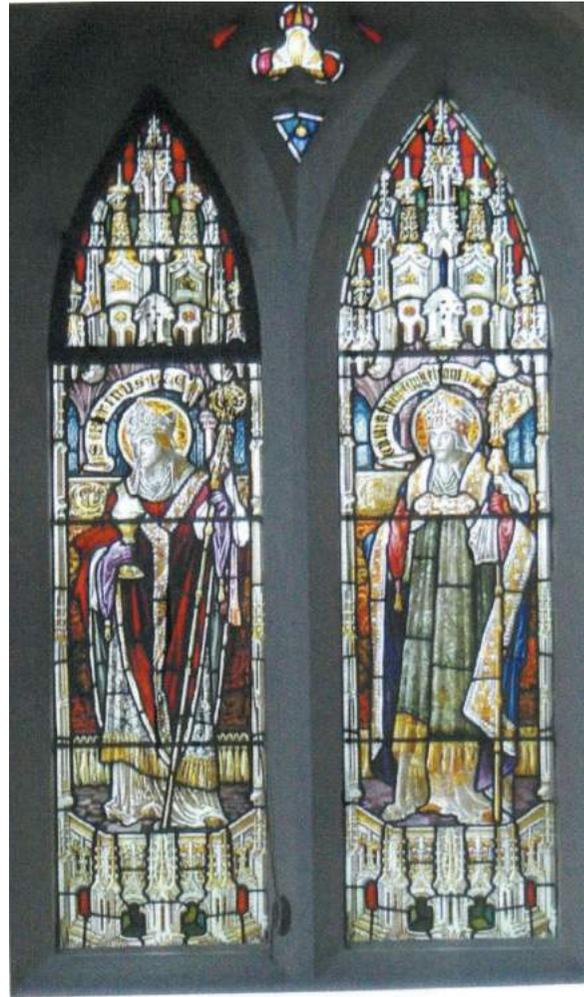


John Alick Thomas (*above left*), the architect who had designed St Mary's, was elected a churchwarden for the first time; he served until 1918. In about this year he and his wife Kate and their three children moved to The Croft, which he had built at the junction of The Avenue and Salisbury Road.

Also this year:

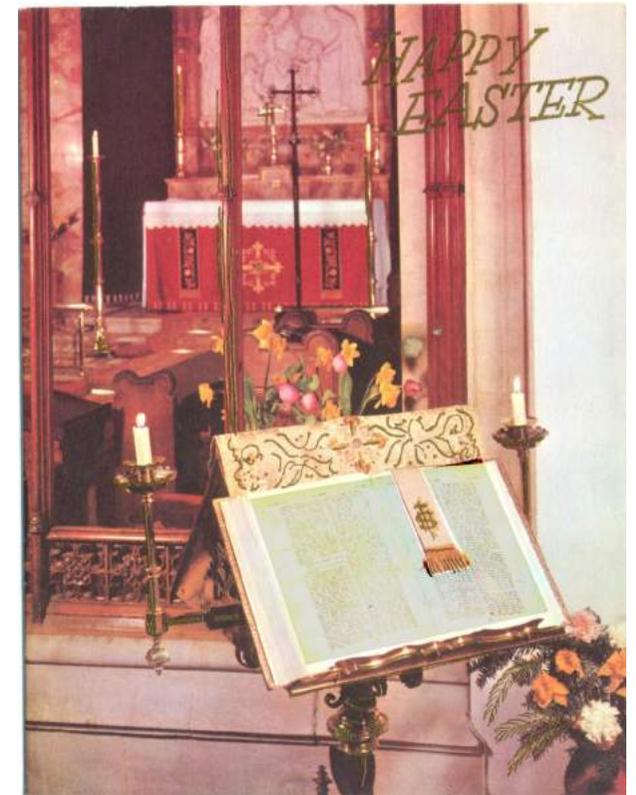
Bruce Steane still appeared in the Easter 1899-1900 accounts as Organist, but was perhaps succeeded in spring 1900 by a Mr Burgess who is named in the Easter 1900-01 accounts.

1900



St Birinus

William of Wykeham



Above right: the brass lectern was donated in memory of Alfred Barwick Curtis. It is seen here in an Easter card produced in c1963/4.

Courtesy of Barbara Pannell.

1901

Stained glass windows in the south aisle (thought to be in the style of either Clayton and Bell, or Burlison and Grylls), showing St Peter and St Andrew, and (*above left*) St Philip and St Bartholomew, were given in memory of Edward Lloyd Morgan and Katharine Morgan; and three stained glass windows by A L Moore in the north aisle showing St Cecilia, SS Hedda and Swithun, and (*above centre*) St Birinus and Bishop William of Wykeham, were given in memory of William Kaye of Worcester Court.



Above: the reredos, the sculpted panel behind the High Altar showing Christ welcoming children, was installed.

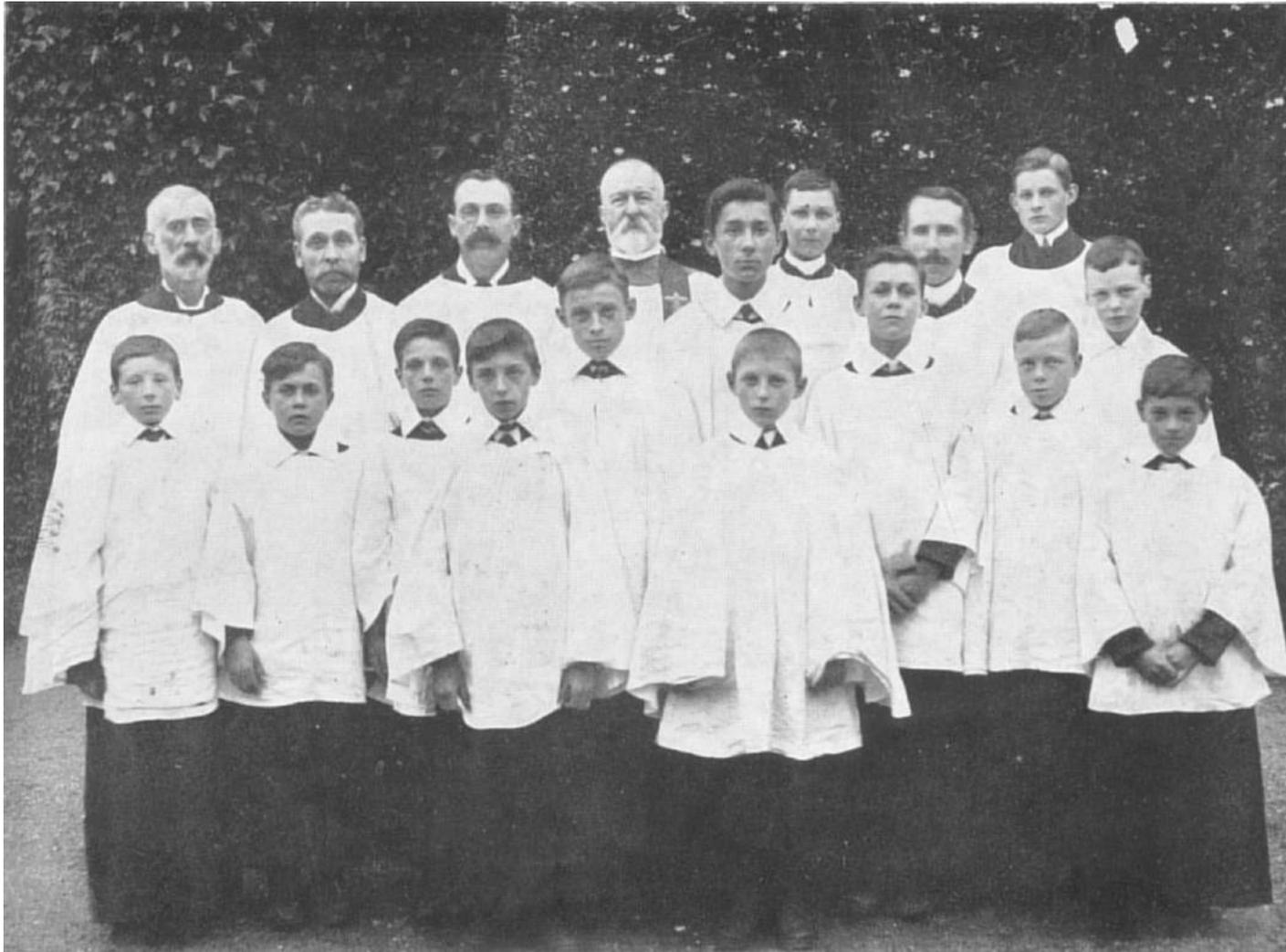
Photograph by Rod Clarke.



Above right: Ada Baldwin, daughter of Frederick Lewis Baldwin who founded the congregation that became Worcester Park Baptist Church, was married at St Mary's to Albert Fiddymnt. This photograph shows Ada (front) and Albert (top right) with F L Baldwin and his wife Anna (centre), and Ada's sister Elizabeth Baldwin in c.1925.

Courtesy of the late Maurice Upperton.

1902



REV. W. E. LAYTON, M.A., WITH HIS CHOIR

The only known photograph of the first Vicar, Mr Layton.

In 1903 Albert Puttock became a chorister (the Organist at the time was a Mr Dunning); this photograph was included in the 1945 parish history by F W Knight, which mentions that Mr Puttock was the only remaining member of the congregation who remembered Mr Layton, so it seems possible that he provided this photograph in which case it may date from between 1903 and Mr Layton's retirement in 1907.

Also this year:

Charles E Gaselee, whose son married the daughter of Auriol Auriol-Barker, became a churchwarden.

Confirmation: a short and simple instruction for the use of candidates for Confirmation by E H Eland, future Vicar, was published.

1903

Below: the Mother's Union branch appears to have been in existence, by this year, as a Lady Day service is listed in the register of services. The worldwide Mothers' Union movement was founded by Mary Sumner, and this photograph shows Cuddington Mothers' Union members in 1967 outside Old Alesford Church, Hampshire, where Mrs Sumner's husband was Rector.



1904



Couples married at St Mary's during this year included Francis Ratcliffe and Kathleen Mac Innes, butler and cook at Worcester Court; their wedding was on 21st June. Worcester Court (*above*) stood where Worcester Gardens is now, nearly opposite the church.



1905

A Lenten altar frontal was worked by Ethel Layton, the Vicar's daughter, and given by Miss Fairbank. This postcard, postmarked in 1912, shows the Vicarage, Miss Layton's home, with the church beyond.



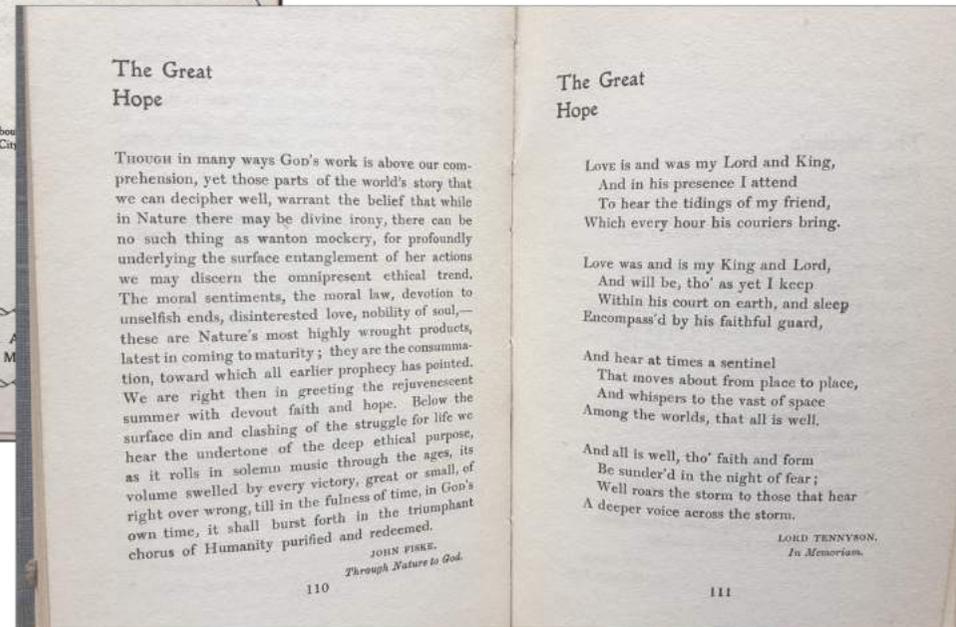
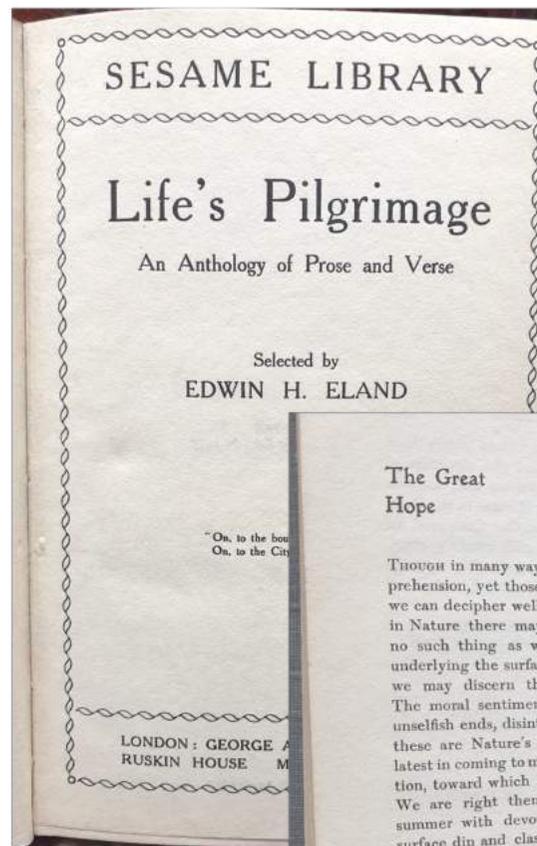
1906

Part of Cuddington parish was transferred in this year to the new parish of Cheam Common, served by St Philip's Church (*above left*), opened in 1875 as a daughter church of St Dunstan's, Cheam.

Three children from 1-3 The Retreat, off Cheam Common Road, one from each of the Buckle, Adams and Wright families, were baptised on the same day, 16th August, the children's fathers being an accountant, an engineer and a tailor's cutter respectively. This photograph (*above right*) by Kay Foale shows The Retreat 81 years later, by which time St Matthias' Church had been built in front of the houses.



REV. E. H. ELAND, M.A.



The Revd Edwin H Eland (*above left:*) was appointed Vicar, and he published an anthology, *Life's Pilgrimage*.

Also this year:

1907

A baptismal shell and a service book were bought with proceeds from children's services.

Cuddington Cemetery was opened, initially intended for the use of the parish, albeit not being located in the parish (it is in Lindsay Road, in Cheam Common parish, and is now run by the London Borough of Sutton).



Above: this postcard shows the appearance of the church at this time, long before the lych-gate was installed or the upper part of The Avenue made up.

Also this year:

A silver Pyx, a box used to store consecrated wafers, was donated in memory of Major Graves C S Lombard, who had been Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, and who died on 3rd January. Major Lombard had lived at Homewood, 49 The Avenue, later part of St Michael's Convent, and now part of Bartlett House.

1908

Henry Tuffin retired as verger. He was the head gardener to Charles Smith of Malvern Lodge, and lived at Malvern Cottage, now The Red Cottage, Cleveland Road (*right*, in a watercolour by Jane Lines, 1960s).

Sir Alexander Harris recalled: 'One special advantage was conferred on the new church through the interest taken by Mr Charles Smith, in addition to his liberality in all that concerned it. His head-gardener, Tuffin, became the verger and it would be difficult to find a more impressive one.'



Also in this year:

A set of cassocks for the choir was donated by Mr Smith.

1909