

A Church Remembers



A Brief History of  
TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH  
KINGSLAND  
1853 - 1953

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**Kingsland Methodist Church**

## Foreword

It was with a great privilege to have been the minister at Kingsland from 1916 to 1923. Some of these years were very tense and even sorrowful for many members and adherents, but it was in the special periods of crisis that I learnt to appreciate the solid worth of so many of them. In the more happy days which came, my sense of their fine qualities became even more deep and real.

Methodism has always bred loyal workers with solid and practical religion and here it was in Kingsland exemplified to a very high degree. My fairly close touch with them in the years that have followed has only served to deepen my appreciation of their self sacrificing zeal for Christ and His Kingdom. This spirit did not die with the passing of so many of them to Higher service, as these following pages witness, in a story well told and indeed well worth telling. Kingsland and Eden Terrace are now one. In 1902 I, a raw probationer just out from Home, was minister at Eden Terrace. Part of my ministry at Kingsland was shared by Eden Terrace. Here also were fine loyal people whom no one who ministered to them will ever forget and to whom Methodism owes much.

*Rev. H. Ranston. M. A., Litt.D.*

## Editor's Note

It is with humility that we present this booklet, and we are conscious of its shortcomings. Some of the latter are unfortunately due to the absence of records; however we hope these notes will remind present and past members of blessing received, and Christian service and fellowship enjoyed within this Church.

We thank God for our heritage and His guidance, and we pay tribute to those who have worked here during the past hundred years. We owe a debt of gratitude to them that the foundations have been truly laid.

But we must not linger in the past, or loiter in the present - there is the future. We of the present are the link which connects this partly known past with the unknown future, and it is only as that link is kept effective and strong, that we can make a worthy contribution to the whole.

*D. M. H.*

## **Methodism Comes to Auckland**

On Christmas Day in 1814 the Christian Gospel was first preached in New Zealand by Rev Samuel Marsden.

In 1822 Samuel Leigh the first Methodist Missionary commenced his work in New Zealand.

In 1841 the first Methodist service was held in Auckland.

In such brief statements do we imprison great events. Who without imagination and some knowledge can capture from these simple sentences anything of the high purpose, the courageous determination, and the self effacing dedication of these first men who proclaimed Christianity in our land? Who can appreciate the longing of these first pioneer Methodists in 1841 to worship in this new land in the way familiar to their hearts? Can we feel the joy they felt, as they had their first service and sought fellowship together? It was the Rev James Buller, stationed at Kaipara, who made a pioneering trip along native tracks all the miles to Auckland, and conducted this first service which was held in a sawpit at Mechanics Bay, so to him goes the honour of unfurling the Methodist flag in this city. Up to this time practically all the preaching and teaching in this country had been done by those who came as missionaries to the Maori people. As the number of European settlers increased the missionaries assumed responsibility and assisted as best they could with their enormous "parishes" until the Colonial Church was established. It was two years after this first service before the Methodists in this little settlement of Auckland had a real Church in which to worship, and a stationed minister.

## **Methodism Comes to Kingsland**

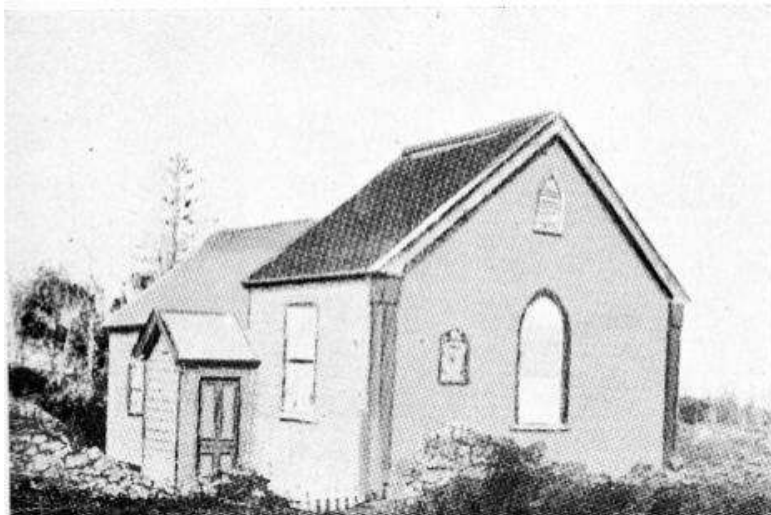
By the time another ten years had passed the settlers who at first had all lived closely together in Official and Mechanics Bays, had increased in numbers and were moving out in various directions. So it came about that among those who settled in and around this Kingsland area were staunch Methodists, who in 1853 started a class which was the beginning of our Church just one hundred years ago. The first services were held in a small stone building which was built on land given by Mr J. Walters, who was the first class leader, and whose adult grandchildren now live on his property near the present Church. The first little Church was situated a short distance from the present Kingsland railway station site, on the Sandringham side.

## **The First Churches.**

We know very little about those first years in the life of our Church, but we know that during this first hundred years it has been on three different sites, and its name and form have changed as frequently. It was at first called Whau Road Chapel, and then in

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1876 when the name of this road was changed to New North Road, the Church took that name. The name of New North Road Church or Chapel was retained, until as the suburb grew it warranted a name of its own and became Kingsland. From that time it became Kingsland Methodist Church, until at the time of the opening of the present Church in 1897 it was named Kingsland Trinity Methodist Church.



“Old Kingsland Church”

The original little stone Church served until 1858, when a wooden building costing £133 was erected on the site of the present Sunday School. The first meeting to plan for this Church was held in July 1857 at the home of Mr J. Walters. Rev R. B. Lythe was the Chairman, and the committee consisted of Messrs J. Walters, S. Gribble, J. McElwain, A. Mears, J. Gribble and W. Moyle. In the minutes of the Auckland District Annual Meeting in 1858, chaired by Rev Thos. Buddle is the following note. "At Whau Road in the Auckland Circuit a weatherboarded chapel capable of seating 130 persons has been erected." It was officially opened by Rev Isaac Harding. This building soon became too small and in 1876 "a transept was added without debt." Four years later further alterations were carried out. These cost £100 and still further enlarged the building, so that when it was opened again in 1880, it could accommodate its growing congregation and Sunday School. The newer portion had a roof considerably higher than the old, so it was rather an odd shaped building.

### How They Began.

These two first Churches knew little of comfort. Those who came to worship sat on backless seats and had no music to help their singing or beauty to stimulate their praise. A pitch pipe gave them their "note", and home-made candles their light at

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evening services. Dr Morley tells us of a legend that says that when someone suggested that a candelabra be installed, someone wanted to know "who was going to play it." However this humble little Church must have held very precious memories for the many people who attended there during those early years, and the sixteen more which passed before the present Church was built. It certainly did work and witness loyally for Christianity and Methodism.

When the first Church was built there were only four ministers in the Auckland circuit. Of these two were stationed at Wesley College and the Three Kings Native Institution respectively and although they took a large share of outside duties two only were left for full time "circuit" work. These men supervised the four existing European and two Native Churches as well as six other preaching places, so it will be seen that the filling of pulpits was made possible only by the devoted service of a band of local preachers. Travel was arduous and very long distances walked to pay visits to the outlying small churches. Even the immediate surroundings had to be taken into consideration, and we read that every gathering, of a social nature anyway, connected with the Church was arranged for a time of full moon. However people had a sturdy disregard for unformed roads and bush tracks in those days. We think here of such trips as that which Rev James Buller made, just over a decade before this, when he walked from Hokianga to Wellington, in the course of his work.

### **Through the Years.**

In reading records from the earliest available, one is impressed with the fact that the Church has never lacked those special devoted workers who through the years have, of their own dedication to Jesus Christ, gone the "second mile" in giving priceless regular service to their Church and fellow members. It is difficult to begin to mention names over this long period, but always they were at work. The women giving leadership in Guild, Missionary Auxiliary, Sunday School, Bible Classes, Girl's Club and Youth work, music and choir, and the men as local preachers, in Trustee and stewardship, Mens' Fellowship meetings, Youth and Sunday work, and they too in music and choir. And then there are those who have given of the knowledge of their trades, who have organised and given so generously when repairs, alterations and extensions have been made.

### **The First Trustees.**

We can imagine how by their efforts the painting and many alterations which we read of were made to this old building. However by about 1885 they were once again becoming concerned about the need for a larger more modern building, and from then until 1897 they planned, collected and worked very hard towards its realization. In July 1896 Pitt Street Trustees formally handed the Church and site to newly elected Trustees at Kingsland. Local matters had previously been attended to by a Church Committee. Two of those original Trustees of the Church Mr B. A. Kayes, and Mr C.

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W. Kayes have given outstanding service to the Church and are still happily associated with its activities. It was during this year that the foundation stone for the new Church was laid on November 25th, on a site alongside the old one. The day was fine, the site bedecked with flags, and as Synod opened the following day there were many visiting ministers among the large gathering. Rev H. Bull presided, and Rev T. W. Veallie the first minister stationed at Kingsland took part. Rev S. J. Serpell gave an address on "The Advantages of a Church to a Locality", and Mr R. G. Whitham, treasurer, gave the history of Methodism in Kingsland. The foundation stone was laid by Mr G. A. Buttle who was the class leader and School Superintendent for many years. Memorial stones were laid by Mr T. Hodgson, Mr A. C. Caughey, and Mrs M. A. Gribble. The last named had with her husband worshipped in the original stone Church, and it is interesting to note that a daughter has in her possession a family Bible which was used at first as the pulpit Bible in that Church.

## **Opening of the Present Church.**

The new Church, our present one was opened in February 1897. The cost of the site was £150, and that of materials and building brought the total to just over £800. The opening was on Wednesday afternoon, February 24th, and at this dedicatory service Rev H. Bull presided over a full Church. Rev T.W. Veallie preached the sermon, and many gifts including a pulpit Bible, collection plates, a clock, wire door mat and communion service were dedicated. A soiree attended by 300 people followed. The two following Sundays were marked by special services. On Feb. 28th there were three services, and the preachers were Rev H. Bull, W. J. Williams and the Kingsland minister. There was a packed Church in the evening, and at the close of the service the Sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed. At these services there was a choir and orchestra of over 30 conducted by Mr J. Bouskill. On the second Sunday Rev H. H. Lawry preached at one of the services, and he told the congregation that he had been in Auckland in 1844. He said that "The remembrance of the piety and love of the founders of the first Church in 1853 inspired him to deliver an appropriate sermon in the new Church on the subject, "Great is Thy Faith."

## **Local Changes.**

Since that time further changes have taken place. In 1912 the stone boundary fence was removed and a picket fence erected. This was removed in 1926. Later, at the request of the Borough Council the fence at the end of the Church was removed, and the corner much improved by the making of a garden which is now there. However the alteration to that corner was brought about by the making of the Sandringham tram line which has to some extent added to the noise from which our Church services suffer. In the early days of trams they did not run during Church service hours so they were less disturbing, but now with the heavier constant traffic, combined with the passing trains, we long for the day when the quieter trolley buses come on this route.

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The main structural change in the Church has been at the entrance, where after minor alterations in 1914, a great improvement was made in 1937 when the porch was added. This made room for coats, lessened draught, and reduced the outside noise some-what. All work on this occasion, including plumbing carpentry and electrical work was done by volunteer labour, planned and organised by Mr L. Rhodes, who was Mayor of Mount Albert, and our Church Trust Secretary at the time.

### **Lighting and Music.**

Lighting in the Church has improved with the years. In 1877, when the same building was used for both Church and School, we read that an arrangement was made whereby the "accounts for candles would be paid by the Sunday School fund, and the Chapel would pay for kerosene." In June 1892 gas was introduced into the building and "gas fittings were installed at a cost of £5." Electricity was installed in both Church and School in 1924, and last of all in 1950 came fluorescent lighting.

The first record of a musical instrument for the Church is in 1876 when Mr A. W. Gladding, Supt of the School, and Mr J. Newbold Secretary, volunteered to collect and purchase a harmonium. They collected £20, but the owner of the instrument they had hoped to purchase could not be persuaded to sell. However they found and purchased from Mr Henry White a "superior instrument for £25, and some of the friends doubled their subscriptions for the sake of getting a good instrument." In 1890 a new organ was bought for the combined Church and School. Many will remember that in our present Church the organ was for many years one which depended for power on a boy blower. Several boys gave good service at this task. It was in 1923 that our present pipe organ was installed, and officially "opened" in June. The Minister Rev A. Reader pre-sided at the dedication service, Rev P. Knight gave the address, and Dr H. Ranston dedicated the organ. Following this Mr T. Sparling gave an organ recital. On the following Sunday there was special music and crowded services, and to further celebrate the occasion the choir, augmented to 60, gave "Elijah", on the following Thursday night. On both the latter occasions our organist Mr H. F. Garland was at the organ.

This organ cost just over £600 and represents a most united effort on the part of every organisation of the Church. Something is added to this effort when we know that the nucleus of the fund was a gift of love and gratitude to God, made at a time of personal thanks giving by one of the present oldest members of the Church. A fan and engine provided the power for the organ until the electric power came the following year.

### **Times of Sorrow.**

The First World War took a very heavy toll of our members and the Roll of Honour lists those Church, Choir and School members who went on active service. The first to fall was Sapper J. Dadson, and it was the gift of his father, a worker in the Church and

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school for many years, that commenced the Roll of Honour. It was Mr J. Cox who designed and made it. A more beautiful memorial is of course in the windows which were installed in 1921 to commemorate those of our members who died in action or as a result of it.

During the Second World War two members lost their lives, Cecil Smith and Robert Riddell, and a memorial service was held for them on 23rd September 1945. Later in 1948 the pulpit Bible and furnishings were dedicated and are a memorial to Cecil Smith A copy of "The Light of the World" in the School, chosen by the teachers, is a memorial to Robert.

The Communion table, chairs, wooden flower stands and vases were given by the Guild. The Communion table and chairs were dedicated at a service in March 1945, and are a fitting memorial to Mrs T. Hodgson, one of the Guild's most energetic workers. The crystal flower bowl on that table was a gift of Mrs B. A. Kayes who for so many years did the flowers in the Church as a memorial to her two sons who did not return from the First War.

For many years pew rents were charged if desired, and many members kept the same pews for many years, however this system was abolished in 1923. In 1926 as an aid to regular giving, the envelope system for weekly contributions was adopted.

## **An Important Milestone.**

A most important milestone in the life of the Church was reached on Sunday, September 14th 1952, when the congregation of Eden Terrace Church united with ours. For many years now, owing mostly to the growth outward of the industrial area, the congregation of this Church has been small, and the burden of leadership has fallen very heavily on the few remaining ones. This was no new problem, for as many as twenty years ago union with Kingsland was discussed. Trustees from both Churches met, a very warm welcome was extended by Kingsland, and Eden Terrace Church was offered for sale. However mostly through the untiring efforts of Rev J. Olphert and his helpers fresh efforts were made, the Church withdrawn from Sale and they carried on. Mr Olphert who when young had been a Bible Class boy and later a teacher at Kingsland, had already been the minister at Eden Terrace from 1911 to 1914, came back in 1937 when a supernumerary. They carried on with fresh vigour for some time but it has been with increasing difficulty. So at last, after much thoughtful discussion and deliberation, with prayer for guidance and direction, it was decided that we should amalgamate. We at Kingsland feel we have to some degree shared in the burden of this decision. Our minister has been theirs, and we have realised what it has meant to these people to make the decision that brought about the moving closing service in their Church on September 7th. We have met with them, upheld them in our thoughts and prayers, and now rejoice with them that a unanimous decision was reached. We feel with them so strongly that this move is right, and we



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heartily welcome them to the activities and fellowship of this, our Church and theirs. We look forward enthusiastically too, to the work which we can do together in this community. The heartwarming atmosphere of the morning service led by Rev R. Thornley, Supt of the circuit, on Sept 14th when our congregations formally united promises much for the future. The Communion service at the close when Rev R. Thornley and the Kingsland minister, Rev J. J. Lewis officiated, was a spiritual experience which must enrich the life of all who shared it.



**Rev. J. Olphert**

Rev J. J. Lewis conducted the evening service, and a social hour afterwards brought to a close our first day together.

## **Our Ministers.**

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| 1894— Rev. T. W. Veallie                    | 1926— Rev. T. W. Veallie       |
| 1897— Rev. T. R. Richards                   | 1927— Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall |
| 1898— Rev. J. G. Chapman                    | 1933— Rev. S. J. Werren        |
| 1901— Rev. S. E. Griffiths                  | 1939— Rev. E. S. Emmitt        |
| 1904— Rev. T. W. Newbold                    | 1943— Rev. H. Spencer          |
| 1907— Rev. A. N. Scoffer                    | 1945— Rev. F. H. Parker        |
| 1912— Rev. C. C. Harrison.                  | 1949— Rev. J. J. Lewis         |
| 1916— Rev. Dr H. Ranston                    | 1953— Rev. W. Parker           |
| 1922— Rev H. Ford assisted for some months. |                                |
| 1923— Rev. A. Reader                        |                                |

Since 1894 we have had a resident minister. Prior to that our pulpit was filled by one of the three circuit ministers or by a local preacher. It was in 1905 that the present parsonage in New Bond Street was built. There were seventeen tenders for this and the

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prices ranged from £535 to £725. The tender of Mr C. H. Page was accepted and the total cost of parsonage and land was £820.

We are deeply grateful for the ministry of those who have laboured in our district during this 100 years. We know that their work has often been most self sacrificing and carried out under difficulty. Practically throughout they have had responsibility for other churches. Rev A. N. Scoffer reminds us that when he was stationed here he used to go by train to Glen Eden (Waikumete), visit folk in the afternoon, and have a service with them in the mortuary Chapel in the evening. He would then walk to Henderson, get into the guard's van of a train returning this way, and as the driver obligingly slowed down, he would jump out at Kingsland at about 11.45 p.m.

After the Union of the Primitive and Wesleyan Churches (1913), at the end of Rev H. Sharp's ministry at Eden Terrace and during Dr Ranston's here Eden Terrace Church came into the care of the Kingsland minister for many years. In 1947, during the ministry of Rev F. Parker, Western Springs Church was added to his charge.

We would like to quote many of the words in old minute books paying tribute to our ministers, but it must be sufficient to record how deeply we hold them in our hearts for the way they have so truly shared our griefs and joys, and influenced our lives. We feel that they too will have happy memories of the fellowship here.

### **Rev. Dr H. Ranston**

It was our privilege to have Dr Ranston as our minister for a longer period than any other. His scholarship has made him an outstanding figure beyond New Zealand and Methodism; and yet, to us he was a very humble loved teacher, pastor and friend. He was too, with us for that dark period during the First World War and the epidemic following it, and we can never forget his understanding, sympathy, and comfort as anxiety and bereavement came to so many of our Church families.

Kingsland will always remember how he toiled among the sick in this District during the epidemic, collecting and taking supplies, and rolling up his sleeves when he got there, and giving very practical help. More than once he went to the home of Mr and Mrs C. Kayes at breakfast time, for a cup of tea after he had been up all night. This service was given not only to members of his congregation but to anyone in need, and many in those "Avenues" were in need at that time. They were in need of every kind, and he took them help of every type.



## Sister W. Beaumont.

In 1920 Sister Winifred Beaumont came to us as Deaconess for about two years. She did a share of the pastoral work at the time when Dr Ranston was required to give so much time to the College, before he went there as Principal. While with us she led a Bible Class and organised and led a Girl's Club. We all appreciated her leadership and have happy memories of the time she shared our fellowship.

## Our Sunday School.

The earliest records of the School are the minutes of a teacher's meeting held on November 4th 1875. At this meeting arrangements were made for their "Annual School Sermons." (We note that the present name for this day was adopted in 1877.) Two hundred hymn sheets were printed for this occasion and Mr Seabrook trained the children. The ministers for the day were, Rev Alex Reid, Mr Williams and Mr Harris (Primitive Methodist). At the tea meeting following a presentation of books, "as an acknowledgement of his service" was made to Mr Hibbert, their Supt who was leaving.

**Dec 1875.** Decided that School join Auckland Branch of Sunday School Union.

From the time the School commenced until 1897 the one building was of course used for both Church and School. In 1875 the Church services were held in the afternoon, and the School in the morning however there were various changes during the years. In 1886 some were so keen to have afternoon school that both were held to see which was really more popular. The month's test ended with a morning average attendance of 105 children, and the afternoon 70.

The building also served as a day school for some years. In those early days of our history, there were no State schools, so private individuals and Churches took on responsibility of education. Methodists took a large share of this work, but it was a Presbyterian Minister without charge, Rev A. French who had previously been teaching in Freeman's Bay who came to Whau Road. In 1862 there was a total of 326 being taught in this way in Auckland, and 30 of these children were in this school.

The fact that the Church provided too, almost the only social life in those days is surely shown by the following minute.

**1876, November.** "That the children be asked to give way to strangers at Thursday's tea meeting, and that a tea be provided for that on the next day."

**1877, January.** "The Children's Festival was held at Three Kings and was a very enjoyable day. Carts to convey the children were supplied by Messrs Gladding, Bycroft, Page, McElwain, Jones, Wood, Hurd, Crawford and Newbold." Resolved that 7/6 be paid to Crawford for damage done to his cart.

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The Festival or picnic has from then till now been an annual event. They went by carts, waggons, brakes and buses to Titirangi, Avondale, Kohimarama, paddocks at Mangere and other places, and later by tram to Cornwall Park, train to Henderson, and much later to Swanson, Camp Wesley and Block House Bay.

**1887.** Band of Hope formed.

**1897.** With the opening of the new Church, the school had possession of the old building. During the next two years the roof of the newer part was lined and maintenance work done but a fund for the new school was opened in 1898. At this time average attendance was 113 scholars.

**1904.** Sunday School Union developed scheme for lectures and exams for teachers.

**1905.** First mention of School joining in the Annual S. S. Rally in the Town Hall. Many will remember these nights when a good programme was given by the children and the prizes for examinations were given out.

**1906.** S. S. representatives visited districts and then requested school staff to look up the children whose parents had agreed that they could go to S. S.

**1908.** Foundation stone for new School laid by the Superintendent Mr J. W. Bridgman on the 21st November. This building is called Jubilee Hall as its erection marked the 50th year after the building of the first wooden Church. It was officially opened on the 21st February 1909. For this occasion the Church services for the day were held in the School, and were conducted by the Supt. of the Circuit, Rev. J. A. Luxford, Rev. G. Bond and the Kingsland Minister, Rev. A. N. Scoffer. At 10.30 a.m., Mrs. B. A. Kayes turned the key of the door and declared the building open for worship. Mr. C. H. Page presented her with a silver key. Mr. T. Hodgson, then Rev. J. A. Luxford gave a short address.

**1912.** Average attendance 229 scholars.

**1914.** Extra classes formed and held in Drill Hall. Rent paid by private donors. Teachers anxious that a school should be commenced at Edendale "owing to the number moving in that direction."

Some alterations and additions have been made to the school during the years, including lengthening of the building and improving the kitchen in 1926, and enlarging the infant department in 1933. We honour those who have kept the School staffed during the many years since it began. Many have given long service. Of the present staff, Mr F. Utting has completed 40 years, and Mr J. M. C. Barker who has been Supt for 14 years has given devoted service to School and Church for over 30 years.

## Church Organisations.

Activities associated with the Church and School have varied with the years. The Class Meeting, Band of Hope, and Senior and Junior Christian Endeavour Societies which flourished at one time are no more, but all ages are catered for in the present organisations. The missionary Auxiliary and the Guild have remained throughout and given scope for work and fellowship among the women of the Church, the Auxiliary representing our Missionary interest and the Guild making a very worthy annual contribution to the upkeep of Church property. Those who have given long periods of leadership since 1896 in these groups are Mesdames Clarke, Hodgson, J. Kayes. Marshall, Partington, Page, Rutledge. Heape, J. M. Barker, Brock, Tremain, Brenkley and Targuse. Many of the ministers wives have held office and for this and all their help we are grateful.

The Choir and Organists have served the Church well. Choirmasters with longest service are Mr J. Bouskill, Mr W. Thompson, and Mr W. Leather.

Among the organists we recall Mr W. Flatt, Misses A. and M. Wheeler, and Mr H. F. Garland. Mr Garland who was also treasurer of the Trust Board and several times choirmaster gave generous outstanding service as organist for 30 years.

In addition to names mentioned above, the following will recall families closely associated with the Church since 1896. In most cases one of the family, often more has given at least ten years service in some definite office.

Chilton, Tutt, Buttle, Bridgman, Hirst, Clarke, Aspden, Wakerley, Cunningham, Hodgson, Dadson, W. Taylor, Bond, Utting, Maddaford, Dyer, Berry, J. Taylor, F. Taylor, Fowler, Rhodes, C. Kayes, Whitham, B. A. Kayes, F. J. Kayes, G. Barker, J. M. C. Barker, Rutledge, Targuse, Brenkley, Armstrong, Barnett, Shortland, Ryan, Cox, Sussex, Heape, Hayhow Brock, Barton.

Mr B. A. Kayes was 50 years in the choir, 33½ years Secretary of the Trust Board, and 38 years Secretary and Sunday School worker.

### Present Officers:—

Trust Secretary:	Mr D. Barnett.
Trust Treasurer:	Mr G. Matthews.
Church Steward:	Mr S. Armstrong.
Organist and Choirmaster:	Mr W. Simpson.
Guild:	Pres. Mrs. M. Robson.
	Sec. Miss M. Hastie.
Missionary Auxiliary:	
	Pres. Mrs D. Western.
	Sec. Miss A. Brenkley.

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Men's Fellowship: Pres. Mr J. M. C. Barker.  
Sec. Mr K. Mackinder.

Fireside Club: Pres. Miss D. Heape.  
Sec. Mrs. M. Hayhow.

Sunday School Officers:  
Supt. Mr J. M. C. Barker.  
Sec. Miss E. Moore.

Sacramental Steward: Mrs B. Brock.

Local Preachers: Mr H. Long.  
Mr O. Miles. (*On Trial*)  
Mrs E. England. (*On Trial*)

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