

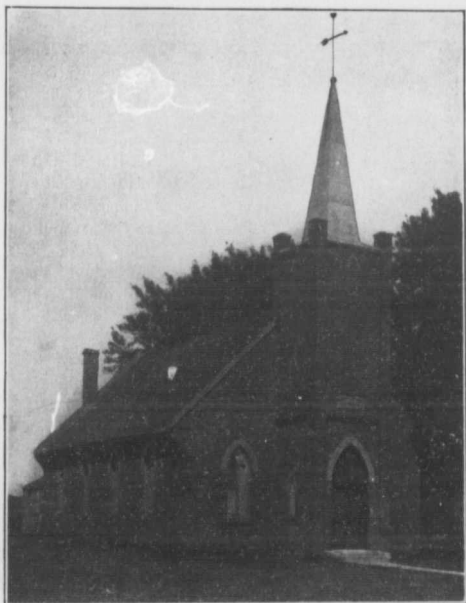
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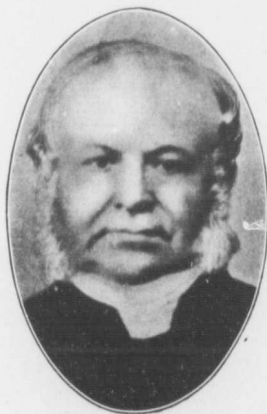
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**T**HE origin and history of the church prior to the year 1860 is shrouded in the mists of obscurity.

No records are extant. This much, however, is known. The Rev. John Gunne, missionary of the Church of England at Florence and parts adjacent, held services in Newbury and Wardsville. Those were the days when travelling was difficult; when the roads were in a primitive condition.



REV. JOHN GUNNE

The Rev. John Gunne invariably travelled on horse back. He was a large man. Old settlers describe his picturesque and portly figure, as he travelled from place to place and was welcomed in every home and settlement. In addition to his clerical duties he held the important office of Government Inspector of Schools. He accomplished a great work and

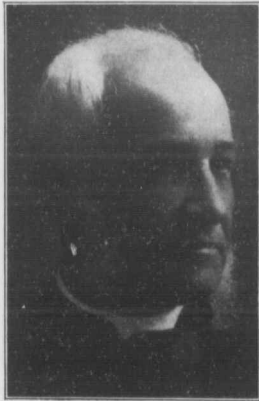
won the lasting gratitude of the early settlers, by procuring for them from the government, a clear deed and title to their farms and properties. Irrespective of creed or race, Mr. Gunne accomplished this useful and beneficent work on behalf of the early settlers, and his name and memory are honored to this day.

"He served his generation by the will of God, and fell asleep and is gathered to his fathers."

**T**HE appointment of the next Incumbent, the Rev. J. T. Wright, dates from the year 1861. He was a scholarly and energetic man. It was through his exertions mainly that the present Church Building was erected. It is a goodly type of Village Church and remains to this day an ornament to the village and a monument to Mr. Wright's zeal and Fidelity,

The church site is a portion of the Tucker survey and was donated for church purposes by John Tucker.

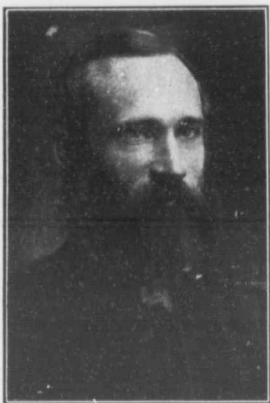
It is not known who were wardens at the time the church was built, but shortly after the name of William Mylne occurs. At the same time there were in the congregation many whose descendants are still in Newbury or its vicinity. The names of some of them are as follows: S. J. Ball, Thomas Robinson, William



Rev. J. T. Wright

Sheppard, Henry Ross Archer, John Belford, Wm. Haggerty, Mrs. McReady, Mrs. Geo. Smith, John Robinson, George Armstrong, Hugh Armstrong, Amos Fennell Sr., the two last mentioned being still members of the congregation. Miss Libbie Anderson was the first organist of the church.

The Rev. Geo. W. Wye's Incumbency dates from September 1873 to Easter 1878. Both Mr. Wright and Mr. Wye were born Controversialists and Logicians. They took prominent parts in the Synod debates, especially questions relating to Church Finance, and made things lively at the Synod.



REV. GEO. W. WYE.



The Rev. Wm. Hinde was Incumbent from June, 1878 till October 1879.

REV. WM. HINDE

He was followed by Rev. W. J. Taylor, in a long and useful Incumbency, extending from October 1879 till May 1888. Mr. Taylor was a good preacher and a diligent pastor. He accomplished a great work in building up the parish. He was distinguished for his horticultural tastes and love of flowers. The Rectory grounds at Wardsville were a sight to see, during his Incumbency of nine years.



REV. W. J. TAYLOR

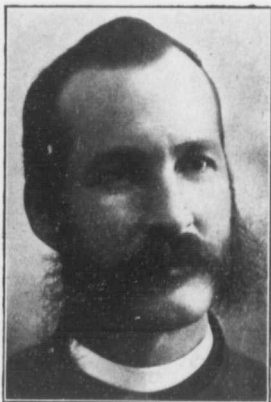


REV. WM. LOWE

He was followed by Rev. Wm. Lowe, the witty, humorous, versatile, Irishman. During Mr. Lowe's term of office, the new church in Glencoe was built and the parish was divided, Mr. Lowe retaining the Glencoe Church. His name is still very popular in the Parish.

He was followed by Rev. Wm. Johnson, from April 1893 till January 1897. Rev. Wm. Johnson was singularly devout and spiritually minded; a devoted Pastor. His influence remains to this day.

The Rev. D. W. Collins was appointed March 1898 and remained until July 1902. Important repairs and improvements were made in both churches during his incumbency.



REV. WM. JOHNSON

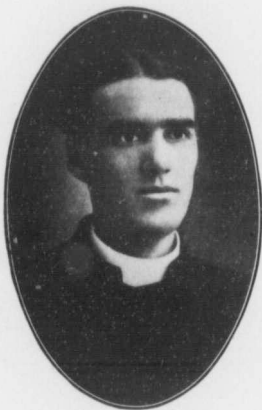


REV. D. W. COLLINS

In particular, the interior of the church at Newbury was painted and frescoed, the ceiling finished in oak, the seats rearranged. The handsome tower and vestibule - were also added. The success of these undertakings was due to the Rev. Mr. Collins and the wardens at that time, Mr. Chas. Tucker and Mr. S. R. Armstrong. Mr. Collins is still gratefully remembered.

He was followed in 1902 by Rev. H. M. Langford, from the Pro-Cathedral, Calgary. He remained about three years. His name and ministry were much esteemed.

He was succeeded by Rev. Kenneth McGoun, whose short Incumbency was limited to sixteen months.



REV. H. M. LANGFORD



REV. KENNETH MCGOUN

He was followed by Rev. H. A. Thomas from February 1907 till August 1909. Rev. Mr. Thomas' useful ministry was cut short by illness and consequent retirement.

He was succeeded at Easter 1910 by the present Incumbent Rev. J. Edmonds.



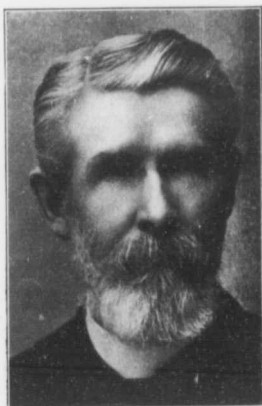
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The wardens of Christ Church, felt that the 50th Anniversary should not be allowed to pass without appropriate services. The present Commemoration was therefore determined on at a meeting of the congregation, and has been carried out, we trust, to the satisfaction of all. There are numbers of people still living to whom this church is endeared by many and sacred associations.

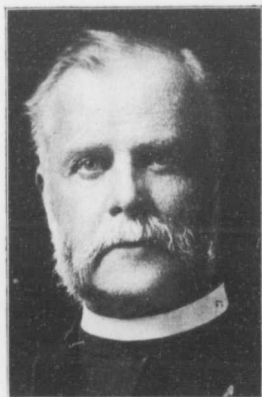
All of which  
is respectfully submitted

J. A. ARMSTRONG } Church  
W. C. KING } Wardens

J. EDMONDS, RECTOR



REV. H. A. THOMAS



REV. J. EDMONDS

P.S. At the time of writing it is intended to observe the Jubilee by holding Divine Service in the church on Sunday August 3rd. The Rev. Norman C. Tucker, D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, will preach morning and evening. It is hoped that the congregations will be the largest the church has ever held. The Jubilee will be continued the next day by an old fashioned Basket Picnic in the Old Boys' Park; attended by the Wardsville Band; and by a concert in the evening in the Town Hall when an excellent programme supplemented by brief addresses from former Rectors will be given.