

1853 tenders for erecting the new church were let and on July 16th, 1854, the first services were held, Rev. Dr. Evans holding divine service in the morning and Rev. Mr. Pollard in the evening, the collections of the day amounting to over \$200.

The trustees fixed the yearly rental of pews and decided to sell them by auction. Mr. Samuel McBride was appointed pew steward and collector of rents. During the same month Mrs. Raymond was engaged as organist. Rev. Wm. Wilkinson succeeded Rev. Mr. Pollard and in 1856 was relieved by the Rev. J. Douse.

In 1878 Mr. S. Screaton after a quarter of a century's faithful and valuable aid in the service of song, tendered his resignation, to the regret of all connected with the church. His portly presence and kindly face had been for so long identified with the choir of the old church his absence from the choir left a void not easily filled.

