

## Notes from The Church Register

**1876** The Reverend James Saunders died in April. The Benefice was presented to George H. Hopkins, M.A., Fellow of Sidney Sussex College, who was inducted in September.

The condition of the Church was such that the drainage from roof gutters poured through into the Church.

**1877** First meeting held for the necessary steps for restoring the Church early in 1878 - the year previously the fabric was thoroughly investigated by Mr. J.P. St. Aubyn.

Friday July 13th - Confirmation was held by the Bishop of Truro. 6 candidates in all, 5 from Week St. Mary and 1 from Jacobstow. There had been no confirmations in the parish for 70 years - an old man, John Fry, remembered it.

**1878** - March 7th, Meeting of parishioners to support the movement for restoring the Church. Nov. 8th - South West pinnacle struck by lightning at 6.45 am. The Tower had been struck, during the winter months, on previous occasions: 1688 - NE pinnacle, 1812 - NE pinnacle, 1843 - SE pinnacle and 1865 - SW pinnacle.

**1879** - July 6th, last services in the Church prior to restoration. There were 8 communicants and the offerings totalled 4/-. Services were subsequently held in the Board School Room from July 13th to July 4th 1880.

July 7th - work on the Church commenced.

**1880** - July 8th Church re-opened. Expenses to that date were £1,502.16s.9d. Morning prayer and sermon by the Bishop of Truro, Evening prayer and sermon by Canon Cornish, the total offerings collected on the day were £24.7s.9d.

After the opening, eleven windows were filled with granite tracery and mullions at a cost of £313, the gift of Mr. C. Winbolt. They were completed in 1883.

**1881** - March 22nd, Confirmation b the Bishop of Truro, 19 candidates, 15 from Week St. Mary and 4 from Jacobstow.

**1885** - This Benefice was presented to Rev. J.D. Peake, Rector of Pitchcolt, Bucks.

**1887** - The Tower was restored with new roof and new floors throughout and the basement pointed. The bells were re-hung in a new oak bell cage and two were re-cast by Messrs. Warner & Co. This work was done at a cost of £170. A handsome stained glass window by Kempe was given b y Mr. Nash, in memory of his daughter, the wife of the late Rector Rev. G.H. Hopkins, who died in 1884.

**1889** - A handsome window with granite mullions and tracery and filled with Cathedral glass was given by Mr. C. Winbolt. A portion of new flooring was put in inside the South entrance door.

**1895** - The Rev. W. Wilkinson of Leicestershire exchanged Livings with the Rev. J.D. Peake and was inducted on December 2nd by the Archdeacon of Bodmin.

The high winds stripped off some 18 or 20 roof slates and damaged the lightning conductor. During the year a tea was given to the children of the Board School, by the Rector and twice to the Sunday School.

The Church tower needs pointing, the rain beats on the bricks and then drains through the joints making the walls inside very wet. The work must be done soon or the tower will suffer.

**1896** - A subscription list has been opened for repairing and pointing the tower. On 21st September the offertories on Revel Sunday and at the Harvest Thanksgiving the next day amounted to £2.7s.3d. besides which a Sale of Work realised £6.0s.0d. and the sale of the old organ made another £6.0s.0d.

October - The Parish Room in the Rectory Yard was opened for games, reading and amusement for men and adults during the winter months - and a very good number attends, Popular lectures and tea parties are occasionally given by way of change, instruction and sociability.

November - A new public road has been made and opened from the Tavistock road to the one leading to Bude, coming out by Haydah so that going down and up those steeps by Haydah are avoided.

**1897** - May 25th, the Tower is now finished and looks well able to withstand the storms once more - a fitting memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

June 1st, to celebrate the completion of the restoration work a public tea was held in the rectory rooms and about 80 people sat down to tea. At 7.30 pm there was a service of thanksgiving in the Church. The tower was opened entirely free from debt and a statement of accounts was printed and sent to each of the subscribers to the fund.

June 20th, by Royal Command special services were held to commemorate Her Majesty's reign of 60 years. On the actual Jubilee Day there were great rejoicings all over the country, here there was a free tea for all parishioners and a mug given to each child. Sports were held later in the day and a church service.

**1899** - June 30th, Rev. W. Wilkinson passed away after an illness lasting a week.

July, Owing to the kindness of the Rector's family and other friends, the Church bells have lately been re-hung. The living is now vacant.

August, during the vacancy the Rev. H.R. Jennings (Vice-Chancellor of Truro Cathedral) now vicar of Millbrook took charge of the Parish from August 12th to October 23rd and from October 23rd until the arrival of the Rev. S.H. Haslam, the Rev. H. Edwards (of the Bishop of Truro's Staff) took charge.

In August weekly and Holy Day celebrations of Holy Communion were re-established. In October, Matins and Evensong were said daily at 10am and 6pm in the Church.

**1900** - The Rev. Samuel H. Haslam, M.A. was inducted to this Living on 22nd January, by the Archdeacon of Bodmin.

**1901** - Queen Victoria died January 22nd and a memorial service was held in the crowded Church on Saturday February 2nd.

March 18th, A Confirmation was held in this Church by the Bishop of the Diocese, the following were confirmed: Michael Thomas Treleven (aged 52), William James Rundle (aged 19), Joanna Wickett (46) and Elizabeth Ann Hooper (35).

**1903** - A new two manual organ by Messrs. Bevington & Sons, Charing Cross Road, London, was built in the Church on the south side-aisle, to replace the old organ which stood on the north side. The original estimate for this organ was £223.10s. This sum was raised by voluntary contributions, concerts, etc and the old organ was sold to Bradford Church, Brandis Corner, N.Devon for £30.

**1906** - March 31st, The Bishop of St. Germans confirmed 25 candidates in Week St. Mary Church today, Jacobstow 13, St.Gennys 5, Whitstone 2, Week St. Mary 5: Elizabeth Jane Colwill, Ann Maria Pearce, Alice Wickett and Emily Jane Hooper.

A surpliced Choir consisting of 11 boys and 5 men was instituted on Whit Sunday, June 3rd. The extensive restoration & improvement of the Rectory was begun April 18th and were completed in 1907. The old kitchen was converted into the Dining Room, the Hall was enlarged, the old Dining Room became the Study, the old Study became the new Kitchen. Bathroom, lavatories etc. were provided. New windows were supplied throughout and a new back entrance and steps leading from the road was made, the old tumble-down cob buildings at the back were removed and a new stone wall built. The out buildings were also restored and improved. The total cost was defrayed by money from private sources.

The old dial was found at the Rectory, it was used as a step to the old Schoolroom. It was repaired and erected over the Church door.

**1909** - November 26th, A confirmation was held at St. Anne's Church, Whitstone on this date and 5 candidates were from Week St. Mary: Mary Constance Colwill (aged 16), Mary Margaretta Coles (15), Esther Mahala Coles (14), Ada Bertha Coles (14) and Bessie Winifred Coles (13).

**1910** - A clock was placed in the Church Tower early this year. The clock was obtained by Mr. N.F.A. Cobbald for a small sum and he and S.H. Haslam made the face, hands and connecting parts and erected it in the tower. It has been going steadily and keeping good time for several months.

King Edward VII died May 6th and was buried May 20th. A united memorial service was held at the Church according to the authorized form at 1pm, the time appointed for the interment, the Church was crowded with representation from every house in the parish.

**1911** - The Lord Bishop held a Confirmation here on this date. The following were confirmed: John Duke (aged 26), Ellen Cordelia Marshall (18), Elizabeth Trease Sandercock (28), Edith Cornish (16) and Beatrice Annie Lyle (28).

**1912** - The new Tower Screen was dedicated. It was made by John Northcott & Co. of Ashwater, Devon. The total cost was £35.10s.

**1913** - The following were confirmed at Whitstone Church on March 10th: Charles Pooley (aged 27), Albert Pengelly Rowland (22), Horace William Hooper (20), James Congdon (19), Frank Rogers (18), Frederick Thomas Colwill (17), David Nathaniel Coles (14) and Mary Jane Parnell (39).

**1915** - The following were confirmed at Week St. Mary by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on March 23rd: Edwin Gerald Coles (14), Robert Cecil Coles (13), Edward John Sheldrake (15), Ethel Alice Lyle (13), Joy Jane Chidley (13), Hazel Andrew (14), Annie Beatrice Alberta Cobbedick (14) and Florence Elizabeth Jane Parnell (13).

**1917** - The following were confirmed at Week St. Mary, on March 19th: Joy Clarissa Dennis (22), Gwendoline Rose Mary Rowland (22) and Mary Elizabeth Kinsman (21).

**1919** - The Rev. H.S. Haslem resigned on July 1st, owing to ill health. On October 15th Rev. Charles Thomas Whitmell was inducted.

**1921** - Early in 1921 Rev. C.J. Whitmell became unwell and resigned on 1st April. Rev. M.V. Hardy came into residence for Sunday September 11th and was inducted on November 5th. The Rectory Room, built by Rev. Haslem and bought from him by Rev. Whitmell has now been purchased from him by the Church, for £150.

**1922** - March 20th Confirmations by the Bishop of the Diocese at Week St. Mary:  
William Henry Parnell (19), Leonard Charles Hutchings (18), Ena Anne Catherine Badcock (14)  
and Winifred Mary Lyle (15).  
On July 6th the first Garden Fete was held: £25.  
October 3rd: Canon Haslam died at Paignton.

**1923** - Rectory Room, new stove bought. Boiler house built.  
New stoves were put in the Church at Revel, when the total amount of cost was raised (£25).  
The new stoves were made like the old ones, the wisdom of this is doubtful as they are very  
small, but supplemented with two Perfection heaters, they give a fair result.  
The Church Army visited the Parish in October.

**1924** - New lamps were put in the Church at a cost of £40. Some of the old lamps were put in  
the Rectory Room.

**1925** - On March 22nd the following were confirmed in Week St. Mary Church by the Lord  
Bishop of the Diocese: Richard John Barkwell (34), Dennis William Colwill (12), Hampton Henry  
Hicks (17), William Lyle (45), Thomas Bertram Lyle (12), William Ridgman (38), John Henry  
Ridgman (13), Doris Beatrice Colwill (14), Jane Edwards (55), Winifred Retallack (26), Mary Ann  
Ridgman (34) and Hilda Annie Rowland (26).

The Rectory Room was painted on the outside by voluntary helpers led by Mr. Rowland.

**1926** - As the chairs in the Church are all very old, worm-eaten and gradually collapsing it was  
necessary to re-seat the Church. £48 was raised on Easter Day to start the re-seating fund.  
There has been a very successful Flower & Vegetable Show and Garden Fete during this year.  
The Church Army van visited the parish in November and there were some very good services.

**1927** - On November 25th the Bishop held a confirmation at Week St. Mary, when the following  
were confirmed: Roy Ivan Pooley (12), Marion Christine Badcock (13), Irene Chidley (15), Hazel  
Valentine Lyle (13) and Ida Morwenna Pooley (14).

**1929** - In July the organ was taken apart and cleaned and slight renovations made, by Hele &  
Co. of Plymouth at a cost of £32.10s.

**1930** - March 31st The following were confirmed by the Bishop: James Henry Tresidder (39),  
Phyllis Katherine Mary Rogers (16), Audrey Philippa Rogers (14), Margery Coles (15) and  
Beatrice Mary Martin (13).

**1931** - The Rectory Room was enlarged by the addition of a room for refreshments and a  
gentlemen's cloakroom.

July 3rd - Rev. A. Hambrook, formerly of St. Bartholomews, Nottingham, inducted, having  
exchanged livings with Rev. Hardy.

**1932** - Confirmed at Poundstock Church on Monday March 7th, by the Bishop of the Diocese:  
William Thomas Congdon of Kitsham and Thomas Rogers of Haydah.  
June: Death watch beetle - the first years treatment with Presolini carried out on all necessary  
Church timbers.

**1933** - March 27th : Confirmed at Week St. Mary, by the Bishop of the Diocese: W.A. Brend of  
Lower Square, H.M. Treleven of Steele Farm, R. Toms and N.M. Williams of Langsford Hill and  
John Colwill of Reeve House.

**1934** - Death watch beetle treatment - completed with its third annual application by workmen of the village.

During the year new sets of Churchyard gates and posts have been supplied and fitted.

**1935** - Thursday 21st February: The S.E. pinnacle and centre of the Church Tower were struck by lightning, after a hailstorm lasting around 2 hours, causing large pieces of masonry to fall through the Church roof and resulting in a great deal of damage to the building.

The following telegram was sent to the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, 11 Norfolk Street, London WC2, from Bude at 4 pm., the local telephone service being dislocated by the storm: "Church struck by lightning; seriously damaged; immediate inspection suggested; writing." A reply telegram arrived from Bude 6pm, stating that their assessor, Messrs. Ware & Co., Beaford Circus, Exeter, would visit the Church at once. Mr. Ware arrived the following day at 12 noon and took charge of the Church on behalf of the Insurance Office. Services took place in the Rectory Rooms until January 12th 1936.

**1936** - Re-opening services were held on Thursday 16th January, the Bishop of the Diocese preaching and holding a Confirmation. The following were confirmed on this occasion: E.J. Westlake of Kitsham, F.H. Martin of Marhays, I.C. Colwill and J.M. Colwill of Reeve House, M.E. Ridgeman of Hillside, J. Martyn of Kitleigh and M. Stacey of Tower Hill.

March 15th, the following were Confirmed at Stratton Church: H.H. Ridgeman of Hillside and H. Stacy of Tower Hill.

**1937** - Photographs of the Church 1) Whole Interior, 2) High Altar, 3) St. Johns Chapel, 4) Exterior, were taken at Easter in this Coronation Year of George VI and copies, together with photographs of the Church damaged by lightning, were put in the Registers Safe. The copyright of the first four at Knights Studio, Bude, was bought with the first photographs.

A new piano was bought for the Rectory Room and the exterior of the building was painted.

**1938** - The Nave walls were re-pointed outside.

**1939** - Confirmed March 30th at St. Stephens, Launceston, by the Bishop of Truro: H.M. Congdon of The Green, B.J. Martin of Marhayes and M.R. Rogers of Haydah.

March - the Church walls were washed down with brown lime.

At 11 am on Sunday September 3rd, War was declared against Germany at its aggression on Poland.

September 17th Sunday Services of Feast of Dedication held as usual, on Revel Monday the Foxhounds Meet 8.30 am, Tea 4 pm, Evensong 6 pm, Social 7.30 - 10 pm, the sports etc. having been omitted. Future evensong 3 pm, Air-raid Signal: two bells, All-clear: Tenor bell.

**1940** - The Church walls show no sign of darkening by dampness this year for the first time for many years. After the exposure to the weather in 1935, years were needed for the walls to dry out and this did not become possible until they were re-pointed in 1938.

Revel was held, as last year, with no children's sports or tea.

**1941** - Revel, as last year, no children's sports or tea.

**1942** - Revel, as last year, no children's sports or tea.

The Church walls show darkening by damp only on the W.side, due to the overflowing of the gutter trough on the S.side and to the lower gutter overflow on the N.side.

**1943** - Confirmed at Marhamchurch on Midlent Sunday, April 4th 1943, by Bishop Hunkin: E.V. Coles of The Square, J. Stacey of Corner House, The Village, M.D. Rogers of Greathills Cottage and M. Cobblewick of Stewarts Road.

**1945** - Confirmations at Poundstock Midlent, Sunday March 11th, by Bishop Hunkin: Mr. & Mrs. S. Ridgeman of Goscott Cottage and D. Treleven of Lower Square.

On Tuesday May 8th Victory was won and proclaimed in Europe against Germany. The Service of Thanksgiving was Festal Evensong at 7.30 pm attended by a crowded congregation, greatly moved at so great an occasion.

Thursday July 5th: Labour Government declared, Mr. Attlee (Prime Minister), whose brother Mr. T.S. Attlee is one of the chief laymen of the diocese.

Wednesday August 5th Victory was proclaimed in the Far East against Japan and the Great War ended. The Service of Thanksgiving was Festal Evensong and similar to that held in May.

**1946** - In considering a stained glass window at the high altar, the Rector called attention to the fact that all three East end windows are out of centre to the North, while the lower arch is out of centre to the South. Apparently no-one had ever noticed this before.

**1947** - The Reverend A. Hambrook resigned on May 1st.

The Reverend Townsend M.A., R.A.F. Chaplain was inducted in the parish Church on July 4th at 7.00 pm by the Bishop of Truro and the Service was followed by a social evening in the Rectory Room.

In the autumn a Sunday School and a Choir were formed. A Parish Magazine, to be called "The Beacon" was begun at Advent. An electric boiler was installed at the Rectory Room at a cost of £11.

**1948** - On February 29th a Confirmation Service was held in Week St. Mary Church by the Bishop of Truro, at which Candidates were from Kilkhampton, Launceston, Bude, Stratton and Whitstone. The following were confirmed from Week St. Mary: G.M. Gifford, M.R. Gifford, C.I. Horrell, J.I. Mallin, D. Coles, E.A. Mills and J.H. Pearce. The candidates were afterwards entertained to tea at the Rectory.

A new set of bell ropes were obtained from John Taylor & Co. and were dedicated at Evensong on Sunday May 30th. The cost of the ropes was £20.12s.6d. The money was raised by the ringers by means of dances and socials.

**1949** - Electric lighting and organ blowing was installed in the Church in March at a total cost of £200. A grant of £70 was made by the Rural Churches Fund and the rest of the money was raised in the parish over a number of years.

A very successful Garden Fete was held in the Rectory grounds on June 16th, the first one to be held for some years. The sum of £45.8s.1d. was raised towards the Church Thanksgiving Fund. The Churchyard paths were re-laid with tar by voluntary labour at a cost of £30.

The exterior of the Rectory Room was repainted by Mr. S. Barber during July and August and some necessary repairs were done at the same time, at a total cost of £47.10s.0d. The money was withdrawn from the Rectory Room repair fund.

A new stove was also installed at the end of the year, £9.5s.6d.

**1950** - A new Churchyard gate was made by Mr. T. Pauling and the rest were repaired and painted. The coal shed was also repaired. Total cost came to £17.17s.9d.

The Church Army Mission Van visited the parish from January 22nd to February 9th, Capt. Usher held mighty services in the Rectory Room which were well attended. He preached in the Church on Sundays.

The following were confirmed by the Bishop of the Diocese at Kilkhampton, on March 19th: S. Petherick, R. Warne and P. Gifford.

A successful Fete was held in the Rectory grounds on June 22nd. It included a "Pageant of Week St. Mary". The sum of £31.5s.7d. was raised towards the Cornish Church Thanksgiving Fund.

The six bells were recast and re-hung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston of Croydon. The frame was secured more strongly to the beams, which were reset and the girders repainted. The Bishop of Truro re-dedicated the bells on Sunday September 17th, the Dedication Festival.

**1951** - A camelia, given to the parish by the Cornish branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, in memory of Bishop Hunkin, was planted on the south side of the Church, near the vestry door, on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, by Mr. J.H. Rogers, Rector's Warden. On June 21st a Garden Fete in the Rectory grounds raised £40 for the Cornish Church Thanksgiving Fund.

**1952** - The following were Confirmed by the Bishop at Kilkhampton on March 23rd: E. Masters, H. Pauling, W. Jones, J. Lamerton, S. Lamerton, V. Colwill, Y. Crofts, R. Crofts, D. Gifford, V. Ellis and M. Ellis.

Some necessary repairs done to the foundations and floor of the Rectory Room, under the Ladies Cloakroom, at a cost of £22. The work was done by Mr. Barber of Week St. Mary and was consequent on extensive rotting of the main floor beams through faulty pillars and lack of free passage of air beneath the building.

During the past five years the following improvements have been made to the Rectory and paid for by the Cornish Church Thanksgiving Fund: Boiler in the kitchen, washing up basin in the pantry and electric light in those rooms before unsupplied and electric pump for the water supply from the well to the house. The Glebe Farm buildings in the lower yard were sold. The old schoolroom was excepted from this sale as it might be of use in the future and was not subject to dilapidations.

On June 26th a Garden Fete was held in the Rectory grounds, raising £34. The cost of recasting and re-hanging of the bells was finally paid off on June 12th.

On February 15th, the day of King George VI's Funeral, a Requiem was paid at 8.00 am and a combined Memorial Service was held at the Parish Church in the evening - a full Church.

**1953** - The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II was marked by a broadcast of the Service in Westminster Abbey, in the Parish Church. The broadcast was most successful and the congregation, although small, took all opportunities of joining in with the Service. The rest of the day was spent enjoying sports, public teas and a bonfire.

On October 22nd a most successful Bazaar was held in the place of the usual garden fete, which would have clashed with the Coronation. A ladies working party had been in operation since March and it provided the bulk of the goods for sale. As a result over £60 was raised for the C.C.T.F.

**1954** - The Bishop of the Diocese held his Visitation in St. Marys, Launceston, on 3rd June, on which occasion the Rector of Week St. Mary was admitted as Rural Dean of Stratton.

The Bishop of North Queensland, Australia, who was visiting the Rector, preached on Revel Monday.

A successful Bazaar was held on October 21st in aid of the C.C.T.F. and over £60 was raised. On the departure of the Reverend Townsend, the Christmas Crib, which had been in use in the Church for the past eight years, was left by him to the Church for future use. This crib was made in 1945 by German P.O.W's, to their own design on R.A.F. Station Upper Heyford.

**1955** - The Reverend Townend resigned the living on January 8th. The Rev. W.T. Soper was inducted on Saturday May 14th, at 3 pm, by the Bishop of Truro. The Service was followed by tea in the Rectory Room and a Social in the evening.

A successful Garden Fete was held in the Rectory Grounds on July 7th and the proceeds amounted to £35 were towards the Church Heating Fund.

A very successful Revel this year in perfect weather. The Revel sermon on Monday September 19th at Evensong was preached by the Rev. Canon L.M. Andrews, C.V.O., M.C., M.A., Chaplain to H.M. the Queen and Rector of Stoke Climsland.

The carol mime "Nativity" was presented in costume, in the Church, on Thursday December 22nd, at 7.30 pm, by the Sunday School children. It was also presented in Whitstone Church on the following Thursday and again in Week St. Mary Church on Sunday January 1st 1956.

**1956** - Five candidates from this parish were confirmed at Poughill Church on Sunday March 4th, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. They were: P.B. Colwill, B. Hutchings, H.I. Ridgman, J.S. Jones and M. Hutchings.

A Garden Fete was held on the Rectory Lawn on Saturday June 23rd, proceeds were in aid of the Church Heating Fund and the sum of £44.12s.11d. was realised.

Dedication Festival, Sunday September 16th, Church full at Evensong.

Harvest Festival and Revel, Monday September 17th: The Lord Bishop of Truro preached at Evensong, when again there was a full congregation. Heavy rain had led to cancellation of the sporting events, though it cleared sufficiently for the comic football match to be held. Unfortunate absence from the Revel was that of Church Warden, John Henry Rogers, in hospital in Plymouth, after breaking his leg by falling from a ladder, in August.

The Annual Bazaar was held on Thursday December 6th. Proceeds amounting to £50 were donated to the Church Heating Fund this year, as the C.C.T.F. account had enough balance to meet our obligations for 1956.

The electrical heating system installed in the Church by Messrs. Woolacott of Stratton, was switched on for the first time on Sunday December 23rd.

**1957** - An inaugural service was held for officially opening the heating system, on Thursday January 11th, when a Blessing was given and the Rector of Whitstone, Rev. R.E. Underwood, gave the address.

A Garden Fete was held on June 22nd on the Rectory Lawn. The proceeds for the C.C.T.F. were approximately £60.

The Feast of Dedication and Harvest Thanksgiving were held on September 22nd and 23rd. The Revel preacher at Evensong was the Ven. The Archdeacon of Bodmin.

The Autumn Bazaar was held on November 30th when £35 was raised for Church Funds.

At a Confirmation Service in Stratton Church on Sunday December 15th the following were confirmed by the Lord Bishop of Truro: J. Colwill, D. Horrell, D. Petherick, J. Ellis, C. Jones and M. Jones.

**1958** - The Annual Garden Fete was held on Rectory Lawn on Saturday May 31st. A Social in the Rectory Room in the evening concluded the days events. £42.4s.0d. was realised for Church Funds.

Dedication Festival, Harvest Thanksgiving and Revel were on Sunday September 21st and Monday 22nd. The preacher on Monday evening was the Rev. Canon Bowden, Chancellor of Truro Cathedral. £33.17s.8d. was raised.

The Autumn Bazaar was held in the Rectory Room on Thursday November 20th, a Social followed in the evening and over £50 was raised towards the Organ Restoration Fund.

The restoration work on the organ was carried out by Mr. E. Sergeant, of Launceston, at a cost of £178.15s.0d. and a re-dedication service was held on Friday December 19th when a short recital by Rev. W. Allwood Evans, Rector of Marhamchurch, followed.

**1959** - August - The wife of the Revd. W. T. Soper died in Greenbank Hospital, following an operation. The Memorial Service and Committal of the ashes took place on 20th August. The service was conducted by the Rev. Walter Prest, R.D., assisted by Rev. R. Underwood, Rector of Whitstone. The Archdeacon on Bodmin took the Committal in the Churchyard.

Rogation Sunday - The Revd. W.T. Soper died suddenly after Evensong, having taken full services all day, including a Baptism. The Funeral service was taken by Rev. W. Attwood-Evans, Rector of Marhamchurch, at Plymouth Crematorium, on the following Wednesday and the Memorial Service took place at the parish evensong at Week St. Mary, conducted by the Rector of Marhamchurch, assisted by the Rural Dean, Revd. Walter Prest. The address was given by the Archdeacon of Bodmin, Ven. W.H. Prior, who also officiated at the committal of the casket in the Churchyard.

**1971** - January 1st: The Rectory Room was sold by the P.C.C., Week St. Mary to the Rector for the sum of £60. (This was signed by the Rector, W.T. Simpson and by the Treasurer, M. Cobbedick).