

A family church...

By 1950, the post-war baby boom was well underway. Its effects can be seen in the baptismal records and in references to the expanding rolls of the Sunday school. There was also an emphasis upon providing activities for families within the parish.

| Year | Number of baptisms | Year | Number of baptisms |
|------|--------------------|------|--------------------|
| 1940 | 23 | 1950 | 32 |
| 1941 | 19 | 1951 | 28 |
| 1942 | 15 | 1952 | 21 |
| 1943 | 8 | 1953 | 24 |
| 1944 | 22 | 1954 | 32 |
| 1945 | 27 | 1955 | 17 |
| 1946 | 27 | 1956 | 40 |
| 1947 | 33 | 1957 | 16 |
| 1948 | 34 | 1958 | 15 |
| 1949 | 48 | 1959 | 22 |

Phyl Croft recalled her association with Holy Cross that lasted over 60 years.

In 1947 we purchased a house in St Kilda. We felt we were so lucky to obtain a home in such a nice district with plenty of space and handy to a parish church and schools. I went to church matins on the first Sunday which was in Labour Weekend. I knew one person, Lionel Powell who was in the choir. I was impressed with Canon Webb the vicar and the choir. Mrs Webb called on me the following week. She had heard I had twin girls and invited me to join the parish group the Fellowship of Marriage which met in the vicarage once a month. I was so pleased as it gave me a chance to meet young women. There were about two dozen or more members and very friendly. As there were three services each Sunday, Norman and I were both able to go to church. The parish was very active - a good vestry and a large Mothers' Union, a sewing guild and a Sanctuary Guild, Bible Class and junior and senior Sunday School. A flower show each year was very popular. It was organised by Mr Dick Brent and Mr Jacobson.



Phyl Croft holding Helen and Suzanne Croft
(photo from Croft family)

The Fellowship of Marriage was formed in 1947 for younger married women with Alma McKay (nee Johnson) as its first president. Another institution in the parish closed around the same time.

Minutes of 30th annual meeting, 2 July 1947

Mr Newman asked why the Girls' Club had closed and Miss Carpenter explained that churches everywhere found it necessary to have combined clubs. She gave an excellent description of the study course to be held at John MacGlashan College by youth workers in the August holidays.

The Young Anglican Movement for people between the ages of 14 and 35 was a strong force emerging within the diocese at the time. It began in 1943 when a Diocesan Youth Council was formed along the same lines as the Young Anglican Movement in the Australian diocese of Goulburn. The inaugural diocesan secretary was Dora Carpenter. It had the motto, *We serve the Lord Christ* and its badge was a red star with a white cross in the centre. Needless to say, youngsters under the age of fourteen did not want to feel excluded.

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At the Youth Service on Sunday 18th November, Junior Young Anglicans are to be admitted and given their special Holy Cross badges, a red cross with a white background, the reversal of the Charter members of the Young Anglican Movement.

Misses Vera Belcher and Nancy Parker led the Junior Young Anglican Club. Vera Belcher married William Reeves at the end of 1946, however thereby severing her connection with the club and it seems, with the church altogether. Another significant loss for the parish through marriage was Dora Carpenter who married an aviation engineer, George Johnson at Holy Cross on 4 October 1947 and emigrated to Australia.

Minutes of vestry meeting, 7 October 1947

It was unanimously resolved to record our deep appreciation of the outstanding and inspiring work carried out in our parish and diocese for many years by Mrs Dora Johnson (nee Carpenter). In all matters connected with the parish she had always given cheerful and practical support. We would especially refer to her leadership in youth work both as a Bible Class teacher and as secretary of the Diocesan Young Anglican Movement. A letter conveying the text of this resolution was signed by the vestrymen and sent to Mrs Johnson.



Young Anglicans at John MacGlashan College, 1947: Dora Carpenter is second from left and Eileen Wallis (nee Robson) is second from right
(photo from Eileen Wallis)

Years later, Dora Johnson returned to Dunedin and joined St Michael's, Andersons Bay.

The Young Anglican group at Holy Cross came to run itself as there was no-one willing to take on the role of leader. Referring to it as the Holy Cross Club (a title the group never gave itself), its activities were described in the September 1947 **Church Envoy**.

Meetings are held on alternate Wednesday nights with a dance every six months. In addition a senior discussion group meets on the second Sunday in the month, the discussion being followed by tea....

The last Club meeting was held on Wednesday, 6th August. The first half of the evening was spent playing table cricket and second part by very interesting impromptu speeches. The evening finished as usual with supper and compline. At present the group is studying the Charter and is finding it well worthwhile.

The next dance is to be held on 20th August, to which Mosgiel, Green Island, Port Chalmers and S. Peter's have been invited.

The May 1948 issue of the **Church Envoy** called Eileen Robson its leader. Eileen Robson joined Holy Cross in 1940 when her family moved into the parish and was confirmed the following year. She completed a history degree and became a secondary school teacher. After marrying Allen Wallis at Holy Cross in 1956, the newly-weds moved to the North Island. Upon returning to Dunedin, they joined St Michael's, Andersons Bay. Eileen wrote a history of Otago Girls' High School for its centennial, updating it for its 125th anniversary and in 1989, a history of St Michael's. Recalling the Young Anglican movement, Eileen remembers that these dances were not exclusively Anglican and were popular with young Presbyterians at the time. A full diocesan ball was a natural development.

The Diocesan Youth Council ran its inaugural Anglican Ball on 13 July 1948 in the Dunedin City Council Chamber. Initially it called for debutantes aged eighteen and over but it was lowered to seventeen. There were five debutantes from Holy Cross, Leslie Tucker, Joan Hodgkinson, Mavis Hodgkinson, Maureen O'Malley and Maureen Cleveland. The following year, the Holy Cross debutantes were Valerie Bransgrove and Aileen McCart (Young).



Young Anglicans outside St John's, Roslyn before Quiet Morning on Saturday, 27 August 1949

- photo from Eileen Wallis

Back: Barry Wilkinson, John Bray, Margaret Light, Les Murphy, Aileen McCart, Rev WLS Harbour, Elaine Guy, Doug Holloway, Len Bray, Molly Ferens, Bob Sanders, Jo Duff, John Hunt, Neil West, George Moore, Ross McCrostie, Barry Mayfield, Gordon McDonald, Frank Wregglesworth

Front: Gladys Timms, Ruby North, Cookie (Miss Souness), Miss Hilda Kay, Frances Holderness, Dorothy Russell, Camp Mother (Mrs Dawson), Eileen Robson, John McHugh, David Jaquiery, Graham Norris, John Hurd, Mary Warrington, Ray Wallace, Joan Cameron, Joyce Sutherland, Rev K Schollar, Sylvia Butler, Nancy Parker, Ailsa McDonald, Margaret Cameron, Jocelyn Mathews, Findlay Sutherland, John Hannan, Ian Broomhall, Rev M King, Peter Robins, Rev D Dorman, Rev J Martin, Mr Dawson, Ruth Gow, Pat Kummert

The December 1947 issue of the **Church Envoy** reported upon the diverse range of activities available for Holy Cross parishioners

- the annual Sunday school party was held on 20 September;
- Fellowship of Marriage presented a play reading, "The Life of Mary Summers" in October;
- Ladies' Guild held a Christmas Gift Sale on 27 November;
- Holy Cross Club held its wind-up dance at the end of November; and
- Mothers' Union held its end of year social on 10 November when the Holy Cross Players presented the religious play, "Ruth and Naomi" at Evensong. It was written by Miss Lilian Moulin for Holy Cross and Mrs Webb produced it. The performers were Mrs Palmer (Ruth), Mrs Pistor (Naomi), Mrs Dodd (Orpah), Mrs Paterson (village woman) and Ray Wallace (senior elder).

Unfortunately, Christmas celebrations in 1947 were disrupted by another epidemic outbreak which kept children away from church. This impacted upon the choir and led to the abandonment of the Sunday school prize-giving. Teachers delivered the prizes personally to the students.



By the end of 1948, the Mothers' Union had 23 members and it combined with the Fellowship of Marriage to present a series of tableaux, "Called to Witness" at St Kilda Town Hall on 8 November. Around this same time, the parishes of St Martin's, St Peter's and St Michael's employed a fulltime diocesan youth worker, Miss Hilda Kay from Christchurch. Holy Cross had tentatively expressed interest in the scheme but did not join it till a couple of years later when the youth worker was installed at Church House in Harrop Street and covered the diocese.

Hilda Kay (photo from Eileen Wallis)

The Fellowship of Marriage seemed to suffer the most upheaval with people leaving the parish. These movements can be traced through the **Church Envoy**. On 10 November 1949, the Fellowship had hosted a diocesan Mothers' Union function and the following month, it was reported that Mr and Mrs F Stewart had shifted to Outram while Fred and founding leader, Alma McKay were moving to Invercargill. Nine months later, Mr and Mrs Norman Holst returned to their hometown of Christchurch while Mr and Mrs R Greenwood left for Brisbane as he was taking up a lectureship there. Of these four couples, only Fred and Alma were married at Holy Cross, on 1 September 1945.

A popular innovation around this time was a parish picnic. Ivor Powell had first proposed it at the 1949 annual meeting and repeated the suggestion at the following year's meeting, leading to the formation of a picnic committee.

Church Envoy, vol xxxviii no 3, April 1951 p33

The Parish Picnic, held at Whare Flat on February 3, was a great success, owing to the very efficient organisation of the committee and the response of parishioners. After a substantial picnic lunch the afternoon was spent in cricket, races for old and young, tug-of-war and swimming. Congratulations, Mr Ivor Powell and committee!

The Sunday Schools re-opened with a large roll in both junior and senior schools. Several new teachers have offered their services, and we have now an adequate staff. We regret, however, that Miss Ethel Anderson and Miss Myrtle Anderson

have had to resign owing to home duties for Miss Ethel and to the indifferent health of Miss Myrtle. They have taught for twenty-five years – a great record... We are sorry to have to say good-bye to Mrs Bransgrove and family, who are moving to New Plymouth. Mrs Bransgrove was a committee member of the Mothers' Union. Trevor was a server, Valerie and Lynn were in the choir. We hope they will be happy in their new home. We welcome to the parish Mrs Bovett and Margaret. The former has joined the Mothers' Union, and the latter provides a good soprano voice for the choir.

Additional farewells were extended to Mrs Scott who had moved to Wakari, Mrs Frank Cameron who had gone to Maori Hill and to Mrs Johnson who was living in Roslyn.

By this time, members of the Young Anglican Movement were becoming increasingly prominent in the parish. The Diocesan Youth Council organised two camps per year, a general summer camp and a leaders' training week in August. Holy Cross parishioners John McHugh, Nancy Parker, Bob and Ray Sanders, Eileen Robson, Ray Wallace and Aileen Young attended the August 1949 camp at John McGlashan College. Fourteen months later on 15 October 1950, a Young Anglican re-dedication service was held at Holy Cross for Valda Ball, Gladys Bransgrove, Eileen Robson, Dorothy Russell, Aileen Young, Murray Bennetto, Cyril Powell, Bob Sanders and Ray Wallace and six new members were admitted, ie Ingrid Holst, Valerie Mong, Nancy Parker, Glenise Robertson, Winsome Thornton and Winston Wingfield (no relation to Rev Wingfield). From this 1950 list, only Glenise Robertson was christened at Holy Cross; all fifteen of them except Cyril Powell and Ray Wallace were confirmed at Holy Cross; and eight of them were married at Holy Cross. Cyril Powell joined vestry in 1952 while Ray Wallace and Bob Sanders became vicars and Nancy Parker married a vicar.

Ray Wallace's name first appears in early 1948 when he formed a Junior Boys' Club at Holy Cross with John McHugh. He was a Holy Cross server and was granted a layreader's license in April 1950, presumably to replace Harold Grant. Ray Wallace undertook theological studies at Selwyn College and left the parish in mid-1952 after the choir presented him with a pipe in recognition of his six years of service. He was ordained to the priesthood on 1 May 1954 at St John's, Invercargill. In its November 1958 issue, the **Church Envoy** reported, *The Rev R Wallace, Vicar of Waitaki District, has left the Diocese to take up a position as assistant curate in a London parish.*

Bob and Ray Sanders were confirmed together at Holy Cross in 1939 and both became trained primary school teachers. The elder brother, Bob became a Sunday schoolteacher at Holy Cross in 1944 when he began studies at Dunedin Training College. He was given a layreader's licence in August 1946 and conducted services at Holy Cross for three Sundays in January 1949 during Canon Webb's annual vacation but moved to Masterton shortly afterwards. He conducted services again in January 1950 before beginning his theological studies in Christchurch.

Church Envoy, vol xxxix no 5, June 1952 p57

The Harvest Festival Services were held on the second Sunday after Easter. Rev R Sanders preached at 11am. He was at one time a choir boy with us. The singing by the choir, under Miss Moore, was well rendered, also the anthem. There were good attendances at all the services. The gifts were afterwards conveyed to the Orphanage and were kindly acknowledged.

Bob Sanders returned to the diocese in 1958 when he was instituted as vicar of St Hilda's, Ranfurly but spent most of his ministry in the North Island. At one time, he was the prison chaplain at Paremoremo. Meanwhile, his younger brother had taken a different path.

Church Envoy, vol xlii no 6, July 1955 p61

Dismissal Service at Holy Cross

It was an occasion of great interest and importance to the Diocese when on Trinity Sunday the Lord Bishop of Dunedin solemnly dismissed to their work in Melanesia Mr and Mrs Brook and Mr RT Sanders. Holy Cross was the appropriate setting for the service, for both Mrs Brook and Mr Sanders had been for long members of the congregation, Mr Sanders having been an altar server for many years. Mr Brook came originally from S Mary's, and he and Mrs Brook had recently lived in the parish of All Saints'. It was most gratifying to see the church filled by a large congregation, whose prayers will follow and help their friends as they take up the work for which they have been accepted in Melanesia. ...

The Lord Bishop addressed some words of encouragement to the candidates, and congratulated Mrs Sanders on having given her two sons to the work of the Church, one the Assistant Curate at Palmerston North and the other now joining the Melanesian Mission.



**Shirley and Ray Brook on
Three Sisters Island**
(photo from Eleanor Leckie)

Ray and Shirley Brook (nee Allsop) married at Holy Cross in December 1954. Ray Sanders returned to Dunedin in 1957 for his marriage.

Church Envoy, vol xlv no 6, July 1957, p61

Wedding of wide interest

Mr RT Sanders, who has been home on furlough from the school at Pawa, Solomon Island, Melanesia, was married on Wednesday, 12th June to Miss Elsie Roberts, the Diocesan Youth Worker, at S. John's, Roslyn. His brother, the Rev RJK Sanders, Vicar of Pongaroa, came down to officiate. ... Afterwards a delightful reception was held in S. John's Hall at which Canon Webb, also a former worker in Melanesia, was present with Mrs Webb.

Nancy Parker's marriage to Rev AV Jaquierey at Holy Cross in April 1954 was a source of excitement, particularly for young women in the parish due to her work as a Sunday school and youth leader. Alan Victor Jaquierey had been ordained in February 1948 and was appointed assistant curate of Gore in 1951, going on to take charge of the parochial district of Tapanui by 1955. The couple returned to Dunedin in November 1959 when Alan was instituted as vicar of Holy Cross.



Church Envoy, vol xli no 4, May 1954 p45

After Evensong on Palm Sunday the parish hall was packed with parishioners to say farewell to Miss Nancy Parker and to express to her the good wishes of her many friends on her approaching marriage. Mr K Pritchett, Vicar's Warden, Miss Gore for the Sunday school teaching staff, Edna Cashman for the Bible Class, Miss Diana Walker for the Young Anglicans all expressed the general regard and esteem with which Miss Parker was held. Gifts of a set of spoons from the Bible Class, and a chiming clock and a rug from the parishioners were made. Miss Parker suitably responded.

There was a very good attendance of members at the March meeting of Holy Cross Fellowship of Marriage. Our Vicar was the speaker, his subject being "Divorce" and his talk to us was most interesting and enlightening.

The topic of "divorce" was very relevant for women in the church as divorcees were not permitted to be members of the Mothers' Union and its affiliated group, the Fellowship of Marriage. The irony of the situation was not lost among Holy Cross parishioners when divorcee Ruby Sanders was congratulated upon the attributes of her sons, Bob and Ray but could not be a full member of Mothers' Union. Put simply, young women (usually single) could become part of the Young Anglican movement, married women without children could belong to the Fellowship of Marriage and married women with children could belong to Mothers' Union. Open Group membership was available to all women.

First minutes recorded for the Open Group

On June 17th 1955, a group of ladies were invited to an evening at the Vicarage as guests of Mrs Hodgson, Mrs James (sec of the afternoon Mothers' Union) and Mesdames Croft, Niven, Broadley, Stewart, and Pritchett (leader) of the evening Mothers' Union group. The purpose of the gathering was to form in the Parish an Open Group which is sponsored by the Mothers Unions.

An enjoyable evening was spent in competitions after which supper was served.

It was agreed to hold these meetings on the second Wednesday in each month.

Mrs Croft moved a vote of thanks to Mrs Hodgson for her hospitality.

Meetings generally revolved around a speaker on topics such as first aid, gardening and people's travels abroad. At its September meeting, the Open Group was formally organised with the vicar appointing a leader, Mrs Margaret Jenner and secretary, Mrs Violet Cleland with a committee of Mesdames Merle Urquhart and Pearson. The Open Group was only in existence till March 1964 but is remembered for its puppet shows and the finances these raised. Future deputy mayor of Dunedin, Jean McLean taught the Open Group women how to make the puppets and a prime mover behind the shows was Merle Urquhart with her daughters, Judith and Helen. While she moved away from the parish in 1961, Merle returned to the area later in life and Jan Clarke conducted her funeral service in January 2000.

The Mothers' Union continued to be a strong force within the church and on 12 July 1956, it celebrated its 25th anniversary at Holy Cross. The September 1956 **Church Envoy** reported that the occasion was marked by 98 communicants at Holy Communion, *followed by an elaborate lunch and a playreading, "Enduring Values" depicting the life of Mary Sumner from her marriage in 1849 until 1910. This was followed by a tableau, the three groups representing different countries.* The three

groups were the afternoon Mothers' Union, the evening Mothers' Union and the Open Group. *Foundation members present were Mesdames Cardno (first Enrolling Member), Ombler, Mills, Seddon, Fieldwick, King, Harraway, Dyke and McIntosh. One of the foundation members, Mrs Idour, was unable to be present owing to illness. Apologies were received from Mrs Hutchings and Mrs Lennox, two previous Enrolling Members.* A few months later, the evening branch held its ninth birthday and admitted three new members, Mesdames Coutts, Bullamore and Kirby.

The activities of young people in the parish were not forgotten during the 1950s.



Young Anglicans on a bicycle trip to Outram Glen, Oct 1952: Valerie Hobbs, Christopher Pritchett, Coral Hodges, Ray Coburg, Ralph Tate, dog, Arthur Rockliff Eric Tate, June Hodges, Graeme Speirs, Dorothy Speirs, John Andrews, Eleanor Pritchett
photo from Eleanor Leckie (nee Pritchett)

Holy Cross junior team at inter-parish basketball tournament at Musselburgh School, 26 September 1953.

It beat St Michael's in the semi-final, 9-7 and lost to St Martin's in the final by one goal.

From left: Miriam Hodgson, Margaret Andrews, Eleanor Pritchett, Pat Fairweather, Leila Andrews, Valerie Hobbs, Coral Hodges (captain), Cyril Powell (manager) and Ray Sanders (co-manager) – the two men played in the soccer tournament. (photo from Eleanor Leckie)



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A Discussion Group has been formed of young people from 17 years upwards. It meets in the Lennox room after Evensong on Sundays, under the leadership of Clive Hesketh. The Creed has been the latest subject and many interesting points have been raised.

Keith Pritchett took over from Alf Allsop as **Church Envoy** correspondent from June 1956.

Church Envoy, vol xliii no 10, Nov 1956 p119

The young people have enjoyed themselves too. After Patronal Breakfast 15 members of the Youth Club tramped over the hills to Tunnel Beach, Blackhead and Brighton, where a bus was taken back to town.

A riotous Sunday school party was held on Friday, 21st September, starting with games. It was a warm night but teachers and children were even warmer by supper time – jellies, cake and cordials were consumed in smart time.

On Saturday September 22nd we participated in the Inter-Parish Soccer and Basketball Tournament, and our boys actually won the Senior Soccer Cup which

was presented at the dance held that evening at Church House. Sunday afternoon service at the Cathedral was attended as part of the Tournament. On Saturday, 29th September, the Youth Club was treated to a barbecue. The handiest place was chosen – the beach – and about 20 boys and girls enjoyed a sing-song in front of a blazing fire, with fried sausages and bacon.

The following month, it was reported that the youth group had been on a bike ride to Portobello and hosted St Michael's club at a Hallowe'en party– *a fancy dress and mask affair with treacle buns.* Sunday School teacher, Glenise Robertson married Stan Amsden in December 1956 and from the Sunday School break-up, Ledley Cleland was named head boy with Patricia Payton as head girl.

At the 1957 annual meeting it was noted that an indoor bowls club had started, and *it is pleasing to see the number of husbands with their wives who join in this popular sport.* Hilda Tyrell donated a crucifix for placement behind the pulpit in April 1957. Later in the year, longtime supporter, Alf Dunstan died and Philip Hodgson resigned as organist, with Ron James succeeding him in 1958. Heading into the late 1950s, however financial demands dominated parish life due to Holy Cross' building programme and developments within the diocese.

Since becoming Bishop of Dunedin in 1934, Rev Woodhouse's old friend and past **Church Envoy** editor, William Fitchett had been concerned about the training and retention of clergy. It was a concern he inherited from his predecessor, Isaac Richards. The financial constraints of the 1930s' Depression did not ease the situation and Bishop Fitchett's efforts to address a shortage of clergy were disrupted by the outbreak of World War Two. Throughout these years, Bishop Fitchett appealed for stipends to be raised whenever a cure became vacant with some success.

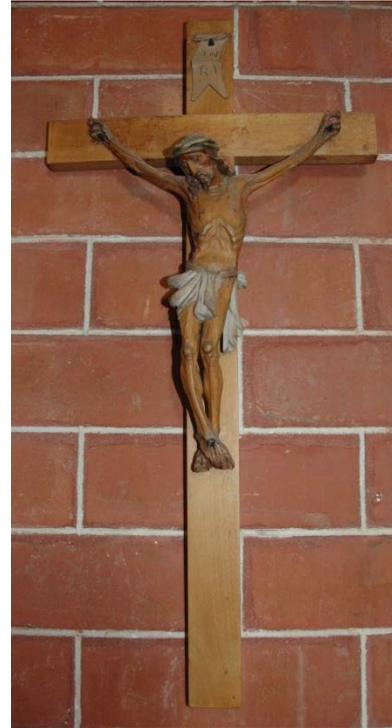
Nevertheless, it was reported at the 1948 synod that Dunedin still lagged behind other dioceses. The New Century Appeal was conceived as a way of bolstering diocesan funds, thereby reducing parochial assessment and supporting the employment of assistant curates.

Bishop Fitchett launched the New Century Appeal in 1950, aiming for £30,000. At the time of his death in 1952, it had raised £20,000 which was vested in the Diocesan Trust Board. Put simply, it never reached its initial goal due to parishes' other financial commitments, like missions appeals (including the new ship, *Southern Cross*) and building programmes.

Church Envoy, vol xlii no 7, Aug 1955 p77

Phenomenal Mission Giving! Every Cure Sends Full Quota.

The amount give for Missions for the year just ended is without precedent in the history of the Diocese. It will probably remain a record until such time as another special call is made upon us such as that for the new ship for Melanesia. The overall total for the past year reached the sum of £9,634.2.4. Breaking down those figures we get the following results: For Budget (ordinary missionary work), of £3,500, we contributed £4,469.17.7 (last year £4,069.5.4), and the quota of every cure was met; another record never achieved before.



The following year, the Diocese raised £5,315.102 for missions when its quota was £4,500. Holy Cross contributed £125 of this total.

Bishop Fitchett's successor, Allen Johnston returned to the issue of stipends. The situation was made clear in the third year of his episcopate.

Church Envoy, vol xliii no 8, Sept 1956 p89 [entire article]

Big Increases in Auckland Stipends for Clergymen

The minimum stipend for clergymen in the Auckland Diocese has been raised from £600 a year to £650 a year, and there will be increments of £10 a year for each year of service. The system of paying stipends was also altered by legislation passed at Synod in July. Parishes will not pay their clergymen directly, but will pay into a Diocesan Fund, from which salaries will be paid.

The payment of £10 a year for each year of service in addition to the basic salary, will be calculated from the date of ordination, with a limit of 35 years. Thus, a Vicar, after having been ordained for 35 years, will receive a grant of £350 for his years of service, making an annual income of £1,000 in all. Provision was also made for a grant of £50 per child per annum until the child reaches the age of 21 years, or until the child enters a trade or profession and is self-supporting.

Easter offerings will become, under the new legislation, part of the parish income. Wedding fees, etc, will be placed in a special fund to be operated upon by the Vicar at his sole discretion.

The timing of this article coincided with the arrival of the Wells Organisation in the diocese.

Church Envoy, vol xliii no 7, Aug 1956 p75

The Wells Organisation is a business, which charges for its services, just any other business must do. Broadly, its work is to plan, and help parishes to carry into effect, an educational programme which culminates in a canvass of parishioners, by parishioners, to raise the standard of giving by members of the Church.

It was reported that the organisation had worked satisfactorily in North America, Australia and northern New Zealand. The vestry of Holy Cross seemed to have mixed feelings about undertaking a canvass under the Wells Organisation, however and, as Rev Hodgson was away in England during the first part of 1957 and alterations were underway in the church sanctuary, the parish did not sign up till the end of 1957. By this time, synod had decreed that parishes were to offer a minimum stipend of £800 per annum (previously £650).

Holy Cross aimed to raise £10,000 over a 150 week period beginning on Sunday, 23 March 1958. People were encouraged to make a weekly financial commitment, on the understanding that no other church appeals would be made during this time as missions and other special appeals were included in the £10,000. The canvass analysis and plan workbook gives invaluable insight into the demographics of the parish at the time.

At the time, it was reported that there were 186 active families and 150 inactive families in the parish; on a normal Sunday, 136 people attended church and 140 children attended Sunday school; 100 women and 30 youths belonged to church organisations. Financially, 95 people used the envelope system bringing in a total income of £310.

Estimated Family Income

| | Under £600 | £600 - £900 | £900 - £1200 | £1200 - £1750 | Over £1750 |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| Per cent of families | 30 | 65 | 4 | 1 | 0 |

Our Need

Those who have gone before have given the Anglican men, women and children of Holy Cross a wonderful heritage It rests with all of us who to-day enjoy that heritage to ensure its proper maintenance, and to prepare to hand on in even greater measure the gifts so readily given us.

We have read of the growth of the Church in St. Kilda; what must we, in 1958, do to play our part The material needs of the parish are many and varied and they are a challenge to us all.

FOR OURSELVES

Enlarging Parish Hall to provide more adequate Sunday School and Social functions.

Repair roof, provide fire escapes, improvements and upkeep of Church.

Repay debt on the Vicarage, and enlarging to required standard.

Make provision for a car allowance to enable Vicar to more adequately visit the extended Parish and hospitals.

New organ for the Church.

FOR THE DIOCESE

To play our part in financing such diocesan projects as providing extra accommodation for old people, orphans, and the welfare of youth, etc.

Help for Churches in new housing areas.

Training of Ordinands.

FOR THE CHURCH OVERSEAS

To take our share in meeting the demands of the Mission Fields and in promoting the work of the Church Overseas.

Parish of Holy Cross, St Kilda: Combined Funds Canvass, February 1958

While all the canvass leaders were men, women were encouraged to host functions for the church and the Loyalty Dinner at Coronation Hall on Wednesday, 26 February attracted nearly 300 people. At the conclusion of the canvass the following month, it was reported that of the 363 families visited, 205 families had pledged £7,525.2.6, including cash gifts and advanced pledge payments. At this time, Rev Hodgson informed vestry that he would resign *when a suitable opportunity arrives*. He stayed on for another eighteen months.

annual report for year ending 31 May 1958

excerpt from churchwardens' report...

The Spring Fair run by the Evening Ladies Guild was again a great help to our finances. The Afternoon Guild again helped finances by increasing its Sanctuary

Carpet Fund. The Puppet Players had a year of great activity giving approx. nine shows in the City and neighbouring towns. They provided finance for the splendid gas heaters in the Parish Hall. The Flower Show was not held this year, as we were too busy in February, but we hope to hold them again in the future. The Parish Picnic was held this year at Waitati Domain – there was a good attendance in pleasant weather.



The annual meeting on 26 June 1958 reported that the cost of the fundraising campaign was £1429, total receipts for the year came to £2509 and the bank overdraft on 31 May was £980. *Mr Pritchett suggested that as the finances of the Parish had been put on a sound footing, more attention must be paid to parish activity in the care of the youth of the parish and in forming visiting committees to call on parishioners at regular intervals.* Peggy King (nee Parker) also announced her resignation as superintendent of the kindergarten Sunday school as she was leaving the parish. Keith Pritchett was the Sunday school superintendent at the time and his second wife, Evelyn succeeded Peggy as the kindergarten superintendent. Ironically enough, within a year it was reported in the May 1959 **Church Envoy** that *The Sunday Schools and Bible Classes are well staffed at the moment, but there seem to be fewer pupils than in recent years.*

Evelyn and Keith Pritchett at Anglican Ball, mid-1950s (photo from Eleanor Leckie)

The bank overdraft had fallen to £3.5.8 by 31 May 1959, with receipts for the year totalling £2987.7.5. The largest amount of expenditure, after paying the stipend of £800 was for the erection of a vicarage garage, costing £246.

Annual report, for year ending 31 May 1959 from churchwardens' report
Gifts from the late AH Dunstan £50 and Miss G Dunstan £350 have been built on, and an allocation from general funds has increased the organ fund to £549. We consider the purchase of a new organ the most necessary need in the year ahead and the vicar has made extensive enquiries as to a suitable model. We may require a further £700 for this purpose.

Gertrude Dunstan gave a further £200 and with a legacy of £100 from the late Mrs Jessie Sinclair, the fund totalled £900 by the start of August and the following month, Mr Brook of A & T Burt Ltd offered to handle the import of an organ free of commission. The organist at the time was Green Island pharmacist, Ron Clarkson who took over as organist and choirmaster when Ron James transferred to Gore at the end of 1958. Making arrangements for the purchase of an organ was one of Rev Hodgson's last acts at Holy Cross.

Rev Hodgson's last day in the parish was at Patronal Festival on 13 September 1959.

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During his time the Parish has made great material progress and we are in a position to become a more lively and active parish if we all do our share as good church-people. We wish him all success in his return to England to take over a Parish. We are pleased to hear that the Rev AV Jaquiere is coming as Vicar,

particularly as Mrs Jaquiery grew up in the Parish and was an outstanding leader among our young people.

Upon his return to England, Rev JDG Hodgson was appointed rector of Cubley with Marston Montgomery in the Diocese of Derby. He died on 6 January 1986 aged 84 years and was buried in Havelock North, New Zealand.

A golden glow...

Alan and Nancy Jaquierly were welcomed to Holy Cross on 12 November 1959.

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We sincerely welcome the Vicar and his family and look forward to good results in our work and worship. We are very grateful to Canon Curzon-Siggers for acting as locum tenens for two months during the vacancy.

In the same issue, it was noted that Canon Webb was celebrating the golden jubilee of his ordination and that he still took Holy Communion at the Syrian Orthodox church in Fingall Street once a month.

The new vicar quickly made a significant innovation in the parish, introducing a monthly newsletter, naming it the **Mouse** upon its fourth issue – *I have chosen the “Mouse” not only because it is unpretentious but because we hope it will always find its way into every Church home.* There is lovely irony in the October-November 1982 **Mouse** report that Alan Jaquierly broke his leg while chasing a mouse. The **Mouse** gives valuable insight into the life of the parish, as the **Church Envoy** ceased publication at the end of 1960.

Early on, the vicar made it clear through the **Mouse** that he did not like the title Reverend Jaquierly as ‘reverend’ was an adjective and should have ‘the’ preceding it. Parishioners also seem to remember him as ‘Alan Jaquierly’, as opposed to ‘Rev Hodgson’, ‘Canon Webb’ and ‘Rev Wingfield’.

Services for July [1960 – from **Mouse**]

Daily: Matins 7.30am, evening prayer 6.30pm

Wednesdays: Holy Communion 10am

St James: Mon 25th July, HC 10am

The Transfiguration: Sat 6th Aug, HC 10am

Every Sunday 7.30am Matins (except 3rd Sunday)

8am Holy Communion

11am Sung Eucharist (3rd Sunday matins)

7pm Evensong

Youth work Senior Sunday school meets 10.10am

Junior Sunday school meets 11am

Both Bible Classes meet 10am

Family service Changed to 9.45am on 3rd Sunday of month.

This is now an additional service and will be Holy Communion

Meetings Vestry Thursday, 11th August 7.45pm

Teachers (Junior School) 11th and 25th July

Mothers’ Union (afternoon) 14th July, 2.15

Evening MU Mon 18th July at 7.30

Open Group Wed 13th July, 7.45pm

Indoor bowls Tues and Thurs at 7.30pm

Choir practice 8pm Sundays (Juniors 10am)

Confirmation class Thursdays 6.45pm

Social Committee Thurs 14th July

Alan Jaquery had been the 'camp commandant' at the Roxburgh diocesan camp earlier in the year and with a young family himself, kept an eye on the young people of the parish. At Evensong on Good Friday 1960, one of the new Sunday school teachers, Miss Hutchinson, directed her charges in a passion play. In the annual report for the year ending 31 May 1960, it was noted *there are now two Bible Classes under Messrs G Tait and NL Croft and their numbers are increasing. They had a weekend camp at Pleasant Valley in April which was very successful.*



Bible Class at Palmerston, 1960
Norman Croft is on the far left and Phyl Croft is on the far right in the middle
 (Photo from Croft family)

Geoff Tait left at the beginning of 1961 as he took up a position at Otago Boys' High School and was replaced by Bill Harvey.

Mouse, Aug 1960

The Youth Club has got underway and last Wednesday I poked my nose in the door to find table tennis, darts, Chinese chequers, and what have you all going on together. I do believe there was coffee or cocoa for supper, if my nose was as good as usual. The activities will vary, like the weather, so will the people who come and go, but there's fun for those who want it. Each Wednesday except the 2nd Wednesday of the month which is reserved for the "open group". The time, 7 to 8.30pm.

Mouse, Oct 1960

Our prayers and best wishes will be with Valerie Hobbs who has been a loyal teacher in the junior school and also with Eleanor Pritchett when she marries Jim Leckie the following week. Eleanor has not only been teaching over the years but running the girls' club very well. I hear there is to be a little "party" with the girls.

Non-sporting activities were also provided for adults. For example, a parish dance was held on Saturday, 11 June 1960 at 8pm with invitations extended to St Peter's and St Michael's. Film evenings were also popular. A Mission Circle began in 1960 and the following year, Miss Hutchinson left to take up missionary work in the Muree Mission School, West Pakistan. Nine men went door to door collecting for the hospital chaplaincy in 1961. A Bible Reading Fellowship began in mid-1962

and had a membership of 20 by July. Fundraising stalls were held regularly for missions and the hospital chaplaincy during the 1960s.

Alan Jaquiere proudly reported in the June 1962 *Mouse* that 40 parishioners had attended the diocesan Anglican Ball, the most from any parish. The following year, 58 people from Holy Cross attended the ball, including five debutantes, that is, Helen Cleland, Helen and Suzanne Croft, Geraldine Stewart and Kathryn Fowler. Another debutante at the ball was Cheryl Peterson, who joined Holy Cross from the cathedral shortly afterwards and became active with the Young Anglicans.



One of the Croft debutantes being presented at the Anglican Ball with parents, Norman and Phyl visible in the background, May 1963 (Photo from Croft family)

Holy Cross was in a sound position at the end of 1959 with a credit balance of £386.17.10. Its annual mission quota had just been set at £135 (compared to Anderson's Bay £315, Caversham £400 and Mornington £175) and went on to exceed it over the coming year, raising £145.13.6. Earlier in 1959, the parish held a special meeting to discuss its financial commitments and prioritised its three main objectives to be a new organ, vicarage extension and parish hall improvements and extension. Arrangements for a new organ pushed ahead.

Paterson and Barr loaned Holy Cross an electronic organ, *without obligation* in March 1960. Vestry agreed they did not like the instrument but it remained in the church for at least four months till they decided to import a Price Chorister De Luxe organ from England. The organist's stipend was raised to £78 + £52 travelling allowances per annum from 1 December 1960. The new organ was not installed till July 1961, by which time a £150 piano was bought from Ron Clarkson for the Sunday

school, a £10 record player was bought for the Young Anglicans, Mrs Brown donated a harmonium to the church and the old organ was sold to Wakari Presbyterian for £40. The choir performed Stainer's *Crucifixion* at Easter 1960 and the following year they performed *Olivet to Calvary*. Between these two cantatas, 74 year old Ernest Newman died. Ernest had been parish auditor since 1930, a layreader and a longtime member of the choir.

In line with the other objectives, new linoleum was laid in the vicarage and hall kitchens at the end of 1959. Upon his arrival, Alan Jaquiere made some requests relating to the interior of the church and consequently, the choir vestry was upgraded. The church paths were asphalted at a cost of £24.

Mouse, Sept 1961

The painting of the vicarage has been started. Mr [Keith] Pritchett and [his son] Anthony re-coated the roughcast with colour wash one recent Saturday. Thank you very much. A good job well done. The woodwork will be started shortly.

The Indoor Bowls Club was keen for hall alterations so that an extra green could be placed and plans were drawn up accordingly. Plans for altering the hall were available by the end of 1960 but were only implemented gradually over the next 21 months.

Health Department regulations dictated the need for a new toilet and this was duly installed by midway through 1961. The men's toilet was accessible by an outside door only while the women's toilet was accessed through their cloakroom. A parish working party built new doors and a partition on Saturday morning, 13 May. By February 1962, the old hall porch had been removed and a steel beam installed to carry the roof weight. A tradesman was employed to renovate the kitchen. At the same time, the Young Anglicans group was creating a coffee bar for itself in the women's cloakroom.

Mouse, May 1962

The coffee bar is to be opened on Monday 14th May and the programme will be a dance, with invitations sent to other parishes. Congratulations to John Ward [the Young Adults' leader] and helpers for the excellent job of renovating the dingiest room in the hall and making it so attractive. Thanks to Mr Cleland for his ready help.

Coffee Bar Hours [from **Mouse**, June 1962]

Young Anglican Meeting Nights

Friday nights: 9.30 to 11.30

Sundays: 2.30 to 4.30 and 9-10pm

Other nights by mutual arrangement

Soft lights

Sweet music

Nice company

6d a cup

All welcome!

The June 1962 annual meeting agreed to extend the bank overdraft to £750 to cover the hall extensions and Ian Nicholson's tender of £670 the following month was successful. It involved the addition of three 10' x 10' rooms which could be opened into one large room, aligning the northern wall with the Lennox Room. The extension was completed two weeks early allowing it to be painted before the parish's golden jubilee in September 1962.

Preparations were also underway elsewhere around the church for the golden jubilee. John Angell wrote a history of the parish. Hazel Shepherd donated three electric clocks which were hung in the choir vestry, church porch and Sunday school. She also contributed to church heating and two large gas heaters were installed in the church. At the end of 1961, James Brock inspected a damaged stained glass window and mended it free of charge. A working bee was held in February 1962 to paint the church doors and windows but with mixed success it seems as two months later, each vestryman was allocated one church window frame to paint.

Holy Cross celebrated its golden jubilee at its Patronal Festival in September 1962. Mrs Payton made women's choir gowns in a hurry for the occasion and Mrs Nicholson sewed three new men's cassocks.

Mouse, Oct 1962

The Church normally holds upwards of 150 but there were nearer 300 that day. The parish breakfast is not new here but we fed 220 instead of 120 and the Vestry (duly "robed" in white aprons) distributed 66lbs of saveloys, as well as other meats, teas etc.

A formal dinner was held at La Scala restaurant on Tuesday, 18 September. Evelyn Pritchett baked a cake for the occasion, which was iced by Mrs Collins and cut by the oldest parishioner present, 77 year old Mrs Lilian Lawson (nee Parker). One of Lilian Lawson's sons, Ivan was christened at Holy Cross on 31 May 1914 and was a member of St Kilda Borough Council from 1968, serving as its last mayor from 1980 till 1989. Ironically enough, it was his grandfather, Sergeant Major Robert Parker who led a campaign for amalgamation with Dunedin in the 1920s.



Financially, the parish continued to hold its own. In May 1961, nine men and five women completed a canvas of the entire parish in two weeks and £6375 was offered for the following three years. Alan Jaquiere noted in the **Mouse** that the amount was less than 1958 but *it is a more realistic one and we are, in fact, going to be a little better off I believe. ... The use of women canvassers proved very acceptable and profitable and the Vestry and I would specially like to thank them for their magnificent work.* By this time, Alan Jaquiere was employed for approximately six hours per week as prison chaplain and in 1962 he resigned as District Commissioner of Scouts due to parish duties.

Church statistics were generally positive. The number of christenings varied between 12 and 27 per year from 1957 till 1967. Eighteen couples were married at Holy Cross in 1962 and again in 1964 – a number only surpassed in 1946 with 20 and 1967 with 19. There were 27 confirmations in 1962 and another 25 in 1963, the greatest since 27 in 1941.

Mouse, Sept 1960

DRESS FOR CONFIRMATION It is customary for girls to wear white though this is not essential. No display of jewellery or make up. White veils are supplied by the parish so that all will be uniform. Boys dress in either a suit or school uniform. Hair should not be oiled....

Despite the positive parish statistics, the number of burials per annum was beginning to outstrip the number of christenings. Between 16 and 30 people were buried each year between the years 1957 and 1967. In response to the aging congregation, a Social Service Committee was formed in mid-1964 and consequently, Hec Coutts took charge of transport, Nancy Jaquiere home help and Ron Preston jobbing for the elderly. Theft was also an issue during the mid-1960s and a post-box was built into the women's choir room. After further burglaries in August 1965, women were asked to be sideswomen at the Wednesday morning services to look after the offertories. These women were Mesdames C Powell, O Brown, Broadley, Croft, Payton, Stewart, Rowley, Burns and Jaquiere.



Vivienne Croft with her godmother, Evelyn Pritchett, 4 December 1966

Photo from Vivienne Houston (nee Croft)

Otago Daily Times, 15 Oct 1964 pp1, 3

Attempts at arson end in vestry fire

Attempts at arson and other mischief at Holy Cross Anglican Church, Richardson Street, St Kilda, on several Wednesdays in the past few weeks, culminated yesterday in a fire which badly damaged the vestry.

Cassocks, surplices and books were lost in the first, which burnt part of the wooden ceiling, but was contained in the one room by a unit from the South Dunedin brigade.

"So consistent has been this vandalism recently – on the same day, when I am away, and about the same time, 12.30pm – that my wife and others have kept watch," the vicar, the Rev AV Jaquiere, told the Daily Times.

"At 12.10pm she made a check and found some damage in the church. There was a hole burnt in the carpet near the font. Burnt paper was on the sanctuary floor, and all the candles on the altar had been lit.

"This is similar to the damage which has been caused previously."

Mrs Jaquiere did not check the vestry, which has not before received the attention of the vandals, but intended making another check soon afterwards.

"However, just after 12.30pm a small boy called my wife to say there was a fire in the vestry."

Three cupboards and their contents were lost in the blaze. Other articles were spoiled by smoke or water. The vicar was unable to put a value on the articles lost, though there was insurance cover.

The St Kilda police had been informed of the previous attempts to fire the church, but yesterday the Dunedin Criminal Investigation Branch was brought in.

"We had hoped to catch the culprit and deal with him privately, but now the whole thing is out," Mr Jaquiere said.

Both he and a spokesman of the CIB agreed the fire could have been the act of a child.

It was estimated that the damage cost between £450 and £500 and the church eventually received an insurance pay-out of £204.0.8 at the beginning of 1966. A new ceiling was erected in the vestry on the day after the fire and the church was re-wired by the end of the month. Taking advantage of the situation, a number of improvements were also made.

Mouse, March 1965

Who can sew? The replacement of robes could be undertaken in the parish if there are enough helpers. Then, too, Holy Cross has no Vestments of its own and we have received some donations towards the cost of purchasing good materials for this purpose. Altogether, there would be lots of plain sewing and a great deal of embroidery. We are grateful for the donations and for an offer to cut and make these up. Needle workers, speak up!!

A striking improvement in our church light fittings was effected by the generosity of a parishioner, in memory of his mother. Anyone who cannot see well can now only blame poor eyesight.

Mrs Nicholson took up the request and sewed surplices. By 1 April 1965, the replacement valuation for the church was £9945 and £5500 for the hall. The vicarage was not included in this valuation although scheduled work on it had been completed by the end of October at a total cost of £1332.16.8.

There were some significant losses to the parish between 1963 and 1965. Vestryman, Stan Rockliff died in February 1963, followed by Canon Webb twelve months later. Michael Glover and Beverly Hobbs left during 1964, with Beverly moving to Whangarei with her new husband, Tom Hopkins.

Mouse, Aug 1964

Michael was also a server, chorister and layreader and we will miss him greatly. Beverley has been a Holy Cross girl all her life and it was fitting that teachers and parents should have a small afternoon for her before her marriage. We welcome Mr John Smythe to the staff and another young lady who will shortly begin with the pre-school class.

John Smythe and Cyril Powell were appointed layreaders in December 1965. Late in 1964, the Coutts family moved to North East Valley. Hec and Noeline (nee Gunn) Coutts had been married at Holy Cross in October 1949. Hec served on vestry and completed a number of joinery jobs around the church while Noeline was a Mothers' Union leader. Prior to leaving, Hec indicated that grocery supplies could still be obtained through him if necessary. The sudden death of Keith Pritchett in July 1965 shocked everyone.

Vestry minutes, 5 Aug 1965

This Vestry places on record the very high regard in which the late Keith was held, in and far beyond the parish over the years, especially by his fellow

vestrymen. His work as Parish Treasurer, Churchwarden, Synodsmen, Sunday school superintendent and general labourer has been entered into with tremendous enthusiasm, good nature and skill. His loyalty often led him to withdraw from his strong opinions in order to give full support to the majority decision. This parish will have known few, if any, more faithful servants of God, and we here record our deep gratitude for his life and witness.

Ron Preston succeeded Keith as both treasurer and synodsmen. Margaret Devlin, another stalwart at parish functions died in 1965 also. Late in 1965, secretary of the indoor bowls club and Sanctuary Guild member, Miss Margaret Collins left the parish and long-serving Sunday school teacher, Hilda Tyrell retired. Hilda retained her role as mission box secretary, however.

Notwithstanding these losses, the vestry was still in a confident state of mind and in May 1965, agreed to pay £500 per year for the next 3 years as our share towards the survey committee programme of diocesan advancement. The diocesan advancement programme was explained in the 1965 annual report.

from churchwardens' report, annual report for year ending 31 May 1965
The Vestry has promised a larger sum for the Diocesan Survey funds. Included in the total commitments of the Diocese are the following (1) two hospital chaplains, director of Religion Education, Diocesan Organiser and share of the University Chaplain. (2) Diocesan Administration, help in building new Churches and halls, Homes for the Aged, Aramoana Campsite (3) help towards the Maori schools (4) New Church House fund and Cathedral Stonework fund. Some of the urgent work to be done includes a Chaplain for Manapouri, and Church halls at Manapouri and Otematata. We must think of the wider Church – that is the meaning of Mutual Responsibility and Inter-dependence. We are certainly our brother's keepers. We can do all this if we keep up our present almsgiving and are grateful for your regular contributions.

Improvements were also made for the choir. At the end of 1965, the choir stalls were rearranged so that the organ could be moved to below the pulpit. The doorway on the western wall had rotted through and despite a covering curtain, was draughty so it was completely removed in 1966 and bricked up. In February 1966, twelve mortar board hats were purchased for the ladies' choir from Thomas Cowes, England at a cost of 32 shillings each. Ian Nicholson was employed later in 1966 to convert the two small rooms adjacent to the church porch into one large room for use as an enlarged women's choir room and a parish office. Also in 1966, Mrs AL Goodeve of 135 London Street donated £100 to purchase new organ couplers.

While the credit balance of the church continued to rise and church functions were popular, the vicar warned of a growing trend.

Mouse, Dec 1965 re Sunday schools
From now on, numbers of young people coming up through this age group decrease sharply due to a particular cycle being followed through. Our Junior Sunday school roll stands at only 28, the lowest for many years and the number being baptised in the parish is also very low indeed. On the other hand, the proportion of elderly folk has risen steadily on the roll.

In March 1966, Alan Jaquierly announced his resignation as he had been given the cure of Riverton.

Mouse, April 1966

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DEPARTURE OF THE VICAR & ANSWERS

Does the Vicar take the car with him? Yes, it is his private property. How will the prison get on? The position has already been advertised among the Churches. Does the Bishop just move clergy around at will? Certainly not. A priest who has been inducted into a parish cannot be moved until he wishes it himself. Will there be a vacancy? For a few weeks only. What is the way we get a new Vicar? The parish nominators & Board offer "it" to a Vicar and if he accepts he is inducted.

With him went his wife, Nancy and two children. The family was presented with a radiogram and a cheque for £27.2.0 for purchase of additional records at the parish farewell on Saturday, 7 May. Alan Jaquierly gave an insight into his work in his final edition of the **Mouse**, taking actual figures from his diary kept for a month. He went on to give an overview of what had happened in the parish during his time.

Mouse, May/ June 1966

Telephone & office work 12 hours weekly, services took 11¼ hrs, interviews 11¼ hrs, visiting 18¼ hrs weekly, hospital visiting 2½ hrs, classes 3 hours, meetings 4½ hrs weekly, odd jobbing 1½ hrs, transporting ¾ hr, parish business in city 1¾ hrs, study & prep for services 4½ hrs, choir 1¾ hrs, inter-parish functions, speaking etc 8 hrs. The total does not include prison work at all, so your new Vicar will also be busy enough I think, but not too busy. Perhaps you can help to see that he gets Mondays free!!! I have found it a busy day.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH since I came to the parish have included electric clocks, flower stands, candlesticks, sanctuary lamp, electric heater, damask altar cloths, gas range, prayer book holder, new lighting for Church, tubes for hall, film strip projector, stacker chairs, book rack, new altar book, new sanctuary chair, silver bread box and new silver paten (nearly ready for dedication). The new organ was from gifts also. A new table for the choir room in formica and a set of vestments almost completed. In addition cassocks and surplices were made saving us great expense. How grateful we should be for these and other gifts which I cannot bring to mind at the moment. Yes, one was an Electrolux for the church.

WORK ROUND THE CHURCH has included a new kitchen door, wall, sink and bench, renewed paths, renovated coffee bar, new toilet, new rooms built, spouting renewed. The Church doors were renewed, the kneelers padded, porch carpeted and new stainless steel step fitted. The choir pews have been re-arranged and the ladies choir room is being enlarged and renovated at the moment. New rooms have been added to the Vicarage and much painting and other maintenance has been done by voluntary labour on all buildings. We are grateful for all of this and the week to week cutting of lawns etc.

Neil Hansen moved into the vicarage with his parents in July 1966 and was inducted on Wednesday, 20 July 1966 at 7.30pm. In line with general synod orders, his stipend was raised to £960 from 1 August, rising to £1000 the following year. The parish seemed to be in a positive position. At the end of April 1966, there was a credit balance of £819.0.0. Nineteen new members had joined the

Young Anglican group between 1 June 1965 and 31 May 1966, taking its total membership to 45. At the 1966 annual parish meeting, the Mothers' Union evening branch reported

The membership of the branch at present stands at 19, although the average attendance has been about 12. During the year we were pleased to welcome Joyce Finlay, Margaret Sinclair and Flo Stevens to our meetings. Three of our members, Terry Shilston, Shirley McKewan and Betty Anderson resigned as they moved from the parish. Pat Cross was admitted to membership of the Mothers' Union during the year.

Neil Hansen quickly made his presence felt. In September 1966, the main morning service was changed from 11am to 10.30am. Sunday school also started at 10.30am and children joined the service after the sermon, allowing families to arrive and leave at the same time. Alan Jaquier had suggested changing the time to 10am in 1961 but when he found that the congregation was evenly divided for and against the proposal, he decided to retain the status quo of 11am. Alan Jaquier had also introduced a weekly news sheet available only at the church door in August 1965 on a trial basis, *chiefly for intimations and suggested devotions for use during Holy Communion*. It proved popular and Neil Hansen made it an institution, naming it the **Door Mouse**. The Young Anglicans consequently went on to call their monthly publication the **Mini Mouse**, complete with a picture of Minnie Mouse for a while.

Mini Mouse, Oct 1966

The mystery trip took us last month to the three new Anglican Churches, Mosgiel, Mornington and North East Valley. The Dean accompanied us and we had a most enlightening trip. There were only two slight hitches – one Vicar ended up showing us round his Church in his pyjamas and the other Vicar forgot we were coming so his wife had to come and open the Church for us. However, it was well worth it.

Under Neil Hansen, the **Mouse** and **Door Mouse** followed a formula, generally of a more spiritual nature than that applied by Alan Jaquier. The **Mouse** was less chatty and contained a regular letter from the bishop, Allen Johnston. In addition to *Notices for the Week*, the **Door Mouse** contained a combination of prayers, readings and for quite a while, the psalm (or psalms) for the gradual.

Early on in Neil Hansen's ministry at Holy Cross, the vestry was called upon to discuss the new liturgy. The special vestry meeting called on 15 September 1966 began at 7.45pm but obviously lasted over four hours as the minutes below indicate. The minutes for the meeting take up less than half a page in the records.

Taken on a vote it was decided by 9 votes to 5 that we do not use the new Liturgy as presented. It was decided on a motion that a letter be sent to the Bishop outlining the Vestry's reasons – these being

- 1. Language with which it is written and its presentation*
- 2. Merit in waiting to see English attempts in revision*
- 3. Blessing should be given where people are present who do not receive communion.*

As Mr Leckie became the father of a new daughter at 11.30pm, the vicar congratulated him with a toast all round. The meeting then closed with the vestry's best wishes to Mr Leckie and his wife.

Nevertheless, a letter from the bishop was tabled at the November vestry meeting *advising that the experimental use of the new liturgy could commence on 1st November 1966* and vestry agreed to use this version of the liturgy on a split vote of seven votes for and four against. Vestry decided to purchase 150 copies of the liturgy at 1/5 each. The fate of this liturgy was sealed in 1968. In the minutes dated 6 June 1968, it was noted *after discussion it was decided to leave the new liturgy after our recent trial until such time as we are obliged to use it again*. Consequently, 50 books of the new liturgy were offered to Mornington at 10c each.

Neil Hansen's first vestry was a good mix of experience and inexperience. In the list below, the years served on the vestry is given on the right. The church warden was Dr Jenner and the people's warden was Cyril Powell in 1966. John Angell is included in this list because he was auditor at the time, a role he held till the end of the financial year in 1968.

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| John | Angell | 1945-56 |
| Ron | Clarkson | 1952-89 |
| Norman | Croft | 1949-93 |
| John | Dean | 1957-74 |
| Morrie | Dunn | 1957-92 |
| Jim | Francis | 1964-67 |
| Bill | Harvey | 1962-85 |
| Ted | Hunt | 1966-67 |
| Gordon | Jenner | 1946-74 |
| Jim | Leckie | 1966-76, 89- |
| Cyril | Powell | 1952-5, 58-76 |
| Ron | Preston | 1961-80 |
| Hugh | Sinclair | 1964-69 |

The four men who have served on vestry the longest at Holy Cross over the years are included in this list, that is, Norman Croft, Ron Clarkson, Morrie Dunn and Jim Leckie. The only other people to have served more than 30 years are Cecil Oaten, William Jacobsen and Marilyn Dunn.

Mouse, Nov 1966

A new view for everyone this month will be a new set of green vestments which have been completed for the parish. These will be blessed on Sunday 6 Nov at the 8am Holy Eucharist, and are the first set owned by the parish. Those at present in use belong to the Revd AV Jaquiere who kindly consented to them remaining here until the parish had its own. We now also have £15 towards a second set, probably white, and we can set about getting the materials for these. We would welcome further donations towards the cost of the two further sets necessary, and offers of assistance from sewers would also be welcomed....

The recent Garden Party and sale for the Community of the Sacred Name's Polynesia Fund, netted £133.5.

In fact, the white vestments were the last set to be completed, eight years later.

Mouse, Oct 1974

Mrs [Flo] Stevens has now completed the beautiful embroidery work for the burse, veil, and maniple for the white vestments which she made for us in time for Easter. So the complete set is now in use and the remainder of the borrowed set can be restored to the lender.

In May 1967, the insurance replacement values for the church were set at £13103 and £8088 for the hall. It was noted that 432 households were on the parish envelope scheme. By September, however, when the decimal change-over had occurred, there was a debit balance of \$84.95. The parish treasurer, Ron Clarkson noted that the parish was *barely paying its way* and the \$200 bequest from Ann Ombler went towards parish funds. The following month, it was noted that the electric and gas bill was \$30 higher than the same period last year. Consequently the ladies' guild system was revived.

A sewing guild was formed in the latter half of 1967 to create goods for annual sales of work. It met twice a month, once in the afternoon at 2.30pm and once at 7.30pm in an attempt to attract as many women as possible. It also welcomed donations of items like cakes, produce and plants. Its first sale of work was held in November 1967 at John Dean's vacant shop in King Edward Street and despite the bad weather, it raised \$383.38. Earlier in the year, parishioners had already raised funds for missions, Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence in the Body of Christ (MRI), Corso and the new diocesan youth camp at Aramoana, in addition to sponsoring a girl in Fiji.

The annual report for the year ending 31 May 1968 gives a good insight into the financial situation facing Holy Cross. When decimal currency came in on 1 July 1967, \$2 was equal to £1. The annual income for Holy Cross for the year ending 31 May 1968 was £3697 and twelve months later it was \$6511.66. On average, this works out to be approximately £1 or \$2 less per day. Ron Preston, the envelope secretary pointed out the deficiencies - \$4991 had been promised in 1967 but only \$3940 was given. And financial demands kept increasing.

The amount payable for the diocesan pension fund nearly doubled from \$104 to \$200 in June 1968 and the following month, vestry agreed to contribute \$1100 annually for *the needs of the diocese for the centennial and subsequent years*. Missions was also demanding more.

Mouse, June 1968

Devaluation has played havoc with our responsibilities to the Church Overseas, and also with the special responsibilities which we undertook under the MRI scheme. We are asked to give an extra 20% to Missions next year to help make up the deficit....

In an attempt to bolster funds for MRI, the diocese took out the lease on the South Seas shop on the corner of Water and Princes Streets each Friday and each parish was scheduled to operate the shop for one day. Holy Cross' day was 26 July and a profit of \$127.97 was raised. Dunedin parishes were also asked to contribute goods to an auction sale at South Dunedin Town Hall on Saturday, 3 August for MRI. Less than three weeks later, Holy Cross Indoor Bowls Club held a jumble sale in the foyer of the old Mayfair Theatre on Tuesday, 20 August and raised \$100 for hall floor improvements. The Sewing Guild held its own sale of work in the Exchange building on 8 November and raised \$280.

Sewing Guild report to annual meeting for year ending 31 May 1969

It was the second year running that bad weather had spoilt a good effort, but in spite of this, the balance sheet shows that a very useful sum was earned for parish purposes, and the ladies can console themselves by knowing that they were amongst the last to transact business in one of Dunedin's most famous business houses.

The monthly bank balance regularly stayed in the black after the blip in September 1967 but it was becoming far more difficult. Demographic changes were becoming more obvious in the area.

Vicar's report to annual meeting for year ending 31 May 1969

The parish roll seems to grow by a few names each year, even though the experts say that the population of the area is dropping. This is probably explained by an increasing number of flats and single people's dwellings. It would appear that although the parish has a core of stable parishioners, many of whom have lived here for many years, there is also a very mobile section and it often happens that families come and go again within a few months. Every year there can be up to a hundred alterations in the parish rolls to my knowledge and there are no doubt many with which I never catch up. It is very difficult to knit people into the parish under such circumstances and I would like very much to extend the "Mouse" delivery service into a "wardenship" service to keep closer track of movements, but to do so would require first of all a larger number of adults prepared to take over smaller number of deliveries than at present and to achieve personal contact with the houses to which they deliver the paper.

The vicar's desire for a larger number of adults was not forthcoming. Existing activities within the parish kept people busy one way or another. A roster of duties around the church issued in October 1968 includes a directory of 54 names of people with telephone numbers.

Groups reporting to the 1969 annual meeting were

- Bible Class with 19 girls and 15 boys of high school age, under Norman Croft's leadership
- Sunday school with a roll of 59 and average attendance of 37, under Morrie Dunn
- Sanctuary Guild with 11 female members, under Anne Harvey
- Servers with 9 members and a turnover of 3 during year
- Choir – senior and junior
- Social Committee
- Mothers' Union with 50 members, under Florence Gillan, enrolling member
- Young Anglicans, under Pat Powell
- Sewing Guild
- Indoor Bowling Club with 33 members
- Tennis Club, under John Dean
- Slot Car Club with 50 members, under John Ward
- Friends of St Barnabas

The afternoon and evening branches of Mothers' Union had combined earlier in the year. In an attempt to encourage young mothers to attend afternoon meetings, it had formed a crèche but it was not well patronised. Later in 1969, a Fellowship of Young Wives was formed. Both the Mothers'

Union and Fellowship were superseded by the newly formed Association of Anglican Women however, sweeping away any marital or maternal distinctions. The women's group at Holy Cross came to be referred to as a 'fellowship'.

The Young Anglicans was a vigorous group throughout the 1960s. It outgrew its coffee bar in the cloakroom and moved into the Lennox Room, renamed "The Cabin". A popular annual activity dating from about 1965 was its Queen's Birthday interchange with St Matthew's from Christchurch.

Mouse, July 1969

The debate, table tennis and speed drinking were won by Christchurch, the football was held to a draw and Holy Cross won the slot car racing and the basketball. The YA particularly want to thank parishioners who assisted with billeting the rather larger number than usual who made the journey from Christchurch.



Holy Cross Young Anglicans at Anglican Ball, 12 May 1967 photo from Cheryl Hansen (nee Peterson)

Standing: Arthur and Helen Rockliffe, Lloyd Rowley and Rhonda Annison (married at Holy Cross, 1970), and Margaret Finnie, Sue Anderson and Alan Bell, Patricia Powell and Richard Deighton, Alison Walker and Brian Jago (married at Holy Cross, 1969), Roger McKeever and Anne McKeever, Christine and John Ward
Front: Donald Scott and , Cheryl Peterson and Neil Hansen (married at Holy Cross, 1969)

One of the Young Anglican stalwarts during the 1960s, Cheryl Peterson was elected president of the Association of Young Anglicans in 1968. In 2013, Cheryl recalled

The parish of Holy Cross features at the top of my list of memories. After my father's death, my mother and I moved to South Dunedin to live with my grandfather in Melbourne Street in the early 1960s. We had been parishioners of the Cathedral and pretty soon had a visit from the Rev Allan Jaquiere followed closely by a visit from Ledley Cleland....

I very quickly became involved with the Young Anglicans and what a formidable group it was. We were all working, young, full of enthusiasm for all we were involved in and the majority of our families were also involved in parish life.

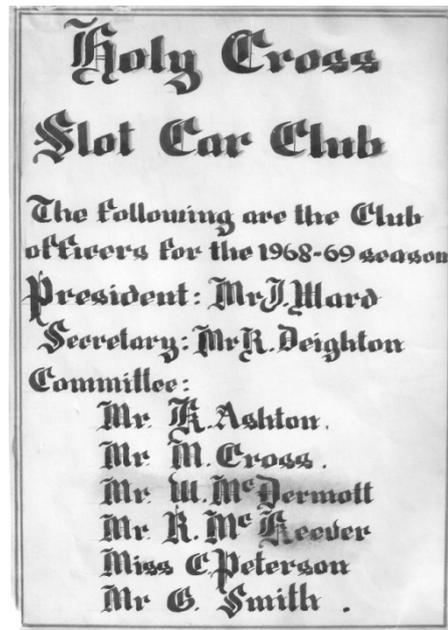
A particular strength was the choir, led so ably by Ron Clarkson who was quite a perfectionist. At that time we also had Evensong with the choir and after church each Sunday night, we all walked to the Candlelight Café in St Clair....

It was here of course that the next vicar after Allan was Neil Hansen – and we married and had our first child while at Holy Cross....

The Slot Car Club was an off-shoot of the Young Anglicans.

Door Mouse, 22 Sept 1968

The Slot Car Club is now in full swing. The track is available to financial members as follows: Monday evenings (Open night), except 4th Mondays (ie No club this Monday); Tuesday evenings, Juniors to 9pm; Wed No club; Thursdays, seniors only; Fridays, open (Competition night); Saturdays, Juniors to 9.30pm; Sunday afternoon, provided a senior is available; Sunday evening after choir practice, seniors. No doubt times will vary as we discover when people most want to use the track. In the meantime there is plenty of time for every member to get plenty of practice. More members welcome.



Voluntary labour constructed the track at a cost of \$150. Its first annual report stated that the 50 financial members were spread over three categories: junior (10-12 years), intermediate (12-16) and senior (16+). Most members were seniors but they had the lowest attendance and vice versa with juniors. Therefore, *the intermediate members who are regular attenders to Club meetings, are drivers who take a lot of beating.* Despite its popularity with younger members, the club closed down within two years due to a lack of adult supervision.

Exhaustion seemed to be setting in all around the parish by 1970. The scheduled parish canvass was not undertaken in 1969. The annual sale of work was held in the parish hall on a fine day and only raised \$205.82, less than the previous two years which were held in business premises and in bad weather conditions. In its final newsletter for 1969, the Young Anglicans reported that they may need to fold due to low attendance as their membership was down to six. Having unsuccessfully called for more Sunday school teachers, a new approach was taken.

Mouse, September 1970

Sunday school methods have recently been completely over-hauled. A staff of eleven now look after the Sunday school in two classes and the teaching is done on a "team" system. One or two are responsible for the lesson and others for various supporting activities. Already there has been a marked increase both in roll numbers and regularity.

In September 1969, the Holy Cross team of indoor bowlers (Mr and Mrs Ockwell with Mr and Mrs Harvey) won the Anglican Bowling Tournament for the first time. Nevertheless, it closed within 15 months.

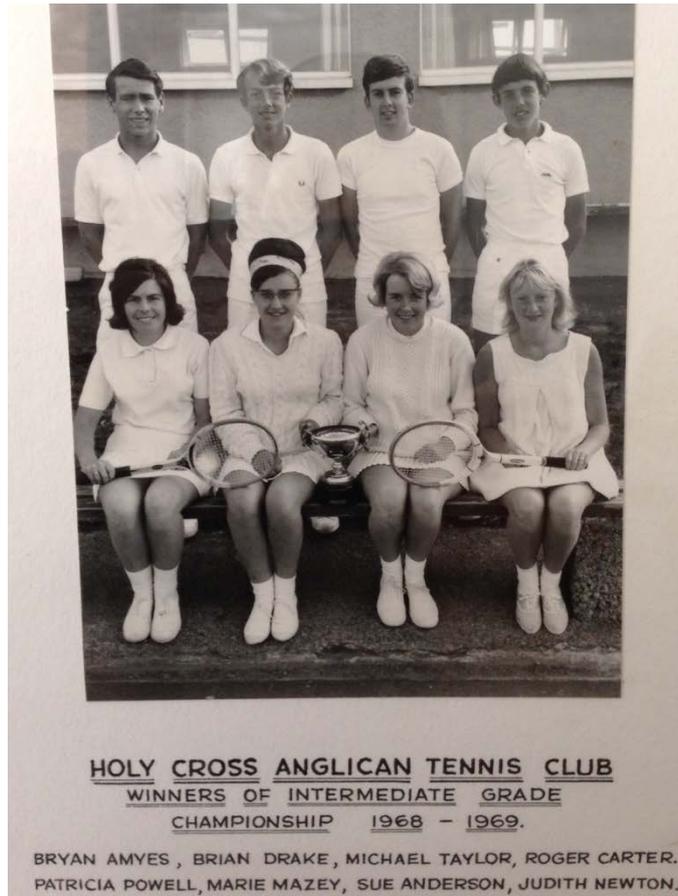
Mouse, November 1970 re indoor bowls

Over the past few years many members have died or resigned from the club and lately it has had difficulty in maintaining sufficient members, especially those regular enough and willing and able to take office. It is with great regret that we lose this activity from the parish, as it has served well as a social meeting point for over 12 years.

Sporting activities were also winding up around the parish. In the annual report for the year ending 31 May 1969, the Tennis Club reported

The club has had another successful season with the intermediate team winning the championship with an unbeaten record of 14 wins in succession. This team comprising the following – Patricia Powell, Sue Anderson, Judy Newton, Marie Mazey, Roger Carter, Brian Drake, Brian Amyes and Michael Taylor.

It was also proudly reported that Roger Carter had won the All Otago Junior Singles title, *a great achievement for one so young*. Two years later, however, the club wound up. Re-named the Anglican Tennis Club in 1954, it had been in existence for nearly 50 years.



Neil Hansen announced his resignation in December 1970, having accepted the cure of North Invercargill. It had been a difficult year for Neil and Cheryl Hansen with the death of their 3½ month old son Christian in February, followed by the death of Neil's father, Sydney within a week. When he left the parish, Neil Hansen estimated that about 60% of the 430 odd names on the parish roll were connected in some way with the parish.

The farewell for Neil and Cheryl Hansen was held on 21 February after evensong. The new vicar, Roger Taylor was not inducted till 31 March and Holy Cross could no longer secure the services of Canon Curzon-Siggers in the interim.

Mouse, March 1969

The parish has good reason to be much saddened by the recent death of Canon WA Curzon-Siggers. On several occasions he has filled lengthy gaps in the parish ministry, either between vicars or during their absence. He has also been a frequent guest at our parish functions, and an ever ready help in time of need.

He had many friends who will miss him deeply, and while we rejoice in his final victory, we will remember him with gratitude. May he rest in peace.

Roger Taylor began the sequence of three vicars who had strong associations with St Peter's, Caversham.

Mouse, February 1971

Father Taylor was ordained in the Christchurch diocese and worked there for a number of years until becoming vicar of St Peter's Caversham in 1952 where he stayed for over ten years. Many parishioners will remember him from those days. Since then he has been successively vicar of Upper Clutha, Flagstaff and Balclutha. Father Taylor is an experienced and devoted parish priest, who prefers things done in the "old way". I am particularly happy to know that he is coming, and believe that the parish is very fortunate indeed to have him as their vicar.