



Bernard Hollaway continued as Organist whilst his school remained evacuated in Sussex, but in summer 1940 the school was sent to Pembrokeshire and Miss Ada Newman deputised.

*Left:* this photograph taken of the choir in 1943 shows Mr Hollaway third from left and Miss Newman sixth from left in the middle row.

The clergy shown here are the Revd Robert Winnett, Vicar (centre) and the Revd Frederick Tregunna (Curate).

Also in this year:

The Sunday School met in private houses because of air raids.

John Alick Thomas, the church's architect died, aged 87, on 12th February.

# 1940



The Revd Captain Lamb died. Metal gates bearing his initials, which were originally located at The Avenue, are now on the St Mary's Road side of the church; in this photograph showing the Small Hall in the early 1990s, they can be seen in their original position.

Also this year:

The Revd F K Tregunna was appointed Assistant Curate.

# 1941

Revd A Robert Winnett was appointed Vicar, and he married parishioner Grace Streatfeild this year.

After his time in Cuddington, he served in several parishes in Guildford Diocese: Rowledge, Grayshott and Ockham.

He was the author of several books, including a biography of the Irish bishop and philosopher Peter Browne. He was also a poet, and his poem Love's Insight was included *Poems for Weddings* published by Penguin Books in 2004.

Also this year:

Brownie Packs were started.

# 1942



REV. A. R. WINNETT, B.A., B.D.



*Above left:* Betty Wysehall formed 1st Cuddington Guides and became the first Captain. This photograph of Cuddington Guides at camp was preserved by the late Kath Cove who assisted her.

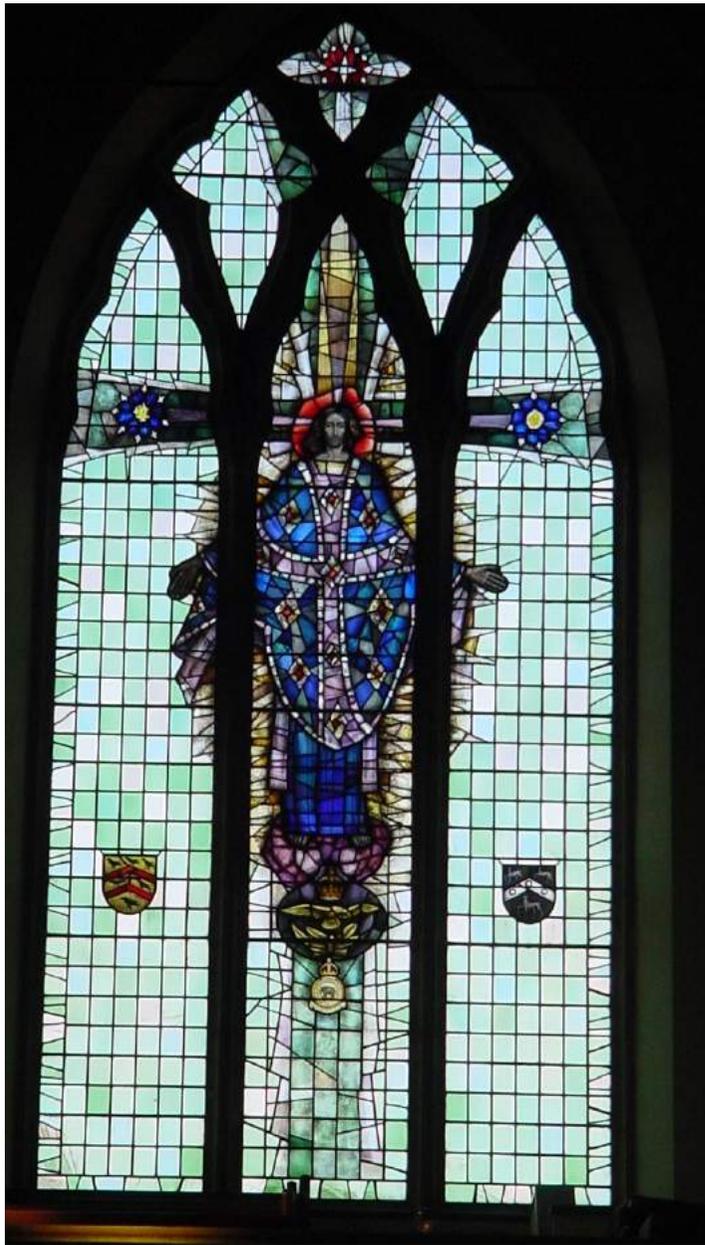
2nd Cuddington (Blakesley) Scouts were formed at Blakesley School, which had moved from Merton to Worcester Court in 1939, and Ivy Rowe (shown *above right* in later life) became cub leader and served until 1989.

Also this year:

Deaconess Elsie Robbins was appointed from 1 November, and served until 1946.

By April, Mr Hollaway had resumed the role of organist on the return of his school to London.

# 1943



F/O Alfred (Freddie) Greenfield died in the air operations accompanying the D-Day landings. When the church was extended in 1959, the west window, left, by Lawrence Lee, was given in his memory by his parents.

Above right: a young mothers' group, later Young Wives, was formed. This photograph shows a Young Wives' meeting in the Small Hall in c1970.

Also this year:

Mr Winnett conducted three baptisms in one day using a basin of water on domestic air-raid shelters, because of flying-bomb alerts.

# 1944

brought safely through the manifold dangers which have beset us during these years of war. The very fact that our lives have been preserved should make us consider, to what use we are putting our lives. Some deeply impressive words were uttered by the Moderators of the Scottish Churches in a message to the people of Scotland after the last war. They said, "Spared lives are holy things, saved for high and worthy service of God and not to be wasted on small and selfish ends." From now onwards our lives are holy things, to be lived not for ourselves but in the high and worthy service of God.

This call to the dedication of our lives comes home to us with still greater urgency as we remember that deliverance was won for us at a cost. Many thousands of our best and bravest have given their lives that we and the whole world might live in peace and freedom. It is true of all of us that we are not our own, but have been bought with a price; and there is no more fitting prayer that each one of us can offer than this short and simple one: "O Lord, for the sake of those who have died for us, make us better men and women." If such a prayer rises from the hearts of all our people in this day of victory and deliverance, the moral resources will be ours with which to face the demands of the future. The new and nobler world on which our hearts are set will be realised only as we obey the word of Christ, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." We dare not allow the tragedy of the years following 1918 to be re-enacted, when a slackening hold on moral principle combined with tiredness of spirit and selfishness of purpose led us again into catastrophe. Let victory issue in thankfulness, and thankfulness manifest itself in an entire and heartfelt dedication of ourselves to the service of the Highest. Being delivered out of the hand of our enemies let us serve Him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

#### VICTORY THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The end of hostilities in Europe was greeted with profound relief and thankfulness, and large congregations assembled in church to give thanks for victory and deliverance. On the evening of May 31st, the day on which victory in Europe was officially proclaimed, a Service of Thanksgiving was held, and every seat and every inch of standing room in the church was occupied. The service followed the order issued by authority for morning service was attended by a contingent of the Civil Defence Wardens in uniform, and in addition to the large congregation in church

there was an overflow congregation in the church hall, to whom the service was relayed by means of an amplifier. On the Sunday evening the official form of service was again used, and the church was filled to its utmost capacity. Later in the evening an open-air service was conducted by the Vicar at the request of the residents in Avon Close and Kinross Avenue.

In all the services the note of thanksgiving for the past was combined with that of dedication to God for the future. Remembrance was made of those who had given their lives, and prayer was offered on behalf of those for whom (in the words of the official form of service) "the end of war is not the end of suffering." Nor was the fact that the war still continues in the Far East overlooked, and there were prayers for those serving in that distant theatre of war and for peace throughout the whole world.

#### THE JUBILEE OF CUDDINGTON CHURCH, JULY 14th - JULY 22nd

The following is the provisional programme of special services and other events during our parochial Jubilee Week:—

*Saturday, July 14th, at 3.30 p.m.* Confirmation administered by the Bishop of Guildford.

*Sunday, July 15th, at 8 a.m.* Holy Communion, celebrated by the Bishop of Guildford. The newly confirmed will receive their first Communion at this service, and all communicant members of the congregation are asked to be present with them.

*11 a.m.* Morning Prayer, attended by the Mayor and Corporation of Epsom and Ewell. The preacher will be the Bishop of Guildford.

*3 p.m.* Children's Thanksgiving Service.  
*6.30 p.m.* Evening Prayer, with sermon by the Rev. F. D. Coggan, D.D., Principal of the London College of Divinity, and formerly Professor at Wycliffe College, Toronto.

*Thursday, July 19th, at 8 p.m.* Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" will be rendered by the choir. The Archdeacon of Dorking will be present and give an address.

*Saturday, July 21st.* Garden Party in the Vicarage Garden. Gifts for the stalls will be gratefully received.

*Sunday, July 22nd.* The preacher at the morning service will be the Rev. Hugh Warner, Vicar of Epsom, and at the evening service Canon T. P. Stevens, Vicar of St. Paul's, Wimbledon Park.

Further details will appear in next month's magazine. In connection with the Jubilee a

Celebrations were held both of the Golden Jubilee of the church building and of VE and VJ Day.

Left: as reported in the parish magazine, the programme of Jubilee events was to include a sermon by Dr Donald Coggan, later Archbishop of Canterbury. Also reported is an open-air service of thanksgiving taken by the Vicar on the stage constructed for Avon Close and Kinross Avenue's victory celebrations.

Photograph below left courtesy of Diana Garland.

Right: Mr Hollaway and Mr Winnett wrote the music and the words for a hymn to mark the church's anniversary.

Also this year:

A branch of the Anglican Young People's Association was formed.

The Cuddington Residents' Association started using the small room in the (Small) Church Hall for meetings; they have continued to use the church halls for meetings ever since.

#### Hymn for Church Anniversary.

ST. MARY'S, CUDDINGTON

8.7.8.7.D.

B. G. Hollaway



Lift your voices, Christian people,  
Loud resound your songs of praise!  
God, Who in past years has blessed us  
Leads us still by wondrous ways.  
Here our fathers to His glory  
Raised this church of beauty rare:  
Here in after years we gather  
Day by day for praise and prayer.

For Thy servants, priests and people,  
Recollected or unknown,  
For each deed of true devotion,  
For each good example shown:  
For the souls that here have found Thee,  
Turned from darkness unto light,  
Thee we praise, O God, Whose Spirit  
Arms our weakness with Thy might.

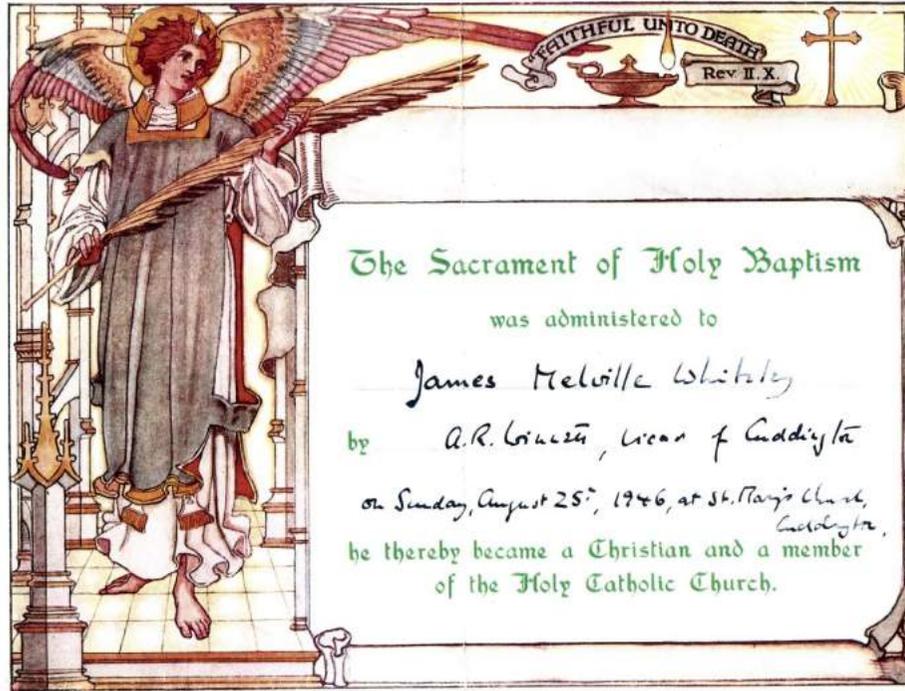
For the bounty of its founders  
Thanks be Thine Who givest all,  
Skill of architect and builder,  
Grace of arch and strength of wall;  
For the craftsman's hand which fashioned  
Hymns of praise from wood and stone:  
Source of all things fair and lovely,  
Lord of beauty Thee we own.

Great the heritage bequeathed us -  
We shall see yet greater things:  
May each new occasion find us  
Equal to the task it brings,  
For the God Whose hand has guided  
Calls us ever onward still:  
Forward, sounds the word of challenge,  
In His strength to do His will!

A. R. Winnett.



1945



I was Baptised with WATER  
In the Name of the FATHER, and of  
the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST

My Godparents are

1. Richard Remer Banker
2. Dorothy Banker
3. Arthur Johnson Whiteley

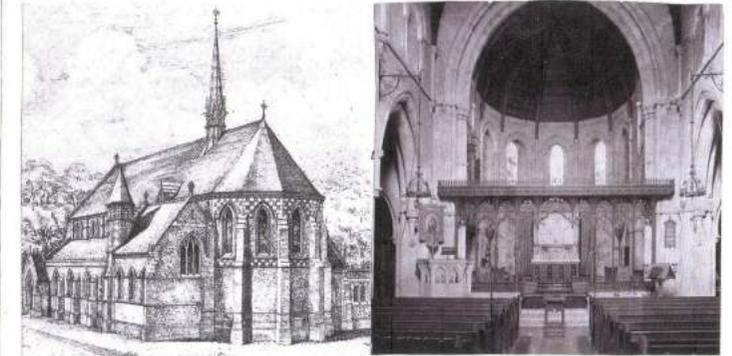
The Priest was

The Rev. Robert Winnett, Vicar of Cuddington



I was Baptised at

St. Mary's Church, Cuddington, Surrey

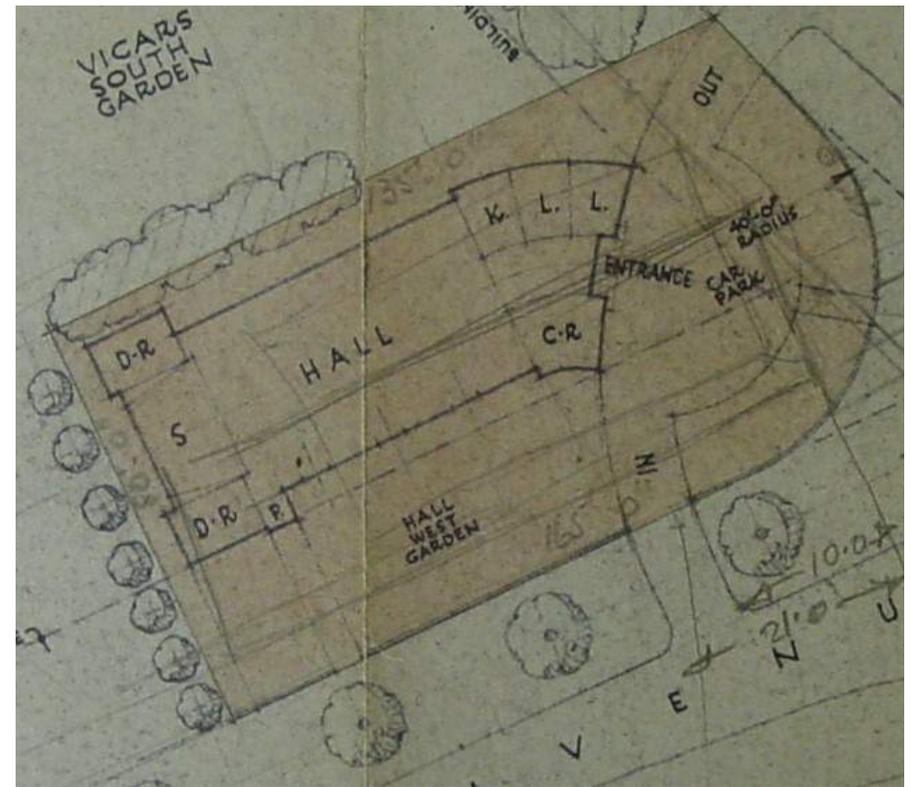
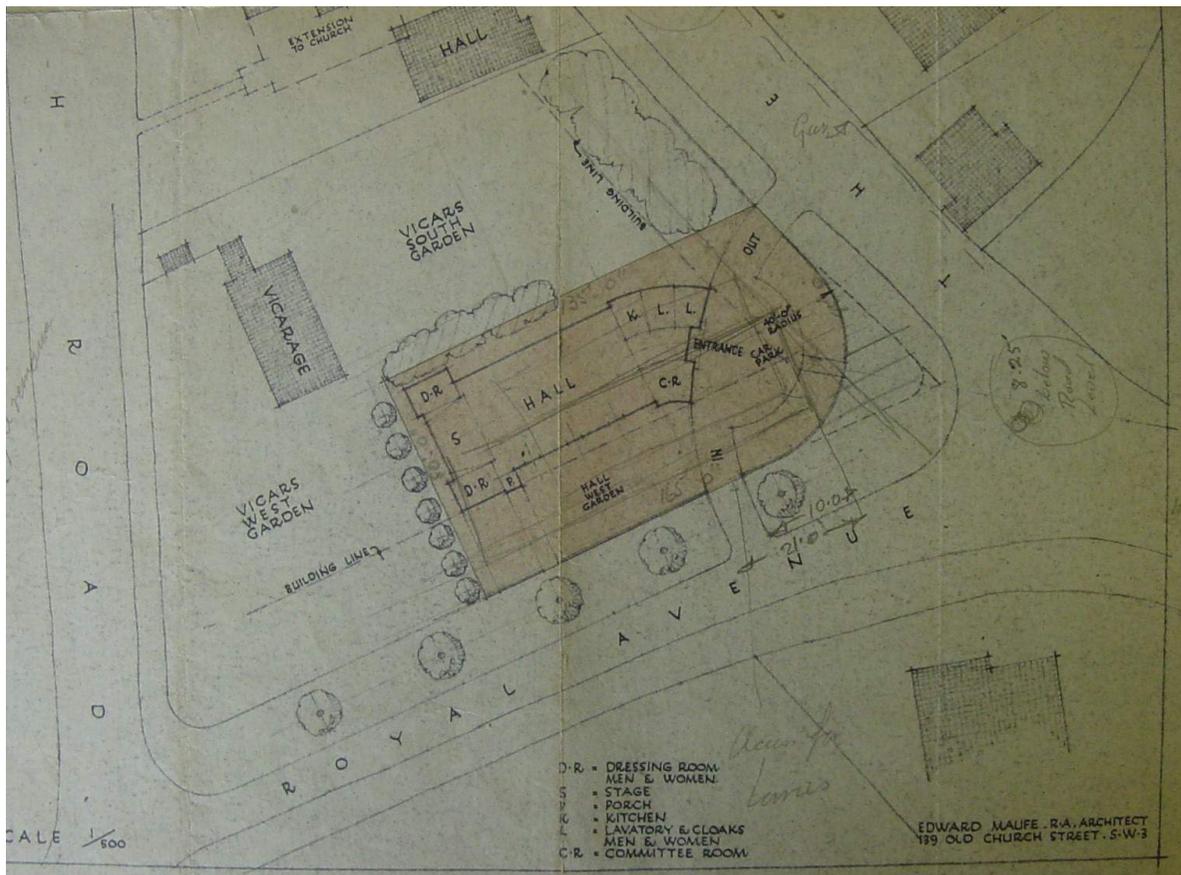


# 1946

Above left: Albert Puttock became a churchwarden (he served to 1953, and from 1954-to 1964).

Above right: Jim Whiteley, a future churchwarden, was baptised.

Courtesy of Jim Whiteley

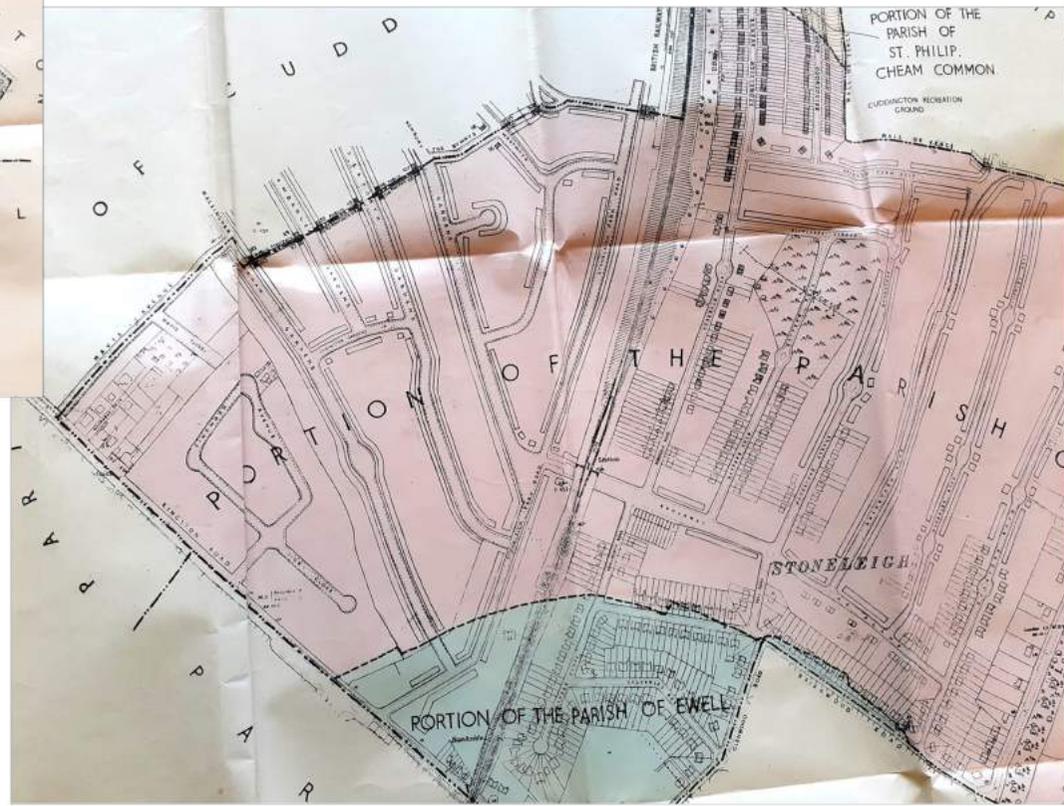
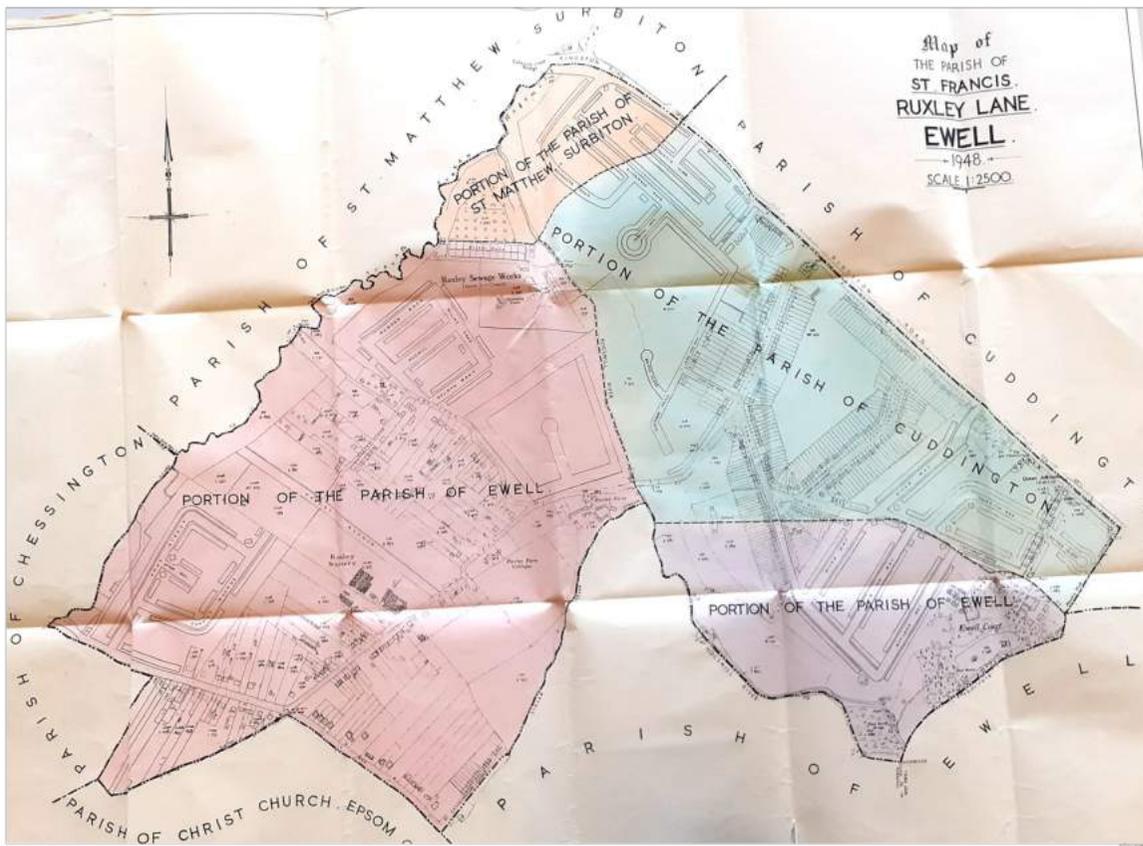


The Vicar suggested that a new church hall was the most urgent building project and offered part of Vicarage garden. Over the next few years there were several proposed designs, including one (as shown in the details above), with an elegantly curved foyer, by (Sir) Edward Maufe, who was already working on Guildford Cathedral, but his Cuddington plan was not adopted.

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# 1947

Courtesy of Juliet Dunmur, grand-daughter of Sir Edward and Lady Maufe, and author of *Edward Maufe: Architect and Cathedral Builder*, published in 2019 ([www.edwardmaufe.com](http://www.edwardmaufe.com)).



Ruxley Lane (above left) and Stoneleigh (above right) were made separate parishes.

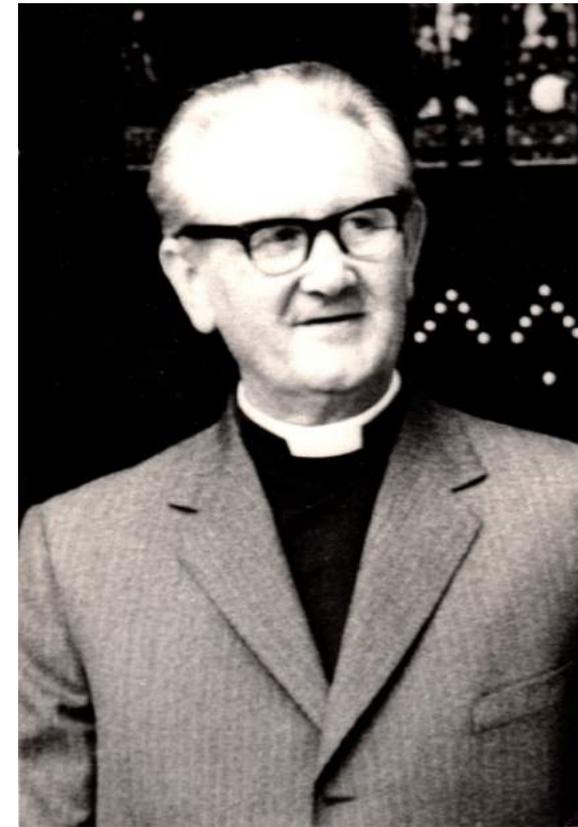
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# 1948



*Above left:* this is the earliest christening photograph taken at St Mary's that we have found so far. It was taken at the christening of John Vickars, on 5th June. The small porch in the temporary west wall can be seen behind the family.

Courtesy of Diana Garland and John Vickars



*Above right:* Garth Long became Organist. This photograph shows him after he was ordained.

Courtesy of Mary Kenny.

# 1949