their development and both centres were planning to become separate parishes. Both centres had fulfilled the four necessary conditions to be considered for eligibility for creation as independent parishes. Both had:

- A. A permanent church building.
- B. A home for a resident vicar.
- C. A steady income.
- D. A reasonable number of Anglican families.

After submissions by the Parochial Council and by both centres the Archbishop agreed to the separation of the parochial district of Ringwood East - Heathmont and to the creation of two separate parishes.

On 7 February 1963 the Archdeacon of Kew, the Venerable T. Thomas, inaugurated the new parish of Ringwood East and inducted the Rev. G.A. Mullins as the first vicar. During this year through the efforts of Mr. B. Chadwick a bell was obtained from the former Methodist Church at Murphy's Creek Victoria.

Discussion and planning for a new church came to the forefront. Members of Vestry at this time were:-

Wardens - Messrs. F. Archer, D. McDonald, L. Smart.

Members - Messrs. B. Buchanan, D. Cornish, K. Lane, G. Dennis, B. Chadwick, L. Elliot, M. Dixon, D.J. Scarff (Treasurer), Vanne Trompf, R. Couper, K. Blackmore.

At a special vestry meeting on 20 July 1964 vestry authorised the Church Wardens to raise the necessary loans and sign the building contract with Mr. A.W. Hunt.

Some important steps were:

1. Mr. Vanne Trompf, a parishioner, offered his services as an architect in an honorary capacity.
2. In April 1974 Vestry accepted the plans submitted by Mr. Vanne Trompf and instructed the vicar and Mr. V. Trompf to confer with the Diocese with a view to having the plans approved.
3. The proposed siting of the new church necessitated demolishing a section of the 1955 building.
4. In May 1964 Vestry called tenders.
5. In July 1964 Vestry authorised the Wardens to seek a loan.
6. Vestry signed the building contract with Mr. Fred Hunt for \$19,000 and work on the building commenced in September 1964. The Vindicator No.17 September 1964 records:

"Mr. Fred Hunt, the successful tenderer, is a man of great experience in church building and his work can be seen in many suburbs. Mr. Hunt, who is a practising Christian, has two Tongans working with him. They were sent out by the Wesleyan Church of Tonga to gain experience in the building industry."
7. The foundation stone was laid by the Venerable J. Harvey-Brown, Archdeacon of Kew, on 4 October 1964. The history of the foundation stone is worth noting.

"The stone was taken from a demolished section of the fence surrounding Janet Clark Hall, the Anglican Women's College of the University of Melbourne. The fence formed part surrounding the first stage of the hall of residence, this building having been dedicated by the Archbishop of Melbourne during the year 1920."

Under the foundation stone was laid a time capsule, newspapers of the day, coins of the realm and relevant photographs. (Wardens Report).

This should have been the most exciting stage in the development of the Parish, but the planned building was not wholeheartedly accepted. In The Vindicator of September 1964 the Vicar, the Rev. G.A. Mullins wrote:

"It has been a long - and at times - a difficult road up to this stage. I am pleased to be able to say that all the time we kept to our prayers and God was more willing to hear than we were to pray, He has granted our request."

The Themes of the Architecture

Mr. Vanne Trompf, M. Arch (Melb.) F.R.A.I.A., A.R.I.B.A., A.I.A., was the architect and supplied this information on the design:

I was baptised in an Anglican Church, educated at a Methodist school, encouraged in the spirit of ecumenical enquiry at home by both parents, married in an Anglican Church and confirmed at Ringwood East under the tutelage of an Anglican Priest whose friendship and trust I enjoy to this day.

Holy Trinity was my first commission after my graduation in 1962.

Referring to the themes used in the development of the plans Mr. Vanne Trompf states there were many themes.

Firstly there was the influence of the Swiss - French architect Le Corbusier who used bold plastic forms soft curvilinear lines, intense light and deep shades, primary colours, black and white ascending and descending shapes, high and low canopies, bare materials and simple furnishings all of which stirred the imagination and heightened the mysteries of the Christian faith and leaving one a little uneasy about the break with tradition.

Secondly there was my acknowledgment of a recurrent theme in Australian architecture epitomised by the "lean to" on a shed roof and parodied at Ringwood East by my desire to demythologize the accepted Anglican norms of lancet arches, steep roofs, spires and turrets, high altars and choir galleries.

The third influence was the aspect and importance of symbolism in architecture not traditional symbolism, but in new found unfamiliar symbolism. These new symbols are connected to the limited resources available to indebted suburban communities; the blunt response to climate and consumer durable life style; our clinging to the past and the unwillingness to experiment with change.

In that order the site at Holy Trinity was limited as was the budget. The building was to be shaped to the essential purpose of siting the Sanctuary and seating about 150 persons, plus a single link with the existing hall. There were insufficient funds for a narthex and porches. It was to be built of mass concrete, concrete blocks, steel beams, rough sawn hardwood and concrete paving laid on tar screenings. The materials were to be maintenance free - hence the use of western red cedar, copper spouting and galvanized steel windows. The coloured glass bricks on the northern side were imported from Italy and the clear bricks from America. The clear rippled bricks were chosen to screen the outdoor pan toilet and the "lean to" shed.

Whilst the fortress like massing of the concrete walls alludes to the image of the Church as a refuge the essential thrust is in exploring the use of materials and forms as a means of saying something specific about liturgy. First, the floor space is generated by two axes - one being the axis of Baptism and the other the axis of the Eucharist.

The axis of the Baptism (better perceived had the font been of substantial form as proposed and placed directly under the pencil light) runs through the centre lines of the two poles of the bell tower onto the font and terminates beyond at the last Station of the Cross.

The axis of the Eucharist runs about face to the first proceeding from the west wall, down a short isle, across the sanctuary steps and through the centre line of the altar.

Secondly certain elements in the architecture are to reinforce the two axes. The roof beams fan out in two directions both beyond (not at) the focus of the sacraments. The congregation is seated about the width of the Church, not the length. The Sanctuary is stretched out in a wide theatre before them and the east and west walls are cupped to hold them visually tight.

The Stations of the Cross designed by the vicar the Rev. G.A. Mullins and myself are an iconographic text placed at eye level. The two hewn poles (circa 1938) with cross arms symbolise the tree or trees of Golgotha.

The Sanctuary was to be a simple setting - aumbry and sanctuary lamp on one side, processional cross when not in use on the other; candle stands both sides; one small brass cross on the altar and the rotating lectern and prayer desk at the extremities. The wooden cross behind the altar was added later.

Coloured banners were intended to hang above the organ and above the niche for the bishop's chair.

The pews were an experiment. (If ever repeated they should have greater slopes to their backs).

Landscaping was considered important as it was hoped the "stringy bark" setting would be developed a stage further as a reminder of the context in which our culture and our religiosity now finds itself.

THE DEDICATION

The Church was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Felix Arnott on Saturday 27 February 1965.

The Anglican 11 March 1965 reports:

"Local talent played a big part in the design and construction of the new Holy Trinity Church, Ringwood East. Designed by a member of the Vestry, who is also an architect, the church features a coloured ceiling and a concrete frieze, 21 feet long, embodying the way of the cross. Derived from the traditional Stations of the Cross, this long frieze, 20 inches high, is conspicuous on the west wall, and is the result of close consultation between architect and vicar. The north wall is of glass blocks."

"The vicar of Holy Trinity is the Reverend George Mullins. Others who were present for the dedication were the Archdeacon of Kew, the Venerable J.H. Brown and two former vicars The Rev. D. Warner of St. Paul's Ringwood, and the Rev. A. Pattison of Christ Church Heathmont. The new church completes a group of buildings at East Ringwood all established within ten years. The parish now has church, hall and vicarage with a total debt of £16,000 (\$32,000). The cost of the new church was

£10,000 (\$20,000) and it will seat 235 people. At the conclusion of the service the Vicar celebrated Holy Communion A personal note was struck by the fact that the first service in the new Church was also the last service for the architect who left for England where he will do further study."

"Many of the furnishings of the Church were provided and gifts of these to the value of £1,000 (\$2,000) were dedicated during the service."

Particularly worthy of note is the following:-

The cost of the glass bricks for the northern wall was donated by Mrs. May Bouvier in memory of her husband who died on 13 December 1963 and his grandson, Mark, who died on 12 January 1965.

Mr. Ken Lane, a parishioner who built this glass wall, gave his services free of cost.

DEDICATION TEN

The tenth anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Trinity was planned for 23 February and 2 March 1975. Special services were arranged by the vicar the Rev. A. Schreuder. On 2 March 1975 the Most Rev. Dr. Frank Woods celebrated at a special service for "Dedication Ten."

HALL EXTENSION

In 1974 a further wing was added to the hall complex. The extension of the same architectural design as the original hall cost \$8,570.

The builder was Mr. L. Peake.

\$500 from the Bouvier Estate and a donation of \$400 from the Ladies Guild enabled the new wing and the first extension built in 1960 to be lined with hardboard lining.

SEWERAGE

In December 1970 Vestry accepted the tender from M. Irvine for \$4,888 for the erection of the toilet block and connection to the M.M.B.W. sewerage, plus \$598 for the Vicarage connection.

THE VICARS

Ringwood East district had been served by the Ringwood Parish until April 1961. Therefore, to list the Vicars having association with Holy Trinity, it is necessary to select a time when some important event occurred in the Ringwood East area.

The year 1951 has been chosen as a starting time to name the Vicars, for in that year land was purchased as a site for a proposed church.

A. AS AN AREA SERVED BY THE PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF RINGWOOD.

1951 Rev. F.E. Lewin
Vicar of St. Paul's Ringwood

1953 Rev. H.A. Warner-Bishop
Vicar of St. Paul's Ringwood

1956 Rev. R. Adams
Vicar St. Paul's Ringwood

1960 Rev. H.G. Nicholls
In Charge of St. Paul's Ringwood

11 May 1960 Rev. D.B. Warner
Vicar St. Paul's Ringwood

21 August 1960 Rev. A.F. Pattison
Assistant Priest
St. Paul's Ringwood

B. PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF RINGWOOD EAST - HEATHMONT

April 1961 Rev. A.F. Pattison
Vicar of Holy Trinity Ringwood East and Christ
Church Heathmont

C. PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY RINGWOOD EAST

7 February 1963 Rev. (now Rev.-Dr.) G.A. Mullins
First Vicar of Holy Trinity

1966 Rev. D. Beyer
Locum Tenens when Rev. G.A. Mullins on leave as Air
Force Chaplin in Thailand November 1966 to June
1967

1968 Padre Sutton
Locum Tenens when Rev. G.A. Mullins on study leave
at Rissho Kosei-Kai Seminary, Tokyo

25 March 1969 Rev. A.J. Schreuder
Second Vicar of Holy Trinity

March 1978 Rev. F.R. Kenny
Third Vicar of Holy Trinity and Vicar for the Silver
Jubilee

CHAPTER TWO

HOLY TRINITY RINGWOOD EAST
VICARS, PARISH AND COMMUNITY

As an area served by the Parochial District of Ringwood.

VICAR

Rev. F.E. Lewin
Vicar, St. Pauls Ringwood

Rev. H.A. Warner-Bishop
Vicar, Ringwood

1956

Rev. R. Adams
Vicar, St. Pauls

1960

Rev. H.G. Nicholls
In Charge, St. Pauls

11 May 1960

Rev. D.B. Warner
Vicar, St. Paul's Ringwood

21 August 1960

Rev. A.F. Pattison
Assistant Priest, St. Pauls Ringwood

Parochial District of Ringwood East - Heathmont.

April 1961

Rev. A.F. Pattison First Vicar of the new parish of Ringwood
East - Heathmont.

Parish of Holy Trinity Ringwood East.

7 February 1963

Rev. G.A. Mullins First Vicar
Vicar Holy Trinity Ringwood East

MULLINS, George Austin. St. John's Morpeth; A.C.T., Th.L. 1959; Univ. of Melb., B.A. 1964; M.A. (2nd Cl. Hons.), 1967; Ph.D. (Melb.), 1973; D. 1957, by Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn; P. 1959, by Archbishop of Melbourne. (C. of St. John's, Bega (Dio. Can. Goul.), 1957; C., St. Paul's Cathedral, Sale (Dio. of Gipps.), 1957; Chaplain to Pentridge, C. in the Parochial District of Braybrook with St. Albans, 1958-59; M. of Parochial District of St. Alban's, St. Albans, 1959-60; C. of St. Peter's Box Hill, 1960-62; Nov. 1966 - June 1967, on Leave, Chaplain, R.A.A.F., Seato Contingent of Thailand, 1968; Charles Strong (Australian Church) Memorial Trust Fellow, Rissho Kosei-Kai Seminary for Lay Buddhists, Tokyo; Contributor, Milla-wa-Milla, 1969; Japan Christian Quarterly, 1969; Biblia Revuo, 1971; Essays on Religious Traditions of the World, 1972; M. of Holy Trinity, Ringwood East, 1963-69; C. of St. Paul's, Ascot Vale, 1969-71; I. of St. Paul and All Saints', Ascot Vale April, 1971.

1966

Rev. T. D. Beyer

Locum Tenen when Rev. G.A. Mullins on leave as Air Force Chaplain in Thailand November 1966 to June 1967.

1968

Padre Sutton

Locum Tenen when Rev. G.A. Mullins on study leave at Rissho Kosei-Kai Seminary Tokyo

25 March 1969

Rev. A.J. Schreuder

Second Vicar of the Parish of Holy Trinity Ringwood East.

SCHREUDER, Andrew James, Ridley Coll., Melb.; Th.L. 1951. D. 1952; P. 1953, by Bishop of Gippsland. (Asst.-P., St. Paul's Cathedral, Sale (Dio. of Gippsland), 1953-55; Youth Director and Sunday School Organiser, (Dio. of Tas.) 1955-57; Permission to Officiate Dio. of Melbourne, 1957-59; General Sec., of the Church of England Boys' Society, 1957-59; Asst.-P., St. Paul's Canterbury, 1959-61; M. of St. Mary's, Chadstone East, 1961-69; I. of Holy Trinity, Ringwood East, March 1969.

March 1978

Rev. F.R. Kenny

Third Vicar of Holy Trinity

KENNY, Francis Raymond, Aust. Coll. of Theo., Th. Dip. 1970. St. John's Coll., Morpeth; Perry Hall, Melb. D. 1963; P. 1964, by Archbishop of Melbourne. (C. of St. John's, Camberwell, 1963-64; M. of Parochial District of Bellarine, 1965-70; I. of Church of Emmanuel, Oakleigh, May 1970 Chaplain A.A.R. 1971.

The Church and the Community

Before Holy Trinity was established the Baptist Church assisted in helping local Anglicans.

The Committee of Management soon after its inauguration in 1953 in a letter to Mr. Hutchinson, Secretary of the Baptist Church wrote:-

"A committee of the Church of England in Ringwood East has now been formed and they have requested me to express their appreciation of the work done by your Church for all Anglicans in the district up till this time.

(Signed) P. Rowlands, Secretary."

When the first Church services began the Church was in the community. There was no Church building and services were conducted in private homes.

After the Dedication of the hall in 1955 Holy Trinity then served the community by providing a centre where functions could be held. Ringwood East was only developing and there was a dearth of suitable halls. The Church hall was used as a class room, a kindergarten centre, for Girl Guides, for Youth groups, for a music club and for social occasions and dancing.

Stories are told of how the people rostered for duty on a Saturday night prepared the hall for Sunday services. The Sanctuary was so planned that the Altar rail could be folded down and the Sanctuary floor so hinged that it could be hooked on to the eastern wall. (The attachment is still there).

At midnight when dancing ceased there was a quick transformation:- General cleaning, pews in place, Sanctuary unhooked, altar rails up and the gaiety of the dance parlour gave place to the quietness of a church. This practice ceased after the addition of a wing to the existing hall in 1960 when the Sanctuary was permanently set up in the new wing.

Holy Trinity has always been active in interdenominational fellowship. The Rev. A. Pattison in his letter of 21 September 1960 to the Rev. Bruce Adams of St. Stephens' Presbyterian Church wrote:-

"Dear Mr. Adams,

In an effort to promote greater understanding and friendship between our churches we invite you and your congregation to join us for Evensong at Holy Trinity on 22 October at 7.00 p.m.

We hope that such a visit might help you to learn and experience something of the Anglican Way, provide an opportunity for Common Prayer and Witness, and to express our concern for Church unity."

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Early Church records mention the formation of organisations to help those in need. Community projects, Good Neighbour Council, provision of funds for emergencies, counselling and guidance are some of the fields in which the Church has been involved.

There will always be someone in need, some help required and some words of comfort to be offered. But the extension of the Social Welfare Department has relieved local Church organisations of long term care for those in need.

This Community involvement was very much in Vestry's thoughts and at the Vestry Meeting on 6 November 1963 the following motion was recorded:-

"This Vestry is concerned with the life, welfare and work of the Church in this Parish, recognising the present financial situation as a sign of possible failure by the Church to effectively execute its function within the Community."

The December 1963 Vestry meeting did not debate this motion, but decided to have a discussion with the parishioners after Evensong on Sunday 8 December. Unfortunately no records of this discussion have been located.

What effects this will have is for future generations to assess. But involvement in the local community is vital; whether it be involvement as individuals in the community or as church orientated projects.

HOLY TRINITY MEN'S GROUPS

One of the early results of the Every Member Canvass in 1957 was the formation of a Men's Club. For a time this group flourished and then lapsed.

The Vestry report to the 1966 Annual General Meeting stated:-

"In 1966 arising initially from the efforts of the Rev. G.A. Mullins and Mr. G. Dennis men's dinners became a monthly feature climaxed by the presence of the Archbishop at the December meeting. The dinners have provided an opportunity for a number of men, 20-24, to meet in congenial surroundings.

Although all who come do not appear regularly at Sunday services the dinners have done much to provide fellowship and understanding between those who attended."

A group of ladies within the Parish catered for the dinner. Another highlight of this club was the return dinner the men gave to this group of ladies in appreciation of their contribution.

At one period men from neighbouring churches were entertained at these dinners. But suddenly, for no apparent reason, this club disbanded.

1976 saw the inauguration of a Men's Fellowship Group under the leadership of Mr. Max Capon. The objective was to create the opportunity to enable members to know their fellow parishioners, next door neighbours and neighbouring parishioners.

At the first meeting each member gave a brief history of his life and those present realised how little they know of their fellow parishioners.

A number of interesting speakers helped members realise the importance of involvement in the community.

A new departure in 1977 was the invitation to all parishioners to a barbecue evening to be followed by an address from the Victorian Police Drug Squad.

In 1978 the Men's Club organised a successful Walkathon "Fun Day" which raised \$477.00.

In 1979 Mr. Max Bigmore became leader. The Men's Group was not very active but was involved in the "Family Fun Day". Parishioners together with friends and Tintern Girls' School boarders enabled the Men's Group to raise \$500 for Community funds.

1980 Leader - Mr. George Ettwell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Rev. F. E. Lewin was the motivating force for the development of the Church life in Ringwood East.

At a Guild meeting in April 1953 the Rev. F.E. Lewin suggested that the Guild contact the Head Teacher of Ringwood East School for permission to use class rooms for Sunday School. At this same meeting the Guild requested "that Rev. Lewin and St. Paul's Vestry be asked to form a Sunday School in Ringwood East."

When advice was received that the Education Department would not agree to Sunday School classes being held in the school, Mr. & Mrs. Mullens of 77 Mt. Dandenong Road, Ringwood East offered the use of their home for Sunday School.

Sunday School commenced on 7 June 1953 and continued at the Mullens' home till the Church Hall was dedicated in 1955.

Details of the setting up of the Sunday School are not documented but the information received suggests that Mr. (now Rev.) P. Rowlands assisted by Mesdames Daniels, Harrison and Mullens carried out the organisation.

The 1954 report states that the average attendance was 40 to 50 with between 70 to 80 on the roll, and a staff of five teachers.

Enrolments peaked in 1964 with an enrolment of 220 and an average attendance of 165. Since then enrolments have declined. In 1978 the average attendance was 60.

A recurring problem since 1953 has been a shortage of teachers. Lack of space created problems, not the least being noise.

Mr. (now Rev.) P. Rowlands left in 1961 and Mr. B. Buchanan was appointed superintendent, a position he held till 1968. Mrs. Buchanan was elected leader and continued in that role till 1979. The Leader for 1980 is Mrs. B. Smart.

The Sunday School has always encouraged the children to become aware of the need to help missions and during the seventies more funds have been given to support parish projects.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND BOYS SOCIETY

A branch of the C.E.B.S. was formed in 1959 under the control of Mr. Seymour. When Mr. Seymour resigned in 1960 Mr. Stirling and Mr. Doyle continued as leaders.

The average attendance in 1960 was 18 and 20 in 1961.

In 1961 15 boys were admitted to full membership after passing the prescribed tests.

But leadership problems arose. Mr. Dick Manuel of St. Paul's Ringwood, assisted by Mr. Ivan Binns, led the Club. Absence of records interrupt the story but in 1969 there was another inaugural meeting of the C.E.B.S. after the Rev. R. McColl addressed a meeting.

Clive Bridges, Branch convenor, was assisted by Peter Buchanan and by Mr. & Mrs. Turner of Box Hill.

In 1970 two branches of the C.E.B.S. were formed:-

(A) Esquires for 12-15 age group.

(B) Pages for 8-11 age group.

The club continued successfully for a few years.

In 1970 Peter Buchanan became Branch Convenor and John Orr was leader in 1974.

Due to absence of a leader this group once again went out of existence.

YOUNG ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP (Y.A.F.)

At the Vestry meeting in July 1959 Vestry expressed the opinion that there was a need for a Y.A.F. group at the Church.

Mr. C. Trotman offered to act as leader.

The first annual report of the Y.A.F. in February 1960 states:-

- (1) The Y.A.F. was formed in July 1959.
- (2) Average number at meetings was nine.
- (3) The local branch had affiliated with the Y.A.F. of the Diocese and should be referred to as the Young Anglican Fellowship and not the Youth Group.

The 1961 February report stated:-

- (1) 12 members were admitted to the Y.A.F.
- (2) The Group was an active one.
- (3) As well as Social activities the group manned four stalls at the annual fete raising money for a Sanctuary Lamp.
- (4) The Group helped in Church work.

In 1961 Mr. Trotman resigned as Leader and Mr. Owen Peake succeeded him.

1961 was the growth year. Membership doubled to 24. Activities covered a wide field, and meetings were well attended, except the ones for spiritual instruction.

In 1962 activities widened. One feature was that the Y.A.F. had a tea to which all the 1962 Confirmation Candidates were invited.

But no leader was forthcoming when Mr. O. Peake had to resign and the Y.A.F. lapsed.

YOUTH GROUPS

In 1956 a Youth Group was started under the leadership of Mr. Ed. Gisand, but he had to resign in 1957. Miss P. Butler led the Group for a short time till Mr. A. Anderson took over.

A significant comment was presented to the Annual Church Meeting in 1957. The report suggested that the Youth Club lacked direction and was searching to establish a goal.

Under the leadership of Mr. D. Cornish the 1958 year was a successful one with trips and visiting speakers.

The Vicar's report to the 1959 Annual Meeting regrets that there was no leader for the Youth Group. However, during the 1959-1964 period, the Parish had a Y.A.F. group - see Young Anglican Fellowship.

In 1966 a Youth Group was formed with a membership of 30 under the leadership of Mr. L. Smart. A challenge was set down and this challenge was "to learn more about missions of the Church".

In 1968 the Youth Group sent Jacki McKean to New Guinea as part of this programme. 1969 also was a successful year - membership increased with the formation of Club 47 - there were varied activities and on one occasion 96 attended a snow trip. With the cyclical life of Youth Groups a change occurred in early 1971. In the 1971/1972 period Mrs. A. Buchanan led a group.

The next group commenced in 1973 with 18 members which went through to 1975. In 1976 the Parish employed a paid youth worker and the group functioned well. In 1978 Miss Beamish retired as leader of TYGER (Trinity Youth Group - East Ringwood) and Mr. L. Smart carried on the group which has grown into a solid core of young adults now organising their own group activities. In 1980 a new TYGER has been formed and the Parish currently is blessed with 2 Youth Groups and a GOD'S CELL group.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

A branch of the G.F.S. was formed in 1966 after Deaconess Olive Dyson, Secretary of the G.F.S. Society, addressed a meeting of mothers.

Thirty-two girls aged between 7-11 years enrolled under the leadership of Mrs. Barbara Moulder and Marjorie Innifer, assistant.

Membership continued to grow and in 1967 Mrs. Kay and Mrs. Turnham assisted.

Mrs. Turnham trained the girls as a choir.

Arts and crafts were introduced and in 1968 the girls were trained to give to others by making various gifts for missions. The group participated in the annual G.F.S. Exhibition at the Church Hobbies Exhibition.

In 1968 the G.F.S. banner was purchased and dedicated on Palm Sunday.

Mrs. Kay became leader in 1969. First aid classes were introduced. Christmas Carol Singing to senior citizens preceded the Break-Up party.

Leadership problems arose in 1971. In 1973 there was a Junior Group only.

There was no leader for 1977, but Sue Hammond reformed the Group in 1978.

REMEMBRANCE SANCTUARY

A Remembrance Sanctuary had been planned as a part of the Church complex. The Rev. G.A. Mullins reported that the original concept was for ashes to be interred in the reserved area and an appropriate plaque to be set in the Church. Later planning altered this concept.

Information to hand suggests that Mr. Salmon may have been the first to request the use of the reserved area to inter his wife's ashes.

In 1966 Church Wardens report states:-

"A sanctuary has been set aside outside the memorial area. At the request of certain parishioners ashes have been interred here. Some plan should be drawn up whereby this area can be made more attractive and readily maintained."

Towards the end of 1965 Holy Trinity received a bequest from the estate of Miss D.E.M. (Joy) Rush and as far as can be ascertained this money was used to establish the Sanctuary.

Mr. Ken Lane, a parishioner, designed the Remembrance Sanctuary and when the plans were approved, he volunteered to erect the fence and swing the gates.

In May 1967 Mr. Ken Lane reported to Vestry that work on the Memorial had been completed.

The wrought iron gates were given in memory of Yvonne Rita Flack who died on 22 June 1966 aged 15 years.

In 1974 a fence was placed around the memorial Sanctuary in memory of Frederick Glover.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Church Missionary Society was founded in London in 1799 and in 1825 a C.M.S. auxiliary was started in Sydney. In 1916 the C.M.S. in Australia was legally constituted.

A branch of the Medical Missionary Auxiliary of the C.M.S. was formed at Holy Trinity in 1957 with Miss Dove as president and Mrs. Wilang as vice president. Miss Dove retired as president in 1966; she died in November 1978.

Little is known of their activities from 1957 to 1961. In 1961 Mrs. Hassey was secretary, Mrs. Durant treasurer and Mrs. Page, who joined that year, became vice-president. Other new members were: Mesdames Buchanan, Burns, Jones and Farrer.

Activities listed were: 2 speakers during the year, bandages rolled, calico purchased and other sewing sent on to Central. There was an average attendance of 10 members and membership has remained steady at the 1961 level.

1962 records show that \$50 was forwarded to Central, but though membership has not increased, the giving has. There was a gradual yearly increase to 1973 and 1974 when \$170 was forwarded to Central and for the next three years there was an annual donation of \$250. The 1979 donation was \$475.

Besides the cash donations to Central, M.M.A. has continued to send boxes of articles and in 1977 took a special interest in Neil and Stephanie Williams who went to Pakistan as eye doctors.

The work of the M.M.A. is advertised to our parishioners in the Parish News and per the medium of an annual luncheon.

Visiting guest speakers help members and friends to keep informed of M.M.A. on a wider field.

HOLY TRINITY RINGWOOD EAST LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild of Holy Trinity was inaugurated at a meeting in the home of Mrs. G. Harrison, Eastfield Road, on Wednesday 3 December 1952. The aim of the Guild "was to work for a new Church building in Patterson Street".

Those present at that meeting were:- The Rev. F.E. Lewin, Vicar of St. Paul's Ringwood and Mesdames Lewin, G. Harrison, I. Johnson, G. Daniels, D. Scarff, D. Owen, J. Fergus, L. Dow and S. Wellings. The foundation office bearers were:-

President: Mrs. G. Harrison
Vice President: Mrs. I. Johnson
Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Dow
Treasurer: Mrs. Wellings

The first money raising event was a cake stall which realised £13-12-0 (\$27.20). The charge for afternoon tea at Guild Meetings was threepence (2¢).

Fund raising functions were fully considered and the Guild became involved in a bazaar in the Church grounds in September 1953; sending out free will offering envelopes to all local Church of England families; card nights and square dancing.

In April 1953 the Guild Members met the new vicar of Ringwood, the Rev. A.H. Warner-Bishop and Mrs. Bishop at their meeting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Page.

The Ladies Guild had been endeavouring to organise Sunday School in the local area. The Head Teacher of Ringwood East Primary School agreed to the Church being granted use of the building but this permission was later cancelled by the Education Department.

Mrs. Mullins of 77 Dandenong Road then offered her home for Sunday School classes which commenced on 7 June 1953.

In October 1953 the Guild gave the Church Building Committee £100 (\$200). In their first annual report on 24 November 1953 the Guild expressed hopes that the Church building would commence in 1954 and the Secretary reported that £200 (\$400) had been raised over the past 12 months.

Fund raising activities continued strongly in 1954 and at their June meeting plans for "Our new Church, Holy Trinity" were on view. (Quote from minutes of 22 June 1954).

But the annual report of 1954 expressed disappointment that "Our Church, Holy Trinity" has not yet been started. Fund raising in 1954 realised £202 (\$404). The Secretary reported that the envelope system had not worked so well in 1954.

On 17 August 1955 the minutes of the monthly meeting read "Minutes of Meeting held in Holy Trinity Church 17/8/55" (Quote) and fifteen members attended the first Guild meeting to be held in the Church. This created a new activity namely flower rosters which were drawn up on a monthly basis.

The third annual report presented on 31 January 1956 states, "Being able to hold our meetings in the Church is a great advantage."

In 1956 the Guild bought a piano for the Church and handed £255 (\$510) to the Building Committee. The latter part of 1957 differed from previous years in that efforts were directed towards the "Every Member Canvass" instead of the usual fete and other money raising functions.

The history of the Guild to 1957 has been a story of great dedication and loyalty and the members deserve thanks for their assistance in establishing Holy Trinity.

The Minute book from 1958 to 1967 reveals a widening field of activities. Fund raising activities included fetes, pet shows, stalls, luncheons and varying parades. Besides fund raising the Guild became more involved in local organisations such as Elderly Citizens, inter-Church Meetings, Good Neighbour Council and also in a wider assistance to home and overseas missions.

Extensions and alterations to the Church hall were either paid for by the Guild or financial assistance given to the Vestry.

With the Dedication of the New Church the Guild became involved in Church furnishings, kneelers, vestments (4 sets), altar cloth and frontals.

Despite so much time and energy being given to fund raising, the Guild Members remained conscious of the social side of Parish life. Fashion parades, craft demonstrations and sending of cards and flowers to ill members were prominent features of Guild activities.

The Minute Book commencing August 1964 reveals a continuation of previous activities and an extension into new fields. Social activities as morning coffee meetings, fashion parades, theatre outings and luncheons were used as fund raising functions. The Guild was also involved in catering for the Yarra Valley Bridge Club suppers and Christmas Break-up dinners.

Some donations made by the Guild since 1964 are:-

Purchase of Chairs	\$450
Carpet runner for weddings	107
Bush Church Aid	200
Vicarage improvement	200
Timber for new pews	300
Panelling in hall	400
Care force	250
Parish project	150
Darwin Cathedral Rebuilding Appeal	500
Cupboards, cutlery and crockery	321

In addition to these major items there were the continuing calls for donations for repair bills and maintenance and gifts to church organisations both within and beyond our parish.

Since the formation of the Guild in 1952 the Members have made a significant contribution to the growth of our Parish.

Office Bearers in our Silver Jubilee Year are:

President	Mrs. Elaine Grey
Secretary	Mrs. Shirley Hennessey

ASSISTANCE AT SERVICES

LAY READERS. When services began in Ringwood East in 1953 there was one vicar for the area of Ringwood, Ringwood East, Heathmont and Warrandyte. Regular services could only be held because of the loyal band of lay preachers. These lay

readers are most worthy of mention in this history but unfortunately a full list is not available. To those men who gave so willingly in this area our thanks and appreciation are due.

Since Holy Trinity became a parish in its own right the call on lay readers and other parishioners has been to assist at services rather than conduct services.

When Padre Beyer was serving as a Locum Tenen in 1967 he requested the Archdeacon for permission to have Mr. Baden Chadwick assist at Holy Communion. Vestry agreed to this request. In 1969 advice was received that Mr. Chadwick could only assist when the number of communicants exceeded 100.

As the years progressed lay involvement in services has increased and at present a number of vestry men and one vestry woman have been approved to assist at communion services.

Other aspects of lay participation in services are reading the lessons and occasionally giving the address.

In August 1961 Mrs. Jacquelyn Farrer, a diocesan parish worker was appointed by the Parochial District of Ringwood East - Heathmont to assist in parish work. Her duties were to assist with Home Visitation, Religious Instruction and Sunday School work at Heathmont. Her stipend was met by an additional Home Missions Grant. She resigned in December 1962.

In 1977 a theological student from Ridley College was appointed to assist in parish work. Mark Sumner was the first appointee for a period of one year. In 1978 Malcolm Thomas, another student, served as lay reader for one year.

PARISH PAPERS

1. The first Parish News was a single spirit duplicated sheet in June 1953 when services were being held in a private home. The editor was Mrs. Pat Adams. The vestry minutes of St. Paul's Ringwood commended the centre in Ringwood East for their interest and activity in producing a paper with local parish news. No records are available indicating how long this paper was in existence.
2. When the Church Hall was dedicated in June 1955 Holy Trinity became a centre in the parish of Ringwood and "The Parish of Ringwood" news included a section for Holy Trinity.
3. The creation of the new parish of Ringwood East - Heathmont introduced a new publication called "Information" to cover the two centres of the new parish. Number One issue was published in May 1961.
4. In February 1963 Holy Trinity became a parish in its own right and in March 1963 the No.1 issue of "The Vindicator" was published as a parish paper. "The Vindicator" included a new parish symbol - a trefoil which is one of the most ancient symbols used to illustrate the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity. Issue No.2 April 1963 in commenting on the choice of the new name states:

"The Great Vindicator is Christ Jesus. This means that our Blessed Lord justifies us before His Father in Heaven It is truly hoped that the parish paper, no less than ourselves, will truly represent "The Great Vindicator Jesus Christ". "

Publication ceased late in 1965 due to financial problems.

5. Holy Trinity subscribed to "Image" a joint quarterly magazine of the parishes of Ringwood, Ringwood East, North Ringwood, Collingwood, Eltham - Penton Hills and the Methodist - Presbyterian parishes of North Richmond and Collingwood. The paper "Image" was dedicated to the services of the people who don't go to Church. Its purpose was to inform and challenge thinking about God and His Church.
6. Since 1965 the parish paper has been a parish duplicated booklet similar to the current "Trinity News" parish paper.
7. Weekly pew notices are provided.

HOUSE COMMUNIONS

In April 1971 the first house communion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Smart, 6 Grandview Avenue. The Rev. A.J. Schreuder in introducing this form of communion to Holy Trinity said:

"These occasions provide us with an opportunity to meet for spiritual and social strengthening in a very easy atmosphere" (May 72 Newsletter).

Unfortunately due to illness of our vicar, house communions were postponed till 1972. During Lent 1972 house communions were held weekly and then monthly after Easter.

Due to further illness there were no house communions in 1973.

1974 saw resumption of weekly house communions in Lent and then monthly for the remainder of the year.

These house communions held in homes in various parts of the parish are an important part in our parish life.

SERVERS

Mention is made of servers at communion services in 1955 but no details of when these young people began to assist has been located.

Records show that a servers Guild was formed in 1962 and in September 1970 girls were rostered for duty as servers. These young people have made a great contribution to church life at Holy Trinity and to all who have assisted we say a special thank you.

1980 SACRISTAN - Martin Bigmore

GROUNDS

Grounds have been maintained by working bees and occasionally by individual people.

At the Dedication in 1955 the Age of 25 May 1955 reported that "visitors to the new church would see flowering chrysanthemums blooming in an attractive setting."

In 1965 a gardening group was formed under the leadership of Mr. C. Flack to plan and organise grounds and garden.

Though it is a difficult task to name individuals when considering a lengthy period two names are worthy of note. The first is Mr. J. Durant and more recently Mrs. Val Bigmore who has spent much time in maintaining and extending the garden round the church.

1980 IN CHARGE OF GROUND - Mrs. Val Bigmore

OPERATION BREAK-THROUGH

This scheme was so planned that:

"A group of men within the Parish has been charged with organising a programme of education and fellowship with a view to arousing interest in all aspects of Church life including financial."

It was planned in 1966 to cover a period of not less than 18 months.

Items were:

- (i) Promotion of Church and its work
- (ii) Teaching parishioners
- (iii) Sacrificial giving programme with public relations and advertising under the guidance of Padre Beyer.

One successful aspect was "How the other half lives". Twenty-nine different people visited the parish and contributed to this aspect.

BIBLE STUDY AND EDUCATION

In the formative years very little information is recorded about Bible Study.

In 1962 the Forward In Depth plan attracted many parishioners.

Bible Study groups became more prominent after Holy Trinity had a resident vicar. A library was established. Though not an extensive one regular criticism has been that it is not used by many parishioners.

Bible reading notes for private and group study are available.
Mr. G. Dennis conducts practise for the Trinity Singers.

A recent involvement has been the training and rostering of parishioners for hospital visiting.

Vestry has encouraged a wide field of activities so that parishioners may find a suitable sphere of activity for their talents.

1980 Bible Study Group Leaders

- (A) Mrs. Alison Buchanan
- (B) Mr. Graham Lee

Bible study notes from Mrs. Thelma Scollary.

CHAPTER THREE

HOLY TRINITY RINGWOOD EAST

FUND RAISING

In October 1953 the Committee of Management was involved in a census of the Ringwood Parish area but no details of this census have been located.

EVERYMAN CANVASS

The Central Council of the Parish of Ringwood following the visit of the Rev. Wilfred Holt, Director of the Department of Promotion (Anglican) decided to hold in 1957 an:

"Every man canvass to stimulate the interest of every member ----- and to promote the spiritual response of our people to the challenge of the times." (Parish of Ringwood News, June 1957).

Mr. Frank Corr, of Ringwood was the General Chairman; Holy Trinity's Committee Members were Mr. B. Howell, Mrs. F. Archer, Mr. P. Rowlands, Mr. R. Couper, Mr. F. Archer, Mr. D. Scarff and Miss P. Butler.

The canvass was conducted by the Parish and 420 Anglican families were listed in RINGWOOD EAST. The formation of a Mens Club in 1957 was one of the early results of the canvass. The financial report of 1958 states:

"Our financial position ----- fell far short of the original target set during the Everyman Canvass ----- it only reached a little over 50% of this target."

1958 CANVASS

A revisionary canvass was held in the latter part of 1958 with the idea of halting any drift and renewing interest generally.

Vestry, with the co-operation of the Vicar of St. Paul's, Ringwood, the Rev. R.F. Adams, issued a brochure to advise parishioners of past achievements, their future plans and to explain why it was so vital for parishioners to accept planned giving. Mr. F. Archer was chairman.

This was the first canvass conducted by the Vestry of Ringwood East.

INTER-CHURCH SURVEY

In 1959 the Churches in Ringwood East combined for an inter-Church survey. This survey revealed 550 Anglican families.

1961 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

In 1961 the Christian Development Programme, a stewardship campaign, was conducted by the Vestry. Sixty men and women visited 400 families in the Holy Trinity Parish. Church attendances and pledging increased:-

Two hundred parishioners made a pledge.

FRIENDSHIP VISITATION PROGRAMME

The Rev. A.F. Pattison in his 1961 report stated:

"I think we must be more missionary minded. That is, we must become missionaries ourselves ----- I would like to see some sort of Operation Friendship, whereby each of us who is confirmed or involved and sharing in a real sense of friendship or fellowship what our church means to us ----- . It is the way the Church in the beginning grew - disciple sharing with friend."

From this suggestion there developed in 1962 the interchurch Friendship Visitation Programme which aimed to "Offer the hand of friendship on behalf of the Church to as many Anglican families as possible."

INFORMATION, the Parish Paper No.15, October 1962, reports:-

"The Ringwood East roll of Anglicans has been increased by 170 families, bringing the overall total to just on 700. As well as these figures there are as yet some 180 homes that have not been contacted."

1963 FUND RAISING

The formation of the new parish of Holy Trinity in 1962 added increased financial burdens. In July 1963 Mr. A.J. Fearn-Wannan was engaged as a fund raising consultant "to improve the cash position."

A reassessment by Vestry members, a canvass of a limited number of parishioners and a programme of contacting non-givers by mail were the main steps.

Vestry minutes do not assess the results of the appeal.

1965 MINI CANVASS

Due to financial difficulties in 1965 Vestry conducted a mini-canvass of all regular givers, requesting a reassessment of pledges, but this was not very successful.

1966 CENSUS

The 1966 Census was conducted by the combined Churches in Ringwood East, but no statistics have been recorded. The annual report of the Church Wardens states "While the venture was only about 90% successful it enabled us to bring our roll up to date in most respects."

OTHER FUND RAISING EFFORTS

Balance Sheets indicate that the financial aspect is greatly influenced by the success of the annual fetes. It is apparent, from the planning and organising of the fetes, that the fete committee has realised the necessity for a successful financial fete.

Other fund raising schemes have been tried over the years. Some of the efforts had emphasis on the social side of parish life as well as fund raising. Some schemes that have been tried are: Talent Contests, handicraft exhibition, progressive dinners, parish balls, catering by the Ladies Guild for social functions, walkathons, parish concerts, hiring of hall, fashion parades and displays. These activities covered an extensive range and contributed to parish finances.

1970 PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

This was the first fund raising programme to be conducted by a professional organisation. Mr. Charles POWTER, of the Methodist Department of Promotion, was Director.

PROGRAMME CHAIRMAN Mr. G.Dennis
HOSTESS Mrs. Orr
CONTINUATION DIRECTOR Mr. Ken Lane

A well attended parish dinner was held on 25 September 1970 and visiting commenced on 27 September 1970. Pledging rate increased by 153%. \$29,000 was promised in pledges over the ensuing three years.

SOME STATISTICS:

Families listed for canvassing	214
Of these 214 units:-	
Total number of pledges	140
Total number of cash givers	6
Total number of refusals	49
Total number of see later	1
Total number of removals	9
Total number of unreported	<u>9</u>
	214

1973 PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

DIRECTOR Mr. Ray Fairhall of the Methodist Department of Promotion.

PROGRAMME CHAIRMAN Mr. Les. Smart

HOSTESS LEADER Mrs. Smart

The Parish Dinner was held on Friday 21 September and visiting of parishioners commenced after the commissioning of canvassers on Sunday 23 September.

RESULTS:	NUMBER CONTACTED	183
<u>ANALYSIS</u>	Number of Pledges	121
	Number of cash givers	2
	Number of no reply	8
	Number of refusals	25
	Number who took envelopes	22
	Number requesting further visit	2
	Number of removals	<u>3</u>
		183

The amount promised for the three year period was \$33,000.

1976 PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

DIRECTOR Mr. G. Dennis Vicar's Warden
PROGRAMME CHAIRMAN Mr. L. Smart
HOSTESS LEADER Mrs. Hilary Hunt
PRINTING & STATIONERY Mr. Jim Lawry
FUNCTIONS Mr. & Mrs. M. Bigmore

Canvassing commenced on 19 September after the commissioning of canvassers at a Family Service. The amount promised for the three year period was \$47,000.

Mr. G. Dennis in his report noted:- "The standard of giving has increased but the number of families has not."

DETAILS:	FAMILIES VISITED	166
	OF THESE:	
	PLEDGED	106
	REFUSED	15
	TOOK ENVELOPES	16
	SEE LATER	3
	UNREPORTED	<u>26</u>
		166

1979 PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

DIRECTOR Mr. Keith Hollingsworth, a parishioner, was Director of this campaign which began in March with notices and information and concluded with the pledging in October.

Two Variations to Previous Campaigns

- (1) Those parishioners attending the parish dinner were invited to take their pledge cards and return the same at the Dedication and Renewal service on the following Sunday.
- (2) The pledge was for a two year period.
- (3) Those parishioners not attending the parish dinner were visited by a team of counsellors.

DETAILS: TOTAL NUMBER APPROACHED 185

OF THESE:

Number of commitments	119
Number of combined with family	6
Number of taking envelopes	23
Number of refusals	20
Number of removals	15
Number of away	<u>2</u>
	185

The amount promised for two years was \$47,660.

DINNER CHAIRMAN	Mr. J. Way
HOSTESS LEADER	Mrs. E. Cox
COUNSELLING CHAIRMAN	Mr. L. Smart
DINNER ORGANISERS	Mr. & Mrs. Bowick

CHAPTER FOUR

HOLY TRINITY RINGWOOD EAST

OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Vestry minutes reveal that even in most difficult times Holy Trinity gave a percentage of their income to organisations beyond our parish and as the years have progressed our parish has become more involved in community and social problems both within and beyond our parish.

We at Holy Trinity are extremely fortunate. From an administrative point of view we are a complete parish. We have a resident Vicar, Church buildings and many active parish groups.

Our 25th anniversary is an appropriate time to appraise our achievements and assess their effects.

We are greatly indebted to our church members who began this venture in the early fifties. The Dedication of the permanent Church in 1965 must have given them great joy. Many difficulties had to be overcome - financial problems, falling church attendances, often not a full vestry, shortage of Sunday School teachers - to mention just a few - but the timely building of our Church has been a great asset.

If, then, we accept the criterion that history is the story of people and their efforts to achieve their hopes and aspirations then the Dedication of the Church in 1965 must be recorded as the outstanding landmark. But, if history is interpreted as the unfolding of God's plan for His people, and we being aware of our Lord's commands, it is vital that we look beyond the Dedication.

It should be noted that the 1962 census recorded "just on 700 Anglican families in Ringwood East." Associating this statement with the theme for the 80's "Committed to Growing" the following three view points will help to focus our thoughts on our assessment of 25 years of parish life.

Firstly, this fulfilment was discussed just before the building of the Church began. "The Vindicator", our Parish paper of May 1964, when referring to "the objectives of our new church" stated:

"Public worship is not an end in itself and neither are new Churches and large congregations Our OBJECTIVE is to bring as many as possible into the vital relation of our Lord and keep them there. So we cannot be content merely to provide the most attractive type of service or on the other hand the most economical one. We must consider what effect our new Church, and the services conducted in it, are likely to do for those who are attracted to it for the first time, for those who are taking it up again, and for those who are always there."

"People come to Church for a variety of reasons, but no matter what their motive we must take care to make them feel that when they are in our Church, in God's House, they have come into contact with the love of God. Then, and only then, will our new Church be a factor in spreading the love of God abroad in our hearts and theirs."

Secondly, the Rev. A. Schreuder in his report for 1970 presented to the Annual General Meeting stated:

"It must be borne in mind that Christianity is not one thing solely - it is not merely a matter of praying, reading the Bible, going to Church - all these things are very important and an essential part of Christianity, but they are not the complete thing in

itself ----- What I am trying to say is that we must be practical as well, showing our Christianity in some practical ways and these are numerous. It is useless to be diligent in "religious" things, but ignoring human needs. So Christianity is a mighty thing ----- as people who practise it are bonded together in the common ties of having a close relationship with God and the people round about them."

And finally with the theme for the 80's being "Committed to Growing" our Vicar, the Rev. Ray Kenny writes:

"This theme is a concept dear to the heart of Jesus himself and one very soundly based on Scripture."

From a numerical point of view, a local congregation can grow from three sources:

1. By transfer growth - where members transfer into the congregation from other parishes.
2. By biological growth - through children of present members becoming part of the local Church via baptism and confirmation.
3. By conversion growth - when new people are won to Christ and when they become committed to membership in the local congregation. This includes the lapsed restored to the faith.

Allied with numerical growth is personal growth - a deeper commitment to the person of Jesus and each other.

The Vicar, Churchwardens and Vestry firmly believe that this is what God wants the family of Holy Trinity to be about in the 80's. This dual concept of "growing" promises to be exciting and fruitful and in keeping with the thinking of Jesus.

He says "You did not choose me; I chose you. I appointed you to go on and bear fruit, fruit that shall last." (John 15:16)

OFFICE BEARERS

Parish Secretaries

1953-1960 Mr. P. Rowlands
1961-1962 Mr. G. Dennis
1963-1964 Mr. D. McDonald
1965 Mr. B. Buchanan
1966-1967 Mr. C. Garrick
1968-1974 Mr. G. Dennis
1975-1980 Mr. B. Chadwick

Parish Treasurers

1953-1964 Mr. D.J. Scarff
1965-1966 Mr. L. Smart
1968-1974 Mr. W. Kay
1975 Mr. R. Gorry
1976-1980 Mr. W. Kay

1980 VESTRY

Vicar's Warden

Mr. G. Dennis

Wardens

Mr. B. Chadwick Mrs. A. Buchanan
(Secretary)

Vestry Mrs. I. Day

Mrs. E. Cox

Mrs. D. MacDonald

Vicar's (Mr. E. Van den Heuvel

Mr. L. Smart

Nominations (Miss G. Gould

Mr. G. Kingsley

to Vestry (Mrs. D. Brazier

Mr. W. Kay (Treasurer)

Mr. A. Miller

Mr. J. Lawry

Incumbency Committee

Messrs. Chadwick & Smart Mrs.
A. Buchanan

Synodsmen

Messrs. L. Smart & J. Lawry

GIFTS TO HOLY TRINITY COMPILED FROM OFFICIAL RECORDS

GIFT	DONOR
1. Prayer Desk and Pulpit	Vestry and parishioners of St. Paul's Ringwood.
2. Baptismal Font	Sunday School Holy Trinity.
3. Carpeting in Sanctuary 1962	Ladies Guild, Holy Trinity.
4. Communion Rail	Anonymous.
5. 12 Prayer Books	Y.A.F. Holy Trinity.
6. Psalters	Anonymous.
7. Drinking Fountain	Mr. E. Edwards.
8. Curtain for Sanctuary	Mr. Pawsey.
9. Electronic Organ 1963	Page Family. In memory of Daisy Elizabeth PAGE - Died 12-6-1958.
10. Two Glass Cruets with Silver Cross Stoppers (1959)	Miss Martin. In memory of her sister Marjorie Lee - Died 13-8-1959.
11. Altar (1961)	A Thanksgiving offering from the W.A. Pattison family, 13-4-1961.
12. Processional Cross	St. Lilas, North Balwyn.
13. Glass Brick Wall 1965	In memory of Frederic Albert BOUVIER - Died 13-12-1963 and his grandson, Mark Roderic BOUVIER, died 12-1-1965.
14. Paten & Chalice	Anonymous.
15. Rectern 1965	Thelma & Tony Scollary.
16. Litany Desk 1965	Geoffrey & Peter Scollary.
17. Vestments (4 sets)	
18. Pipe	
19. Ciborium	
20. Sanctuary Lamp	Holy Trinity Y.A.F.
21. Concrete Art Work on West Wall	The Rev. G.A. Mullins and Mr. Vanne Trompf.
22. Sanctuary Chair (or Bishop's)	In memory of Mabel Elsie HARVEY - Died 6-7-1973. Presented by her family.

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| 23. Aumbry | |
| 24. Processional Lights | Holy Trinity Servers Guild. |
| 25. Brass Cross on Exterior Wall on the South End | Anonymous. |
| 26. Baptisimal Shell | In memory of Peter WELLINGS - Died 27-6-1951 Aged 3½ years. R.I.P. |
| 27. Altar Lights | In memory of Stephen Otto WITHERS - Died 25-3-1955, and Margaret E.P. WITHERS - Died 2-8-1960 Born 11-1-1899. |
| 28. Missal Stand | In memory of Edward LEWIS Melbourne H.M.A.S. Sydney. |
| 29. Chalice & Paten | In loving memory of Arthur Graham PAGE. OBIT. 18-9-1954. |
| 30. Lavabo Bowl | |
| 31. Alms Dish | Presented by the Youth of the Parish of Ringwood in memory of Arthur Graham PAGE - Died 18-9-1954. |
| 32. Church Bell | Methodist Church Murphy's Creek, Victoria. |
| 33. Bread Box | Holy Trinity Youth Fellowship. |
| 34. Brass Cross | In memory of John ROWLANDS, Priest. |
| 35. Vases | Mr. & Mrs. D.J. Scarff. |
| 36. Candle Snuffer | |
| 37. Brass Vase | "Sacred to the memory of Arthur Reginald PAGE - Died 7-3-1973. |
| 38. Sanctuary Cross - Wooden | Gift from Holy Trinity Confirmees 1969-1970. Dedicated 4-4-1971. |
| 39. \$200 for Church Furniture | Estate late Mrs. Withers. |
| 40. Organ and Prayer Desk (1954) | St. James Montlake. |
| 41. Organ 1954 | Mrs. Phillips. |
| 42. Book Marks 1955 | Mrs. Frencham. |
| 43. \$21 1957 for Church Seats | Tintern C.E.G.G.S. |
| 44. Pews 1960 | St. Marks East Brighton. |
| 45. Literature Rack 1958 | Mr. C. Trotman |
| 46. Collection Plates 1958 | |

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| 47. Hymn & Psalm Board | Gift of D.J. Scarff & family in memory of his mother and father. Dedicated 17-3-1968. |
| 48. Sanctuary Seat | Mr. Salmon. In memory of his wife. |
| 49. Brass Candle Sticks & Brass Urn | Miss Beaumont. |
| 50. Notice Board | Mr. L. Smart. |
| 51. Chalice & Paten | Miss Miller in memory of Miss Heward. |
| 52. Bible on Lectern | Mrs. M. Reiger. |
| 53. Pascall Candle | Tintern & Holy Trinity Conferees 1976. |
| 54. Oil Heaters | Anonymous. |
| 55. Vicarage Block | Mr. J. Durant. |
| 56. \$500 for Improvement Funds | Estate Mr. Johnson. |
| 57. Altar Cloth | |
| 58. "G.I.S." Kneelers. | |
| 59. Table & Chair | Arthur Page. Bequest. |
| 60. Chasuble & Maniple 1958 | Anonymous. |
| 61. Viaticum | |
| 62. Altar Frontals 1977 | |
| 63. Festal Vestments 1977 | In memory of Sandra June COFFIELD. |
| 64. Pews | |
| 65. \$23,036.00 | M. Michie. Bequest. |
| 66. Notice Board 1980 | Ladies Guild. |