

The Church records of Services, Vestry Minutes and even the church building of St. Barnabas', Bathurst record and reflect the social change of Bathurst and perhaps also of the nation.

The records show that the majority of the parishioners were of the "working and artisan class" while the Vestry and Clergy were of the "middle class".

The Bishop wrote in 1878 that the Church had been paid for, costing £873 and "it only wants a spire to complete it". The spire was given by the next Bishop (Bishop Camidge) in 1902.

Even in 1906 the Rector writes "owing to the generosity of Bishop Camidge and Mrs. Camidge, it has seen the removal of the last of our debts".

As the country developed from a dependent colony to a self-supporting nation and Bathurst from a town controlled by a few large land-holding families to a city, where-if they desire to participate-all people are able to elect and seek election to local government, the Church also has changed.

St. Barnabas has been called "the church of the working man". This title may be true or not, but if we compare the makeup of its members now with that of past generations, we do see significant changes and I believe, progress.

The Parish roll shows a good cross-section of society and the Vestry reflects the average membership. We no longer depend upon the paternalistic generosity of a few people and the involvement of parishioners is more widespread.

If I had to give St. Barnabas a motto, I would hopefully call it "the Church of all its people" where all members can and do worship, work and participate according to their special gifts and are not graded by social class distinctions or material possessions.

The first 100 years of St. Barnabas has been an evolution towards this Christian ideal. I hope that the next 100 years confirms this development.

NORMAN BYRON,  
Rector of St. Barnabas', 1975

## **ST. BARNABAS" CHURCH, BATHURST**

To commemorate one hundred and thirty years of Parish worship of St. Barnabas' Church, Bathurst, the 130 Committee has re-issued a booklet of our past history, present activities and future aspirations. We hope it may be a souvenir worth keeping, of a memorable and exciting celebration.

*Extract from the "Bathurst Times", August 7th, 1875:*

**CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
NEW SCHOOL CHURCH  
Near Mill Town**

**A PUBLIC MEETING**

Will be held this  
(SATURDAY) AFTERNOON  
At half-past 3 o'clock, in the  
TEMPORARY PLACE OF WORSHIP, VALE ROAD  
For the purpose of  
FORMING A COMMITTEE TO CARRY  
OUT THE WORK

*The Lord Bishop of Bathurst will preside at the Meeting*

The Foundation Stone was laid on 25th August, 1875, by Mrs. S. E. Marsden, wife of Bishop Marsden, first Bishop of Bathurst. The "Bathurst Times" on 28th August, 1875, reported:

### **CHURCH OF ENGLAND, MILLTOWN**

"The foundation-stone of a new church at Milltown, to be called St. Barnabas', was laid on Wednesday last, by Mrs. S. E. Marsden. The ceremony was witnessed by about four hundred people, the majority of whom were ladies and children.

The exact position of the land on which the church is to be built, and which has been kindly given for the purpose by the Hon. Francis Lord, M.L.C., is a paddock at the extreme end of Rocket Street, just at the turn off to the Vale Road, about a mile from the Cathedral.

According to previous arrangements, the children attending All Saints' Schools, numbering some two hundred, assembled, and marched, with flags and banners flying, to the scene of operations, where, at 3 o'clock, the crowd had increased to the number mentioned.

Besides the Bishop, the Rev. Canon Smith, and the Rev. F. C. William, there were present Messrs. J. F. Clements, John E. Dargin, O. B. Sparks, G. Hulks, R. W. Waters, A. B. Turrell, H. Lubeck, and L. Colvin as members of the Committee.

Among the other gentlemen present we noticed Mr W. H. Suttor, one of the members of East Macquarie, and the member for Bathurst, Mr. F. B. Suttor. The afternoon, as regarded weather, "could not have been better".

It was further reported The Rev. Canon Smith explained that a cavity had been prepared beneath the stone, in which a bottle would be placed, containing copies of the local papers, the 'Australian Churchman', and the 'Sydney Morning Herald'. He regretted to say that the last mentioned journal contained the intelligence of the sad death of Commodore Goodenough".

"Mr. F. B. Suttor, M.P., mentioned that he believed "the stone laid that day had been used for a similar purpose when All Saints' was commenced, and he hoped that, at no distant day, the stone would have to be taken up again, and an addition made to the new building to meet the growing requirements of the locality."

'The Rev. Canon Smith stated that he was sorry that Canon Sharpe could not have been with them that day. Thirty years ago he stood beside the stone which had just been lowered into its new place, mayhap in joyful anticipation of the building which was then to be reared over it.

The stone had served its purpose, and now it was laid as the foundation of another building, which they intended to call St. Barnabas'.

Canon Smith presented Mrs. Marsden with a silver trowel to be used in the laying of the foundation stone. Mrs. Marsden, after the stone had been lowered into its place, tapped it three times, and said: "I declare this stone to be well and truly laid, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost."

The abovementioned silver trowel was presented to St. Barnabas' some years later, and has been in the care of the Bathurst District Historical Society until returned to the Church during this Centenary year.

It is understood that-the reason for the establishment of St. Barnabas' in Milltown was partly because of the growth of Bathurst, necessitating the building of a second church within the Cathedral Parish, and also because parishioners who lived in Milltown were often waylaid and beaten up by the town toughs whilst proceeding on foot to the Cathedral for Evensong.

In his Presidential Address to Synod in 1884, Bishop Marsden asked for approval for the formation of the new Parish of St. Barnabas', to be taken out of All Saints' and on April 2nd 1884, Rev. F. M. Dalrymple was licensed as Minister of the Parish of St. Barnabas' Milltown. Rev. Dalrymple was made Canon on 28th October, 1885.

The fortunes of St. Barnabas' Parish have fluctuated; on one occasion it was passed back to the Cathedral Parish and later restored to its own independence when finances permitted.

The present Church was built in 1881 to replace an earlier weatherboard church building dating from 1875. This weatherboard building was afterwards used as the Parish Hall until it was replaced in 1918 by the present brick Parish Hall, the foundation of which was laid by the Primate, the Most Revd. J. C. Wright, D.D., on 21st September in that year. The Hall was further extended to its present dimensions in 1922.

The old hall was sold, and later formed part of the buildings of a dairy on the southern outskirts of Bathurst.

The Chancel was added to the church in 1895, its foundation stone being set by Lady Darley, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, on 8th October, 1895.

The Church was consecrated on 10th October, 1896.

The spire, the gift of Bishop and Mrs. Camidge, was added in 1901, being dedicated that year at Easter.

The first couple married in the new church were Mr. & Mrs. **J.** E. Yeates, in the year 1876, the Rev. Canon Thomas Smith, of All Saints' Cathedral, officiating. Canon Smith was the Rector whilst St. Barnabas' was attached to the Cathedral, until 1884.

The first recorded Confirmation service was held on 5th April, 1888.

The foundation stone of St. Barnabas' Rectory in Brilliant Street was set on 9th March, 1904, by Sir Francis Suttor, who became well known as President of the New South Wales Legislative Council.

It would appear that it was customary to hold Parish High Teas and other such functions in the Masonic Hall until the Parish Hall was built.

As late as 1900, the local press reported a "Two-Day sale of Work" which had been held in the Masonic Hall, and the names of the stall holders should strike a chord in the memories of some of our parishioners:

Mesdames: Camidge, Tracey, Weatherley, McIntosh, Davis, Fromm, Appleby, McGuinness, Middleton, Hurford, Pearce, Naylor, Richardson, and Misses Lisle, Schneider, Howell, Bayliss, Hedge, Lockhardt, Croaker and Hobson.

Other names which occur frequently in reports of functions held through the years are Lewins, Cutler, Kable and Upfold, and members of some of these families are at present on our Parish Roll.

With apologies for omissions, we have compiled a list of Memorials donated to St. Barnabas' and have printed the list in this booklet, together with the names of the Rectors who have had this Parish in their care.

The Parish Magazine in earlier days was called "The Church Messenger", and nothing illustrates the changing times more than a comparison with the present "Barnabas' Breakthrough".

Parish boundaries were extended to take in the Gorman's Hill area, and we welcome the families from this rapidly growing part of Bathurst.

During 1974, an extra twenty feet (width) of land the full length of the church grounds from Bant Street to the Railway fence was generously donated to the Parish. After moving the fence, volunteers cleared the land and it is intended to seed this area with lawn grass.

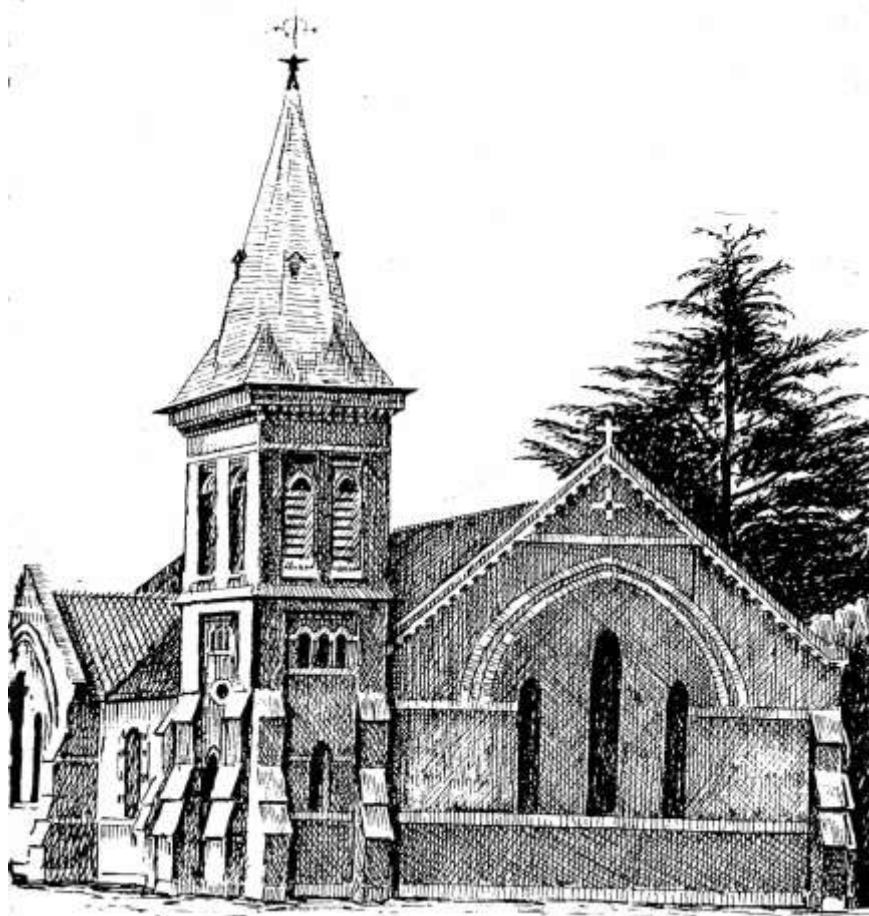
Our Memorial Rose Garden was completed and dedicated by Archdeacon Ussher on Sunday, 29th June, 1975.

The Parish News sheet was published twice monthly, and was a credit to its Editor, Mrs. J. Pitcher.

## **THE CLERGY OF SAINT BARNABAS**

J. M. DALRYMPLE 1884-1889  
R. BARRY BROWN 1889-1891  
JOHN T. MARRIOTT, DEAN 1891-1895  
EDWARD HOWARD LEA 1895-1901  
R. O'BREZNEN BALL 1901-1905  
F. J. THOMPSON, CANON 1905-1911  
CHARLES JOSHUA ALLEN 1911-1918  
HERBERT HENRY PRICHARD 1918-1920  
T D. DUNSTAN 1920-1926  
W. KING HOWELL 1927-1933  
ARTHUR E. WESTON 1933-1937  
HENRY STAFFORD NEEDHAM 1937-1941  
ARTHUR MILLS, CANON 1941-1947  
GEORGE POLAIN 1947-1950  
WILLIAM ALFRED CLINT 1951-1953  
JOHN JAMES SHERLOCK 1953-1969  
CLIFFORD E. USSHER 1969-1971  
NORMAN BYRON 1971- 1992  
PAUL WOODHART 1992- 2004  
WENDY DUBOJSKI 2004-

*Anglican Church  
of  
Saint Barnabas, South Bathurst*



*1875-2005  
130 years  
Memorial Booklet*

## MEMORIALS

Bishop Camidge, the second Bishop of Bathurst, regarded St. Barnabas' as his Parish Church and he and his wife took a keen interest in Parish affairs. Visible evidence of this interest is shown by the tower and spire which were the gift of the Bishop and his wife.

Mrs. Camidge donated the windows in the north transept in his memory and he is also commemorated by the carved wooden screen around the organ, the gift of the parishioners.

Other windows consist of the cast windows which commemorate Arthur Whitehead and were the gift of his widow, one near the pulpit which commemorates the ministry of Rev. Edward Howard Lea, and the one near the font is a memorial to Daniel John Cusick and his wife Emily Ada Cusick.

Choir Stalls: Dedicated in 1937 in memory of The Ven. W. K. Howell.  
Crucifix on Altar: Dedicated in 1951-no memorial.

Candlesticks on Altar: Dedicated in 1951 in memory of Alfred J. Robinson.  
Processional Cross: Dedicated in 1951 in memory of Leslie J. Wiburd.  
Ciborium: Dedicated in 1952 in memory of Albert H. Bayliss.

Rector's Stall: Dedicated in 1955 in memory of Florence A. Bower  
Revised Standard Version Bible: Dedicated in 1966 Thanksgiving by Rev. J. J. Sherlock 25th Anniversary of Ordination.  
Chalice and Paten: Dedicated in 1966 No memorial-gift.

Vestment Chest: Dedicated in 1966 in memory of John and Mary Sherlock.  
Altar Rail Extension: Dedicated in 1971 in memory of Cyril (Terry) Bennett.  
Tabernacle: Dedicated in 1971 in memory of Yeates and Wiburd families.  
Two Hymn Boards: Dedicated in 1974 in memory of Meryvn F. Pitcher.  
Bread Box: Dedicated in 1974 in memory of Violet Godfrey.  
Other memorials for which there are no Faculties on File are:  
Wall Tablet: Dedicated in 1885 in memory of June Catherine Marsden (mother of Bishop Marsden).  
Altar: Dedicated in 1949 in memory of Bessie A. Clark.

Credence Table: Dedicated in 1949 in memory of Francis J. W. Howell,  
Altar Rails: Dedicated in 1949 in memory of Francis J. W. Howell.  
Pulpit: Dedicated in 1921-1914-1919 War memorial.  
Offertory Plates: Dedicated in 1962-Gift of Mrs. R. H. Harris.  
Peck Case: Dedicated in 1964 in memory of Rubertha L. Harris.  
Lectern Bible: Dedicated in 1920 in memory of Rebecca J. Meneary.  
New English Bible: Dedicated in 1958 in memory of Elizabeth Deverell.  
Prayer Book: Dedicated in 1965 Gift of Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Clarke.

Wall Tablet: Dedicated in 1956 Gertrude Maude Barton.

Gifts to the church include:

Book Case: Made by Church Boys' Club in 1922.

Illuminated Address: Presented to The Rev'd. Canon Dalrymple (first Rector) on leaving the Diocese of Bathurst, 1889.

Flag Staff (in grounds): Dedicated in 1919-War Memorial 1914-1918.

Hymn Books (English Hymnal): Donated by Horace Smith, 1971.

Covers for Choir Kneelers: Made and donated by Miss Roslyn Pitcher on 1 the occasion of her marriage.

Covers for Congregation Kneelers: Made by Mrs. B. Spencer.