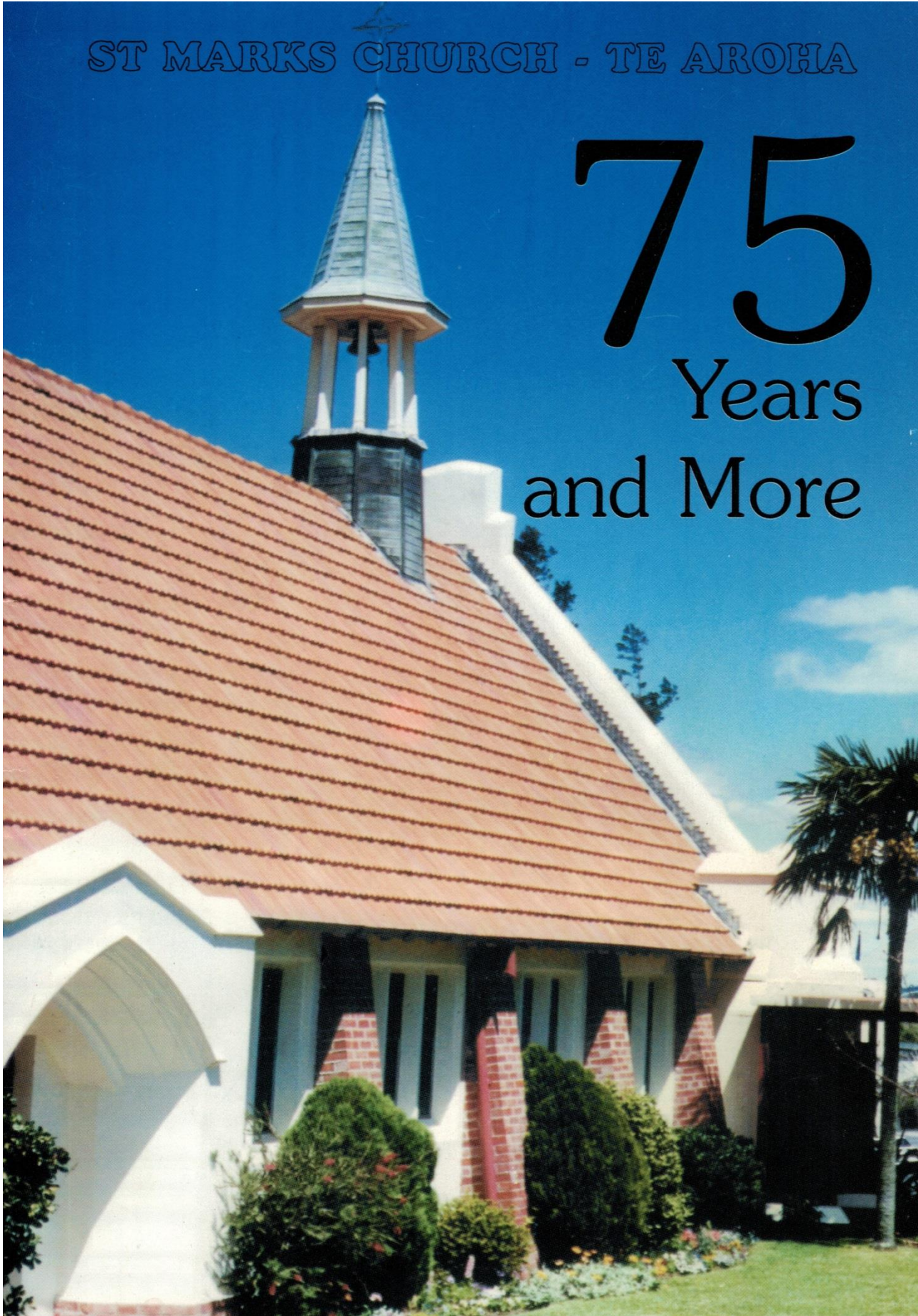


ST MARKS CHURCH - TE AROHA

75
Years
and More



*St Mark's Anglican Church
Te Aroha*



*75th Anniversary
Celebration
1926 – 2001*

October 26 - 28, 2001

"The church being a memorial to fallen soldiers, and being the most beautiful building that has so far been erected in Te Aroha, has an interest apart from its first and main purpose. Sacred as a place of worship it will through the long years its durable walls are destined to stand, keep alive the sacrifice of many brave men.

"This gives all an interest in the church and every citizen who takes some pride in the town will be able to appreciate what has been done by those whose Christian principles caused them to raise a building which does honour to their faith and their conception of Christianity.

- The Te Aroha News 27th October, 1926

FOREWORD

This celebration booklet has been compiled to mark the 75th anniversary of the opening and dedication of Saint Mark's Church.

The details contained here have been gleaned from various sources but consist, to a large part, of extracts from an earlier history compiled from Vestry minutes.

This booklet is intended to give a brief history of the buildings, which are the theme of this anniversary, and is not intended to be a history of parish life. Consequently it may seem that scant attention has been paid to parish life and personalities.

Space was a decisive factor in omitting personal accounts and to have included some - even a few - would have run the risk of favouring some people at the expense of others.

It would, however, be a serious omission if due recognition was not given to the many personalities and families who have played such a significant part in the establishment of this parish and the important role that women, especially the many women groups, have played in serving the parish.

Our thanks go to Ian and Liz Harrop for their work in putting this booklet together.

Their efforts remind us that it might be appropriate at this time to give consideration to the compilation of a comprehensive history for the church's centenary. It could be a major work involving several years of research and preparation. Your comments would be appreciated.

*Rex Caudwell
Vicar*

St Mark's Church, Te Aroha

A History

THE first records of regular Anglican services in Te Aroha date back to the January 1st 1882, when the preacher was one, H.S. Davies. Unfortunately the numbers in the congregations are not recorded. Neither is there any indication as to the actual place or building where the services were held, but it is recorded that five candidates were confirmed by the Bishop at 7.30pm on Friday December 15th 1882.

This record of regular services ceased abruptly and without comment early in 1884. The next information consists of the minutes of a meeting of "Church of England People" in the Public Hall on Sunday January 25th 1885 with the Rev Mr [J.] Hazelden, described as "Organising Minister" in the chair. Of those present, Mr [G. H. A.] Burgess was appointed Minister's Warden, Mr Gibbons People's Warden, and Messrs Crump, Emerson and Smyth appointed to constitute a vestry. Mr Burgess was also appointed secretary and treasurer, and the meeting undertook to contribute £40 per annum towards the Minister's Stipend Fund.

In June of the same year the Waiorongomai wardens asked the Te Aroha vestry to take over the Waiorongomai indebtedness. Sadly, at such an early stage in the history of our church, financial problems were already rearing their ugly head. This was a problem that was to beset vestries from the earliest times to the present day. Vestry minutes were perennially filled with financial crises, worries about building costs and stipend woes and as such have been largely omitted from this history.

First St Mark's Church built

In January 1886, with his Lordship the Bishop of Auckland¹ presiding, a general meeting resolved that a church should be built on a site given by Mrs Lipsey and an amount of £300 was authorised to be spent on it. Little time was wasted. Tenders were called and in August the new church was in use. The vestry, undismayed by indebtedness from building the church for which they gave personal guarantees, went ahead with proposals to secure a site for the "parsonage", to provide an organ, lighting for the church and to have the property enclosed with a picket and paling fence.

The first marriage in the church was that of Miss Ellen Marychurch Strange of Waitoa to Mr John Archibold Cochrane - on July 26th 1887.

¹ According to records of the Diocese of Auckland, Te Aroha was a part of the Diocese of Auckland until 1926 when it "divided off the southern regions of Waikato, King Country and Taranaki to form the Diocese of Waikato." The Bishop in 1886 was the Right Rev. Dr. William Cowie

First vicarage built

Curiously enough, until about this time the church is referred to simply as "the Church". Apparently it had never been named but from July 1887, although there is no mention of a naming or dedication ceremony, the name St Mark regularly appears.

At the Annual General Meeting in July 1897 the main business discussed was the desirability of proceeding with the erection of a vicarage and, at the next meeting, it was resolved to borrow £250 from Diocesan funds for this purpose.

Although no references to the actual building or occupation of the vicarage is made it can be assumed the project went ahead as within a year or so there is a note of a special effort to be made to reduce the mortgage on the vicarage, and sewing meetings were to be held there to produce articles for a sale of work.

Over a number of years the minutes make occasional mention of the appointment of various assistants to the position of Bellringer and Lamplighter, at salaries ranging from £2 to £10 per year, and it is interesting to find in July 1905 a reference to the appointment of a committee to investigate the lighting of the church by electricity. A few months later this was done, the vestrymen personally guaranteeing the cost which was £12-7s-6d.

The church enlarged

The church was enlarged about the end of 1900 and in 1902 there was another change of clergy and the new vicar was the Rev E.M. Cowie. A site for a church at Manawaru was offered as a donation by Mr E.J. Cox. There were continuing difficulties in raising enough money just to keep the church alive, and the minutes show the vestry meetings were concerned almost entirely with financial problems.

In 1908 the Rev Cowie left Te Aroha and was replaced by the Rev P. Cleary. Plans were made for additions to the vicarage but in the course of arranging to fund it a disagreement arose with the vicar and he departed about the end of 1910.

The Rev G. Wells-Smailes was appointed in his place and within a short time active steps were being taken to purchase the sections adjoining the church as a site for a parish hall. The purchase was arranged in due course but nothing more appears to have been done in the next three or four years.

Plans to build a new church - and a hall!

In 1918 a proposal to build a new church was raised again, several vestrymen promising substantial donations towards a fund for this purpose. In March 1919 the Rev Morse resigned after serving three years to take an appointment in the Diocese of Waiapu, and the Bishop sent the Rev R. L. Connolly in his place.

Within a short time there were frequent references to proposals to build what is described as "Saint Mark's Peace Memorial Church". At a Special General Meeting on September 1st 1919 the vestry was authorised to raise funds for the new building. Following a dispute with the architect a new plan was accepted.

In June 1921 it is reported Waitoa parishioners had purchased a section, and were proceeding with energy and enthusiasm to build their own church.

While the men were desperately trying to raise enough money to make a start with the new church, the Ladies' Guild out of the blue informed the vestry they had £800 in hand and were prepared to build this up to £1,200 if the vestry would allow them to build a parish hall. The proposal to build the hall was approved and building started within a short time.

In November 1922 it was announced that Mr Gilchrist had been successful in having the property freeholded for the parish.

A church built at Waitoa

The church at Waitoa was successfully completed and it was dedicated at a service on Wednesday September 19th 1923, when a good representation from St Mark's joined the Waitoa congregation.

Foundation stone laid for the new church

Continual efforts were being made to build up the funds for the new church but money was slow to come in. However the state of repair of the old building was such that matters could not be deferred much longer. The old church was eventually sold by tender to Mr Todd for the Waihou Church Committee for £16 and the foundation stone for the new building laid at a ceremony on 13th April 1926. The vicar read a brief history of St Mark's Church which he proposed should be placed under the foundation stone together with a list of men from the district who had fallen in the Great War; and also the names of previous vicars of the parish. The tender was let to Messrs Ritchie & Hepburn for £3,730 and work proceeded forthwith. A bad storm during the construction caused a certain amount of damage and the alarmed vestry called on the architect to provide for additional strengthening. This was done.

On Sunday 24th October 1926 the Primate of New Zealand, Archbishop [A.W.] Averill, dedicated the church before a congregation reported to have numbered about 500.

Mrs Wayne and the organ

About the end of 1926 the first mention is made of the organ, a gift from Mrs Wayne, provided the vestry would pay the various freight, landing, repair and instalment charges. The vestry apparently had little appreciation of the value of the organ as they stated they were in no position to pay any further charges beyond the £22 already authorised for freight and landing costs, even after Mrs Wayne offered the first £50 of the additional expense.

In July 1928 the first reference appears to have the Parochial District constituted a Parish, and it was resolved to take the necessary steps to have this done. In the meantime the building fund continued to be remarkably well supported, and with the assistance of a very successful Ladies Guild Fair, and a substantial bequest from the Chudleigh family estate it was resolved in December 1928 that the Auckland Savings Bank be informed of the vestry's intention to repay the mortgage and clear the debt on the church forthwith.

It was certainly a praiseworthy achievement for the people of the parish in those days to build and pay for such a fine church in the course of about three years.

On May 19th 1929 the parish was visited by the Archbishop who presided at a service to consecrate the church and dedicate the East Windows. These windows were gifts from the

Ladies Guild, and the Parr and Jackson families The original windows were offered as a gift to the Waitoa Church

The Rev Connolly's long term of service in the parish came to an end with his resignation in January 1931, and he departed amid mutual expressions of goodwill and esteem.

No heating until 1934

Up to this time there had been no heating in the church and the matter was now discussed at length. An amount of £70 previously set aside as the nucleus of a fund for the provision of an assistant curate, was made available by a resolution at the Annual General Meeting in 1934, and the first part of the heating system installed.

A new vicarage fund

Up to 1945 references were made from time to time of the state of repair of the vicarage. The original building had been added to at various times, but the cost of keeping it in repair was considerable. It was decided a legacy from the estate of Eliza Lamb, together with a donation from the Ladies Guild, should go into a "New Vicarage Fund" for the ultimate replacement of the vicarage. A further £200 from the Lamb estate was received later.

With the assistance of generous donations of materials and voluntary labour, a tennis court was laid down on the section over the stream where the former clergy house now stands. Unfortunately, in spite of an excellent set-up, the game of tennis declined in popularity and after a few years the courts fell into disuse.

Parish hall affairs were also re-organised and a parish hall committee formed to regulate and control all affairs in connection with it. In fact it appears that from the time it was built the hall had been a very real asset to the parish as well as to the whole community. It was found in 1948 that the pounding of the floor by all the many activities carried on there had caused deterioration of the understructure, and reblocking of the main part of the building was done.

In 1949 the former vicar, Canon Connolly, died. It was obvious he had been well loved in the parish, and he had returned year after year in November to conduct the Golden Offering services.

A new vicarage built

In 1953 one of the main events of the year was a Coronation Ball at which a number of debutantes were presented to Bishop [J.T.] Holland. Later in the year the Rev F.A. Clarke, having been recently ordained, was appointed assistant curate in the parish.

Early in 1954 proposals to build a new vicarage were revived and active steps to design the building and raise the necessary finance were now taken. Within a few months the building was under way and the service of dedication was held on October 30th with the new vicarage paid for.

Te Aroha becomes a Parish

A matter brought to the vestry's notice in March of 1956 was the donation of eight building sections within the township of Waihou by Mr D.G.C Lewis, and there was also an anonymous donation of £100 as the nucleus of a building fund for a church, hall and house to go on the land. Another matter revived at this time was the presentation of a Bill to Synod to convert Te Aroha from a Parochial District to the full status of a Parish. The Bill was passed in 1956.

Clergy house built

A committee of investigation reported that the tennis court site would be ideal for a clergy house and recommended immediate building. The house was built and before long the Rev A.F. Hubbard and his family installed.

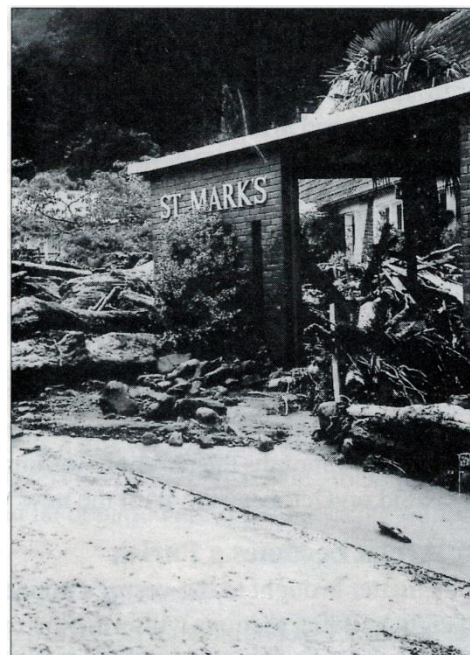
The parish now had a first-class set up with the church, vicarage and clergy house all in permanent materials, and parish hall which, though becoming old, was still functional. Again in 1960 the floor of the hall was improved by further reblocking, levelling and sanding, and was reported to be in good condition.

The Flood

Following rainfall of record levels overnight the Rev Mark Taylor was awoken in the early hours of 17th February, 1985 by the sound of water pounding against the side of the vicarage. The normally placid Tunakohoa Stream which flowed behind the church grounds had swollen to gigantic proportions during the night and brought down from the side of Mt. Te Aroha thousands of tons of rocks and rubble inundating Te Aroha and causing extensive damage and loss of life.

It didn't take long for Mr Taylor to realise the vicarage was flooded and, worse, exits from the house were blocked by debris. He managed eventually to escape through the window - with dignity slightly damaged but life intact - clad only in his night attire.

The vicarage and the hall suffered considerable damage but the church, in spite of debris piled rooftop height under the portal, escaped relatively unscathed.



Aftermath of the terrible flood on
February 17, 1985

St Paul's Church, Waitoa

Saint Paul's Church was opened by A. W. Averill, Bishop of Auckland, on Wednesday 19th September 1923. The Sunday School rooms or "hall" was completed on 7th September 1944.

The monthly service at Waitoa was discontinued in March 1994. The church building was sold to John and Ruby Cahalane for \$18,500, re-sited at Thebe Street, Rotorua and converted into a residence. The hall was sold for \$1200 for removal and the section for \$7000. The chalice was gifted to a congregation in Vila Vanuatu and the font to Holy Trinity Forest Lake. A closing service of thanksgiving was held on Sunday afternoon 27th November 1994 with Bishop David Moxon as the preacher.

Refurbishment at St Mark's

The proceeds from the Waitoa sales were used for urgently needed maintenance on St Mark's. The exterior was repaired and texture coated; the roof was retiled and the tiles fixed with Monier clips; the most urgent leadlight windows and frames were repaired including the large one in the main vestry; and the vestries were rearranged and refurbished. The main vestry was recarpeted and hot water provided! A fine wall unit for the communion vessels and linen was donated in memory of Joan and Godfrey Horn; and a large bookshelf in memory of Marion Johnson which houses resources for the ministry team.

Christ Church, Manawaru

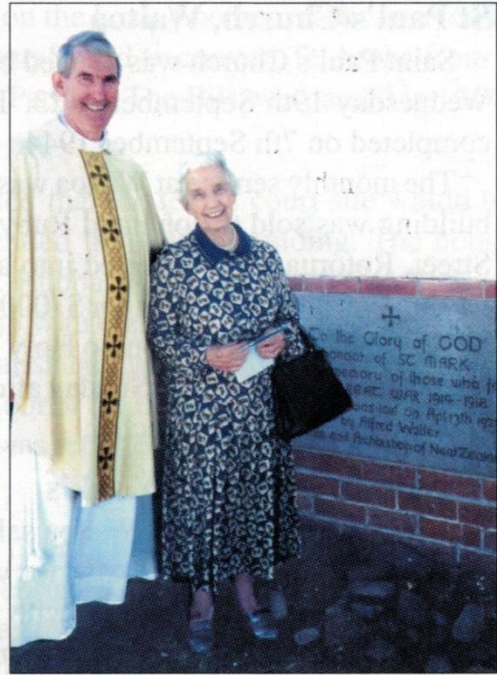
The service register is titled "Aratiatia" and the first service is dated 1902 with E. M. Cowie as the officiant but it does not say where the service was held.

The dedication service of the church is recorded at 7.30pm on 17th December 1907 with 130 present; and the collection designated to the "Church Building Fund".

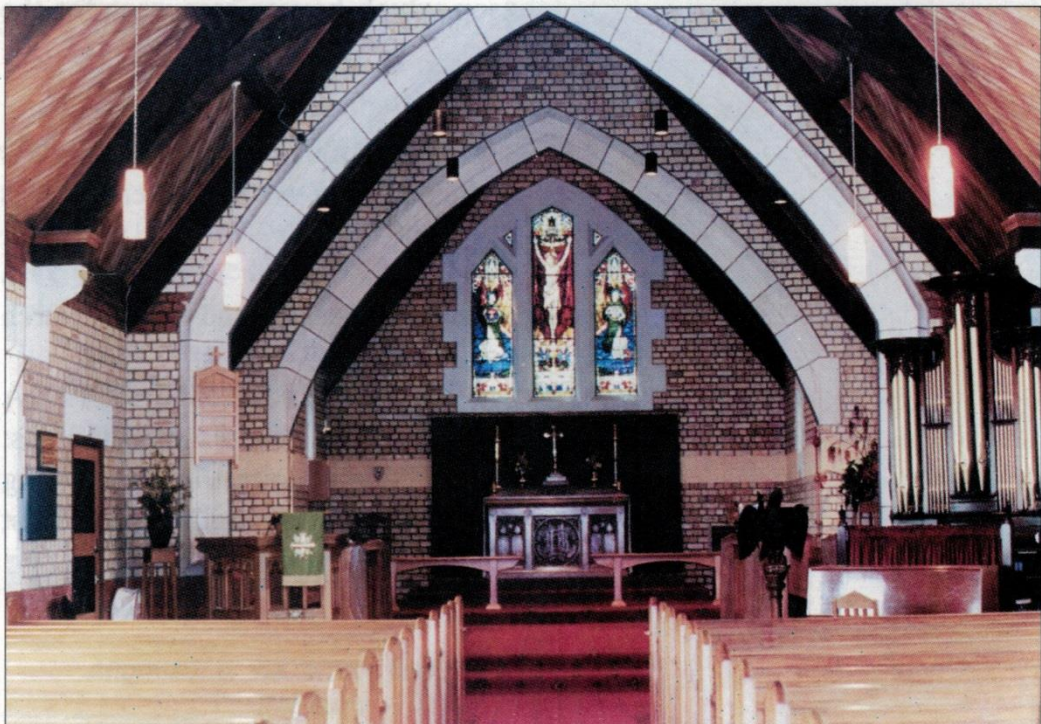
The monthly Anglican services ceased from the last day of May 1997. A local inter-church committee was formed to maintain the building and grounds; and to organise services from time to time. This committee has a Working Agreement with St Mark's Vestry on behalf of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board in whom all such lands and buildings are legally vested.



The refurbished organ



Archdeacon Rex Caudwell and Mrs Maureen Everiss (Connolly) at the 75th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone.



The interior of St Mark's Church as it is today.

Personal Memoir

MY LIFE IN THE OLD VICARAGE 1919 – 1931

By Maureen Everiss (nee Connolly)

I wonder how many people today remember the old vicarage the home where I spent eleven-and-a-half happy childhood years

As a family we all loved that rambling old wooden house with its wide verandahs stretching along the front and two sides of the house Such a splendid place for tricycle riding. Then indoors were two long draughty passages great places for getting rid of extra childish exuberance.

Yes, I think it was a quite cold and draughty house but winter mornings always began in the kitchen where the old Shacklock range with its wet back had been well stoked up and was a cosy place to be in front of to get dressed and have breakfast. Holding pride of place in the kitchen was the table - its top scrubbed regularly with sandsoap till it positively gleamed.

Leading off the kitchen was a large walk-in pantry and another room, the scullery where vegetables were prepared and, of course, the washing up done Also leading off the kitchen was a small bedroom - for the maid we never had - this was our playroom and my mother's sewing room. Running right across the kitchen was the clothes rack This came up and down on cords and pulleys

The washhouse was outside and quite a walk from the house with its copper and wringers over the old wooden tubs and the mangle, much loved by my mother. She enjoyed nothing better than pulling the sheets towels etc, through her mangle.

The garage attached to the washhouse housed the parish car - Model A Ford – Lizzie. Lizzie had a roof but the sides were open to the elements. However there were side curtains to be put up when it rained, but when it did rain by the time these had been manoeuvred into place the rain had usually stopped and the passengers were left cold, wet and bedraggled.

Apparently when Lizzie was bought, my father, who had been taught the rudiments of driving by a friend took the car to the Post Office and went in himself to get a licence and number plate. The Post Master looking a bit troubled said "You know I think I'm supposed to take you out for a drive but I'm afraid I don't know how to drive." However the licence was obtained and the number plate PK5 put in place.

Winter evenings were always cosy sitting in front of the huge fire my father always built it up ("Can't stand a measly fire," he used to say) in the drawing room with the heavy curtains drawn that divided the drawing room from the dining room. It was a nuisance when there was a vestry meeting as we had to vacate it and sit in the study. Also we so often seemed to have people staying. Lots were missionaries on furlough, some very strict and narrow-minded, some great fun, sometimes fellow clergy and always the Bishop, when he paid his annual visit to the parish for confirmation. After the separate Waikato Diocese was formed, with Bishop [C.A.] Cherrington the first Bishop, my brother Pat and I always looked forward to adding to our cigarette card collection when he made his annual visit as he was a chain smoker.

The bathroom and only toilet were right at the end of the second long passage and I remember how scared I was if I was left alone down there that I would see a face at the window as the blind in the bathroom didn't quite come down to the bottom of the window.

My parents had a large bedroom, a lovely friendly room where we gathered and could just be ourselves as a family, for in a home such as ours, we did seem to share it with lots of people. Their bed had railings top and bottom. It was along the bottom railings that the Christmas stockings were always hung, and oh what happy Christmases we always had in that old house.

The afternoon of Christmas Eve was the time when everyone came to help decorate the church. When this was finished it was up to the vicarage for afternoon tea provided by my mother. Then the evening when I was old enough, was spent joining the rest of the population of Te Aroha and parading up and down the main street where all the shops were open. Earlier in the evening a porter from the Hot Springs Hotel would have brought my father his Christmas present from his friend Mr Somers - a bottle of whisky, with an arum lily tied to the top of the bottle.

Christmas Day started very early for us as stockings had to be emptied and presents opened before the first early service. As small children in those days were not encouraged to go to the Service of Holy Communion (so that my mother could attend) I was packed off with my dolls pram full of my newly acquired presents to be looked after at the Hot Springs by Mrs Somers. Later I used to be taken down to the Domain to be looked after by Miss Mabel Maingay who was in the Domain Office, open just in the morning on Christmas Day, then it was back to the vicarage where everyone was busy preparing the Christmas Dinner. We often had members of my mother's family staying with us at this time and as transport was not as readily available then as it is now quite a few people working in Te Aroha till late on Christmas Eve were unable to get home to other places so were gathered in by my mother and joined us for Christmas Day. We made many life-long friends in this way.

Looking back now I realise what a great place Te Aroha was in which to have our childhood years. Our own garden with the laurel trees growing all the way up the path leading from the church to the vicarage were made for climbing, building tree huts and hanging swings. What a place it was for picnic sports: packing up our tea, and on a lovely summer's evening taking it to have at the top of Bald Spur, collecting bottles of water from that crystal clear spring on the way up was one very favourite spot; going up the Waihou River on the old Taniwha for the annual Sunday School picnic with always raspberry drink made in tin tubs.

A social event for Te Aroha was the Saint Mark's fancy dress dance and of course the concert and dances.

As well as services at St Mark's, once a month my father took services in the outlying country districts. Some places like Manawaru had their own church, but where there was no church the service took place in the local hall or schoolrooms. I remember thinking how funny the grown ups looked sitting on top of the desks. We always went with my father, rather a necessity as my mother usually had to play for the hymns. We always had a picnic lunch somewhere between morning and afternoon services. A Lay Reader would take the morning service at St Mark's.

As the population of Te Aroha grew the church was not big enough so the big decision was made to build a new church. From that time on everything was geared towards raising the necessary money for this very big project.

I so well remember those huge Bazaars that ran for three days. Each year the Bazaar represented a different theme. One year it was an All Nations Fair, each stall representing a different country. With my Irish born father, my mother's stall was of course Ireland. The work involved by all the parish organizations for this annual fair was tremendous. The Roll Down (throwing balls into numbered squares) was always a big money spinner and a very popular and grimly contested event was the Tug of War.

Then came the excitement of starting work on the new church! First the old church had to be moved to its new home at Waihou. This alone was a big event as there wasn't then the modern removal machinery we have today.

Next big event was the laying of the Foundation Stone in April 1926. From then onwards I always think my father knew and loved every brick that Ockey Holmes laid in that building.

The architect Daniel B. Patterson of Auckland soon learned a hard lesson about Te Aroha gales. He was most insistent that the steeple should be a certain height although it worked out that this height was too much to withstand a big Te Aroha blow. So the worst did indeed happen, there was a terrific gale and we watched from the safety of the vicarage, the top of the steeple toppling. The builder Mr Towers was summoned and I remember watching him in great awe and admiration for his courage as he climbed up to view the damage. The steeple as it stands today is not the original height as planned by the architect needless to say.

While the church was being built services were held in the Parish Hall and I think my mother quite lost count of the cups of tea and scones she used to produce for the builders.

Finally the church was finished and ready for Dedication. This took place in October 1926 and the new Church of Saint Mark was dedicated by Archbishop Averill. My memory of the service was that it was long, hot and tiring and there were far too many people. I was only eight years old at the time and greatly envied my brother Pat who was considered too young to attend, so stayed at home and played with his friend Tony Wilcox.

Then, adding to the beauty of our lovely new church, the famous old Queen Anne organ was installed. This was given to the church by Mrs Maud Wayne. It arrived from England where it had been stored at Mrs Wayne's old home. I remember the great disappointment on finding, when it was unpacked, that a lot of the pipes had been squashed, at the time thought beyond redemption. However Crofts, the Auckland organ people were asked to look at it. This was done and they thought they could repair it if allowed to do the work in their own time.

They did a magnificent restoration job, and the organ which was hand pumped (I was one of the pumpers) was installed in the church in 1927.

A very happy memory of the organ has always remained with me. Sister Mary Patrick who taught me music at the Convent and was a very accomplished organist, would come with Mother Josephine and give my parents an organ recital.

In 1931 the Connolly family left Te Aroha and the much-loved St Mark's church as my father had accepted charge of St Aidan's Parish in Remuera to begin a new life in Auckland.

A Short History of New Zealand's Oldest Organ

The organ is recorded as being a gift of Queen Anne and is dated c.1712. The instrument was constructed by Renatus Harris, the organ builder to the Crown at that time, and the most famous craftsman of the period.

The organ was one of ten especially built as gifts from the Queen - to whom, we have not been able to discover. However they were funded by a special tax and were obviously intended as important expressions of royal favour. Of the ten originally constructed, the St Mark's instrument is the only one left in musically "working order".

In 1769 it was acquired by All Saints Church, Baschurch in Shropshire. After nearly 137 years of faithful service in the west gallery of the church, it was replaced by a new instrument given by Mr & Mrs St Barbe Sladen in 1906. The Sladens stored the old, now dismantled organ in the basement of their home, Lutwych Hall. After her husband died, Mrs Sladen went to live at Benthall Hall near Broseley. The organ was again stored in a cellar, this time for seven years!

The Sladens had a daughter, Maud Elizabeth. She married and came to live near Te Aroha. Remembering the old organ stored in England, she sent for it in the hope that it would be resited in the "new" St Mark's then under construction.

In the 1927 church no provision had been made for a pipe organ, and the parishioners of the time were much preoccupied with the building and its considerable debt. Grateful though the vestry was, it declined to pay even the landing charges and went on to refuse to pay any of the costs associated with the freighting down from Auckland and the assembly in the church. All costs were borne by Mrs St Barbe Wayne. Mr F. Hardingham of Hamilton was entrusted with the task of erecting the instrument and it was he who remarked on just how 'unique' the organ was. It was placed rather awkwardly in the Chancel where the summer heat preyed on the pipework and in winter it was a great draw for damp.

The churchwardens reported to the Annual General Meeting of parishioners of 1959 that "it looks as though a replacement will be needed and ... will have to be faced up to in the near future." Much discussion followed and in 1964 the churchwardens were able to report that work had been completed on the instrument at a much lower cost than first thought. Well-meaning though this rebuild was, the condition of the instrument was soon all but unusable.

The 1984 Annual General Meeting of Parishioners made the brave decision to undertake a complete refurbishment of the organ. Although the decision was not entirely unanimous, the organ was removed from the church to the then Auckland firm of George Croft & Son for the restoration work to be done. The organ was re-sited, on its return in a specially constructed 'niche' and there it remains. The total cost of the work was over \$27,000.

The opening recital was given by the world-renowned New Zealand organist Gillian Weir and the instrument has been much praised by visiting organists both from New Zealand and overseas. It continues to be in regular use for church services and concerts.

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A notable feature of vestry minutes from the earliest days is the constant struggle to make financial ends meet. This story would be incomplete without words of tribute to the clergy

and parishioners in the early days. They worked with dedication and devotion to establish and maintain our church and its building in the parish.

Ministry Team to be Commissioned

Early in 2001 parishioners discerned members to be part of an enlarged Parish Licensed Ministry Team which will be commissioned by prayer when Bishop David is with us for our Thanksgiving Eucharist on Sunday 28th October. The team will be formally licensed from 2002. It includes ministries as liturgist, preacher, pastor, catechist evangelist, administrator, and deacon; and two in training for ordination as non-stipendiary priests.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday October 24

Festival of Flowers

Floral art displays in the church until Sunday

Friday October 26

*7pm Drinks and nibbles in lounge prior to
7.45pm Singalong in the church with all your
favourite hymns followed by supper in the
lounge*

Saturday October 27

*6.30pm Drinks prior to dinner at 7pm
Guest speaker Bishop Richard Randerson*

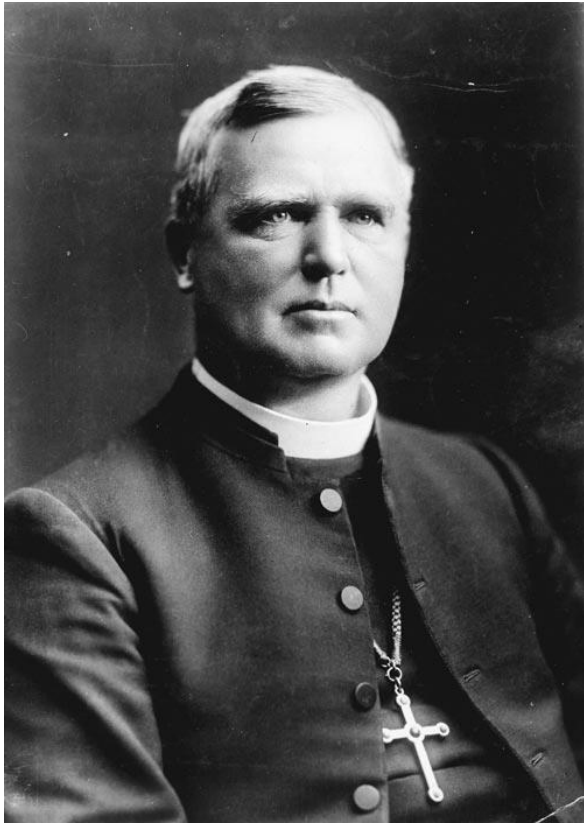
Sunday October 28

*9.30pm Morning Communion
Preacher: Bishop David Moxon*

Vicars of the Parish of Te Aroha [updated 2014]

1880	William Calder		
1883	Henry S. Davies		
1885	James Marshall		<u>Assistant Clergy</u>
1889	Frank G. Evans		<u>at Saint Mark's</u>
1897	Edgar J. McFarlane		
1902	Edmund M. Cowie		
1908	Patrick Cleary	1880	William Calder
1911	George W. Smailes	1883	Henry Davies
1913	William H. Bawden	1953	Alex Clarke
1915	William H. Edgell	1957	Edward Chard
1916	Gerald H. Morse	1959	Howard Fountain
1919	R.L. DICK Connolly	1961	Francis Hubbard
1931	Clare W. Turner	1962	Ken Walker
1946	W.A. PADDY Scott	1963	Roy Matheson
1954	H.J. HARRY Boyd-Bell	1965	John Buchanan
1961	W.R. BILL Cunliffe	1967	Pohiri Hamiora
1967	W. Brian Scott	1969	John Pittman
1969	L.W.S LES Anderson	1979	Gerald Coney
1972	R. REG Nicholson	1995	Joan Power (Deacon)
1981	Mark E. Taylor	2004	Jean Signal
1986	Tiki Raumati	2004	Ian Harrop
1989	John K. Hall		
1994	Rex Caudwell		
2003	Lois Symes		
2009	G.B Rodley		
2012	J.D. Grainger		

Members of the Parish of Te Aroha who have been ordained:
 Rex Caudwell; Tony Clark; Alex Clark; Geoff Crawshaw; Ethel Luke; Harry Nicholls;
 Richard Randerson; Brian Scott; Selby Spence; Joan Power.



Primate and Archbishop of
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