A TIMELINE SINCE 1886

OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF REDCLIFFE

**Reverend John Sutton B.A.** was born in 1817 and attended St Edmunds Hall, Oxford, graduating in 1846 and served in the Church of England in a number of Essex parishes before coming from England to Australia in 1860 by sailing vessel with the first Bishop of Brisbane, Bishop Tufnell and Reverend Thomas Jones and others. On board, Rev Sutton met his future wife, Frances Johnson.

Rev Sutton served at Gladstone, then moved to a grazing property, then served at Mackay, then was Rector of St John’s Pro-Cathedral, corner William and Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane 1869 -1885.

He retired to the Redcliffe Peninsula also known as Humpybong where he owned many acres of land. He appointed trustees on August 9, 1882 for 1 rood 3 perches (1088 m²) of land which was transferred to The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane (Diocese) in 1891 for the building of a church, the land occupying a central position on the highest part of the peninsula.

**February 21, 1886** – Rev Sutton conducted the very first Church of England service in Redcliffe at his home Hurley House (where a Mirada Tower opposite Suttons Beach now stands). The Service on Septuagesima Sunday (meaning falls within 70 days before Easter) was from the Book of Common Prayer of 1662 and Hymns Ancient and Modern. It is not known how long Rev Sutton continued to conduct services in Redcliffe.

**March 1886** - Rev Sutton establishes the Redcliffe Church building fund.

**January 1891** The Redcliffe provisional school was used to hold Church of England services. A small organ was loaned by Mrs MacDonald. (Current location in hospital grounds Anzac Avenue opposite Tilley Street, camphor laurel trees planted in 1888 by schoolmaster Arthur Ashmole remain).

**January 11, 1891** The first service at Woody Point was held at Mrs Harriet Bell’s home Klangur. Mrs Bell’s home was destroyed by a cyclone in February 1893. Bell Street is named after Mrs Bell.

**October 1892** Rev Henry commenced and continued services at Klangur. He rode to Woody Point on his bicycle for that purpose.

**January 1893** There was a building midway on the north side of Georgina Street between Kate Street and Victoria Esplanade (now Gayundah Esplanade) erected as a shop. The building was used for church services and was named St Mark’s.

Rev Henry purchased the land and building as his personal property on November 10, 1898. Alterations were made to convert it into a suitable church building.

**1896** – The Vicar of the Parochial district of Caboolture Reverend John Leighton started services in a Hall in Redcliffe. A Baptismal register started on June 1.

**1897** – Rev Sutton revived the building fund in April.

Rev Sutton passed away at Redcliffe in June. The funeral was at St John’s Pro-Cathedral and a graveside service at Toowong Cemetery was lead by Rev Thomas Jones, a fast friend of Rev Sutton.

**October 8, 1898** – Money was loaned and construction had started on the first St. Mary’s Church at the location of the current church at 93 Sutton Street, Redcliffe.

**December 10, 1898** – The church organ was bought for £25 and was installed on this day.

**December 22, 1898** – Bishop of Brisbane, William Webber came to Redcliffe per steamer Garnet and dedicated the Church, with the patron name of St. Mary. The Bishop congratulated the contractor, Mr J. McGregor on the way in which he performed the contract.

**April 22, 1900** Bishop Webber instituted Rev Herbert Beasley as Vicar and also dedicated the Woody Point building. Rev Henry transferred the Woody Point property to the Diocese.

**July 16, 1901** Bishop Webber officiated in the marriage of Rev Beasley to Florence Sutton, daughter of the late Rev John Sutton and Mrs Frances Sutton.

**May 15, 1904** A marble tablet in memory of Maria Ann Robertson of Ferny Lawn who died on this day aged 80 years was erected by her son William George Hayes, Vicar’s Warden, on the west wall of the church.

**August 1904** Mr Hayes purchased land next to the church in August 1904 and gifted one part for construction of a new public hall for the Redcliffe Hall Company Ltd which was opened on December 17, 1904. The Hall was used by the church for events. The other part of 23.1 perches (584.3 m²) was transferred to the Diocese and registered on March 2, 1905.

**July 26, 1905** – A tree planting ceremony was attended by Archdeacon Henry Le Fanu & Mrs. Le Fanu and 18 trees were planted. Mr Hayes was providing the trees.

**1908 -** St Mary’s Ladies Guild organised a sale of work.

Arthur Ashmole retired from the Education Department after 21 years as Master of the Redcliffe Provisional School and was presented with an Illuminated Address signed by 31 residents of Humpybong including Mr Hayes. He was appointed Shire Clerk for five years.

**1910 -** A horse, harness and sulky was provided for the parish.

In June, Mr W. G. Hayes, Vicar’s Warden and Treasurer, passed away suddenly in Queen Street, Brisbane on his way to the temporary Synod hall in Albert Hall.

A stained glass window, the subject being the Ascension (Luke 24:51), is being installed over the altar in the east wall in memory of Mr Hayes 1842 to 1910.

Arthur Ashmole became Vicar’s Warden for Rev Victor Whitehouse and Treasurer.

**December 22, 1910** - Upwards of 150 adults and children were present in the Redcliffe Hall on Thursday evening, the occasion being the annual Christmas tree of St. Mary's Anglican Sunday School. Miss Hayes (superintendent of the Sunday school) had charge of the arrangements.

**March 4 and 5, 1911** - Archbishop St Clair Donaldson was met at Woody Point and conveyed to Redcliffe by motor car. A Garden party was held at Sea-brae, Redcliffe and a service of preparation for confirmation candidates and friends was held in the evening. On Sunday, there was Holy Communion at 8am, dedication of the stone font, and stained glass window in memory of the late Mr Hayes, a gift of Mrs Hayes and family, the work of Exton & Co., Brisbane. The Archbishop referred to the good work done by the late Mr Hayes for the church and the poor of the district. Eleven candidates were confirmed at the 330pm service. The Archbishop preached again at Evensong. The Archbishop was the guest of Mr and Mrs Hill.

**May, 1911** - A Rectory consisting of 10 rooms was completed at 73 Sutton Street.

**2011** - Acetylene gas has been installed in the Redcliffe church.

The sulky fell apart when the Vicar was driving it to catch a train. It was repaired.

**December 1912** - Rev Whitehouse left Redcliffe to become Secretary of the Home Mission Board. Rev Whitehouse presented Arthur Ashmole with a Holy Bible in gratitude of the many services rendered him during his charge of the parish of Redcliffe. Ashmole Road is named after Mr Ashmole.

**1926** -The Redcliffe Hall was purchased by the Redcliffe Lodge. The Hall was used for Parish events.

**1937** – Mr G E Johnson transferred land and house called Baran-Biri at 155 Landsborough Avenue and adjoining 4 lots of land of 2 roods at 188-190 Mein Street to the Diocese for the Home Mission Board.

**1945** St Mark’s, Woody Point was moved to the eastern side of Kate Street between Georgina and Annie Streets. Mrs Minto, daughter of Mrs Bell was organist for 40 years.

**1946** A Hall opened at the Chermside Army Camp in 1941 was purchased and moved to the Redcliffe behind the church, facing south. Site cleared of 12 trees.

**April 20, 1948** – The Parochial district of Redcliffe attained full Parish status.

**May, 1949** – Rev Gillman visited England for 10 months. Rev Norman Michael relieved from June 12 to Feb 1950.

**1949** – Former head of Church of England Grammar School, Rev Canon W P F Morris, retired to Havenhome, Queens Beach, and compiled a book, Scarborough Calling, with the purpose of asking alms for building a church in Scarborough. A Foreward was provided by Archbishop Reginald Halse.

**1949** – First church services in Scarborough were on a house verandah and in a building behind the Scarborough Hotel.

**July, 1949** - Matins at Scarborough on the 2nd and 4th Sundays by Canon Morris.

**October 15, 1949** – Scarborough Church of England Ladies Guild first Flower Show at the residence of Mr and Mrs Webb, Oyster Point, Scarborough. Official opening by Rev Michael. Mayor of Redcliffe Town Council, Alderman R.T. Bradley and the Hon. G.F.R. Nicklin MLA, Member for Murrumba were present.

**April, 1950** - Land at 188-190 Mein Street Scarborough totalling 2 roods (2023m²) was purchased after selling land on the corner of Donkin and Mein Streets.

**October 15, 1950** – A marble tablet was placed by Reginald Halse, Archbishop of Brisbane at a stump capping ceremony for Scarborough Hall. In November, the hall was wrecked by a cyclone when it was almost built.

**April 1, 1951** – Scarborough Hall was opened and dedicated and used for church services.

**September 15, 1951** A hut purchased from the Church of England Boys Home, Enoggera was moved to Clontarf land at 32 Cornelius Street and reconstructed and completed and was named St Barnabas and was blessed.

**1952** - Third Flower Show was held at Scarborough.

Scarborough Church of England Croquet Club was formed to play on land beside the Scarborough Church Hall.

A Mothers Union branch was formed.

A Wayside Cross, Seat, and Lights were a gift of Mrs J Sturtridge in Memory of her husband and nephew.

**April 26, 1953** A foundation stone for the new St Mark’s was set by Archbishop Reginal Halse.

**1955** Land of 39.8 perches (1007m²) at 192 Mein Street (corner Warde Street) Scarborough was purchased for a new church.

A Booklet was produced seeking a 150 week pledge for funds to build churches.

**April 7, 1957** St Mark’s was opened and dedicated by Archbishop Reginald Halse.

**April 27, 1958** – The Foundation Stone for the present St. Mary’s Church was laid by Archbishop Reginald Halse.

**March 20,1959 –** The former St Mary’s Church was relocated to 32 Cornelius Street, Clontarf.

**July 5, 1959** –The church at Clontarf was re-dedicated by Archbishop Halse, with the Patron name of St. Barnabas.

**October 4, 1959** – Archbishop Reginald Halse blessed the Seas and the Fishing Fleets on Thurecht’s Jetty, Scarborough as part of the Redcliffe City Council Queensland Centenary Celebrations.

**November 29, 1959** The new brick Church of St. Mary was opened and dedicated by Archbishop Reginald Halse. Architects: Conrad & Gargett.

Items moved from the former church to the new church included the stained glass window, marble tablet, pulpit, and prayer desk and chair.

**1963** An organ built by John Compton Organ Co of London was purchased from W H Paling of Brisbane and installed in St Mary’s Church.

The property at 91 Sutton Street of 1 rood 10 perches (1265m²) was purchased for use by a curate as the Curatage.

**1964** A Tennis court was constructed at Scarborough at the rear of the Hall and proposed church and used up to 1994.

**1965** St Mary’s Hall was moved to face east with most of the building on 91 Sutton Street land and a kitchen extension was added.

**May 7, 1967** – St. Mary’s Church, Redcliffe was consecrated by the Archbishop of Brisbane, Philip Strong.

**April 28, 1968** St Mark’s was consecrated by Archbishop Philip Strong.

**November 2, 1969** – The Foundation Stone for St. Anne’s Church, Scarborough was set and blessed by Archbishop Philip Strong.

**November 22, 1970** – St. Anne’s Church, Scarborough is opened and dedicated by Archbishop Felix Arnott.

**November 28, 1976** – St. Anne’s Church, Scarborough was consecrated by the Archbishop of Brisbane, Felix Arnott.

**February 13, 1977** – Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the Silver Jubilee (1952 to 1977) of the Rev Canon A S Jull as Rector of Redcliffe.

**1977** A set of stained glass windows was installed in St Barnabas Clontarf, a gift of Mrs Emily Buick.

**1978** The old St Mark’s Church, Woody Point was demolished.

An Australian Prayer Book and The Australian Hymn Book were introduced.

**March 25, 1979** - Combined Open Air Eucharist held in the grounds of St Mary’s Church at 11am as the final united Communion of Parishioners from the four Parish churches before division of the Parish followed by a picnic luncheon on the lawn.

**May 1, 1979** – New Parochial District of Bramble Bay formed from portion of Parish of Redcliffe, south of Macdonnell Road, being the suburbs of Margate, Woody Point and Clontarf.

Redcliffe Parish comprises the suburbs of Redcliffe, Scarborough, Newport, Kippa-Ring and Rothwell.

**August 24, 1981** – Change of name of the Church of England to Anglican Church of Australia.

**1982 –** The timber building on the property at 91 Sutton Street was replaced with a brick building for use as the Rectory. The former Rectory built in 1911 at 73 Sutton Street was sold and redeveloped. Rev Thompson 1977 to 1983 resided in the old Rectory then in the new Rectory when completed.

**1985** – A new two storey brick Masonic Hall was opened replacing the timber building opened in 1904.

**February 21, 1986** - Centenary Thanksgiving Service held at St Mary’s Church celebrated by Archbishop John Grindrod KBE. Rev Sutton began regular services at his home Hurley House 100 years earlier. A procession from the renamed Sutton House was prevented by inclement weather.

**1996** – Rev Pearson moved to The Missions to Seamen after 12 years 1983 to 1996 as Rector. He gave thanks that the Sanctuary at St Mary’s was modified beautifully, the Parish Hall was remodelled inside and Brick Veneer on the outside, and the floor was refurbished. A proposal for a new Parish Centre at Rothwell did not proceed.

**May 4, 1996** – Father Graheme Baldock was inducted as Rector by Bishop John Noble.

**July, 1996** - Parish Paper Volume 1 Issue 1 began and continued to Dec 2018 Volume 23 Issue 6.

**1996** – A Prayer Book for Australia was introduced.

**1997** - Land at Kippa-Ring purchased in 1970 was sold as it was unsuitable for a new centre with new parking laws.

**December 20, 1998** – Centenary Eucharist was held by the Archbishop Peter Hollingworth AO, celebrating 100 years since the original St Mary’s Church was opened and dedicated on December 22, 1898.

**1999** – Together in Song, Australian Hymn Book II was introduced.

**2000** - Proceeds from the Kippa-Ring land sale were used to purchase the Masonic Hall which became vacant due to an amalgamation of Masonic Lodges.

**October 15, 2000** – St Anne’s 50th Anniversary Service. Garden dedicated to the memory of all those who have worshipped at St Anne’s and are now at their rest by Regional Bishop Richard Appleby. A Celebration Dinner was held at Ballycara on Oct 13.

**2002** - Land at 188 Mein Street of 1331m² which had been used for croquet was sold at auction. The land was developed into apartments over three levels. Proceeds were used to fund curates, renovation of the Masonic Hall and for a deposit on another property.

**May 18, 2003** - The blessing and dedication of the Stephen Jull Centre formerly the Masonic Hall was conducted by Archbishop Phillip Aspinall in the presence of Ms Megan Hunt MBE, British Vice Consul, the Hon. Ray Hollis MLA and the Hon. David Jull MP and other family members and Freemason representatives.

**2005** – Sunday evening services began at the Lakes College, North Lakes. A separate parish was formed in 2012 for North Lakes.

**July 26, 2006** - Service held on Wednesday on the Centenary of tree planting with Preacher Archdeacon of Lilley, Venerable Jim Nolan followed by high morning tea, with musical entertainment by “Ye Olde Brass Band”. Terry Rogers MLA and Allan Sutherland, Mayor of Redcliffe, attended.

**2007** - St Anne’s Playgroup began in St Anne’s Hall on Monday mornings.

**April 27, 2008** – Thanksgiving Service was held on the 50th Anniversary of the Laying of the foundation Stone at St Mary’s and Archdeacon of Lilley, Venerable Jim Nolan was Preacher.

**2009** – St Anne’s 50th Flower Show held in St Anne’s Hall.

**2011** -A property was purchased for use by an assistant priest.

A trip to Israel for parishioners was organised.

**2013** - A trip to Jordan, Israel and Turkey and Gallipoli for parishioners was organised.

**February 21, 2016** – High Mass to commemorate 130th anniversary of the first Anglican service held in Redcliffe by Rev John Sutton. Preacher was Rev Canon Don Edwards.

**2020** – From March, Governments introduced lockdowns and restrictions to help stop the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and stay healthy. Vulnerable people including those over 70 had to stay at home and avoid contact with others. There were changes to services with physical distancing, limits on numbers that could attend. Services were filmed by phone and loaded to the Parish Facebook site for live viewing and recording globally. Most restrictions were lifted by March 2022.

**2023** – A Reunion for those who visited Israel in 2011 or 2013 or other times was held in July. After 27 years from 1996 to 2023, Father Graheme Baldock held a High Mass in St Mary’s Church on St Mary’s Day on August 13 with the service on Facebook. A farewell lunch and gift presentation for Fr Graheme and Marilyn was held later that day. An earlier function was held at St Anne’s Church on St Anne’s Day on July 23.

**September 2023** - Construction of a new housing development beside St Mary’s commenced and is due for completion in 2025.