

**CELEBRATING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
CHURCH OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE, TOOWONG**
Rector: Rev Canon Dr Marian Free
13th October 2007

Queensland became a separate Colony in 1859.

Brisbane became the seat of an Anglican Diocese in 1859. The first Bishop was **EDWARD WYNDHAM TUFNELL**.

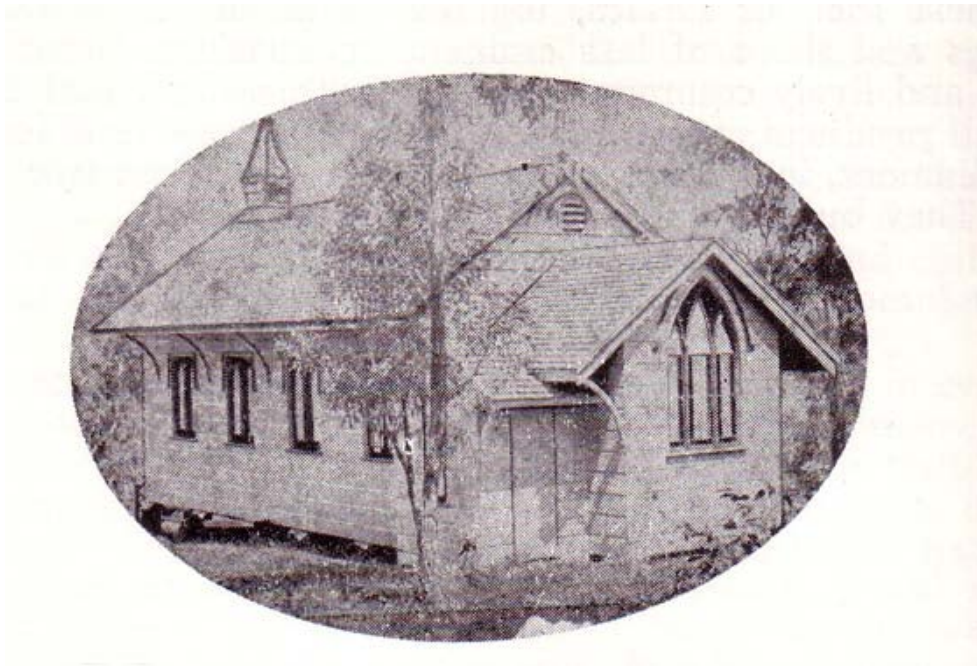
The abolition of State Aid Religion occurred in 1860.

In 1862 **RICHARD LANGLER DREW** nailed a sign to a tree on his acreage bordering Moggill Road and Union Street declaring "this is the village of Toowong". The first Church in Toowong was Anglican.

On 6th May, 1865 a number of Toowong citizens gathered together at the home of Richard Langler Drew (known as the Father of Toowong) to commence worship. MR FEWINGS conducted services. A meeting to raise funds to build an Anglican place of worship was held. The meeting pledged no more than £150 to erect a building. Richard Langler Drew donated land at 13 Curlew Street, Toowong, overlooking the Burns Road cutting.

The little wooden Church, designed by Architect and parishioner, **J ELLERKER**, was completed in 1866 at a cost of £185.12.6. The Anglican community volunteered their labour and a committee was formed to canvass the district for subscriptions.

First Parish buildings were usually used as schools during the week.



**The first St Thomas' Church at 13 Curlew Street, Toowong
Photograph by Rev Thomas Jones 1871**

The first Rector was **REV THOMAS JONES** (1865-1870). He was also Rector at All Saints, Wickham Terrace Brisbane.

Toowong Parish became independent of All Saints in 1870.

The new Rector was **REV ROBERT CREKKE** (1870-1874).

With the opening of the railway in 1875 both Toowong and the congregation of St Thomas' grew rapidly. St Thomas' Sunday school, with its library and "excellent staff of teachers" thrived under the guidance of **MR J W TODD**.

Residents decided at a meeting in November, 1875 that a larger and more central site was needed for the Church. Also, the building was now being damaged by white ants.

The first Organist for St Thomas' Church was **WILLIAM ARTHY**, who lived in Burns Road. There is a window in the Church dedicated to his memory.

The first gift to the Church came in the early 1870's when a sandstone font was gifted in memory of **GEORGINA HELY**, an early pioneer. Its first duty was the Baptism of the children of Colonial Architect **FDG STANLEY** the **DREW** and **CARR** families.

The present site of St Thomas' was chosen and purchased for £250 from the **CRIBB** family (Robert and then Benjamin owned the land) – prominent Brisbane merchants. The nominated Trustees were **W.L.G. DREW**, **W.H. WILSON** and **W.H. MISKIN**.

The new Rector in 1876 was **BENJAMIN GLENNIE**, known as the "Apostle of the Downs" for his pioneering work travelling by horse to the huge Station properties which he serviced on the Darling Downs when stationed at St Matthew's at Drayton. He was an Archdeacon when he moved to Brisbane.

Prominent local resident, Colonial Architect FDG Stanley was engaged as Architect for the new Church. He lived at "Ardenraig" in Golding Street, Toowong and was renowned for designing Queensland's Parliament House and the Queensland Club, as well as a number of Church buildings in and around Brisbane. With its high pitched roof, of the Gothic revival style favoured in Victorian England. At a cost of £850 the stone building was erected by **HENRY PEARS**, a local building contractor and ardent Churchman, who lived nearby in High Street. Wood matching the beautiful ceilings, still there today was used in the Sanctuary.



Interior of the old wooden Sanctuary

FOUNDATION STONE

The foundation stone was laid by **BISHOP HALE** on Saturday, 17 February 1877 at 3.30pm, with the officiating party approaching the foundation stone to the strains of “Onward Christian Soldiers”, produced by W.H. Wilson on the harmonium and retreated while the congregation sang “Christ is made the sure Foundation”. Bishop Hale used a silver trowel and wooden mallet given by **MR SNOW**, a city jeweller. Inserted beneath the foundation stone was a bottle containing daily journals and documents relating to the Church and its officers. The silver trowel is on the wall just inside the door on the Jephson Street entrance to the Church. There was now accommodation for 250 people in the Church.

When the Toowong Shire Council was formed in 1880, a number of the Parishioners of St Thomas’ were among its members. Mr W.H. Miskin was interim Chairman in 1880. Well known explorer, The Hon **A.C. GREGORY** was its first elected Chairman and **SAMUEL KAYE** and **J.W. TODD** were Councillors. In 1903, the Toowong Town Council replaced the Shire Council and A.C. Gregory became the first Mayor. Vice-Mayor was **MR KOCH**, a member of the Church and **G.A.W. KIBBLE** was another Councillor who faithfully served St Thomas’ Church. Other notable Parishioners at this time were three Queensland Premiers – **SIR ARTHUR PALMER**, **SIR THOMAS McILWRAITH** and **SIR ROBERT PHILP** (of Burns Philp). **MR FRANK MOXON** was one of the great benefactors, as was **HENRY PEARS**, **THE HON W.H. WILSON**, **MR W.H. RADFORD** and **MR G.A.K. DERBYSHIRE**.

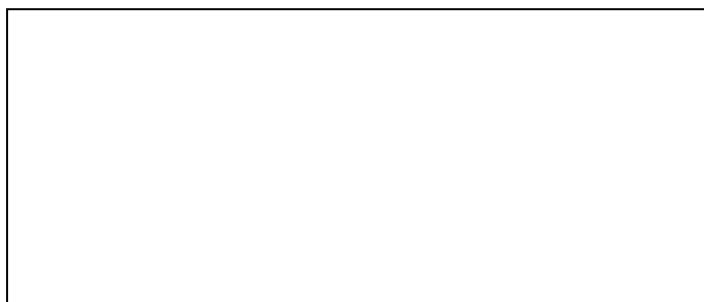
In 1881, the population of Toowong was 1,275. By 1900 it was nearly 4,000.

The first Rector of St Thomas’ in High Street was **REV BENJAMIN GLENNIE** 1876-1877. He was appointed incumbent to the Darling Downs in 1830 where he worked with such vigour for the next 26 years. He was always planning for the future by purchasing land, building Churches and starting schools. Glennie was the founder of the first four Churches on the Downs. Benjamin Glennie, known as the “Apostle of the Downs” for his pioneering work travelling by horse to the huge Station properties, which he serviced on the Darling Downs when he was stationed at St Matthews’ at Drayton. He was an Archdeacon when he moved to Brisbane. His pioneer work gave him a unique place in the Church’s history in Queensland.

The Wardens borrowed £700 from a **MR MASON** for 3 years at 8% interest. Another £500 was needed to build a parsonage.

The Chancel and Vestries were temporary wooden structures for 70 years.

INSERT PHOTO (Exterior of the old wooden sanctuary).



REV ROBERT CLOSE succeeded Archdeacon Glennie in late 1877 up until 1878.

REV ROBERT CREYKE was recalled 1878-1881.

REV CHARLES WILLIAM HOULBROOK 1881-1888. He was paid a stipend of £300, which was subsidised by **MR FINNEY** of Finney Isles & Co, one of the leading stores of Brisbane. Mr Finney's home "Sidney House" was located on the river at Toowong where the old ABC station was situated.

Full Choral services commenced in 1884.

In 1886, the original 6-bay Nave was extended by one bay to form a 7-bay Nave. It was designed by Architect **F.D.G. STANLEY** and is apparent in the slight variation in colour of the brick work in the seventh bay.

In 1887, F.D.G. Stanley also designed a Sunday school building for the Parish which is thought to have been constructed to the north of the Church on land adjacent to the Church.

In 1887, the first organ was purchased. Noted Brisbane Music Master, William Arthy was the first Organist. A memorial window to William Arthy is on the wall at the back of the Church. William Arthy lived in Burns Road and taught at Ironsides School where he ran a "penny reading" evening once a week. He was Choirmaster at St John's and Choirmaster and Organist at St Thomas'. As a Music Teacher for the Queensland Education Department he became known throughout Brisbane for his service to music.

REV EDWARD LISTER SALISBURY 1888-1890.

By the end of 1890, communicants rose to 1,000 annually.

The first St Thomas' Rectory was built circa 1890. It was a single storey building.



The first St Thomas' Rectory showing the second storey added at the turn of the century.

REV VINOY ROBSON HANDYSIDE 1890-1896.

During the 1893 flood, the Church of England Sunday School at Toowong sheltered families.

REV GEORGE HORSFALL FRODSHAM 1896-1902. During his time three services were held each Sunday.

REV JOHN BRODIE ARMSTRONG 1902-1907



St Thomas' Bible class picnic at White's Hill in 1907

The first branch of the Anglican Men's Society in Australia, formerly The Church of England Men's Society, was formed in this Parish on St Oswald's Day, 1905.

REV PERCY PLEYDELL NOTT - 1908-1913.

REV WALTER SCOTT - 1913-1919.

An Honour Board recording the names of Parishioners who died in World War I, is on the wall at the back of the Church.

Those honoured:

"In grateful and honoured memory of the men who fell in the Great War 1914-1919, and especially of those who went from this Parish".

The Altar in this Church was dedicated on Anzac Day 1921.

RICHARD BAKER
LESLIE RUSSELL BLAKE M.M.
GEORGE WILLIAM CARR-BOYD
WALTER CONGRAM
WILLIAM BRYANT CORMACK
CHARLES STANDLEY CERBYSHIRE
ERLE DEUCHAR
COLIN FORBES
LUCIEN GAILLARO
HENRY JAMES MALTBY GUTTERIDGE
LACHLAN MACALISTER HENDERSON
REGINALD JOHNSTONE
WALTER LESLIE
ARTHUR LESLIE

ROGER GUILDFORD NORTH
ALFRED OSBORNE
ERIC PEARSON
OWEN PEARSON
BEAUMONT PHILPOT
NOEL ROBERT GREEN RIDGEWAY
EDGAR ROBINSON
WILLIAM RICHARD SAILE
THOMAS SKELTON
PHILIP NUMA SISLEY
ALEXANDER LOFTUS SHIRE
JOHN HENRY SWAIN
PHILIP SWAIN M.M.
FREDERICK WHITE

DOUGLAS LESLIE
THOMAS LOFTUS
RICHARD LANGDEN
CLAUDE MACKIE
FRANK MANDERS
ROBERT MONTEITH
CHARLES GEORGE NANKIWELL M.M

ERIC ALBERT WHITE
CYRIL PEEL de WINTON
CYRIL TALBOT NEVILL WILSON M.M.
THOMAS YAPP
HUBERT KELLY
DOUGLAS TEMBY

CANON NORMAN OSBORN - 1919-1925.

CANON JOHN ALFRED CUE - 1925-1929.

REV HERBERT DOUGLAS CAMPBELL - 1929-1935.

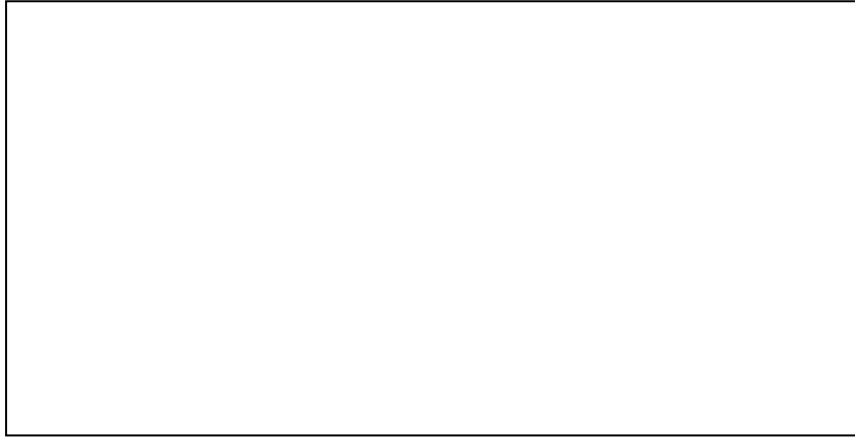
REV SAMUEL ATHERTON - August 1935-1947. During his ministry 425 Anglican families were in Toowong. The Parish was soon to benefit from the generosity of the late Frank Moxon's family. His estate, "Camden", not only provided the Parish with land for the new Holy Spirit Church at West Toowong and a tennis court for the young, but the Diocese with a Home for Aged Men. It was during Rev Atherton's time that a flagpole, Union Jack and St George flags were donated to the Parish. There followed a Service around the flagpole on Anzac Day 1936. Architect **MR A.H. CONRAD** drew plans for the new War Memorial Sanctuaries and a foundation stone ceremony was arranged for 16 February, 1947, almost 70 years to the day since the foundation stone of the Nave was laid. Sadly, Rev Atherton was never to see the consummation of his dream as he was killed on 11 December, 1947 while crossing the road outside "Bishopbourne" on Milton Road, Milton.



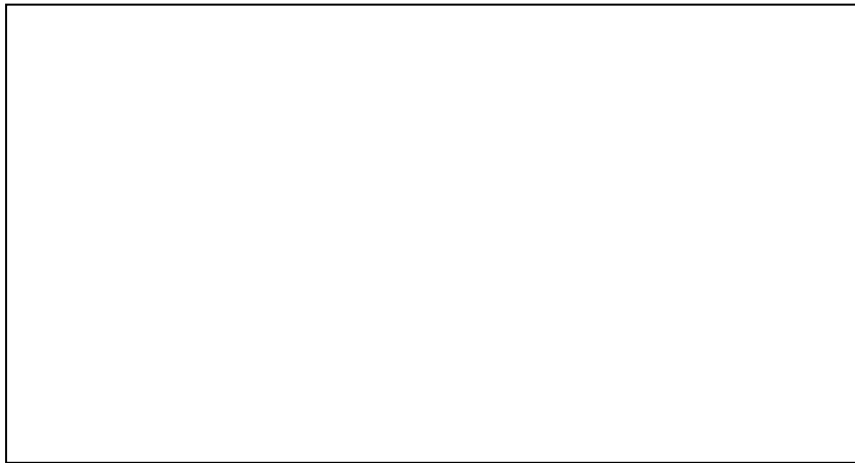
St Thomas' Church Hall – 67 High Street, Toowong

The Hall was the centre of activity. Sunday School, Young Anglican Fellowship, Girls' Friendly Society, CEBS (Church of England Boys' Society), CEMS (Church of England Men's Society), Mother's Union, Ladies' Guild, Concerts, Dances, Fund Raising Dinners (Wells), Church Council Meetings, Sunday School Prize giving, Wedding Receptions. The Hall was let out from time to time for other private functions.

CANON ALBERT EDWARD LOXTON M.A. – 1947 – 1965. Canon Loxton was inducted on 4 April, 1948. In 1948 the original wooden Sanctuary was replaced by the present Sanctuary designed by Brisbane Architect, A.H. Conrad of Conrad & Gargett. The new Sanctuary, dedicated in December, 1948, was consecrated in 1952.



Loyalty Dinner – the first planned giving programme 1957



St Thomas' Sunday school – 1957



A new Rectory was built in the early 1960's. The new Rectory at 67 High Street, Toowong

MRS ENID JEANETTE EAST hated to see Canon Loxton, who was Rector for eighteen years, had only a bicycle to visit his 500 families in the Parish so she held Jumble Sales to raise funds for the Church's first car, which was purchased in 1948. It was an Austin A40 for Canon Loxton's use.

ARCHDEACON WALTER BRYAN WARD - 1966 – 1975

REV WILLIAM JAMES MUNRO WARNER – 1975 – 1982

REV NEVILLE JOHN THULBORN – 1982 – 1989. The re-building of the Bell Tower and replacement of the Cross in 1986 was funded by the Parish with the assistance from the Federal Government as a Bi-centennial Project.

REV COLIN CUSSEN - 1989 – 2001

REV CANON DR MARIAN JUDITH FREE – 2001 – 13 February 2008.

REV PAUL DUNN - Locum Tenens 15 January 2008 – 19 April 2009. Church roof replaced in 2008. Cost \$ 408,785.00. Contractors Imagecom Pty Ltd. Material used slate roof tiles by Slate Roofing, Queensland.

REV THOMAS (TOM) EDWARD SULLIVAN – Commissioned 24 April 2009 – current rector.

OUTSIDE:

MAIN GATES

The plaque located on the main gates commemorates the **EAST** family involvement in the Church and the commercial life of the City (McDonnell & East Department Store). The East family home was situated on top of the hill over the other side of the railway line. It faced High Street.

HUBERT EAST and his wife, **MARGARET**, arrived in Queensland from Ireland in the 1880's. Hubert came from the small town of Ballyfarnon in the County of Roscommon. He belonged to the Church of Ireland and Margaret and Hubert were married in Galway before leaving Ireland. Hubert met Frank McDonnell when they both worked at Goganhagen's Draper shop in Queen Street in Brisbane and in 1902 they decided to open their own store, McDonnell & East in George Street. The publican of the Transcontinental Hotel, which is still there today, was an Irishman by name of Murphy. He was an enthusiastic backer of the venture and those who remember the store will know that it was highly successful becoming a Brisbane icon until its closure in recent years.

Hubert and his family were active supporters of St Thomas' Church and the tradition was carried on through his son, **HUBERT FRAZER EAST**.

When the pillars of the front gates were damaged by a truck, their daughter **JEANETTE** paid for the restoration of the gates.

THE PLAQUE ON THE STONE WALL BESIDE THE MAIN GATES commemorates the "work for the dole project" building the surrounding stone walls through **MR ERIC HARGREAVES**, Chief Engineer for the Brisbane City Council. The stone walls are in memory of Rev Samuel Atherton, Rector between 1935 and 1947. Rev Atherton was intent on repairing everything – Church attendance, Sunday observance, the choir, the Sunday school, the financial institution, the Parish Hall and the High Street footpath.

THE FLAGPOLE

The flagpole was donated by the Parish during Rev Atherton's tenure. Much beloved by his Parishioners for his work during the depression years, he lost his own son in World War II and was a great comfort to others who lost loved ones during those years.

BELL TOWER AND CROSS

The rebuilding of the Bell Tower and replacement of the Cross in 1986 was funded by the Parish with the assistance from the Federal Government as a Bi-centennial Project – during Rev Thulborn's tenure.



THE FOUNDATION STONE

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THE PORCH LIGHT

The porch light at the Jephson Street entry to the Church commemorates **DORIS DRURY**. She was the mother of **NIGEL DRURY** who was our first Federal Member for Ryan.

SEATS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

The park bench style seats outside the Church have all been donated by Parishioners who have worked hard for the Church in former years. The seats are dedicated to the Trude family, the Harding family and George Hay who was baptised at St Thomas'. He had strong links with Lang Park and his seat is on the High Street side of the Church.

EXTENSION TO THE NAVE

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GATES FROM JEPHSON STREET

The gates from Jephson Street are a memorial to **MR and MRS J.W. TODD**. Mr Todd was a well known Brisbane Auctioneer. The memorial recalls Mr Todd's work in founding the Sunday school and the service for his daughter, **MARY TODD**, as an Organist. Miss Todd lived in a small cottage opposite the Church in Jephson Street where the Telephone Exchange stands now. Here she taught piano and the organ to local children.

The Church has a Sunday school banner which was designed by Brisbane's leading early 20th century artist – Godfrey Rivers (who painted the well known "Under the Jacaranda" in the Queensland Art Gallery – a tribute to life in early Brisbane).

WAR MEMORIAL SANCTUARIES

A foundation stone ceremony was arranged for 16 February 1947, for the new War Memorial Sanctuaries to replace the old wooden sanctuary – almost 70 years to the day since the foundation stone of the Nave was laid. The Architect was Mr A.H. Conrad. The new sanctuaries were dedicated in December, 1948 and consecrated in 1952 by **ARCHBISHOP HALSE** (SIR REGINALD HALSE). Three of the Rectors of the Parish who had been Military Chaplains were **GEORGE FRODSHAM** and **WALTER SCOTT** in WWI, and **BRYAN WARD** in WWII.

LIGHT ABOVE THE STONE OF THE WAR MEMORIAL SANCTUARIES

The light above the stone of the war memorial sanctuaries illuminates the main Sanctuary window and commemorates the spirit and courage of **MRS MENA WARD**. It also evokes memories of the selfless service of many other Rector's wives before her.

STAIRWAY LINKING HIGH STREET TO THE CHURCH

The stairway linking High Street to the Church was built by **MR WALTER C HARDING** of Harding Foods, in memory of his wife who was **ADELINE HARDING**, a daughter of J.B. Fewings, a school teacher who came to live in Toowong in the 1860's. His home "Karlsruhe" was on the hill in Sherwood Road above Miskin Street. His memoirs of early Toowong, which are in the John Oxley Library, are a wonderful source for us today in learning what it was like living in Toowong 140 years ago. Walter Harding was the brother of Judge George Rogers Harding whose huge collection of books became the nucleus of the early Queensland State Library Collection. Judge Harding was famous during the 1870's and 1880's for hosting a party for Queen Victoria's sons.

WOODEN CROSS

The wooden cross was donated by the **HARRIS** family.

Plaque with AMDG – these are Greek letters meaning "To the greater Glory of God". (Ad Maiorum G loriam Dei). IHS means "Jesus, Saviour of the World". (Iesus Hominum Salvator).

FENCE ON THE HIGH STREET SIDE OF THE CHURCH

The fence on the High Street side of the Church was built in memory of Willoughby (Bill) Reid Allen, 1907-1997. Bill was a staunch member of the Parish for 83 years. Bill, who lived in Curlew Street, was a choir boy at St Thomas' when he was a small boy.

PORCH LIGHT

The porch light at the High Street entrance to the Church commemorates **GEORGE MOSS** who was Verger for 41 years from 1892 – 1923.

On entering the Church from Jephson Street entry door

PLAQUE TO THE LEFT ON ENTRY

This plaque describes the Aumbry for the reserved Sacrament. The trowel used to lay the foundation stone is on the wall nearby.

SANDSTONE FONT

The sandstone font was the first gift to the Church and came in the early 1870's when the sandstone font was gifted to the first St Thomas' Church at 13 Curlew Street, in memory of Georgina Hely, an early pioneer. Its first duty was the baptism of the children of the Stanley (Colonial Architect), Drew and Carr families.



PLAQUE ON THE WALL TO THE RIGHT OF THE FONT

This plaque commemorates **RICHARD LANGLER DREW** and his wife, **ANN**. We don't know if he was related to W.L.G. Drew, but his age suggests he could have been a brother or cousin. The plaque is testimony to him as the "Father of Toowong" and his work in the founding of St Thomas'.

Ann's father, **JOHN CORNISH**, was a Yeoman farmer as was Richard's father. Richard and Ann married on 21 December, 1848, at St James' Church, Exeter. Richard and Ann migrated to Victoria around 1858 and after three years moved to Queensland. Briefly a Customs Agent, then Shipping Master, in July 1962, he was appointed, at £300 a year, Shipping Master and Secretary to the Marine Board.

Childless, Ann was an achiever in her own right. She used her connections to advocate and help administer an array of welfare institutions for four decades, more visibly after her husband's death. She was, for example, Secretary between 1870 and 1879, of the committee of the Lady Bowen Hospital, and founded the Female Refuge and Infants' Home, Called Mrs Drew's Home, in April, 1871, for "those who, having lost their character, are desirous of reforming". A public meeting on 13 May, 1885, led to the establishment of Lady Musgrave Lodge as a hostel and training place for immigrants and other "friendless" girls and Ann Drew was a prominent participant. She was also among those agitating to repeal the Contagious Diseases Act of 1888.

PLAQUE ON THE WALL TO THE LEFT OF THE FONT

This plaque is in memory of **SARAH FRANCES ZITELLA CLARK**. This plaque was set up by her pupils. She may have been a Sunday school teacher.

WINDOWS BEHIND THE FONT

These windows were designed by outstanding Brisbane glass artist, **WILLIAM BUSTARD**, who arrived in Queensland from England in 1921. They are:

MIDDLE WINDOW



St Thomas Window

This window portrays St Thomas, which recalls both the Apostle for whom the Church is named and Rev Benjamin Glennie, the first Rector to this Church 1876 – 1877, who

supervised the building of the Church we stand in today. The Rev Benjamin Glennie, who became known as the “Apostle of the Downs” for his extensive pastoral work on the Darling Downs, was a frail man. On 19 March, 1848, he was made Deacon by Bishop Tyrell of Newcastle in whose party he had come to New South Wales. When he was appointed to Moreton Bay (then part of NSW) he faced an immense pioneering task, made more difficult by the ineffectiveness of his predecessor, Rev John Gregor, religious indifference by many people and a nervous condition which threatened the early termination of his ministry.

When he arrived in Brisbane Town his enthusiasm for the teachings of the Church increased the congregation at the temporary St John’s Church (situation in what is now Queen’s Park near the corner of George and Elizabeth Streets) and he established a day school and a Sunday school.

Ordained a priest in 1849, he was transferred the next year to St Matthew’s at Drayton near Toowoomba (today it is a suburb of Toowoomba). In 1850 – 1860, he was responsible for the whole of the Downs but after the Diocese of Brisbane was created and his territory divided into Parishes he served at Warwick from 1860-1872 and again at Drayton from 1872 to 1876. Some of his pastoral tours around the Downs averaged 3,000 miles (4,828 km) on horseback with a pack horse, this was despite the fact that a young horse threw him at Drayton. After that he always used a buggy. During the course of his ministry he laid the foundations of the parochial system on the Downs by establishing congregations, buying strategic sites and building Churches.

BESIDE THIS WINDOW ARE WINDOWS DEPICTING



St Mark Window



St Andrew Window

The windows beside this window depict St Paul and St Andrew which commemorates **MR CHARLES ELLIOTT AND SUSAN ELLIOTT**. Margaret Elliott, their grand-daughter, has provided us with some of the family history. “My grandparents, Charles and Susan (nee Kilroe) were Church of Ireland Protestant families who knew one another before they sailed separately from the Counties of Galway and Roscommon to Brisbane. They met and married in Gympie in 1890. In 1910, with their six children, they came to Toowong. They lived at 502 Milton Road and in their Sunday best walked the half mile to the Church twice on Sundays”. Margaret’s parents were also involved with St Thomas’ and would walk from their home “Ardenraig” in Golding Street, to the Church every Sunday. Margaret’s brother, **KEITH**, followed in the footsteps by becoming Warden of the Parish for many years, and later he was Diocesan Treasurer.

“THE GOOD SHEPHERD” WINDOW ON THE FAR RIGHT



The Good Shepherd Window

The window on the far right is “The Good Shepherd” in memory of **GEORGE WEATHERLAKE**. George Weatherlake was born in Devon in 1878. His father, John Thomas Weatherlake was a naval man, at that time serving aboard HMS Pearl which was on a three year voyage around the Australian Islands. In 1885, George immigrated to Sydney with his mother, brother and sister on board a navy ship HMS Astral. He was educated at Sydney High School and on leaving school in 1894 he joined the staff of the Orient Steam Navigation Co. as Junior Clerk. In 1906, he transferred to Brisbane to be Assistant Manager of Orient’s business at Moorheads Ltd and in 1912 he became Chairman of the Overseas Shipping Association. In 1920, he became President of the Steamship owners and Waterside Workers Association, representing employers in Arbitration matters. He was Managing Director of the Brisbane Stevedoring and Wool Dumping Company and a member of the Council of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce as Chairman of the shipping section. He served on a number of other committees and was a member of the Church of England Synod and Diocesan Council. So, as you can see, his business achievements were quite impressive.

WINDOW ON THE FAR LEFT

This window depicts “Jesus – the Light of the World” in memory of **MR W.H. ARMSTRONG**.

THE SIDE WALLS

The side walls echo the passage through the Church of men and women of many talents. The alternation of gloriously coloured pictorial windows (also by William Bustard) with beautiful grisaille windows suggests their varied tastes and interests.

LEFT HAND SIDE (AT BACK)

WILLIAM ARTHY began the Parish’s long musical tradition and his association with the musical life of the Diocese. William Arthy lived in Burns Road and taught at Ironsides School where he ran a “penny reading” evening once a week. He was Choirmaster at St John’s and Choirmaster and organist at St Thomas’. As a music teacher for the Queensland Education Department he became known throughout Brisbane for his services to music.

HONOUR BOARD

The names of Parishioners who died in WWI are listed on the Honour Board. There were 41 young men of the Parish who gave their life for their country in World War I.

THE ST JOHN WINDOW



The St John window is a memorial to **STANLEY VICTOR SHIELD** and to **RUSSELL BRUCE DOUGLAS SHIELD** RAAF killed on active service at Hamilton, Victoria in 1943. He was only 22.

PLAQUE TO JANET CLARK

This plaque is dedicated to **JANET CLARK**, teacher. Many of these memorials were carved by Toowong stonemason, **L. BUSBY**.

A GRISAILLE WINDOW

The grisaille window is dedicated to **HELEN CURTIS** who taught in the Sunday school for nearly 50 years.

PLAQUE TO BRYAN WARD

Rev Bryan Ward, Rector from 1965 – 1975. He was Archdeacon of the Downs.

THE ST LUKE WINDOW



St Luke Window

The St Luke window is a memorial to **MR GEORGE FREDERICK DAY** who died as a prisoner of war on the Burma Thailand Death Railway. He was aged 32 years.

PLAQUE TO HARRIET HUNT JOHNSON

The plaque to **HARRIET HUNT JOHNSON** is for her work in the Church.

THE SMALL PLAQUE NEARBY

The small plaque nearby is dedicated to the Anglican Men's Society. The first branch of the Church of England Men's Society was founded at St Thomas' when Parishioners expressed concern at the social problems of the day. In particular, the Parish was involved in the establishment of St Mary's Rescue Home in 1894. This home continues to operate in a different form and is still supported by the Parishioners of St Thomas'.

A GRISALLE WINDOW DEDICATED TO MARIA CARVER

This window, dedicated to **MARIA CARVER** who was involved in the commercial life of the Village. M. Carver & Co was established in 1878, in High Street. It operated as a General Drapers and Milliners as well as stationers and dressmakers. The business was run by Miss Carver and later by her niece and nephew the Pears (remember it was Henry Pears who built St Thomas' in 1877). The Carver building is still in High Street and now contains Peerless Dry Cleaners.

THE ST CECILIA WINDOW

The St Cecilia Window commemorates the dedication of **SAMUEL ATHERTON** who was Rector from 1935 – 1947. It is also in memory of his hard working life.



THE PRESENT ORGAN



The present organ was built by **H.W. JARROTT** who installed it in the Church in the 1960's. "Bert" still services the organ today.

TWO BIBLES

One Bible located on the lectern was given by the family of **MARTIN WALKER** on 13 July 2003, in his memory. The second Bible on the other side of the lectern was given by **FREDERICK WALTER ROBINSON** who died in 1971. He was a Professor at the University of Queensland.

THE FIRST PRIEST'S CHAIR

The first Priest's chair from 1871 is in memory of **ELIZABETH FIELD**. It rested here from 1882 until 1923 when it was replaced by another chair, given in memory of **GEORGE MOSS** who, as Verger, cared for St Thomas' for 41 years. He is also commemorated in the light over the door on the High Street side of the Church.

RIGHT HAND SIDE (FROM FRONT)

THE ST GEORGE WINDOW

The St George Windows are a memorial to **MR and MRS FRANK MOXOM** who donated the land for St John's Men's Home, and also to **JAMES BRIGGS. ELIZABETH WILSON**, who is related to Mr and Mrs Moxom, landscaped the Church gardens.



THE WINDOW BEHIND THE PULPIT

The window behind the pulpit had been repaired. The old one was damaged when someone tried to break into the Church. Just as in "The Vicar of Dibley", when they could not find out exactly what had been depicted on the window ADFAS, who have launched a limited edition book on the windows today, found in the old pew sheets in the archives that it was dedicated to **ELLEN FARR**.

THE CRUCIFIX

The Crucifix which is located behind the pulpit was given in memory of **MOLLIE CARR** 1921 – 1976. The Carr family have a long association with St Thomas'.

ANN JANE CARR, who is remembered through her work with The Royal National Association, was one of our early pioneers. She was born at St Lucia on 15 January, 1863 and was on the original roll of Ironsides State School in 1878. She walked from Long Pocket to attend Sunday school at St Thomas'. This was old St Thomas' Church in Curlew Street. Her parents, Mr & Mrs George Carr, came to Queensland from Einesskillen, Northern Ireland, in 1861, and rented a farm at St Lucia. Mr Carr brought with him to Australia a wife, a child and a sovereign! Four sons and two more daughters were born in the family.

When Anne was nearly five the Carrs bought a mixed farm at Long Pocket. In 1887 Mr George Carr won a silver cup for having the best 10 acre farm in the East Moreton District. As Ann grew older she made butter, and cooked in the camp oven and did her share of milking. She could still milk when she was 88.

MARBLE TABLET

The marble tablet commemorates **WALTER HORATIO WILSON'S** contributions to the foundation of St Thomas' lasting memories. Wilson was born in Denbighshire, Wales in 1839. Education at Ellesmere School in Shropshire, England, he arrived in Melbourne in 1853. He married **ELIZABETH HANNAH FIELD** at Christ Church St Kilda. In 1863 he was admitted as a Solicitor, moving to Brisbane in 1865. In the 1870's he build his home "Sherwood Grove", just off Sherwood Road as it goes up the hill. He became Postmaster General in the first Griffith ministry. He was also an important moving force in the musical life of early Brisbane, not least as a composer. He left Queensland in 1879, and studied harmony and composition at Trinity College, London. Returning to Australia in 1881, he founded the Brisbane Musical Union, became President of the Liedertafel and was organist and choirmaster at St Thomas' for 12 years. His repertoire included his own anthems, "O how amiable are Thy Dwellings" and "Teach me Thy Way". Following the death of his first wife, in 1893, he married Rose Mary Harding at St John's Pro-Cathedral.

THE ST MARK WINDOW

The St Mark window is a memorial to **MR DONALD DAVID KIMBER**, a pupil at Toowong State School. In WWII he joined the RAAF and was killed in an air battle in Yugoslavia. He was aged 21 when he died in 1945.



A BRASS PLATE TO W.L.G. DREW

W.L.G. DREW was a senior Brisbane public servant. He acquired an interest in figures at the King Charles Mathematical Foundation at Christ's Hospital, London (called the Blue Coat School) where he was said to have calculated 'how many hidings went to the week before he'd been there a month'. He joined the Royal Navy at 16, eventually becoming paymaster on the Australian and New Zealand Station in Sydney in

1853. On 30 January, 1855 he married Gertrude Jane, daughter of Frederick Augustus Hely, who had been appointed principal Superintendent of convicts in New South Wales in the 1820's. One of her brothers, **HOVENDEN HELY** was a member of Leichhardt's first expedition and led the unsuccessful search for Leichhardt when he disappeared in Western Queensland in 1848.

Gertrude and William had twelve children. Paid off with the rank of fleet paymaster in 1856, Drew was appointed clerk in the Railway Department in February, 1857 and within five months became secretary of the Steam Navigation Board. By 1858 he had joined the staff of the Union Bank. In 1862, he was appointed Under-Secretary of the Queensland Treasury. For 15 years he served a succession of ministries, gaining an enviable reputation for efficiency, leadership and tact. He then became Auditor-General. He retired in 1889 and as appointed CMG and Became Chairman of the new Civil Service Board. He was a prominent Anglican layman who served St Thomas' for many years, becoming a Diocesan Synodsmen and Treasurer. His home was "Minto", a large home on the corner of Sylvan Road and River Road, opposite the Regatta Hotel.

Thoughts of W.L.G. Drew evoke memories of others who served the Parish, Diocese and State with distinction.

SIR CHARLES WANSTALL former Parish Councillor, Diocesan Chancellor and Senior Puisne Judge. His wife sang in the Choir in the 1940's and, although they had no children of their own, Charles Wanstall was Chairman of the P&C at Ironsides School in St Lucia.

MR KEITH ELLIOTT, a Brisbane Stockbroker, was involved in the Parish's first venture in financial stewardship. He also became Synod Treasurer.

PLAQUE BEARING THE NAME OF COLONEL E.D.R. ROSS

COLONEL E.D.R. ROSS was one of the first Treasurer-Wardens, represents the men of money, The Treasurers, who so ably served the Church over the years.

A GRISAILLE WINDOW

A grisaille window is in memory of the **BAIN** family.

A PLAQUE BEARING THE NAME OF MARIA ROSS

MARIA ROSS was the daughter of Colonel Ross, who died in the wreck of the "Quetta" in Torres Strait in 1890.

ST MATTHEW WINDOW

The St Matthew window is a memorial to **MR ROY JAMES HAMILTON** RAAF. He was shot down over Malta on 26 October, 1943, aged 23. Roy was born in Toowong. His parents had been married at St Thomas' in 1913. There were two boys and two girls in the family. Both boys joined the RAAF. His brother, George, didn't meet the height requirements and was based in Darwin as ground staff. When he died Roy left the proceeds of his Life Insurance to the Church and Rev Samuel Atherton put the window in his memory.



LLEWELLYN ARTHY

LLEWELLYN ARTHY was an only child. This window is a poignant memoir of harder days when it was not uncommon for children to be buried from the Church not long after their Baptism.

Then we take a look at the Sanctuary, the most sacred part of the Church. You will have noted that it was dedicated as a War Memorial in December, 1948 and consecrated in 1952. A foundation stone ceremony was arranged for 16 February, 1947 – almost 70 years to the day since the foundation stone of the Nave was laid. The Architect was A.H. Conrad.

THE BISHOP'S CHAIR

The Bishop's chair is a memorial to **K.K. HENDREN** which stresses the Sanctuary's role as a War Memorial. A bequest from **EDWIN PEARS**, the son of Henry Pears who built the Church, made possible the panelling against which they rest.

The Bishop's Chair is flanked by chairs in memory of **T. STACEY** (right) and **REV BRYAN WARD** (left).

AUMBRY LAMP

The Aumbry lamp is the light located near the Aumbry to indicate the presence of the Sacred Sacraments.

THE TRIPARTITE "ADORATION OF THE MAGI"

This window allows light into the Sanctuary.

THE LEFT PANEL

The left panel is a memorial to **BILL ATHERTON**. Born in 1919, Bill was the son of Rev Samuel Atherton. He attended the Church of England Boys' School in Toowoomba and the Toowoomba Grammar before beginning a banking career at the Commonwealth Bank in Queen Street. He served in the RAAF from 1940 until his death on 9 January 1942. He had graduated in 1941 with the all Australian 'B' Flight, No. 1 Air Observer Squadron at Edmonton, Canada. In August, 1941 he was in the first group ferrying Hudson Bombers from Newfoundland to Scotland. He was killed in action off Gibraltar on 9 January 1942, and has no known grave. He is commemorated by name on the Gibraltar Memorial; in the Book of Remembrance at St Clement Dane's Church, London; and on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.



THE CENTRE PANEL

The centre panel remembers **MRS BARBARA ANNE SHIELD**, who, with her husband and **MR G.H.P. CAFFYN** commemorated in ?. THE PANEL ON THE RIGHT, worked so staunchly for St Thomas' between the wars.

THE ALTAR CROSS

The Altar Cross was a gift of one of the most devoted Parishioners, **DR WHEELER**, a pioneer of medical services in Toowong.

THE SANCTUARY BRASSES

The Sanctuary Brasses are used during the services and glow in the richness of time. They recall not only those whose gifts they are, but more than a century's care of successive Guild members, among whom the names of **ADA HARRAP**, **FLORENCE KNOX**, **EDITH WOOD** rank high.

THE BRASS CROSS

The Brass Cross is a gift of **GEORGE FRODSHAM** in memory of his son.

THE MAIN ALTAR

The main altar carved by **ALEXANDER FRASER**, stands as a memorial to Parishioners who died in WWI. The glorious new seasonal frontals, which sometimes adorn it, give this Altar a place in the contemporary idiom and in their stark simplicity echo the austere beauty of the soaring ceiling of the Nave.

NEW PORTABLE ALTAR

The new portable altar standing between Nave and Sanctuary, the Celebrant faces the congregation throughout the Eucharist.

THE REREDOS

The Reredos is the decorated wall behind the Altar.

THE CROSS

The Cross is the universal symbol of the Christian faith.

CREDENCE

The Credence is the table where the Elements and Vessels of the Eucharist are placed before use in the service.

THE HYMN BOOKS AND THE GIFT BOOK

The Hymn books and the gift book in the Parish Office are a memorial to **CHAPLAIN PERCIVAL JOHN LANHAM**, M.A., and his wife **BESSIE**. He was an Army Chaplain and died on active service in Egypt on 21 August 1942. They are gifted by their daughter Anne Lanham. (The family history is in Leigh Chamberlain's 3rd book i.e. through her Aunt **ALICE HARDING MERLE HAMMOND** (cousin) and **ROSALIE CHANDLER** (cousin) – they are sisters – and **JEAN HARDING**, (no relation to the Harding family of St Thomas' Church).

The Hymn books and Gift Book were gifts to the Parish in memory of Anne's parents, Rev Percival John Lanham, who was a Methodist Minister and a Chaplain in the Army during WWII. He was attached to the 2nd/7th A.G.H. (Australian General Hospital). He died in Egypt on 21 August, 1942 on active service. Anne's mother was **BESSIE JEAN LANHAM** (nee Graham) who lived at Taringa. Anne's father's family attended the Toowong Methodist Church which was in Jephson Street – where the TAB is now. Anne's mum and dad were married there on 16 July 1932. The family home is still in Aston Street off Burns Road. In 1841 Anne's Great-Grandmother, Isobelle McDonald arrived in Brisbane from Inverness in Scotland.

PLAQUES ON THE PEWS

The plaques on the pews recall names familiar in the Parish for over a century. The Carr family operated a dairy farm on Long Pocket from the 1860's.

Dr Wheeler gave the Altar Cross to the Church.

MR HERCULES SMITH, Headmaster of the State School, was a staunch Parishioner in the 1880's.

PARRY-DE WINTON, BLISS, ADAMS, ATHERTON, WOOD, BENNETT, JESSUP, H.F. EAST, MORTON, BEULE, GRAVES, DUNLOP, TRUDE, BRYANT, BAIN, DAVIESs, ARUNDEL and MURPHY.

Others who deserve a mention are **HENRY PEARS**, who built the Church back in 1877, for only £850 and his son, **EDWIN**, who donated the timber panelling in the Sanctuary. **SIR ALFRED COWLEY** was a Speaker in the Legislative Assembly, who lived in "Silky Oaks" in West Toowong. His home, still there today, later became part of the Queensland Bible Institute.

WILLIAM HENRY ELLERKER, the Architect of the first Church in Curlew Street, built his home "Dovercourt", in 1865. It is still in Sherwood Road today.

W.H. MISKIN, one of the 3 nominated Trustees when this Church was built, purchased "Dovercourt" in 1887, and lived there for many years.

W.H. Miskin was born in England and came to Queensland from Victoria at the age of 1. He was a Magistrate and a Solicitor specialising in Insolvency law. By 1868 he was the Official Assignee in Insolvency. He was founding President of the first Shire Council (formed in 1880), President of the Philharmonic Society, Trustee of the Union of Athletics Club, and on the Queensland Museum Board of Trustees. W.H. Miskin was also a keen naturalist and amateur entomologist and his collection of butterflies is now in the Queensland Museum. He was also a foundation member of both the Royal Society of Queensland and the Queensland Division of the Royal Geographic Society of Australia.

F.D.G. Stanley, the Architect of this Church built his first home, "Ormlie", where the old Toowong High School is now located. In 1870, he sold it to Sir Arthur Palmer, Premier of Queensland from 1870-1874, and built "Ardenraig" in Golding Street which, in 1912, became the first Anglican Church Grammar School which later moved to East Brisbane.

THIS CHURCH IS A LIVING MEMORY TO THE PIONEERING PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN TOOWONG SINCE THE 1860'S WHEN IT WAS STILL JUST A VILLAGE IN THE BUSH. THAT IS WHY WE WANT STORIES TO GO WITH THE NAMES ON ITS WALLS, SO IF YOU KNOW ANY FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN REMEMBERED TODAY, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THEIR STORY TO ADD TO THOSE WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE YOU.



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