

Independence...

On 27 June 1917, the inaugural meeting of the new parochial district of St Kilda was held. Rev Mortimer opened the meeting but soon passed it over to the bishop's church officer of the district, Douglas Harris Hastings and as he was wont to do upon a number of occasions over the next twenty years, Mr Hastings gave a brief history of the St Kilda congregation. Finally, church officers were elected with Harry Hellyer as parishioners' churchwarden and James Briggs, William Dunning, Edwin Hart, William Jacobson, Maurice Priest, Richard Salter, Malcolm Scott, Arthur Thomson, Andrew Wilson and Samuel Young elected to the vestry. The vestry met briefly after the meeting and sent a request to the Board of Nominations for a vicar, appointed a building committee, appointed Andrew Wilson as Sunday school superintendent and arranged to open a bank account with the National Bank of New Zealand with an overdraft facility not exceeding £50. Complacency had definitely not settled in.

Rev AD Mitchell continued to lead most of the services at Holy Cross over the succeeding ten weeks, collecting over £2 in offertories upon two occasions, at 6.30pm evensong on 1 July (95 parishioners) and his final service on 12 August (90 parishioners). He took charge of the District of Riverton, Thornbury, and Orepuki during the wartime service of Rev H Parata from 10 August 1917. In addition to training the choir, Mr GE Moreton also conducted services during this time.

George Edgar Moreton was one of three layreaders licensed for the diocese in June 1909 and he first led a service at Holy Cross in January 1916. He conducted a further four services during 1916 and a total of twelve services in 1917. In 1919, he became a deacon and took charge of the diocesan memorial to World War One, the Memorial Home for Boys in Vauxhall. Rev Moreton was ordained to the priesthood in St Paul's Cathedral on Trinity Sunday, 30 May 1926. He was closely associated with social work in both the Dunedin and Auckland dioceses and was chaplain of Mt Eden prison from 1930 till 1952.

Bishop Nevill inducted the first vicar of Holy Cross, Rev Albert Wingfield at an 11am service on 9 September 1917 and opened the new infant Sunday schoolroom that same afternoon. The Sunday school building had cost £228. A social evening was held two days later in the St Kilda Town Hall to welcome Albert, his wife Rose and family.

Evening Star, 12 Sept 1917 p6 c 4

The chairman (Mr DH Hastings) briefly reviewed the history of the district, referring to the work of the late Rev W Ronaldson and those who had succeeded him. On behalf of the parishioners he extended a hearty welcome to Mr and Mrs Wingfield and family, expressing the hope that the ministry of their new vicar would be pleasant and prosperous....

During the evening the parish churchwarden (Mr HWS Hellyer), on behalf of the vestry, presented Mr GE Moreton with a dressing case, eulogising his services to the parish during the time the church was without a minister. Mr Moreton thanked the donors for the present, and wished the parishioners every success.

He said that if in the future his services would be of any use to the church, he would be only too pleased to assist.

A most pleasing musical programme was contributed to by the following:- Duet, Mrs Hellyer and Miss Fothergill; songs, Misses Grant and Sims, Mrs Wakefield Holmes, and Mr Jacobsen; pianoforte duet, Mr Titchener and Miss Hellyer; cornet solo, Mr JR Briggs. Mr G Titchener acted as accompanist.



Rev Albert Wingfield from his Riverina days
(Photo courtesy of Blair Wingfield)

Albert Wingfield was born in London in 1870 and emigrated with his family seven years later. After serving as a curate in Riverina, New South Wales in the late 1890s, he immigrated to New Zealand at the end of 1898 and was given priest orders in Dunedin on 6 January 1900, followed by his appointment as vicar of Wyndham, Fortrose and Otara. In the meantime, his father, William settled in Southland and was widowed in 1886. William Wingfield re-married a widow, Louisa Walton in 1891 and was assistant curate at St Matthias', Owaka from 1898 till 1909. In 1902, Albert married his stepsister Rose Walton and two years later in September 1904, took charge of the parochial district of Gore, Mataura and Mandeville, guiding Gore to full parish status within 17 months. One of Albert's elder brothers, Rev Henry Barnard Wingfield served in the Auckland diocese.

William Wingfield was ordained a priest on 20 December 1908 and was vicar of Middlemarch from 1 June 1909 till 31 March 1914 when he resigned at the age of 79. William joined his son, Albert in Gore and Albert publicly acknowledged his assistance in the parish a number of times in the **Church Envoy**. William and Louisa Wakefield moved to Dunedin with their daughter, Ethel in 1915.

Church Envoy vol iii no 4, 1 April 1915 p132 under Parish of Gore news
The Rev W Wingfield and his wife and daughter left the Parish at the end of February to take up their residence in Dunedin. They will all be much missed as they were all workers in the Church during their residence of 12 months in the Parish. On February 23rd the members of the Ladies' Guild kindly arranged a farewell afternoon for Mrs and Miss Wingfield, at which there were upwards of 20 ladies present. Mrs Clarke, one of the Vice-presidents of the Guild, kindly placed her drawing room at the disposal of the Guild, and a most pleasant afternoon was spent.

William died in November 1918 and is buried in the Southern Cemetery. Louisa Wingfield died in June 1932 and is buried in Andersons Bay Cemetery with her children, William Durant Walton and Ethel Wenborn (nee Wingfield) and her son-in-law, Rupert Victor Wenborn. Ethel and Rupert married at Holy Cross on 3 April 1923.

Albert and Rose moved into 13 Driver Street with four children, fourteen year old Marjorie Constance, eleven year old William Brockman, nine year old Frank Barnard and four year old Violet Clare. Despite winning a Junior National Scholarship from Gore Main School in 1916, Marjorie did not attend school in Dunedin. The boys were enrolled at Musselburgh School on 11 September 1917, later going on to Otago Boys' High School, and were joined by their younger sister at the start of 1919.

It was a busy time for the St Kilda congregation. While the Diocese Standing Committee gave a £20 grant for the vicar, vestry agreed to contribute £10 towards the rent of vicarage and installed a telephone in it. Douglas Harris Hastings sourced one hundred copies of the intercession service and Harry Hellyer ordered a cask of wine from Penfolds for communion. A notice of services was posted at Onslow House and Mr Priest (presumably Maurice) donated a large cupboard.



Rose Wingfield (nee Walton)
(Photo courtesy of Blair Wingfield)

There were three significant events in October: the annual bazaar held at Coronation Hall on the 2nd and 3rd; War Intercession Services held on the 7th; and Trafalgar Day on the 21st, celebrating the work of the naval forces. The annual bazaar raised £131.18.5, clearing the debt on the new Sunday school and leaving a £90 profit for the parish. The evening service on 7 October attracted a congregation of 208, including the St Kilda mayor (Mr CN Scurr), some borough councillors and the St Kilda Band. Offertories for the three services that day, not including the afternoon's children's service, totalled £6.9.6. The services on the 21st were smaller but the register of services noted, *wet morning*.

At a combined meeting of vestry, Ladies Guild and workers from the sale of work meeting on 31 October, *The following work was approved of fencing – kneelers – notice board – painting – prayer desk and chair. Cleaning sections and asphaltting path.* Within a week, a tender for 22 hinged kneelers at a cost of £10.5.0 and the prayer desk and seat at £5.10.0 was accepted.

The **Church Envoy** gives a deeper insight into the discussion that must have taken place at the October meeting.

Church Envoy, vol iv no 11, 15 Nov 1917 p269

The question of doing away with the chairs and substituting pews was fully discussed, but held over in the meantime, as the cost would be £100. It was suggested that certain families and worshippers might see their way to promise pews, and a list is to be opened for that purpose. It was also decided to divide the new Sunday School with a curtain, and also provide up-to-date appliances for Miss Hastings' infant class.

There is no record of a pew list being opened and pews were not to be purchased for over ten years. One way or another though, the church was being furnished.

Evening Star, 24 Dec 1917 p7 c2

At the Holy Cross Church, St Kilda, yesterday morning the Primate dedicated an altar cross presented in memory of the late Canon Bryan King, two candlesticks, a new reading desk, and other ornaments for the sanctuary. He also unveiled a brass table bearing the following inscription – “The altar cross was given to the glory of God and in memory of Bryan Meyrick King, vicar of St Peter’s, Caversham, 1892-1911 S. Matt. XXV xxi.” The Rev Vincent B King read the prayers, and a former curate of St Peter’s (the Rev Mr Russell) and Mr C King were also present. In the course of his sermon the Primate referred to the self-sacrificing work that had been done in the parish by the late Canon King....

Church Envoy, vol v No 2 15 Feb 1918 pp42-3

On the fourth Sunday in Advent... the Sanctuary Guild had decorated the Church in a very tasteful manner, and the new altar hangings and ornaments were a distinct feature, it being remarked by many visitors that they had not seen many prettier little Churches. The work in connection with the dossal and curtain was done by Mrs Thompson and Miss Walker.... Mrs Anderson gave a beautifully worked white pulpit cushion and hangings for the lectern for the Christmas season.

In ensuing reports to the **Church Envoy**, Douglas Harris Hastings added: *We desire to thank Mrs Donovan for some beautiful crochet-work for the sanctuary (April issue); Mrs Thompson, Miss Walker, and Mrs Niven for their much-appreciated work in connection with the new altar frontal and super-frontal (May issue); and Our thanks are due to Mrs Anderson for a beautiful silk cushion cover (in red) for the pulpit (June issue).*

The impact of having an incumbent member of the clergy can be seen in increased religious activity. Service times became regular: 8am, 11am and 6.30pm, with occasional children’s services at 2.30pm on Sundays; and 7.30pm intercession on Thursdays. Church attendance swelled. In the twelve months prior to Rev Wingfield’s arrival, a congregation in excess of 100 people at one service occurred only upon three occasions. On 9 September, 176 people attended Rev Wingfield’s induction at 11am, with a record of 98 communicants and 208 people attending his inaugural service that evening – offertories for the day totalled £11. For the remainder of World War One, 11am services usually exceeded a congregation of 100 while 6.30pm evensong regularly exceeded 120. Upon eleven occasions, the congregation exceeded 200 while at 6.30pm on a Special Declaration Day Service (4 August 1918), it totalled 320.

In March 1918, Mrs Frances Mary Hart resigned as president of the Ladies’ Guild after five years in the role and was replaced by Mrs Wingfield. The names of women active at Holy Cross can be seen in guild activities and they dominated the list of stipend fund collectors.

Stipend Fund Collectors, 8 July 1917 – 31 March 1918

AH Allen, Mrs Anderson, WH Dunning, Mrs Esquilant, Mrs Finch, Mrs Fothergill, Friend, Miss E Gore, Miss V Gore, Miss Hart, Mrs Hastings, Mrs Hellyer, Mr Priest, Mrs Scott, Mrs Sims, Mrs Thompson, Mr EC Walmsley

The Diocese Electoral Roll of 1918 associated 30 parishioners (men over the age of 21) with Holy Cross from 1 February 1918.

Surname	First name(s)	Address
Aitken	William	45 Richardson St
Allen	AW (presumably AH)	49 Queens Drive
Briggs	James G	Prince Albert Rd
Booth	Robert	55 Eskvale St
Dunning	William Henry	Mount Avenue
Bain	Henry	74 Moreau St
Gallagher	CS	7 DeCarle St
Hastings	Douglas Harris	33 Moreau St
Hellyer	Henry William Simpson	43 Princes St
Hodges	Albert	86 Bay View Rd
Jacobsen	William	Drainage Station
Kettle	Frank	75 Princes St
Lambourn	Robert	10 Gourley St
Luscombe	Henry	59 Royal Crescent
Moreton	George Edgar	53 Eskvale St
Nevill	John	Young St
Oaten	Cecil CG	4 DeCarle St
Priest	Maurice Henry	53 Princes St
Pope	George Edgar	15 Moreau St
Roberts	Charles William Henry	20 Moreau St
Salter	Richard	47 Driver St
Skeels	HM	48 Moreau St
Scott	Malcolm	9 Eskvale St
Trythall	Edward	Richardson St
Titchener	Cecil Gordon	72 Queens Drive
Thomson	Arthur E	87 Queens Drive
Vickery	William	17 Cutten St
Wilson	Andrew	Tainui
Weatherburn	Walter	Musselburgh
Young	Samuel	8 DeCarle St
AG-349-002/007, Hocken Library		

Interestingly, Frank Mace who had always been a staunch supporter for an Anglican church in St Kilda dating back to 1881 and active in the St Kilda mission never joined Holy Cross, remaining on St Peter's roll and serving on its vestry. St Peter's had a roll of seventy parishioners in 1918.

The total income for Holy Cross for the financial year ending 31 March 1918 was £639.6.9, including £91.7.9 from the Stipend Fund and £212.2.6 from church offertories. The confidence of the congregation can be seen in its first annual report.

Evening Star, 16 April 1918 p2 c3

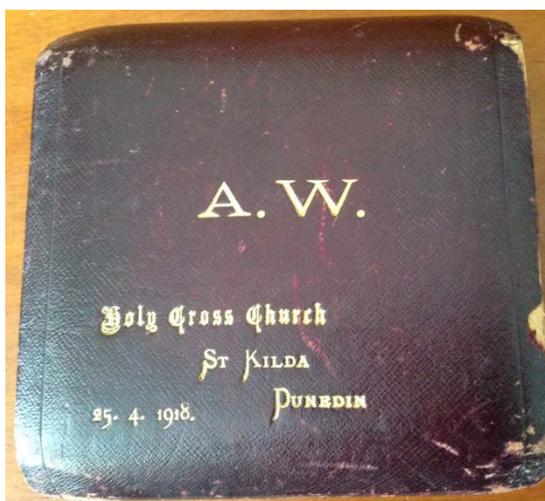
... Since we have been a separate charge the congregations have increased to such an extent that the question of extra seating accommodation will have to be

faced. The offertories have increased in proportion to the numbers of the congregation. We have to thank the Rev AD Mitchell for his kindly services in acting as locum tenens until a vicar was appointed. The vestry were much indebted to the Ladies' Guild for their gift of £323 which was devoted to an infant class room, fencing, painting, and other improvements. The guild has again started active work, and should be of material financial help during the incoming year. The Sunday school has grown very rapidly, there being over 300 scholars. The superintendent (Mr A Wilson) has, with the consent of the vestry, arranged for the senior classes to meeting in the St Kilda Town Hall until means can be found to erect a permanent Sunday school. The choir, under the direction of Mr GE Moreton, have been largely augmented. Too many thanks cannot be paid to Mr Frank Kettle for his voluntary, self-sacrificing services as organist. From a financial point of view the parishioners are to be congratulated upon the position as shown by the balance-sheet for the last nine months, and we take this opportunity of tendering thanks to those who contributed to the stipend fund, and also to the lady collectors. A matter relative to the future financial arrangements of the parish will be brought before the annual meeting, and it is to be hoped will meet with the approval of the parishioners....

Eighty people (30 men and 50 women) were present at the first annual general meeting on 16 April 1918. George Moreton successfully put forward the motion that *this meeting of parishioners approve of the system of ladies having the right to vote at the annual meetings.* The future financial arrangements alluded to in the annual report became evident when the incoming vestry was instructed to request a bill to create the Parish of St Kilda, with the vicar's salary to be raised to £300 per annum.

Otago Daily Times, 26 April 1918 p5

At the conclusion of the service of intercession last evening at the Holy Cross Church (St. Kilda), the Rev. Vincent King, on behalf of the parishioners, presented the Rev. A. Wingfield with a solid silver set of communion vessels in a leather case, suitably inscribed. Mr Wingfield thanked the parishioners for their kindly feeling of goodwill towards him.



The first marriage conducted by Rev Wingfield at Holy Cross occurred on 1 April 1918 when Sunday schoolteacher and one of DH Hastings' daughters, Annie married James Baillie, aged 30 and 29 years respectively.

Church Envoy, vol V no 3, 15 May 1918 p 117

A very pretty wedding took place on April 1st, the contracting parties being James R Baillie, of Invercargill, and Annie W Hastings, daughter of the vicar's church warden. The choir attended in large numbers and sang the service most acceptably. Mr H Luscombe kindly officiated at the organ. It was fitting that the daughter of the vicar's warden should be one of the parties at the Vicar's first marriage in the new charge of St Kilda.

Douglas Harris and Anne Campbell Hastings had seven daughters and one son. Most of the daughters seemed to serve as Sunday schoolteachers at some time but it is difficult to distinguish accurately each woman's involvement in the church due to the general moniker of "Miss Hastings." Occasionally Miss A Hastings is referred to and this appears to be Annie as her younger sister seems to be distinguished as Miss Audrey Hastings. Two other Hastings daughters were married at Holy Cross: 33 year old Margaret Esther to David Jack on 30 March 1920; and 30 year old Ruth Ida to Robert Edwin Bates on 7 April 1925. Frances Awdrey Hamer Hastings and Ella Naomi Hastings never married. Both Annie and Margaret were school teachers while Ella Hastings was the superintendent of the junior Sunday school for three years during World War One, resigning two months before Annie's wedding. Ruth returned to Dunedin in 1918 after a few years of absence when she lived in Wellington. The remaining daughter, Tui married John Helsham Dyer in 1924 – her son was baptised at Holy Cross in 1926 and her address was 24 Ajax Street in April 1972 when her funeral service was held at Holy Cross.

The church also provided a social meeting place for its congregation.

Church Envoy, vol v no 7 15 July 1918 p 165

The first social [on Monday, 17th June] we have had since we were a separate charge was held in the Coronation Hall, and was in every respect a great success. There was an attendance of about 250 persons, and the whole proceedings from first to last went with a swing. Musical items were rendered by Mrs Niven, Misses Grant (2), Fancy, Hellyer, Romerill, and McLennan, Messrs GE Moreton, W Jacobsen, G Titchener, Niven, Weatherburn, and H Luscombe. Both young and old participated in round games, etc, and Mr Moreton arranged two interesting competitions, for which prizes were awarded. The members of the Ladies' Guild and other lady friends kindly supplied refreshments, and the Guild had a small stall for taking orders. The only speechmaking was a short address of welcome from the Vicar.

Holy Cross was given full parish status in July 1918. It was celebrated on 15 September at the 11am service with Rev Wingfield being formally instituted and 31 people confirmed in front of a record congregation of 325 people. Of the 31 people confirmed, there were nine males, two married women and twenty unmarried females. A mammoth £23.5.6 was given in offertories at the service and a total of £41.18.0 was given at the three services on 15 September, compared to £5.12.7 on 18 August and £5.5.6 on 13 October. The offertories from 15 September went towards the church debt extinction fund.

Otago Daily Times, 16 Sept 1918 p7

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Saturday being Holy Cross Day, the dedication festival of Holy Cross Church St Kilda, was held yesterday. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8am. At 11am the Primate instituted the Rev. A. Wingfield as the first vicar of the parish. The church was crowded. His Lordship was met at the church door by the vestrymen and church wardens, and at once proceeded with the usual form of service for such an occasion. The Rev. Mr Wingfield having made the customary declaration, was solemnly set apart for new work. The church warden then handed him the keys of the church, and on behalf of the parishioners acknowledged him as the first vicar. The Primate then proceeded with the rite of confirmation, and confirmed 31 candidates presented by the vicar. The Primate based his sermon on the Epistle set out for the ordination of priests, and dwelt upon the various gifts given to the church and the individual members thereof, making reference to the two services which he had held - services, he said, which were interesting and solemn, and had descended to the church from the time of the Apostles. At evensong there was another large congregation, when the vicar preached upon the lessons to be learned from the Vision of St Paul. The offertories, which were large will be devoted to the church debt extinction fund Mr S Kettle was the organist, and a large choir assisted.

Reading parish records and news items, it becomes evident how dynamic the congregation was as people entered and left the parish. The 31 people confirmed in 1918 serve as an example. None of the males and only five of the females married at Holy Cross. Only three people's deaths can be traced in the Holy Cross burial register: George Alfred Pope who died on 1 Feb 1949 aged 81 years; John Wood of 102 Victoria Rd who died April 1921 aged 67 years; and Ethel Mary Mayston (nee Duncan) who did not marry at Holy Cross but was buried from it in 1939 at the age of 35. The **Church Envoy** was also full of personal items about parishioners. For example,

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Owing to his removal to Caversham Mr JG Briggs has had to resign from the Vestry, and his resignation was accepted with regret, as he has been a good and conscientious worker.... Miss A Jones, who for some years taught in the Sunday School, left on June 17th for Naseby, in order to take up the nursing profession. Prior to her departure presentations were made from the Sanctuary Guild and the Sunday School. Miss Jones will be much missed, for she was a good worker for the Church. We were sorry to lose Mrs Gledhill from the choir, and our best wishes follow her to her new home in Christchurch. There were two marriages on Holy Cross on June 26th - Miss Facey, a former member of the choir, to Mr Law; and Miss Holmes to Mr Thompson. We wish them every happiness.

And there were the servicemen. The Holy Cross Roll of Honour was unveiled on Advent Sunday, December 1919.

Died on Active service

Donne SE	Harris LJ	Sharpe CF
Donovan W	Holmes WE	Stoneham EA
Ferguson JA	Islip EE	Strong SR
Fothergill FA	Parker RV	Thomson S
Fothergill JC	Parker WO	Tyson M
	Wyatt AE	

Served their Country

Brent AV	Hartley FI	Leathley DS
Brent CW	Hartley T	Leathley RPD
Broad EH	Hart JH	Leathley GW
Brown CE	Hart WD	Mason F
Buddicom AS	Hastings DH	Orr HG
Campbell J	Higginson CF	Orr RA
Campbell A	Higginson J	Palmer P
Chapman CO	Holmes JFW	Palmer AC
Dunning CC	Hook WG	Rogers P
Fletcher F	Irvine RJ	Rogers R
Ferguson F	Jamieson AW	Sandes TT
Foley AJ	Jones FR	Sandes N
Ferguson JW	Jones CW	Tyson CG
Green ES	Jones S	Tyson EF
	Leathley WG	Wood A
	Wood T	Doughty H

MOLLER & SONS, DUNEDIN

From the men who died on active service, DW Donovan, FA Fothergill, RV Parker and EA Stoneham also appear on St Peter's memorial board. The fate of the Holy Cross casualties can be traced through a variety of sources.

DONNE Second Lieutenant Stanley Ernest Donne of the Light Railways Operating Company was born in Queenstown, 2 October 1891 and attended Queenstown School and Otago Boys' High School. He died of wounds on 22 October 1917 and was buried in Poperinghe New Military Cemetery, Belgium. His widowed mother, Martha Ann married Alfred Ernest Anderson on 26 January 1901 and lived at 14 Princes Street, Musselburgh. Martha was active in the Ladies Guild and Sanctuary Guild, sewing and embroidering a number of items for Holy Cross. The funeral services for Martha and Alfred were held at Holy Cross in 1927 and 1940, respectively.

***Evening Post* 10 Nov 1917 p7**

2nd Lt. Stanley Ernest Donne (died of wounds) was born in Queenstown; Lake Wakatipu, and was 26 years of age. He joined the Railway Department as clerk in the District Engineer's office in Invercargill in 1908, and was transferred five years later to Wellington, where he enlisted in 1916. He was a keen athlete and took a prominent part in rowing and football, being a member of the Invercargill Railway Rowing Club and the Pirates' Football Club. When transferred to Wellington he played in the senior fifteen of the Oriental Club, and was a member of the Wellington representative team in 1914-1915. At the military sports, held at Masterton and Tauherenikau, the late officer's company won the championships. Lt. Donne was attached to H. Company, 23rd Reinforcements but lately transferred to the Light Railway Operating Company, New Zealand Engineers. His mother, Mrs. A. E Anderson, resides at 14, Princes Street, Musselburgh, Dunedin.

DONOVAN Private Daniel William (Will) Donovan was born in 1879 and his family believe that he was the first New Zealander killed in World War One. Serving in the Devonshire Regiment of the British army, Will was a casualty of the first Battle of du Aisne, dying of wounds on 22 September 1914. He is interred in the Braine Communal Cemetery. Will's death was recorded in the St Kilda Borough Council minutes of 24 November 1914. His widowed mother, Harriet and three of his sisters, Emily Donovan, Agnes Pullar and Ellen McConnell were Holy Cross parishioners. His name also appears on St Peter's roll of honour, from whence Agnes, Ellen and their eldest sister Margaret Pearce were married between 1903 and 1909.

FERGUSON Sergeant John Alfred Ferguson of the Otago Infantry Regiment was born 21 November 1893 and was killed in action on 2 May 1915 at Dead Man's Ridge (Pope's Hill) in an attack on Baby 700. He was buried at the Lone Pine Cemetery in Turkey. A joiner by trade, John had been a bugler in the Dunedin City Guards for four years. His parents were Ellen and James Ferguson of 6 Normanby St, Musselburgh. James Ferguson died 7 March 1926 and his funeral service was held at Holy Cross.



John Alfred Ferguson from <http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/Cenotaph/4775.detail>



Frederick Arthur Fothergill from <http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/Cenotaph/5059.detail>



Leonard John Harris from http://ketetasman.peoplesnetworknz.info/first_world_war_centenary/documents/show/289-harris-leonard-john

FOTHERGILL Lance Corporal Frederick Arthur Charles Fothergill of the Auckland Infantry Regiment was the second and youngest son of John Archdale and Mary Fothergill (nee Gore). He was born in Wanganui in 1885 and educated at Forbury School and Waitaki Boys' High School. Prior to enlisting, Frederick had worked in the Fothergill family business. He was killed in action on 8 May 1915 and buried at Redoubt Cemetery, Helles.

FOTHERGILL Second Lieutenant John Charles Fothergill, DCM of the Otago Infantry Regiment was killed in action on 23 October 1918 and was buried in Romeries Communal Cemetery Extension. The eldest and only surviving son of John Archdale and Mary Fothergill of 71 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, John was born on 1 March 1884 in Wellington and served in the South African War. He attended High Street School in Dunedin and left a widow, Alice in Sydney. Alice died in August 1921.

HARRIS Rifleman Leonard John Harris of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade was born 30 July 1894 and attended Forbury and Musselburgh schools and King Edward Technical College. An engineer by trade, Leonard's occupation was listed as farmhand on the NZEF nominal roll and his

next of kin was his father, John Harris of 58 Princes St, Musselburgh. Leonard was killed in action on 12 October 1917 and was buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium. In 1917, his recently widowed mother, Alice Mary Harris lived at 7 Main South Rd, Hillside, Dunedin.

HOLMES Rifleman William Ernest Holmes of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade was born 28 February 1896 and attended High Street School and Otago Boys' High School. William went on to teach at Otago Boys' High School and married Emma Marguerite Edgar in 1918. He died of wounds on 9 October 1918 and is buried at Beaulencourt British Cemetery.



Ernest Ellis Islip from <http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/Cenotaph/7540.detail>

ISLIP Corporal Ernest Ellis Islip of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade was born 24 May 1894 and educated in North Otago. On the NZEF nominal roll, his enlistment address was 16 Helena Street, South Dunedin and his next of kin was his brother Percy Edward Islip, the Hyde stationmaster. Ernest was awarded the Military Medal for his efforts on 7 January 1917, south of Fleurbaix. He was killed in action on 19 May 1917 and was buried in La Plus Douve Farm Cemetery.

PARKER Private Robert Vining Parker of the Otago Infantry Regiment was killed in action on 21 December 1916 and was buried in Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix. He was born 2 September 1878 in the United States of America and was the son of prominent parishioners, Robert George Vining Parker and Susannah Mary Parker.

Otago Daily Times, 4 Jan 1917 p5

KILLED IN ACTION.

Advice was received in Dunedin yesterday to the effect that Private Robert Vining Parker was killed in action on December 21. Private Parker, who left with the 14th Reinforcements, was well known, and was highly respected by all with whom he came in contact. He was 38 years of age, and was the eldest son of Lieutenant R.G.V. Parker, for many years at the Central Battery and now stationed in Wellington. He spent his early days in Auckland, and after living in Wellington for a time he came to Dunedin, He was educated at the Forbury School, and when 16 years of age he entered the service of the Lands Department, in which he occupied the position of draughtsman when he enlisted. He took a keen interest in rowing, and was one of the most prominent members of the Dunedin Amateur Boating Club, of which he was president for two or three years. He was also a member of the committee of the Otago Rowing Association, for which body he did a lot of valuable work. He was also keenly interested in tennis, and was a valued member of the St. Kilda Club. Private Parker took an interest in Freemasonry, and was a Past Grand of Lodge Hiram. He left New Zealand as a sergeant, but on arrival in England he returned to the ranks, as other non-commissioned officers from New Zealand had to do.

PARKER Gunner Walter Owen Parker of the New Zealand Field Artillery was born 3 May 1894 to Alice and George Parker. He was educated at Forbury and Musselburgh schools. A carpenter by trade, Walter died of wounds on 18 March 1918 and was buried in The Huts Cemetery.



Walter Owen Parker from <http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/Cenotaph/11982.detail>



Stanley Robert Strong from <http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/Cenotaph/15165.detail>



Eric Arthur Stoneham from <http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/Cenotaph/15112.detail>

SHARPE Corporal Charles Frederick Sharpe was born in 1888 and served with the Second Brigade of the Australian Field Artillery. He was killed in action on 22 August 1917 and was buried in Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, Belgium. His parents were Florence and the late Francis George Sharpe of 46 Royal Crescent, Musselburgh.

STONEHAM Corporal Eric Arthur Stoneham of the Otago Infantry Regiment was born 29 December 1896 and attended Kaikorai and Forbury schools and Otago Boys' High School. A jeweller by trade, he was killed in action on 4 October 1917 at Passchendaele and was buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery.

Church Envoy, vol iv no 11, 15 Nov 1917 p269

News has been received of the death of Sergeant Eric Stoneham, son of Colonel Stoneham, at the front. He was an old Sunday School boy, and in later years he always took a prominent part in Sales of Work and in anything else connected with the Church. He was one of the most popular boys in the Parish. We extend to the Colonel and to Mrs Stoneham and family our heartfelt sympathy.

St Kilda Borough Council sent a letter of sympathy to Lieutenant Colonel Stoneham of 64 High Street, Musselburgh on 26 October 1917 and a letter of farewell and thanks upon his removal from Dunedin on 22 March 1920. The annual Stoneham Prize was awarded to Holy Cross Sunday schoolchildren for many years in memory of Eric Stoneham.

STRONG Rifleman Stanley Robert Strong of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade was born at Manuhēria in 1896 and attended Otago Boys' High School. A clerk, he died of wounds on 20 May 1918 and is buried in Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt. Stanley was the eldest son of Robert and Helen who lived at 42 Bay View Rd, Dunedin.

THOMSON A link between S Thomson and Holy Cross has not been found. It could be a typographical error for Lance-Corporal Stanley Thompson, whose wife Susan Thyrsa Thompson

(nee Tinnock) lived at 11 Jackson Street. Stanley Thompson was born in 1884, the third of Robert and Annie Thompson's seven children and attended High Street School.

The Kitbag (a magazine put out by the Troopship *Maunganui*), 29 July 1916
Lance-Corporal Stanley Thompson of D Company, passed away suddenly at seven o'clock on the morning of July 19th, having only been admitted to hospital on the previous day. The cause of death was malignant measles. The burial took place at sea on the same afternoon, a most impressive service being conducted by Chaplain Captain Wilson. Lance-Corporal Thompson was a thoroughly conscientious and popular soldier. He came into camp with the 14th Reinforcements, and, previous to enlisting, was for several years employed on the clerical staff of the Dunedin City Corporation. He was 31 years of age and a married man, his wife residing at St Kilda, Dunedin

TYSON Gunner Malcolm Stark Tyson of the New Zealand Field Artillery was born 10 May 1893 and attended Forbury and Musselburgh schools. A storeman for RB Dennison and Co of Stuart Street prior to enlisting, he died of appendicitis on 18 July 1916 and is buried in Tel El Kebir War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Two of his brothers, Christopher and Edgar survived World War One. Edgar Fowler Tyson served from November 1914 till the conclusion of the war and was gassed in February 1918. He was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in August 1918 but died on 7 August 1925 aged 31 years. The funeral services for Malcolm's parents, John and Jessie Tyson were held at Holy Cross in 1928 and 1932, respectively while Christopher died in 1965.

WYATT Lance Corporal Albert Edward Wyatt of the Otago Infantry Regiment was born in 1888 and was killed in action on 9 October 1918. He was buried at Caudry British Cemetery. Son of Eleanor Louise Wyatt of Queen's Drive, Musselburgh and the late Tom Wyatt, Albert was a butterbox maker who married Mary Ellen Dee in 1917. The young couple lived at 403 Andersons Bay Road. Mary Helen Wyatt went on to marry James Robertson in 1920.

Only a handful of the people whose names appear on the honours board as serving in World War One appear in Holy Cross registers.

Marriages

- Cranley Oswald Chapman aged 29 years married Evelyn Gertrude Kellas on 17 November 1920
- Sydney Jones aged 30 years married Fanny Elizabeth Pope on 17 December 1924
- Percival Rogers aged 32 years married Jessie Maud Sagar on 11 March 1924

Burials

- Albert Sidney Buddicom of Macandrew Road died 31 March 1962 aged 73 years
- James William Ferguson of 12 Mills Street died 21 November 1957 aged 65 years
- Cecil Fred Higginson died 22 March 1989 aged 99 years
- Frederick Mason died August 1926 aged 41 years
- Christopher George Tyson of 11 Ascot Street died 21 May 1965 aged 74 years

A parish life...

The joy of peace in November 1918 was tempered by the influenza epidemic.

Church Envoy, vol vi no 1, 15 Jan 1919 p20

In common with the rest of the community, Advent Sunday found us in a depressed condition notwithstanding the peace news. The epidemic struck us very heavily, and not only are there gaps in the congregation, but the majority of families suffered bereavement.

The Vicar wishes to extend his deepest sympathy to the many families throughout the Parish that have suffered bereavement in the past year and prays that God's Hand may sustain them and keep them.

Church services were cancelled on Sunday 20 November and 1 December. Thirteen people attended the 8am service on 27 November with 40 at the 11am service – evensong was cancelled. A total of five men and one woman all aged between 35 and 61 years were entered in the Holy Cross burial register between 1 November and 31 December 1918.

By the start of 1919, George Moreton had become a layreader for Holy Cross. The February notes of the **Church Envoy** commented that a number of families had left the parish. Significantly for the parish, however, Captain Robert GV Parker and Susannah M Parker returned to the area after an eight year absence, living at 17 Princes (Ascot) Street, Musselburgh. Robert Parker was immediately elected parish secretary at the 1919 annual general meeting and became a licensed layreader for Holy Cross at the end of 1922. He was also secretary for the local Amalgamation Society, pushing for St Kilda Borough to amalgamate with Dunedin City Council. Robert and Susannah left Dunedin for the final time in 1926. The couple had eleven children and apart from Robert Vining Parker who appears on the World War One Roll of Honour, two of the seven daughters appear in Holy Cross registers. Lilian Edith Lawson (nee Parker) of 58 Ascot Street died on 12 August 1968 aged 83 years while Constance May Parker died at Birchleigh Rest Home, Mosgiel on 30 July 1996 aged 94 years. Constance is remembered in the Holy Cross Memorial Garden.

The second annual report of the church reprinted in the **Evening Star** on 23 April 1919 recorded, *During the last 12 months, excluding £67 0s 10d in hand, the total moneys raised from all sources was £716 7s 1 d, which must be considered very satisfactory for a new parish which less than two years ago started with a small deficit. The Vestry were able during the year to pay off £250 of the debt on the church, and also the drainage account of £13 7s 7d. About £15 was also spent on permanent improvements.* Just four days prior to this, also in the **Evening Star**, it was reported that the annual income for All Saints was £1437 with 58 baptisms, 29 confirmations and 12 marriages. Holy Cross had 35 baptisms, 31 confirmations and 5 marriages.

The vestry's main concerns throughout 1919 were continuing to meet building requirements and providing a suitable vicarage for the Wingfield family. During the year, additional seating was erected in the east end of the church with a second gas stove, new carpet was laid in the sanctuary and matting was laid down the central aisle. In the annual diocese assessment of £350, Holy Cross

was levied £12. Eight parishes paid more than £12, ranging from Caversham and Mornington on £15 each to St Paul's on £36. Paying the levy was not an issue. Finding a vicarage was more problematic.

The Ladies' Guild promised £300 towards securing a vicarage and William Dunning presented a tender of £1175 at the April 1919 vestry meeting. This was not accepted and the vestry started searching for an existing house. On 8 July 1919, they agreed to purchase Mr Clark's property at 9 Council Street for £840 with Messrs Fenwick, Hellyer and Priest to be appointed trustees. Funds collected on Holy Cross Day, 14 September (totalling £57) went towards debt extinction on the new vicarage and the Ladies' Guild money came from its annual bazaar on 7 October. The sale of work raised £220 with another £74 coming from special donations, *mainly collected by Mesdames Anderson and Kettle* towards the vicarage fund.

The October issue of the **Church Envoy** announced, *The Vicar and Mrs Wingfield are now settled in their new home and are, we are pleased to learn, thoroughly satisfied with the change.* In December it was agreed that any rent from the vicarage motor garage could be retained by the vicar.

For many parishioners, the church continued to provide a social centre for activities.

Evening Star 26 June 1919 p2 c4

A concert was held in the Coronation Hall, St Kilda, last night, under the auspices of Holy Cross Church, for the purpose of raising funds to assist the young ladies' guild. Although the weather conditions were uninviting, the hall was well filled with Church members and visitors. The Rev A Wingfield presided. A very enjoyable programme was given, contributed to by various local artists. The first item was a piano solo by Miss M Stoneham, and her efforts brought forth hearty applause, as did all the other performers. Songs were given by Misses James, Carter, and C Aslin, and Messrs D Fogarty, S Angell, JD Cameron, and F Gilchrist. Messrs Lawson and H Russell contributed recitations. Miss Bessie Thomson gave a musical monologue, and Mr D Whalen a French horn solo. Misses G Webster and R Flinders submitted a dance duo in meritorious style. Mr H Hope acted as accompanist. Sweets were sold during the evening by the girls of the evening guild.

Church Envoy, vol vi no 8, 15 Aug 1919 pp192-3

The Young People's Club had a successful opening on the evening of July 14th, and we look to the young people to help along the Club all they can. The Club meets every Monday at 7.30pm.

Church Envoy, vol vi no 9, 15 Sept 1919 p216

The members of the choir had a most enjoyable evening in the schoolroom on Thursday, August 28th. The choir evening was arranged so as to fit in with the farewell of Mrs Adcock, a highly appreciated member of the choir. Mrs Adcock was presented during the evening with a very handsome hymn-book. The Vicar, in making the presentation on behalf of the choir, referred to the great help Mrs Adcock had been to the choir, and wished her and her husband and family every happiness in their new home at Sawyers' Bay.

In addition to the choir, Holy Cross had a separate boys' choir and its own glee club. Holy Cross lost its resident choirmaster and layreader in 1919, however when George Moreton was appointed manager of the recently opened Memorial Boys' Home at Vauxhall.

Church Envoy, vol vi no 9, 15 Sept 1919 p216

Owing to Mr Moreton having been appointed manager of the Boys' Home we shall lose his services as a lay-reader. The Vicar, Vestry and parishioners generally wish to thank him for the valuable and voluntary services he has freely rendered during the last three years, and wish him and Mrs Moreton happiness and prosperity in their new position. One or two members of the congregation are willing to act as lay-reader, and the Vicar will in all probability suggest to the Primate the licensing of them so as to relieve the Vicar of some of his work.

Around this same time, Henry and Isabella Luscombe shifted away from Driver Street and joined St Michael and All Angels in Anderson Bay. Henry and Isabella had been active parishioners since 1908, with the vestry, ladies' guilds, Sunday school and musical items as featured soloists and accompanists. Henry undertook the superintendency of St Michael's Sunday school and Isabella joined its teaching staff. Holy Cross parishioners must have rued lost opportunities when Andrew Wilson the Holy Cross Sunday school superintendent resigned in March 1920 due to ill health. In August 1920, Henry Luscombe became a licensed layreader for St Michael's while a newcomer to the parish had also been appointed layreader at Holy Cross.

Francis Humphrys Mulligan was appointed layreader for St Kilda on 3 November 1919. Frank Mulligan was born in Caversham in 1880 and his family was associated with St Peter's Church. An ironmonger by trade, Frank was issued with a layreader's licence for Winton on 9 February 1919. He became active at Holy Cross, more specifically as choirmaster and Sunday school superintendent but his family left the area in 1922. On 8 May 1924, he became a layreader in Oamaru.

Frank Mulligan conducted his first service at Holy Cross in front of a congregation of 107 people at Evensong on a *very stormy* 21 November while Rev Wingfield officiated at St Peter's. A special sale of work had been held the previous day.

Church Envoy, vol vii no 1, 15 Jan 1920 p14

A short time ago three little girls of the parish – Alma Pullar, Maisie Aitken, and Ailene Aitken – as a result of the Rev R de Lambert's appeal for the Boys' Memorial Home, decided to hold a Christmas Tree and a little Sale of Work to raise funds towards the work. Mrs Donovan, an old worker in the Church [and Alma Pullar's grandmother], waited on several people for subscriptions and received a ready response towards the project. The above were ably assisted by Mesdames McConnell [Alma's aunt] and Aitken and by others interested in the work. The Vestry gladly granted the use of the Sunday-school building in which to hold the function, which was held on December 20th. The Schoolroom, with its nicely arranged Christmas tree and a stall containing work of various kinds, together with a sweets stall, was most attractive. A nice programme of music and recitations was much enjoyed. The function proved in every way a success, and the sum of £20 12s was paid over by the Vicar towards the work of the Home. The Vicar was present and formally opened the function, and expressed his appreciation of the work done by one and all for such a worthy object.

People continued to come and go from the parish during 1920. Holy Cross lost the services of vestryman, Robert Booth and his wife when they retired and moved to Nelson but gained Henry Clarke from Green Island who became a sidesman and an associate vestryman. Mrs Clara Mayne, who was connected with the Ladies' Guild at Queenstown for 25 years, was appointed president of the Evening Guild. Another link with the mission days was broken with the death of Kate Dunstan of 8 Prince Albert Road on 8 September 1920 at the age of 74 years. Kate was one of the five women who served on the original St Kilda Mission Committee in 1907. Rev John Laurence Mortimer of St Peter's died unexpectedly on 23 March 1920 at Cashmere Sanatorium in Christchurch at the age of 39 years.

Parish finances seemed to remain steady during 1920. A profit of £242.7.0 was raised at the Ladies' Guild annual sale on 5 and 6 October and the vestry decided to pay £300 off the vicarage mortgage, leaving a mortgage balance of £400. Nevertheless, the vestry was careful with its expenditure and a note in its minute book from 12 October 1920 shows why.

Year	Half year offertories	Half year Stipend Fund	Sale of work
1919	£211.15.3 (57.15.8)	£72.6.9	£301.0.6
1921	£190.5.1 (34.13.0)	£68.17.9	£246.13.8

NB The significance of the second set of figures in the offertories column is unclear.

In April, vestry turned down a request from the Ladies' Guilds for a kitchenette in the schoolroom as *Mr Dunning stated that the drainage expenses in connection therewith would be prohibitive – it was recommended that "Urns" be used instead.* Nevertheless, later in the year, St Kilda Borough Council turned down the vestry's request to asphalt Driver and Chapman streets due to the lack of a storm-water drain. The council agreed to asphalt the first block of Richardson Street, however and

Church Envoy, vol vii no 12, 1 Dec 1920 p209

The St Kilda Borough Council made the Vestry a present of a number of cabbage trees, flax buses, etc, which have been planted in the front to the church under the direction of Mr H Clarke. It is to be hoped that the recent dry weather will not have been too much for them, as if they thrive they will be a distinct asset to the property. ...

We desire to thank Miss Donne for silk veil worked in gold, for use in services.

Earlier in the year, John Niven had made a kneeler for the prayer desk.

By the end of the 31 March 1921 financial year, the total income was £976.2.9 compared to £978.10.0 the previous year. Consequently, another plea for facilities was made at the annual meeting of the parish on 27 April 1921 when *Mrs Anderson made an urgent appeal for a water tap, and Urn, for the use of the Ladies Guild. This matter was left to the incoming Vestry.* At its first meeting on 10 May, the vestry agreed to purchase a three-gallon urn, gas ring, water can and bench for the Ladies' Guilds, giving William Dunning the power to act.

Church Envoy, vol viii no 5, 1 May 1921 p77

By the time that these notes appear in print the Ladies' guilds will be busy with their useful work. We are fortunate in having a splendid band of workers in our Guilds, who give of their best in the service of the Church. The Guild meets every

Wednesday in the schoolroom at 2.30pm, and any new members will be heartily welcomed. The Evening Guild meets on Wednesday evenings at 7.30.

On Easter Eve the members of the Sanctuary Guild met in the church to make a presentation to Mrs Thompson, who has for many years been the head of the Guild. The members thought that it would be nice to give to their faithful leader some token of their affection for her and to show their appreciation of her years of faithful service. The Vicar, in making the presentation of a beautiful Book of Common Prayer, with hymns attached, referred to Mrs Thompson's long and devoted service for the Church, and to the spotless condition of the altar linen, altar hangings, and all things appertaining to the sanctuary. He made mention at the same time of the good work done by Miss Walker and by the Guild members as a whole.

We desire to thank Mr Jones, of Larkworthy Street, for kindly sending us again this year oats and wheat from his farm at the Pyramids for our Harvest Festival.

A short time ago the members of the Junior Choir gave Mr Mulligan, the choirmaster, a nicely bound copy of "Hymns Ancient and Modern," with tunes. Mr Mulligan thanked the members for their thoughtfulness and kindness, and was delighted with their token of appreciation.

Events during 1921 included three winter parish socials and a children's concert in August at Coronation Hall. The annual bazaar in October was held at the same time as St Marys, Mornington bazaar. The Holy Cross reporter to the **Church Envoy**, Douglas Harris Hastings proudly noted

Church Envoy, vol viii no 12, 1 Dec 1921 p190

A visiting clergyman in speaking of the singing at Holy Cross said that it was the most hearty he had heard in New Zealand. He was very much impressed with the hearty participation of the congregation in the services. We have aimed from the beginning at giving the congregation their rightful place in the series, and we were pleased to hear the testimony of the above visitor expressed in such appreciative terms.... We have started a tennis club in connection with the Church, and it promises to be a great success. The subscription is a small one, and we invite all the young people of the church to take an interest in it.

Rev Wingfield was the inaugural president of the Holy Cross Tennis Club with William Jacobsen and Maurice Priest as vice-presidents.

One thing that did not reach the **Church Envoy** at all came up in the vestry minutes for 12 July 1921.

A letter was received from several St Clair residents relative to a petition that it is proposed to present to the Synod, signed by 173 church people, asking that St Clair be amalgamated with this Parish.

Discontent among the St Clair residents had been brewing for a while and can be traced in the correspondence files of St Peter's. In July 1920, St Peter's vestryman and St Clair School committee chairman, Percy Priest threatened to resign as he disagreed with *the wearing of red cassocks, carrying of Candles etc. and also the sung Eucharist Service being held every Sunday*. He remained on vestry for another six months but eventually resigned, joining Holy Cross. On 12 August 1921, a deputation of Messrs W Kingston, EL Macassey, Holmes and HW Jones presented the St Clair

petition to St Peter's vestry. In response, St Peter's decided to *give a mission service at St Clair a trial*. The deputation was not happy with these arrangements, replying

the Services promised our district by the Vicar, will in our opinion, not meet our needs, as we consider we are entitled to a Service such as is used in the other town Churches. A Mission Service, once established, would probably only lead to Ritualistic Practices as now held at St Peter's, and the old battle would be started anew.

Messrs Kingston and Holmes went on to join the congregation at Holy Cross.

Holy Cross vestry was prepared to support the petition as it extended the size of the parish to what was originally requested in 1917. It may also be assumed that four of the 173 signatories to the petition were *a quartette party from St Clair (Mesdames Wakefield Holmes and Mirams, Messrs [Percy] Priest and Rylands)* who entertained at Holy Cross' second winter social on 9 August. One month later however, the vestry minutes for 13 September recorded

Mr Hastings reported that the Churchwardens met the St Clair residents who had petitioned for the transfer of that portion of St Peter's parish, to St Kilda, and advised them to try and obtain leave to form themselves into a Parochial District. The Vicar enumerated the many serious objections to such a scheme, and said that in his opinion the best course for the petitioners to adopt, would be to interview the Bishop and lay the whole facts of the case before him, but he considered that it would be improper for the St Kilda vestry to take any active participation in the matter.

The vestry minutes for 5 October 1921 noted that a bill was to be presented to synod to alter the boundaries of the Parish of St Kilda to include the St Clair portion of St Peter's. St Peter's vestry minutes indicate that they sent a letter to the Diocesan Registrar setting out objections to this separation in October 1921 and Holy Cross boundaries did not change. Three years later, the Holy Cross churchwardens made an appointment to meet the Bishop, and Archdeacon, to discuss the necessity for an enlargement of the Parish and St Peter's sent another letter of protest with the same result. Holy Cross boundaries did not change.

Unfortunately, the public face of this dispute is incomplete as there is only one issue of the **Church Envoy** available for 1922 and it is for the month of September. Under St Peter's notes is the comment, *The attendance at the services at St Clair is proving very satisfactory. These services are held every Sunday at 11am in the school gymnasium.*

Details from the annual report for the year ending 31 March 1922 give an indication of the state of Holy Cross.

from church wardens and vestry report...

... the Vicarage property, which cost over £1000, is now paid for.

The total receipts from all sources was £1029 13s, and our expenditure, including the payments on the Vicarage Account, was £1000 19s 6d, leaving a small credit balance. Several successful social gatherings were held during the year, which were the means of bringing the members of the congregation together and encouraging the social intercourse that should exist in a parish.

In the near future it will be necessary to have a really good organ, and it is for the parishioners to say whether the efforts of next year should be devoted to that object

or to create the nucleus of a fund for a permanent Sunday School, which sooner or later must be built.

Throughout the past year special appeals for the Melanesian Missions, the Boys' Orphanage and other objects have been well responded to, and we have to thank the Parishioners for their hearty response to these appeals.

Perhaps some of the Parishioners are not aware that we have a special fund for the Vicar's stipend. This fund is collected monthly by ladies of the congregation, and the Vestry would be pleased to receive the names of new contributors.

from balance sheet...

- Sunday School paying £8.10.0 rent to St Kilda Borough Council for use of Town Hall
- Ladies Guild donated £236.0.10 to vestry from sale of works
- Liability – mortgage of £250

from vicar's report...

We have no proper Sunday School or Parish Hall. We have a small Church which was intended eventually for a Sunday School. We are the only Parish in Dunedin without a pipe organ. For my part I would like to see a good Church built on the front portion of the Church grounds and the present Church altered to meet the requirements of a modern Sunday School.

Vestry minutes show the church mortgage due to Mrs A Paterson was raised to 6½% from 1 December 1921 and rather than increasing the vicar's stipend, his annual vicarage rent was halved to £30 in May 1922. Some cathedral psalters were purchased for the choir and some prayer books *for the use of strangers* during 1922. The existing organ was repaired rather than replaced. By the end of 1922, *the Vestry recorded its satisfaction of the fact that the Parish is now free from debt.*

Longtime supporter, Katherine Frances Sims died in September 1922 at the age of 64 years. A brass plate in memory of her husband, music teacher Alfred John Sims who died 31 July 1888 sits inside the chancel of Holy Cross. In February 1923, vestry received *A letter from Miss A Sims asking permission to place a stained glass window in south side of chancel to the memory of her late mother, also donating a piano to the Sunday School.* Both offers were accepted.

The memorial window to Katherine Sims depicts Jesus Christ as a shepherd with the inscription, *To the glory of God and in loving memory of Katharine Frances Sims who entered into rest 28 Sept 1922.* It was unveiled in August 1923. The Sims family association with Holy Cross ended shortly after Katherine's death. There were five Sims daughters who reached adulthood: Frances Marian born 1878; Adelaide born 1881 whose probate was filed on 13 June 1950 in Christchurch; Winifred Lily who was listed as a nurse in the 1933 ***New Zealand Gazette***; Mary Eleanor whose probate was filed on 20 November 1962 in Christchurch; and Dorothy Julia born 1885. It seems that none of the daughters married.



Church Envoy, vol xi no 6, 1 June 1924 p78

We regret to have to record the departure from the parish of Misses A and D Sims. They were accorded a send-off at a social gathering held in the schoolroom on May 1, when presentations were made to them both: to Miss A Sims from the Choir and other church members, and to Miss D Sims from the Sanctuary Guild. The vicar, Mr Hellyer (parishioners' churchwarden), Mr Priest (choirmaster) and others made reference to the splendid work which the Misses Sims had done for so long at Holy Cross.

In the year ending 31 March 1923, the annual report noted that *There were 48 baptisms, six marriages and 27 burials during the year. There were 96 celebrations of the Holy Communion and 3091 communicated in the Parish Church. Besides the above there was a large number of private communions.* In May, vestry reduced the annual vicarage rent from £30 to £12. The major event in 1923, however was the flooding of southern Dunedin.

Church Envoy, vol x no 7, 1 July 1923 p92

There is a mild epidemic of influenza in the parish, and many people have had colds as the result of the late flood. Practically the whole of the parish was under water. Attendances and offertories have suffered in consequence.

Nevertheless, financial constraints did not stop the vestry from recognising the importance of the church organist. In April 1923, Frank Kettle resigned as honorary organist after seven years of service. It is unclear when he became *honorary*, as he had been appointed with an annual salary of £10. He had been given a gold watch in 1920 and was presented with an illuminated address at a parish social on 5 July 1923 upon his retirement. His replacement, Miss King was appointed with an annual salary of £15 in May. It seems, however that Miss King was not happy with the arrangements and tendered a letter of resignation in September. It is unclear what came of this letter as vestry received another letter from Miss King at its 18 March 1924 meeting, resigning her post as organist from the end of March. Miss E Davis was appointed organist from April but she resigned from the position in October 1924. Miss Brown of Young Street was appointed organist after Miss Davis but resigned in May 1925. Miss King was reappointed organist at this time with an annual salary of £30, that is, the annual salary had doubled since she was first appointed two years previously. The promise of a "new" organ may also have appealed to Miss King as Holy Cross finally replaced its organ in October 1925. It purchased an auxiliary pipe organ from Andersons Bay Presbyterian Church for the sum of £110. Holy Cross sold its old organ to the Macandrew Bay Anglican church for £13 in April 1926.

Church Envoy, vol xiii no 5, 1 May 1926 p73

The new organ, which was purchased some time ago, has proved to be a splendid instrument and a great acquisition to the church. The old organ, which had been in use at Holy Cross for many years, was sold to the Macandrew Bay congregation. We take this opportunity of congratulate the Macandrew Bay Church people – many of whom were formerly member of Holy Cross – on commencing services there; and we convey to them our very best wishes. We desire to thank Mrs Kingston for kindly playing the organ for the week-night services during Lent.

During the early 1920s, the choir suffered further upheaval with its choirmaster. In the middle of 1922, Frank Mulligan moved to Oamaru with his family after only eighteen months in the position and William Michael Fraer was appointed as the new choirmaster. William Fraer was a draper by trade and he left Dunedin at the end of 1923.

Church Envoy, vol xi no 1, 1 Jan 1924 p7

The vicar and Mrs Wingfield entertained the members of the choir at the vicarage on November 28. The evening proved most enjoyable. ... We regret the departure from the parish of Mr Fraer for Christchurch. On the eve of Mr Fraer's departure, he was entertained by the choir and presented with a sold leather suit-case in appreciation of his splendid work as choirmaster, and to his faithfulness as a member of the church. The ladies of the choir provided refreshments.

A diocesan layreader, Arthur Fleet was approached about becoming the new choirmaster but seems to have declined the position. Percy Priest was appointed in March 1924 and went on to hold the position for a number of years.

There were still non-musical activities for parishioners.

Church Envoy, vol x no 11, 1 Nov 1923 pp153-4

We have now five active members of the Servers' Guild, viz, John Pope, Arthur Skeels, Ernest Fish, Barnard Wingfield, and Lyell Callis. The Winter Club had a wind-up social recently. The Tennis Club opened the season on Saturday, October 6. There was a large attendance of members and friends. We shall have three courts this year. Lack of space precludes us from making reference to the annual meeting of the Tennis Club, etc. We congratulate Miss Vera Hodges on her appointment as a nurse to the public hospital. Our parish correspondent, Mr DH Hastings, through an oversight omitted in last month's notes to refer to the departure from the parish of Mr E Esquilant, recently transferred by his firm to Nelson. Mr Esquilant was a splendid worker here, having been a teacher in the Sunday-school, a server at the altar, a member of the Tennis Club and of the Winter Club. We hope to see him back some day.



Photo from
Gwen Anderson
(nee Shanks)

HOLY CROSS TENNIS CLUB.

My brothers and I played for the Holy Cross Tennis Club while we were at Secondary School and in the succeeding years in the late 1920's. There was a Tennis Association and a Tennis Union and the Church Clubs belonged to the Union. The different denominations in St. Kilda had courts in Musselburgh School grounds. Holy Cross had two courts facing Marlow Street (formerly Bowen St.), and there were three other courts used by the Presbyterians and Methodists.

We played matches against other Union clubs in Dunedin, which involved travelling by tram, the common means of transport.

For a time we provided afternoon for our visitors, serving it in the school playshed. At that time we did not have access to the school kitchen. I remember cucumber sandwiches being very popular with players. My mother, Mrs. Shanks, had her big black iron kettle boiling on the gas range for us, and my brothers, Tom and Bill would run home between games to Cranley Street (formerly Islington St.), in order to provide afternoon tea for the players.

Readers may remember two lady janitors dressed in blue smocks and bonnets who always carried their buckets to the school each day and after their cleaning duties were finished, would leave with their buckets, locking the high picket gates after them. So, if members wished to play tennis after 4 p.m., either the gate had to be climbed (not so difficult for a teenager) or get the key from the janitor's house. I think they resided near the pumping station.

Committee Meetings were held in the Sunday School Hall.

I remember being invited to a friendly game at the Central Fire Station. The alarm bell rang in the middle of the match and the firemen rushed off leaving an undecided match!

We were also invited by the Cathedral Club to participate in a friendly match. I cannot remember the result of the match but vividly remember enjoying a game of miniature golf, the highlight of which was my holing in one. We probably played at the Deanery.

Names I remember:

Dora Carpenter

Rae & .. Ombler

Alma Pullar

Charlotte Moody

Edna Longworth

Hazel Race

Sibyl Anderson

Phyllis Anderson

Evelyn Litolff

Ruby Griffiths

Miss Sutherland

Violet Wingfield

Florence Greenhalgh

Evelyn Niven (Longworth).....

David Gain

Bill Pullar

Keatley Litolff

Don Stewart

Bill Stewart

Mac Stewart

Chris Pope

Harry Litolff

Stan Longworth

Tom Shanks

Bill Shanks

Norman Shanks

Gwen L. Anderson (nee Shanks)

The officers elected to the Tennis Club in September 1924 were Rev Wingfield (president), William Jacobsen, William Dunning, Maurice Priest and Henry Hellyer (vice-presidents) Mr Woodhead (secretary and treasurer), Mr C Hayward (captain), Mr Blake (deputy captain) and on the committee – Messrs Blake, Hayward, Scott, Esquilant, Fish, Woodhead, the Misses Clarke, Scott, Jones, Pope, and Mrs Woodhead. There were further references to the Priest and Hayward families in the **Church Envoy** later in 1924 which give an insight into their church life prior to Holy Cross.

Church Envoy, vol xi no 12, 1 Dec 1924 p179

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs Priest, sen, Mrs C Hayward and Miss Myrtle Downing. Mrs Priest was for many years connected with the Mornington parish, where she and her family did splendid work for the Church. In later years she was attached to this parish, where she continued to take a lively interest in the work and attended the services regularly. The members of her family are well known and valued workers at Holy Cross. Mrs Hayward (nee Balk) before coming to this parish, took an active interest in the work in S John's parish, Roslyn. At Holy Cross she, with her husband, identified herself with the religious and social life of the Parish. She was a member of the Ladies' Guild and Holy Cross Tennis Club, in both of which she took a keen interest. Miss Myrtle Downing was a scholar and afterwards a teacher in our Sunday-school. She was a most faithful member of the Church here. We extend to the relatives of the above our deepest sympathy.

Susannah Priest was aged 81 years, Victoria Hayward 27 years and Myrtle Downing 16 years.

Parishioners took pride in the achievements of its congregation, even if it meant eventually farewelling them.

Church Envoy, vol xi no 5, 1 May 1924 p62

Congratulations to Mr Roy Dickie on passing his BA degree. Roy has been a good help to us in the Sunday-school. ... We congratulate Miss Anderson on her appointment as Home Science mistress to an important post in the North Island.

Roy Andrews Dickie was the eldest son of James and Frances. James Dickie married Frances Mary Pearce Godwin at St Peter's Church in 1901. Roy was born in 1903 followed by a younger brother, Owen Godwin Dickie in 1909. In 1925, Roy completed an MA degree. A school teacher, Roy joined vestry and was immediately appointed secretary at the annual meeting in 1926. In April 1926, Roy became superintendent of the Sunday school and five months later became a licensed layreader for the parish. Roy resigned all of his posts at Holy Cross in March 1927 when he shifted to Blenheim. At the 1927 annual meeting, James Dickie took over his son's role as secretary and held that post till his death on 24 March 1942. Roy Andrews Dickie returned to Holy Cross in 1927 to marry Margaret Jessie Nevill of Waitahuna. In January 1931, Roy and Margaret were holidaying in Dunedin and Roy conducted some services in the vicar's absence.

During 1925, Holy Cross lost both of its Sunday school superintendents when Miss Annie Green and Arthur McKee (who was also on the vestry) left the parish for employment reasons to Auckland and Timaru, respectively. Their successors were Dora Carpenter and Roy Dickie. Miss Gore (presumably Vera) also stood down as secretary and treasurer of the Sunday school during 1925, with Dora Carpenter succeeding her in those roles.

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The wind-up social in connection with the Boys' and Girls' Clubs took place on Thursday, November 12. The social was very largely attended. The members of the two clubs availed themselves of the opportunity of presenting to Mrs McKee and the Misses McKee tokens of their good-will and appreciation. The vicar, who was present, presented to Mrs McKee several handsome piece of Doulton ware

from the Girls' Club, and from the Boys' Club a box of stainless knives. The Girls' Club at the same time through the vicar presented to the Misses McKee cups and saucers of Doulton ware. The vicar, speaking on behalf of both clubs, referred to the splendid work done by Mrs McKee as president of the Evening Guild and Girls' Club, and expressed the deep regret felt at their departure from the parish. Reference was made to Miss Edna McKee's connection with the Sunday-school and choir. Mr Fish and Mr Craven also bore testimony to their faithful work. Mrs McKee in reply referred to her happy connection with Holy Cross and the friendships that the family had formed in the parish. The vestry at its last meeting expressed its regret at the departure of Mr McKee, and the secretary was instructed to thank him for his services as a vestryman during the past two years. Owing to Mr McKee's departure we are at present without a Sunday-school superintendent. ...

We have to chronicle the departure from the parish of several families, and we hope that any newcomers will at once link up with us and give us all the help they can. Our Sunday-school is working in conjunction with S Martin's, NEV, in demonstration and other work at the Exhibition. Miss Gore has been appointed with Miss Carpenter as our representative on the Sunday-school Teachers' Association. We regret that Miss Islip, one of our worthy representatives on the Association and a valued teacher, has left us for Timaru.

In its ninth annual report for the year ending 31 March 1926, the annual income was recorded as £740, down from £775 the previous year- *a slight falling off in revenue while the attendance during the last six months has also decreased.* Looking at events during those last six months, the decline in attendance can partly be attributed to parishioners moving away and death, including that of William Vickery. The annual report expressed regret at William Vickery's death, describing him as *one of the original committee and a generous supporter of the Church. He was an active member of the choir up to the last and his voluntary services were always at the disposal of the Vestry. He will be much missed.* The vicar's report gives a summary of the various branches within the church, that is

- Missions
- Sunday Schools – senior and junior
- Choir
- Bible Classes – senior, under the Vicar and the junior, under Mr Dickie
- Ladies' Guilds
- Boys' Club
- Girls' Club
- Sanctuary Guild
- Tennis Club

In conclusion, *The Bishop visited us in September for confirmation and confirmed 29 candidates, several of whom were adults. During the year there were 89 celebrations of the Holy Communion, Communicants, 2790; Baptisms, 34; Marriages, 7; Burials, 16.*

Removals from the parish, both through death and moving away continued to be a feature in 1926. Vestry alone lost three prominent members during the year. Richard Salter did not stand for re-election to the vestry at the annual meeting as he shifted to Andersons Bay with his wife, Ellen and two sons during the year. The removal of Richard and Ellen Salter to Andersons Bay also led to the

removal of Ellen's mother and longtime supporter Kate Thompson who had lived with her daughter and son in law in Driver Street since the death of her husband, JL Thompson in 1911. Secretary for the local Amalgamation Society, Major Robert Parker and his wife, Susannah left the parish for the last time midway during the year.

Vote for amalgamation of St Kilda Borough Council with Dunedin City Council,
September 1925

Booth	For	Against
Coronation Hall	501	1236
Musselburgh Presbyterian Hall	174	224
St Clair Presbyterian Hall	190	151
Forbury Crescent	61	169
	926	1780

(SKBC 1995/95 Forms and Procedures, DCC Archives)

The death of Harry Hellyer was noted in the vestry minutes on 14 July 1926.



Harry Hellyer from <http://tcode.auckland.ac.nz/~mark/familyV3.html>

This vestry wishes to place on record the loss sustained to Holy Cross Church, St Kilda through the death of Henry William Simpson Hellyer who died on 16 June, 1926. The late Mr Hellyer served the church faithfully for 17 years as Committee-man, Vestryman, Treasurer, Churchwarden and represented the Parish for many years on the Diocesan Synod. Through all these years he performed his duties faithfully and in a true Christian spirit. As an active member of the Anglican Church and in his public capacities and as a private citizen he was noted for the honesty of purpose and outspoken denunciation of anything he thought was wrong, Our church and the parish are the poorer for his demise and in tendering our condolences to his sorrowing widow and family we feel confident that God will soften their grief and give the necessary grace to his descendants to enable them to follow faithfully his shining example.

Harry Hellyer is remembered in a memorial window in the chancel depicting Jesus Christ as king, on the north side facing Katherine Sims. Money for the window was raised by public subscription among the parishioners and it was unveiled on 15 July 1928. The **Church Envoy** records the significance of that date to the Hellyer family.

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In the evening of the same day a memorial service was held in connection with the death of Mrs Hellyer, whose death had taken place only a few days before. The late Mrs Hellyer was for many years a respected and faithful member of the church



Grace Hellyer from <http://tcode.auckland.ac.nz/~mark/familyV3.html>

here. We extend to her only daughter and to the other relatives of the deceased our deepest sympathy...



Harry and Grace Hellyer's only child, Freda Titchener paid for a window in remembrance of her mother to be placed beside Harry's window in the chancel. It shows the Virgin Mary holding white lilies. It was dedicated on 16 December 1928.

While memorial windows, ornaments and tablets were donated to Holy Cross, parishioners' services to various branches of the church were also recognised with gifts while they were still alive. These gifts included illuminated addresses, satchels, books and, particularly during the 1920s, Doulton-ware. A number of presentations were made to Kate Thompson over the years due to her activities as a stipend fund collector, within the Ladies' Guild and finally as president of Sanctuary Guild. When she moved to Andersons Bay with the Salters, she was given a chair and a very handsome cushion.

Church Envoy, vol xiv no 3, 1 March 1927 p38 under Mothers Union notes
The old custom of keeping Mothering Sunday (4th Sunday in Lent) has been revived in England, and the Central Council at Home last year desired that this should be made universal throughout the Dominion. It is hoped that his Festival will be remembered by all the Dioceses again this year, and in future years.



This photo from Chris Pope seems to be taken during the mid-1920s. It can be dated by the loose chairs and the Kate Sims memorial window with Alfred Sims' memorial plate standing upright beside it. The plant archway in the right foreground seems to be made of toitoi, suggesting Harvest Festival time.