

PULPIT NOTICES

The guest Preacher at the 110th. Church Anniversary at 11 am and 7pm is Rev. Walter Bampton, L.Th.

Mr. Hedley Jones will give an organ recital at 6.30pm this evening.

Wednesday 2.30pm. Specimen Hill W.A.O.M. Birthday. All ladies welcome.

Wednesday 7.30 pm. Fellowship will meet at the Parsonage. New members very welcome.

Thursday 2.30 pm. W.A.O.M. will meet in the Sunday School Primary Room.

Thursday 7 pm. Members' Class.

Thursday 7 pm. Junior M.Y.F.

Thursday 7.30pm. Senior M.Y.F.

Guild Choir practice after next Sunday morning's Service for half-hour in the Sunday School.

The Choir will present Stainer's "Crucifixion" on Palm Sunday, next Sunday at 7pm. Soloists Messrs. N. Thirlwell, G. Woodfield; and Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary" on Good Friday at 8pm in the Church. Soloists, Miss G. Perry, Messrs. K. Semple, G. Woodfield.

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Sunday April 8th., 1962

110th. CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

1852 - 1962

Guest Preacher 11 am and 7 pm

Rev. Walter Bampton, L.Th.

6.30 pm. Organ Recital by Church Organist, Hedley Jones.

Services next Sunday:

11 am. Mr. F C Perry

7 pm. Rev. E B Gamble.  
The Choir will present Stainer's "Crucifixion" during the Service

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April 15th - Mesdames J Boys  
& F Mamouney

Flower Roster:

April 15th: Mesdames C Jorgenson, E. Vapp  
April 22nd: Mesdames R McCann, J. Samson.

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Dear Friends,

We are delighted to welcome back to Golden Square the Reverend Walter and Mrs. Bampton on the occasion of the 110th. Church Anniversary. Mr. Bampton was the Minister at Golden Square at the time of the Celebration of the Centenary.

Church Anniversary is a time for reflection, a time of anticipation; we come together in worship and thanksgiving and to seek God's guidance and blessing upon the days that are yet to come.

We recall that in 1852 "Jimmy" Jeffrey a Local Preacher from South Australia, preached the Gospel for the first time on the Bendigo Goldfields, using a stump as his pulpit in the green bush at Golden Square.

For a time a tent served as a place of worship until in the same year, 1852, a wooden building, formerly a store, was purchased, removed and set up on the site of the present Sunday School buildings.

The first Minister to visit Golden Square in 1852 was the Rev. John Symons who was then stationed at Forest Creek, Castlemaine. In August 1853, the Rev. Thomas Ruston came to take charge, and

at the close of 1853 reported five places of worship in the Golden Square district. The first Minister to be stationed at Golden Square was Rev. Richard Hart in the year 1860.

The foundation stone of a new Church was laid in 1859 by Rev. Daniel J. Draper and the foundation stone of the present Church was laid in 1872.

Recent years have seen the renovation and extension of the Sunday School Hall, making it one of the finest properties of the kind in Bendigo.

What of the future? All past debts are now cleared, the extensive improvement of the School Hall is paid for, and during this year we hope to see the beginning of an extensive scheme of renovation and restoration on the fine old Church at Golden Square. We have the substance, both material and spiritual of a centre of strong Christian witness.

"Rise up, O men of God,  
The Church for you doth wait.  
Her strength unequal to her task,  
Rise up and make her great."

Your Minister,

E. Bert Gamble.