



Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

Newsletter

October 2018

From the Leadership Management Team:

Ruth, Dianne and Darryl met during the week to look at the needs of the church for the next few weeks. With Margaret's help, the roster for the December Quarter is progressing well. Planning for the Christmas Concert on December 18 is in hand with soloist, Rebekkah Nelson confirming. Tabor Music will provide a couple of items and also play for the carols. The balloon man will hopefully be booked again and craft ideas are being looked at for the children.

Alan Dube is looking at dates for a working bee to tidy the property and has already gained support from the Cherry Gardens Garden Club.

Church History

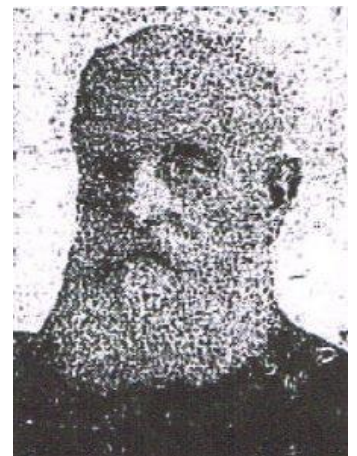
As we lead up to our 170th anniversary in March 2019, there will be a series of history items in most newsletters. Ruth Work suggested that this would be a good idea. The sources for the history are: '1936 Cherry Gardens History' as recorded on Cherry Chatter web site; 'History of Coromandel Valley Church' by Max Winter September 2000 and further research by Darryl Dyson.

The English name of Cherry Gardens was given by Isaac Jacobs, Henry Field and Edward Burgess circa 1839, when they went into the hills to cut kangaroo grass (*Themeda triandra*) for stock fodder and came across an abundance of native trees, with small cherry-like fruit. The early pioneers initially met in each other's homes, but the first minister, Reverend Daniel Draper realised the need for a place of worship. In 1847 he encouraged the congregation to start erecting a church and land for that purpose was donated by Mr Field on Hicks Hill Road, and whilst they were endeavouring to erect a Chapel, religious services were held at the homesteads of Mr Field, the Broadbent's and other families in the district. With the true pioneering spirit the Bible Christians and Wesleyan Methodists amalgamated to erect a chapel which first opened in March 1849 and that building, with additions, is still being regularly used for services, and holds the honoured record of being the oldest former Methodist Chapel south of Adelaide still being used for its original purpose. Up to 1847, the congregation was in the Southern Adelaide Circuit, but that year became part of the Willunga Circuit, then in 1855 was in the newly created Clarendon Circuit with Clarendon, Coromandel Valley, Reynella, Meadows, Kangarilla, Mount Ephraim, O'Halloran Hill, Scott's Creek, Upper Sturt and Wardlaw Vale.



REV. DANIEL JAMES DRAPER,
PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE,
1888.

The consecration of the newly erected Wesleyan Church is reported in the *Register*, 28 March 1849, page 2e: "The congregation of the newly erected Wesleyan Chapel assembled in public worship in March 1849. About 120 sat down to tea in celebration. The chapel which is a perfect model of neatness is capable of accommodating about 150 persons and the worthy and indefatigable superintendent has the satisfaction of knowing that not one penny of debt encumbers the building." The only way that small chapel could have accommodated 150 persons was for them all to be standing up! Rene Harvey told us that for many years the little chapel did not have pews. The Circuit minister at the time of the opening was Reverend Nathaniel Bennett.

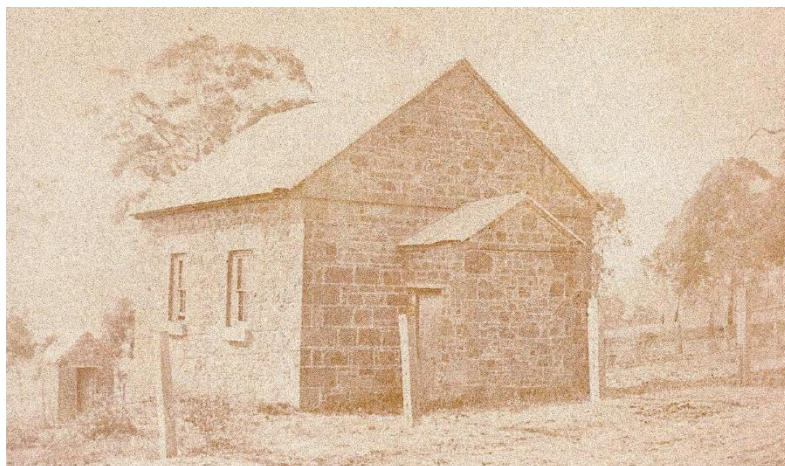


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During the early days, the mode of conveyance was by horseback. It would be interesting to know how a heavy man such as Daniel Draper managed to mount and dismount his horse! The first marriage that we have a record of was solemnised between Lucy Middleton and Joseph Boothey on 25 December 1849. The first person to be baptised in the chapel was Caleb Lewis in 1850. The photo of the church shows it as it looked after construction and before the late 19th century additions.



Let Us Pray

For:

- Alan and Prim and her rehabilitation following a fall at home.
- Max and Jenny following the passing of Max's sister, Clarice Lohmeyer.
- Alex and Helen following Alex's knee problems.
- The situation in Sulawesi.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Date	Speaker	Worship Leader	Music	Bible Reader	Morning Tea
October 7	Peter Hartley	Di Dyson	John Penberthy	Peter Work	Di Dyson
October 14	John Symons	Gill Marshman	John Penberthy	Marg Jacobs	Phyllis Williamson
October 21	Annetta De Boo	Steph Dube	Joan Beech	Ruth Work	
October 28	Lynona Hawkins	Phyllis Williamson	Roger Hage	Anthony Hales	Ruth Work

SOME MORE DATES TO PUT IN THE DIARY

Diary Dates:

Sunday 7 October: – A rolling meeting will be held after church to report on progress towards our Christmas Concert, filling the roster for the next quarter.

Sunday October 7: - Eden Hills 5 to 7 pm. Worship service followed by shared tea.

Tuesday December 18: - The Cherry Gardens Uniting Church Christmas Carols will be held in the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall. Setting up Monday 17 December.

Tuesday December 25: - Christmas Day service will be held at the church at 9.30 am as usual.



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