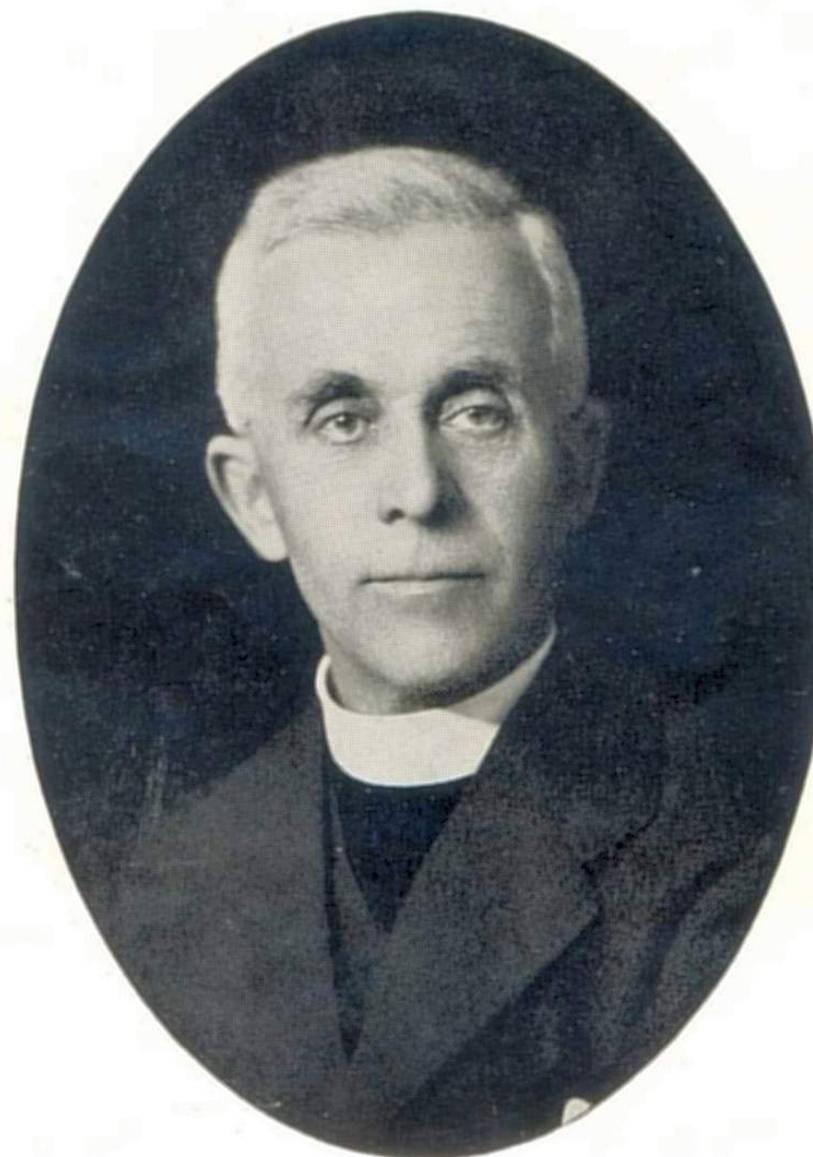


Right: the Revd Engineer Captain Francis Edwin Lamb was inducted as Vicar. His eleven years in the parish would see it transformed by housing development.

His career in the Royal Navy has an ongoing consequence in the status of 1st Cuddington Scouts as Sea Scouts, while the names of his sons were reflected in the choice of names for the two churches established at Ruxley Lane and Stoneleigh during his time, St Francis' and St John's.

In 1930 he introduced occasional lantern services, presumably with 'magic lantern' slides, often in aid of charities.

1930



REV. CAPT. F. E. LAMB, R.N. (Retd.)

The parish boundaries still largely reflected the medieval pattern of long, thin parishes, which had worked well when most people lived in the centre of each parish, with the southern and northern parts used for arable farming and grazing, but as the population grew it was seen to be sensible to alter the boundaries so that the inhabitants of the new houses were closer to their actual parish churches.

Part of Ewell parish (edged here in red) was transferred to Cuddington, and part of Cuddington, including Howell Hill (edged in green) was transferred to Ewell, much of it to become part of the new Nork parish.

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Also this year:

The south choir aisle became the Children's Chapel.

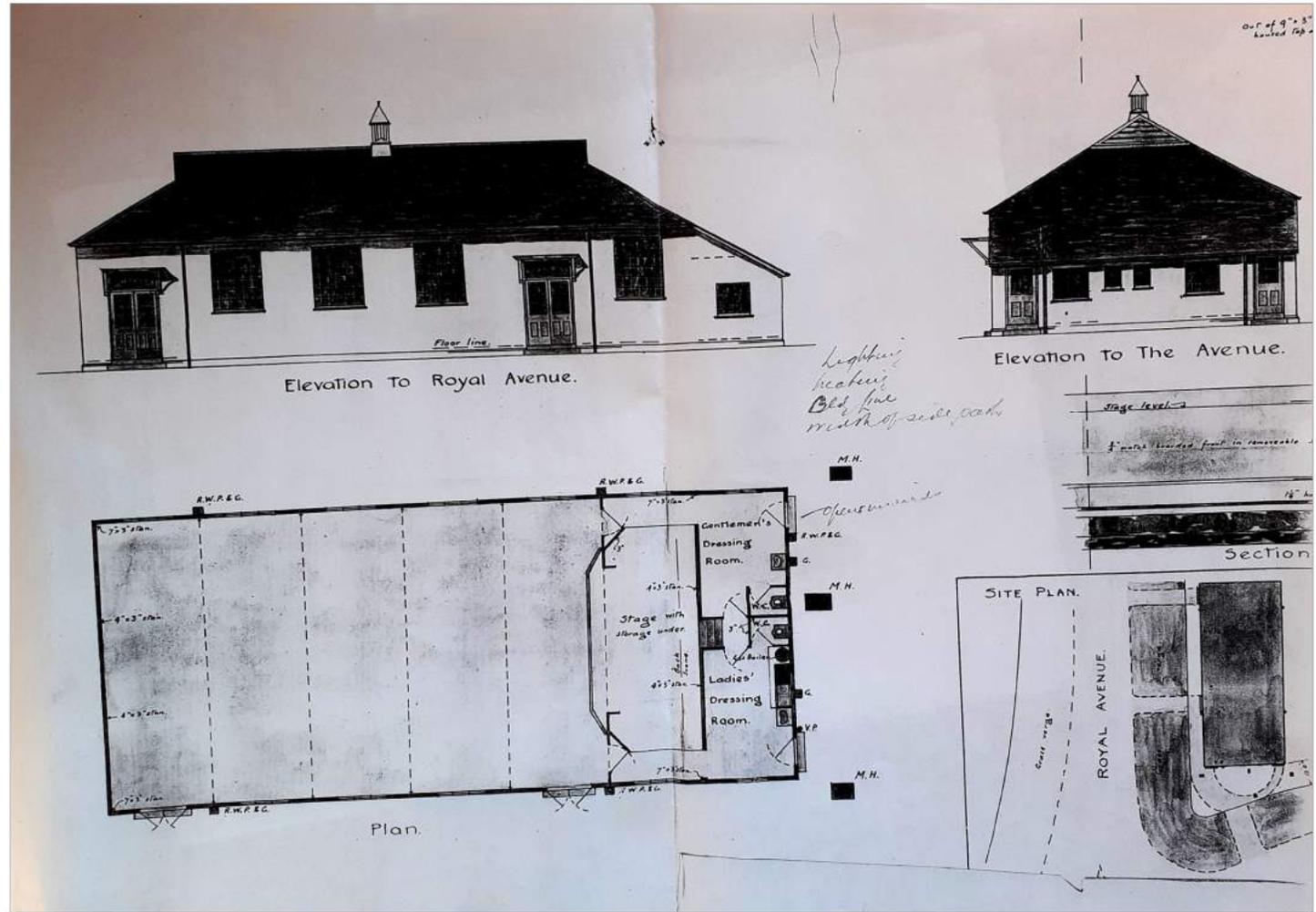
The 1st Cuddington Sea Scouts were formed.



1931

F W Knight drew up plans for a church hall on corner of Royal Avenue and The Avenue, the location that would eventually be used for a hall in 1955.

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Also this year:

Stoneleigh station was opened on 17th July.

1932

The parish magazine is believed to have started. From 1936 it was produced jointly for Cuddington and Ruxley Lane (and later also for Stoneleigh), and copies can be seen in the Ruxley parish records at Surrey History Centre in Woking.

Leslie O'Brien, later Governor of the Bank of England, and Isabella Pickett, were married on 2nd April.



Large Hall.

Lansdowne, Weymouth Park.

The hall at Lansdowne Hotel in The Avenue which had been used as a school hall when Lansdowne was a girls' school, was now used as a church hall (presumably without the gymnastics equipment shown in this postcard). The site is now occupied by Lansdowne Court.

1933



Above left: the Small Hall was built, and would be used by a range of community groups from Scouts and Guides to the Cuddington Residents' Association, as well as for church groups. Although intended as a temporary building, it served the parish for around 60 years; this photograph was taken in the early 1990s shortly before it was removed in connection with the building of the new meeting-rooms.



When the church was extended in 1959, a corner had to be shaved off the hall (which explains the white-painted support for the corner of the roof visible above); it is understood that a smaller back room was removed at this time. We have very few photographs taken inside the Small Hall, and no exterior views showing the second room; if you can provide any, please get in touch.

1934

REGISTER OF SERVICES.										1926.			
Date	Hour of Service.	SERVICE.	CELEBRANT OR PRICER.	Text.	No. of Communicants.	ATTENDANCE.		COLLECTION.			Remarks		
						Morn. Serv.	Even. Serv.	Object.	Amount.	£		s.	d.
26 July	9.0 am	Devotional Service	John Guildford					Worship	5	6	8½		
-	6.30 pm	Evening	H. Lamb	Matt. 11				Church Expenses		12	3		
2 Aug	7.0 am	Holy Communion	H. Lamb		16					7	0		
-	11.0 am	Mattins	W. H. Hillier	Matt. 5. 14-16						6	9		
	3.30 pm	Devotional of Post & Receptions	H. Lamb							11	9		
	6.30 pm	Evening	W. H. Hillier	Matt. 9. 2.						10	-		
										7	14	5½	7-14-5½
Aug 9	7.0.	HE TRINITY IX	G. Griffiths		7					3	-		
	11.0.	Mattins	W. H. Hillier	Mark 8. 12						5	8		
	2.0												
	6.30	Evening	W. H. Hillier	John. 20. 29.						6	6		15.0
		Trinity X								2	-		
Aug 16	7.0	Holy Communion	H. Lamb		4					6	8	7	
	11.0	Mattins	W. H. Hillier	Luke. 1. 16						11	6	1.0	-
	6.30	Evening	W. H. Hillier	Matt. 8. 10.						3	3		
25	9.0	HE TRINITY XI	G. Griffiths		7					3	9		
	11.0	Mattins	W. H. Hillier	Luke. 14. 14						6	8		13.8
	6.30	Evening	W. H. Hillier	Luke. 7. 14									



A combined St John the Baptist's Church-Hall was opened in Dell Lane for the Stoneleigh district, as recorded in the service register, *above left*.

Surrey History Centre: 3006/1/11.

Above right: photograph of the interior of the Dell Lane church-hall, photographed in 1937 or 1938.

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1936

After the permanent church was built, the Dell Lane premises remained in used as a hall; in 1994, following the building of a new hall linked to the church, it was sold to the Para Sakthi Society.

Also this year:

The Foundation stone of Guildford Cathedral was laid on 22nd July.

July 1937

FORMATION OF CONVENTIONAL DISTRICT		REGISTER OF SERVICES.				COLLECTION.			REMARKS.		
Date.	Hour of Service.	SERVICE.	CELEBRANT OR PREACHER.	Text.	No. of Communicants.	ATTENDANCE.	Object.	Amount.			
						Morn. Serr.	Even. Serv.	£	s.	d.	
4	8.0	H.C. TRINITY VI	G.V.		2897						8 th Week.
	11.0	Mattins	G.V.	Psalm 110. Includ	17						day after file
	5.0	Evening	G.V.	Roman Mt.							
	6.30							1	10		2:17:7
9	7.0.	H.C.	G.V.		4			2	6		(box) of
<p>July 9th 1937 8 pm.</p> <p>Evening and Public Licensing of the Revd G.E. Griffiths as Minister in Charge of the New Conventional District of S. Francis Ruxley Lane.</p> <p>John Guildford.</p>											
<p>Visiting Clergy: The Archbishop of Dorking (via St Newill) Canon Skene, The Revs. F.E. Lamb (Cuddington) S.R. Evans (Cheriton) A.E. Robin (Hindley Wood), C.S. Simmons (St. Helen S.E.) A. Warwick Smith (Stonley)</p>						3	14	0	<p>New Church Building Fund Less Expenses</p>		
<p>Lay Reader: Capt. G. Spencer, (former Sunday School Organist)</p>											



Above left: Ruxley Lane became a Conventional District, with the Revd George Griffiths as the first Minister in Charge, as recorded in the service register.

Surrey History Centre: 6386/1/12.

Above right: the roof and turret of the original church-hall (which later became the Bradbury Day Centre) can be seen in this photograph of the new church under construction, presumably in 1938 or 1939.

Surrey History Centre: 6386/3/3.

Also this year

Les Fancourt became cubmaster of 1st Cuddington, and served until 1976.

1937

MISSION 11 TH -23 RD		REGISTER OF SERVICES.				February 1938						
Date.	Hour of Service.	SERVICE.	CELEBRANT OR PARACHER.	Text.	No. of Communicants.	ATTENDANCES.		COLLECTION.			Remarks.	
						Morn. Serv.	Even. Serv.	Object.	Amount	£		s
1	8.0	First Evng Purification + ART	ESL		4030							
2	6.45	HC Purification	ESL		5				3	6		300
6	8.0	HC EPIPHANY V	ESL		26				10	2		
	11.0	SONG EUCHARIST	ESL		18				1	2	7	
	3.0	Children's Service	ESL						6	0		6-0
	6.30	Evening of hymn practice	ESL	Three Ch Army Capt's present.					1	6	2	3-2-5
8	8.0	Evening	ESL		8				5	3		600
9	10.0	HC	ESL									
DEANERY EVANGELISTIC - CAMPAIGN - FEB 11-23.												
MISSIONER: FR PAUL ASHWIN, of Beighton Sheffield BP MCGEEVER, SISTER Theodor, Sharn of Rugby												
12	8.0	Prayer Com	General Subject - The Great 'I AM's' of JESUS		89				1	14	3	
13	8.0	H.C. LXX SUNDAY	Paulo. St. Anthony						1	11	7	Summ 2018
	11.0	SONG EUCHARIST	ESL	Season of instruction	13				1	11	8	4-17-36
	6.30	MISSION SERVICE.	ESL	The first Shepherd								
14 Mar	6.50	HC S. Valentine	ESL		69							
	6.0	K.M. Service	Messenger Theodora									
	6.0	MISSION SERVICE	ESL	The Light of the World. (104 from)					6	10		Cham 1918
15 Mar	6.30	HC	ESL		4							
	8.0	MISSION SERVICE	ESL	The Door (Confession)					7	8		
16 Mar	6.30	HC.	ESL		72							
	9.30	HC.	ESL		6				4			



Above right: the foundation stone of St John's Church, Stoneleigh, designed by Professor A B Knapp-Fisher, was laid on 15th October 1938. Surrey History Centre 9956/2 (2).

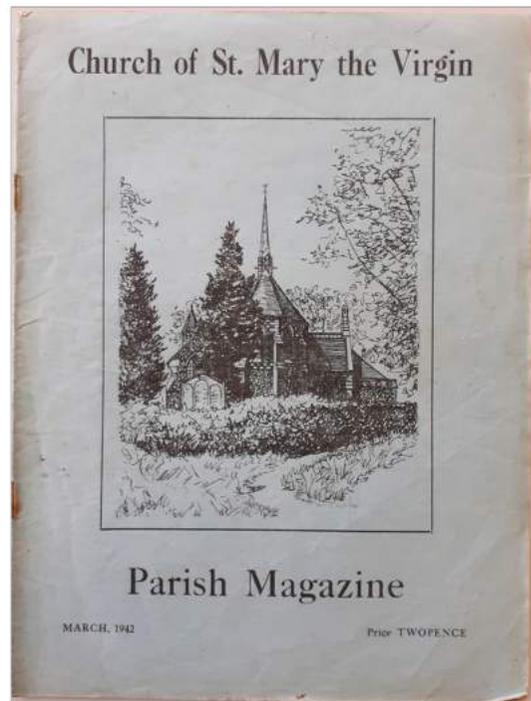
A mission was held by churches in Epsom Deanery, as recorded in the Ruxley Lane service register (above left).
Surrey History Centre: 6386/1/12

The Bishop also visited Ruxley Lane on 15th October; he licensed Deaconess Reid and laid the foundation stone of St Francis' Church, another Knapp-Fisher design.

Right: the new St Francis' Church under construction, presumably in 1938 or 1939.
Surrey History Centre: 6386/3/3.



1938



Above left: the parish magazine appears to have been relaunched this year in a larger format, as shown in this example from 1942.

1939

Also this year:

Revd Jacob Rooney was appointed Assistant Curate of Cuddington.

Bernard Hollaway's school was evacuated to Northiam in Sussex; from September 1939 until about June 1940, he came back to Cuddington each weekend to play the organ, missing only one weekend through illness.



Right: St John's Church was consecrated on 13th May 1939; this photograph dates from around this time.

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The first part of St Francis' Church was consecrated by the Bishop on Saturday 27th May, and on the following day, Whit Sunday, the first Communion services were held.

Left: these photographs show the exterior, interior and Lady Chapel stained glass at St Francis' Church. In 1997 the congregation began sharing Ruxley Methodist Church because of subsidence at St Francis.' The two congregations later combined as an ecumenical partnership and moved to a new Ruxley Church on the St Francis' site in 2013.

