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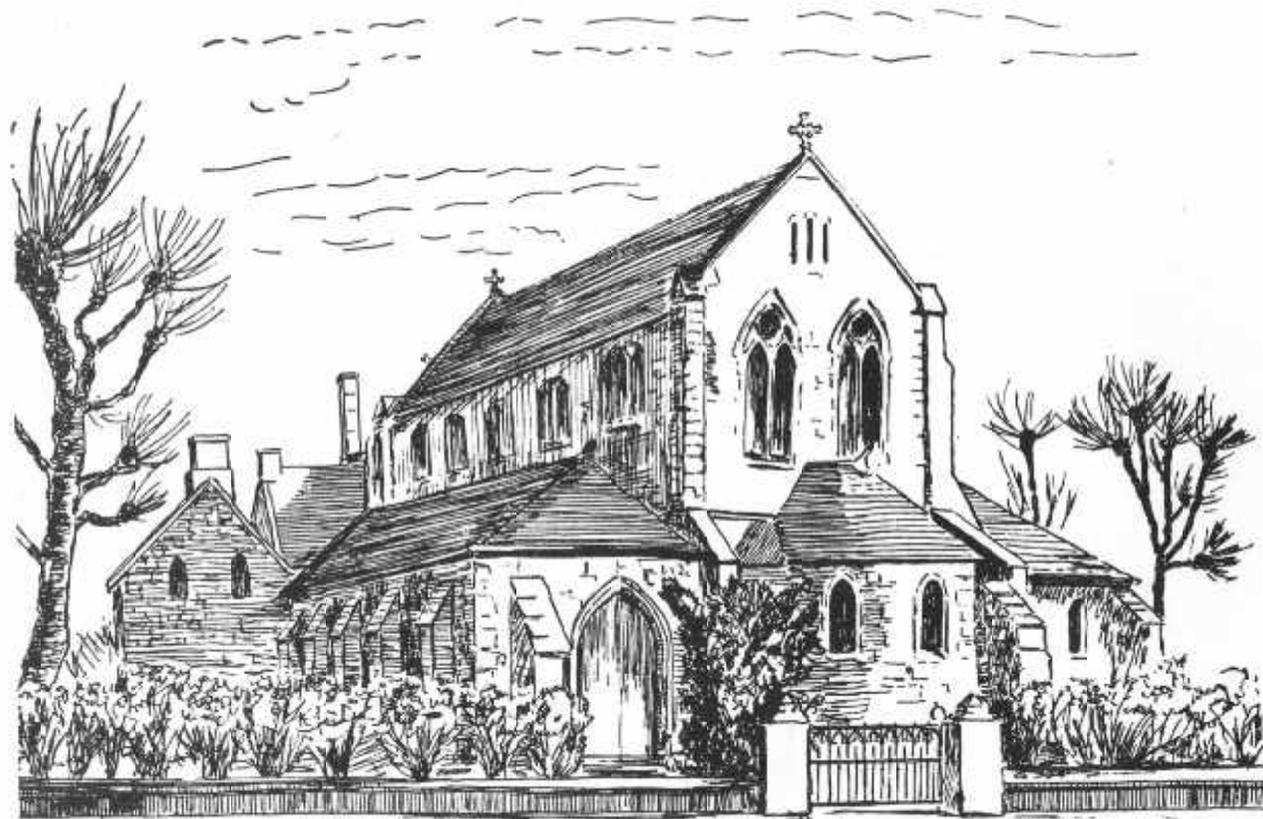
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The Church as it was intended to look by the Architect

THE STORY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

In 1865 the population of Southall consisted of 4,484 people living in 418 houses. The Ordnance Survey map of that year clearly shows that the town was made up of three distinct and separate areas - Norwood Green around St. Mary's Church, Southall Green around the Manor House, and Southall around the market. But there were only two churches among these three areas, that of St. Mary the Virgin at Norwood Green which had been standing since the 12th century and St. John's at Southall Green built in 1838 and the inhabitants of Southall north of the Great Western Railway decided that it was time they had a church of their own. On Sunday the 15th November 1868 the sound of a third church bell was heard across the fields, meadows and orchards which surrounded the little country town. The events which led up to this event were recorded in the church minute book and the following passage is extracted from it.

"The first church of which Southall could boast was a temporary iron one which had previously done duty at Brentford while St. Paul's was building there. It came to Southall in this wise.

On the 15th January 1868 a meeting was held at the Southall Schools at which a committee was formed to canvass the district for the raising of a sum of £200 and if successful to authorise the Rev.H. Worsley, the Rector of Norwood, to write to the Secretary of the Ealing Ruri-Decanal Association and accept the offer of the Iron Church. The resolution was moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Canning and carried unanimously.

Messrs, Gibson were willing to remove the Iron Church from Brentford to Southall and re-erect it, varnish the inside, the roof and the seats and to paper the walls, all for the sum of £200. This sum having been promised, the Rev. Worsley wrote to the Ruri-Decanal Association and accepted the offer of the Iron Church, while Mr. Gibson saw Mr. Murray the agent of the Earl of Jersey and arranged the site opposite the "Three Horse Shoes" public house with him. This site was accepted at a public meeting held at Southall Schools on 30th June 1868 and a committee formed at the next meeting on July 7th, for the removal of the Iron Church from Brentford to Southall. This consisted of Messrs. George Gibson, W. Chater, West and Langler and the Rev.H. Worsley, and the first resolution was to accept the offer of the site in Mr. Bignell's field and to ask the Secretary to write to Mr. Murray accordingly. It was also decided to write to three iron church builders asking them to tender for the required work, tenders to be received by the 17th July 1868.

Only one tender was received - at £280! This was referred back but the tenderer declined to reduce this figure and the committee called upon Messrs. Gibson to fulfil their original offer.

This was done and the Iron Church was off the ground by the 31st July and re-erected by the 15th September because the next committee meeting was held in the Vestry Room of the Iron Church on that date. During the next few weeks the committee held several meetings and among the resolutions passed were the following:-

That the church be called Trinity Church.

That the Church be insured for £800.

That the Secretary obtain and have a bell fixed in the turret.

That the offer of the old font from Heston Church be accepted (this was ultimately abandoned because of its poor condition)

That the Secretary get the matting and carpet laid as cheaply as possible.

That the Bell-ringer, Organ-blower and Pew attendant be paid not more than £10 per year and that Hutchings and widow Beasley have the appointments.

That the 80 sittings nearest the Chancel be paid for at 15/- each per year,
the next 72 at 10/- each per year
the next 72 at 5/- each per year
the next 108 at 2/6 each per year
the next 104 to be free

The Rev.H. Worsley authorised the Secretary to write to Mr. Costelow and accept his offer for the organ according to the tenor of his letter, Mr. Worsley most kindly offering to provide it for the use of the Church. At the committee meeting on November 6th. the Rev. Worsley announced that he had appointed the Rev. W.E. Littlewood of Hipperholme, Yorkshire, as curate in sole charge of the district which was to be all that part of the parish north of the Great Western Railway.

The Church was opened on Sunday November 15th. by Archdeacon Bickersteth who preached the sermon in the morning; the Rev.H. Worsley preached in the evening and Mr. Abbott of Richmond officiated at the organ. Collections amounted to £27. 5. 4. "

These notes were extracted from the minute book which was opened in 1891 with the permanent church; they had been copied from the very first minute book of 1868. The 1891 entry concludes as follows:-

"The foregoing in black ink is as nearly as may be a verbatim copy of the entries in the old minute book of 1868 - I am responsible for nothing but their truth, and indeed it was because I felt that the prime movers in so very important a work ought never to be forgotten and the Rev. Henry Mills, the Vicar designate of the new parish of Holy Trinity Southall agreeing with me. I have brought forward, perhaps not without imperfections, an account, presumably official, of the founding here, in Southall of what by the kindly fostering of good men and the blessing of Almighty God, has led up to the building of the new Holy Trinity Church Southall. I propose now to continue a record of the facts, as they appear, regarding the opening of the Iron Church to the conclusion of the work and labour of the committee appointed to carry out its introduction to and establishment at Southall.

C. N. Abbott 25.5.91"

Presumably church affairs proceeded normally for some years in their quiet way; in 1877 the minister began to sign himself as minister of Holy Trinity Church - until then it had been known as Trinity (Iron) Church. Then in 1880 something happened which caused a considerable upheaval. Once again extracts from the minute book tell the story.

"It should be stated that until the year 1880, the district of Holy Trinity formed part of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Norwood, Middlesex. In that year however, through action on the part of the Rev. John Jackson, Vicar of St. John's Southall Green and the Rev. J.L. MacDonald, Rector of Norwood, a scheme was set on foot separating the district of Holy Trinity from the Parish of Norwood and attaching it to the district of St. John's and with the concurrence of the Bishop of London the negotiations were carried out without the knowledge of the parishioners of Norwood, Southall Green or Southall."

Presumably some of the facts became known. (Actually the Rev. MacDonald preached at the Iron Church on the 25th July and he foreshadowed the proposal. It appears that the parishioners had no doubt that this was a preliminary announcement and that a public meeting would be called to discuss the propriety of such an arrangement but when nothing happened Mr. Gibson went to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and discovered that the matter was almost completed).

At a protest meeting which was held at the Southall Coffee Tavern in September 1880 and reported in the Middlesex County Times and the Buckinghamshire Advertiser, the Chairman outlined the history of the parish of Norwood and said that at one time it was in Hayes parish and a peculiar of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The tithes of the parish of Hayes were sold or in some way parted with by the Church and were held by what is called a lay

rector but as the Church could not really sell them the lay rector had to appoint a vicar to do duty. The Vicar of Hayes had the right of advowson to Norwood which became a perpetual curacy and the Vicar of Hayes was appointed to it.

The church was built at the extreme end of the parish because of its sparse population and the fact that the inhabitants principally resided in the neighbourhood of the church. The lay rector had all the tithe lands and the perpetual curacy of Norwood had a very small endowment. It was eventually raised to a rectory as was also the vicarage of Hayes because the lay rector surrendered a portion of the land absolutely to the Church and retained the rest on his own freehold, both livings being endowed with land; in 1880 Norwood was valued at approximately £1,000 per annum. The enlargement of the district of St. John's meant that the duties of the Rector of Norwood were curtailed. It was understood that £85 per annum was to have been set aside by Mr. Worsley which with pew rents were to be sufficient to maintain a curate in Holy Trinity district. The new Rector Mr. MacDonald said that nothing was said to him when he purchased the living concerning the Iron Church, that there was no special fund and that he was not bound to supply the services of the Iron Church.

The reason for the meeting was that they thought it was not a proper or a just thing for the tithes of Norwood to go entirely to the Rectory, without any endowment being made to St. John's as there would be very little left to maintain a clergyman and no - clergyman single-handed could discharge the duties of so large a district; he must keep a curate but in order that he could do so there would be continual begging while at the same time there must be this rich Rectory retaining all the emoluments and have nothing to pay. Therefore it was thought that the Bishop should bring a certain pressure to bear on the patron of Norwood as would result in something being given towards an endowment fund for the district to be cut off from Norwood..... The fund for Ecclesiastical purposes in the parish should be apportioned according to the work to be done because the property yielded ample funds for the endowment of two churches. The future must be regarded when a church in place of the present iron building would be the centre of another district, and where was the money to come from with which to endow it, unless the public again put their hands in their pockets to subscribe anew. The same with regard to St. John's which district could not be worked without the funds, which could only be obtained by begging. The tithe lands of the parish, if properly adjusted, would provide for all.

The day following the meeting a memorial as follows was sent to the Bishop of London:

"My Lord,

We are informed that arrangements are now pending to enlarge the district of St. John's Southall Green by a considerable area severed from the poorer part of the Parish of Norwood whilst the Rectory, released from its responsibility to provide for the spiritual needs of the whole civil parish of Norwood, is to be permitted to retain all the emoluments arising from the tithe lands hitherto set aside for that purpose.

The effect of this arrangement if carried out would be to increase the selling value of the Rectory of Norwood by about £3,000 for the sole benefit of the patron of the Benefice.

We would therefore earnestly and respectfully beg your Lordship to withhold your sanction to such arrangement until provision be made to secure from the Rectorial tithe lands a proportionate endowment of the proposed new district corresponding to the spiritual obligations from which the Rectory would be relieved. Otherwise we feel a great scandal to the Church. If we, who are so materially and sentimentally interested in these arrangements have no legal status certainly our voices ought to be listened to in the settlement of them."

(Here follow the signatures of Messrs. Johnston, Hudson, C.N. Abbott, Welch, Pearce, Hill, Frear, Adams, Neville, Harvey, Quinion, Dodds (guardian), Ford, Marsh, Longhurst, Hart, Gibson, Gibson. G. Minter, Hanson, Hanson, Jamieson.)

No reply having been received, a reminder was sent on August 31st. but this too brought no response and the excitement being intense the following was addressed to the Queen on September 5th.

“To the Queen's most excellent Majesty.

In the matter of the enlargement of the district of St. John, Southall Green in the Parish of Norwood, Middlesex.

May it please your gracious Majesty.

The undersigned your most dutiful and loyal subjects representatives of the memorialists hear with much surprise that your Majesty will be asked to sign an Order in Council on the 6th instant approving of the arrangement in respect of the above.

The proposed arrangement has only been known to the inhabitants of Norwood a short time, not sufficient to properly consider it and a memorial has been sent to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of London on the subject a copy of which we now beg most respectfully, to lay before your Majesty. We should like therefore most respectfully, earnestly and humbly to entreat your Majesty not to sign the Order until the Bishop has had time to take into his consideration the memorial concerning the settlement in which we are so deeply interested.

Alfred Welch
George Gibson.”

An acknowledgment was received from the Secretary of State saying that the matter had been laid before the Queen and referred by her Command to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

Meanwhile a reply dated 6th September came from the Bishop of London: -

“Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt today of a letter signed by 22 resident Parishioners of Norwood requesting me to withhold my sanction to a re-arrangement of the cure of Norwood and St. John' s Southall Green.

I am sorry that so many of the Parishioners appear to disapprove of the measure but my consent to it was signed and sealed as far back as August 9th and I should suppose the Order in Council must by this time be complete.

The request was made to me by both incumbents and the alteration appeared and still appears to be beneficial to the satisfactory working of the district. The Bishop has no means except in sequestration and the like of knowing the income of benefices and he leaves it to the incumbents and patrons to provide that no injury is done to either cure in the matter of endowment where any such alteration as the one in question is made.

J. London.”

In another letter dated the 23rd October 1880 the Bishop said:-

“It should be observed that in making alterations to the boundaries of districts the only question before the Bishop and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners is that of the most convenient and effectual working of the Parish. With the endowments we have nothing to do..... The law appears to consider not unreasonably, that this matter may be left to the Incumbents and Patrons who will provide for their own interests. In this instance the application was made by both Incumbents with the concurrence of the Patrons of both benefices.

I sincerely trust that the Parishioners may find no room to regret a measure which is now past recall.” This letter, and the reply to the Memorial was considered still to be unsatisfactory and the following letter was sent to the Bishop on the 16th November.

“My Lord,

We have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's letter in replying to the Memorial it was our duty to address to you.

We are exceedingly sorry to hear from your Lordship that the rumoured extraordinary re-arrangement in respect of the Rectory of Norwood and the district of St. John Southall Green, has been approved by your Lordship.

We are totally at a loss to comprehend how your Lordship could possibly be induced at the instance only of the two Incumbents, and without any attempt at consultation with the representatives of the Parishioners, to sanction an arrangement so completely for the benefit of the Benefice of Norwood, with the present emolument of about £1000 a year, with prospective increase, and so unfair to the newly-constituted district of St. John. This district, large in extent, with a small endowment of a residence and about £100 a year, with at least five-sixth's of the population of the civil parish of Norwood, including many poor distributed all over it, must require a very energetic coadjutor with the Incumbent to administer it, a condition which must compel the Incumbent to seek support from external and other sources.

The subtainment of the Incumbency should certainly, in a measure, be provided from the funds of the Benefice of Norwood, somewhat corresponding to the obligations from which your Lordship at present proposed to release it.

We would here beg to remind your Lordship that the Rector of Norwood is morally, if not legally, bound to maintain the services of Trinity Church, Southall, because of the agreement of his predecessor with the parishioners, viz:- That if they would undertake the expense of removing from Brentford and setting up at Southall the structure of the Trinity Church Building, he would undertake to provide a fund permanently to secure £80 a year towards the maintenance of public worship in the Church.

The parishioners would have made their representations upon the subject earlier to your Lordship, could they have conceived it possible that your Lordship would have accepted the views of the two Incumbents only without consulting them.

The Incumbents may remove from the parish at any time when they may think it to their advantage, but the flock always remain.

The Parishioners fail to see any other than a pecuniary advantage to the Rectory of Norwood from this transaction, and would recall to your Lordship's recollection that a former Incumbent of Norwood acquired for himself large sums by the transfer of the Norwood Benefice, and one other in your Lordship's diocese, and the present proposal, by adding to the selling value of Norwood, will further promote such deplorable transactions.

We sincerely hope that your Lordship on consideration will take measures to amend this unfortunate arrangement by inducing the patron of Norwood to contribute fairly towards the endowment of the proposed new district."

This brought a quick response and the Bishop wrote as follows:-

Fulham Palace SW
November 20th 1880

"Gentlemen,

I regret that the objections which you feel so strongly were not brought to our notice during the long period while the negotiations were going on. I can only repeat that the matter was taken first in hand at the special request of the Incumbents of Norwood and St. John' s, that all the notices required by law were duly given, that as no objection of any sort reached us and that neither I nor the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have any power to recall or vary the Order in Council which in due course was issued.

I may add that the disproportion of Income between the two Benefices to which your main objection is taken, is a circumstance common to a large number of newly made Districts in England and Wales.

I am gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
J. London."

The Churchwarden, C. N. Abbott, wrote an entry in the minute book which reads:-

" It will be seen from the foregoing that the inhabitants of Norwood, Southall Green and Southall, did their best to prevent the fulfilment of the designs of the Incumbents of St. John' s Southall Green and Norwood Parish, but the Powers existing were too strong.

It is on record, see Middlesex County Times September 18th 1880 on the evidence of Messrs. A. Welch and George Gibson that the Rev. Worsley the Rector of Norwood in 1868 entered into a verbal arrangement with them that if the inhabitants of Southall would pay for the removal of the Iron Church from Brentford and re-erect it at Southall, he would set aside sufficient from the proceeds of the brick earth to create a fund which should yield an endowment of £85 per annum which with pew rents he thought would be sufficient to maintain a curate to minister to that part of the Parish which would in the ordinary course become a separate district.

That Mr. Worsley meant this there is no doubt, for he paid various sums into Queen Anne's Bounty Office to the credit of Norwood but omitted to allocate the fund thus being created to any particular purpose and when he disposed of the living the proceeds of the fund went with it and what was intended for the endowment of Holy Trinity District has since been enjoyed by his successors, and so lost to Holy Trinity District.

The question of the right of the Rectors of Norwood to appropriate the brick earth of the tithe lands has been a burning one but there seems to be a good old plan that they shall take who have the powers and they shall keep who can."

So the excitement died down and once again the Parish went about its normal business. But London was rapidly expanding and Southall too was growing. It was becoming obvious that the Iron Church, which was showing signs of wear and tear, would have to be replaced by a larger and permanent building. An opportunity to do something about it was occasioned by the Golden Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Victoria. Thus in 1887, on the 4th February at 7.30 p.m. a meeting took place in the Southall Schools under the chairmanship of W.W. Deloitte Esq. Present were all those interested in the proposal to build a permanent church as a parochial necessity and as a memorial of the Golden Jubilee of the Queen. It was explained that the Iron Church was now, neither wind, weather, nor water tight, having stood there for over eighteen years with similar duty at Brentford for ten years previously. The noble Earl of Jersey had offered as a gift a valuable freehold site of their own choosing on which to build the Church and Parsonage House and it was proposed to take advantage of the offer without delay. The Rev. Henry Mills, the then Incumbent, said that of the four to five thousand pounds which it was thought to be required, over one thousand had already been promised by subscription and he was assured that considerable aid could be counted on from the Bishop of London's Fund and others that gave largely to Church building. He therefore hoped that the foundation stone might be laid before Christmas next.

A resolution was then passed unanimously:-

"That in the opinion of this meeting it is expedient that a permanent Church shall be built for the District of Holy Trinity Southall, and the project adopted as a suitable commemoration of the Jubilee Year of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. "

A committee was then formed consisting of the following: -

The Right Honourable the Earl of Jersey	President
W.W. Deloitte	Chairman
Rev. Henry Mills	Secretary

C. N. Abbott, W. Brown, Captain Cahill, W. Chapple, C. L. Cribb, George Gibson, Alex. Henderson, Rev. John Jackson (Vicar of St. John), Rev. J.L. MacDonald (Rector of St. Mary's), William Pearce, Rev. H.W.P. Richards (Rural Dean), Rev. Wm. Walsh (Secretary London Diocesan Home Mission)

On Saturday 19th February, the committee met at the Vestry Room and adjourned to inspect a site in the immediate vicinity and then proceeded to the eastern end of the town where it was rapidly concluded that a triangular site on the northern side of the Uxbridge road, opposite the Park gates was the most eligible. It was then resolved to submit the opinion of the committee to the Earl of Jersey for approval. A circular letter was issued on the 21st February by the committee appealing for assistance from outside the district setting out their aims and listing the subscriptions already promised.

The next committee meeting did not take place until Monday 8th August when the Secretary reported that the Earl of Jersey had agreed to the site chosen. He also reported that there was no hope of getting any assistance from any Church building fund until they were enabled to go with plans of the proposed buildings to the Fund Administrators. It was then resolved to invite a few architects to send in competing plans, the plans each to be accompanied by a motto and the names of the pro-pounders to remain secret. (At this committee meeting the death of one of their members on that very afternoon was announced and an expression of their deep regret and sorrow was inserted in the minutes).

Replies were subsequently received from each of the architects expressing their willingness to send in competition plans for the new Church. The report of the sub-committee which had been appointed to prepare instructions to the architects was adopted with little alteration. In them it was directed that the Church was to be faced with Kentish Rag Stone and Bath Stone dressings and to contain sittings for 500 adults, together with Vestry, Organ Chambers and

Tower complete, to cost £4,000 the plans or drawings to be sent on or before January 1st 1888. The name of the Rev. W.H. Berlow was added to the committee, presumably vice William Pearce deceased. But the hope of the Rev. Henry Mills that the foundation stone would be laid by the end of 1887 was not to be realised for it was not until after Easter 1890 that the work of digging out the foundations was commenced. Progress was so rapid that Thursday June 5th was fixed for laying the foundation stone. When the date was announced a description of the Church to be built was published at the same time and was as follows: -

“The building which is to accommodate 500 adults will, then complete, consist of a nave 66 ft. long, 20 ft. wide and 40 ft. high; north and south aisles each 11 ft. 6 ins. wide, chancel 28 ft. long by 19 ft. wide; south transept, organ chamber and double Vestry which for the present is to be used as a Parish Room, but on completion of the building will be used as a morning chapel. All porches will have double doors to prevent draught and the heating will be either with hot water or with warmed air. The Church which is to be in the Early English or first pointed style of architecture is being erected to the designs of Mr. J.W.T. Lee, architect, 26 Great James Street, Bedford Row, W.C.1 by Mr. J. Dorey of Brentford. Owing to the lack of funds, the north aisle is not yet being erected and exclusive of this, the cost is £3, 100. Mr. W.W. Deloitte has promised to have the East Window filled in with stained glass to a design proposed by himself and this is being carried out at a cost of £300 by Messrs. Burlison and Grylls of Newman Street, Oxford Street.”

Earl Jersey accepted the invitation of the committee to lay the foundation stone; he was accompanied by the Countess who before the start of the ceremony was presented by Mrs. Poole with a bouquet of lilies of the valley. The Service commenced by the choir singing "Christ is our corner-stone", and after a short psalm and prayers a silver trowel was presented to the Earl who soon well and truly laid the stone in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A number of purses were then handed to the Countess for the Building Fund; these amounted to £40. 8. 0. Mrs Mills then handed to the Countess a second bouquet, this time of roses. The hymn "The Church's one foundation" was then sung while a collection was being taken and the Service concluded with Benediction pronounced by the Bishop of Marlborough.

The Earl then briefly addressed the gathering and praised the energy and self-sacrifice of those people of Southall in starting the work. The Bishop followed and said a few words on the work being done in the great diocese of London. One of the difficulties was the enormous increase in population annually added to it, another was the great diffusion of foreign elements mingling with the English life of London. The success of the early Christian Church was due to the fact that every member was a worker and he urged them to promote the success of the new Church by engaging in work of some kind in connection with it.

The company then adjourned for luncheon in a spacious marquee on the site and various toasts and responses were made in excellent spirit and in keeping with the joy of the company at seeing the project at last under way. Among those present were:-

The Suffragan Bishop of Marlborough
The Rev. Prebendary Richards and Walsh
The Rev. J. L. MacDonald (Norwood)
The Rev. J. J. Jackson (St. John's)
Dr. Oliver (Ealing)
The Rev. J.S. Hilliard (Christchurch, Ealing)
The Rev. W. Petty (St. Peter's Ealing)

On this particular occasion a generous offer was made by Mr .Deloitte of a second donation of £500 on condition that the committee should complete the Church as far as regards the north aisle, the Vestry Room and the Organ loft chamber. This offer was needless to say gladly accepted.

Within seven months the building operations had been completed and the Church was ready. It was formally opened and consecrated by the Bishop of London on Saturday 31st January 1891; the Bishop was accompanied by his Chaplain the Rev. W.Ogle and by Mr .H.Lee, Diocesan Registrar. The clergy who were present were:-

Rev. Prebendary Walsh (Bishop Designate of Mauritius)
 Henry Mills
 C. M. Harvey (Acton) Rural Dean
 D.S. Maclean (Rector of Hanwell)
 Dr. Tupholme (St. Stephen' s , Ealing)
 J.S. Hilliard (Christchurch, Ealing)
 J.L. MacDonald (Rector of Norwood)
 J. J. Jackson (St. John' s)
 Dr. Mills (St. Michael' s , Coventry)
 W. Mills (Benington, Herts)
 F.J. Hamilton (High Barnet)
 Erwin (Willesden)

After the Dedication, Choral Morning Prayer was sung, the Rev. H. Mills intoning the Service. Proper Psalms were the 82nd, the 122nd, and the 130th. The first lesson (First Kings, Chapter 8 verses 1 -22) was read by the Rev. C.M. Harvey and the second lesson (Hebrews Chapter 10 verses 1 -19) by the Rev. J. L. MacDonald.

The Anthem was Dr. Elvey's "I was glad when they said unto me", and before the sermon the hymn "Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire" was sung, first as a solo by Master Mead, secondly as a quartet by Master F. Mead, and Messrs. H. Walter, Mead and Harland, Bass, and lastly as a full chorus. Mr. J.J. Wilson, Organist and Choirmaster was at the organ. The Bishop took as the text for his sermon St. Luke, Chapter 16, verse 31. A Service of Holy Communion followed Morning Prayer. A luncheon was subsequently held in the Schoolroom at which 150 guests were present.

The newspaper report in the Middlesex County Times mentioned that:-

"many of the items in the new Church have been given by Mr.W.W. Deloitte, including the Reredos portraying the Exaltation of Christ on His Throne in the company of Adoring Angels; the side panels are occupied by figures of the Evangelists. The pulpit, the brass eagle lectern, the choirstalls and the pavement of the Chancel are all his gifts. Mrs. Deloitte is the donor of the beautiful Altar Frontal which has been worked by Mrs. J.H. Trumper of Warren Farm, Norwood, and of the Altar Hangings. The Church is warmed by Grundy's hot air apparatus; the organ from the old Church at present fills the organ chamber."

The total cost of the Church (minus the Spire which had been included in the plans but was never built) was £4,000; this and the laying out of the grounds.

To this must be added the following valuable gifts by the various under-mentioned donors:-

	£
The Grand East Window	300
Carved oak and gold Reredos	220
Enrichment of tiling of Chancel floor	33
Choir stalls in oak, in lieu of pine	50
Polished brass eagle lectern	90
Carved oak pulpit	90
The organ	600
Altar rails and gas brackets in the Sacarium heavily gilt	62
Altar frontal and dossal hangings	Mrs. M. A. Deloitte
The font	Mr. George Gosney of Elmfield Lodge, The Green,
The Altar Desk and Vases	Staff Surgeon L.T. Colhurst R.N.

The brass Alms Dish	Mrs. Henry Mills
The embroidered offertory bags	Mrs. Wm. Mills
The bookmarkers	Mrs. Jas. R. Mills
Choir books and music	Mr. Allpass

Thus when the various gifts and extras are added on to the basic building costs it can be seen that the total value was in the region of £5,500, which for a district like the Southall of those days was a considerable achievement.

Seven years after the Dedication of the Church its principal benefactor died at the age of 80. The following extracts are from the obituary notice in the Middlesex County Times.

The death occurred at his residence at Hill House on 23rd August 1898 of William Welch Deloitte. His name has always been associated with objects of charity. Holy Trinity Church is a lasting monument of his noble gifts to the parish. He contributed over £3,000 to that building alone and his last public thanksgiving was the almshouses at Mount Pleasant. This was Mr. Deloitte in private life, a man endowed with riches and ever ready to distribute them among his fellow creatures.

He was born in London in 1818 and was founder of the firm Deloitte, Dever Griffiths and Co; chartered accountants of Lothbury. He took up residence in Southall in 1855. Regularly in the morning his carriage passed through the High Street to the railway station and returning in the evening, always at the same times. He took no part in parochial business, more than holding the office of President of the local Conservative Association and being churchwarden of the old Iron Church, afterwards being Treasurer of the Building committee of the present Holy Trinity Church. In addition to his gifts of two donations of £500 to the fund he followed with gifts of stained glass windows, the carved oak reredos and pulpit, brass lectern and Chancel rails at a further cost of upwards of another £1,000. In spite of his generosity and that of others the Church was still in debt when it opened. Sometime after when the Bishop of Marlborough came to preach the sermon in aid of the fund for clearing off the debt, the precise amount of it was £1,019. 13. 4. The Bishop was gratified to find that Southall gave him the largest collection he had ever had in response to one of his sermons for in the collection there was a cheque for the identical sum of £1,019. 13. 4. - needless to say from whom!

In 1897, to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee he had built at a cost of £1,500 the six almshouses at Mount Pleasant endowed in trust for all time. In between times he had also made the gift of an organ costing £550 to Holy Trinity Church thus relieving the Church members of the expense to which they had valiantly committed themselves when they determined originally to provide one worthy of their Church.

In his early days he was on the staff of the Official Assignee in Bankruptcy of the City of London Court but when about 26 years of age he commenced practice in Basinghall Street. He was called upon to act as professional accountant to the Great Western Railway in 1853 and the then present system of keeping railway accounts was largely due to him. He investigated and unravelled the great frauds that were perpetrated by Redpath in 1857 on the Great Northern Railway and in 1870 on the Great Eastern Steamship Co. His firm was closely associated with the large cable companies and he himself with the actual pioneers of submarine telegraphy. He was President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1869. He had also been a Freemason for over 30 years.

His funeral was conducted by the Rev. Henry Mills on Saturday 27th August 1898 and internment took place in the family vault at Kensal Green.

He left as residuary legatee his widow whose interest in the poor had always been as great as his own.

And then in 1917, another loss was suffered when Henry Mills died on the 25th April. From the obituary notice in the Middlesex County Times we get a portrait of the man and feel the sincerity of the writer when he says:-

“The Reverend Henry Mills had spent 31 years and therefore almost the whole of his clerical life at Southall. Coming in 1886, he found Holy Trinity a mission with a temporary iron building for its Church. Southall, it must be remembered, was then scarcely more than a village of a few thousand inhabitants but Mr. Mills proved himself ready in anticipatory provision for a phenomenal increase in population and launches the Holy Trinity Church building project in 1887, the fund being started with a bazaar that raised £300. In 1890 they were able to begin to build and a debt of £1,000 which remained on it when it was completed was wiped out by the late Mr. W.W. Deloitte. On the latter's death in 1898 his widow gave £1,000 as the beginning of an endowment fund. From Mr. J.G. Griffiths of Deloitte, Griffiths and Co. came £700, the Queen Victoria Clergy Fund provided £300; the Ecclesiastical Commissioners gave another £1,000. Thus at the presentation made to him on 6th April 1911 to mark the completion of his 25th year in Southall, Mr. Mills was able to say that his earnest desire that he might be spared to raise an endowment fund to bring in £200 a year promised to be fulfilled. It is fitting to mention these things because it is only fair to assume that the work and personality of Mr. Mills must have had much to do with the gathering and retaining round Holy Trinity friends so generous and so true.

Mr. Mills was a Freemason and was chaplain of the Jersey Lodge. He had also served on the Board of Guardians, the Burial Board and the School Managers.”

In his appreciation the writer of the obituary notice in the Southall Norwood Gazette said how much Mr. Mills would be missed in so many ways. "Those that knew him best could testify to a life upon which "unselfishness" can be written in large letters. Two particular acts stand out. The erection of the Parish Hall in Lady Margaret Road was his anxious wish and when the opportunity occurred to him by a legacy he devoted the whole of it to this purpose. The erection of St. George's Church was entirely due to him. He first secured the site and erection of the mission Hall in Beaconsfield Road but his activities were not satisfied until the handsome Church in Tudor Road had been erected and a living promised. It may not be generally known but the fact remains that rather than accept the living of St. George's which was offered to him, he preferred to remain Vicar of the Church of Holy Trinity which he loved, though the change would have been of material benefit to him. His epitaph will be "well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord".

The funeral of Henry Mills must have been an impressive sight and an occasion to remain for ever in the memory of those who were present.

The body was taken into Church on Friday evening and there were watchers with it all night, being drawn from the ranks of choir, sidesmen and Freemasons.

On the Saturday, the Church was filled to overflowing, the Service was conducted by the Rev. M. S. W. Bishop, Assistant Curate, the Rev. G. S. Gilbert, Vicar of St. George's and the Rev. W. Templeton King, R.D. Vicar of Christ Church, Ealing. After the Service, the cortege slowly proceeded to the cemetery at Southall Green with almost 500 in the procession following. The order of the procession was as follows:-

Cross Bearer, Churchwardens, Choir, Officiating Clergy, Hearse, Mourners, Visiting Clergy, Freemasons, Sidesmen, Verger, Churchworker, Council officials, Police, Southall Town Band, Southall Fire Brigade, Parishioners and friends. The streets were lined with more parishioners and the people of Southall, the shops and houses along the route had drawn blinds.

At the Golden Jubilee of Holy Trinity Church in 1941, special services were held. The morning service was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. F. G. Smith) and the Deputy Mayor (Alderman G.A. Pargiter),

together with members and officials of the Council. The vicar, the Rev. W.H. Wilson officiated and the Bishop of Kensington was the preacher. Among the congregation were four who had been present at the consecration of the Church fifty years before, they were Miss Day, Miss Lack, Mrs Dunn and Mrs Pearce. The Bishop recalled the changes that had taken place during the fifty years. Southall had grown from a small village to a large town, the Uxbridge Road that once saw only the harvest cart and the farmers wagon, the barouche and the coach now carried petrol driven vehicles, while the wireless and the cinema had widened our horizons and every conceivable aspect of life had changed. But all the time Holy Trinity Church had stood there permanent against a background of change in life, offering people a constancy in it all.

At evensong the preacher was the Rev. J.H. Linton D.D., Assistant Bishop of Birmingham. It is of interest to recall that in those days because of the blackout Evensong was held at 3.30 p.m.

The 75th anniversary of the consecration of Holy Trinity Church fell on the 31st January. Special services to commemorate this event were held and on Sunday, 30th January, the Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. R. W. Stopford, attended Evensong and preached the Sermon. At Evensong on Sunday, 6th February, the preacher was the Bishop of Kensington, the Rt. Rev. R.C.O. Goodchild. On both of these occasions the choir sang special settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, an anthem and at the conclusion of each service the Te Deum.

The birthday supper was held in Holy Trinity Parish Hall on Monday, 31st January and attended by 120 parishioners. Clergy present were the vicar the Rev. Maurice Rowlestone-Jones, curates the Rev. Lionel Priest and the Rev. Rupert Hine, and quests the Rev. A. W. Curtis, Rural Dean of Ealing and Vicar of the Church of the Ascension, West Ealing, the Rev. C.L. Bibder, Vicar of St. John's, Southall Green, the Rev. John F.C. Dakin, Minister at the King's Hall Methodist Church and the Rev. William Haggett, Minister at the Congregational Church.

After supper, Holy Trinity chorister and member of Southall Local History Society, Mr. W.J. Green, gave a talk on the events which led up to the building and opening of the present Church in 1891; the talk was illustrated by colour slides of the stained glass windows and church brasses, taken by Mr .A. Farrance of the Southall Photographic Society.

The windows in the Church are all lancet-shaped; one or two or more lancets may make a complete window referred to in the following paragraphs.

The bracketed figure at the beginning of each paragraph refers to the number of lancets in the window described.

Number 1. (5) This is the East Window; the symbol of the Holy Trinity is at the top surrounded by six adoring angels each one supported by the word Sanctus. Immediately below are two small roundels, the one on the left shows a red sun sending forth golden rays, the one on the right is pastel blue and represents the moon, with a human face, sending out paler rays. Respectively on the left and right of these are two large roundels showing the prophets Isaiah and Haggai together with a quotation from their writings "He has poured out his soul unto death" (Isaiah, Chapter 53, Verse 12) and "The desire of all nations shall come" (Haggai, Chapter 2, Verse 7). Beneath centrally is the Crucifixion of our Lord, with the words "It is finished" (St. John, Chapter 19, Verse 30) and on each side two of the Saints. On the extreme left appears St. Peter and the words "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (St. John, Chapter 6, Verse 69); next to the central figure is St. Mary and the words "He saith to his Mother, Woman, behold thy Son" (St. John, Chapter 19, Verse 26). On the far right is seen Saint Paul and the words "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do" (Acts, Chapter 9, Verse 6); next to the central figure is St. John and the words "Then saith he to the disciples "Behold, thy Mother" (St. John, Chapter 19, Verse 27). Below, the remainder of the window depicts the Last Supper. Judas is shown without halo and clutching a bag on which appears the figure 30, the price of the betrayal. In

the bottom left hand corner is a small inset inscription which reads "To the Glory of God". William Welch Deloitte 1890".

Number 2. (1) The lancet window on the north side of the Sanctuary shows the infant Jesus in the arms of his Mother and the words "Unto you is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord" (St. Luke, Chapter 2, Verse 11). Below appear adoring shepherds with their sheep, and angels with the words "Glory to God in the Highest" (St. Luke, Chapter 2, Verse 14). At the base of the window is the inscription "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lizzie, wife of Rev. Henry Mills, M.A. who fell asleep 8th August 1901. This window is placed here by her husband".

Number 3 (1) All that remains of the lancet window on the south side of the Sanctuary is a small roundel at the top showing an angel with the words "He is not here, He is risen" (St. Matthew, Chapter 28, Verse 6).

Number 4 (3) In the East wall of the side chapel the window shows Faith, Hope and Charity. On the left appears a figure representing Faith carrying a large cross and a bible. Charity is a woman with two small children and Hope a figure carrying a corn-sheaf and holding an anchor which rests on the ground. Extending across the base is the inscription "Dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lizzie Mills by her relatives 1901."

Number 5 (3) The south window over the altar in the side chapel is devoted to our Lord's ascension and is surmounted by three roundels. The central lancet shows Christ ascending into Heaven with outstretched hands showing the imprint of the nails. On the right and left the lancets depict figures of the disciples, and two angels saying "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into Heaven shall so come in the like manner as ye have seen him go into Heaven." (Acts. 1, Verse 11). In the central roundel appear two angels holding a crown above our Lord's head, and in each of the other roundels three angels, together with the inscription "I ascend unto my Father and your Father and to my God and your God." (St. John, Chapter 20, Verse 17). The dedication "To the Glory of God and in memory of Lizzie Mills wife of the Rev. Henry Mills, M.A. first vicar of this parish; erected by the parishioners AD. 1901."

Number 6 (3) In this window are three scenes which illustrate the texts quoted. "I was an hungered and ye gave me meat". A woman and a child are giving food and drink to a needy family of travellers. "I was a stranger and ye took me in". A woman in an open doorway, through which can be seen a table set for a meal, is welcoming two travellers. "I was naked and ye clothed me." A rich man is seen with his servant giving clothing to a man and a boy. (St. Matthew, Chapter 25, Verses 35 and 36).

At the base of the window is the inscription "To the Glory of God and in memory of Mary Ann Deloitte who after a life spent in good works fell asleep 9th January 1904 aged 84 years." At the top of the window are the words "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." (St. Matthew, Chapter 25, Verse 40).

Number 7 (3) All that remains of this window is the quotation at the top "Jesus saw Nathaniel coming and saith of him, Behold an Israelite in whom there is no guile." (St. John Chapter 1, Verse 47)

At the base is inscribed the words "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of George Gibson of Southall, died 20th August 1907. This window is dedicated by his wife and daughter."

Number 8 (3) The centre of these three lancet windows in the Baptistry depicts Christ, with an attendant angel, an infant in his arms with a little girl at his side gazing up at him. The words "Suffer little children to come unto me" (St. Mark, Chapter 10, Verse 14) appear below, and an inscription "Presented by F. Mansfield 1891".

The lancet on the left shows John the Baptist with two angels holding a scroll on which appear the words "Preaching the Baptism of Repentance". At the base is the inscription "In ever loving memory of our dear brother Sydney Walter Mansfield who passed away 21st October 1902".

The lancet on the right shows St. John the Evangelist holding a chalice and at his feet an eagle; two angels hold a scroll on which is written "Little children, love one another". At the base of the window are the words "In loving memory of our beloved son and nephew Sydney Walter Mansfield who fell asleep 21st October 1902".

Number 9 (2 and 2) The West window is in two parts. On the outer left appears the prophet Isaiah and the quotation "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son" (Isaiah, Chapter 7, Verse 14), Beneath is seen St. Matthews. Next is the prophet Jeremiah and the words "Is not the Lord in Zion? Is not her king in her ? (Jeremiah Chapter 8, Verse 19). Underneath is the symbol of St. Mark, a lion. In the roundels which surmount these figures is shown the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation.

On the outer right is the prophet Ezekiel and the words "The heavens were opened and I saw visions of God". (Ezekiel Chapter 1, Verse 1). Beneath is the symbol of St. Luke, a cow. Next is the prophet Daniel and the quotation "Messiah shall be cut off but not for himself." (Daniel Chapter 9, Verse 26). Below is an eagle, the symbol of St. John. In the roundel above appears the figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation.

Number 10 (3) This window illustrates the events described in the final chapter of the Gospel according to St. John. It is of special note because there is a representation of Henry Mills and of the Bishop of London among the disciples on each side of our Lord, who stands on the sea-shore with a fire blazing nearby, a cooking pot on a tripod and fish ready, to cook. In the background is the sea and a boat close inshore with a sailor lowering the sail. The quotation "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep" (St. John, Chapter 21, Verses 15 and 16) appears at the base of the window. Surmounting the left and right lancets respectively are coats of arms and the words "Graduate of Trinity College Dublin" and "Ordained deacon and priest at Kilmore."

Number 11 (3) This window is dedicated "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Mills, Priest, first vicar of this parish, who entered into rest 25th April 1917 after 31 years faithful ministry in Southall. Erected by public subscription." On the left is shown the Baptism of our Lord; above is a font and below are the words "He shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost." (St. Matthew, Chapter 3, Verse 11). On the right is depicted the event at Emmaus which is described in Chapter 24 of the Gospel according to St. Luke when Christ revealed Himself to the two disciples whom he had met on the road and who had not recognised Him. Below are the words "He took bread and blessed it, and brake and gave to them". (St. Luke, Chapter 24, Verse 30). In the centre Jesus is shown holding a crook with a lamb in his arms, and the words "I am the Good Shepherd".

Number 12 (3) This window is dedicated "To the Glory of God and in memory of Henry Mills M.A. P.P. G.P.M. Chap. and Treasurer of the Jersey Lodge No.2163. Erected by the Brethren of the Jersey Lodge Southall". (P.P.G. is Past Provincial Grand Chaplain and P.M. is Past Master, both titles which are used in Freemasonry). The window depicts Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Brotherly Love is taken from Genesis Chapter 31, Verse 49, the words "The Lord be between me and thee "being spoken by Laban to Jacob. Relief is illustrated by the parable of the Good Samaritan, with the quotation "He went to him and bound up his wounds" from St. Luke, Chapter 10, Verse 34. Truth comes from the story of Nathan and David in Samuel 11, Chapter 12, Verse 7, "Thou art the man". Above the window appear Masonic symbols: on the left a Past Master's Jewel showing a square and the theorem of Pythagoras, in the centre a square and compasses, and on the right a Chaplain's Badge (Middlesex).

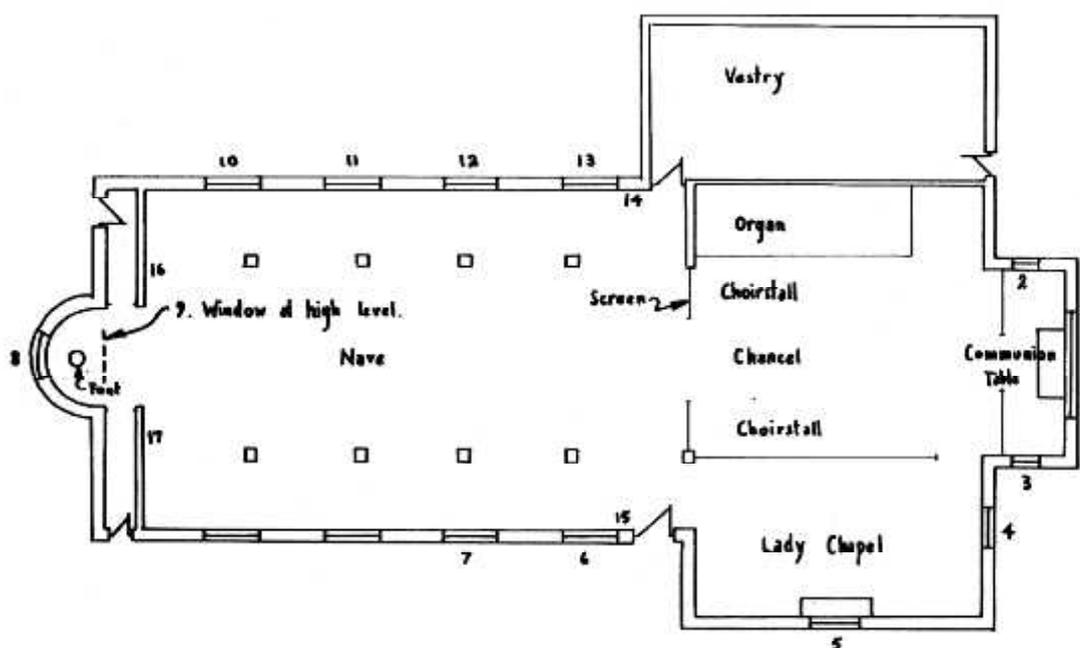
Number 13 (3) St. Luke is shown here surrounded by the sick to whom he is administering. The window is surmounted by the words "I was sick and ye visited me." (St. Matthew, Chapter 25, Verse 36). The dedication is to

"The Glory of God and in loving memory of George Bruce McDonald who for forty-three years ministered as a Physician to the needs of this district. He fell asleep 8th April 1913 aged seventy-one years."

The brasses in the Church are shown as numbers 14 to 17 on the sketch.

Number 14 reads:- In memory of Hugh Malcolm Millar D/Southall/Compy. 2nd.V.B./D, C.O./Middlesex Regt. who died of enteric fever while on active service in South Africa on 24th January 1901 at Newcastle Natal aged 26. This tablet was erected to his memory by the officers and men of his Company".

Number 15 reads:- To the Glory of God and the memory of William Welch Deloitte of Hill House Southall who entered into rest 23rd August 1898 aged 80 years. This tablet is erected by the Vicar Churchwardens and Parishioners in grateful remembrance of his many acts of benevolence. He was mainly instrumental in the erection of this Church and among other benefactions he built and gave to the Parish six freehold almshouses in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria A.D.1897. His Works do follow him.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTHALL.

PLAN SHOWING POSITIONS OF WINDOWS.

Above the Church-wardens stalls at the west end of the Church are two brasses on which are recorded the names of those members of the Parish who fell in the two World Wars. The dedications and the names recorded are as follows:-

1914 - 1919

Mighty by Sacrifice
In ever grateful memory
of the following
Officers and Men
connected
with the Parish
who fell
in the First World War
Faithful unto Death

William J. Adams
Edgar Adler
Henry A. Allen
John H. Ashton
Sidney A. Bacon
Bertram Boot
Edgar C. Brown
Herbert E. Philip Burwell
Percy Chatters Chatters
William J. Cheshire
William C. Coast
Arthur B. Cole
Frank Collins
Ernest A.E. Cracknell
Louis Daniels
Hamilton Drewitt
Albert J. Dunn
Montague G. Durbin
William V. Earthy
Frank East
William Eden
Percy Etherington
Robert B. Eyles
Sidney J. George
Clarence H. Ginman
Bernard St. John Glendfield
Eric Gosney
Arthur Grant
Sidney Hatch
James R. Hawkins
Howard Hayles
Ernest F. Holland
William J. Holland
Frederick C. James

Adrian H. Jones
George T. Jones
Sidney W. Jones
Oswald D. Keay
Harold Langton
Albert Lawrence
Herbert S. Lewis
Walter H. Lewis
William Lott
William H. Mash
John S. Page
Leonard Partner
Harold Pengelly
James L. Phillips
Sidney Robinson
William T. Rose
Ernest Rouse
John Salter
Alexander Scott
Walter H. Shepherd
Egbert B. Shute
Richard H. Stephens
Albert E. Steptoe
James Stoneham
Alfred Stonestreet
Frederick G. Stratford
Victor Sturdey
Edward Swain
Henry B. Tait
Charles V. Tolman
Sidney Toplas
William Thomson
Leslie A. Whiteley
James A. Wooster
John Wythe

1939 - 1945
Mighty by Sacrifice
in
ever grateful memory
of the following
Officers and Men
connected
with this Parish who fell
in the Second World War
Faithful unto Death

Frederick Baker	Edwin W.K. Emerson
William G. Bateman	Dennis V. Hall
Terence G. Bolton	A.W.E. Jeffery
William G. Bray	James S. Russell
Roger J. Burton	Robert Sabey
John H. Clay	Reginald Sherman
Henry C. Corpes	Horace R.S. Smiles
A. Douglas Cragg	Charles N. Sprawson
Roy L.S. Davidson	Alfred W. Vickers
Arthur E. Dodson	Peter Voller
Kenneth Draycott	Tony Voller
Frank L. Dumbleton	John L. Williams
Peter B. Dutton	Raymond W. Whitehouse

The organ has a small brass plate to the right of the console affixed to one of the curved oaks beams and it reads:-

"To the Glory of God, presented by William Welch Deloitte 1896".

The oak chancel screen bears a small brass plate on the right and close to floor level with the following inscription:-

"To the Glory of God and in memory of Mary Ann widow of William Welch Deloitte. She and her husband were generous benefactors of this Church and Parish. A.D.1907".

The lid of the font bears the following words:-

"In loving memory of Alfred William Hall, verger of this Church 1897 to 1925, the counterweight fittings for raising the font lid were placed by his widow and family September 1925".

The pedestal for flowers in the sanctuary has an inscription which reads:-

"In loving memory of Wilfrid Ernest Heritage: born 13. 9. 1914. died 11.5.1964."

The following brief notes concerning some of those whose memorial appears in the Church were extracted from the obituary columns of the Middlesex County Times.

Mary Ann Deloitte. It was mainly due to her influence that the almshouses were built and she donated £1,000 for their endowment in 1898.

George Gibson. He was born in 1829 and became a builder; he was some time a surveyor of roads. He purchased and laid out the Adelaide Estate and was latterly interested in the setting up of a bus service between Southall and Twickenham. For fifty years he was concerned with parochial work including service as a sidesman and his name was recorded in the Vestry Books as early as 1856. He had been a Charity Trustee appointed by the Charity Commissioners.

Hugh Malcolm Millar. He was born in Uxbridge being the third son of the headmaster of the British School there. For four years he served as a surveyor in Uxbridge and for nine years in Woodbridge Lacey Hartland and Company's bank. Secretary of the Southall Orchestral Society, he was also a member of Holy Trinity Church Choir. He was twenty-seven.

Lizzie Mills. Born in 1860 in Dromdiah, County Cork, she was held in high estimation by all who knew her and was always keenly interested in Church matters and the well-being of the parishioners. She caught a chill after playing tennis and died of pleurisy and pneumonia.

George Bruce McDonald. A magistrate and County Councillor, he "did much good by stealth and blushed to find it fame". For three long winter sessions he found time to lecture to railwaymen on ambulance work when this was a new and wonderful thing. For thirty-seven years he was Medical Officer to the Marylebone Schools and although for his funeral it was no flowers by request nevertheless the School sent its token of thanks in a magnificent wreath. Henry Mills hastened back from Italy to conduct the funeral; a bound copy of the service was distributed to all the mourners. He was buried at Beech Hill near Reading.

Ministers to Holy Trinity Iron Church

1868	-	1870	W. E. Littlewood
1871	-	1874	C. E. Campbell
1875	-	1876	J. M. S. Brooke
1877	-	1878	Dr. C. Beckett
		1879	Dr. Oliver
		1880	C. Baker
1881	-	1884	K. Jackson
		1885	H. C. Hodges
1886	-	1890	H. Mills

Incumbents of Holy Trinity Church

1891	-	1917	Henry Mills
1917	-	1931	Samuel Martin Young
1931	-	1939	James Bruce Harington-Evans
1939	-	1947	William Hubert Wilson
1947	-	1951	George John Halsey
1951	-	1961	Stanley Spencer
1961	-	1962	Interregnum
1962			Maurice Rowlestone-Jones

Curates at Holy Trinity Church

November	1907	J. M. Llewellyn Evans
August	1908	Charles A. White
April	1909	C.D. Johnson
October	1910	James H. Brown
July	1911	A.R. Parsons
July	1913	C.A. Compton
		John W.H. Sowerbutts
March	1915	Francis C. Sear
November	1916	Marmaduke S.W. Bishop
January	1917	Noel C. Moore
January	1923	Herbert J. Beck
April	1926	W.B. Potter
December	1927	H.W. Blandford
July	1928	A.E. D'Albertanson
December	1933	Eric R. Santer
October	1937	E.A. Turner
June	1939	Ronald Born
August	1940	John Tyrrel
October	1941	Ralph Baldry
October	1942	Evan Pilkington
December	1943	J. A. Boaden
July	1945	J. F. B. Goodwin
July	1947	Arthur H. May
June	1950	C.A. Keith Jinman
October	1950	E. H. Rigler
October	1952	G. McDonald
September	1953	Harry Silkstone

June	1955	Cyril C. Payne
July	1961	Gideon Olagida
January	1963	Lionel Priest
June	1963	Rupert Hine

Church Wardens at Holy Trinity Iron Church

1869	W.W. Deloitte	J. West
1870 - 1875	W.W. Deloitte	W. Chater
1876 - 1879	W.W. Deloitte	W. Houlder
1880 - 1881	W.W. Deloitte	G. Gibson
1882 - 1884	W.W. Deloitte	M.A. Belve
1885 - 1889	W.W. Deloitte	C.L. Cribb
1890	C.N. Abbott	G. Gibson

Church Wardens at Holy Trinity Church

1891	C. N. Abbott	G. Gibson
1892	R. Brown	G. Gibson
1893 - 1904	R. Brown	F.E. Clinton
1905	R. Brown	J.H. Wilcox
1906 - 1909	R. Brown	A.S. Ruston
1910	R. Brown	F.F. Ashton
1911	R. Brown	H. Gosney
1912 - 1913	E. Plaistowe	H. Gosney
1914 - 1915	P. Mallinson	H. Gosney
1916 - 1917	P. Mallinson	W.T. Beckett
1918	E. Plaistowe	H. Allen
1919 - 1923	E. Plaistowe	W. Wreford
1924 - 1930	E. Plaistowe	W.J. Hanson
1931 - 1940	E. Plaistowe	F. Webster
1941 - 1944	H.E. Burwell	F. Webster
1945	H.E. Burwell	D. Webber
1946 - 1948	J.L. Bettridge	D. Webber
1949 - 1950	W.G.R. Samuels	D. Webber
1951 - 1953	W.G.R. Samuels	S.H.R. Smith
1954 - 1959	A.A. Gregory	S.H.R. Smith
1960 - 1962	A.A. Gregory	L.L. West
1963 - 1965	R.P. Kendall	L.L. West
1966	R.P. Kendall	H. Bright

EXTRACTS FROM

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SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE MANORIAL RECORDS
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SOUTHALL, FROM 1500.

by

HECTOR SMITH M.D.

GREATER LONDON RECORD OFFICE. (Acc. 435/Ed. 16.)

1359 Feoff. from John Anston	to	John Romaine	Kingscroft in Norwood bounded by lands of John Welsby, Johan le Western and William Cheseman
1371 ...of Attorney from John Shordych	to	William Cheseman to Walter Clark and Alice his wife	Northwood. One messuage XXV acres of land and meadow between lands of John Shordych in the north and of John Romaine in the south
1389 Feoff from William Cheseman	to	William Lydgold & his heirs	A croft of land abutting on the highway towards the west & the wind leading to the church of Norwood towards the East and between the lands of John Shordich on the north and John Roman on the south & an acre of land in the field called Kingcroft abutting upon land of Wm. Cheseman called Homehoods and the said street leading to the said church towards the west.
1414 John Batchelor	to	Wm Sydney his daughter	All lands and tenements in Norwood and Osterley and of all his lands in the parishes of Isleworth, Braynford & Hayes.
1418 Admittance of John Romaine the younger			to 9 acres of arable land in Southall lying in the West Field between the lands of John Romaine and of John Strete
1420 Release from Roger Gotherd	to	Walter Gotherd now Dennys Coles of all his rights	of the lands called Byxeley in the parish of Norwood
1421 Release from John Bachelor	to	William Sydeney the elder	of all his rights in Bainford, Thistleworth Heston and Norwood called Osterley.

1422	...of Attorney from Edward Alger and Alice his wife, daughter and heir of Robert de Bryante	unto	John Alger with possession to Robert Alger Esq	of a Croft called Bryante Croft lying at Bryante Bridge descended to the said Alice from Robert Bryante, in the parish of Southall.
1424	Release from Robert Canfield Canfield and others to Richard Comstall Esq, William Bland gent, and Johann his wife		to the heirs of said William & Johann	of lands and tenements in the parishes of Heese, Northwood and Southall.
1428	John Lane surrendereth to Use of		John Tayberd and Jane his wife	Oatland called Fulham, yielding to the lord and his successors a yearly XVd.
1429	Release from Richard Wakehouse	unto	Richard Tirrell and others	All lands and tenements called Osterley, in parishes of Norwood, Istleworth, Hestom Braynford, & Heese.
1446	Grant from John Godfrey the younger		Richard Besouth and his heirs of	An acre of land in Norcot & an acre of meadow in Brantmead between meadow of Wm Marshall on the south, and of John Molder on the north.
1447	Richard Weatherre & Maud his wife, daughter and heir of John Carter	unto	John Pound and John Breant	A meadow in Southall which descended to the sd Maud by the decease of her father, lying between the highway on the south and the water of Braynte on the east & north, and of the lane called the mill lane on the north.
1458	Feoff from Thomas Kenesley Esq	to	Richard Plokyndon	of lands, tenements, & rents in the townes of Istleworth Eastbraynford, Yilynge, Heston, Norwood, Chiswicke, and Southall, and elsewhere in the County of Middx.

1471 Deede of grante from Thomas Marshall	to	Thomas Childe & his heirs	A croft lying in Pish of Norwood which Thos Marshall late sold at the feoffment of Richard Marshall his other, son and heir of Wm Marshall decd, which Croft doth lye between the highway leading from unto Norcot towards the Easte and Berrywood towards the West & the land called North Furlong towards the South & a Croft called Hixsey towards the North. With Warrantry towards all men.
1472 Feoff from William Bland and his wife	to	John Charleton, Agnes his wife, Robt Green, et al	All lands and Tenements in Heese, Norwood and Southall.
1474 Thomas Besouth of Northcote, conveyance	to	... Parkinson and his heirs	All that six Closes called Corke, lying in Norwood, and one acre of land in the same parish adjoining lands of John Besouth on the South.
1478 Feoffment made by John Bray, et al.	to	John Warton, et al.	Half acre of meadow lying at Braynte between the meadow of the parish church of St Mary at Norwood, in the West, and the water called Braynte next Hanwell on the East, abutting on a meadow of Robert Shordych on the South.
1487 Feoff. from John Besouth	to	William Besouth and his heirs.	Three acres of arable in Middlefield, Southall, one acre in Westfield, between lands of Thos Tanner on the East, and lands of John Romaine on the West, and one other acre in Eastfield.
1494 Feoff. from John Besouth	to	Thos Rizzon & - Johnson (butcher)	An acre of land in the field called Eastfield, in the village of Southall, adjoining lands of Richard Molder on the West and the land of Robert Child on the South.

1495	Bargain and Sale from Robert Shordych	to	Edward Cheseman	Manors of Southall, and of all his lands in Heese, Southall, Norcot, and Harrow, and other in the Countie of Middx.
1496	Alice Casener surrendereth to use of		William Lawry	An acre of land in Northfield between the land of John Besouth on the South and the land of Wm Romaine on the North, all in the tenure of Robert Childe to the use of William Lawry and his heirs
1497	Feoff. from Henry... John Clodier the elder John Stevens & John Smale	to	Edward Chessman & his heirs	of a cottage in Norwood between between the land of ... Anthony on the East & John Romaine on the West, Norwood church on the South & the land of John Romaine on the North
1497	Grant by John Fitzherbert and Miles Child	to	Edward Chessman & his heirs	to an Annuity of XXs at the feast of Easter and St Margaret yearly by even payments going out of a messuage and .. acres of land and one of meadow named Isabell Haws.
1498	Thomas Molder surrendereth	to	William Lane	An acre of land in Northfield Southall, between the lands of John Smale on the North & Miles Child on the South.
1498	John Richards, formerly Wm Richards	to	Robert Child	Messuage, and ten acres of land in Southall.
7th April 1500	Release from Thomas Shordych & Margaret his wife, To Wm Mordaunt & other peoples to use of, enrolled by Ed Chessman in May, 1501.		Edward Chessman & his heirs in warranty against all men	Manors of Southall, and of 1 messuage, 1 mill, 200 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood and 100L, in rent in Southall, Morcot, Heese and Harrow.
1500	Robert Shordych Esq Refers to former Indenture of bargain & sale on 16 Feb 1495	to	Edward Chessman	By this last Indenture Robert Shordych doth grant that Wm Mordant shall have the Manor of Southall and lands to the use of the said Edward.

1510 Rbt Shordych Wm Mordaunt et al. release	to	Robert Chessman	Manors of Southall 1 messuage, 1 mill, 200 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wodd, .. in Southall Norcot, Hayes and Harrow.
1518 Feoff. From Thomas Countass	to	Robert Cheseman and others	Land in Westfield and in Eastfield in Southall
1545 Feoff indented by Robt. Cheseman	to	Thos Childe & his heirs	Arable land, meadows, and pastures in Norwood, whereof 6 acres and a half of arable tenure and pasture lying in Homescroft, and half acre in Wayne homes, and half acre in Braynthome and half an acre in Brayntemeade, and ten and a half acres residue lie elsewhere in Southfields, and Yeldinge, Northfields and Eastfields, in Norwood
1552 Walter Besouth son of John Besouth under obligation to surrender	to	Francis Chamberlain	Messuages and lands that John Besouth was seized of in Norcot, Southall, and Heese, holden of the said Manor of Heese.
1552 ... between Francis Chamberlayne & Anne his wife, and in Warrantrie against said Walter Besouth		Walter Besouth son and heir of John Besouth	3 messuages, 3 Crofts, 3 gardens, 200 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 600 acres of pasture and 15 of woodland, in Hease, Norwood and Southall
April Indenture of 1570 made by Robert Chamberlain son and heir of Anne, late wife of Francis Chamberlayne with to the use of Alice Coddendam whom the Said Robert intended to marry, for the terms of her life in ...		Sir Walter Myldmaye, Knight and Elizabeth Coddendam for the of	Manors of Southall, Norwood and Dormanswell and all other lands and tenements, as well freye as copiehold. of the said Ann Chamberlayne in Heese, Southall, Yeling, Hanwell, and Kentish Town
Mar Bargain and sale by deed 20 from Robert Chamberlain 1577	to	Gregory Lord Dacre and Lady Ann his wife	The Manors of Norwood and Southall and of the messuage of Dormanswell and of the manors of belonging to Dormanswell.

Addendum 1509 John Perkins Surrenders	to	John Newdigate	A messuage in Norcot and xxv acres of land Lying in Southall field Norcot, and Southall. to the use of Edward Cheseman and his heirs.... the will of the said Edward
1577 An Indenture between Robt Chamberlain Esq &		Gregory Lord Dacre	Surrendering all his Copie hold land in Hease, Norwood, Hanwell, Brantford, Cranford, and Northall, to the use of the said Lord and Lady Dacre.
Sept Feoffment from Robt 1577 Chamberlain	to	Gregory Lord Dacre & Lady Ann his wife referring to the indenture of bargain and sale dated March a.20 Eliz	the manors of Southall & Norwood and lands in Heese, Norwood, Hanwell, Harrow, Braynford, Cranford, and Northall. in warrantie against Robt Chamberlain and his heirs.
Sept A .. of Attorney from 1577 Gregory, Lord Dacre and Lady Ann his wife, ..	to	take	The lands and tenements in Southall, Norwood, Hanwell, Braynford, Cranford, Heese and Northall.
1579 Indenture acknowledged to be enrolled before Robt North between Robert Chamberlain Esq and		Gregory Lord Dacre and Ann his wife whereby Robt Chamberlain doth release	The manors of Northwood and Southall and divers other Manors and lands therein specified to the only use of the said Lord Dacre, without conditions. Warrantry of said Robt Cheseman Chamberlain and his heirs.
1580 Deed of Feoffment from James Smith	to	George Loman & his heirs	An acre of land in parish of Norwood, between the 1a of Edward Tedwaye on the South and the Highway from Norwood to London on the North, and abutting upon land of George Smith to the West. (sons of Edward Smith.)
1581 Release from Robt Chamberlain	to	Gregory, Lord Dacre	All rights in the Manors of Norwood and Southall and all his lands called Dormanswell.
1581 Lease from John Lane of Norwood	to	Dame Wynifred Marchioness of Winchester	Two closes called Great Broomfeilds in Norwood, of about 80 acres and two other closes called Danally Broomfeilds of by estimation Lxxx acres.

Note 1.

Dame Wynifred, Marchioness of Winchester

Sir John Brydges
(Lord Mayor of London)



Sir R. Sackville- = Winifred = John Marquis of Winchester

(Whose third wife she was)



Gregory = Ann Sackville

(The Lady Ann Dacre who
disposed of Dormanswell
in her will.)



D.S.P.

Note 2.

Sir Walter Mildmay, who was concerned with the life interest in the estates of Robert Chamberlain of Elizabeth Coddenham, was Chancellor of the Exchequer under Queen Elizabeth at the time when Lord Burleigh (Lady Dacres Executor) was Secretary of State. It is curious that Sir Walter Mildmay founded Emmanuel College Cambridge and Lady Dacre founded Emmanuel School in Westminster.

Note 3.

Prominent families in Southall from 1350 to 1600 were

Romayne	1359 to 1497	Besouth	1446 to 1552
Cheseman	1350 to 1545	Shordych	1371 to 1510
Child	1471 to 1545		

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