

Platinum Jubilee St Paul's, Ashgrove



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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the custodians of the land where we gather today - the Jagera and Turrbal people. We celebrate their culture, thank them for their care of the land and pay respects to their elders: past, present and emerging.

ASHGROVE BEGINNINGS

Ashgrove's Beginning

- Originally the Turrbal people lived in the area.
- They called the area “Kilindarbin”.
- The Turrbal hunted and gathered in the Enoggera Creek and its tributaries
- Waterworks Road was a Turrbal pathway to Mount Coot-tha, a place of ‘Honey-Bee Dreaming’ and to the Enoggera Reservoir.

Ashgrove's Beginning

- European settlement
- Moreton Bay Penal Settlement abolition in the early 1840's
- A few years later Crown land was sold to farmers and investors
- By 1869 all available land in the area was leased/sold displacing the Turrbal people.

• (Wikipedia, Ashgrove, Queensland)

**ASHGROVE STARTED WITH
THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**

St Barnabas', Red Hill mother church to St Paul's, Ashgrove



(Photograph by H Gregson)

Sunday School Hall

- Sunday School numbers in the Parish were growing - 70 young people were attending in a private hall
- 1920s Canon Garland saw the need for a Sunday School in the Ashgrove area for the Parish. He purchased land to build a timber hall at Ashgrove.

(Daily Mail, 4/10/1925 p7; Daily Mail 5/10/1925 p4)



Sunday School Birthday Greeting Card

Rev Canon David John Garland



(Honour for John Moses, the author resurrecting the legend of Canon David Garland, creator of the Anzac Day tradition | The Courier Mail)

Sunday School Hall

- Jan-1926 estimated cost of the hall - £800. When £200 was in hand the balance could be borrowed.
- By 31st Dec 1925 - £24.0s.1/2d in hand

- (Daily Mail 21/01/1926 p10)

Sunday School Hall – Raising Funds

- Fund raising activities started – garden fetes, jumble sales and Women's Guild activities.
- Parishioners were asked to forego amusements and donate the money to the hall.
- Feb 1926 – Expected cost rose to £1,000 with cash and promises of £345

Best Birthday Wishes from St Paul's Sunday School



**May your Birthday be Bright and Happy and
All your years filled with God's Peace
(from the Sunday School)**



Sunday School Card



GOD is my salvation;

I will trust

and not be afraid.

Isa. 12. 2.

BEGINNINGS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL HALL



Archbishop Dr Sharp stump-capping blessing

(The Daily Mail 22/02/1926, p13)

Stump-capping Blessing

14th February 1926 at 3p.m.

- Dr Sharp (Archbishop of Brisbane) blessed the stump-capping for the new Sunday School at Ashgrove.**
- Stump caps were also placed in position by Mrs. A Sorensen, Mr. John Conlon, Mr. Edward Marshall and little Miss. Edna Marshall.**
- “I hope the result of this evening’s ceremony will be that there will grow up in Ashgrove a body of young men and women who understand their faith and something about the Church in which they belong” concluded His Grace.**

Archbishop Sharp - stump-capping ceremony.

The elderly gentleman marked with a cross towards the left of the picture is Mr John Conlon who has only missed attending church on three Sundays in 38 years.



Archbishop Sharp performing the stump-capping ceremony at the new Ashgrove Church of England Sunday School yesterday. The elderly gentleman marked with a cross towards the left of the picture is Mr. John Conlon, who has only missed attending church on three Sundays in 38 years.

Courier

22 FEB. 1926

BUILDING OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Site opposite Police Station and on Ashgrove tramline.**
- **Plans agreed**
- **Building commenced–ready by 19th Apr 1926**
- **Building built of wood and iron**
- **Measurements –52ft x 30ft,
inside 30ft x 40ft–stage 12ftx30ft**
- **Builder: Mr H Matthews, Ashgrove**

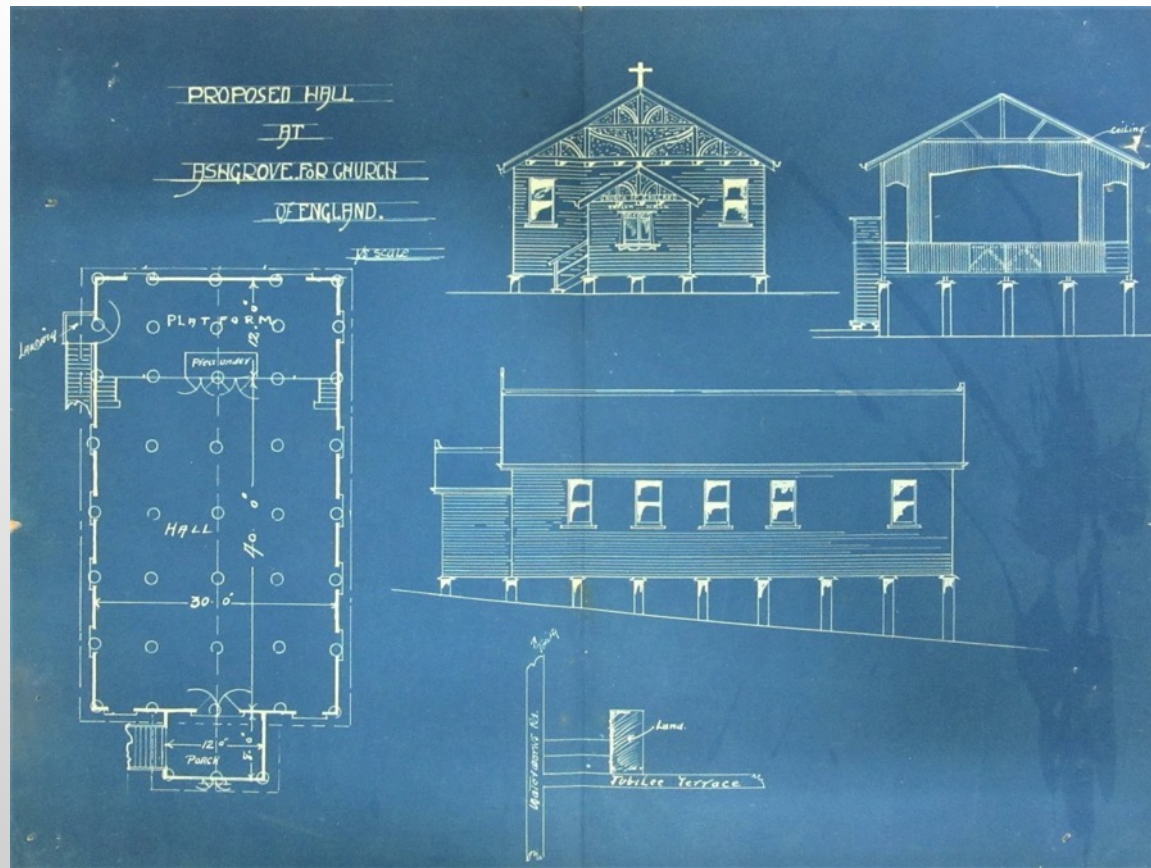
Sunday School Card



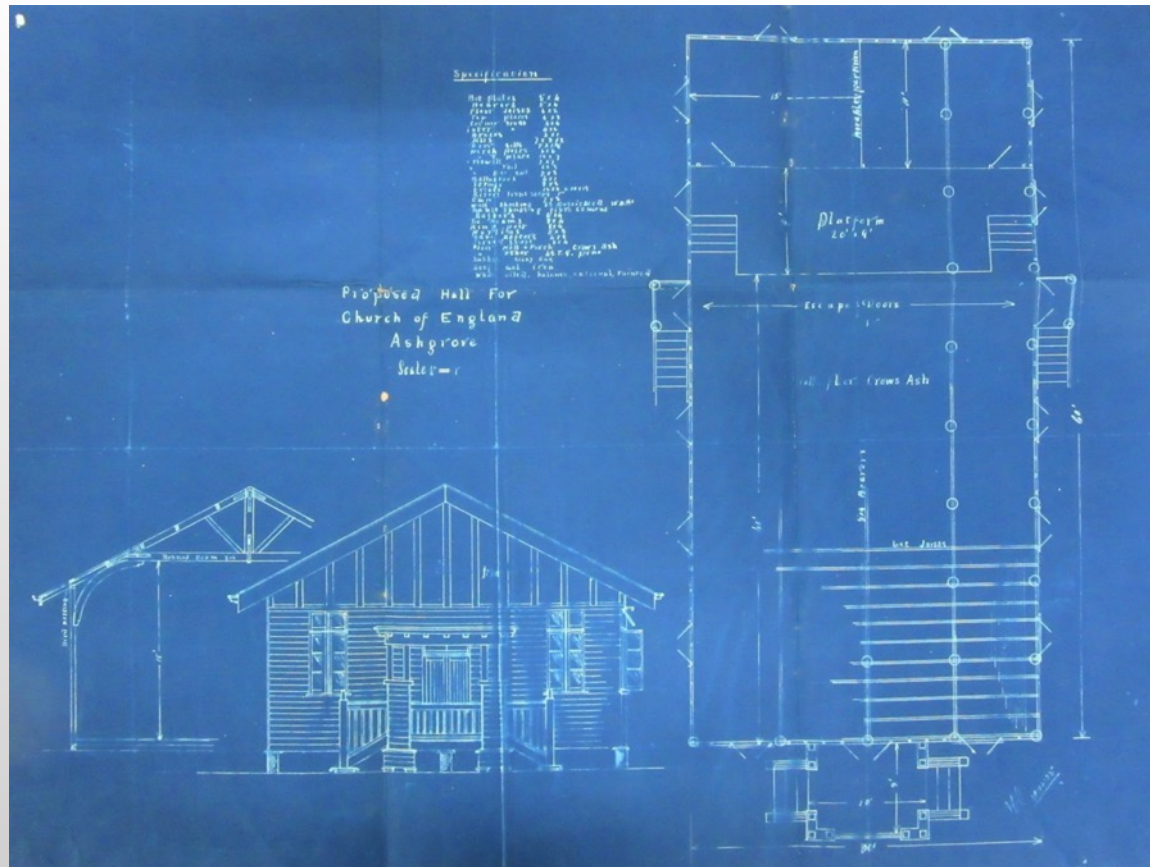
Who giveth
us richly
all things
to enjoy.

1. TIM 6. 17.





Sunday School Hall Plans



Sunday School Hall Plans

Church Services

- **18th Apr 1926 opening of Ashgrove Church Hall**
- **By 15th Jan 1928 Eucharist was held on the second and fourth Sundays instead of only the third Sunday.**
- **St Barnabas Church, the first Church of the Parish, started broadcasting the day's services from 15th Jan 1928.**

(Lost Ashgrove: The changing face of a Brisbane suburb,
Ashgrove Historical Society Inc, p26)



The Ashgrove Church of England Hall, built on land at the corner of Jubilee Terrace and Waterworks Road, was opened and dedicated on 18 April 1926. It served the Ashgrove Anglican community as Sunday school, hall and church for twenty six years until the adjacent brick St Paul's Church was completed in 1952. The hall, which survives, cost £902 to build including the purchase of the land.

1926

ASHGROVE CHURCH OF ENGLAND HALL

GROWTH IN FAITH

Church for Ashgrove

- By 24 Dec. 1927 at a meeting of parishioners, Canon Garland announced:
- “the Archbishop was interested in the development of church life in the rising suburb of Ashgrove and was lending £60 free of interest, and would increase this when he was in a position to do so to £250 to enable the additional land to be purchased.....
- It was decided that the debt of the present building and the debt being created for the purchase of additional land should be consolidated and strong effort made to pay off not less than £3/week.”

Archbishop Dr Gerald Sharp



Photograph - Archbishop Gerald Sharp; H4098 - Queensland Museum Network (qm.qld.gov.au)

Sunday School Card



MOVING TOWARDS OUR CHURCH BUILDING

- **By mid-Jan 1928 – Land was purchased for the Church at Ashgrove.**
- **More fund-raising activities**
- **By mid-Oct 1929 land had been purchased for the rectory and the Church. The total cost of the venture was £1,534 and only £580 remained to be paid.**

- **At the Parish AGM on 23rd Apr. 1931 presided by Canon Garland, Mr Low, one of the Church Wardens, advised the Parish was in an excellent financial position. Funds were in hand as the nucleus for the building a two new churches in the Parish. There was also acknowledgement of the fondness of the congregation for Cannon Garland and Rev. Neil Bertram.**

- The Parochial Council at that time included:
- Wardens: Messrs, J Marshall and H Low;
- Parochial Council: Messrs, A Coombe, M Sorensen, H Blair, W Carlisle, LP Marks, T Comino, GH Cummins, G Hooper, C Knight, J McWhinney, A Cooling, P Greenway, R Hogan sen., C Stream, C Dodson, F Feurer, Les Mogridge, Eric Hughes, Claude Gillam, G Tooth, and S Sapsford
- Nominators: RJ Morris, H Low and James Cowan and
- Auditor: Mr W Leslie Carlisle

- (Brisbane Courier 14/01/1928 p9; Telegraph 19/10/1929 p10); Telegraph 2504/1931 p6)

Seek ye the Kingdom of God

Sunday School Card



**SACRED VESSELS
AND
NAMING OF HALL**

Chalice and Paten

8th January 1940

Diocesan Faculty
issued for the use
of a chalice and
paten in memory
of Rev Canon
Garland.

(Diocesan Archives)



(Photo from on St Paul's facebook –
This is not the original Chalice and Paten)

3rd November 1947

- **Faculty to the Parish of Ithaca:**
- **Permission for the name of St Paul to be given to the Church Hall at Ashgrove to be known as:
“St. Paul’s Church Hall Ashgrove”**

St Paul's Church Hall Ashgrove



(File:Ashgrove church hall on jubilee.jpg - Wikimedia Commons)

1950

CAN WE BUILD A CHURCH NOW?

1950

There were delays moving forward due to building restrictions after WW11.

Application for a Permit to build a permanent Church at Ashgrove was sent to the Diocese.

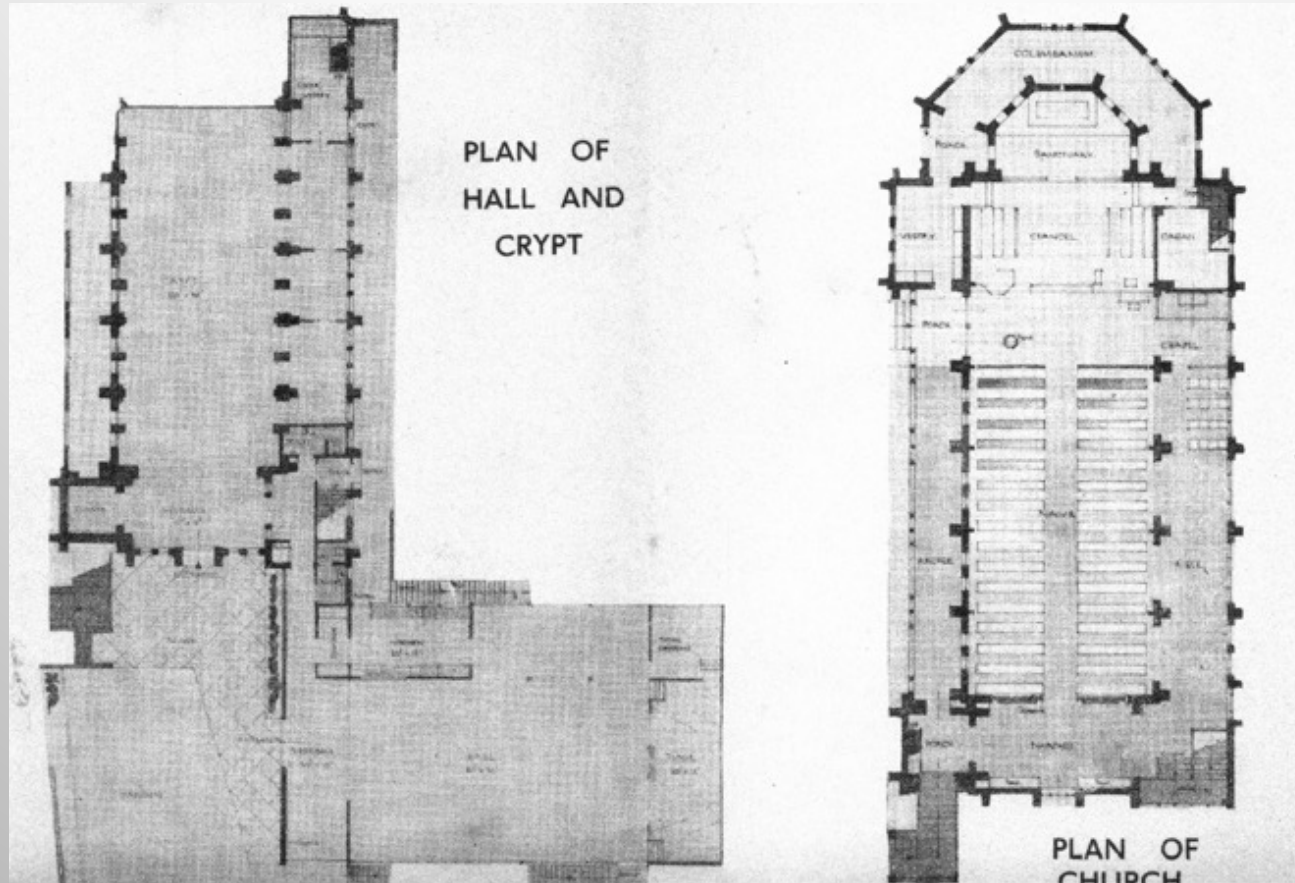
A copy of the letter can be viewed in the display.

(Diocesan Archive)

- *Extract from:*
- *Re application for Permit to build a permanent Church at Ashgrove*
- 1. *The Church of England has no Church in Suburb – including parts of Bardon, the whole of St John's Wood, Walter Bridge and Dorrington – attached for Church purpose to Ashgrove. There are at least 800 known Church of England householders in this area. The application is for the purpose of creating a Church where none exists – not replacing the existing building.*
- 2. *The only accommodation at present is a Church Hall, measuring 50ft x 30ft including 300 sq ft occupied by a stage which is used for the following*
 - a. *Services of the Church. The seating accommodation (100) is barely sufficient for ordinary use – and quite inadequate for special occasions.*
 - b. *Sunday School. The enrolment is 220 scholars and 28 teachers. This includes 80 children of kindergarten age, who must use the stage. It is impossible (change to very difficult) to conduct an efficient school under such cramped conditions.*
 - c. *For all meeting and functions in connection with Church activities.*
 - d. *Youth organisations. Other accommodation has to be found for these, especially as there is no space for the storage of materials etc.*
- **A copy of the full letter can be viewed in the display as well as the typed version**

PLANNING THE CHURCH

Architect's plan of Church, Crypt and Hall



- **First sketch plans by Mr R Moreton Taylor, a local resident, was also Architect of the Commonwealth Dept. of Works & Housing. His plan for the Columbarium was used.**
- **Final plans designed by Mr Bain from Cross and Bain**
- **Builder – Mr H J Hodge, a local resident and parishioner, saved £13,000 on the cost of the build.**

Completed Design of St Paul's



**ENTHUSIASM
AND
HARD PHYSICAL WORK**

Building Commenced

- The Courier Mail reported on 2nd Apr. 1951 that work had started on the new Anglican church (St Paul's) at Ashgrove.
- “The people who will later worship there assembled on the 31st March and 1st April 1951 with picks and shovels and barrows. Managers, clerks, craftsmen and youths gave up their leisure to begin excavating 300 tons of earth for the foundations.
- Their minister, Rev G R Gibson, conducted a neighbourly little service on the site, their womenfolk gave them tea when muscles flagged.
- Maybe it wasn't sensational – but it was wonderful thing to see ...”



Clearing the land to build the Church

(Ex St Paul's Church website - History),

1st July 1951 Archbishop Halse laid & blessed the foundation stone at St Paul's

- **St Paul's was the first brick church within the metropolitan area of the Diocese of Brisbane since WW11.**
- **Estimate cost of building £11,000, of which £7,000 in hand at 30th Jun. 1951 and a further £1,500 in hand for memorial furnishings.**
- **The late Canon D J Garland bequested £1,000**
- **The Ashgrove Women's Guild had raised £1,500 by 30th Jun. 1951.**

ST PAUL'S IS BUILT

DEDICATION

of St Paul's Church

15th June 1952 – 3pm

Archbishop Halse dedicated St Paul's, Ashgrove assisted by Archdeacon FBC Birch, Bishop HH Dixon and Rev GR Gibson.

Holding the umbrella is Rev Ivor F Church.

Two hundred people overflow from the Church and Hall stood in the rain for an hour during the opening.

“... the foundations were laid less than 18 months ago by a corporate act of the parishioners digging like men to raise their new House of God.”

(Brisbane Telegraph 7/6/52 p20; Courier Mail 14/6/52 p5; Courier Mail 16/6/52 p5; Courier Mail 18/6/52 p2)

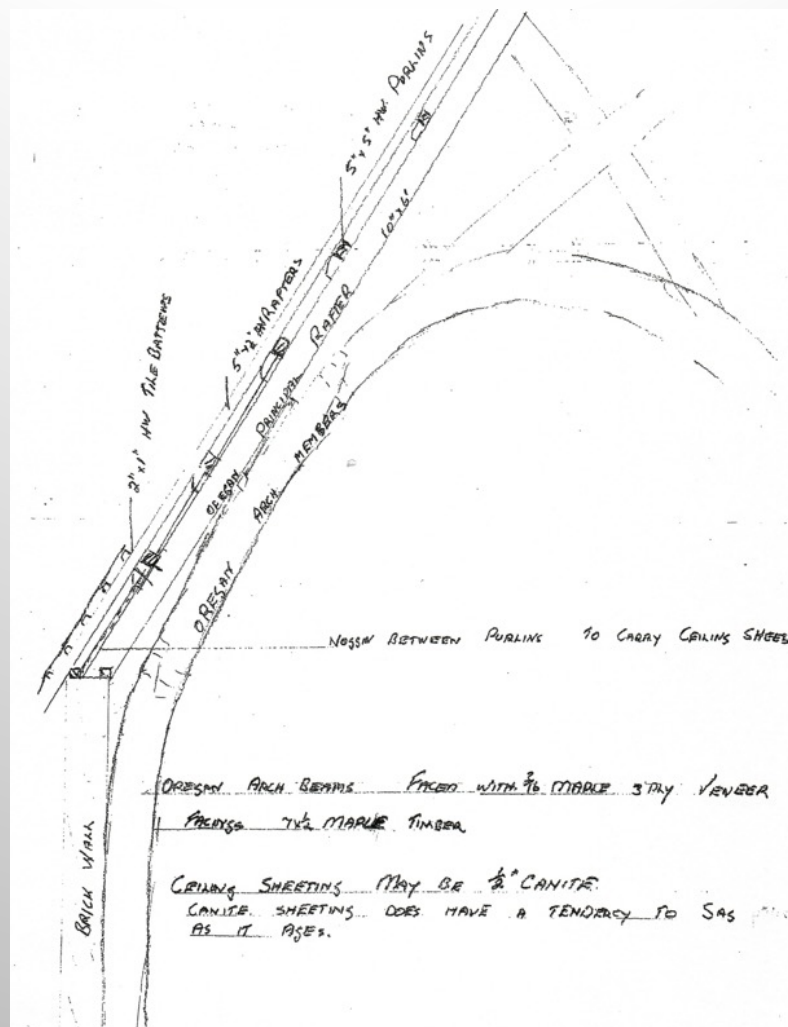


Unusual Features

- Heavily arched timber roof
- Crypt under the nave
- Columbarium outside the wall of the sanctuary
- Lych gate with a small belfry – Bell donated by Herbert & Patricia Booty.

Sketch for St Paul's arches

(note the cross at the apex of each arch)





St Paul's

Before traffic lights and garden

(Ex St Paul's website - History)



St Paul's

Initial internal design

(Scanned photo from WE and Maargaret Collingridge)

Initial Stained Glass Windows

St Barnabas



(Photos by H Gregson)

St Paul





The Columbarium

(photo by H Gregson)

DEDICATION

St Paul's Lych Gate

15th June 1952, 3pm

Memorial lych gates were dedicated on the same day as the dedication of St Paul's. The gates were given by the parishioners of St Paul's.

The lych gates were a memorial to the late King George VI.

An unusual feature – a church bell mounted above it.



CONGREGATION GROWS



St Paul's

Western entrance to church

(St Paul's website - history)

Later Stained Glass Windows

St Matthew



St Mark



Later Stained Glass Windows

St Luke



St John



Candidates for Confirmation

- 5th Oct. 1952
- First confirmations at St Paul's
- (28 men, 26 women)
- The first part of the service was recorded by Radio Station 4BK and broadcast that night.
- 4th Oct. 1953 – 40 candidates
- Oct 1962 – 65 candidates



St Paul's

Original southern entrance before extension

(Ex St Paul's website - History)

St Paul's Choir

On temporary stairs – 1952 TO 1961



WILL THE QUEEN STOP?

QUEEN MAY LAY WREATH

Queen Elizabeth may lay a wreath at the lych gate of St. Paul's Church of England, Ashgrove, during a procession through Brisbane suburbs next March 17.

The lych gate is believed to be the only memorial in Australia to the late King George VI.

The member for Kelvin Grove (Mr. J. A. Turner), who has approached the State Royal Tour Director (Mr. F. A. Manning), said yesterday it was hoped to have thousands of school children lining the immediate vicinity for the occasion.

17th Mar. 1954 – Hopeful the Queen will lay a wreath at the lych gate

- On the day, as the Royal progress approached St Paul's, Ashgrove, Judith Coombs, Helen Ferry and Elizabeth Conn, all 9 years old, stepped hopefully out from near the Church with a bouquet of pink gladioli, carnations and dahlias wrapped in transparent paper.
- But the Royal car kept moving. However, the Duke noticed the three girls in their white GFS frocks and veils and beckoned them over.
- The car was still moving, the three ran beside it, and the Duke smiling broadly, took the bouquet from them.
- Police estimated that there were between 10,000 and 15,000 people there when the Queen passed. Fifty reinforcements were brought up to swell the 100 police already spread out between Ashgrove and the bridge.
- (Sunday Mail 6/12/53 p18; Brisbane Telegraph 20/01/54 p18; Brisbane Telegraph 17/3/54 p22)



(Image from State Library of Qld - St. Paul's Church of England at Ashgrove, 1975 - State Library South Bank Collection (slq.qld.gov.au))

THE ORGAN

The Organ

- Organ built in 1955 by Whitehouse Bros at a cost of £2,701.17s.9d.
- 25th Sept. 1955 – Archbishop Halse dedicated the organ.
- It was “one of the last by the firm to use pneumatic action, and one of the last such organs to be built in Australia.”
- Around 1982 the organ was electrified by H.W. Jarrott, of Brisbane.

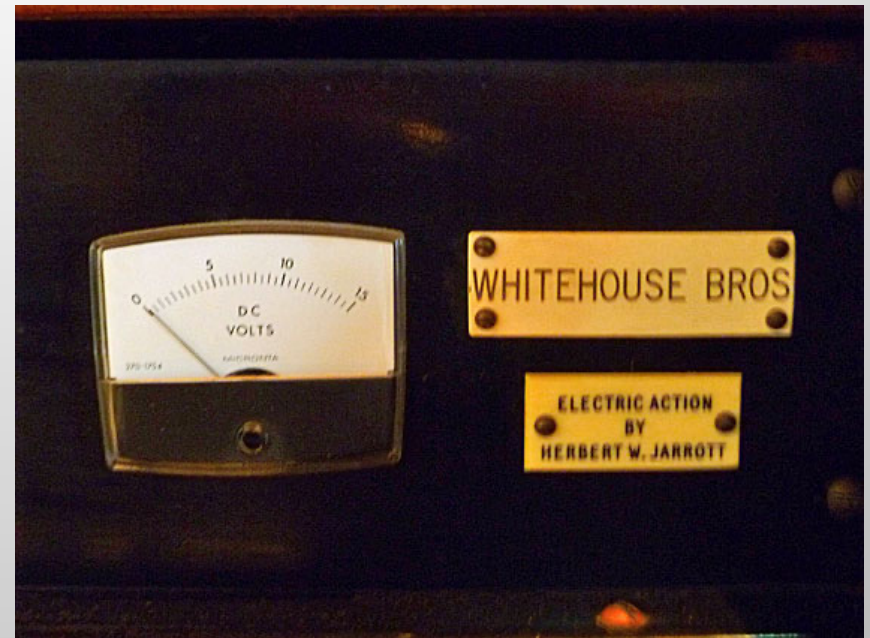
• (Ex <http://www.ohta.org.au/organs/organs/AshgroveStPauls.html>)

St Paul's Organ

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**WILL THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH
BE FINISHED?**

Hall repairs or Church extension?

- **25th Aug. 1957**
- **Urgent work of the hall was approved – the floor was in bad condition, and better facilities for the kitchen and storage purposes were very necessary.**
- **It was not clear how far the hall work will be undertaken as an extension to the Church was also needed. Hardwood floor laid in hall over Christmas break – 1957**

(Parish of Ithaca, Every Member Canvass Report for Period ending 25th August 1957)

- **15th June 1962 the extension to the Church of St Paul's was dedicated.**
- **3rd February 1991 St Paul's consecrated by Bishop George Browning**



The extensions to St Paul's

(<https://heritage.brisbane.qld.gov.au/heritage-places/195>)

Extension of St Paul's Current southern wall including the new painted glass window.

(Category:St Paul's Anglican Church, Ashgrove -
Wikimedia Commons)





St Paul's now finished.

(Ashgrove Historical Society – used with permission)

Rectory

- Parish acquired house adjacent to St Paul's Anglican Church.
- 13th Mar 1963, 286 Waterworks Rd, Ashgrove became the rectory.
- The rectory was made possible by a generous benefactor, Mr J Pojolas (dec'd).

1996

- **St Paul's Ashgrove separated from St Barnabas, Ithaca.**
- **New Parish named the Parish of Ithaca-Ashgrove**

- (Diocese Archives)



Restored lych-gate

(St Paul's website - history)

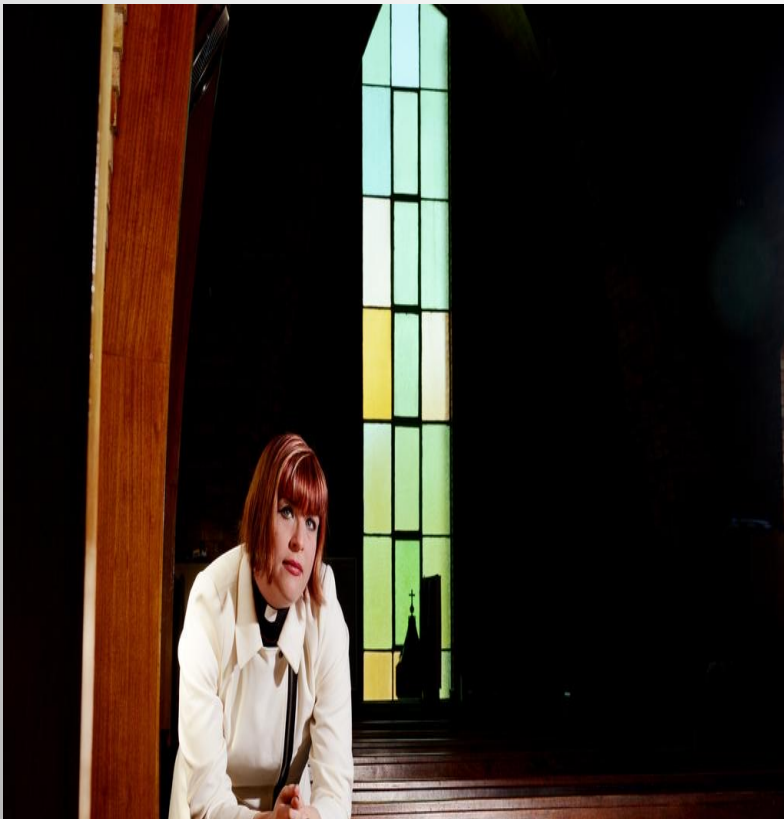
Later Enhancements

- **Restoration of the Lych gate**
- **Planning, designing of an inspirational painted glass window:**
 - **Designer and film transparency organiser – Glen Mack**
 - **Laminator – Brent & Curved Glass**
 - **Frame Maker – A & G Fabrication**

— (Information on glass window provided by Rachel – Office Manager)

2016 Painted Glass Window

Original glass window



(st paul's anglican church ashgrove windows - Bing images)

Painted Glass Window

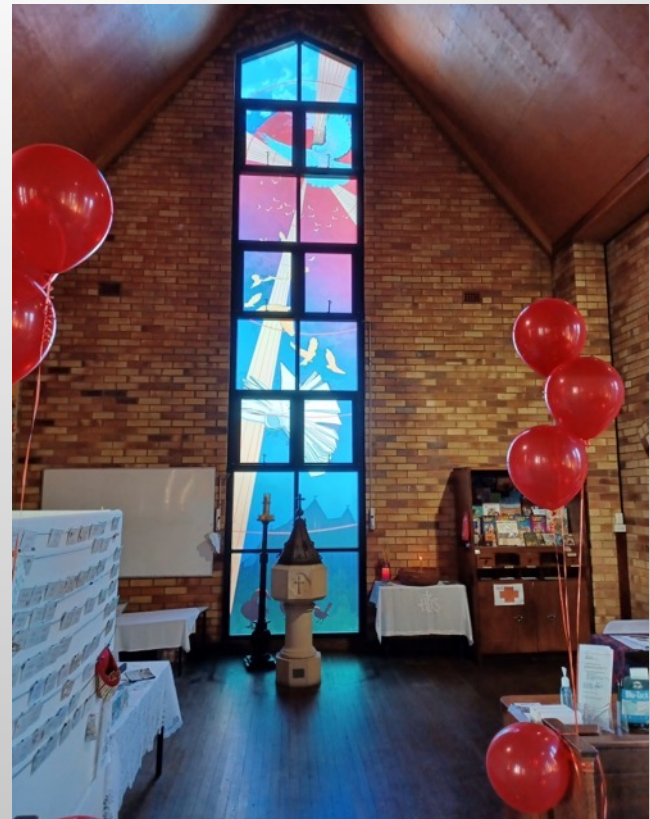
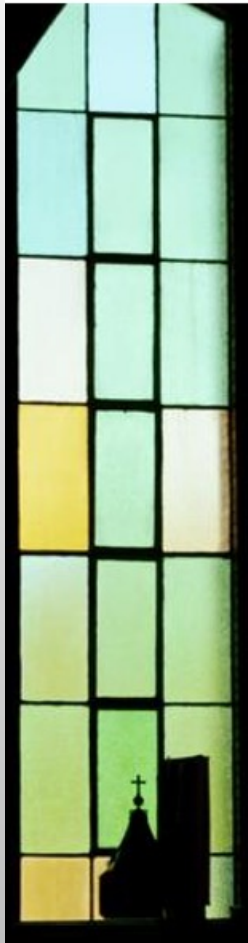
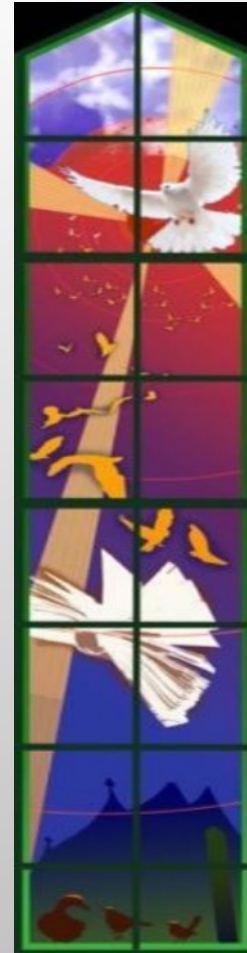


Photo by H Gregson

4th Dec 2016 Dedication of South Window by Bishop Godfrey Fryar



(st paul's anglican church ashgrove windows - Bing images)



(Copy from dedication service sheet)

Vicars, Reverends, Priests in Charge

1890-1894	Sole Charge = Rev A C Hoggins
1895-1-1911	= VACANT
1912-1914	V= Rev GL Hunt
1914-1920	V= Rev AE Hockey
1920-1939	R= Rev DJ Garland
1940-1946	R= Rev RLP Jones
1946-1974	R= Rev GR Gibson
1974-1981	R= Rev PN Jackson
1982-1984	P-in-C= Rev DJ Pope
1984-1997	R= Rev C E Gomersall
1998-2012	R= Rev TR Booth
2012-2019	P-in-C=Rev Tiffany Sparks
2020-	P-in-C=Rev Dr Margaret Wesley

Rev D.J. Garland (1920-1939)



Rev R.L.P. Jones (1940-1946)

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(1940-1946)**

Rev G.R. Gibson (1946-1974)



The Reverend Canon G.R. Gibson
Rector: 1946-1974

Rev P.N. Jackson (1974-1981)

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Rev D.J. Pope (1982-1984)

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(1984-1997)**



Rev T.R. Booth (1998-2012)



Rev T. Sparks (2012-2019)



Rev Dr M. Wesley (2020-



THE LIVING CHURCH

PERSONAL JOURNEY

Baptism

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Confirmation
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Weddings

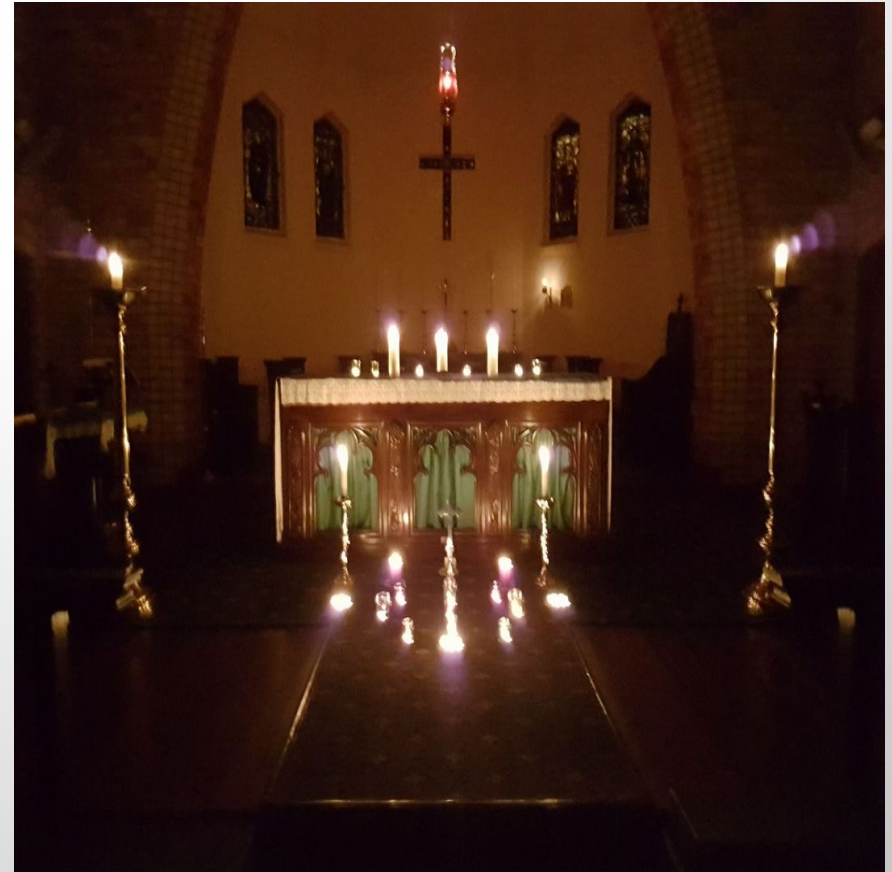
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Weddings

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Taize

Held on the first Friday night of each month and weekly on Friday night during Lent.



Organised by
Rev Pam Hynd and
Mr John Hynd (St Paul's facebook)

Study Group

- (Photo withdrawn to comply with legal requirements)

FAITH IN ACTION

During the years of COVID Rev Margaret Wesley provided inspiration

Hope

This year, may Christmas light shine
In the darkest corner
Of your fear and isolation.
May the glow of love, joy and peace,
However faint it seems right now,
Guide your steps toward a tomorrow
You can barely imagine:
Where tears are dried,
Wounds healed,
And enmity forgotten.

This Christmas, may you be guided By
the light of Christ,
And in the New Year,
May you hold that light high
To guide your community toward hope.
Amen

By Rev Dr Margaret Wesley, St Paul's, Ashgrove
Photo by Johannes Plenio on Unsplash



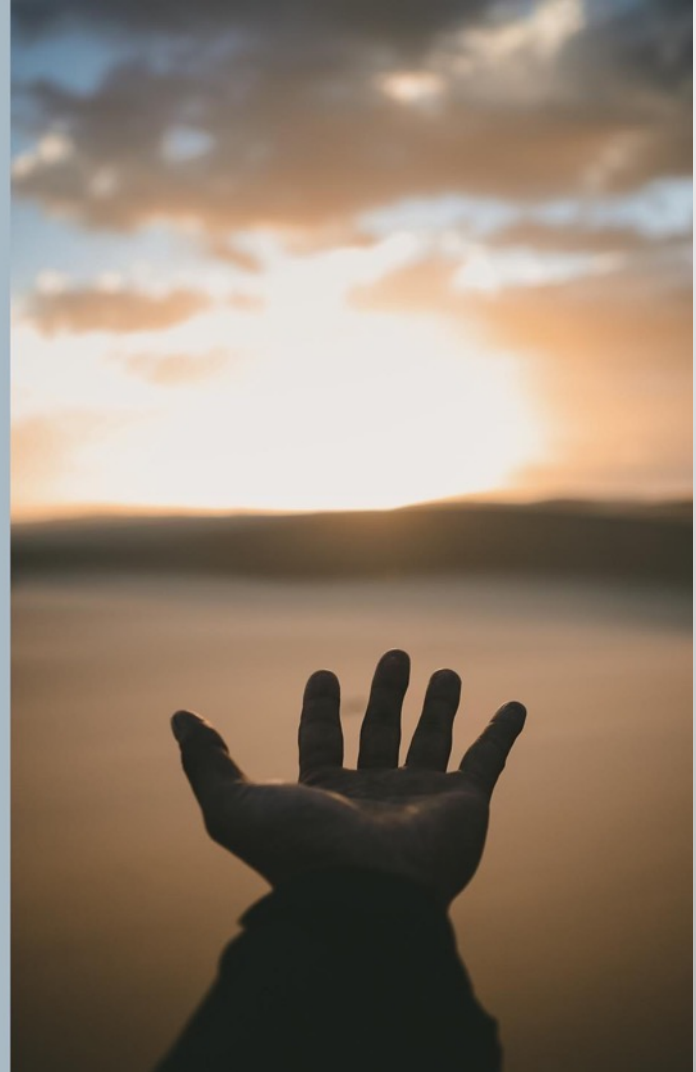
.... and Peace

Peace

This Christmas, may you know the peace
Of loving hands reached out across
All borders, ideologies,
Races, creeds and genders:
Hands that bring
Healing to age-old conflicts
And demolish ancient walls.
May you hear its gentle voice say,
"You are enough.
You are loved.
All will be well."

This Christmas, may you receive God's peace
In the gentle hands of a newborn baby;
And in the New Year, may your hands become
Bearers of the peace of God to your community.
Amen

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... and Love

Love

This Christmas, may love be born in you,
As he was in Bethlehem,
To parents unprepared for such a gift
(Since, who could be?)

May love find you unprepared yet willing
To receive its smiles and tears,
Its painful truths and gentle silences,
Its gifts and sacrifices.

This Christmas, may love be
The awkward guest at your table,
And in the New Year may it take your hand
And lead you into the street
To dance with your neighbours.
Amen

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Weekly Messages of Support for our Time



(Ex St Paul's facebook)

Mother's Union

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**Group of Mother's Union
members**

Deanery Mother's Union Event

Thrift Shop

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Pilot Parish Art Program



(Ex St Paul's Facebook)

Westside Orchestra



(Ex St Paul's facebook)

COMMUNITY BELONGING

EfM Group Members

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1989 Parish Camp Rosalie Waters

(Children's photos withdrawn to comply with legal requirements)



Parish Camps – Mt Tamborine

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St Paul's Breakfast

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2000s Choir breakup at the Carls
(Photos withdrawn to comply with legal requirements)



Bookfest



(Ex St Paul's facebook)



Goodna Pantry



(Ex St Paul's facebook)

St Paul's Playgroup

**((Children's photos withdrawn to comply with
legal requirements))**

Social Activities

**(Children's photos withdrawn to comply with
legal requirements)**

Trivia Nights

Book Club

Who needs Wimbledon or the Davis Cup?

Tennis Competition

**(Children's photos withdrawn to comply with
legal requirements)**

**In your holy human way, dear God,
Let your kingdom come,
Gently, as I take these little steps
Of small obedience, essential service,
Not the gorgeous gestures of my dreams,
But with small kind words,
With calls to isolated neighbours,
With groceries delivered,
With masks and vaccinations,
With prayers for my community
And other communities
And for people I will never understand.
As I take these little steps,
And others do the same,
May your Spirit radiate small ripples
Through this holy ground
That touch and intersect and dance
And reach the feet, the hearts, the souls
Of all your people with the call: "Arise
From out the mud of ambition, wealth
And adulation to walk the holy humble
Human way of Christ."
Amen**

Rev Dr Margaret Wesley



St Paul's Ashgrove