



1910

At this time much of the parish, away from the Avenue, was still farmland. Frederick, son of George Millard, labourer at Coldharbour Farm, and his wife Mary was baptised on 22nd May. The farmhouse (above) was situated between the present locations of Seaforth Gardens and Amberley Gardens.

Anna Stuttaford, widow of former Churchwarden William Foot Stuttaford, died. The family had lived at Clevelands, later St Michael's, on the corner of Cleveland Road and The Avenue.

This photograph shows the house towards the end of its time as the St Michael's Home for older people, run by a Convent of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.



Also this year:

1911

Mrs H Williams became the Mothers' Union enrolling member (branch leader) for Cuddington, serving until 1926.

The endowment reached £6,400.



St Michael with the dragon



St Mary with infant Jesus



Archangel Gabriel

Stained glass windows in the Children's Chapel showing St Mary with the infant Jesus; St Michael; and the Archangel Gabriel, were given in memory of William Foot Stuttford and his wife Anna.

1912

A pair of stained glass windows was installed in the south clerestory, showing Dorcas and Lydia; it was given in memory of Emily Fairbank.

Miss Fairbank was one of the sisters of Alick Thomas's wife, and had lived with another sister and brother-in-law at St Katharine's, later numbered as 40 The Avenue (Suffolk Road was later built on the site of the garden of this house).

During her lifetime Miss Fairbank had made numerous gifts to the church, including burses and veils for chalices, alms bags, and a brass ewer for the font.



Dorcas



Lydia

1913



Hilda Smith, daughter of Dr William Chearnley Smith of Elm Lodge (above), which was later incorporated into the premises of Worcester Park Baptist Church and subsequently replaced by new church halls, was married to Thomas Spittle on 16th April, and Reginald Gill, son of the publisher George Gill publisher who lived next door to Dr Smith at Wavertree (later replaced by Purdey Court) was married to Linda Mase on 1st December.

1914

1915											
Date	Day	Hour	Service	CELEBRANT OR OFFICIANT	PREACHER	TEXT OR SUBJECT	No. of Communicants	Amount of Offerings	Object of Offerings	REMARKS	
Jan. 1	Circumcision	8	H.C.	E.H.S.			7	3 2			
3	ii. S. aft. Xmas	12	Matt. + Inter. S.	E.H.S.			22	1 9 10	Comité Officiel de Secours aux Victimes Belges de la Guerre	£62 3.2	
		8	H.C.	E.H.S.							
		11	Intercession Service	E.H.S.	E.H.S.			21			59 14 1
		12	H.C.	E.H.S.							
		3	Children	E.H.S.	E.H.S.						1 3
		6.30	Sung. Int. + Term.	E.H.S.	E.H.S.			18			
10	i. S. aft. Epiphany	8	H.C.	A. H. Thomas			8	2 6			
		11	Matt. + Term.	A. H. Thomas	A. H. T.	Epht. III. 5-8	2	2 9			
		3	Children	A. H. Thomas		for assistance		7 1			
		6.30	Sung. + Term.	A. H. Thomas		15/12/15 V. B.					
13	Wednesday	12	Matt. + Lit.	E.H.S.							
15	Friday	12	Matt. + Inter.	E.H.S.							
17	ii. S. aft. Epiph.	8	H.C.	E.H.S.			7	1 10			
		11	Matt. + Term.	E.H.S.	E.H.S.						
		12	H.C.	E.H.S.				5	2 1 11		
		3	Children	E.H.S.	E.H.S.				4		
		6.30	Sung. + Term.	E.H.S.	E.H.S.				8 6		
20	Wednesday	12	Matt. + Lit.	E.H.S.							
22	Friday	12	no service (deep snow)								
24	iii. S. aft. Epiph.	8	H.C.	E.H.S.			6	1 4			
		11	Matt. + Term.	E.H.S.				3 6 11		Athletes' Volunteer Force present	



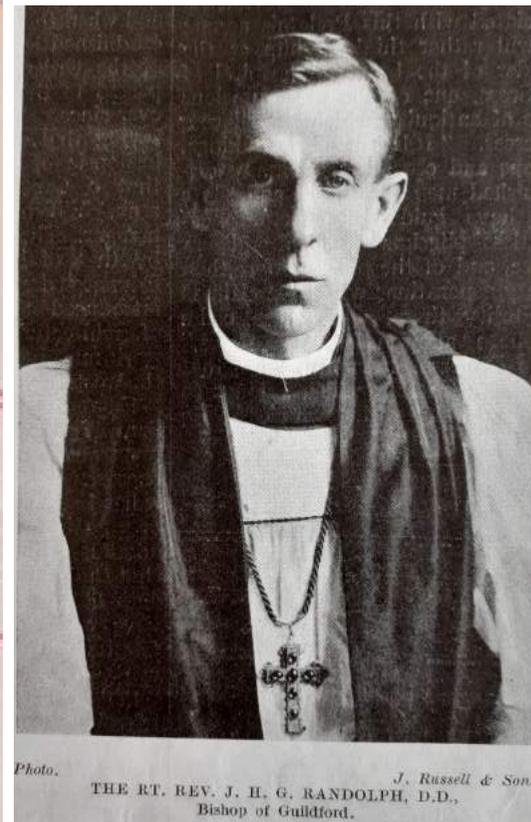
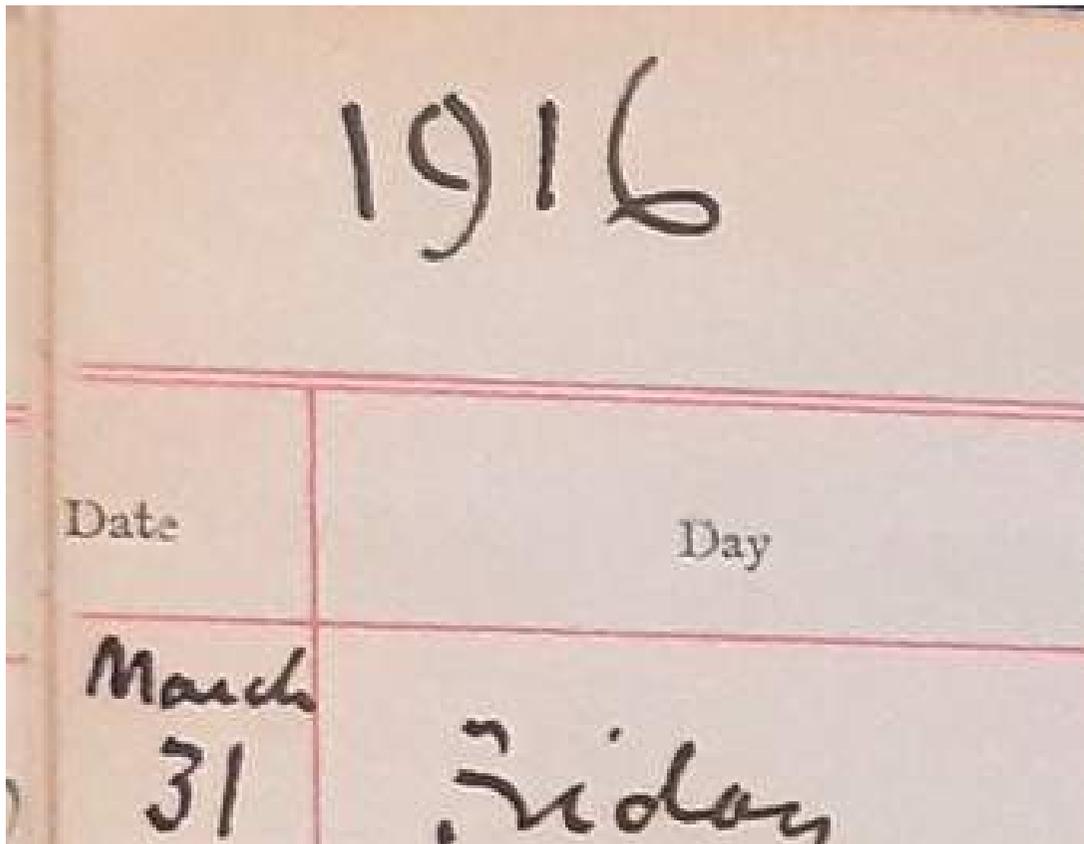
Captain Alec Vaughan Thomas, son of Alick and Kate Thomas, and seen *above right*, seated centre as a pupil at Parkside School, which stood in the area now occupied by Timbercroft and Sterry Drive, was killed in action.

Also this year:

Special weekday services were taken in Lent by the Revd William Whittam, Vicar of St Luke's, West Norwood.

1915

The AVF was formed by sporting journalists in London ten days after the outbreak of war, recruiting cricketers, cyclists, footballers, rowers, athletes, golfers and swimmers, who were not eligible for the regular army or any other recognised force; it was designed for home defence, rather than active service.



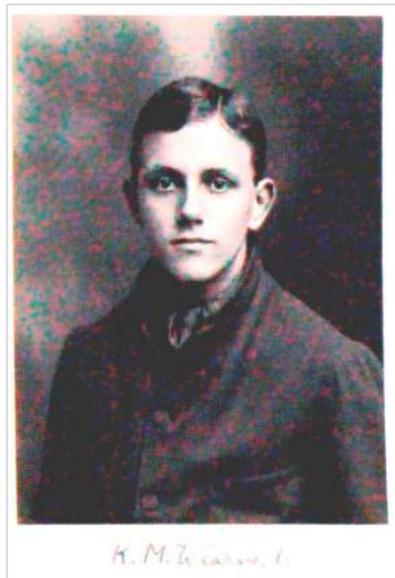
Above left: the first confirmation service known to have taken place in the new church was held on 2nd April. The officiating Bishop, Rt Revd John Randolph (*above centre*), was the last to hold the title of Bishop of Guildford as a suffragan post, before Guildford became a separate diocese.

Photograph from the *Church Family Newspaper*, 26 September 1913, courtesy of the Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral: Winchester Cathedral Archive: Hampshire Record Office: DC/E3/6/5/15.

Right: Lt Maurice Wootton Thomas, son of Alick and Kate Thomas, who had been seconded to the Royal Flying Corps as an observer in 1915, was killed in action in August.

Courtesy of the Royal Aero Club Trust.

1916



KEITH MORRIS WEARNE CAPT
 1ST ESSEX REGT 29TH DIV^N
 Aged 24. France. May 21. 1917
 FRANK BERNARD WEARNE V. C. 2ND LIEUT
 3-11TH ESSEX REGT 6TH DIV^N
 Aged 23. France. June 23. 1917

1917

Captain Keith Morris Wearne (*top left*) and his brother S/Lt F Bernard Wearne (*top centre*), of Manor Lodge (*above left*), Royal Avenue (later replaced by Royal Close), were killed in action in May and June, respectively, S/Lt Wearne was awarded a posthumous VC.

Photograph of K M Wearne courtesy of Charterhouse School Archive (ref Ch.Arc.162/1/35).

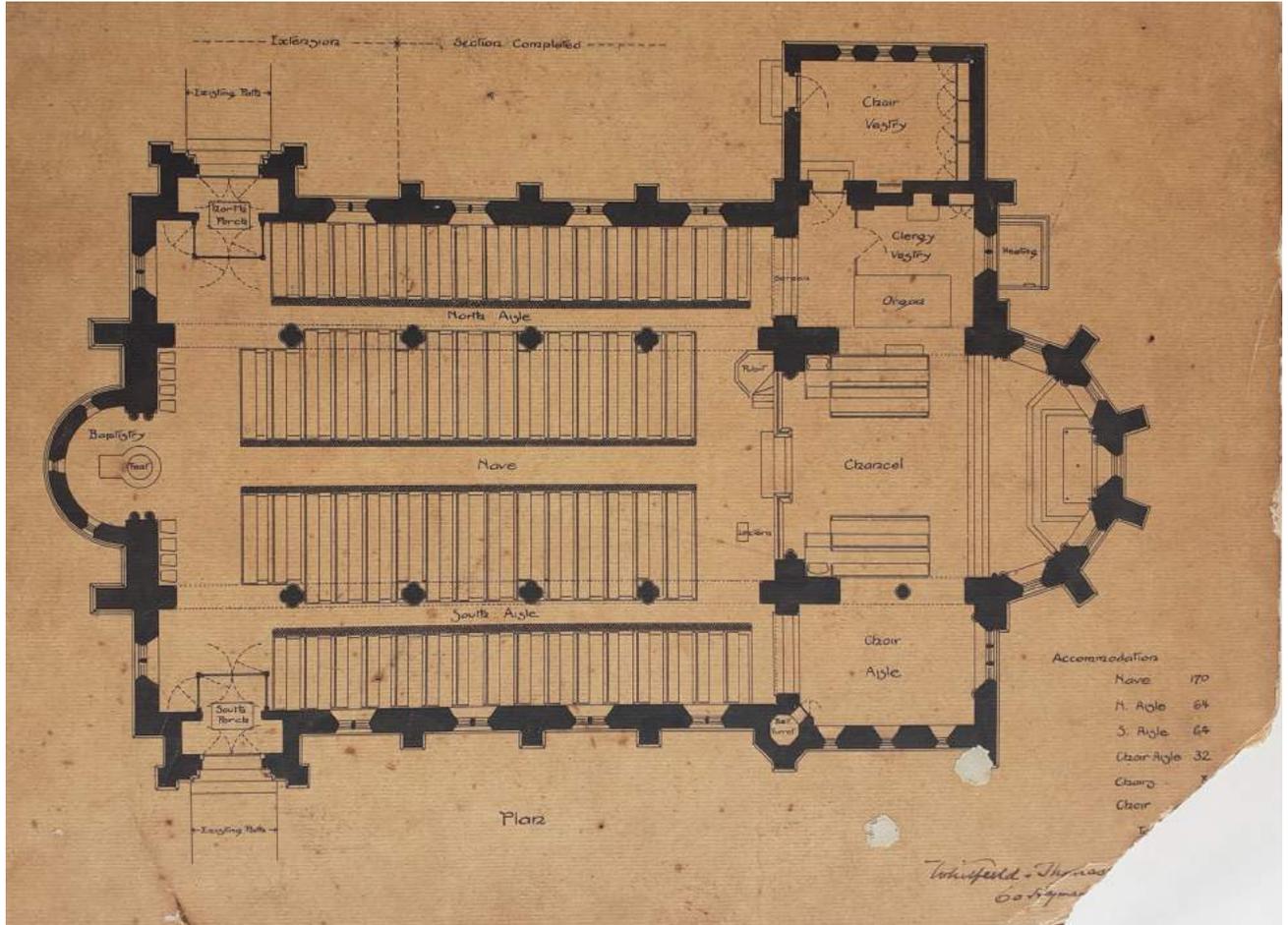
Above right: Sir Alexander Harris, former Churchwarden, became Governor of Newfoundland.

Courtesy of Jean Arnot née Harris.



Also this year:

A copy of the Revised Version of the Bible, which is still in the church, was donated by Frank Wearne.



J Alick Thomas, architect of St Mary's, retired as a churchwarden after about 18 years. Although he did not live to see the church extended to the size he had intended, he did deposit with the parish a plan showing his suggestions for its completion when that became appropriate, including north and south porches and a semi-circular baptistry.

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1918



1919

Cedric Bowers, son of the photographer Charles Killingbeck Bowers and his wife Winnifred, of Southbank, Moreton Road, was baptised on 29th June. His father became one of the best known commercial photographers of cars and his sons joined him in the business.