

# **MINUTES OF MEETINGS AT ST JUDE'S CHURCH, DURAL 1925 - 1941**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES (By MARK SUTHERLAND-HARRIS)**

I have transcribed the Minutes of meetings held at St Jude's Church, Dural, from 31 January 1925 to 18 February 1941, as written in a Minutes Book held at Dural. In addition to the Minutes, I have also prepared the following documents:

Chronological list of meetings and items of interest mentioned.  
Alphabetical list of the main people mentioned in the Minutes.

### **MINUTES BOOK 1925-1941**

Rev Thomas Knox became Rector of Castle Hill parish at the beginning of 1925, in succession to Rev W.J. Roberts. At his first meeting of St Jude's Church Committee in January 1925 he noted the need for a new Minutes book and Service Register. The previous Minutes book had ended with the Annual Vestry Meeting held in April 1923. From the minutes of the 1925 Annual Vestry Meeting, it appears that no minutes were taken in 1924 (when there was probably no Rector in office), or they have been lost.

### **SERVICE REGISTER 1925-1954**

The Service Register starts in April 1925 (the then beginning of the church financial year). It shows the clergyman who took each service, the collection, and the number who attended Holy Communion services (usually monthly). The average number in this period averages 15-20. Up to 1937, services were normally taken by the Curate, with the Rector typically taking a Holy Communion service once a month. Sunday service times varied over the period but tended to alternate weekly between a mid-morning and an afternoon or evening one. From 1938, by which time Dural had become a Provisional Parish, most services at St Jude's were taken by the new Rector.

### **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

In 1925, St Jude's Church, Dural, was still a branch church of Castle Hill Parish but was clearly the main church of the "Dural end of the parish". Dural elected a representative to attend Castle Hill Parish Council. From 1925-37, the meetings minuted consist of St Jude's Church Annual Vestry meetings, St Jude's Church Committee meetings and occasional wardens' meetings. From December 1937, the meetings are of Dural Parish Council as well as Annual Vestry meetings of the new parish.

In the previous 50 years parish administration had been dominated by the Best, Moore and Fuller families. In the period starting 1925, Roy Best was a warden throughout but he was the only male member of the Best family to continue to play a leading role. Mrs Rhoda Moore continued to be a presence until she died in 1932. Edward Fuller, who had been a warden since he was a young man in the 1880s, continued to lead the branch church until shortly before his death in 1938 at the age of 82. The Parish presented him with an illuminated and framed address (now hung in the vestry of St

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Jude's) not long before he died. Miss Fuller, Edward's unmarried daughter, was very active throughout this period until she moved out of the district in 1940.

The newer names who took a leading part in church administration in this period include Thomas (until 1931), Blake (1927-38), Blaxland (1932-37), Ramm (from mid 1930s) and Roden. This period particularly represents the beginning of the Tom Roden era, dating from 1932 when, at the age of 31, he took over the pivotal position of Secretary and Treasurer. After this period he was a churchwarden for many years until 1972.

The period 1925-37, as recorded in these minutes, was relatively uneventful in Dural. The Depression is not mentioned, but the drought and the bush fires of 1939 are. The Parsonage or Rectory cottage, which was built in 1900-02 and was situated between the church and the Parish Hall, was often in need of running repairs. In 1929 the cottage ceased to be used as the Curate's residence, and was rented to the NSW Government as a post office and dwelling for the postmaster, who happened to be Thomas Roden. This continued until 1941 when the Archbishop started to agitate for its reversion to parish use.

A major change occurred in 1937 when Dural became a Provisional Parish, with branch churches at Kenthurst, Annangrove, and Arcadia. The first Rector was the energetic Rev Ronald O'Brien, then a young bachelor with sufficient private means to own a car. He lived in a cottage he rented at 160 Arcadia Road, not far north of the Arcadia oval. By the end of 1938 he had organised the building of Emmanuel Church at Galston and he even worked on its construction. He also initiated the erection of the stone wall and lych-gate on Old Northern Road at St Jude's, Dural, in 1938. At the end of this period in 1941 a new church was being planned for Glenorie.

On the social history side, electric lights were installed in the Parish Hall and Church in 1938 and mains water was connected to the post office building (Parsonage/Rectory) in 1939. The bush fires of January 1939 are mentioned in connection with damage done to fences at the church and Cemetery. World War II is not mentioned explicitly but after September 1939 Parish Council meetings took place every few months rather than monthly.

Postscript:

Rev O'Brien's tenure as Rector was suspended in May 1942 when he joined the armed services as a chaplain and saw service in Papua New Guinea. He resumed duties at Dural in March 1946 in time to organise the centenary celebrations of St Jude's Dural in November 1946. Dural became a full Parish in December 1947. Rev O'Brien left Dural in 1949.

Mark Sutherland-Harris  
December 2007

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**CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MEETINGS**

**Committee meeting of St Judes Church held in Parish Hall Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan [1925] at 3. PM**  
Rev Thomas Knox's first meeting at Dural

**Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church held in Parish Hall May 11<sup>th</sup> [1925] at 8.15 P.M.**  
Election of officers  
Rev Knox suggested adopted the Envelope System for collecting offertories for the Stipend  
Rev Knox suggested renovating the Vestry with a 'wall' between the church and the vestry

**Committee Meeting of St Judes Church held in Parish Hall Aug 14<sup>th</sup> [1925] at 8 P.M.**  
Anniversary service and Parish Tea & Concert organised

**Committee Meeting of St Judes Church held in Parsonage on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> [1926] at 3 P.M.**  
Repairs to the Parsonage commissioned

**Quarterly Meeting held at Rectory Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup> [1926] at 8.15 PM**  
Further repairs to the Parsonage deferred until after the Bazaar was held

**Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church held in Parish Hall May 5<sup>th</sup> [1926] at 8 P.M.**  
Election of officers

**Minutes of Quarterly vestry meeting held in St Judes Parsonage on 26 June 1926 at 3 p.m.**  
White ants in the Parsonage to be poisoned with cyanide  
Church Sports Day to be held to raise funds

**Minutes of the Meeting held in the Parsonage, Dural, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1926 at 3 p.m.**  
Dural to be responsible for collecting branch churches' contributions monthly for forwarding to Castle Hill  
Curate to be paid £250 p.a. as a lump sum

**Minutes of a Wardens Meeting held in the Parsonage, Dural, on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1927 at 8 p.m.**  
Dural end of Parish to be serviced by a Student minister rather than a Curate  
Sulky to be bought for use of Student minister

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> April [1927] at 8 p.m.**  
Election of officers

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1928 at 8 p.m.**  
Election of officers  
Girls' Friendly Society members thanked for their efforts

**Minutes of General Meeting held in the Parish Hall, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1928**  
Results of Bazaar announced: net receipts of £41.15.2

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> [1929] at 8 P.M.**  
Election of officers  
Rectory at Dural being rented out to the Postal Department as a post office and dwelling  
First suggestion that Dural might become a separate parish in future

**Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Parish Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> May 1929 at 3 P.M.**  
Cemetery rules discussed in relation to the state of the Cemetery

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**Minutes of Committee meeting held in Parish Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1929 at 3 P.M.**  
Communion rails to be erected in memory of late Mrs Sarah Fuller

**Minutes of General meeting held in Parish Hall on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1929**  
Cemetery fence to be repaired

**Minutes of General Meeting held in Parish Hall on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> [1930] at 8 P.M.**  
Bank overdraft been withdrawn and special collections required to meet shortfall

**Minutes of Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 26 April 1930 at 8 P.M.**  
Election of officers  
Higher offer received from Mr Hollibone for rental of part of Cemetery as paddock

**Wardens meeting held after the Annual meeting in connection with renting of Cemetery ground**  
Mr W. Moore's (lower) tender accepted after further discussion

**Minutes of Committee meeting held in Parish Hall on July 30<sup>th</sup> 1930 at 8 P.M.**  
Anniversary service and Parish Tea organised

**Minutes of Annual Vestry meeting held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April [1931] at 8 P.M.**  
Election of officers

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1932 at 8 pm**  
Election of officers

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Parish Hall Dural on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1933 at 8 pm**  
Election of officers  
Repairs to the roof of the Post Office dwelling [Parsonage] needed

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church held in the Parish Hall Dural on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> April 1934 at 8 pm**  
Election of officers  
Repairs to the Post Office needed

**Minutes of the Wardens Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1934 at 9.15 pm**  
Post Office repairs decided on  
Mr Mark Thompson to be appointed gravedigger in place of Mr R. Viney

**Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Febry 1935 at 8 pm**  
Tenders received for painting and renovations to the parsonage, with assistance of government loan

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church, Dural, held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1935 at 8 pm**  
Election of officers  
Church doors to be repainted dark brown (after complaints)

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church Dural held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1936 at 8 pm**  
Election of officers  
Special service to be held as part of Broughton centenary celebrations (Dural was a Broughton church)

**Minutes of Wardens Meeting held at the Fullers' residence on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1936**  
New fence to be erected around the Parsonage (post office and dwelling)

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church Dural, held in the Parish Hall Dural on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1937 at 8 p.m.**  
Election of officers

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**Minutes of meeting of Wardens and Committee with representatives from other centres held in St Judes Vestry on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1937 at 8 p.m.**

Preparation for Dural becoming a Provisional parish and Induction of Rev R.A. O'Brien as Rector  
Parish Council members appointed

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the residence of Rev R.A. O'Brien on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1937 at 8 p.m.**

First meeting of new Parish Council  
Rector asked for repairs to be made to his rented residence (at Arcadia)

**Minutes of [Parish] Council Meeting held at the residence of Rev R.A. O'Brien on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> January 1938 at 8 p.m.**

Building of a church at Galston proposed by the Rector  
Queen Competition to be held to raise funds  
Improvements to be made to the Cemetery fence to make it stock proof

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at the residence of Rev R.A. O'Brien on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1938 at 8 p.m.**

Proposal to connect Electric light to Parish Hall

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at the residence of Rev R.A. O'Brien on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> March 1938 at 8 p.m.**

Rector asked for a car allowance of £50 p.a.

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of the Provisional District of St Jude's Dural held in the Parish Hall Dural on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> May 1938 at 8 p.m.**

Election of officers, including Parish Council  
Illuminated address to be presented to Edward Fuller in recognition of 50 years as warden  
Car allowance agreed to  
Parish Fete to be held in July

**Minutes of meeting of Parish Council held at the residence of Rev O'Brien on Tuesday 31/5/38 at 8 pm**

Electric light to Parish Hall to be proceeded with

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1938 at 8 pm**

Stone 'fence' (wall) and lych-gate to be erected at St Jude's, Dural

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday 19/7/38 at 8 pm**

New fence to erected on northern side of St Jude's  
Results of Queen Competition announced; total raised £315

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1938 at 8 pm**

Details of stone fence decided. Flagging paths to be laid from gate to church and vestry

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday 16.10.38 at 8 pm**

Lych gate completed. Sun dial to be presented in memory of late John O'Hara  
Plans for new church at Galston to be submitted to the Bishop and Diocesan Architect

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday, 15 Nov 1938 at 8 pm**

Further discussions being held at diocesan level about design of Galston church  
Cemetery Trust to loan £45 towards cost of Galston church

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> Febry 1939 at 8 pm**

Larger grant to be sought from Home Mission Society for Galston church (unsuccessful)  
Water supply to be connected to Post Office and dwelling when funds permit

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1939 at 8 pm**

Loan being sought for Galston church from Church Building Fund  
Repairs needed to Cemetery fence partly burnt in bush fires

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry meeting held in St Judes Parish Hall on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> April 1939 at 8 p.m.**

Election of officers  
Difficulties with the monthly service at Glenorie Mission Hall

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1939 at 8 p.m.**

Diocesan assessment owing to Castle Hill

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Hall Dural on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1939 at 8 p.m.**

Water supply to be connected to Post Office and dwelling  
Church fence on northern side to be repaired after bush fires  
New southern portion of the Cemetery to be opened (previously used as a paddock for stock )

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in St Judes Church Vestry on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1939 at 8 pm**

Water supply now connected to Post Office and dwelling  
Parish Hall to be repainted in buff and chocolate

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in St Judes Church Vestry on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1940 at 8 pm**

Rector asked for £39 of his rent to be paid by parish  
Lease of Post Office and dwelling to be renewed at an increased rent

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in St Judes Church Vestry on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1940 at 8 pm**

Archbishop wished Post Office and dwelling to revert to parish use in near future

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church Dural, held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1940 at 8 p.m.**

Election of officers  
Cemetery Trust loan for Galston church to converted to a gift  
Payment of Rector's rent by parish discussed

**Minutes [of] Parish Council meeting held in St Judes Vestry on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> October 1940 at 8 pm**

Proposal to build a post office and dwelling to south of Parish Hall  
Payment of £20 towards Rector's rent agreed to

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the St Judes Vestry on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Febry [1941] at 8 pm**

Rough plans of new church at Glenorie inspected  
More money to be raised for payment of Rector's rent

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**MAIN PEOPLE MENTIONED IN THE MINUTES**

**CLERGY**

Rectors

Curates

Rev Thomas Knox (1925-1931)

Rev Victor Giles (1922-25)

Rev K.A. Smith (1926-1927)

Rev C.W. Dillon (1928-1929)

Rev H. Hallahan (1930-1931)

Rev H.E. Felton (1932-1937)

Rev S.A. Mainstone (1932-1933)

Rev H. Broadley (1934-1935)

Rev L.F. Newton (1936-1937) (not mentioned in minutes)

Rev R.A. O'Brien (1937-1949)

**PARISHIONERS**

Mrs Barker

Mr J. Bellamy (possibly a son of Charles & Lavinia Bellamy)

Mr Berghoffer

Mrs E.E. (Edith Elizabeth) Best (ca1868-1938), widow of James Frederick Best (1862-1908):  
Church Committee 1927-1929

Mr R.S. (Roy Spencer) Best (1897-1986), son of James Frederick & Edith Elizabeth Best:  
Churchwarden 1925-1940

Mr W.H. (William Henry) Best (1892-1984), son of James Frederick & Edith Elizabeth Best

Mrs H.A. Best (ca 1906-2005) Dinah: wife of Hylton Adrian Best (1904-1983 – known as Jack)

Miss E. (?Evelyn) Best: Church Committee 1932-1934, 1940

Miss G. (?Gertrude) Best (see Blaxland): Church Committee 1929

Miss L. (?Lizzie) Best: Church Committee 1930-1931

Miss M. (May) Best (1904-1986): (see Roden) Church Committee 1927, 1931-1933

Mr A. Blake: Church Committee 1927-1932, 1937-1938

Mrs Blake: Church Committee 1927-1938

Mr A.R. (Alan Richard) Blaxland (ca1904-1984): Church Committee 1925-1926, 1929-1931;  
Church warden 1932-1937

Mrs Blaxland (Gertrude, 1904-1983), daughter of Arthur John & Elizabeth Best: Church  
Committee 1930-1932, 1934

Mr (Lorenz) Branz (ca1877-1964): Church Committee 1926-1932

Mrs (Leah) Branz (ca1882-1953): Church Committee 1930-1932

Miss G. Branz (Gladys, daughter of Lorenz & Leah Branz): Church Committee 1929-1932

Miss L. Branz (Lily, born ca 1912, daughter of Lorenz & Leah Branz): Church Committee  
1928-1929

Mrs Bushell (probably Kate, ca 1877-1949): Church Committee 1939-1940

Miss Bushell (probably Kathleen Christobel, 1909-1942)

Mr Cassell (possibly Thomas, born ca 1881, married at St Jude's in 1908): Church Committee  
1930

Mr Cox (possibly Christopher, born ca 1889, married at St Jude's in 1915)

Mr George Deaman snr (ca1863-1939): Parish Council 1938-1939, representing Galston

Mrs (Eliza) Deaman (ca1872-1944): Church Committee 1937-1940

Mr George Deaman jnr, (born 1900), son of George snr & Eliza Deaman: Rector's Warden  
1938-1939

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Mr E. Elsholz: Church Committee 1939-1940  
Mr M. Elsholz  
Mr Fishburn: Parish Council 1940, representing Galston  
Mr Fisher  
Mr Fuggle  
Mr Edward Fuller (1855-1938): Rector's Warden 1925-1937  
Miss Fuller: Janet Wyllie Fuller (1890-1968), a daughter of Edward Fuller: Church Committee 1925-1939  
Mr Geelan  
Miss Geelan  
Mr Griffin (possibly John Nowell/Noel, ca 1858-1932)  
Mr Halligan  
Mr Hollibone  
Mr R.A. (Robert Adams) Ham (ca 1869-1953): Church warden 1938-1939  
Mrs J.M. (Jean Merle) Hemers, wife of Jack, (born 1903), daughter of James Frederick & Edith Elizabeth Best: Church Committee 1932  
Mr Horne: Secretary/Treasurer 1928-1930, Church Committee 1928  
Mrs Horne  
Mrs James  
Mr Langlands (possibly Edgar): Parish Council 1938-1939, representing Annangrove  
Mrs Loomes (Gladys Alma, 1894-1955, wife of Harold, & daughter of Arthur John & Elizabeth Best)  
Mr Martin  
Mrs Rhoda Moore (1847-1932), widow of Samuel James Moore (1841-1919): Church Committee 1925-1931  
Mr W.C. (William Charles) Moore, (born 1889), son of Samuel James & Rhoda Moore  
Mr R. Moore: (possibly Ronald, born 1905, son of Caleb & Sarah Moore: Church Committee 1925-1926  
Mrs Morecombe  
Mr J.J. Parr: Parish Council 1938-1940, representing Kenthurst  
Mr R.(Robert) Ramm, (ca 1865-1940): Church Committee 1938  
Mrs (Emma Rose) Ramm (ca 1866-1954)  
Miss Ramm: Church Committee 1935-1936, 1938-1940  
Mr Rivett  
Mr T. (Thomas) Roden (1901 -1984): Auditor 1926, 1928-1930; Secretary/Treasurer 1927, 1932-1940, Church Committee 1925-1929, 1937-1938  
Mrs (May) Roden (1904-1986): Church Committee 1935-1940; daughter of James Frederick & Edith Elizabeth Best  
Mr W. Roden, probably William (1888-1945), older brother of Thomas Roden: Auditor 1932-1935  
Mr N.L. Rohan: Auditor 1936-1940  
Mr (probably Norman) Russell: Parish Council 1938-1940, representing Arcadia  
Miss Scott: Church Committee 1938  
Mr K. Tate: Church Committee 1925-1928  
Mr A.W. Thacker: Auditor 1925, 1927, Church Committee 1925, 1927  
Mr A.N. Thomas: Church warden 1925-1927, 1929-1931  
Mrs V. Thomas: Church Committee 1925-1931  
Mr Mark Thompson: gravedigger 1934-1938  
Mr Viney  
Mr J. Viney, possibly James, (ca 1855-1932)  
Mr R. Viney; resigned as gravedigger 1934

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**TRANSCRIPTION OF MINUTES**

**Committee meeting of St Judes Church held in Parish Hall Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan [1925] at 3. PM**

The Rector [Rev Thomas Knox<sup>1</sup>] presided; present Mrs Moore<sup>2</sup>, Messrs Giles<sup>3</sup>, E. Fuller<sup>4</sup>, R. Best<sup>5</sup> & Sec[retary].

Meeting being opened with prayer, the following business was discussed.

Being the first meeting after the Rector was appointed to this Parish, he inspected the account book finding a credit balance of about £20 which was very satisfactory.

The Rector spoke on different subjects concerning church work such as the Envelope system & said he believed it to be more successful than the Parochial collecting. Prop[osed] to leave stand over until Vestry meeting.

The Rector mentioned of need for a new Church Service book<sup>6</sup> & Sec[retary] minute book. Pro[posed] Mr Fuller & sec[retary] Mr Giles that both books mentioned be purchased. Carried.

The Rector mentioned of the need of a Vestry at the Church and thought that a petition [should be partition] could be built between the main church and present vestry, to be brought up at the Vestry meeting.

Mr E. Fuller asked if the other churches had done anything in the upkeep of the Clergy's turnout, it was mentioned that some funds had been raised. Mr Fuller proposed that the Churches should provide for the upkeep of the turnout. The Rector asked that it may be mentioned at the Vestry meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the benediction.

*Thos Knox*

11-5-25

**Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church held in Parish Hall May 11<sup>th</sup> [1925] at 8.15 P.M.**

The Rector presided.

Parishioners present Mesdms Moore & Thomas, Misses Fuller<sup>7</sup> & M. Best, Messrs Giles, E. Fuller, R. Best, Thacker, [Thomas] Roden<sup>8</sup>, Moore, Thomas.

Meeting being opened with prayer the following business was received.

Being no minutes of last Vestry meeting, the minutes of the last Committee meeting [were] read & adopted.

Balance sheet was afterwards read. Moved Mr Giles, secon. Mrs Moore that balance be adopted.

Carried.

Moved Mr R. Best second Mr Fuller that balance sheet be printed. Carried.

Sect [Secretary's] report being read. Pro Miss Fuller secon Mrs Moore that Sect report be received.

Carried.

Election of Wardens

The Rector appointed Mr E. Fuller.

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<sup>1</sup> Rev Thomas Knox was licensed on 1 January 1925.

<sup>2</sup> Mrs Rhoda Moore (1847-1932), widow of S.J. Moore (1841-1919); she is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

<sup>3</sup> Victor Giles was the Curate from December 1922 to 27 December 1925.

<sup>4</sup> Edward Fuller (1855-1938) was a churchwarden more or less continuously in the period 1881-1938; he is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

<sup>5</sup> Roy Spencer Best (1897-1986), son of James Frederick Best (1862-1908). Roy Best was a churchwarden throughout the period 1925-1941; he is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

<sup>6</sup> The new Service Register started on 5 April 1925.

<sup>7</sup> Miss Janet Fuller, ca 1890-1968, was a daughter of Edward Fuller. She was elected to the Dural church committee every year from 1925-1939. She left the district in 1940; she is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

<sup>8</sup> Thomas Roden (1901-1984) became a central figure in Dural church administration from June 1926 when he was first appointed Secretary and Treasurer at Dural; his ashes are interred in St Jude's Cemetery.

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Pro Miss Fuller secon Mrs Moore, Mr Thomas  
Pro Mr Fuller secon Mr Roden, Mr R. Best

Auditor. Pro Mrs Moore secon Mr Fuller, Mr Thacker be appointed.  
Moved by Mrs Moore secon Mr Fuller that Committee of six be appointed. Carried.  
Pro Mr Thacker secon Mr Fuller, Mrs Moore, Mrs Thomas & Miss Fuller be appointed.  
Pro Mrs Moore secon Mrs Thomas, Messrs Roden, A. Blaxland<sup>9</sup> & K. Tate.  
The Rector appointed Messrs Thacker & R. Moore.  
One Warden be appointed to represent [Dural on] Parish Council.  
Pro Mr Thomas secon Mr R. Best that Mr Fuller be appointed.

After a discussion in connection with the Forage Fund, Mr Fuller pro Mrs Thomas secon that one warden from each of the following churches meet at Dural to try and come to some satisfactory arrangement on the subject. Churches: Dural, Annangrove, Kenthurst, Arcadia & Galston. Carried.

The Rector mentioned of adopting the Envelope System in Dural. Pro that Sect visit the Parishioners on that subject & call a Comm meeting. Mr Thacker kindly promised to donate the cards for Envelope system. Offer kindly received.

The Rector mentioned of the need of a Vestry & thought the present Vestry could be easily & at a small cost be renovated. Pro Mr Thacker secon Mrs Thomas that a wall be built between the Church & present Vestry. Carried.

The Rector urged the parishioners of Dural to help in the renovating of St Paul's, Castle Hill. Moved by Mr Thacker that Church Committee help to provide for that fund.

The Rector moved an hearty vote of thanks to the following workers: Organist, Assist. Organist, Choir, S.S. [Sunday School] Teachers & all other helpers, secon by Mr Fuller. Business being ended the meeting was closed with the benediction.

*Thos Knox*  
5.5.26

### **Committee Meeting of St Judes Church held in Parish Hall Aug 14<sup>th</sup> [1925] at 8 P.M.**

The Rector presided. Present Mesdms R. Moore, V. Thomas, Miss Fuller, Messrs Fuller, Roden & Secretary.

The meeting being opened with prayer the following business was discussed.

Mr Fuller spoke of the great success of the last Parish Tea & thought it might be made an annual Tea. Moved Mr Fuller, secon Mr Roden, that Parish Tea & Concert be held this year on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> & Anniversary Service Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Carried.

Mr Fuller mentioned that Arch. Decon [sic] Boyce offered to attend a service in St Judes Church in the near future as he was at one time in charge of this Church<sup>10</sup>. Mr Fuller asked the Rector if he would invite the Arch. Decon to that Service<sup>11</sup>.

Pro Mr Fuller secon Mr Roden that Tea meeting be left in hands of Ladies on Committee & to arrange a meeting of Ladies in connection with same. Carried.

Pro Miss Fuller secon Mrs Thomas that Concert be left in hands of Rector, Mr Roden & Sec. Carried.

Pro Miss Fuller secon Mrs Moore that Tea to commence at 5 P.M., also that 200 tickets be printed, the price to be Adults 2/-, children half price. Carried.

Minutes of last Committee re building of Vestry, Pro Mr Fuller secon Mr Roden that all necessary material be purchased by Sec. for building of Vestry. Carried<sup>12</sup>.

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<sup>9</sup> Probably Alan Richard Blaxland, born ca 1904; he died in 1984 and is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

<sup>10</sup> Date not known.

<sup>11</sup> F.B. Boyce came to the so-called 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service on 1 November 1925; the dating of the church from 1845 rather than 1846 was not corrected in the Service Register until 1937 when the 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary was noted.

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the benediction.

*Thos Knox*  
2.1.26

**Committee Meeting of St Judes Church held in Parsonage on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> [1926] at 3 P.M.**

The Rector in the Chair. Meeting opened with prayer. Present Mrs Thomas, the Rev K. Smith [Curate]<sup>13</sup>, Messrs E. Fuller, T. Roden & Thomas. Minutes of past meeting read & confirmed.

The Rector drew attention to the urgent need for repairs to the Parsonage, especially the timber that had been destroyed by white ants. Pro Mr Roden secon Mr Fuller that Mr Collins be asked to do all necessary work in repairing all ant eaten timber, outlet to washhouse, new verandah guttering & painting kitchen. Carried. Pro Mr Roden secon Mr Fuller that Fire bricks & Grate be purchased, also new bath. Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the benediction.

*Thos Knox*  
31-3-26

**Quarterly Meeting held at Rectory Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup> [1926] at 8.15 PM**

The Rector presided & opened meeting with prayer. Present Rev Smith, Mesdms Moore & Thomas, Miss Fuller, Messrs Fuller, R. Best, Roden, Blaxland & Sec Dural, & Messrs Martin & Russell, Arcadia. Minutes of last Meeting being read & adopted.

The Rector mentioned of a misunderstanding in connection with the Lenton [sic] Boxes all being handed to the Dural account. Moved Mr Fuller secon Mr Roden that collections from Lenton Boxes be kept in each center. Carried.

The main business of the meeting was in connection with the renovation of Parsonage. After much discussion on the destruction of the building & the treatment of the foundation from white ants, it was thought that the repairs that had already been done would be sufficient until after the Bazaar when there would be a better idea how much money would be on hand for the Renovation Fund.

Moved Mr Roden that something should be done in connection with the expense of the Curate's turnout, there being only two churches represented. It was left to be discussed at the Vestry Meeting of each church.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with the benediction.

*K..Smith*  
26/6/26

**Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church held in Parish Hall May 5<sup>th</sup> [1926] at 8 P.M.**

The Rector presided & opened the meeting with prayer. Present Rev K. Smith, Messrs Fuller, Roden, R. Best, R. Moore & Thomas, Mesdms Moore, E.E. Best<sup>14</sup>, Thomas, Miss Fuller, M. Best, Bushell.

Minutes of past Annual Vestry Meeting were read & adopted. Balance Sheet & Sect. Report were read. Pro by the Rector secon Mrs Moore that balance sheet be printed. Carried.

Election of office bearers

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<sup>12</sup> Last mention of proposed changes to Vestry; it is not known if they were proceeded with.

<sup>13</sup> Rev K.A. Smith's first service as Curate took place on 3 January 1926.

<sup>14</sup> Mrs Edith Elizabeth Best, widow of James Frederick Best (1862-1908); she died at age 70 on 4 November 1938 and was buried the next day in St Jude's Cemetery.

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Rector's [Warden]: Mr Fuller  
People's [Wardens], Pro Mr Roden, secon Mr R. Moore that two present wardens be elected, namely R. Best & Thomas. Carried.

Auditor. Pro Mrs E.E. Best secon Mr R. Best, Mr Roden be appointed. Carried.

Church Committee. Pro Mrs E.E. Best, secon Mr Fuller: Messrs Roden, R. Moore, A. Blaxland, Mesdms Moore, Thomas & Miss Fuller. Carried.

The Rector appointed, subject to their approval, Messrs Branz, Tate,

Parochial Nominators. Pro Mr Thomas, secon Mr Roden, Mr Fuller be appointed. Carried.

The Rector proposed, secon Mr Fuller, that each Church should help cover Telephone expense.  
Carried.

The following assessments were put before the meeting:

Stipend £100.0.0, Insurance £4.6.0, Debit on Parish Pews 10/-, H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] £3.0.0, Envelopes £1.5.0, Diocesan assess £2. Pro Mr Roden secon Mr Fuller that ass[ess]ments mentioned be adopted. Carried.

Pro A.N. Thomas secon Mr R. Best that Banking account be transferred to National Bank, Castle Hill.  
Carried.

Balance sheet from S. [Sunday] School was read. Pro A.N. Thomas secon Miss Fuller that balance sheet be adopted.

Rent of Parish Hall

Pro Mr E. Fuller secon Miss Fuller that following charges be made, Meeting 4/-, Piano extra 5/-, Functions 15/-, Church Functions 10/-.

Pro by the Rector, secon Mr Roden that money lent by Mr Fuller to cover Renovation Fund be refunded. Carried.

Pro Mr Roden, secon Mr R. Best that Horsefeed & expense of parish turnout be paid for by the parish.  
Carried.

Pro the Rector, secon Mr Fuller that Sect write to Sect of other churches in connection with same.

The Rector moved a vote of thanks to all Church workers. There being no further business, meeting closed with the benediction.

*Thos Knox*  
23-4-27

**Minutes of Quarterly vestry meeting held in St Judes Parsonage on 26 June 1926 at 3 p.m.**

Present: Messrs R. Best, T. Roden, L. Branz<sup>15</sup>, K. Tate, R. Moore, Griffin<sup>16</sup>, Parr, Fuggle, Russell, Martin & Thomas. Rev K. Smith presided. The meeting opened with prayer. Proposed by Mr Griffin, seconded by T. Roden that minutes as read be adopted. Carried.

White ants in Parsonage. Discussion was then entered upon concerning the checking of the ravages of white ants in the Parsonage. It was finally decided upon the motion of Mr Griffin, seconded by Mr Branz, that a man be employed to search around the building for any ants nest and to poison any such with cyanide. Solution 1½ to 4 galls. Carried.

Church Sports. The next business dealt with was the financial position of this end of the Parish. After much discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr Martin, seconded by Mr Russell, that Mr Griffin's suggestion that a days Sports with a concert at night be held, be adopted. The funds so raised to be devoted to current expenses and the Curate's fodder a/c. Carried.

Committee. Proposed by Mr Griffin, seconded by Mr R. Moore, that those present resolve themselves into a committee with power to add. Carried.

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<sup>15</sup> Lorenz Branz, (ca 1877-1964); he is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

<sup>16</sup> Possibly the John Nowell Griffin (ca 1858-1932) buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

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Secretary. Proposed by Mr Moore, seconded by Mr Griffin, that T. Roden be appointed Secretary. Carried. Proposed by Mr Martin, seconded by Mr Fuggle, that the next Committee meeting be held on 17 July at 3 p.m. at Dural.

Telephone A/C. The Secretary then notified the meeting that the telephone a/c for the Parsonage at Dural had recently been paid, and that it was thought that the other centres might contribute. However, in view of the financial position of the centres it was decided on the motion of Mr Griffin, seconded by Mr Branz, that the matter be allowed to remain in abeyance until after the Sports Day. Carried.

Rebuild Stable. On the motion of Mr Griffin, seconded by Mr T. Roden, it was decided to hold a working bee on 31.7.26 at 2 p.m. to rebuild stable.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

### **Minutes of the Meeting held in the Parsonage, Dural, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1926 at 3 p.m.**

Present. Revd Knox chairman, Revd Smith, Messrs Geelan, Halligan, Russell, Thomas, Rivett, Martin and the Secretary [T. Roden]. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Rector made sympathetic reference to Mrs Fuller's illness<sup>17</sup> and the Secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of the meeting to Mrs Fuller.

Revd Smith's elevation to Priest's Orders. The Rector then spoke of Revd Smith's elevation in the church to Priest's Orders and congratulated him. He said it was some time since Dural had a curate in full orders. He moved a hearty vote of congratulations which was seconded by Mr Geelan and carried unanimously.

Chief business of Meeting. Rev Knox now explained to the meeting the chief business. He outlined a proposition whereby Dural should become responsible for the financial affairs of this end of the Parish, each centre to pay monthly to Dural, and for Dural then to be responsible to Castle Hill for the full amount due. His idea would save a good deal of bookkeeping in Castle Hill and would allow of a closer check being kept on the finances, and would also ease the financial burden borne by Castle Hill. As the position now stood, many of the centres only paid in quarterly, and as the H.M. [Home Mission] Society would not release their monthly cheque until covered by the Parish, it could be seen that Castle Hill was almost always working on an overdraft.

The Rector also pointed out that the Riverstone end of the Parish was preparing a petition to the Archbishop for secession<sup>18</sup>. This would mean the loss of Rouse Hill from the Parish, and consequently a large financial loss. The churches at Baulkham Hills had voluntarily agreed to raise their quota sufficiently to guarantee the Rector's salary. It could therefore be seen that Castle Hill would no longer be in a position to help Dural. The Rector also mentioned an amount of £250 to be paid to the Curate for the next church year, this amount to include travelling expenses. He said that the payment of a lump sum was more satisfactory than that in the past of paying small amounts to the Curate at different times as the money was raised. Mr Martin agreed with the Rector's remarks covering the payment of a lump sum, as with the old method the exact position was never known. He also agreed with the proposition of making Dural responsible for this end of the Parish, but he did not know whether the quota could be raised sufficiently. Mr Geelan thought that Castle Hill would still have to help this end, as Castle Hill was increasing, whereas the church people of this end were decreasing.

It was then agreed after discussion to leave the matter in the wardens' hands to allow them to approach people with the view of enabling them to see if the quota of their centres could be raised sufficiently.

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<sup>17</sup> Mrs Sarah Fuller (born ca 1855), wife of Edward Fuller, died on 28 December 1926 and was buried the next day in St Jude's Cemetery. The dedication service for new Communion rails and paneling installed in St Jude's Church in her memory, was held on 25 August 1929.

<sup>18</sup> The name of the Parish changed on 24 May 1928 from St Paul's, Castle Hill with Christ Church, Rouse Hill, to St Paul's Castle Hill with Holy Trinity, Baulkham Hills and St Jude's, Dural.

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Bank Overdraft. The Rector then spoke of Dural's financial position and the various extraneous expenses that had had to be met during the year, and suggested that an overdraft to the extent of £50 be obtained from the Bank to enable Dural to carry on to the end of the church year. Some of the members were opposed to an overdraft but after discussion it was decided to obtain the overdraft, Revd Smith agreeing to obtain the signatures of those willing to sign the necessary forms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

### **Minutes of a Wardens Meeting held in the Parsonage, Dural, on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1927 at 8 p.m.**

Present: Revd Knox chairman, Messrs Fuller, Thomas, R. Best, Secretary [T. Roden].  
The Rector opened the meeting with prayer.

The Chairman said the main business of the meeting was to discuss the position arising out of the projected departure of Revd Smith [Curate]. At the present time it was impossible to obtain an ordained man to reside in Dural, therefore this end of the Parish would have to be worked each Sunday by a Student [Minister]. The meeting agreed that this would entail a great deal of extra effort for the Rector, and thought that he should receive some compensation from this end of the Parish. After discussion, the Rector suggested that £150 per year should be paid to Castle Hill, to be allocated as follows: Student £65, Rector £52, Student's expense £33. The foregoing suggestion was put in the form of a motion by Mr Fuller, sec by Mr Best and carried, subject to ratification of same by the other centres at the Easter meeting.

Parish Sulky. The Rector spoke of the need of a conveyance for the use of the Student. He said that a sulky was under offer to the Parish in very good order for £8, which was considered good value. Proposed by Mr Fuller, seconded by Mr Best, that Mr Thomas be asked to see sulky under offer, and to purchase same if suitable. Carried. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Sectrys of Arcadia, Galston, Kenthurst, & Annangrove, asking them if they would each contribute £2 to complete the purchase of the sulky, as Dural had recently been under heavy expense with the erection of a new tank at the Parsonage, etc.

Envelopes. It was also agreed to continue with the envelope system, but as the Rector pointed out the heavy cost of printing, a motion was moved by Mr Thomas, sec by Mr Fuller, that 1000 plain envelopes be purchased at a cost of 5/-.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the benediction.

### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> April [1927] at 8 p.m.**

Revd T. Knox occupied the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Revd K. Smith [Curate], Messrs Fuller, Thomas, Best, Viney, Mesdms E.E. Best, Moore, James, Thomas, Miss Fuller, Miss M. Best, & the Secretary [T. Roden].

Balance Sheets. The church balance sheet, S.S. [Sunday School] Balance Sheet, & the Secretary's report were then read. The Rector, in proposing that they be adopted, said he hoped everyone would stand by the church during the ensuing year, and also the S.S. which was a very important portion of church work. Sec by Mr Viney & Carried. Proposed by Mr Thomas & seconded by Mr Fuller that the Balance Sheet be printed. Carried.

Office bearers. The Rector nominated Mr Fuller as Rector's Warden.

Peoples Wardens: Proposed by Mrs Moore & seconded by Mr Viney that Mr Thomas be appointed. Pro by the Secy, sec by Miss Fuller that Mr Best be appointed. There being no further nominations, the Rector declared them duly elected.

Auditor. Proposed by Mrs Moore, secd by Mrs E.E. Best that Mr J.W. Thacker be appointed Auditor.

Church Committee. Moved by Mrs Moore that a committee of 9 be appointed. Sec by Mrs Best. Mr Fuller moved & Mr Best sec that the following be appointed: Messrs Tate, Branz, Thacker, Roden,

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Mesdmes E.E. Best, Moore, Thomas, Miss Fuller, Miss M. Best. The Rector appointed subject to their approval, Mr & Mrs Blake, and Miss M. Branz, as his nomination.

Parochial Nominator. Pro by Mr Thomas & sec by Mrs Moore that Mr Fuller be appointed.

Finances. The Rector said that this year Dural would be responsible for £65. He also mentioned that each centre was going to pay into Dural their quota monthly & Dural would be responsible to Castle Hill for the full amount. It would mean a great saving for the Sec[retary] & Treas[urer] at Castle Hill. The quota for the present month would be £14.11.8 and each successive month £12.10/-.

Assessments. The other assessments would be H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] £2/-/-, Diocesan Assmt £2/-/-, Insurance £4.6/-, Lenten Boxes 3/-.

Parish News. The Rector then dealt with the question of whether it should be abolished, as Castle Hill had to pay a large amount for printing, and in some of the centres many copies were not accounted for. Mr Fuller said that he hoped that the News would still be carried on as he knew that it was looked forward to by many. He moved & Mr Thomas sec that Dural be responsible for 25 copies. Carried.

Sec & Treas. Moved by Mrs Moore sec by Mrs E.E. Best, supported by Mr Fuller, that Mr [Thomas] Roden be appointed Sec & Treas[urer]. Carried.

Mr Fuller moved a hearty vote of thanks to the organist & choir for their work during the year. He said the singing was a credit to the church. Seconded by Mrs Moore and carried. The Rector moved a vote of thanks to the wardens and Committee, & the S.S. [Sunday School] teachers who had carried out their duty well. Sec by Revd Smith.

Cemetery. Mr Fuller asked for the wardens position in regard to the Burial Ground. The Rector read the regulations of such control. Moved by Mr Thomas and sec by Mr Viney that the Secretary write to Mr W.C. Moore<sup>19</sup> asking him for a financial report to be furnished to the Rector & Wardens. Carried.

Business being completed, the Rector closed the meeting with the Benediction.

*Thos Knox*  
20-4-28

### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1928 at 8 p.m.**

Rev T. Knox occupied the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Rev C.W. Dillon<sup>20</sup> [Curate], Messrs Fuller, R. Best, Thomas, Horne, W. Moore, Blake, Mesdms E.E. Best, R. Moore, Horne, Blake, Morecombe, Misses Fuller, M. Best, and the Secretary [T. Roden]. The Minutes of the previous Vestry meeting were read and adopted.

Balance Sheets. The church balance sheet, Sunday School balance sheet, and report re Burial Ground were then read. The Rector in rising to move that they be adopted, pointed out that the overdraft with which the year had been commenced had very largely been liquidated by the special appeal made at the 82<sup>nd</sup><sup>21</sup> Anniversary of the church and the good result of the Parish Tea. He also mentioned the sale of the Horse & Sulky, pointed out that although the price was not large it was the best obtainable. The Rector also said he was pleased to hear that the Sunday School had improved. The motion was seconded by Mr Fuller and carried. The formal motion that the balance sheets be printed was proposed by Mr Fuller, seconded by Mrs Moore.

Election of Officers. Rector nominated Mr Fuller as Rector's Warden, which office Mr Fuller again accepted. Mr Roden then informed the meeting that owing to his time being fully occupied he would not be able to accept nomination for either office of warden or Secretary. Mr Roden then moved that Mr R. Best and Mr P Thomson be appointed Peoples Wardens. Mrs Moore nominated Mr Horne. Unfortunately Mr Thomson was absent and his acceptance of office could only be presumed. Mr Horne intimated that he would rather see Mr Thomson occupy the position, as Mr Thomson had been

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<sup>19</sup> Mr Moore rented the Cemetery paddock.

<sup>20</sup> Rev C.W. Dillon started taking services at St Jude's on 5 June 1927.

<sup>21</sup> Should have been 81<sup>st</sup>. Dating from 1846 was not corrected until 1937.

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associated with the church for a longer period than himself. After discussion it was agreed that Mr Best & Mr Thomson be elected, subject to Mr Thomson being able to fill the position. In the event of him declining, Mr Horne to automatically fill the position without the necessity for calling a further meeting. Mr Fuller then spoke a few words of appreciation on behalf of himself and fellow wardens of Mr Roden's services as Sec & Treas, following which he nominated Mr Horne for the vacant position, seconded by Mr Roden, which Mr Horne accepted & was declared elected.

Auditor. Moved by Mr Thomas seconded by Mr Fuller that Mr Roden be appointed Auditor.

Committee. Mr Fuller moved and seconded by Mr Best that a committee of nine be appointed. The Rector nominated Mr & Mrs Blake & Miss M. Branz. Moved by Mr Fuller, seconded by Mr Roden that Committee consist of these names in addition to the Rector's nomination: Messrs Tate, Branz, Horne, Thomas, Roden, & Mesdms E.E. Best, R. Moore, Thomas & Miss Fuller. It was heartily agreed that Mr Fuller be again elected as a delegate to the Parish Council and also as Parochial Nominator.

Church Finances. The Rector mentioned the amount of each centre's assessment, and also of the fact that Dural was responsible for a very large share of the Stipend, namely £108 p.a. The following amounts were also agreed upon. H.M. [Home Mission] Society £2/-, Insurance £4.6/-, Parish News £2.10/-, Diocesan Assessment £2/-, Lenten Boxes 15/-, Liquidation of Old Debt £1.10/-.

Parish Hall. Mr Fuller spoke of the state of neglect and disrepair which the hall seemed to be falling into. After further discussion he moved that a working bee be held on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. Seconded by Mr Blake and Carried. The question of the removal of some of the trees round the church was discussed. Mr Fuller said he would be very sorry to see any of them removed, because of old associations.

Church books. Mr Fuller moved and Mrs Best seconded that one dozen church prayer and hymn books be purchased. Proposed by Mrs Moore seconded by Mr Roden that the Sunday School donate the books and also purchase a broom for use at the Hall. Mr Fuller moved and Mrs Blake seconded that a meeting of ladies be called for the means of discussing a proposed sale of works.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Fuller and seconded by Mr Thomas, to the organist, Miss Branz, and the members of the choirs for their services during the past year. The Rector moved a vote of thanks to the church wardens and committee, also to the ladies and members of the Girls Friendly Society<sup>22</sup>. He said that the success which had attended the numerous efforts was largely due to the ladies & G.F.S. in conjunction. The Rector also thanked the Sunday School teachers for their work. He mentioned that theirs was a responsible duty in training the children as they would become active members of the church community. Seconded by Rev Dillon.

Cemetery. Mr Fuller mentioned that something should be done to the entrance to the cemetery. After discussion it was agreed that Mr Fuller interview the Engineer of Hornsby Council.

There being no further business, the Rector closed the meeting with the Benediction.

*Thos Knox*

6-4-29

### Minutes of General Meeting held in the Parish Hall, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1928

The Rev T. Knox presided.

Present. Rev C.W. Dillon [Curate], Mesdames Moore, Blake, Horne, Morecombe, Best (2), Loomes<sup>23</sup>, Branz, Misses Fuller, Best, Geelan, Branz, Messrs Horne, Fuller, Roden, Thomas, Best. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Business. The stallholders at the Bazaar held on August 4<sup>th</sup> furnished accounts in connection with their respective stalls, the amounts being received being as follows:

Bazaar Accounts. General £2.14.11; Cake £4.16.0; Sweets £5.0.1; Refreshments £4.16.5; Dips £1.0.0; Excess from Concert Fund £2.12.3. Expenses: Dips 15/3. Nett receipts £41.15.2.

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<sup>22</sup> First mention of Girls' Friendly Society at St Jude's.

<sup>23</sup> Possibly Gladys Alma, ca 1894-1955, daughter of Arthur John Best & wife of Harold Loomes

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Church Lamps. The improvement of the church lighting was discussed and it was proposed by Mr Horne and seconded by Mr Fuller, that one of the oil lamps used in the church should be converted into an Aladdin lamp (carried) and that the work should be done through Mr Dove, Galston.

Anniversary Service. Mr Fuller inquired concerning the Anniversary Service this year, Rev T. Knox replying that the Bishop Coadjutor had been requested to officiate but that he had stated that he could not be present on that date, therefore he, Rev T. Knox, would endeavour to make other arrangements to secure a visiting clergyman for the occasion.

Outstanding a/c Church Hall. The Sec was instructed to write to the Sec "F.D. Assoc" re payment for 5 meetings of that body at the Parish Hall. The meeting closed with the Benediction.

*Thos Knox*  
18-5-29

### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> [1929] at 8 P.M.**

Rev T. Knox occupied the chair & opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Rev C.W. Dillon, Messrs Fuller, R. Best, Blake, Berghoffer, Roden, Mesdms Moore, E.E. Best, Thomas, Blake, Misses Fuller, M. Best & the Sec. [Mr Horne] The minutes of the previous Vestry meeting were read & adopted.

Balance Sheet. The Church Balance Sheet & Burial Ground Balance sheet were then read. The Rector in rising to move they be adopted was pleased to hear of the credit balance which was in keeping with all the other churches of the Dural [end of the] Parish. The motion was seconded by Mr Fuller & carried.

Election of Officers. The Rector nominated Mr Fuller as rector's warden, which office he again accepted. Moved by Mrs Blake that Messrs R. Best & Thomas be nominated as peoples' wardens. Sec by Mr Blake & carried.

Auditor. Moved by Mr Fuller that Mr [Thomas] Roden be appointed, sec by Mr Thomas & carried.

Committee. The Rector nominated Mr & Mrs Blake & Miss Branz. Moved by Mr Fuller that the following be appointed, Messrs Branz, Roden & Blaxland, Mesdms Moore, E.E. Best, Thomas, Misses Fuller, G. Branz & G. Best & secon by Miss M. Best.

Parish Council & Parochial Nominator. Moved by Mr Thomas that Mr Fuller be appointed sec by Mr Blake.

Church Finance. The Rector in rising to move that the Curate's salary be raised said that it would not interfere with the assessments of either centre but as the Rectory was being taken over by the Postal department<sup>24</sup> therefore the rent was being raised from 15/- per week to 25/-, making the money from £240 to £264 per year.

He also spoke of the large Parish of Castle Hill & Dural combined & the extra amount of work & responsibility on the Rector in times like it has often been without either Curate or Catechist & in trying to keep all churches together neither church could have peoples attention, & now Riverston [sic] had separated he thought that before long perhaps at the end of the coming year Dural would separate. In asking the people to pray about it & talk it over between themselves, he thought it would be better for the Dural parish to have its own Rector.

The following amounts were also agreed to H.M. [Home Mission] Society £2.0.0, Insurance £4-6-0, Parish News £2.10.0, Diocesan Assessment £3.0.0, Lenten Boxes 15/-, Stipend £108.0.0. Moved by Mr Roden that Mr Thomas be appointed Sec & Treas & that his name be inserted in the Bank Book in lieu of Mr Horne's. Sec Mr Fuller. Moved Mr Roden that Sec be in power to keep a petty cash account secon Mr Fuller.

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<sup>24</sup> The cottage became Dural Post Office and dwelling for the postmaster. Thomas Roden was appointed to this position around this time and continued in it until 1953.

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Burial Ground. Moved by Mr Fuller that Mrs Moore be authorised to collect amounts for repairs to Cemetery [sic] fence & that the moneys in hand together with the credit balance from Cemetery be included. Secon Mr Thomas. Moved by Mr Roden that the administration & work of Cemetery be in charge of Wardens & any money be collected be handed to the Treasurer. Second Mr Blake.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Fuller & secon by Rev Dillon to the organist & members of the choir. The Rector moved a vote of thanks to the Wardens & Committee, also the ladies & members of the G.F. [Girls Friendly] Society. There being no other business, the Rector closed the meeting with the Benediction.

*Thos Knox*  
26-4-30

### **Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Parish Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> May 1929 at 3 P.M.**

Rev T. Knox occupied the chair & opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Mrs Moore, Miss Fuller, Rev C. Dillon, Messrs Fuller, Roden, R. Best & Blaxland & Sec [Mr Horne]. Minutes of last General meeting were read & adopted.

Cemetery. After much discussion in connection with the rules of the cemetery, Mr Fuller moved that a meeting be held at the Church Cemetery next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 3 PM sharp & the Rector to bring the rules & Mrs Moore to bring the plan of cemetery, sec by Mr Roden. The Sec was asked to invite Mr Moore acting caretaker & Mr Cassell to that meeting.

Bazaar. The Rector then mentioned of a Bazaar to be held in the coming year. Moved by Mr Fuller secon by Mr Roden that a meeting of ladies be called to arrange for same.

New Communion Rails. Moved by Mr Roden secon Rev Dillon that the Sec & Mrs E.E. Best be authorised to collect for a new set of Communion Rails to be erected to the memory of the late Mrs Edward Fuller.

There being no further business, the Rector closed the meeting with the Benediction.

*Thos Knox*  
27.6.29

### **Minutes of Committee meeting held in Parish Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1929 at 3 P.M.**

Rev T. Knox occupied the chair & opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Mesdms R. Moore, E.E. Best, Miss Fuller, Rev Dillon, Mr Fuller & Sec [Mr Horne]. Minutes of last Committee meeting were read & adopted.

Communion Rails to be erected in memory of the late Mrs E. Fuller. Mrs E.E. Best informed the meeting that she had collected £28.5.6 & with more money promised she expected to raise the amount to over £30. Pro Mrs E.E. Best sec Mr Fuller that Revs Knox & Dillon go to Church Stores & purchase what they thought the most suitable set of Communion Rails, also to purchase a quantity of suitable timber to panel the East end. Carried. Rev T. Knox asked the Sec to join them in purchasing the abovementioned timber.

Dedication Service. Pro Mrs E.E. Best sec Miss Fuller that Dedication Service be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 P.M. & for the Rev W.J. Roberts to be invited. Carried. Rev Knox said he would make arrangements with Rev Roberts & try to arrange for the service for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug at 3 P.M.

Cemetery Collection. Mrs Moore then mentioned of having more money collected than she wished to hold & asked if she could bank same. Pro Mr Fuller sec Miss Fuller that an account be opened in the Commonwealth Bank at Dural P.O. in the name of C.of E. Cemetery account for any money collected or received through the Cemetery Trust. Carried.

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There being no further business, the Rector closed the meeting with the Benediction.

*Thos Knox*  
16/9/29

### **Minutes of General meeting held in Parish Hall on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1929**

Rev T. Knox occupied the chair & opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Mesdms R. Moore, E.E. Best, A. Blake, Misses Fuller, G. & L.<sup>25</sup> Branz, Messrs Fuller, Branz, Roden, Cassell, Blake & Sec [Mr Horne]. Minutes of last Committee meeting were read & adopted.

Balance sheet of Communion Rails & Pannelling were read. The Rector in rising to move that those amounts be received said he wished to thank Mrs E.E. Best for her work of collecting to cover the expense of that work & he felt that the work had been done as work of love for the one that it was erected in memory of. He also thanked the Gentlemen for doing the work of erection the Rails & Pannelling, secon Mr Fuller.

Balance sheet of Cemetery collecting was then read. The Rector also thanked Mrs R. Moore for her hard work of collecting that amount for Cemetery repairs. Secon Mrs E.E. Best. It was then arranged that the necessary repairs to the Cemetery fence should be started. Committee. Mr Fuller moved that a committee of 3 be nominated to arrange for that work. The Rector nominated Mr Fuller & Mr Fuller nominated Messrs Branz & Thomas. Carried. Mr Cassell moved that as Mrs Moore had collected the money for repairs & she has asked that a one rail fence with wire be erected on the north side of cemetery, be agreed to. Secon Rector. Carried.

Church Anniversary. The Rector said that Oct 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> had been arranged for Parish Tea & Anniv Service. Pro Mrs E.E. Best that Miss Fuller be Sec. Secon Mrs Blake. Miss Fuller then arranged for a meeting of ladies for Sept 25 at 3 P.M. Carried.

Concert. Pro Mr Fuller Secon Mrs Moore that Sec arrange with the Annangrove Dramatic club to supply the concert.

Telephone. The Rector then mentioned of the new curate [Rev R.T. Hallahan<sup>26</sup>] & having the telephone connected for his convenience & the following charges to be made to cover the expense. Dural 3/8, Arcadia 2/8, Galston 1/8, Kenthurst 1/8 & Annangrove 1/8.

There being no further business, the Rector closed the meeting with the Benediction.

*Thos Knox*  
20.2.30

### **Minutes of General Meeting held in Parish Hall on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> [1930] at 8 P.M.**

Rev T. Knox occupied the chair & opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Mrs R. Moore, Miss Fuller, Rev Hallahan [new Curate], Messrs Fuller, R. Best & Sec [Mr Horne]. Minutes of past General Meeting were read & adopted.

Bank Overdraft. The Rector mentioned of the Bank being unable to supply the overdraft to the church & asked the meeting the best way to overcome the financial difficulty. Mr Fuller moved that a letter be forwarded to all parishioners & state the Church's financial difficulty. Secon R. Best. Mr Fuller also mentioned of being in favour of direct giving and thought that the trouble may be overcome in that way if there was only someone to do the collecting, also that he was in favour of the Envelope System to be reintroduced. The Sec offered to do part of the collecting to try & square up the books to the end of the financial year. Mr Fuller also offered to join in with the work. Moved by Mr Fuller that 20 bundles of

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<sup>25</sup> Probably Lily Branz, born ca 1912, daughter of Lorenz & Leah Branz.

<sup>26</sup> Rev R.T. Hallahan started taking services at St Jude's on 20 October 1929.

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envelopes be printed, second N. Thomas. There being no further business, the Rector closed the meeting with the Benediction.

*Thos Knox*  
29.7.30

### **Minutes of Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 26 April 1930 at 8 P.M.**

Rev T. Knox occupied the chair & opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Rev R. Hallahan [Curate], Messrs Fuller, Branz, R. Best, Blake, Cassell, Viney, Mesdms R. Moore, E.E. Best, Branz, Thomas, Blake & Miss Fuller & Secretary [Mr Horne].

Balance Sheet. The Church balance sheet was then read, which showed a Debit of £5-6-4. The Rector in proposing that it be adopted said although there was a small debt, the receipts had increased from the past year. The motion was seconded by Mr Cassell. Carried.

Election of Officers. The Rector nominated Mr Fuller as Rector's Warden, which office he again accepted. Pro Mr Fuller that Mr R. Best & N. Thomas be peoples wardens. Sec Mr Blake & Carried.

Auditor. Pro Mr Fuller that Mr Roden be appointed. Sec Mrs Moore. Carried.

Church Committee. The Rector nominated Mr & Mrs Blake & Mr Cassell. Other nominations: Mr & Mrs Branz<sup>27</sup>, Mr & Mrs Blaxland<sup>28</sup>, Miss Fuller, Mrs Moore, Mrs Thomas & the Misses L. Best & G. Branz. Carried.

Parochial Nominator. Pro N. Thomas, Sec Rev Hallahan that Mr Fuller be appointed. Carried.

Finances. Annangrove £15 to increase if possible, Arcadia £35, Galston £24, Kenthurst £30, Home Mission [Society] £2, Insurance £4.15.1, Dioc Assess £2, Parish News £2.10.0, Central Fund £264. Carried.

Sale of Work. Moved by Miss Fuller sec Mrs E.E. Best that a Sale of Work be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> 1930. Carried.

Cemetery. The Secretary then read applications from Mr W. Moore of £3, Mr Hollibone of £3.5.0 for renting of Cemetery paddock. Pro N. Thomas that highest tender be accepted. Sec Mrs E.E. Best. Amendment. Mr Fuller moved an amendment to the effect that Mr Moore be given preference. Sec Miss Fuller. Mrs E.E. Best moved amendment that the renting of ground be left to Rector & Trustees. Sec Rev Hallahan. Carried.

Rev Hallahan moved a vote of thanks to the organist, choir, auditor, & Committee for the good work through the past year. There being no further business, the Rector closed the meeting with the Benediction.

*Thos Knox*  
18-4-31

### **Wardens meeting held after the Annual meeting in connection with renting of Cemetery ground**

The Rector presided. The Sec then read two applications for the renting of the Cemetery paddock. One from Mr W. Moore who offered three pound & the other from Mr Hollibone who offered £3-5-0 with permission to tether a cow in front portion which is not used as the cemetery. Moved Mr Thomas that highest tender be accepted.

Mr Fuller then moved that Mr Moore's tender be accepted sec Mr R. Best. Carried. The Sec was then asked to write & let both Gentlemen know of the decision.

*Thos Knox*, 4.6.31

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<sup>27</sup> Mrs Branz is probably Leah (wife of Lorenz), who died at age 71 in 1953; she is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

<sup>28</sup> Mrs Blaxland is probably Gertrude Ellice (wife of Alan), who died at age 79 in 1983; she is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

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**Minutes of Committee meeting held in Parish Hall on July 30<sup>th</sup> 1930 at 8 P.M.**

Rev Knox occupied the chair & opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Mesdms Moore, Branz & Blake, Misses Fuller, G. & L. Branz, J. & M. Best, Messrs Fuller, Branz, Blake & Sec [Mr Horne]. Minutes of last Committee Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Treasurer then read the Balance Sheet showing a credit balance of £38.6.2. The Rector then moved a vote of thanks to Miss Jean Best for lending money to the Church. Mr Fuller seconded the motion. Mrs Moore moved a vote of thanks to Miss Fuller & her staff at the past Bazaar, second by Mrs Blake.

The Rector then mentioned of the Anniv Service to be held on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> & the Parish Tea on 25<sup>th</sup>. Moved by N. Thomas that Miss Fuller be appointed Sec, secon Mrs Blake. Moved by Rev Hallahan that charge at Parish Tea be 2/- for Tea & concert or 1/6 for Concert, secon Mr Branz. There being no further business, the Rector closed the meeting with the Benediction.

**Minutes of Annual Vestry meeting held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April [1931] at 8 P.M.**

The Rector Rev Thos Knox presided.

Present. Mesdms E.E. Best, Branz, Blake, Thomas & Miss Fuller, Messrs Fuller, Branz, Blake, R. Best & Secty [Mr Horne]. Minutes of past Annual Vestry meeting were read & confirmed.

Balance Sheets. The Church balance sheet was then read, which showed a credit balance of £6-4-6. The Sunday School balance sheet also showed a credit balance of £3-2-5. The Cemetery Trust showed a credit balance of £17-8-0. Moved by Miss Fuller that Balance sheets be received & adopted. Secon Mrs Blake. Carried. Moved by Mr Fuller that Balance sheets be printed, secon Mr Thomas. Carried.

Election of Ch. Wardens. The Rector nominated Mr Fuller, which office he accepted. Moved Mr Fuller that Messrs Thomas, & R. Best be nominated, secon Miss Fuller.

Auditor. Mr Fuller nominated Mr Thos Roden, sec Mr Thomas.

Church Committee. Rector nominated Mr & Mrs Blake & Mrs Moore. People. Mr & Mrs Branz, Mr & Mrs Blaxland, Mrs Thomas, Misses Fuller, Branz, L. & M. Best.

Parish Nominator. Mr Fuller was nominated by Mr Branz & secon by Mr Blake.

Finance. Annangrove £15, Kenthurst £30, Arcadia £35, Galston £18, Central Fund £264, H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] £2, Fire Insurance £5-3-9, Parish News £2.10, Dioc Ass £2.10, Envelopes £2.10, Lenten Boxes 3/-. Moved by Mr Fuller that assessments be adopted, secon Mrs Thomas.

Mrs Moore wrote to the Rector saying she could arrange to have the Parish Hall cleaned for 1/- per week. After some little discussion Mr Fuller moved that the S. School & Boys Club combined be asked to arrange for payment of that amount. Secon by Mr Branz.

Rev T. Knox said that the payment for rent of Cemetery paddock be payed into the Church acc.

Secty & Treas. Moved by Mr Fuller that Mr N. Thomas be appointed, secon Mr Branz. Carried.

Moved by Mr Fuller that our best thanks be passed to the Organist & Choir, sec Rev Knox. Moved by the Rector that a vote of thanks be passed to the Ch Wardens & Committee, secon Mr Branz. Carried.

Moved by Mr Fuller that Rev Mainstone<sup>29</sup> [new Curate] call a meeting of ladies to make arrangements for a sale of work to be held on July 25<sup>th</sup>, secon Mrs Branz.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the benediction.

Confirmed  
*H.E. Felton*  
9/4/32

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<sup>29</sup> Rev S.A. Mainstone started taking services at St Jude's on 4 January 1931.

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### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1932 at 8 pm**

The Rector, Rev H.E. Felton<sup>30</sup>, presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Mesdms E.E. Best & A. Blake, Miss M.W. Best, Messrs E. Fuller, R. Best, A. Blake. A.R. Blaxland and the Secretary [Mr N. Thomas]. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Financial Statement. The financial statement for the year ended 31 March 1932 was read, the net deficiency being £12. Mr Blake moved & Mr R. Best seconded that statement be received. Mr Fuller moved & Mr Blake seconded that statement be printed.

Election of Officers. Wardens. Rectors warden, Mr E. Fuller.

Peoples Wardens. Mr R. Best & Mr A.R. Blaxland.

Auditor. Mr W. Roden<sup>31</sup>

Parish Council. Mr E. Fuller

Parochial Nominator. Mr Fuller nominated.

Church Committee. Rector nominated Mr & Mrs Blake who were duly elected. Moved by Mr Fuller, seconded by Mrs Best that Mr & Mrs Branz, and Miss M.W. Best, be appointed. Carried. Moved by Mr Fuller, seconded by Mrs Blaxland that Miss E. Best<sup>32</sup>, Mrs J.M. Hemers & Mrs E. Best be appointed. Carried.

Secretary & Treasurer. Moved by Mr Blaxland, seconded by Mr Best that Mr [Thomas] Roden be appointed. Carried.

Moved by Mrs Blake, seconded by Mrs Best, that Mr Blaxland's signature be substituted for Mr Thomas' signature for the purpose of operating on the bank account.

Assessments. The question of the amounts of the assessment to be paid to the Central Fund for the ensuing year received considerable discussion. Eventually it was decided upon the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mrs Best, that the amount should be £252. The other assessments to remain as formerly.

The Rector thanked the Wardens and the Church Committee for their work and support during the year just ended. Mr Fuller mentioned the very valuable services rendered to the church by Mr & Mrs Thomas and the loss sustained by their removal from the district. He moved and Mr Blaxland seconded that a letter be written to them expressing the Church's thanks.

The Secretary was also instructed to write to Mrs R. Moore conveying the sympathy of the meeting in her protracted illness<sup>33</sup>. There being no further business, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

Confirmed

*H.E. Felton*

8 May 1933

### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Parish Hall Dural on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1933 at 8 pm**

The Rector, Rev H.E. Felton, presided and opened the meeting with Prayer.

Present. Mrs Blake, Misses Fuller, L. Best, M. Best, Messrs Blake, Blaxland, Best & the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Financial Statements. The secretary read the financial statements of the Church fund, Sunday School and Cemetery Trust, the church fund showing a net deficit of £37.15.6. The statements were received and adopted. It was resolved that the statements be printed.

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<sup>30</sup> Rev Herbert Eric Felton was licensed as Rector on 30 December 1931 and started taking services at St Jude's on 24 January 1932..

<sup>31</sup> Probably a brother of Thomas Roden, who resumed the position of Secretary and Treasurer at this meeting.

<sup>32</sup> Probably Miss Evelyn Best, who played the organ at St Jude's for many years.

<sup>33</sup> Mrs Rhoda Moore died on 16 July 1932.

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Election of Officers. Rectors Warden, Mr E. Fuller, Peoples Wardens Messrs A.R. Blaxland & R.S. Best.

Auditor. Mr W. Roden.

Parish Council. Mr T. Roden.

Parochial Nominator. Mr E. Fuller.

Committee. Resolved that a committee of 4 be appointed. Those appointed were: Misses Fuller, E. Best & M. Best & Mrs Blake.

Secretary & Treasurer. Mr T. Roden.

Assessment. It was resolved that the assessment to be paid to the Central Fund at Castle Hill for the year would be at the rate of £200 p.a.

The Rector heartily thanked the Wardens, Secretary, Organist and all those who had rendered valuable assistance during the past year.

Repairs to Rectory. Mention was made of the necessity of certain repairs to the roof of the Post Office dwelling<sup>34</sup>. It was resolved to recommend to the Wardens that the repairs be carried out.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm, the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

*H.E. Felton*

13/4/34

### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church held in the Parish Hall Dural on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> April 1934 at 8 pm**

The Rector Rev H.E. Felton presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Rev Broadley<sup>35</sup> [Curate], Messrs Blake, Best, Blaxland & [space] Mesdms Broadley & Blake, Misses Fuller, & [space] and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Financial Statements. The financial statements of the Church Fund, Sunday School & Cemetery Trust were read, the Church Fund showing a deficit of £4.19.5. It was resolved that the statements be received and that they be printed.

Election of Officers. Rectors Warden. Mr E. Fuller.

Peoples Wardens. Messrs R.S. Best & A.R. Blaxland.

Auditor. Mr W. Roden.

Parish Council. Mr T. Roden.

Parochial Nominator. Mr E. Fuller.

Committee. Resolved that a committee of 4 be appointed. Those appointed were Mesdms Blake & Blaxland, Misses Fuller & E. Best.

The Rector heartily thanked the Wardens and church committee for their work during the past year, also Miss E. Best for her work as organist and those who attended to the flowers each Sunday, also Mrs E.E. & Miss M.W. Best for their attention to the Communion vessels.

Repairs to Residence. The Rector spoke at length concerning the necessity of certain repairs being carried out on the Rectory, used as a post office and dwelling. It was finally resolved that repairs be undertaken as circumstances permit and that the matter be left finally for the Wardens to deal with.

Cemetery. Discussion was entered into concerning the condition of the cemetery; mention was also made of the difficulty in collecting fees. The question of having work done was referred to the Wardens. The Rector agreed to approach the undertakers with regard to fees.

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<sup>34</sup> The Rectory (previously called the Parsonage) was situated on the St Jude's church site and had been leased to the Postal Department as a post office and dwelling since about 1929.

<sup>35</sup> Rev H. Broadley started taking services at St Jude's on 4 June 1933.

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm, the Rector pronouncing the benediction.

*H.E. Felton*  
23/4/35

### Minutes of the Wardens Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1934 at 9.15 pm

The Rector, Rev H.E. Felton in the chair.

Present. Rev Broadley [Curate], Messrs R.S. Best, A.R. Blaxland, & the Secty [Thomas Roden].

Secretary & Treasurer. The meeting appointed Mr T. Roden as Secretary & Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Repairs to Residence. It was resolved that certain repairs to the residence be put in hand at once, such as repairs to blinds, locks and pantry ceiling, and that further repairs be carried out as funds permit.

Cemetery. It was resolved that Mr Mark Thompson be appointed gravedigger in succession to Mr R. Viney.

Cemetery Maintenance. The Rector referred to a letter he had received from Mr Mark Thompson enquiring if there was any work to be done in the cemetery. After discussion it was decided that the sum of £4 be expended and that the Secretary communicate with Mr Thompson and enquire his price.

*H.E. Felton*  
23<sup>rd</sup> April, 35

### Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Febry 1935 at 8 pm

The Rector, Rev H.E. Felton, presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Rev Broadley<sup>36</sup> [Curate], Messrs W.H. Best<sup>37</sup>, R. Ramm<sup>38</sup>, R. Best, E. Fuller, Mesdms Ramm<sup>39</sup>, E.E. Best, Misses G. Ramm & L. Black and the Secretary [Thomas Roden].

The chairman in his opening remarks mentioned that the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the tenders which had been received for the painting and general renovations to the parsonage. The three tenders which had been received were then opened and formally received on the motion of Mr Best & Mr Fuller. After prices and details had been compared and considered it was resolved upon the motion of Mr Best seconded by Mrs Ramm that Mr A.R. Blaxland's tender be accepted at a price of £42.5.6.

Inspection of job. It was resolved upon the motion of Mr Fuller, seconded by Mr Ramm, that the Rector ask Mr Herwig[?] of Castle Hill to inspect the work upon completion and before final payment. The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr Blaxland to commence the work within a fortnight.

Govt Loan. The Secretary reported that he had received that morning intimation to the effect that the Govt was prepared to lend £33. In view of the money necessary being obtained locally it was resolved, upon the motion of Mr Fuller & Mr Best that the Loan be received.

Appreciation of lenders action. It was resolved upon the motion of the Secty & Mr Fuller, that appreciation of the action of the lenders of the money be recorded in the minutes.

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<sup>36</sup> Rev H. Broadley's last service at St Jude's was on 21 April 1935. He was succeeded as Curate by Rev L.F. Newton from June 1935 until September 1937, but the latter is not mentioned in any of the Minutes.

<sup>37</sup> William Henry Best (1892-1984), son of James Frederick Best (1862-1908)

<sup>38</sup> Robert Ramm, born ca 1865; he died on 12 February 1940 and is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

<sup>39</sup> Emma Rose Ramm, wife of Robert; born ca 1866; she died in 1954 and is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

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Progress Payments. It was resolved that progress payments to the contractor be left to Mr R.S. Best and the Secretary.

The business having been completed for which the meeting was called, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm, the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church, Dural, held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1935 at 8 pm**

The Rector, Rev H.E. Felton, presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Mesdms Ramm, Blake, Roden<sup>40</sup>, Misses Fuller, Ramm, Messrs R.S. Best, R. Ramm, A. Blake & the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. The minutes of the previous Annual meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Financial. The financial statements concerning the Church Fund, Cemetery Trust and Sunday School were read by the Secretary, the general fund showing a credit balance of £14.11.8, though due allowance had to be made for a liability of £6.5.6 which would become due upon completion of the Parsonage repairs. The Rector, in speaking to the adoption of the accounts, said how pleased he was at the healthy position disclosed and that the old debt to Castle Hill had disappeared. It was resolved that the accounts be received and adopted. Resolved further, that the accounts be printed.

Election of Officers. Peoples Wardens, Messrs R.S. Best & A. Blaxland.

Rectors Warden, Mr E. Fuller.

Committee. Resolved that 4 be the number of the Committee. Those appointed were Mesdms Roden, Blake, Misses Fuller & Ramm.

Auditor. Mr W. Roden.

Parish Council. Mr T. Roden.

Parochial Nominator. Mr W.H. Best.

Sec & Treas. Mr T. Roden.

The Rector then thanked those present and other helpers for their work during the past year; those mentioned being the organists, Wardens, committee, those ladies responsible for the flowers each Sunday and the S.S. [Sunday School] teachers. An appeal was made for at least one more helper as a teacher in the S.S.

Resolved upon the motion of Mrs Blake Sec by Mrs Ramm, that a letter be written to Mrs E.E. Best conveying the sincere thanks of the church members for her unremitting care and attention to the communion vessels over a period of 25 years.

Repair Fund a/c. It was resolved that an account be opened in the Cwealth Savings Bank to be called the St Judes Dural Repair Fund, such fund to be commenced and maintained by monthly deposits of £1 from the rental received from the P.M.G.'s [Post Master General] Dept, the purposes of the Fund being Parsonage repairs.

Church Doors. Exception was taken to the colour of the church doors which had recently been painted and it was resolved that they be painted dark brown.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

Confirmed

*H.E. Felton*

14/4/36

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<sup>40</sup> May Roden, 1904-1986, wife of Thomas Roden, and daughter of James Frederick & Edith Elizabeth Best.

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### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church Dural held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1936 at 8 pm**

The Rector, Rev H.E. Felton, presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Messrs W.H. Best<sup>41</sup>, R.S. Best, A.R. Blaxland and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Financial. Financial statements concerning the Church Fund, Repair Fund, Cemetery Trust and Sunday School were then read and it was resolved that they be received. The Rector said that it was pleasing to note the healthy condition of the finances. It was further resolved that the financial statements be printed.

Election of Officers. Wardens. Mr R.S. Best and Mr A.R. Blaxland were re-elected peoples Wardens. The Rector nominated Mr E. Fuller as Rector's Warden.

Parish Council. Mr Roden.

Auditor. Mr [W.] Roden.

Parochial Nominator. Mr W.H. Best recommended for the position.

Sec & Treas. Mr T. Roden.

Committee. Resolved that the present committee of four be re-elected, namely Mesdms Roden & Blake, Misses Fuller & Ramm.

The Rector then thanked all those who had assisted in the work of the Parish during the past year. The inclemency of the weather militated against a larger attendance.

Cemetery Trust Bank a/c. It was resolved that Mr Blaxland's name be substituted for that of Mr Thomas in connection with the operations of the Cemetery Trust Bank a/c.

The Rector mentioned the fact that the Church of St Jude was a Broughton Church and that he was endeavouring to arrange a special service on the 31<sup>st</sup> May at which the Bishop of Gippsland would be the preacher<sup>42</sup>. The Rector suggested that a small, suitable plate might be placed inside the church to the effect that the foundation stone was laid by Bishop Broughton.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm, the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

*H.E. Felton 9.4.37*

### **Minutes of Wardens Meeting held at the Fullers' residence on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1936**

Present. Mr E. Fuller, in the chair, Messrs A.R. Blaxland, R.S. Best & the Secretary [Thomas Roden].

The main object of the meeting was to discuss a proposed new fence to enclose the Parsonage, now used as a post office & dwelling. It was resolved that a 3 foot Ring-lock fence be erected round the Parsonage in place of the existing wire fence. It was resolved that the strainer posts, of which there should be 10 in number, including 4 gate posts, should be round, 6'6" x 9 or 10 inches, further that the intermediate posts be squared 6' x 8" x 3". Strainer posts shall be sunk 2'2" and intermediate posts 20" in the ground. Resolved that the Secretary get in touch with Mr Whittaker of Arcadia to obtain a quote for the supply of the posts required.

Concerning the erection of the fence it was resolved that tenders be called for labour only and that notices be exhibited at Galston & Dural Post Offices.

The Secretary mentioned that the grate in the copper was burnt out and it was resolved that a new grate be installed.

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<sup>41</sup> William Henry Best (1892-1984), brother of Roy Spencer Best; both sons of James Frederick Best.

<sup>42</sup> Sydney Diocese held celebrations in May 1936 to commemorate the centenary of William Broughton's appointment as Bishop of Australia. St Jude's, Dural, was built during Broughton's incumbency.

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The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

*H.E. Felton*  
25/11/37

### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church Dural, held in the Parish Hall Dural on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1937 at 8 p.m.**

The Rector, Rev H.E. Felton, presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Mesdms Best, Roden, Blake, Ramm and Miss Fuller, Messrs Ramm, Blake, Ham<sup>43</sup>, R.S. Best and the Secretary [Thomas Roden].

Apologies were received from Messrs E. Fuller, A.R. Blaxland and Miss E. Best. The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Financial Statements. Financial Statements covering the General Church Fund, Repair Fund, Cemetery Trust and Sunday School were read. Each account disclosed a credit balance, though the Secretary pointed out that St Judes was in arrears to Castle Hill on account of Stipend. The various accounts were then received and adopted and it was further resolved that they be printed.

Election of Officers. Rectors Warden. Mr E. Fuller.

Peoples Wardens. Messrs R.S. Best and A.R. Blaxland.

Church Committee. Mesdms Deaman, Blake & Roden and Miss Fuller, Messrs Rohan, Blake, Ham & Roden.

Parochial Nominator. Mr Ham.

Parish Council. Mr Roden.

Auditor. Mr Rohan.

Sec & Treasr. Mr Roden.

The Rector sincerely thanked the Wardens, Committee, S.S. [Sunday School] Teachers and Secretary, for their willing work on behalf of the Church during the past year; also Mrs & Miss Bushell for keeping the Church clean and tidy. It was resolved that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Secretary for his work, to which the Secretary briefly responded.

Finance. The attention of the meeting was directed to the rather parlous state of the Church finances and it was questioned as to whether St Judes could continue to maintain a Curate. The difficulty of raising funds by way of extraneous effort was stressed. The Rector outlined a scheme of direct giving which had been instituted at Castle Hill with considerable success. It was finally resolved such a system of direct giving be put into operation at St Judes, the offering to be brought in on the last Sunday in May.

The Rector suggested a scheme which might be put into operation, whereby certain duties would devolve on various members of the congregation. The suggestion was adopted and the following roster and duties drawn up.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Mr Rohan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Mr Ham; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Mr Blaxland, 4<sup>th</sup> Mr Blake, 5<sup>th</sup> Mr Best. The duties to consist of namely, ring 1<sup>st</sup> bell ¼ hour prior to time of service; welcome visitors, distribute books, ring 2<sup>nd</sup> bell.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm, the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

4.5.38  
*Ronald A. O'Brien*

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<sup>43</sup> Robert Adams Ham (ca 1869-1953); he is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

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### Minutes of meeting of Wardens and Committee with representatives from other centres held in St Judes Vestry on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1937 at 8 p.m.

The Rector, Rev H.E. Felton presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Mesdms Blake, Deaman<sup>44</sup>, Roden and H.A. Best<sup>45</sup>; Misses Scott, Best & Fuller; Messrs Fuggle, Parr, Cox, Lister, Russell<sup>46</sup>, Blake, Deaman, Best, Blaxland and the Secretary [Thomas Roden].

The Rector briefly outlined the chief reason for the meeting being called, viz; the establishment of a provisional parish to consist of the Dural and district end of the present Parish of Castle Hill, the appointment of a Rector, Rev R.A. O'Brien<sup>47</sup> and the induction service to be held in St Judes Church Dural on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 1937, and subsequent welcome in the Parish Hall.

The Rector stated that the H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] had consented to a grant of £75 which made the separation from Castle Hill financially possible. The new Rector's Stipend will be £250 per annum.

Parish Council. The Chairman pointed out that a Parish Council would be necessary, which would consist of the Dural Churchwardens, Messrs Fuller, Best & Blaxland, together with Messrs Parr, Russell, Deaman Snr & Langlands as representatives from Kenthurst, Arcadia, Galston & Annangrove respectively.

Catering arrangements for the supper at the Welcome were discussed and agreed upon by the ladies present, the representatives from other centres agreeing to assist in this regard. Arrangements were also made for additional seating accommodation in the Church for the service.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
15.xii.37

### Minutes of Parish Council meeting<sup>48</sup> held at the residence of Rev R.A. O'Brien on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1937 at 8 p.m.

Present. Rev R.A. O'Brien in the chair, Messrs Deaman Snr, Russell, Best, Blaxland, Parr & the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. The meeting opened with prayer.

Condition of Residence<sup>49</sup>. The Rector spoke at length on the state of the residence and the fact that, upon taking up residence the rental had been raised from 12/6 to £1 per week. Members were shown the bathroom which was the principal cause of complaint. It was finally resolved that a letter be written to the agent, Mr W.F. Jago, asking that a reduction of 5/- per week be made in the rent and that repairs and alterations be made to the bathroom.

Parish News. The Chairman intimated that, as we were now separated from Castle Hill, it would be necessary to have a separate parish paper. It would be necessary to have a photo of the Church of St Jude at Dural for the purpose of having a block made. As time was short, the first edition would probably have to stand over till the 1<sup>st</sup> Febry 1938.

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<sup>44</sup> George Deaman, born ca 1863; he died on 8 October 1939 and is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

<sup>45</sup> Dinah Best, wife of Hylton Adrian Best (ca 1904-1983; known as Jack). She died at age 99 in 2005 and is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

<sup>46</sup> Probably Norman Russell, of Arcadia

<sup>47</sup> Rev Ronnie O'Brien was licensed on 1 December 1937. His Induction Service was held on 3 December 1937.

<sup>48</sup> First Parish Council meeting of the Provisional Parish of Dural. Until then, Dural district had had one representative on the Parish Council at Castle Hill.

<sup>49</sup> Rev O'Brien, then unmarried, rented a house at 160 Arcadia Road. Dural Parsonage near St Jude's was unavailable as it had been leased to the Postal Department as a post office and residence since about 1933.

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Car Registration. It was resolved that Mr O'Brien be reimbursed the amount paid for car registration, viz. £7.17.3.

Telephone. It was resolved that a telephone being essentially necessary, that such be installed, the Parish to pay ground rent and half the calls.

Finance. The financial position was discussed at length. Mr O'Brien pointed out that he would carry on under present conditions until the 1938 Annual Vestry Meeting, but at that meeting some arrangements would have to be made to provide a car allowance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed to partake of supper kindly provided by Mr O'Brien.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
18.1.38

### **Minutes of [Parish] Council Meeting held at the residence of Rev R.A. O'Brien on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> January 1938 at 8 p.m.**

Present. Rev R.A. O'Brien in the chair, Messrs Russell, Deaman, Blaxland, and the Secretary [Thomas Roden].

Correspondence. I. From Mr Stubbin re Church museum in connection with the [150<sup>th</sup>] Anniversary Celebrations of the State. II. Circular re Confirmation dates, the date for Dural being set down for 29/5/38.

Church Finance. Mr O'Brien addressed the meeting at length on the financial position of the Parish and the need for some effort to be put in hand to raise funds.

The Chairman also mentioned that, if possible, our own church should be built in Galston, as the hall where services are now held was far from suitable for public worship. In this connection mention was made of the fact that an offer of ½ an acre of land for the erection of a church had been made. The situation of the Church at Annangrove was also a serious one and would have to be dealt with.

The Chairman then suggested the holding of a Queen Competition, and after discussion it was resolved on the motion of Messrs Russell & Deaman that a Queen Competition be held, each of the five centres to be asked to nominate a candidate, the money raised by each centre to be retained by that centre for any particular purpose as desired.

Parish News. The a/c of £1.4/- due to the Zenith Printing Co. for the first issue of the Parish News, was passed for payment.

Cemetery Fence. The Secretary reported that, Mr W. Moore who rents the cemetery paddock had asked that repairs be made to certain portions of the fence to make it stock proof. To this end a quote from Mr Bellamy had been obtained. The price for the supply and erection of same being 14/6 per chain, plus a sum of 30/- to clear away the old fence and clean away blackberry bushes on the line of fence, the trustees to supply 1½ rolls of No 12 barb wire and necessary tie wire. It was resolved that this price be accepted and the work be put in hand at once.

The Secretary reported that the General Fund stood in credit at £18.1.5; Cemetery Fund at £47.10/- and Repair Fund £14.13.10.

Parish Hall. The Chairman pointed out that certain repairs were urgently necessary on the Parish Hall. It was agreed that these be carried out as soon as possible.

There being no further business the meeting closed after which Mr O'Brien kindly provided supper.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
15.2.38

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### **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at the residence of Rev R.A. O'Brien on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1938 at 8 p.m.**

Rev R.A. O'Brien presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Messrs Deaman, Russell, Blaxland, Best and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. An apology was received from Mr Parr. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as a correct [record].

The Secretary reported that the Cemetery Fence had been completed satisfactorily, also that certain minor repairs had been carried out to the Parish Hall.

Correspondence. I. From Mr G.R. Langlands re Queen Competition. II. From H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] re Grant for Stipend for 1938/39. The Secretary reported having completed the form of application for the grant of £75 as it had to be returned within 10 days.

Accounts. The following accounts were passed for payment on the motion of Messrs Russell & Best.

- I. A.R. Blaxland. Repairs to Hall £1.
- II. J. Bellamy. For erection of portion of St Judes Cemetery fence £6.4.3 together with cost of barb wire when a/c is received.
- III. Zenith Printing Co. Parish News 19/-.
- IV. Hornsby Shire. Rates on P.O. Building 12/3.

The Secretary reported the general fund as being in credit £28.10.7

General Business. Installation of Electric Light in the Parish Hall.

The Chairman pointed out that, as the current was available, it was very necessary that the light should be connected to the Parish Hall, particularly as it was anticipated that the Hall would be used frequently in future. It was eventually resolved upon the motion of Messrs Russell & Deaman that the light be installed and that the cost of same be a charge upon the Repair Fund. It was agreed that Mr Stephens of Castle Hill be asked for a quote for the work and if possible that the work be completed by the 26<sup>th</sup> inst.

Queen Compn. The Chairman reported that the following ladies were the candidates for the Queen Competition from the respective centres:

Dural	Miss Ramm
Arcadia	Miss Waddell
Kenthurst	Miss Jones
Galston	Miss Deaman
Annangrove	Miss Langlands

Rectors Removal Expenses. Mr O'Brien mentioned that he had written to the H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] some 5 weeks previously asking for reimbursement for his expenses in moving to the Parish. As no reply had been received, the Secretary was instructed to write to the H.M.S. to make enquiries in this matter.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the Benediction, after which Mr O'Brien kindly provided supper.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
29.3.38

### **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at the residence of Rev R.A. O'Brien on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> March 1938 at 8 p.m.**

Present. Messrs Russell, Deaman, Parr, Best and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. Apology. An apology was received from Mr Blaxland.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Business arising out of the minutes.

The Secretary reported having written Mr Stephens, electrician of Castle Hill re the installation of light in the Parish Hall and had had a reply verbally through Mr Geo. Deaman Jr that his charge would be £6.15/- for 5 lights and 1 power point. Since received the verbal quote, no further advice had been

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received, therefore the Secretary was instructed to write Mr Stephens again on the matter, asking for advice as to whether he can do the work shortly, and if not, that we would be compelled to go elsewhere.

### Correspondence.

- I. From H.M.S. re Removal Exps
- II. From Baulkham Hills Shire granting permission to make collections for the Parish Fete.
- III. From Hornsby Shire Council granting similar permission.
- IV. From Chief Secretary's Dept advising of exemption from provision of the Charitable Collections Act.
- V. From Archdeacon Begbie to Rev R.A. O'Brien re Queen Competition.

Resolved that the correspondence be received.

Finance. The Secretary reported that the General Fund was in credit £15.10.9; Repair Fund Credit Balance £18.6.1; Cemetery Trust Credit Balance £39.4/-; all centres had paid their assessments in full.

Car Allowance. The Rector spoke on the necessity of something being done to make provision for a car allowance. The members were agreed that an allowance should be paid and it was resolved on the motion of Messrs Parr & Deaman that an allowance of £50 be paid during the ensuing year and that the following allocations be suggested for the various centres, viz. Kenthurst £15; Dural £15; Annangrove £3; Galston £7; Arcadia £10.

This concluded the business and the meeting was closed with the Benediction after which Mr O'Brien kindly provided supper.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
31.5.38

### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of the Provisional District of St Jude's Dural held in the Parish Hall Dural on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> May 1938 at 8 p.m.**

Present. Rev R.A. O'Brien in the chair.

Mesdms Ramm, Blake, Barker, Roden, Misses E. Best, Fuller, Scott & Ramm, Messrs Ramm, Ham [& the Secretary, Thomas Roden].

The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Financial Statements. Four statements covering the Church a/c, Repair Fund, Cemetery Trust and Sunday School were read, each statement disclosing a satisfactory credit balance. It was resolved that the statements be received and adopted.

Election of Officers. The Chairman then read a letter from Mr Edward Fuller in which Mr Fuller tendered his resignation as Rector's Warden, owing to ill health. The Chairman referred in eulogistic terms to Mr Fuller's long and faithful work as a Church warden of St Judes<sup>50</sup>. It was resolved that his resignation be received with regret and that the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr Fuller extending to him the meeting's appreciation of his long and valued service as a Church officer. It was further resolved that an illuminated address be prepared and presented to Mr Fuller in recognition of his services<sup>51</sup>.

Rectors Warden. Mr Geo Deaman [Jnr]

Peoples Wardens. Messrs R.S. Best and Mr Ham.

Church Committee. Resolved that a committee of 12 be appointed. Those elected were: Mesdms Deaman, Blake, Roden, Misses Fuller, Scott & Ramm, Messrs Rohan, Blake, Ham, Ramm, Fisher & Roden.

Parish Council. To consist of the Wardens of St Judes together with Messrs Deaman Snr (Galston), J.J. Parr (Kenthurst), Langlands (Annangrove) & Russell (Arcadia).

Auditor. Mr Rohan.

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<sup>50</sup> Edward Fuller had been a churchwarden more or less continuously since 1881. He died on 2 November 1938, his funeral service being held the next day; he is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

<sup>51</sup> This address, dated 1938, is in the vestry at St Jude's, Dural.

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Secty & Treas. Mr Roden.

The Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to the Wardens for their help and interest in the work since his induction, also the Church Committee. Mr O'Brien made special mention of the work carried on by the S.S. [Sunday School] teachers in this very important adjunct of the life of the Church. He also expressed his appreciation of the services rendered by Miss Best as organist and Mr [Roy] Best as assistant organist, also to Mrs Bushell & Miss Fuller for keeping the church clean and tidy.

Car Allowance. The Secretary referred to the recommendation of £50 to be paid to Mr O'Brien during the ensuing year. It was suggested that this allowance be allocated as follows: Dural £15; Kenthurst £15; Arcadia £10; Galston £7; & Annangrove £3. The Secretary pointed out the great amount of work done by the Rector, consequently involving greatly increased mileage and that it was only right that an allowance should be paid. It was resolved on the motion of Mrs Blake, seconded by Mr Deaman that an allowance of £50 be paid.

The Rector referred to the Parish Fete which would officially close on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1938. The final function would take place in the Parish Hall when each centre would have a stall. In the evening the final result would be announced when each of the candidates would receive a small token of their work.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the Benediction.

*Ronald A. O'Brien.*

26.4.39

### **Minutes of meeting of Parish Council held at the residence of Rev O'Brien on Tuesday 31/5/38 at 8 pm**

Present. Rev O'Brien in the chair. Messrs Deaman Snr, Russell, Parr, Best, Ham, Deaman Jnr and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Correspondence. 1 & 2 from K. Stephens, electrician of Castle Hill advising with regard to installation of light in Parish Hall. 3 From H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] advising that a grant of £75 had again been made available. 4 From Diocesan Registrar asking for copy of Annual Statement of Receipts and Payments. Correspondence was received.

Electric Light for P. Hall. The Secretary reported that, following on correspondence received from Mr Stephens of Castle Hill, stating his inability to install light in Parish Hall, a quote had been received from Mr McMullen for the work, the price being £7.5/- for 5 lights and power point. This quote was considered satisfactory. The Secretary reported further that a quote had also been received from Mr McMullen for connecting the Parish Hall light through the Church supply, thus obviating two minimum charges. The cost for the extension was £5.2.6. After considerable discussion, the matter was left in the hands of Mr Deaman Jnr and the Secretary to enquire further into the matter, and if satisfactory, to have the work put in hand.

Finance. The following credit balances were reported: General Fund £24; Cemetery Trust £44.4/-; Repair Fund £16.2.6.

Savings Bank A/cs. It was resolved that the three churchwardens of St Judes be authorised to operate on the accounts of the Cemetery Trust and Repair Fund and that the former account be transferred to Parramatta Branch.

St Judes Church Fence. It was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to approach Mr C. Hitchcock with an offer of £5 for the stone required to build the fence.

It was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to write to Baulkham Hills Shire Council requesting them to have the footpath in front of St Judes Church attended to.

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There being no further business the meeting closed with the Benediction, after which Rev O'Brien kindly provided supper.

*R.A. O'Brien*  
28.6.38

### **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1938 at 8 pm**

Present. Rev R.A. O'Brien in the chair. Messrs Russell, Ham, Deaman Snr, Deaman Jnr and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. An apology was received from Mr Parr. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Correspondence. I From H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] acknowledging receipt of Confirmation Service Offertory. II From Baulkham Hills Shire Council in reply to a request that the footpath in front of St Judes Church be attended to. With regard to the latter item, the Secretary reported that a few loads of shale had been placed and spread on the footpath, also in the drive into the church yard.

Finance. The Secretary reported the following credit balances: General Fund £16.19.11; Cemetery Trust £46.18.10; Repair Fund £17.6/-. Concerning the latter fund, the Secretary reported that the installation of Electric light had been completed at the Parish Hall and that a payment of £12.7.6 was due to Mr McMullen of Castle Hill for the work completed, plus £1 to Mr Bellamy for supply of two poles. The Repair Fund would then in credit £3.18.6. The sum of £13.7.6 was accordingly passed for payment.

General. The Secretary reported that the lessee of the stall at the Galston Recreation Ground had asked for permission to erect a sign inside the Parish Hall ground at the corner of the Galston and Glenorie Roads; the lessee stated that he had been directed to remove the sign from its existing position just outside the fence. Permission as desired granted.

St Judes Fence. Considerable discussion took place with regard to the proposed new fence in front of St Judes Church. It was finally resolved that a plain stone fence be erected with a small lych gate to be placed in position where the present large gate is situated. It was further decided that a rough plan be obtained of the proposed work and that certain of the minor details of work be put in hand. It was also agreed that the idea of a circular drive round the church be dispensed with.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the Benediction; the members present then partaking of supper kindly provided by Mr O'Brien.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
19.7.38

### **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday 19/7/38 at 8 pm**

The Rector Rev R.A. O'Brien occupied the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Messrs Deaman Sr, Ham, Best, Deaman Jr and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. An apology was received from Mr Parr and Mr Russell. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Correspondence. From Hornsby Shire Council notifying that the matter in connection with the footpath in front of St Judes Church had been attended to. The Rector reported, further to this subject, that he had interviewed the Shire Engineer, who had agreed to spread a quantity of shale on the footpath and to form up the same.

General Business concerning improvements at St Judes. Considerable discussion took place as to the kind of fence to be erected on the north side of the Church. It was finally decided that the fence shall consist of square posts 6' x 4'4", panels 12', with 4"x4" rail on edge on top, underneath which "Ring Knot" fencing to be used. It was also agreed to seek a price for the supply of the materials and erection of same.

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It was resolved that a horse and dray be obtained to cart soil in the grounds where required.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Mr A.R. Blaxland concerning various repairs to the Church, viz. gully box and drain pipe, also lead on roof of vestry and painting rafters inside the Church.

Parish Competition. It was reported that a very successful conclusion, a total of £315 having been raised in the Parish, made up as follows: Dural £103.8.1; Galston £80.7/-; Kenthurst £62.14.3; Arcadia £41.18/-; Annangrove £27. It was resolved that a letter be written to each candidate thanking them for their splendid efforts.

Finance. The Secretary reported the following credit balances: General Fund £20.15/-; Cemetery Trust £47.10.4; Repair Fund £4.11.10.

There being no further business the meeting [closed] with the Benediction after which the Rector kindly provided supper for those present.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
16.8.38

### **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1938 at 8 pm**

The Rector, Rev R.A. O'Brien presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Messrs Ham, Deaman Snr, Russell, Deaman Jr, Best and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. Apology received from Mr Parr. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Business arising out of minutes. The Secretary reported that no action had so far been taken with regard to the fence on the north side of the Church as it was deemed advisable to wait and see if sufficient finances would be available. The Secretary further reported that Mr Blaxland had discovered evidence of white ant damage in St Judes Church and had to replace several sections of the roof timbering.

Finance. The following credit balances were reported. General Fund £15.13.7; Cemetery Trust £45.10.4; Repair Fund £102.2.7. It was reported that St Judes Cemetery had been cleaned at a cost of £2.

Correspondence. 1. From Castle Hill Parish asking for a contribution of £7 toward the Annual Diocesan Assessment, such assessment having been arrived at before Dural was created a Provisional District. Resolved that the amount be paid in 3 monthly instalments. II From H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] asking for contribution on account of Trinity Sunday collections. It was resolved that a sum of £1.6/- be paid, viz. Dural 11/-, Kenthurst, Galston & Arcadia 5/- each.

St Judes Fence<sup>52</sup>. It was resolved that the stone fence be of plain type, stepped down in 5 panels; gateway to consist of two 7' stone pillars, 2' square 4'6" apart, with two 6"x 6" coping timbers set on top, 10'6" long allowing for 12" overhang. Cost £46.10/- for stone work.

Flagging. It was resolved that flag paths be placed in position from the entrance gate to the Church and round to the Vestry; that a path be also constructed to the gate into the post office residence and one down as far as the rockery towards Galston Road; that at the junction of the 3 paths the base and pillar for a sun dial be erected. The cost for the paths would be approx. £16 and for the Sun Dial £2.16/-.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the Benediction, after which Rev O'Brien kindly provided supper.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
16.x.38

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<sup>52</sup> A Dedication service for the new stone fence and lych-gate was held on Saturday, 8 October 1938.

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### Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday 16.10.38 at 8 pm

Present. Rev O'Brien in the chair; Messrs Deaman Snr, Ham, Russell, Deaman Jr. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Business from Minutes. St Judes Fence and Lych Gate. It was reported that Mr Stafford, builder of Castle Hill had completed the Lych Gate at a cost of £15.18/-. This cost was for material and out of pocket expenses only. Proposed by Mr Deaman Jr, sec by Mr Ham, that whatever money is required to pay Mr Stafford be loaned from Cemetery Trust and repaid when available. Sun Dial. It was reported that the sun dial had been presented by Mrs O'Hara of Kenthurst in memory of her husband John O'Hara.

Correspondence 1. From Hon Treas St Pauls Castle Hill Diocesan Assessment. II From H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] acknowledging Trinity Offertories III From Archdeacon Begbie repayment of 25/- for table at H.M. [Home Mission] Festival. Correspondence was received.

General Business. Galston Church. It was resolved on the motion of Messrs Deaman Sr & Russell that plans for the proposed new church at Galston be submitted to the Bishop and Diocesan Architect for approval. Concerning the plans for the Lych gate at St Judes Dural and the supply and erection of the gate, appreciative reference was made to the work of Mr Ed. Scott, Architect, in preparing the plans for the Lych Gate and also to the work of Mr Stafford, Builder of Castle Hill for the supply and erection of the gate for cost of materials and out of pocket expenses only. It was resolved on the motion of Messrs Deaman Jr & Ham that letters of appreciation be written to these two gentlemen.

It was resolved on the motion of Messrs Ham & Russell that it be recorded in these minutes the Council's appreciation of the interest shown by Mr Deaman Jr concerning the Lych Gate at St Judes and the lighting of the Parish Hall.

The meeting then closed, the Rector pronouncing the benediction.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
15.xi.38

### Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday, 15 Nov 1938 at 8 pm

Present. Messrs Deaman Snr, Best, Ham, Deaman Jnr and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. Apologies were received from Messrs Russell and Parr. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Correspondence. 1 From Archdeacon Begbie acknowledging receipt of 25/- for table at H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] Festival II From Mr M. Thompson tendering resignation as gravedigger at St Judes Cemetery. III From Bishop Coadjutor reporting the Diocesan architect's disapproval of the plans submitted for the proposed new church at Galston, which the Bishop desired to be called Emmanuel Church.

Gravedigger. It was resolved that Mr Thompson's resignation be accepted with regret and that he be written to extending to him the thanks of the Council for his general attention to his duties and the help given at various times to the Secretary. It was further resolved that Mr J. Viney be approached with the view to his taking over the duties of gravedigger and failing his acceptance that Mr Jackson of Castle Hill be appointed.

Galston Church. Mr O'Brien outlined to the meeting the discussions which had taken place between himself, the Diocesan Architect and Bishop Coadjutor, having reference to the objections raised to the original plans submitted and an outline of the final plans decided on.

Loan from Cemetery Fund. The question of financing the erection of the new church at Galston was discussed, Mr O'Brien referring to the fact that the Wardens of Christ Church Kenthurst had agreed to loan a sum of money free of interest to help in that purpose and suggested that the Trustees of St Judes Cemetery Trust might help in like manner. The Secretary reported a credit balance in the Trust Fund of

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£52 and it was finally resolved on the motion of Messrs Deaman Jr and Ham that £45 be advanced towards the cost of erection of the new church at Galston, such sum to be loaned free of interest and to repaid as money was available.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the Benediction, after which Mr O'Brien kindly provided supper.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
21.ii.39

### **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> Febry 1939 at 8 pm**

The Rector, Rev R.A. O'Brien presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Messrs Ham, Parr, Deaman Jnr, Best and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. Apologies received from Messrs Deaman Snr & Russell. Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Correspondence. I From Mr J.H. Fairfax enclosing donation of £10 towards funds of St Judes Dural. II From H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] re Trinity & Advent collections. III From ditto re grant of £10 towards seating accommodation in new church at Galston. IV From Rural Dean re meeting of the Rural Deanery arranged to meet his Grace the Archbishop on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1939. V From Mr W.R. Davis of Annangrove in connection with Annangrove Church. VI Circular re Confirmation Service, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Castle Hill.

The Chairman gave a full explanation of the position with regard to Annangrove<sup>53</sup>. A meeting had been held and all the difficulties had been cleared away, Mr Davis finally agreeing that the Church should remain in its present site.

Galston Church. Mr O'Brien spoke at length concerning the financial position of the new church at Galston, having particular reference to the grant of £10 from the H.M.S. After considerable discussion it was resolved that the Sec write the H.M.S. pointing out the unfavourable financial position and the bearing the present arduous season was having on the same and to ask that the amount of the grant be reconsidered with a view to it being increased.

Advent Collection. It was resolved that an amount of £1.13.10 be forwarded to the H.M.S. to cover the Advent collection, such sum to be made up as follows: Dural 13/10, Kenthurst 10/-, Galston 5/-, Arcadia 5/-.

Water Supply at Dural P.O. The Secretary brought up the question of the water supply being connected to the Post Office and dwelling at Dural. It was finally resolved that when funds became available application should be made for the supply.

St Judes Cemetery. Mention was made of the untidy state of St Judes Cemetery and it was decided that a working bee should be held when the dry conditions had broken.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the Benediction, after which Mr O'Brien kindly provided supper for the members.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
21.iii.39

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1939 at 8 pm**

The Rector, Rev R.A. O'Brien occupied the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Messrs Russell, Deaman Sr, Ham, Parr, Deaman Jr and the Secretary [Thomas Roden].

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<sup>53</sup> The Church of England Mission Church at Annangrove was to be re-named Holy Innocents' Church, the service of dedication taking place on 22 December 1939.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Correspondence. I From H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] acknowledging application for increased grant for new church at Galston. II From H.M.S. acknowledging Advent Collection. III From H.M.S. regretting that no further grant to Galston Church could be made. IV From Mr Reeves of Castle Hill re Insurance on Arcadia Church. It was resolved that the correspondence as read be received.

With regard to the application for an increased grant for Emanuel [sic] Church Galston, the chairman informed the meeting that in view of the circumstances he had made application to the Church Building Fund for a loan, free of interest, of £70 for two years. The Rector produced the licence for Galston Church requiring six signatures.

Cemetery Fence. The Secretary reported the holding of a working bee in the grounds of the Cemetery on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. It was further reported that portions of the boundary fence had been destroyed by the bushfire. Arrangements for necessary repairs were left in the hands of the Secretary.

Easter Collections. The Rector explained to the meeting the old traditional custom of the Church of England which arrogated to the Rector of the Parish all collections in the churches made on Easter Sunday and that it was his intention to exercise that right. It was resolved on the motion of Messrs Russell and Ham that this action be agreed to<sup>54</sup>.

District Competition. Considerable discussion took place as to ways and means of raising money for various works which were required to be done in the respective centres. The Rector touched on various works which were of an imperative nature. It was finally decided that it be a recommendation from the retiring Council to the respective Annual Vestry Meetings that a district competition be held within the Parish, same to be concluded the 1<sup>st</sup> week in September.

Rector's thanks. The Rector then thanked the members of the Council for their assistance during the year and for their regular attendance at meetings; he also thanked the Secretary for his work. The Secretary responded and extended the thanks of the council to the Rector for his sustained efforts on behalf of the Parish and for the various works which he had been instrumental in having completed.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the Benediction, after which supper was kindly provided by the Rector.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
20.vi.39

### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry meeting held in St Judes Parish Hall on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> April 1939 at 8 p.m.**

Present. Rev R.A. O'Brien Chairman, Mesdms Bushell, Roden & Cross, Messrs Ham, Deaman [Jnr], Cummings, E. Elsholz, M. Elsholz, and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. Apology was received from Miss Fuller. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous Annual Vestry meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Rector's Report. Rev O'Brien then read to the meeting his report which dealt in a full and comprehensive manner with the activities of the church in the provisional district for the past twelve months.

Financial Statements. Four financial statements were then read, covering the finances of the Church a/c, Repair Fund, Cemetery Trust and Sunday School, each statement disclosing a credit balance. It was resolved on the motion of Messrs Deaman and Ham that the statements be received and adopted. It was further resolved that the statements be printed.

Election of Officers. Rector's Warden. Mr G. Deaman [Jnr]. Peoples Wardens. Mr R.S. Best and Mr R.A. Ham.

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<sup>54</sup> The Easter collection at St Jude's, Dural, was £1.11.4; the service register includes the note "Easter offering to Vicar".

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Church Committee. It was resolved that a committee of 6 be appointed with the addition of two to be nominated by the Rector. Those nominated and appointed were: Miss Fuller, Miss Ramm, Mesdms Deaman, Roden, Bushell, Messrs Cummings, Rohan, & E. Elsholz.  
Auditor. Mr Rohan.  
Sec & Treas. Mr Roden.

The Rector expressed his thanks to the S.S. [Sunday School] teachers for their work with the children, also to Mrs Bushell for the manner in which always maintained the Church so clean and tidy.

Car Allowance. It was resolved on the motion of Messrs Deaman & Roden that the car allowance payable to the Rector be the same as the previous year, namely £50.

Glenorie Church Services. The Chairman spoke at length concerning the church services held once a month in the Mission Hall at Glenorie and of the many difficulties he had experienced in the conduct of the services. It was finally resolved that an endeavour be made to secure a room in a private home for the conduct of the services on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, failing with the service be dispensed with.

The Chairman notified the meeting that the H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] had again made available a grant of £75.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
20.6.39

### **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Rectory Arcadia on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1939 at 8 p.m.**

The Rector, Rev R.A. O'Brien presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Messrs Best, Russell, G. Deaman Snr & G. Deaman Jr. The minutes of the previous Council meeting and of the Annual Vestry Meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Correspondence. I From the Archbishop re land at Glenorie. II From the H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] re removal expenses. III From the C.of E. Insce Co re insurance at Dural and Annangrove. IV From Parish of Castle Hill re Diocesan Assessment. It was resolved that the correspondence be received.

Discussion took place concerning the Diocesan Assessment due to Castle Hill. It was finally resolved on the motion of Mr G. Deaman Jr sec by Mr Deaman Snr that the Assessment of £7 be allocated to the various centres as follows: Dural £2.10/-; Kenthurst £2; Arcadia £1; Galston £1; Annangrove 10/-.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the Benediction.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
15.8.39

### **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Hall Dural on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1939 at 8 p.m.**

The Rector, Rev R.A. O'Brien presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Messrs Ham, Deaman Jr, Best and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. The minutes of the previous Council meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Correspondence. I From his Grace the Archbishop signifying that he would attend the Church Anniversary Service on the 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Financial. General Fund, allowing for outstanding contributions from other centres, actual credit balance £5.6.5; Repair Fund cr. £6.1.6; Cemetery Trust £28.2.9.

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General Business. Consideration was then given to certain repairs and renovations necessary and to the manner in which the money realised from the Sale of work should be expended. The following works were authorised. On the motion of Messrs Ham and Deaman that a water supply be connected to the post office building with an extension tap to the Church. On the motion of Messrs Best & Ham that locks on the residence be renewed where required and a new top be placed on the underground tank.

Church Fence. On the motion of Mr Ham, sec by Mr Best that Mr Roden be empowered to have the fence on the Northern side of the Church renewed and burnt posts around Parish Hall renewed. Specifications: split posts, 12' panels, ring-knot fencing, which is being donated by Mr J.M. Hemers, 2 barb wires. On the motion of Mr Best and Mr Deaman that a lawn mower be purchased for the Church Grounds.

Parish Hall. On the motion of Messrs Deaman & Best that the guttering on the Southern side be renewed and repairs to double doors carried out. With regard to the painting of the Parish Hall it was decided to defer decision until Mr Deaman procured colour cards.

Cemetery. It was resolved on the motion of Messrs Deaman & Ham that the new portion of St Judes Cemetery be opened up and that a tree and several stumps and scrub be removed and the ground worked up and levelled off by rotary hoe.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15 pm with the Benediction.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
19.9.39

### **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in St Judes Church Vestry on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1939 at 8 pm**

The Rector, Re R.A. O'Brien presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Messrs Deaman Jnr, Ham, Best, Russell and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. An apology was received from Mr Parr & Mr Deaman Snr. The minutes of the previous Council meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Business arising out the minutes. The Secretary reported that a water supply had been connected to the post office and dwelling at a cost of £13.7.5 which sum would be offset by £7.10/- allocated for that purpose from the repair fund; a new fence had been erected on the north side of the church; total cost £6.10/- of which sum £3.5/- had been received from Mr W. Hunt; the balance of the fence along the Galston Road and enclosing the Parish Hall had been repaired at a cost of £4.5/-; a lawn mower had been purchased for church use; cost £2.4.6; the large tree had been removed from the Cemetery together with several stumps at a cost of £2. The rotary hoe work had been deferred until rain had fallen. Mr Blaxland had commenced work on the Parish Hall, but had been unable to complete the job owing to an accident.

The meeting discussed the colours to be used in the painting of the Parish Hall and it was finally decided that the colours be buff & chocolate.

Finance. The Secretary reported that the general fund was in credit approx. £4. The amount remaining unexpended in the general fund on account of the repair fund was approx £36. The Repair fund showed a credit balance of £7.11.9 and the Cemetery Trust a Cr of £26.2.9.

Reference was made to the accident sustained by Mr Blaxland and to the fact that his injuries had necessitated doctor's attention and it was agreed that the cost of medical attention would be paid by the Church. Any further action to be deferred until the amount of the medical fees be ascertained.

Cemetery Trust. Mr O'Brien reported that Mrs Clark of Arcadia had made a donation towards the Galston Church debt to the Cemetery Trust Fund of the 10/- to be refunded to her on account of the allotment purchased by her, which was subsequently found to be the property of another party.

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Presentation to Miss Fuller. Reference was made to Miss Fuller's long association with St Judes and to the excellent work rendered by her at all times. It was decided that a combined prayer book and hymn book be purchased for presentation to Miss Fuller when she visited Dural on a subsequent occasion.

Assessment to Castle Hill. It was resolved on the motion of Messrs Deaman & Ham that the Assessment of £7 due to Castle Hill be liquidated in two payments, the first payment of £3.10/- to be made at once.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10 p.m. the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
20.ii.40

### **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in St Judes Church Vestry on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1940 at 8 pm**

The Rector Rev R.A. O'Brien presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Messrs Best, Parr, Deaman, Russell, Ham, Elsholz and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. The minutes of the previous Council meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Correspondence. I From Parish of Castle Hill acknowledging cheque for ½ assessment. II From Mrs E.B. Thompson acknowledging letter of condolence on the death of her husband; III From Parish of Castle Hill acknowledging final payment a/c assessment; IV From H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] with acknowledgement of Advent Sunday collection. V Return thanks from Mrs Deaman<sup>55</sup>.

The Chairman made sympathetic reference to the passing of Mr Deaman who represented Galston on the Parish Council. Mr O'Brien referred to Mr Deaman's long association with the Church at Galston and the great assistance which Mr Deaman had rendered to the speaker during his incumbency. The sympathy of the meeting was expressed to Mr Deaman Jr by members standing in silence. The correspondence as read was received.

Financial Statements. The Secretary reported that the actual credit balance in the general fund at date was £8.1.7. An estimate of the position as it would appear at the 31.3.40 showed an apparent debit balance of 10/1. Repair Fund Credit balance £6.11.3, Cemetery Trust Credit balance £36.0.5. The financial statement was received and adopted.

Rent. The chairman referred to the position of the rent of the rectory at Arcadia. He said that he desired that the question be enquired into with a view to the amount of £39 p.a. being paid by the Parish. He touched on the amount which he had to pay on account of car purchase money and running expenses and repairs. Mr O'Brien intimated that the Womens Guild at Arcadia intended making some effort in this direction.

Lease of P.O. & Dwelling. The Chairman stated that the Diocesan Secretary had been in touch with him concerning the lease of the P.O. and dwelling at Dural – such lease expiring on the 31/3/40. The postal dept desired to renew the lease on the same rental basis. Mr Parr moved and the Secretary seconded that the Church Property Fund be informed that if a renewal of the lease was agreed to, the rent should be increased from 25/- to 30/- per week. The opinion was expressed by the Chairman and Mr Parr that as water and light had been installed in the building during the currency of the present lease and sundry repairs effected that an increase in the rent was justified. The motion was carried.

Cemetery Trust. The Secretary brought up the question of general improvements which it was suggested could be carried out in the Cemetery. Suggestions were: to thoroughly poison the grass; have all footpaths formed properly; remove surplus shale and have new portion pegged out in a proper manner. It was resolved on the motion of Mr Ham and Mr Russell that the suggestions be carried out.

Press in Vestry. The chairman said he would like to see a small press installed in the vestry so that robes etc could be left there when necessary. It was resolved on the motion of Messrs Ham & Parr that

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<sup>55</sup> Eliza Deaman's husband, George, died at age 76 on 8 October 1939. Mrs Deaman died on 2 November 1944 and is buried in St Jude's Cemetery.

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Mr O'Brien be empowered to enquire the price of a loughboy [sic] and purchase same if not too expensive.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10 pm, the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
26.3.40

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in St Judes Church Vestry on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1940 at 8 pm**

The Rector, Rev R.A. O'Brien presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present. Messrs Ham, Best, Deaman, Parr and the Sec [Thomas Roden]. Apology received from Mr Russell. The minutes of the previous Council meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Arising out of the minutes the Secretary advised that nothing had been done with regard to the Cemetery work owing to lack of rain. The Chairman reported that he thought it advisable to wait until after the end of the financial year, before purchasing a press for St Judes Church Vestry.

Finance. The Secretary reported a credit balance in general funds of £12.10/-; Cemetery Trust £38.10.5; Repair Fund £7.15.9.

General Business. The Chairman reported to the meeting the result of an interview he had had, together with Rev H.E. Felton [previous Rector], with His Grace the Archbishop concerning the post office and dwelling, having particular reference to the lease at present held by the Postal Dept. Mr O'Brien stated that His Grace was very keen that the building should revert to church purposes; that being in the centre of the Parish the Curate-in-Charge should reside therein, and finally was strongly opposed to a further extended lease being granted to the Postal Dept, but as a compromise, so as to avoid any inconvenience to the Dept or the present occupier, he was willing that a lease of one year be granted to the Dept.

The Chairman stated that he would like the Church wardens and their wives to have a small social evening at his residence at Arcadia during April. The 10<sup>th</sup> of April was tentatively fixed for the gathering.

Mr O'Brien made eulogistic reference to the fact that Mr & Mrs Ham [Robert & Emily] of Glenorie had recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary and the Sec was instructed to write them a letter of congratulation from the Parish Council.

It was decided to place on record the Council's deep sense of appreciation of gifts recently made to St Judes Church.

- I. 3 white book markers for use at Easter and Christmas festivals from Mrs Vandervord;
- II. 2 hassocks for use in the Sanctuary from Miss K. & L. Bushell.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10 p.m. the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of St Judes Church Dural, held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1940 at 8 p.m.**

Present. Rev R.A. O'Brien, Chairman; Mesdms Baxter, Bushell, Cross, Miss E. Best, Messrs Ham, R.S. Best, E. Elsholz and the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. Apologies were received from Mrs A. Taylor and Mrs T. Roden. The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer. The Minutes of the 1939 Annual Meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Rectors Report. The Rector then read to the meeting a very full and comprehensive report on Church activities in the Parish for the previous 12 months. The report disclosed continued progress in Church life and also gave statistics concerning Parochial Visitations, Schools visited etc. The Rector, in his report, offered his sincere thanks to Sunday School teachers for their continued work throughout the year, also to the various Church officers and helpers who had rendered assistance during the year. The

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report also contained an appeal for some adult person to come forward and assume control of the Sunday School.

Financial Statements. Financial Statements were presented covering General Fund, Cemetery Trust, Repair Fund and Sunday School. Credit balances were disclosed in each instance as follows: General Fund £4.9.9; Cemetery Trust £38.10.5; Repair Fund £9.2.6; Sunday School £3.6.7. It was resolved that the Statements be received and adopted. It was further resolved that the Statements be printed.

Election of Officers. Rectors Warden. The chairman nominated Mr G. Deaman, but was informed that Mr Deaman would not be available for appointment. The appointment was allowed to stand over for the time being. [It is not recorded whom, if anybody, the Rector subsequently appointed.] Peoples Wardens. Mr N.L. Rohan & Mr R.S. Best [were] nominated and declared elected. Church Committee. It was resolved that a Committee of 6 be appointed, with the addition of 2 nominated by the Rector. Those appointed were: Mesdms Bushell, Cross, Roden, Deaman, Misses G. Ramm and E. Best, Messrs Cummings and E. Elsholz.. Auditor. Mr N.L. Rohan. Hon Sec. Treas. Mr Roden.

Car allowance. It was resolved that an amount of £50 be granted as a Car Allowance for the ensuing year.

The Rector intimated that the H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] had again made a grant of £75 to the Parish.

Cemetery Trust Loan to Galston Church. The chairman referred to the matter of the loan made to the building fund for the new Church at Galston from the funds of the Cemetery Trust, the sum being £45. He said the question had been brought up at a previous Parish Council meeting and he had been asked to place before the other centres' Annual meetings the suggestion that the loan be made a gift to the Galston Church. Mr O'Brien stated that each of the other centres had agreed to the suggestion and the question was now before the meeting. After some discussion it was resolved on the motion of Mr Ham, seconded by Mrs Bushell that the money loaned to the Galston church from the Cemetery Trust be now converted to a gift to be used towards the completion of the debt on the Church at Galston.

Rectors Rent. The Rector stated that during the current year he desired that something should be done towards paying the cost of his rent at Arcadia. He pointed out the great amount of travelling he was called on to do in the Parish and that with the increased price of petrol and running expenses generally, he would have to seriously curtail his parochial work. It was finally resolved on the motion of Messrs Roden & Ham that after the Sale of work in July the Parish Council be directed to enquire into the question of the Rectors Rent.

The Secretary made an appeal for the use of the envelope system as a systematic means of church finance. The Rector agreed to make the appeal known in the Church services.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 pm with the Benediction.

### **Minutes [of] Parish Council meeting held in St Judes Vestry on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> October 1940 at 8 pm**

Presnt. Rector Rev R.A.Brien in the chair, Messrs Fishburn, Best, Parr, Russell & the Secty [Thomas Roden]. Minutes of the previous Council meeting and the Annual Vestry meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

Correspondence. Letter from H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] acknowledging Trinity & Confirmation Offertories.

Financial Statements. Interim financial statements were presented by the Secretary showing credit balances as follows: General Fund £47.16.6; Repair Fund £15.7.8; Cemetery Trust £14.16.2. It was reported that cleaning work had been performed in the Cemetery and an account for £1.12/- for this work was passed for payment. Financial statements were received and adopted on the motion of Messrs Fishburn & Russell.

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Savings Bank a/cs. It was resolved that Messrs Rohan & Roden be authorised to operate on the Repair Fund account and Cemetery Trust a/c in lieu of Messrs Ham and Deaman.

Post Office & Dwelling. The question of the Rectory having to be vacated by the Post Office on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1940 was brought under discussion. The Secretary reported having written to the Church Property Trust suggesting that, in view of so much war time collecting and also the arduous time experienced by the district because of the drought, the lease held by the Postal Dept be extended by 12 months. So far no reply had been received. The question was then raised as to whether the church could loan sufficient money to build a post office and dwelling on the piece of ground on the Southern side of the Parish Hall. It was agreed that the venture would be a successful one provided permission was granted also that the Postal Dept would take a lease of the premises when built. It was finally resolved that the Secretary write to the Church Property Trust seeking permission to raise a loan for the purpose of building or alternatively for permission to sell the block of land. Moved by Mr Parr and seconded by Mr Fishburn & carried.

Rector's Rent. The Secretary raised the question of the Rector's Rent, having particular reference to the minute passed at the Annual meeting that, after the Sale of work to be held in July, the matter would be enquired into. It was finally resolved on the motion of Messrs Parr & Fishburn that a sum of £20 be made available at once to the Rector on account of his rent which he at present pays on his residence at Arcadia.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m. the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

*Ronald A. O'Brien*  
18.2.41

### **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the St Judes Vestry on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Febry [1941] at 8 pm**

Present. Rev R.A. O'Brien Chairman. Messrs Parr, Fishburn, Best & the Secretary [Thomas Roden]. The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous Council meeting were read & adopted as a current record.

Correspondence. I From church Property Trust; acknowledging a letter from Council. II From Church Property Trust, concerning suggested extension of lease of Rectory and Sale of Land III From St Pauls Castle Hill requesting payment of portion of Diocesan Assessment. IV Acknowledgement of payment from Castle Hill. V From H.M.S. [Home Mission Society] acknowledging Advent Collection.

Glenorie Church. The Rector read a letter from the Architect regarding the new church at Glenorie and exhibited rough plans of the same.

Financial Statements. General Fund Credit Balance £17.19.4; Repair Fund £17.9.1; Cemetery Trust £47.19.5.

Auditor. The Secretary reported that it would be necessary to elect another Auditor in place of Mr Rohan as Mr Rohan was a Warden. Mr C. Hunt was then elected on the motion of Messrs Fishburn & Best.

Rectors Rent. The Secretary reported that Kenthurst had paid in to General Fund the sum of £5 towards the Rectors rent. As there was a liability on this account of £19 to the 31.3.41, it was resolved on the motion of Messrs Parr & Fishburn that £10 be paid to the Rector at once. The question of raising the additional sum necessary to offset the loss which will be sustained through the termination of the Rectory lease was discussed, and it was finally resolved to recommend to the various Annual meetings that if possible, an additional sum of £15 p.a. be raised in each centre to counteract the loss.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m. the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

*Ronald A. O'Brien, 28.4.41*