

**ST JUDE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, DURAL
MINUTES OF MEETINGS 1881-1923**

**EXPLANATORY NOTES
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MINUTES BOOK & SERVICE REGISTER

The contents of this book, which is in a bad state of repair, are handwritten and not all that easy to read. For archival purposes, therefore, I have transcribed the minutes of the meetings recorded, and produced some supplementary documents to make them more meaningful and accessible.

The book started off in April 1873 as a new Register of services. By that time St Jude's, Dural, had been in existence for about 25 years, so there may have been a previous register. In 1881 the book began to be used also for brief minutes of annual vestry meetings. In 1892, minutes of meetings became a bit more elaborate and were written in starting at the other end of the book, and with the book turned the other way around for that purpose. The neatness of the minutes and the service register varies widely but gradually shows an improvement over the years.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS – 1881-1923

The meetings are mainly annual vestry meetings, held shortly after Easter, but there are also quite a number of other meetings recorded such as wardens' and building committee meetings. Annual meetings were not recorded in the book for the years ended Easter 1887, 1889-1892, and 1903-1907.

Dural was the junior part of the parish of Castle Hill (which also went out to Rouse Hill) but "our end of the Parish" appears to have been allowed/required to run its own affairs without any sign of interference/assistance from the Castle Hill end. Also, the business dealt with is exclusively to do with Dural (which embraced Galston and Glenorie) and there are only a couple of references to Arcadia, which built its own church in 1907, and Kenthurst which had been going since 1887. The meetings are concerned with administration and so, in that time and age, the people mentioned are largely the men, although there is an occasional reference to other aspects such as a Ladies Committee, Women's' Guild, a fete etc. Until after the end of World War I, the administrative role assigned to women was largely that of fund raisers and formally appointed "Collectors" of parishioners' stipend donations. Mrs Rhoda Moore (wife of Samuel Moore snr) was particularly active in this role.

The administrative work at Dural during this period was dominated by numerous members of the various extended and related Best families, who mainly lived at Middle Dural, and the smaller Moore & Fuller families. The three most prominent men appear to have been Thomas Samuel Best jnr (1845-1905), Samuel James Moore snr (1841-1919) and Edward Fuller (1855-1938). All three have plaques, windows etc in St Jude's Church dedicated to them and they are all buried in St Jude's Cemetery. In 1900, these men were aged 55, 59 and 45 respectively.

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The minutes are naturally fairly dry reading but they are valuable in showing the names of some of the many people who attended and supported St Jude's, and they give glimpses of occasional items of local interest and social history.

Some of the events which catch the eye for historical interest are:

- Rules of the Cemetery – 1892
- Building of the church porch – 1894
- Purchase of horse & buggy for ministry use – 1896
- Verger's duties – 1898
- Building of the Parsonage – 1900-02
- Building of the new "Sunday School Hall" – 1910-1914
- Re-shingling of the church roof – 1918-19
- Election of women to Parish Council - 1922

It is not possible to analyse the financial affairs of the parish from the minutes and service register as not enough detail is included. In general, though, Dural seems to have found it difficult to contribute as much as it was expected to do. There was reliance on borrowing money from a few wealthier/more generous parishioners for major projects such as re-building the Sunday School Hall (now called the Old Parish Hall).

To help appreciate the minutes themselves, the following other documents are included:

- Chronological list of meetings and main items of interest
- List of main people, with some notes and a chart on the Best family
- Chronological list of main office holders
- Rules of the Cemetery, 1892

I am particularly grateful to Mr Roderick Best who has helped me to identify, more or less certainly, the many members of the Best family mentioned in these minutes. I am entirely responsible for any errors.

SERVICE REGISTER – 1873-1925

The Register tends to have been kept untidily and can be difficult to read. The parish financial year ran at first from Easter to Easter and then from 1 April to 31 March. The register is reliable, however, in showing the name of the clergyman who took each service.

Sunday services were held at St Jude's, Dural weekly (other than in 1884/85 when they were only monthly) but generally at alternating times (morning/afternoon or afternoon/evening). Communion seems to have been offered only once a month or less. Services were not held when it was particularly wet. The church congregation probably averaged about 50 (ie ranging from very small to 100+ on occasions) but the

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number of communicants was considerably less (about a dozen for most of the period). The Rector took the majority of the services in the earlier years but a Curate took on more responsibility later on and they then shared the services

I have compiled a schedule showing the ministers who regularly took the services, annual offertory collected, and service attendance and times where available.

Mark Sutherland-Harris

Dural

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MAIN PEOPLE MENTIONED IN THE MINUTES

CLERGY

John Theophilus Schleicher – Rector 1877-1885
Charles Henry Gibson – Rector 1885-1887
Francis Rowling Elder – Rector 1887-1892
Edward Hargrave – Rector 1892-1899
Edward Glanville Cranswick – Rector 1899-1910
 H.F.L. Palmer – Curate 1902-1904
 E.H. Tottenham – Curate 1904-1905
 R.H. Pitt-Owen – Curate 1906-1908
 A.J. Jackman – Curate 1908-1911
William John Roberts – Rector 1910-1925
 F.C. Hall – Curate 1911-1914
 Oscar C.L. Van – Curate 1919-1922
 W. Victor Giles – Curate 1922-

BEST FAMILY

George Best (ca 1764-1836) – he came to Australia as a convict in 1791. His wife (also a convict) was Martha (nee Chamberlain; ca 1776-1833).

Their eldest surviving son was Thomas Best (1797-1874), who married Mary (nee Beckett). One of their sons was:

Thomas Samuel Best snr*# (1822-1893); he is probably not mentioned in these minutes. He and his wife Mary Ann*# (1824-1901) had seven sons, who are all mentioned in the minutes:

Thomas Samuel Best jnr* (1845-1905) – unmarried
William Alfred Best*# (1847-1895) – wife Charlotte Christina*# (1860-1909)
Arthur John Best*# (1853-1921) – wife Elizabeth*# (1859-1938)
Alfred Ernest Best# (1860-1937) – wife Lydia# (ca 1867-1941)
James Frederick Best*# (1862-1908) – wife Edith Elizabeth*# (1859-1938)
George H Best* (1863-1902) – wife Blanche
Henry Albert Best*# (1864-1934) – wife Martha*# (1860-1934)

Their sons who are mentioned in the minutes are

Arthur John Best:

 Arthur Edgar Best (1882-1954)
 Harold Edmund Best (1885-1952)
 George Arnold Best* (1891-1955)

Alfred Ernest Best

 Aubrey Alfred Best (1889-1979)

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James Frederick Best
Roy Spencer Best* (1897-1986)

George H Best
George Lovedale Best* (1893-1934)
Philip Cyril Best (1897-1955)

Henry Albert Best
Lancelot Harry Best (1888-1977)

* Buried in St Jude's Cemetery, Dural
Memorial in St Jude's Church, Dural

MOORE FAMILY

Samuel Moore – wife Elizabeth
Not mentioned in these minutes.

His three sons were:

Samuel James Moore snr*# (ca 1841-1919) – wife Rhoda*# (ca 1847-1932)
Warden 1886, 1909, 1916-1919; Sidesman/Councillor (Dural) 1900-1914;
Parochial nominator 1900-1919
George Moore# (1848-1934) – wife Christina# (1848-1918)
Arthur Edward Moore (b. ca 1857)

Samuel James Moore snr had five sons:

Samuel James Moore jnr*# (1864-1913) – wife Phyllis Mary Ann*# (1861-1953)
Sidesman 1900-1902
Albert Edward Moore (b. 1871)
Harry Granville Moore (b. 1874) – Councillor (Galston) 1909-1911
Caleb Thomas Moore (b. 1879) – Auditor 1914-1922; Councillor
1908,1909,1919,1920
Stanley Walter Moore (b. 1882)

William Charles Moore (b. 1889) – Councillor 1920
T. Moore – Councillor 1922

FULLER FAMILY

Thomas Fuller – (Warden 1866)
Robert Fuller
Not mentioned in these minutes

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Robert Fuller had three sons:

John Fuller

Edward Fuller*# (1855-1938) – wife Sarah Ann*# (ca 1855-1926)

Warden 1881-1895, 1908-1923

Elijah Paul Fuller (b. 1863)

J. Fuller – Councillor 1920-1923

Miss Fuller – Councillor 1922-1923

VINEY FAMILY

James Viney* (ca 1854-1932) – Verger 1887-1898

Frank Viney – Warden 1896-1902, 1913; Councillor 1910

William Viney* (ca 1874-1948)

* Buried in St Jude's Cemetery, Dural

Memorial in St Jude's Church, Dural

OTHER PEOPLE

Mrs Bevan

Henry Black* (ca 1858-1931)

Victor Black – Councillor 1910-1911

R.M. Blaxland – Warden 1914-1921

Mrs Clara Blaxland*# (ca 1876-1923) – Councillor 1923

Mr Brown (?Mark) – Sidesman 1902

Mr Campbell (?John) – Sidesman 1902

Mrs Carter (?Mary) – Verger 1898-?

Mr Cay – Sidesman 1902

Miss Chaffer

Thomas Crossland – Councillor (Galston 1908)

George Deaman* (ca 1863-1939) – Councillor (Galston) 1909-1911

AJ (Ash James) Fishburn* (ca 1873-1943) – Councillor (Galston) 1908-1911

EG Ford

John Foster – Warden 1881-1884

Mr Gable - Sidesman

WD Gates – Councillor 1920-1921

Thomas Geelan – Councillor (Galston) 1908-1911

Mr Giles

Mr Harvey – Sidesman 1902

Mr Hawkins (? William d. 1916)

J. Jarvis – Sidesman 1900-1902

George Jones – Auditor 1909

Mr Keen/Kean – Sidesman 1902

A King

Mr Madden (? Charles)

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Frank Parker* (ca 1862-1925) – Sidesman 1901-1902; Councillor 1915
Mrs J.F. Parker
Mr Pearce – Sidesman 1902
Mr Perry (? William) – Sidesman 1902
Robert Ramm*# (ca 1865-1940) – wife Emma*# (ca 1866-1954)
Verger 1910; Councillor (Dural) 1908-1909
Mr Ramsay – Councillor 1920
Ephraim Roberts – Sidesman, 1902; Councillor (Glenorie), 1908-1910
Leslie Ernest Roberts (1892-1923)
William Roberts (ca 1848-1926) (son of Ephraim) – Councillor (Glenorie) 1908
Mr Ross (? Alexander)
William P Scott (?#) – Councillor (Glenorie) 1908-1911
Mr & Mrs Shadbolt
Arthur Smith – Councillor 1910-1911
J. St George
K Tate – Councillor 1920-1923
R. Tate – Councillor 1921
JW Thacker – Councillor 1920
George Thacker – Auditor 1920
Miss Trethowan
H. Turner
Moses Venner* (d. 1920)
C. White – Sidesman 1902, 1914
Mr Williams

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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MEETINGS

Dural 19 April 1881

Annual Easter meeting. Election of officers

Dural, 11 April 1882

Annual Easter meeting. Election of officers

Dural, 27 March 1883

Annual Easter meeting. Election of officers

Dural 15 April 1884

Annual Easter meeting. Election of officers

Dural 7 April 1885

Annual Easter meeting. Election of officers

Dural, April 27th 1886

Annual Easter meeting. Election of officers

Dural, April 3rd 1888

Annual Easter meeting. Election of officers

Annual Easter Mtg held on Easter Tues. @ 9 a.m. in the School house [probably 1893]

Election of officers. Rules of the Cemetery approved (see Appendix)

Churchwardens Mtg held in Church on 26/6/93

Financial items, including charges for hire of hall

Mtg of Wardens 21/9/93

Income & expenditure for year to date

Minutes of [Wardens] Mtg held in Ch. 23/3/94

Financial items, including tender for porch not accepted

Annual Easter Mtg in Schoolroom on Easter Tues 93 [probably mistake for 1894]

Election of officers, etc

[Wardens] Mtg in Ch. 13/9/94

Specifications for porch to be made

Mtg of Ch wardens in Church 4/4/95

Minor items

Annual Easter Mtg in Schoolroom, Easter Tuesday 1895

Election of officers, etc

Annual Easter Vestry Mtg in Schoolroom at Dural @ 9 a.m. [presumably 1896]

Election of officers, etc. Shed for clergyman's horse & buggy to be built

Ch'wardens' Mtg in Ch: 23/7/96

Estimate accepted for stable

Annual Easter Vestry Meeting in the Schoolroom, Easter Tuesday 1897 @ 4 p.m.

Election of officers etc. Hall to be hired to Physics Association

Annual Easter Vestry Meeting held in the St Jude's Church on Thursday evening 7th April 1898

Election of officers etc. Change of verger – appointment of Mrs Carter

Duties of Verger at Dural St Judes Church, 7/4/98

Signed by Mrs Carter

Annual Easter Vestry Meeting held in the St Judes Church on Monday April 10th 1899

Election of officers etc, including Auditor for first time

Annual Vestry Meeting held in [School room] Hall on Thursday April 19th 1900

Election of officers etc, including Sidesmen for first time (forming an advisory Committee).

Decision to build a Parsonage.

Meeting – Annual Vestry meeting held in Dural Hall on Thursday April 11th 1901 at 7.45 P.M.

Election of officers etc. Parsonage still to be built.

A Meeting of the Churchwardens was held at the Parsonage Dural, on Tuesday 26th November 1901

Ladies to be appointed as Collectors of stipend contributions (Dural, Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia)

S.J. Moore snr to be asked to repair Cemetery fences (Cemetery rented to him annually as a paddock)

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Annual Vestry Meeting held in the [?Parsonage] on Thursday afternoon (3 PM) April 10th 1902
Election of officers etc

Meeting at Parsonage April 22nd

Bank account to be opened

In Dural [School] Hall April 29th 1902

Circular to be sent to parishioners asking for more donations to Parochial Fund

Chch Wardens Meeting at the Parsonage May 5th 1902

Female collectors for Dural confirmed

Meeting of Church Wardens held at Parsonage Dural 12th Sept 1902

Loan of £200 needed for repay S.J. Moore for Parsonage building cost.

Second draft of the Parochial Fund circular.

No minutes of meetings held in 1903 – 1907

Annual Vestry Meeting held in St Jude's Hall April 30th 1908

Election of officers etc, including Parish Councillors from Dural, Galston & Glenorie

Special Meeting held to elect a Warden in place of Mr J.F. Best (deceased) held July 26th 1908

H.A. Best elected to fill casual vacancy

Vestry Meeting held in St Judes Hall Dural – April 22nd 1909

Election of officers etc, including Parish Councillors

Money needed for Parsonage renovation

Wardens' Meeting – May 8th 1909

Treasurer & Verger appointed. Ladies Committee report received (no details)

Wardens' Meeting – July 24th 09

Finance in year to date

Wardens' Meeting held at the Parsonage Oct[?] 28[?] 1909

Market Fete financial outcome

Annual Easter Meeting of St Jude's Church held in St Jude's School Hall – April 7th 1910

Election of officers etc, including Councillors

Behaviour in church criticised by wardens

Need to demolish School Hall & build a new one. Building Committee to be appointed.

Wardens Meeting held at the Parsonage April 26th 1910

Appointment of Treasurer etc. Verger situation unsatisfactory.

Wardens' Meeting held at the Parsonage November 29th 1910

Verger matter to be left to Edward Fuller to sort out

Meeting of the Wardens held in the Parsonage on Tuesday January 31st at 8 p.m. [1911]

Cost of materials for new Hall discussed

Minutes of the Easter Vestry Meeting for the year 1910-1911 [April 1911]

Details of receipts and expenses. Election of officers etc, including Councillors

State of church roof discussed

Horse and buggy needed for ministers to use

Minutes of Meeting of Committee of Wardens & Sidesmen held, by kind favour of Mr H.A. Best, at his house on Monday [April/May 1911]

Cost of re-shingling church roof

Horse and buggy discussed further

Minutes of Meeting of the Building Ctee held in the Parsonage on [May/June 1911]

Decision to proceed with building new Hall

Minutes of Meeting of Building Committee held in the Parsonage on June 29th [1911]

Making concrete bricks for Hall discussed as alternative to ordinary bricks

A meeting of the Building Committee was held in the Parsonage on Sept 19th at 8 p.m. [1911]

Roof of porch & vestry only to be re-shingled

Horse & trap to be bought

Minutes of Wardens meeting held in the Parsonage in conjunction with the Building Ctee [24 October 1911]

Problems finding anybody to re-shingle roof of porch & vestry

Cost of horse & buggy

Blacket & Sons' plans for new Hall

Easter Vestry Meeting 1912

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- Minutes of Easter meeting held in the Parsonage on Saturday April 13th at 7.30 p.m.**
Election of officers etc
Womens Guild to be formed for Dural end of Parish
- Minutes of Building Ctee Meeting held Sept 14th at 5 p.m. [1912]**
Problems with brick suppliers for new Hall
Tendering for the new Hall
- Minutes of Building Ctee Meeting Dec 14th 1912**
Tendering for new Hall
- Minutes of Building Ctee held Dec 21st 1912**
Tender received from Scott Bros for £269
- Minutes of Building Ctee held Dec 28th 1912**
Loan of £50 to be obtained from Mr H. Moore
- Minutes of Building Ctee meeting held January 11th 1913**
Loan & tendering matters
- Minutes of Building Ctee held on January 25 [1913]**
Scott Bros to be given job of building the new Hall
- Minutes of Easter Vestry meeting held in St Judes Church Dural on Tuesday April 22 at 8 p.m. [1913]**
Election of officers etc, including Church Committee of 4 men
- Minutes of Building Ctee held [8 July 1913]**
3 more tenders received
- Minutes of Easter vestry at St Judes Church May 1st 1914**
Election of officers etc, including Church Committee of 4 men
- Minutes of [annual vestry] meeting held in St Judes Church Dural 21 April 1915**
Elections of officers etc (abbreviated meeting)
- The Annual Vestry Meeting was held in St Judes Sunday School Hall , Dural on 29 April 1916 at 4 P.M.**
Details of financial statements. Election of officers but no Church Committee.
- Minutes – Annual Vestry Meeting – held in St Judes S.S. Hall 25 April 1917 3.30**
Election of officers, but no Church Committee
- Minutes – Annual Vestry Meeting – held in St Judes S.S. Hall, 20th April 1918 @ 7.40 P.M.**
Election of officers, but no Church Committee
Subscription list started for re-roofing of Church
- Minutes – Annual Vestry Meeting held in St Jude's S.S. Hall 10th May 1919 at 4.30 P.M.**
Election of officers, including Church Committee of 4 men
Money in hand for re-roofing Church
- Minutes – Annual Vestry Meeting held in St Jude's Sunday School Hall 5th May 1920 at 7.55 P.M.**
Financial details. Election of officers, including Church Committee of 8 men
Question about Honour Roll in Church
- Minutes of annual Easter Vestry meeting held in St Judes Sunday School Hall, Dural on 23 April 1921, at 7.55 P.M.**
Election of officers, including Church Committee of 4 men
- Minutes of Annual Vestry Meeting 13.5.22**
Election of officers etc, including Church Committee of 8 people (2 women)
Money raised for Cemetery Fence Fund
- Minutes of Annual Vestry Meeting, held in St Judes Church Saturday afternoon at 4 oclock on 28/4/23**
Election of officers etc, including Church Committee of 8 people (4 women).
Stipend offerings able to given periodically as alternative to yearly

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Dural 19 April 1881

Pursuant to notice given, the customary Easter meeting was, this day, held in Dural Church.

Present were Messrs J. Foster, Thomas Best¹, George Best² & Edward Fuller.

The Incumbent [Rev J. T. Schleicher³] took the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr T. Best made the Statement of a/c from 10th Oct. 1880 to 19 March 1881, showing receipts for Stipend £17-10-0 & Collections £8-3-8 = total Receipts = [blank, but presumably was £25.13.8] & Expenditure for Stipend £17-10-0. Expenses for Lay-Readers £0-16-0, Church cleaning £2-12-0, Synod Exp £0-11-0, Sundries £0-6-6. Leaving a balance in hand of £0-7-8.

It was proposed by Mr T. Best and seconded by Mr George Best that the accounts as now stated be passed. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr T. Best & seconded by Mr Foster that Mr Edward Fuller be one of the Parishioners' wardens. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Edward Fuller & seconded by Mr G. Best that Mr T. Best be one of the Parishioners' wardens. Carried unanimously.

J.T. Schleicher
Chairman

Dural, 11 April 1882

Pursuant to notice given, the customary meeting was held in the Dural Church.

Present were Messrs J. Foster, T. Best, E. Fuller, A. Best⁴ & H. Black.

The Incumbent [Rev J.T. Schleicher] opened with Prayer.

Minutes of last year's Meeting read & signed.

The Statement of a/c for past year was made, having a balance in hand from last year & former years of £8-6-6.

It was proposed by Mr E. Fuller & seconded by Mr J. Foster that the accounts as stated be passed. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J. Foster & second[ed] by Mr T. Best that [a vote] of thanks be given to Mr Thorne for kindly providing for the Lay Reader, and to Mr Jordan⁵ for his Services so kindly given, to be conveyed to them through the Incumbent. Carried.

Proposed by Mr E. Fuller & seconded by Mr J. Foster that Mr T. Best be a Parishioners Warden for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr H. Black & seconded by Mr A. Best, that Mr E. Fuller be a Parishioners' Warden for the ensuing year. Carried.

The Incumbent nominated Mr J. Foster the Clergyman's Warden for the ensuing year.

J.T. Schleicher
Chairman

Dural, 27 March 1883

Pursuant to notice given, the Easter Meeting was held in Dural Church, present were Messrs J. Foster, E. Fuller, T. Best, S. Moore, A. Best, F. Best⁶, W. Black, A.G. Black, H. Best⁷.

¹ Probably all references to T. Best. T.S. Best & Thomas Best are to Thomas Samuel Best jnr (1845-1905).

² George Harold Best (1863-1902), sixth son of Thomas Samuel Best snr (1822-1893)

³ Rev John Theophilus Schleicher was licensed as Rector on 31 January 1877 and took his first service at Dural on 25 February 1877.

⁴ Arthur John Best (1853-1921), third son of Thomas Samuel Best snr

⁵ William J. Jordan started taking one service a month at Dural from 5 December 1880.

⁶ Probably James Frederick Best (1862-1908), fifth son of Thomas Samuel Best snr

⁷ Henry Albert Best (1864-1934), seventh son of Thomas Samuel Best snr

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The Incumbent [Rev J.T. Schleicher] opened with prayer, & read & signed minutes of last years meeting.

The accounts were stated to be: received for Stipend £17-10-0 & for other purposes £7-4-3, leaving a balance of £2-3-3 and balance from previous year £8-6-6. Balance in full £10-9-9. These £10-9-9 are really in hand at this time.

Proposed by Mr E. Fuller & seconded by Mr H.G. Black that the above balance of £10-9-9 be applied toward the stipend in arrears. Carried.

Proposed by Mr E. Fuller & seconded Mr H.G. Black that Mr Thomas Best be one of the Parishioners' Wardens for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr H. Best, seconded by Mr H.G. Black that Mr E. Fuller be one of the Parishioners' Wardens for the ensuing year. Carried.

J.T. Schleicher Ch.

Dural 15 April 1884

Pursuant to notice, the customary Easter meeting was this day held in Dural Church. Present were Messrs T. Best, E. Fuller, S. Moore, Arthur Best, Wm J. Black, & J. Foster.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Mr T. Best made the financial statement showing Balance from previous year £10-9-3

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| Collections during the year | <u>£3-11-9</u> |
| | £14-1-0 |

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| <u>Expenditure</u> | Stipend last year | £10-0-0 | |
| | Church cleaning | £4-0-0 | |
| | Synod & Registry fees | £0-15-0 | |
| | Wine & sundries | <u>£0-5-8</u> | |
| | | £15-0-8 | <u>£15-0-8</u> |

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| Leaving balance due to Mr T. Best | £1-0-4 |
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The Clergyman nominated Mr J. Foster as Clergyman's Warden for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Mr E. Fuller & seconded by Mr J. Foster that Mr Thomas Best jun be one of the Parishioners' Wardens for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr J. Foster, seconded by Mr Thomas Best, that Mr E. Fuller be one of the parishioners' Wardens for the ensuing year. Carried.

J.T. Schleicher

[Note: St Jude's Church, Dural, & the Cemetery were consecrated on 6 September 1884.]

Dural 7 April 1885

The Easter meeting was held in the Church on 7th April 1885.

Present were Messrs Sam. Moore, Thomas Best jun, & Edward Fuller.

The meeting was opened with prayer & the Rev J.T. Schleicher took the chair.

The accounts were submitted. [The rest of the minutes are continued in the service register at the end of the year Easter 1884-1885.] Mr Best makes the sum total £4-11-4½ which is the income for the year.

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| Expenditure | Registry fees | -15-0 | |
| | Com. Wine & sundries | 13-8 | |
| | Church cleaning | <u>4-0-0</u> | |
| | | 5-8-8 | |
| | | <u>4-11-4½</u> | |
| | | -17-3½ | |

Leaving a balance due to Mr Thomas Best , in £0-17-3½.

Prop. By Mr S. Moore & seconded by Mr Thomas Best jun that Mr E. Fuller be one of the Parishioners Wardens for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr E. Fuller & seconded by Mr S. Moore that Mr Thomas Best jun be one of the Parishioners Wardens for the ensuing year. Carried.

The Rev J.T. Schleicher nominated Mr S. Moore as the Clergyman's Warden for the ensuing year.

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Dural, April 27th 1886

The Easter Meeting was held in St Jude's Church, Dural, on Tuesday 27th 1886 at 3 P.M.
Present, Rev C.H. Gibson⁸ (in the Chair) Messrs S.J. Moore, T. Best. A. Moore, A. Best, G. Best, & A. King.

The Chairman opened with prayer, & called upon Mr T. Best to make the statement of account for the past year.

The Rev. C.H. Gibson nominated Mr S.J. Moore as the Clergyman's warden for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Mr G. Best & seconded by Mr A. King that Mr. T. Best be one of the Parishioners' Wardens for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr A. Best & seconded by Mr A. Moore that Mr E. Fuller be one of the Parishioners' Wardens for the ensuing year. Carried.

Proposed by Mr T. Best & seconded by Mr A. Moore that a vote of thanks be given to Rev Wansbrough⁹ for his kind services as Lay Reader in the absence of the Clergyman.

The Chairman closed the meeting with the benediction

Chas H. Gibson

12.4.87

Dural, April 3rd 1888

The Annual Easter meeting was held on Tuesday, April 3rd at 2 p.m.

Present Rev. F. Elder¹⁰, Messrs S.J. Moore. T.S. Best. E. Fuller, & E.G. Ford

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The accounts were read by Mr Best & a resolution carried that they be received & printed.

Mr Fuller proposed & Mr Ford seconded, that Mr Best be one of the Church-wardens.

Mr T. Best proposed & Mr Fuller seconded, that Mr Moore be one of the Church-wardens. Carried.

Rev Elder nominated Mr Fuller [as his warden].

Votes of thanks to the Organists & Choir were passed. The meeting closed with the benediction.

Annual Easter Mtg held on Easter Tues. @ 9 a.m. in the School house [probably 1893]

Mtg opened with prayer.

Present Rev. E. Hargrave¹¹ in Chair

Messrs T. Best, W. Best¹², A. Best, S. Moore sr, E. Fuller

The bal'ce sht was read by the Clergyman & adopted on the motion of Mr E. Fuller, sec'd by Mr T. Best. Carried.

Moved & sec'd by Mr W. Best & E. Fuller that the deficiency of £3-16-5 be raised by private sub'n [subscription].

Promises to above purpose

Rev E. Hargrave 10/-

Mr W. Best 10/-

“ T. Best 10/-

“ A. Best 5/-

“ E. Fuller 10/-

“ S. Moore 10/-

Moved by Mr E. Fuller, sec'd by Mr T. Best that acct's be printed[?]

Carried.

Election of Ch. Wardens –

⁸ Rev Charles Henry Gibson was licensed as Rector on 1 December 1885 and took his first service at Dural on 13 December 1885.

⁹ Rev C.H. Wansbrough started taking services at Dural once or twice a month from 20 December 1885.

¹⁰ Rev Francis Rowling Elder was licensed as Rector on 16 June 1887 and took his first service at Dural on 31 July 1887.

¹¹ Rev Edward Hargrave was licensed as Rector on 1 July 1892 and took his first service at Dural on 18 July 1892.

¹² William Alfred Best (1847-1895), second son of Thomas Samuel Best snr

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Proposed by Mr A. Best & sec'd by Mr S. Moore that Mr W. Best be Ch. Warden. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr E. Fuller, sec'd by Mr A. Best that Mr T.S. Best be Ch. Warden. Carried unanimously.

Mr T.S. Best stated that Mr [James] Viney was prepared to carry on Verger's duties as usual @ same salary, £6 p. ann.

A Vote of thanks was moved & to be conveyed to Organist & Choir by the Incumbent. Moved by Mr E. Fuller, sec'd by Mr S. Moore. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr A. Best & sec'd by Mr W. Best that Dural take charge of Galston Contributions. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr Fuller, sec'd by Mr T. Best that 15/- p. ann be pd [paid] towards Synod Assessment. Carried.

Moved by Mr A. Best, sec'd by Mr W. Best that Rules of the Gravey'd¹³ be printed with Easter Accts. Carried.

Moved by Mr Fuller & sec'd by Mr. H. Best that Mr Moore have use of gravey'd pad'k [graveyard paddock] on condition that he keep gravey'd fence in order & pay 1/- p. ann rent. Carried unanimously.

Confirmed Easter Tues [no year given]
Edw Hargrave
Chairman

Churchwardens Mtg held in Church on 26/6/93

Mtg opened with prayer.
Present – Rev E. Hargrave in the Chair
Messrs Fuller, T. & W. Best

It was decided to leave [in] Mr T. Best's hands renting of Ch. pad'k [paddock, i.e. the piece of land on which the church building was situated] if possible.

Charge for Hall-hire
It was decided to charge –
Parliamentary candidates & any Charged Entertainment extraneous to the church work 10/-
Anything of interest to district @ large 5/-
Polling day £1.
Carried.

It was also agreed to leave hall & charging in hands of Mr Harry Moore.
It was decided that present arrangement of allowing half of proceeds to C.E.T.S. [Church of England Temperance Society] Branch be continued. Ch wardens could not entertain Mr Moore's request for £1 p.ann as they felt that in giving to Temp'ce Soc. half of proceeds, they did enough.
It was decided to leave in Incumbent's hands to see B'p [Bishop] for permission to obtain moneys to re-cover roof of Ch.

Offertory Coll'ns for yr £5-12-9.
Following acc'ts were duly passed –
Curate's Stipend £12-10-
Verger's Salary 1-10-
Printing Expenses 10/-

Mtg then closed with Bene'n [Benediction].

Conf'd 21/9/93
Edw Hargrave

¹³ These Rules had been promulgated by the Archbishop of Sydney on 20 September 1892.

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Chairman

Mtg of Wardens 21/9/93

Present – Rev. E. Hargrave, Messrs W. & T. Best
Minutes of previous Mt'g were read & confirmed.
Renting of Ch. pad'k. It was decided to leave the matter in Mr W. Best's hands.
Offertory Coll'ns for yr £5-14-4
Expended during yr 2-1-6
One more Sunday in yr to be counted.
Accts to pass
Curate's Stipend £12-10-
Verger's 1-10-
Sundries as above 11-6
Printing expenses etc in
Connection with new Ch 15-6
Above accts duly passed

Conf'd 23/3/94

Edw Hargrave

Chairman

Minutes of [Wardens] Mtg held in Ch. 23/3/94

Present Rev E. Hargrave, Messrs W. & T. Best & E. Fuller
Minutes of last mt'g read & confirmed.
Easter Tues Mt'g arranged for 9 a.m. Tues.
It was decided that Galston Cont'n [Contribution] to Curate's Stipend be increased to £6-10.
It was determined that tender for porch c'd not be accepted.
It was agreed to refund £3-10- arrears of Mr F. Black's st'd be paid back to Mr Fuller.
Mr W. Best handed in Cheque for £2-0-0 rent of pad'k.

Confirmed 13/9/94

Edw'd Hargrave

Chairman

Annual Easter Mtg in Schoolroom on Easter Tues 93 [probably mistake for 1894]

Rev E. Hargrave in Chair. Messrs S.J. Moore Sr, W. Best, T. Best & E. Fuller
Mtg opened with prayer
Bal'ce Sheet was presented & passed subject to additional items to complete quarters funds – passed.
Accts when finished be printed with other accts on parish.
Moved by Mr Fuller & sec'd by Mr W. Best. Passed.
Election of Ch. wardens –
Moved by Mr S. Moore, seconded by Mr E. Fuller that Mr W. Best be Ch.warden
Moved by Mr Fuller, sec'd by Mr S. Moore that Mr T. Best be Churchwarden. Passed.
The Incumbent nominated Mr E. Fuller as his warden.

Verger's salary. Moved & sec'd that Verger's Salary be at same rate as in last yr. Passed.

Moved by Mr Fuller & sec'd by Mr T. Best that thanks of the Congr'n & wardens be conveyed to the Organist & Choir. Carried.

Renting of Ch. paddock. It was moved by Mr Fuller & sec'd by Mr W. Best that Ch. paddock be rented to Mr Moore Sr for same rental & graveyard padd'k on same terms as last yr. Passed.

Mr W. Best was duly appointed Treasurer of Ch. Building Fund.

Confirmed Easter Tues 93 [probably mistake for 1894]

Edw Hargrave

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[Wardens] Mtg in Ch. 13/9/94

Present Rev E. Hargraves, Messrs W. Best & E. Fuller.
Minutes of last mtg read & confirmed.
Re Porch – It was decided to get specifications made.
Re Lamps – Decided to get 2 if a reduction was allowed, if not only 1.
Re Tablets – it was decided to get 16 same – also brass rod for Curtain.

Confirmed 4/4/95
Edw'd Hargave
Chairman

Mtg of Ch wardens in Church 4/4/95

Present Rev E. Hargrave, Messrs E. Fuller, W. & T. Best
Minutes of previous Mtg read & confirmed.

Easter Balce Sheets. It was decided that as Acct wd be abt square nothing need be done further.

Confirmed 23/7/96
Edw Hargrave
Chairman

Annual Easter Mtg in Schoolroom, Easter Tuesday 1895 [16 April – see Service Register]

Mtg opened with prayer.
Present Rev. E. Hargrave, Messrs E. Fuller, S.J. Moore Sr, W.A. Best, T.S. Best
Balance Sheet was duly presented & showed
Cr balce (9/5/2) moved that it be adopted by Mr E. Fuller, sec'd by Mr Moore. Carried.
That it be printed.

Election of Wardens
Proposed by Mr S.J. Moore sec'd by Mr Fuller that Mr W.A. Best¹⁴ be a warden.
Proposed by Mr Fuller that Mr T.S. Best be warden sec'd by Mr W.A. Best
Mr Fuller was nominated as Clergyman's warden.

Verger's salary was fixed at former rate.
Mr S.J. Moore accepted padks @ same rental – and on same terms (E.H.) [Edward Hargrave]

Votes of thanks to organists & choir were moved & seconded by Messrs Fuller & T.S. Best. Carried.
Moved by Mr Fuller sec'd by Mr T.S. Best that pump[?] in Ch grds be given to Parsonage.

Confirmed Easter Tuesday [no year, but presumably 1896]
Edw Hargrave
Chairman

Annual Easter Vestry Mtg in Schoolroom at Dural @ 9 a.m. [7 April 1896 – see Service Register]

Mtg opened with prayer.
Present: Incumbent [Rev E. Hargrave] in the Chair
Messrs T. & H.A. Best¹⁵, E. Fuller, S.J. Moore Sr, & J., F. & W. Viney

The Balance Sheet was duly read & presented. Moved by Mr J. Viney & sec'd by Mr F. Viney that
Accts be adopted. Carried.

¹⁴ William Alfred Best died on 7 September 1895.

¹⁵ Henry Albert Best (1864-1934)

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Election of Ch'wardens

Proposed by Mr J. Viney & sec'd by Mr Fuller that Mr T.S. Best be one of the people's wardens.
Proposed by Mr Fuller & sec'd by Mr Moore that Mr F. Viney be a people's warden. Carried.
The Clergyman nominated Mr H.A. Best as his warden.

Proposed by Mr Fuller & sec'd by Mr T.S. Best that Verger's Salary be same as last yr. Carried.

Rental of paddocks, Mr Moore accepted padks @ same rental & terms as last yr.

Vote of thanks were accorded to the Ch'wardens. Carried.
Votes of thanks were accorded to the Organist & Choir. Carried.

It was decided to leave nomination & election of Parish Nominators to C.[Castle] Hill Mtg as suggested by Mr Hargave. M'd by Mr J. Viney & sec'd by Mr H.A. Best. Carried.

General Business

Moved by Mr H.A. Best & sec'd by Mr J. Viney that balce in hand be used to build a shed for Clergyman's horse & buggy. Carried.
Further decided to leave completion of above project in hands of Ch'wardens.

Confirmed Easter Tuesday 96

Edw Hargave

Chairman

Ch'wardens' Mtg in Ch: 23/7/96

Present Rev. E. Hargrave, Messrs H. & T. Best & F. Viney.

Minutes of last Mtg read & confirmed.

Estimated moneys in hand

| | | |
|----------------|------|-------|
| Graveyd | £3-0 | |
| Balce for [??] | | 4-5 |
| [??] | 2 | |
| | | ----- |
| | | 9-5/- |

Estimated Cost – Building 14ft by 10ft

Two Estimates were given. It was agreed to accept – W. Co.....s estimate of £9 for Stable. It was agreed to have specificns & seeing C... in Mr H. Best's hands.

Re bell. It was agreed that one bell two minutes before service be rung.

Annual Easter Vestry Meeting in the Schoolroom, Easter Tuesday 1897 @ 4 p.m.

Mtg opened with prayer.

Present: Incumbent [Rev E. Hargrave] in the Chair

Messrs H. & T. Best, E. Fuller, H. Moore, F. & J. Viney

The Balance Sheet was read & adopted on the motion of Mr Fuller. Seconded by Mr J. Viney. Carried.

Election of Wardens

Moved by Mr Fuller & sec'd by Mr F. Viney that Mr T.S. Best [part of page watermarked]..... warden. Carried. Moved by Mr H. Moore & sec'd by Mr T.S. Best that Mr F. Viney be Carried
Mr Hargrave nominated Mr H. Best to be his warden.

Moved by Mr Fuller & sec'd by Mr Best that Verger's salary be same as formerly. Carried.

Rental paddocks. Moved that Mr Moore was requested to have same at same rental & terms. Carried.

Election Nominators. It was decided to do as last year.

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Votes of thanks. To Retiring Wardens. Moved by Mr H. Moore secd by Mr Fuller that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded. It was carried.

Choir Organist. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded on the motion of Mr Fuller & secd by Mr T. Best. Carried.

General Business

The Day of Prayer for Rain in the Parish. It was decided to have Wed. next as such a day.

Rental of Hall. Moved by Mr H. Best & secd by Mr J. Viney that the Hall be let to the Physics Assoc'n @ 26/- p. yr if they undertook to [?]light it, return keys, & accept responsibility for breakages. This to last 12 Mtgs. Carried.

The Opening & re-arrangement of Entrance to fence div'n [division] of paddock. Decided to leave this in hands of wardens.

Confirmed 30/4/97

Edw Hargrave

Chairman

Annual Easter Vestry Meeting held in the St Jude's Church on Thursday evening 7th April 1898

Rev Hargrave (Incumbent) in Chair

The Annual Balance Sheet read and adoption [sic] and printed on the motion of Mr H. Best. Seconded by Mr J. Viney. Carried.

Election of Church Wardens

Proposed & Seconded that Mr Thomas Best be a warden. Carried.

Proposed and Seconded that Mr Frank Viney be a Warden. Carried.

Mr Hargrave nominated Mr H. Best as his warden.

Verger's Salary

Moved and Seconded that the vergers salary be same as last year (£6).

Rental of Paddock

Moved & Sec that Mr S. Moore have use of paddock at same rental (& on same terms) as last year. Carried.

Election of Nominators

Moved and Secd that the election of Nominators be relegated to the Castle Hill Meeting. Carried.

Votes of Thanks

Moved & sec that a vote of thanks be accorded Church wardens. Carried.

Moved & sec that a vote of thanks be accorded the organist & choir. Carried.

General Business

Resignation of Verger

Resignation of Mr J. Viney as verger was accepted.

Election of Verger

Two persons made application for the position of Verger (Mrs Carter, Mr R. Ramm). A ballot was taken & Mrs Carter was duly elected.

Ringling of Bells

Moved & secd that there be an interval of ½ an hour between bells instead of an hour as heretofore. Carried.

Week day services

Proposed and sec that the week night services commence at half past 7 instead of 7 as hitherto. Carried.

Confirmed 7-4-98

Edw Hargraves

Chairman

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Duties of Verger at Dural St Judes Church, 7/4/98

Sweep and dust weekly. Wash and scrub as often as required and not less than once a quarter. Open gates and Church for all services and close same after service. Keep Church Linen clean and in proper order.

Ring bell for all services twice i.e. half an hour before Service commences for ten minutes & again for two minutes at commencement of service.

Show strangers into vacant seats.

Fill water jug with clean water before every service.

Keep the Church yard properly cleaned up, paths and round the church to be kept free from grass and rubbish. The grass to be kept cut on the other part inside of the paling fence.

For the above services the verger to receive the sum of Six Pounds for the year ending March 31st 1899.

Mrs Carter

Annual Easter Vestry Meeting held in the St Judes Church on Monday April 10th 1899

Rev E. Hargrave Incumbent in the Chair.

The Annual Balance Sheet read and adopted and printed on the motion of H.A. Best, seconded by Mr T.S. Best. Carried.

Election of Churchwardens

Proposed and seconded that Mr T.S. Best be a warden. Carried.

Proposed & seconded that Mr Frank Viney be a warden. Carried.

Mr Hargrave nominated Mr H. Best as his warden.

Vergers Salary

Moved and seconded that vergers salary be same as last year £6. Carried.

Rental of Paddocks

That Mr Moore have use of Paddock same terms as last year. Rental £2-1-. Carried.

Election of Nominators

Moved and seconded that the selection of Nominators be relegated to Castle Hill meeting. Carried.

Auditor

Moved and seconded that Mr. A.E. Best be Auditor for the ensuing year. Carried.

Parochial Council. It was moved and seconded that we do not require a Parochial Council. Carried.

Vote of Thanks. That a hearty Vote of Thanks be accorded the Organist and Choir. Carried. That a hearty Vote of Thanks be accorded the Wardens. Carried.

General Business

Moved and seconded that the parishioners meet to do whatever works require doing to Church Paddock and Fences. Carried.

Graveyard. Moved and seconded that £4 be taken from the Grave yard account to go toward defraying expenses to Chch. Carried.

Confirmed 10-4-99

Edw Hargrave

Chairman

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Annual Vestry Meeting held in [School room] Hall on Thursday April 19th 1900

Rev E. Cranswick¹⁶ in Chair.

Statement of Account

Prop by Mr S.J. Moore Jnr & Sec by Mr Best that the statement as read by treasurer be adopted formally and circulated. Carried.

Parochial Council

Mr S. Moore Jnr moved & seconded by Mr A.E. Best that we do not require Parochial Council. Carried.

Election of Wardens

Moved by Mr Williams Seconded by Mr H. Moore that Mr F. Viney be people's warden. Carried.

Moved by Mr Venner Seconded by Mr S.J. Moore Jnr that Mr T.S. Best be peoples Warden.

Mr Cranswick nominated Mr H. Best as his warden.

Sidesmen. Moved by Mr Edw Fuller seconded by Mr A.E. Best that Mr S.J. Moore Jnr be sidesman.

Moved and sec that Mr H. Moore be sidesman. Moved & Seconded Mr F. Best¹⁷ be sidesman. Moved

& Seconded that Mr Moses Venner be sidesman. Moved & Seconded Mr Edward Fuller be a sidesman.

Moved & Seconded Mr J. Jarvis be a sidesman. Carried.

Election of Nominators

Moved & Seconded that Mr J.W. Foster be nominated. Carried. Moved & Seconded Mr S. Moore Snr be nominated. Carried. Moved & Seconded Mr Edw Fuller be nominated. Carried.

Moved by Mr Viney that Dural contribute £2 towards Glebe Interest. Seconded by Mr Best. Not Carried. Amendment carried. [all but the last two words are crossed out]

Name of Stipend Fund be changed

Proposed & seconded that the name Stipend Fund be changed to Parochial Fund.

Parsonage

Moved & Seconded that it is desirable to erect a parsonage. Carried. Moved and Seconded that we ask the Church loan fund to lend £200 for building parsonage. Proposed & Seconded that Mr Cranswick interview the Church loan fund as to best terms. Proposed & Seconded that a cottage be rented for Mr Howe¹⁸ until Parsonage is ready. [the last sentence is crossed out]

Mr Moore agrees to pay £2-1/- for rent of burial ground & Church Paddocks & that he will give up same when called upon by the Wardens.

Vote of thanks to Wardens

Moved & Seconded a vote of thanks to the Wardens.

Vote of thanks to Organist & Choir to be conveyed by Rev E.G. Cranswick

E.G. Cranswick

Chairman

Easter 1901

Meeting – Annual Vestry meeting held in Dural Hall on Thursday April 11th 1901 at 7.45 P.M.

Rev E. Cranswick in the Chair.

¹⁶ Rev Edward Glanville Cranswick was licensed as Rector on 23 June 1899 and took his first service at Dural on 25 June 1899.

¹⁷ Probably James Frederick Best (1862-1908)

¹⁸ Mr H.S. Howe (Curate) took services at Dural about once a month from 25 December 1900.

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Meeting opened with prayer.
Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Moved and Seconded – by Mr [S.J.] Moore Jnr & Mr Parker that accounts as read by treasurer be adopted & printed.

Moved by Mr [S.J.] Moore Snr Seconded by Mr Parker that Mr T.S. Best be peoples warden
Moved by Mr A.E. Best¹⁹ seconded by Mr T.S. Best that Mr Viney be peoples warden.
The Rector nominated Mr H.A. Best as his warden. [inserted, probably later, by the Rector]

Sidesmen

Moved & Seconded – Mr H. Moore, Messrs Parker, Edw Fuller, S. Moore Jnr, J. Jarvis, S. Moore Snr.

Auditor

Moved Mr S. Moore seconded Mr Parker, Mr A.E. Best be Auditor.

Proposed & Seconded Mr Moore Snr be Parochial Nominator.

Moved Mr Moore sec Mr Viney we mark our Century [1900] Thanksgiving Fund by erecting a Parsonage without pledging ourselves to give a tenth to Diocesan Fund.

Moved & Seconded that Mr Moore Snr have the Paddocks the same as last year, that is £2-1/- rent & give up Paddocks as soon as called upon by the Church wardens.

Proposed by Mr Parker & Seconded by Mr Moore that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Organist & Choir & Chch Wardens.

E.G. Cranswick
Chairman

A Meeting of the Churchwardens was held at the Parsonage²⁰ Dural, on Tuesday 26th November 1901, the Rector presiding.

No statement of accounts was presented. It was decided to ask certain ladies to kindly undertake the position of Collectors (quarterly) for the Parochial Fund, namely for

Dural Mrs G. Moore & Miss Chaffer

Glenorie - “ E. Roberts & Mrs White

Arcadia - “ Ross & Miss Trethowan

Galston - “ Cay & Mrs Bevan

It was agreed that the Curate's Stipend should be increased by £2-10/- per quarter commencing from June 1901. It was also agreed that in future the said Stipend should be paid monthly instead of quarterly.

It was resolved that the Rector request Mrs S. Moore to kindly hand over the keys of the school-hall to Mr Howe (Curate) & to inform her that in future the Wardens wished to keep the letting of the said school-hall in their own hands.

It was also resolved that the Rector should write to Mr S. Moore Senr, reminding him that in accordance with a resolution passed at the Easter meeting in 1892 he had agreed, while renting the graveyard paddock, to keep the fences in good order & to point out to him that the said fences were now in a bad state of repair; to inform him that the said paddock was now required for the use of the curate & to request him therefore to kindly repair the fences thereof as soon as possible; & to add that the present curate (Mr Howe) was willing that Mr Moore should still have the use of the paddock (if he so desired) at a rental of £5 per annum to be paid to the curate by quarterly instalments.

¹⁹ Alfred Ernest Best (1860-1937), fourth son of Thomas Samuel Best snr

²⁰ Indicates that the Parsonage was built in the course of 1900/01. It was demolished in 1979 to make way for the Education Centre.

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It was resolved that sometime during the next moon a meeting of the Building Committee (of the Parsonage) be summoned to ...[?attend] [rest of page is torn out] to the fencing of the Parsonage.

Annual Vestry Meeting held in the [blank] on Thursday afternoon (3 PM) April 10th 1902

Revin the Chair. [Name is left blank; it was presumably Rev E.G. Cranswick.]

The minutes of previous meeting read.

[Minutes of 10/4/02 meeting were not written up. There is a loose sheet of paper with draft minutes, as follows]

Meeting Dural Hall Ap 10th 1902. Incumbent presided.

Balance sheet read. Moved Mr F. Viney seconded Mr Moore statement be approved & printed.

That this meeting approves of the approximate statement submitted re the Parsonage Bdg. Fund, & desires that a detailed statement be prepared showing the exact state of the Parsonage Fund.

Moved & seconded Mr F. Viney be a warden & carried.

Moved & seconded Mr T.S. Best be warden.

H. Best nominated by Rev Cranswick.

Sidesmen

Moved & seconded

Mr Jarvis, Mr Moore Snr, Moore Jnr, Edw Fuller, Parker, C. White, Roberts, Campbell, Cay, Pearce, Harvey, Brown, Perry, Keen[?] & Gable.

Moved & seconded Mr A.E. Best be auditor.

Prop & sec Mr Moore Snr be a Parochial Nominator.

Moved & Seconded that resolution as submitted by Mr Palmer²¹ [Curate] be put into effect – carried.

Moved & Seconded that the Sympathy of this meeting be conveyed to Mr Foster by the Rector.

Meeting at Parsonage April 22nd [?1902]

Rev H. Palmer [new Curate], Messrs H.A. & T.S. Best present.

Moved & seconded we buy tin boxes to be used for collections to Parochial Fund. Carried.

Moved & seconded that the Churchwardens open an account with the [?]Commercial Bank that Messrs T.S. Best, S.J. Moore & H.A. Best act as guarantors for an amount not exceeding Fifty Pounds to be used by the Wardens to meet expenses. Carried.

Passed Mr H.F.L. Palmer

In Dural [School] Hall April 29th 1902

Present Rev's H. Palmer [Curate] & E.G. Cranswick [Rector], Messrs Campbell, Jarvis, Edw Fuller, S. Moore Jnr, S. Moore Snr, Parker, White, Roberts, Harvey, Perry, Gable & H.A. Best
Rev E.G. Cranswick presided.

Moved by Rev H. Palmer Seconded by Mr Edw Fuller that this meeting of Churchwardens & Sidesmen leave the matter in the hands of the Dural Wardens to submit to the Rector for his signature, a circular, to be sent to each householder in the Glenorie, Galston & Arcadia districts, also to the members of the

²¹ Rev H.F.L. Palmer took services at Dural from 2 March 1902 to 13 March 1904.

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C. of E. at Dural, pointing out the desirability of augmenting the Parochial Fund, with a view to the possible subdivision of the Castle Hill Parish so as to form the Dural end of the Parish into a conventional district under the care of a Curate in Charge. Carried unanimously.

Confirmed
H.F.L. Palmer
5 May 1902

Chch Wardens Meeting at the Parsonage May 5th 1902

Present Rev. H. Palmer [Curate], Messrs T.S. Best, F. Viney & H.A. Best.

The Circular in re Parochial Fund was drawn up & approved of by the meeting, to be forwarded to Mr Cranswick for his approval & signature.

Moved & Seconded that Mrs G.A. Moore, Mrs Jarvis & Miss Millie Best be collectors for Dural. Should any of the ladies named not accept the position the Wardens to choose others to take their position. Carried.

Moved by Mr F. Viney Sec Mr T.S. Best that Mr H.A. Best's signature be sufficient on the cheques & that he act as Treasurer of the Wardens. Carried.

Confirmed
H.F.L. Palmer
12 Sept 1902

Meeting of Church Wardens held at Parsonage Dural 12th Sept 1902

Present Rev H.F.L. Palmer [Curate], Messrs T.S. Best²², F. Viney, H.A. Best.

Re conference with Castle Hill Wardens

It was resolved to ask Mr H.A. Best to write to the Rector, asking him kindly to request the Castle Hill Church Wardens to confer with the Church Wardens of Dural as to the possible division of the Parish, so as to form the northern end into a Conventional district²³.

Re Parochial Fund

A second circular was drafted with the object of appealing to all parishioners for increased support. Mr Best was asked to forward it to the Rector for his approval and signature.

Re Parsonage Debt

Rev H.F.L. Palmer was requested to communicate with the Secy of the Church Building Loan Fund as to the terms upon which a loan of £200 could be procured, with a view to repaying Mr S.J. Moore Junr in one sum.

Annual Vestry Meeting held in St Jude's Hall April 30th 1908

The Rector [Rev E.G. Cranswick] in the Chair.

The Meeting was opened with Prayer.

A Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March 1908 was presented by Mr J.F. Best. Certain questions were asked concerning several of the items in the statement. These were satisfactorily answered. Mr Aubrey Best²⁴ presented a statement of the Sunday School Account. It was proposed by Mr G. Jones that the above statements be passed and printed. This was seconded by Mr Shadbolt, & carried.

²² Thomas Samuel Best jnr died on 28 April 1905.

²³ Nothing further is mentioned about this suggestion.

²⁴ Aubrey Alfred Best (1889-1979), second son of Alfred Ernest Best (1860-1937)

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Moved by Mr E. Fuller and seconded by Mr H. Moore that there be a Parochial Council, same to consist of 12 members. Passed.

Election of Officers

Churchwardens

Mr Shadbolt proposed Mr E. Fuller as one of the people's wardens, second Mr Ramm. Mr Moore proposed Mr J.F. Best as the second people's warden. Seconded by Mr Ramm. The meeting gave its assent. Clergyman's Warden – Mr H. Turner, chosen later.

Councillors

Messieurs[sic] Ramm, H.A. Best, S.J. Moore (Senior) & C. Moore were nominated for Dural. Messieurs T. Geelan, H.G. Moore, T. Crossland and A.J. Fishburn were nominated for Galston. Messieurs W. Roberts, E. Roberts, A.E. Best and W.P. Scott were nominated for Glenorie. The meeting gave its consent.

Auditor

Mr J.F. Best moved that Mr Geo Jones be appointed auditor. Seconded by Mr E. Fuller and passed.

General Business of the Meeting

Mr Shadbolt moved that the Rector be asked to arrange an occasional morning service for Dural. This was seconded & carried. A motion was moved that the said service be held at 11 a.m. in place of 10.30 a.m. An amendment was moved that the service be held at 10.30 a.m. The amendment was carried.

Mr Parker moved that the £10 placed in the Savings Bank to the credit of the Building Fund be used to repair the church in the best possible way. This was seconded by Mr Ramm. Mr E. Fuller moved an amendment that the money remain as a nucleus of a building fund. This was seconded by Mr J.F. Best and lost on the vote. The original motion was then put and carried.

Mr E. Fuller moved that a Ladies Committee be formed for the purpose of keeping the church property in repair. Seconded by Mr Geo Jones and carried. The following ladies were elected and given power to add to their number:

Mesdames S.J. Moore, E.P. Fuller, J.F. Best, R. Ramm, A.E. Best, A.J. Best, Shadbolt, Williams, W. Fuller, J. Best, M. Best, E. Moore.

Mr E. Fuller moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given the Workers in connection with the Church and Sunday School. This was seconded by Mr Parker & passed.

Mr Ramm moved that the Arcadia Church²⁵ be asked to reconsider their decision to give £15 a year towards the Curate's stipend, with a view to raising it to £20. Seconded by Mr Moore (senior) and carried.

As the Statement showed a debit balance of £22.18.2, the parishioners were not satisfied to close the meeting without dealing with it. The result was that the whole debit was wiped off. To that end the following donations were promised.

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| Mr S.J. Moore (junior) | £5 | Mr S. Moore sen | £1 | Miss Williams | 10/- |
| Mr J.F. Best | £2.18.2 | Mr Ramm | £1 | Miss Hawkins | 10/- |
| Mr Parker | £2.10 | Mr H.A. Best | £1 | Miss E.P. Fuller | 10/- |
| Mr H.G. Moore | £2.10 | Mr T. Geelan | 10/- | Mrs Moore | 10/- |
| Rev E.G. Cranswick | £2 | Mr Arth. Best | 10/- | Mr Shadbolt | 5/- |
| Mr E. Fuller | £1 | Mr Geo Jones | 10/- | Mr J. Ramm | 5/- |
| | | | | Total | £22.18.2 |

After the promises had been duly noted the Rector closed the meeting with the Benediction.

E.G. Cranswick
Chairman

²⁵ St Columb's, Arcadia, licensed on 21 September 1907.

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Special Meeting held to elect a Warden in place of Mr J.F. Best (deceased)²⁶ held July 26th 1908

The Rector [Rev E.G. Cranswick] in the Chair

Moved by Mr Ramm that Mr H.A. Best be appointed. Seconded by Mr E. Fuller & carried.

Vestry Meeting held in St Judes Hall Dural – April 22nd 1909

The Rector [Rev E.G. Cranswick] being in the Chair. There were present a goodly number of parishioners.

The meeting was opened with prayer. The minutes of the previous Vestry meeting were read and confirmed.

A statement of Accounts for year ending March 31st 1909 was presented by Mr H.A. Best, who also read a report. This Statement shewed a deficit of £24.0.9.

The Sunday School Accounts and Church Society Collections were read by the Curate [Rev A.J. Jackman²⁷]. It was proposed by Mr H.G. Moore and seconded by Miss E. Moore that the accounts be passed & printed. Carried.

Parochial Council

Proposed by Mr Ed. Fuller & seconded by Mr H.G. Moore that there be a Parochial Council & carried.

Election of Churchwardens

Mr H.A. Best nominated Mr S.J. Moore (Senior). Seconded by Mr Ed. Fuller.

Mr H.A. Best nominated Mr Ed. Fuller. Seconded by Mr Geo. Jones.

Mr Turner nominated Mr H.A. Best. Seconded by Mr Geo. Jones.

Mr Best preferred not to take office. Mr Ed. Fuller & Mr S.J. Moore (Senior) were then elected.

The Rector then nominated Mr Turner as Clergyman's warden.

Parochial Councillors

Messiers[sic] A.E. Best (junior), R. Ramm & C. T. Moore & H.A. Best were nominated to represent Dural.

Messiers J. Geelan, A.J. Fishburn, H.G. Moore, & Geo. Deaman to represent Galston.

Messiers W.P. Scott, W. Roberts, E. Roberts & A. Smith to represent Glenorie.

The Meeting assented.

Auditor

Mr H.A. Best nominated Mr Geo. Jones. Seconded by Mr Ed. Fuller & carried.

Parochial Nominator

Mr Ed. Fuller nominated Mr S.J. Moore (Senior). Seconded by Mr H.A. Best & passed.

General Business

Synod Assessment

After discussion, Mr Turner proposed that the usual amount be paid. Seconded by Mr Geo. Jones & carried.

Church Society Grant

After a great deal of discussion, Mr Jones moved – that the Wardens be requested to apply to the Secretaries of the Church Society, asking that one half (£25) of the Grant of £50 now being paid to the Rouse Hill Curate, be paid through the recognised authority to the Dural Curate. Seconded by Mr S.J. Moore (junior) & carried.

Parsonage Renovation

²⁶ James Frederick Best died at age 50 on 8 July 1908.

²⁷ Rev. A.J. Jackman (new Curate in succession to Rev R.H. Pitt-Owen) took his first service at Dural on 19 April 1908.

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Mr H.A. Best proposed that the Ladies' Committee elected at last Easter Meeting, be called together by the curate to discuss a scheme proposed by the Curate for the raising of the necessary funds. Sec by S.J. Moore – passed. It was also suggested that the repairs to the church roof should be considered at the same time.

The Deficit in the Statement

Mr Ed. Fuller, with a view to clearing it off, moved that a special service be held and that Golden Offerings be made, also that a special preacher be obtained. Mr Turner seconded this & it was passed.

Mr Ed. Fuller proposed a vote of thanks to all workers in connection with the Church and Sunday School. Seconded by Mr Jones & supported by the Rector & passed.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

E.G. Cranswick
Chairman

Wardens' Meeting – May 8th 1909

Messrs Turner, Ed. Fuller & S.J. Moore.

Mr Ed. Fuller moved that Mr Moore be asked to act as Treasurer. Seconded by Mr Turner. Mr Moore accepted.

Church Society Grant

Mr E. Fuller proposed & Mr S.J. Moore seconded that Mr Turner prepare letter to be sent to Secretaries of the Ch. Society. Carried.

A report of Ladies' Committee Meeting was presented.

It was resolved that Mr Ramm be asked to continue to act as Verger for the ensuing year. Also that Mrs S.J. Moore to continue to act as Collector.

A.J. Jackman [Curate]
Chairman
24.7.09

Wardens' Meeting – July 24th 09

Messieurs Ed. Fuller, S.J. Moore & R. Turner present.

Minutes confirmed.

A financial Statement was submitted for the last quarter & passed. The Deficit shewn was £9.14.8½. After discussion it was decided to ask the Rector to place the financial position before the Congregation & to make an appeal for the reduction of the deficit.

Church Society Grant.

The letter in reply to query wch was received from the Secretaries of the Church Society was received.

Mr Turner proposed that a statement be prepared & circulated. Seconded by Mr S.J. Moore & passed.

Meeting was closed with the Benediction.

A.J. Jackman Chairman

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Wardens' Meeting held at the Parsonage Oct[?] 28[?]th 1909

Opened with prayer
Minutes confirmed.

Statement of Accounts presented which shewed a deficit of over £26.0.0. In connection with the deficit it was proposed to have a special offertory on Dec 5th 1909. Passed.

Synod Assessment
It was decided to let the matter stand over.

Burial Fees. After discussion it was decided to leave the matter as at present.

Statement of Market Fete account presented wch shewed a balance of £42.18.1½. Mr Ed. Fuller proposed it be received in its present form.

Mr Ed. Fuller proposed that stove purchased last year be paid for from Market Receipts. Mr Moore seconded this. Passed.

A.J. Jackman
26.4.10

Annual Easter Meeting of St Jude's Church held in St Jude's School Hall – April 7th 1910

The Rector [Rev E.G. Cranswick] took the Chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

A goodly number of parishioners were present.

The minutes of the previous Easter Meeting were read and confirmed & signed by the Chairman.

The Wardens presented a statement of accounts which shewed a deficit of over twenty pounds (£20).

The Sunday School Secretary presented a statement of accounts in connection with the Sunday School which shewed a credit balance of [amount left blank].

The Curate [Rev A.J. Jackman] presented a statement of accounts in connection with the Market Fete held Oct 1st & 2nd 1909 for the purpose of renovating the Parsonage which shewed a credit balance of £47.8.5.

Mr H.G. Moore proposed and Mr Thos. Geelan seconded that the accounts read be passed for printing. Passed.

Election of Officers for the ensuing year.

Parochial Council

Mr Ed. Fuller proposed that there be a Council. Seconded by Mrs S.J. Moore & carried.

Churchwardens

Peoples' Wardens –

Mr F. Viney nominated Mr Ed. Fuller. Mr H.G. Moore seconded the above nomination.

Mr Turner proposed Mr S.J. Moore but Mr Moore declined.

Mrs A.E. Best proposed Mr F. Viney but he also declined.

Mr S.J. Moore proposed Mr Harold Best²⁸ but he also declined.

Mr Thos. Geelan proposed Mr R. Turner. Mr H.G. Best seconded this nomination.

Messieurs R. Turner & Ed. Fuller were elected.

Councillors

Mr Ed. Fuller proposed Mr S.J. Moore (sen) seconded by Mr Viney

Mr Ed. Fuller proposed Mr Viney seconded by Mr H.G. Moore

Mr Viney proposed Mr H.G. Best²⁹ seconded by Mr Ed. Fuller

²⁸ Probably Harold Edmund Best (1885-1952), third son of Arthur John Best (1853-1921)

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Mr Ed. Fuller proposed Mr H.G. Moore seconded by Mrs J. Moore
“ “ “ “ Mr Thos. Geelan seconded by Mr Viney
“ “ “ “ Mr Geo. Deaman seconded by Mr H.G. Best
Mr H.G. Moore proposed Mr W.P. Scott seconded by Mr Ed. Fuller
Mr Ed. Fuller proposed Mr Vic Black seconded by Mr R. Turner
Mr Ed. Fuller proposed Mr A. Smith seconded by Mr R. Turner
The Rector nominated Messrs H.A. Best, E. Roberts & A.J. Fishburn
These names were then put to the meeting & the above named gentlemen were duly elected.

Auditor

Mrs S.J. Moore (sen) proposed Mr Arthur E. Best seconded by Mr S.J. Moore (sen) & carried.

Parochial Nominator

Mr Viney proposed Mr S.J. Moore seconded by Mr T. Geelan & elected.

General Business

The Deficit

The Rector explained that the Rev Ed. Hargrave [the previous Rector] had promised to preach at special services which are to be held on the 2nd Sunday in May for the purpose of clearing off the deficit & [it was] left to the Rector & Curate the work of arranging the most suitable time for above services.

Behaviour in Church during Divine Service

The Wardens in their report said they regretted to call attention to the unseemly behaviour of a portion of the Congregation in the church during divine service, causing much annoyance to the rest. They trusted it would cease. The seriousness of this was commented on by several & it was much deplored. The position of the Wardens was defined in respect of such behaviour. It was decided that the parties be informed that disturbing public worship is regarded by the Law as a serious offence & punishable accordingly.

Rebuilding the School Hall

It was elicited that the building had been condemned under the Public Halls & Theatres Act, and it was considered necessary to do something in the matter. Mr Ed. Fuller proposed that a building committee be formed to deal with the matter. Mr T. Geelan seconded this & it was carried. Mr Ed. Fuller proposed that the above committee comprise the following:

The Wardens, Mr S.J. Moore, Mr F. Viney, & Mr Aubrey Best, & the Rev. A. J. Jackman [Curate]. Mr H.E. Best seconded.

Mr S.J. Moore declined & the remaining gentlemen were elected.

Mr H.G. Moore proposed & Mr F. Viney seconded that the building be pulled down as soon as possible – passed.

Mr Viney proposed that Mr Jackman's scheme for raising the necessary funds be adopted as the best [way] & that this meeting assist him in the work, and that he should take the measures to discover how much money can be raised. Seconded by Mr Ed. Fuller & carried.

Mr Viney proposed a vote of thanks to the Wardens for the able way they had conducted the affairs of the church during the past year. Seconded Mr. H.G. Moore & carried.

Mr Ed. Fuller proposed a vote of thanks to Sunday School Teachers, Choir, Organist and parochial Collector. Seconded by Mr R. Turner & carried.

The meeting closed with the Blessing.

²⁹ Probably mistake for H.E. Best (see above)

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Wardens Meeting held at the Parsonage April 26th 1910

The Curate [Rev A.J. Jackman] in the Chair.
Present – Messieurs R. Turner, Ed. Fuller, & F. Viney,

Treasurer.
Mr Turner proposed Mr Ed. Fuller. Mr Viney seconded. Elected.

Guarantors
The matter was left in [with] Mr Ed. Fuller.

Verger
It was decided that there ought to be a paid worker to clean the Church etc & that Mr Ramm be asked to do the work as in the past & failing him, to ask Mrs Carter³⁰ – passed.

Collector
Mr F. Viney proposed that Mrs Moore be re-elected – passed.

Confirmed, 29 Nov 1910
W.J. Roberts [new Rector³¹]

Wardens' Meeting held at the Parsonage November 29th 1910

The Rector [Rev. W.J. Roberts] in the Chair
Present were Messieurs R. Turner, Ed. Fuller, F. Viney & the Curate [Rev. A.J. Jackman]

Minutes of the April meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Ramm's resignation from the office of Verger was accepted & the matter of cleaning the Church was left in the hands of Mr Ed. Fuller.

Meeting of the Wardens held in the Parsonage on Tuesday January 31st at 8 p.m. [1911]

Present – Messrs R. Turner, E. Fuller, & F. Viney & Rev. F. C. Hall [new Curate³²].

After the meeting had been opened with prayer, the special business of the evening was introduced. A request from Mr Alfred Best to know the amount desired for the building material from the old school room. It was stated that prior to its demolition, Mr Best had offered £12 for the building. The matter was intimately considered & a rough estimate formed of the value of the several kinds of material as follows.

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| Iron – 6ft & 5ft lengths good order | 7.10.0 |
| Bricks – 2000 good 400 broken | 5.0.0 |
| Stone steps – 3 @ 10/- each | 1.10.0 |
| Platform – new & in perfect order | 1.0.0 |
| Flooring boards – 2/3 in good order | 1.0.0 |
| Rafters | 15.0 |
| Joists – very old, solid timber | 1.0.0 |
| Battens | 5.0 |
| Weather boards & lining boards | 10.0 |
| Windows – 6 pairs | 10.0 |

When considering the possible sale it was remembered that some of this material was included in the Architect's specifications for the new Hall. Much would not be depreciated in value by keeping, as steps bricks & iron, & would have to be replaced by new material at a higher cost than this estimate. It was proposed by Mr Fuller seconded by Mr Viney that:

³⁰ Mrs Carter had been appointed Verger in 1898.

³¹ Rev William John Roberts was licensed in January 1911 but took his first service at Dural on 25 September 1910.

³² Rev F.C. Hall took over from Rev A.J. Jackman in January 1911.

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The whole lot of material be offered at £20; without bricks & stone steps be offered at £15; or the timber alone be offered at £5.

It was then decided to write & invite Mr Best to meet the Wardens on the ground on Saturday afternoon. At Mr Hall's enquiry it was stated by the Treasurer [Edward Fuller] that money in hand & promised in debentures etc for the school amounts to £125.

Mr Hall reported having purchased a new bath, shower & fittings for the Parsonage, total cost being 2/- /-, shower 6/-, fittings 1/8, freight.

The Treasurer referred to the financial position having attention to the small amount of monetary help received from the remainder of this end of the Parish, there being insufficient to meet current expenses.

The meeting ended with the Benediction.

Minutes confirmed
W.J. Roberts 30th May 1911

Minutes of the Easter Vestry Meeting for the year 1910-1911 [April 1911]

The Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] was in the Chair. The Curate [Rev F.C. Hall] & Three Churchwardens & a number of parishioners were present. The Meeting opened with prayer by the Chairman. The Curate was requested to act as Secretary to the Meeting. The Minutes of the previous Vestry meeting were read & confirmed.

The Treasurer Mr Ed. Fuller then presented his financial statement as follows.

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| Receipts | Offeratories at Dural | 40.4.1 | |
| | Subscriptions & Pew Rents | 23.17.6 | 64.1.7 |
| | Galston | | 22.18.9 |
| | Arcadia | | 19.6.6 |
| | Glenorie | | 5.11.5 |
| | | | 111.18.3 |
| | Special Donation from Mr S.J. Moore Junr | | 1.4.0 |
| | Clerical fees from Cemetery | | 10.0 |
| | | | 113.12.3 |
| Expenditure | Curate Stipend & Church cleaning | | 127.3.1 |
| | | | 1.18.3 |
| | | | <u>2.17.8</u> |
| | | | 131.19.0 |

Leaving deficit of £21.1.9 & from previous year £21.19.0, total £43.0.9

Building Fund

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| By Market Fete proceeds | £45.7.6 |
| Sale of old material | 5.2.6 |
| | £50.10.0 |
| By promised Debentures | 24.0.0 |
| " Loan at Interest | 50.0.0 |
| Parsonage Repair fund | £ 3.6.0 |
| Church repair fund | <u>£11.4.0</u> |
| | £189.10.0 |

Proposed Mr H.G. Moore Sec Mr S.J. Moore that the accounts be received & printed in Easter Report.

Church Wardens

The Rector requested Mr F. Viney to continue to act as Clergyman's Warden. Mr Edward Fuller was nominated by Mr S.J. Moore & Mr R. Turner by Mr Arthur E. Best & were unanimously elected & duly declared by the Rector.

Parochial Council

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The Rector having explained the difference between a Parochial Council & Sidesmen forming an advisory Committee, Mr S.J. Moore proposed that we do not have a Council but elect Sidesmen. Seconded Mr Art. E. Best & carried.

The following gentlemen were nominated by various members

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| as Dural Sidesmen | Mr S.J. Moore Senr | |
| | Mr Arthur E. Best | |
| | Mr H.A. Best | |
| | Mr Lance Best ³³ | |
| | Mr Aubrey Best | |
| as Galston representatives | Mr H.G. Moore | |
| | Mr G. Deaman | |
| | Mr J. Fishburn | |
| | Mr T. Geelan | |
| As Glenorie representatives | Mr W.P. Scott | |
| | Mr A. Smith | |
| | Mr. V. Black | |
| | Mr E. King | & duly elected. |

Auditors

Mr Ed. Fuller proposed that Mr Art. E. Best & the Curate in charge be appointed auditors for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr F. Viney & Carried.

Parochial Nominator

Mr Ed. Fuller proposed that Mr S.J. Moore Senr be appointed as Parochial Nominator for this end of the Parish. Seconded Mr Art. E. Best & Carried.

Re-roofing of Church

The Curate drew attention to the parlous state of the Church roof & its effect in depreciation of the building. A suggestion was made to call a meeting & consider the matter. The matter of the Church Extension or Repair Fund was referred to, which contains £11.4, the part proceeds of a Tea Meeting several years ago, which had been put aside, at the time, towards a Church Extension scheme then under consideration.

It was proposed by Mr S.J. Moore Senr & seconded by Mr Art. E. Best that this sum be used for replacing the Church roof. Mr Ed. Fuller stated that, hitherto, he had always opposed the suggestion to use this particular fund for other than Church Extension, but that considering the urgent need of attending to the roof he was now willing so to use it. The Motion was unanimously carried.

The Curate proposed "that this meeting forward a recommendation to the Vestry meeting at Castle Hill that a meeting be called of the Churchwardens & Union Church representatives to consider the question of pooling all the funds of the Parish & also that of district assessment. This was unanimously carried.

The question of clearing off the deficit of the church funds was then considered. It was felt that it was quite the first thing to be dealt with. Several amounts were promised towards this fund. And it was decided to issue to each family in this part of the Parish & to each adult member of the family, a circular in the name of the Rector & Churchwardens asking for help to meet this need.

Just prior to closing the meeting the Rector drew attention to the need for a vehicle & horse for the work of the Parish. It was decided to incorporate this in the appeal of the circular.

The Rector then referred to the voluntary work done by so many in the Parish in S. Schools, as Collectors, Organists etc, & thanked them in the name of the Congregation for their work of love.

The meeting was then closed with the Benediction.

Minutes confirmed

W.J.Roberts

13 April 1912

³³ Lancelot Harry Best (1888-1977), eldest son of Henry Albert Best (1864-1934)

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Minutes of Meeting of Committee of Wardens & Sidesmen held, by kind favour of Mr H.A. Best, at his house on Monday [date omitted, but probably in April/May 1911]

Present Messrs R. Turner, Ed. Fuller & F. Viney, Wardens
S.J. Moore Senr, H.A. Best, Aubrey Best, Arthur E. Best, G. Deaman

The Curate [Rev F.C.Hall] occupied the Chair & opened with prayer. The financial position was stated by the Treasurer as showing £53-4-0 as deficit.

The question of the Church roof was considered. A quotation for re-shingling at a cost of £47.10, and for Slate roofing at a cost of £55.0, was received also a quotation per square for fibro cement tiles from Jas Hardie & Co. This seemed to work out at £30 for re-covering the roof.

Determined to obtain a correct measurement of the roof & ask for a quotation to supply & fix tiles.

The matter of obtaining a sulky for the Parish at Dural end was next considered. £1.10 had been promised so far. The Curate stated that help towards the fund was likely to be forthcoming from other parts of the parish & it was deemed advisable to appoint collectors in each centre. Decided to ask the Rector to appoint collector for Castle Hill & one for Kenthurst. The Curate was asked to arrange for Collectors for the Dural end of the Parish.

The meeting was closed with prayers.

Minutes of Meeting of the Building Ctee held in the Parsonage on [date omitted but probably in May/June 1911]

Present – the Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] in the Chair, Messrs R. Turner, F. Viney, Ed. Fuller & the Curate [Rev F.C. Hall].

Minutes of the last Building Ctee meeting were read. The Treasurer stated the financial position as –

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| £50.10 | Banked |
| 24 | Debentures |
| 57 | Promised – as gifts or at interest |
| 100 | applied for from Ch. Blg Loan Fund |
| 231.10 | |

It was decided that the building [new Parish Hall] should be now proceeded with.

Quotation of plans was discussed whether the present plans could be used with any materials. Decided to write the Diocesan architect explaining that the present Ctee decide to build of other materials, & find that the roof specified is too elaborate, & so enquire what is to be do[done] with the plans & specifications, which must now be drawn up [again].

Decided to obtain copy of “Theatres & Public Halls Act”.

Proposed Mr Turner, sec Mr Viney, that it being found that the cost of brick walls should be only about £128, the school building [new hall to replace the old school building] be made with brick walls. Carried.

Determined to thank Mr H.A. Best for his kind interest in this matter & ask him to obtain the needed plans & specifications as promised.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

Minutes confirmed
W.J. Roberts
29 June 1912

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Minutes of Meeting of Building Committee held in the Parsonage on June 29th [1911]

Present – Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] in the Chair, Messrs R. Turner, Ed. Fuller, Aub Best, S.J. Moore & the Curate [Rev F.C. Hall]. Apologies were received from Mr F. Viney.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.

The business of the evening was to consider a quotation for making concrete bricks to build the wall of the school. This would mean a saving of about £50 on the cost of ordinary bricks & if possible would be a distinct gain. A sample of sand had been forwarded to the builder who had expressed himself willing to make the bricks. He had reported favourably. The sand sampled however was really on the Water reserve in Sandy hollow [sic]. It became the question for consideration – whether this sand would be obtainable. Determined to write to the Member [?of Parliament] Mr J.C. Hunt, asking him to obtain permission for us to get 30 tons of sand as needed.

Determined to ask Mr H.A. Best to get plans etc drawn up. The Curate to interview Mr Blacket³⁴ re plans. Mr Aubrey Best to invite Mr Wimble to come & see sand etc with a view to making concrete blocks – his expenses to be paid by the Committee.

Further information re fibro-cement covering for the church roof was presented. By it the cost of re-roofing the Church would be about £36.0.0. Determined to obtain price for recovering the porch & vestry of the church with this material – those being the 2 sections for the roof absolutely needing attention.

Meeting closed with the Benediction.

Confirmed *W.J. Roberts* 24 Oct 1911

A meeting of the Building Committee was held in the Parsonage on Sept 19th at 8 p.m. [1911]

Present – the Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts], Messrs Ed. Fuller & Aubrey Best & the Curate [Rev F.C. Hall].

It was decided that split oak shingles be ordered & a man engaged, by Mr Fuller, to affix same to the roof of porch & vestry of the Church.

It was decided that an effort be made to collect the remainder of the amount required to purchase a horse & trap offered to the Church for £22 & that Mr Ed Fuller & Mr H.G. Moore be asked to see the turnout & purchase if suitable. Mr Fuller & Mr Best arranged to canvas the church people for subscriptions.

It was decided to pay the £5.5.0 for plans & specifications to Mr Blackett [sic]. Plans & specifications then to be returned to him for revision.

Confirmed
W.J. Roberts
24 Oct 1911

Minutes of Wardens meeting held in the Parsonage in conjunction with the Building Ctee [presumably on 24 October 1911]

The Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] was in the Chair & there were present also Messrs Ed Fuller, F. Viney, Aub Best & the Curate.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed. The Treasurer stated the financial position of the church as some £50 in arrears.

³⁴ Probably Cyril Blacket, son of the more famous Edmund Blacket (1817-1883); Cyril ran the architectural practice of Blacket & Son from 1894, and died in 1937.

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The matter of re-shingling parts of the Church roof was discussed. Mr Ed Fuller reported having obtained a tender for the supply of shingles of £1.10.0 per 1000 but had been unable to get anybody to put them on. Resolved to leave it for Messrs Viney & Hall if no one else available.

The matter of the purchase of sulky, horse & harness for the Parish was next discussed. Accounts showed the cost of horse £14.0.0, sulky £6.10.0, harness etc about £4.10, leaving a debit balance – with alteration to sulky etc – of about £5.0.0 roughly.

The Curate reported an interview with Blacket & Son in re plans & specifications. It was promised to alter the old plans if possible free of charge, but if new ones were necessary a charge of £2.0.0 would be made – new specifications also being drawn up. The new plans were to include alterations to platform & with anteroom, as required. Decided to advertise for tenders – plans to be at Castle Hill Rectory.

Meeting closed with the benediction.

Easter Vestry Meeting 1912

Minutes of Easter meeting held in the Parsonage on Saturday April 13th at 7.30 p.m.

The Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] was in the Chair & there were present also the Curate [Rev F.C. Hall], the Churchwardens & a good number of the people.

The meeting was opened with prayer & then the minutes of the previous Easter meeting were read & confirmed.

The Treasurer presented the statements of accounts for Current account showing receipts £134.7.5 the expenditure £141.5.6 being virtually about £7 in deficit, to be added to the deficit with which the year commenced. Accounts of Building Fund, Church & Parsonage repair Fund & Sulky Fund were also presented. It was resolved that these accounts be received & when audited be printed & circulated.

Election of Church Wardens

The Rector requested Mr Viney again to act as Ministers Warden & Messrs Ed Fuller & R Turner were unanimously re-elected as Peoples Wardens.

The following were then elected as Sidesmen

Messrs S.J. Moore, Arthur E. Best, Aubrey Best & Lance Best

It was suggested that there be formed a Womens Guild in this end of the parish & the matter was deferred to a meeting of Women at a future date.

It was resolved that the Auditors be again asked to act as before viz Mr Art.E. Best & the Curate.

Mr S.J. Moore was again elected as Parochial Nominator for Dural end of the Parish.

A motion was carried acknowledging indebtedness to the various Church workers – Organists, Choir, Collectors, Sunday School Superintendent & Teachers.

The question of disposal of funds was considered & it was resolved that, as the monies handed in to the Dural Treasurer have to be again handed on to the Treasurer at Castle Hill, the various sections of this end of the Parish pay their monies directly to the Castle Hill Treasurer. After some consideration it was resolved that Dural endeavour to raise £70 per an instead of £60 as hitherto.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

Minutes confirmed

W.J. Roberts

Chairman & Rector

14 April 13 [1913]

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Minutes of Building Ctee Meeting held Sept 14th at 5 p.m. [1912]

Present Messrs E. Fuller, Aub Best & the Curate [F.C. Hall]

A quotation for carting bricks from Mr Fitzroy at 10/- [per] ton was received, also one from Mr Fowler at 9/- ton. Pro[posed by] Mr Best that contract be given to Mr Fitzroy owing to his being able to supply more quickly by motor than Mr Fowler could. Sec[onded by] Mr Fuller & Carried.

Re Finance. Moved that Treasurer collect promised debentures & other donations.

Minutes of Building Ctee Meeting Dec 14th 1912

Present Messr Fuller, Turner & Best with the Curate [Rev F.C. Hall]. Minutes read of previous meeting.

Letter from Mr Fitzroy resigning from the contract for carting bricks.

Letter from Brickworks C re the ordering bricks & another re carting same.

Re carting sand, Mr Fuller to see Mr Newland re carting sand. 30 loads at price nearest to 4/- not above 5/-.

Mr Fuller offered to interview Scott Bros re tendering for building.

Letter from Mr Booth re supplying stone for foundation. Determined to explain that there will be no concrete foundation required.

F.C. Hall
21 Dec 1912

Minutes of Building Ctee held Dec 21st 1912

Present Messr Fuller, Turner, Viney, Best & Curate [Rev F.C. Hall]. Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

Report of Mr Fuller concerning sand carting. Mr Newland was willing to cart at 4/- [per] load. Decided to obtain 20 loads.

Tender received from Scott Bros at £269. It was generally felt that if the money were obtainable it would be advantageous to entrust the work to Scott Bros. Resolved to submit to the Rector & that enquiries be made about raising the requisite amount of £90.

F.C. Hall
28/12/12

Minutes of Building Ctee held Dec 28th 1912

Present Messr Fuller, Turner, Best & the Curate [Rev F.C. Hall]. Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

No further information was to hand about Scott Bros tender.

Mr Fuller reported having seen Mr H. Moore re his loan of £50 – 5% interest was asked & the money to be sent this month. A further loan of £50 was to be considered.

F.C. Hall
Jan 11, 1913

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Minutes of Building Ctee meeting held January 11th 1913

Present Messr Turner, Fuller & the Curate [Rev F.C. Hall].

Mr Fuller reported receiving the £50 from Mr H. Moore & that he would not be able to loan any further amount. A letter was received from Mr Welch stating his inability to loan any money.

It was decided to endeavour to obtain a further loan & also see about the tenders of Gorringe & Collins.

F.C. Hall
Jan 25, 1913

Minutes of Building Ctee held on January 25 [1913]

Present Messr Ed. Fuller & R. Turner & the Curate [Rev F.C. Hall].

Reported that Mr Gorringe was unable to undertake the work. Also that Mr W. Moore would be unable to do the job – he having had the plans to examine. Scott Bros' tender was reduced to £254.

Mr Holland had promised to loan £50 & if needed a further £25.

It was decided to entrust the work to Scott Bros on receipt of the money from Mr Holland. Scott Bros to be notified in the interim to this effect.

A bill from Mr F.V. Fitzroy was presented for £1.16.0 for brick cartage, & passed for payment.

Minutes confirmed
W.J. Roberts
8 July 1913

Minutes of Easter Vestry meeting held in St Judes Church Dural on Tuesday April 22 at 8 p.m. [1913]

Service was conducted by the Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] at 7.30 p.m.

The Rector declared the meeting duly constituted according to the Diocesan regulations. There were present the Rector, the Curate, 3 church wardens & 19 other church people.

The minutes of the previous years Vestry Meeting were read & confirmed.

Accounts were presented for the General Church Funds, Parish Hall Building Fund, Sunday School Funds, & passed.

Election of Wardens:- Messr F. Viney & Ed Fuller were nominated & elected as Peoples Wardens. Mr R. Turner was appointed by the Rector as Ministers Warden.

Election of Auditors:- Messr Arthur E. Best & Aub Best were nominated & elected as Auditors.

Church Committee:- it was resolved to form a Church Committee of 4 members. 3 to be elected by the people & one appointed by the Rector. Messr R.M.Blaxland, Aubrey Best & Harold Best were elected. [Rector's nominee not given.]

The customary votes of thanks were passed to the organists, Sunday School teachers, Lady Collectors & other church workers.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

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Minutes confirmed
W.J. Roberts
1 May 1914

Minutes of Building Ctee held [8 July 1913]³⁵

Present Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts], Messrs Fuller & Turner & Curate [Rev F.C. Hall³⁶].

Rector presented 3 tenders he had received

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Clark & Kelly – Builders Parramatta | £420 |
| W. Richardson – Windsor Rd | £311 |
| Telfer Bros – Parramatta | £306. |

Treasurer stated that there is £285 in hand & £20 is due to be repayed to Church Bdg Loan Fund. As the bricklaying should only require £50 it was suggested that the balance of tender £250 was too large for supply of other materials.

Resolved to ask Mr Tuckwell to draw out amount of timber etc required & obtain amount of its cost from Hart Hitchcock.

Minutes of Easter vestry at St Judes Church May 1st 1914

The Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] presided with a number of church people. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer presented his statement of ac/- together with the Sunday School, Building [Fund] accounts. Church accounts showing a debit of £66.11.8 and a credit of £256.9.11 S.C.B. [?mistake for GSB – Government Savings Bank, or CSB – Commonwealth Savings Bank]. Proposed by Mr Blaxland Sec by Mrs B. Best³⁷ that the ac/- as read be received and passed and printed, printing to be left with the Rector. Sunday School ac/- showing a credit of £5.6.6 were presented. The election of wardens was then proceeded with. The Rector elected Mr R. Turner as his warden. Mr E. Fuller & Mr R. Blaxland were elected peoples wardens.

Auditors Mr A.E. Best & Mr Caleb Moore.

Mr S.J. Moore³⁸, Mr A.E. Best, Mr G. Best³⁹ with Mr White were appointed on Committee.

The Rector proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all church workers.

Rector closed with Benediction.

Minutes of [annual vestry] meeting held in St Judes Church Dural 21 April 1915

The Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] who presided declared the meeting duly convened & appointed & opened the meeting with prayer.

The Church accounts & Balance Sheets were not ready. Satisfactory explanations were made by the Rector & E. Fuller. Mr Fuller received the Financial position of the Church and reported that the Funds were better than last year. Sympathy was expressed to our two church wardens Fuller & Blaxland in their anxiety through sickness in the members of their familys [sic]. Regret was expressed at the departure of Mr Turner & Family from the district.

³⁵ The foundation stone on the new Sunday School Hall is inscribed “This stone laid Edward Fuller Esq 4 April 1914 W.J. Roberts Rector”. The Hall was finished by April 1916.

³⁶ Rev F.C. Hall left in March 1914. There appears to have been no Curate at Dural during World War I.

³⁷ Mrs Blanche Best, widow of George Harold Best (1863-1902)

³⁸ S.J. Moore snr – his son S.J. Moore jnr died on 12 August 1913.

³⁹ George Arnold Best (1891-1955), fourth son of Arthur John Best (1853-1921)

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Mr E. Fuller was appointed by the Rector as Rectors warden. Messrs Blaxland & Mr S.J. Moore were appointed peoples wardens.

For the Church committee Mesr Harold Best, Arthur J. Best jun⁴⁰ & Mr J. Parker were nominated; the election was held over to see if they would stand for the position.

Minutes confirmed
W.J. Roberts
29 April 16 [1916]

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held in St Judes Sunday School Hall , Dural on 29 April 1916 at 4 P.M. [new building recently completed – now called Old Parish Hall]

The Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] was in the chair and the Meeting was opened with prayer.

The Churchwardens and a number of parishioners were present.

The minutes of the previous Vestry Meeting were read and confirmed.

A financial statement of accounts was presented by the Treasurer Mr R. Blaxland as follows:-

| <u>Receipts</u> | | <u>Payments</u> | |
|---|-----------|--|----------|
| By Offertories | £34.11.10 | Stipend paid to Castle Hill 12mths | £60 |
| Parochial subs etc | 24.5.6 | Arrears | 15.6.8 |
| Rent of Parsonage | 15.4 | Verger 31/3/15 | 6 |
| Burial Fees | 1.15 | do 31/3/16 | 6 |
| Donation from Rector | 2 | Insurance (Church) | 9.11 |
| | | Do Parsonage | 1.8 |
| | | Repairs to organ | 1.10 |
| | | Cleaning out & repairs to tank at Parsonage | 10 |
| | | Set of Plates for Stove | 7.6 |
| | | Two years Synod Asst | 1.7.3 |
| | | Printing 1914 & 1915 | 1.11.3 |
| | £77.16.4 | | £94.10.7 |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | | | |
| To Arrears due to Castle Hill for Stipend | | £20.10/- | |
| To amount owing to the Govt Bg Co Ltd | | 43.5.10 | |
| | | £63.15.10 | |

Sunday School Building Fund

| <u>Assets</u> | | <u>Liabilities</u> | |
|---|----------|--------------------|---------|
| By Balance in Government Saving Bank | £18.0.10 | Ch. Bldg Loan Fd | £20 |
| | | Mr E. Holland | 50 |
| | | Mr H. Moore | 50 |
| | | Mr E. Fuller | 5 |
| (Interest from 30/6/15 to 31/12/15) | | Mr R. Turner | 5 |
| Dr Balance | 121.19.2 | Mr S.J. Moore | 5 |
| | | Miss M. Chaffer | 5 |
| | 140.0.0 | | 140.0.0 |

It was proposed by Miss A. Best, and seconded by Mr R.M. Blaxland that the accounts as read be received and printed, the printing to be left in the Rector's hands. Carried.

Election of Ch' wardens

⁴⁰ Probably Arthur Edgar Best (1882-1954), second son of Arthur J. Best (1853-1921)

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The Rector appointed Mr Ed Fuller to act as Clergyman's warden. Mr R.M. Blaxland nominated Mr S.J. Moore senr seconded by Miss A. Best. Mr Ed Fuller nominated Mr R.M. Blaxland seconded by Mrs S.J. Moore senr.

Mr Ed Fuller nominated Mr C.J. Moore as Auditor seconded by Mr R.M. Blaxland. Carried.

Proposed by Mr S.J. Moore Senr and seconded by Mr Ed Fuller that no Committee be appointed. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Ed Fuller and seconded by Mr S.J. Moore Senr that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to all workers in connection with Church & Sunday School. Carried by acclamation.

The Meeting was then closed with the Benediction.

Minutes confirmed

W.J. Roberts

25 April 1917

Minutes – Annual Vestry Meeting – held in St Judes S.S. Hall 25 April 1917 3.30 [p.m.]

The Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] presided. Parishioners present were –
Mesdames Moore, Blaxland, Parker, Cox, J. Best, Messrs S.J. & Caleb Moore.

After prayers, the meeting was declared properly constituted.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr R. Blaxland the Church Treasurer, Mr C. Moore read the Church wardens Statement. Several items were discussed and the accounts as read passed & received. The Wardens were directed to affix a copy to the Church Door instead of printing same.

Election of Wardens

Mr S.J. Moore & Mr R. Blaxland were re-elected as Peoples Wardens. The Rector appointed Mr Ed Fuller as his Warden for the ensuing year.

Mr C.T. Moore was elected Auditor.

It was proposed by Mr S.J. Moore & seconded that there be no Church Committee. Carried.

Mr S.J. Moore was nominated Parochial Nominator & elected at Castle Hill Meeting.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to all our Church and S.S. [Sunday School] Workers.

Minutes confirmed

W.J. Roberts

Chairman

20/4/18

Minutes – Annual Vestry Meeting – held in St Judes S.S. Hall, 20th April 1918 @ 7.40 P.M.

The Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] presided.

Parishioners present were:-

Mesdames Moore, Parker, Best & Madden

Messrs S.J. Moore, Fuller, & Blaxland – the meeting was declared properly constituted.

The Minutes of the previous Vestry Meeting were read and confirmed.

Financial Statements of Accounts were presented (viz: St Judes Church and Sunday School Hall Building Fund) by the Treasurer R.M. Blaxland & Ed Fuller. A number of items were discussed and the accounts as read passed & received, & a copy to be affixed on the Church door.

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Election of Wardens

Peoples Warden – Mr S.J. Moore nominated by Mr Ed Fuller, seconded Mrs F. Best
Mr R.M. Blaxland do by Mr Ed Fuller seconded Mrs Madden
The Rector appointed Mr Ed Fuller as his Warden for the ensuing year.

Auditor. Mr C.T. Moore. Proposed by Mr Ed Fuller & 2nd Mrs Best

Mr S.J. Moore was nominated by Mr R.M. Blaxland and 2nd by Mr Ed Fuller as Parochial nominator.

Church Committee

Proposed by Mrs S.J. Moore & 2nd Mr Ed Fuller that there be no Church Committee. Carried.

Proposed by Mrs S.J. Moore & 2nd Mr Ed Fuller that Misses J. Fuller & Smith be appointed collectors. Carried.

Re-roofing & repairing Church

Proposed by Mr Ed Fuller & 2nd Mrs S.J. Moore that a subscription list be started & the following persons have promised to give, viz:

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Mr S.J. Moore | £5 |
| Mrs do | 1 |
| Mrs F. Best | 1 |
| Mr Ed Fuller | 5 |
| Mr R. Turner | 5 |
| Miss Chisholm | 5/- |
| Total £17.5/- | |

Proposed by the Rector & supported by Mr Ed Fuller that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to all workers in connection with the Church and Sunday School. Carried by acclamation.

The meeting then closed.

Minutes confirmed

[not signed]

Chairman

Minutes – Annual Vestry Meeting held in St Jude's S.S. Hall 10th May 1919 at 4.30 P.M.

The Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] presided.

Parishioners present were:

Mesdames Parker, Fuller, Tate, (Elijah) Fuller, Blaxland, (Arthur) Best senr, Misses Best (4), Parker (2), Fuller (2).

Messrs Moore, Fuller & Blaxland (Churchwardens), (Arthur) Best.

After prayers, the Meeting was declared properly constituted.

Before the general business of the meeting was dealt with, the Chairman wished to thank all workers in connection with the Church and Sunday School & special mention was made of Mrs S.J. Moore's good work all round & a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them.

Miss Lizzie Best was presented by Mrs Blaxland on behalf of the parishioners with a gold wristlet watch for her valuable services as Organist & her brother suitably responded.

Financial Statements of Accounts were presented.

St Jude's Church & Parsonage

Receipts £98.11.9 Expenditure £84.13.3, leaving a balance owing Dr £38.13.3.

Sunday School Building Fund

This account was wiped out, the balance £28.16.6 paid into the general fund.

The accounts as read were passed & received.

Election of Wardens

The Rector appointed Mr Ed Fuller as his Warden for the ensuing year.

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Peoples Wardens – Mr S.J. Moore⁴¹ – nominated by Mr R.M. Blaxland
Mr R.M. Blaxland “ Mr A. Best Carried.

Church Committee

Mr Arthur Best⁴² Propd by Mr Ed Fuller
Mr C.T. Moore “ “ Miss Best Carried
Mr Wm do “ “ Mr Ed Fuller
Rector's nomination: Mr Geo. Best.

The Church Roofing Fund

Mr Ed Fuller stated that he has in hand about £45.8/-, which he considers would be sufficient to cover the outlay.

The Meeting then closed.

Minutes confirmed

W.J. Roberts

5 May 1920

Minutes – Annual Vestry Meeting held in St Jude's Sunday School Hall 5th May 1920 at 7.55 P.M.

The Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] presided.

Parishioners present were:

Mesdames Moore, Fuller (2) EP & E, Best (2) Geo & EE, Roberts, Blaxland, Parker & Miss Tate.
Messrs Thacker, W & C.J. Moore, Gates, P & G Best⁴³ & Van [Curate⁴⁴] & the (3) Wardens

After prayer the meeting was declared properly constituted. The Minutes of the previous Vestry Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Treasurer Mr R.M. Blaxland presented his financial statements as follows (Church year only)

| | | | |
|----------------------|--|---------|-------------------|
| Receipts General a/c | Offertories | £46.4 | |
| | Parochial | 20 - 6 | |
| | Rent of Parsonage | 10.16 | |
| | Burial Fees | 2.5 | |
| | Balance of Rents re Parish Hall & of Church Parsonage | 1.11.2 | |
| | Repairs Fund | 16.2 | |
| | Amount paid by Guarantor | 40.3 | <u>£121.15.10</u> |
| Expenditure | Stipend paid to Castle Hill | £60 | |
| | Home Mission Society | 1.15.6 | |
| | “ Zone[?] | 12.6 | |
| | License of Hall | 1 | |
| | Interest of o/draft | 2.7.4 | |
| | A/c fees | 10 | |
| | Insurance Ch & Parsonage | 1.17.11 | |
| | Sundries | 2.11.3 | |
| | Vergers for year | 6 | |
| | Balance of overdraft | 38.8.3 | <u>£115.2.9</u> |
| Cr Balance | <u>£6.13.1</u> | | |

Sulky Turn-out & Fodder a/c

Receipts Galston £7

⁴¹ S.J. Moore snr died on 12 September 1919.

⁴² Arthur John Best snr died on 1 May 1921

⁴³ Phillip Cyril Best (1897-1955), fourth son of George Harold Best (1863-1902), & George Arnold Best (1891-1955), fifth son of Arthur John Best (1853-1921)

⁴⁴ Rev Oscar CL Van started as Curate in June 1919

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| | | |
|---------|--------|----------------|
| Dural | 5.11.6 | |
| Arcadia | 3.15 | <u>£16.6.6</u> |

Church & Parsonage Repairs a/c

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------|----------------|
| <u>Receipts</u> | Blce re-roofing Ch | | £2.12.9 |
| | Proceeds Lantern Lecture | | |
| | Dural | £1.9.3 | |
| | Galston | 1.10.9 | 3 |
| | 3 doz Hymnal Companions | 1.2.6 | <u>£6.15.3</u> |
| <u>Expenditure</u> | 3 Cement Tubs[?] | 3.2.6 | |
| | Hymnal Companions | 1.2.6 | |
| | Fixing Tubs[?] Parsonage | 1.13.6 | <u>£5.18.6</u> |

Supplementary Statement from 1/4/20 to 5/5/20

| <u>General a/c</u> | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Expenditure</u> | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----|---------|
| | £12.8.10 | £7.10.3 | Blc | £4.18.7 |
| Sulky turn-out | £16.6.6 | £15.9.11 | Blc | 16.7 |
| Bazaar & Organ Fund | £86.12 | £63.10.6 | | £23.1.6 |

Moved by Mr Van that the accounts as read be received & a copy to be affixed on the Church door.

Election of Wardens

Peoples Mr J. St George nominated by Mr C.J. Moore 2nd Mrs Blaxland
 Mr R.M. Blaxland “ Mrs J. Best Mr E. Fuller

Clergyman's The Rector appointed Mr Ed Fuller

Auditors

Mr C.T. Moore nominated by Mr E. Fuller 2nd Mr St George
 Mr Thacker[?] “ J. Best “ E. Fuller Carried

Church Committee

Rector's nomination [names left blank]

Mr P. Best

- “ W.D. Gates
- “ W. Moore
- “ C.T. “
- “ J.W. Thacker
- “ J. Fuller
- “ Ramsay
- “ K. Tate
- “ Arthur Best jr⁴⁵

Parochial Nominator

Ed Fuller prop Mrs J. Best 2nd Mr W. Moore, carried

Honour Roll in Church

Mrs J.F. Parker asked the Chairman why the names of all the fallen soldiers were not put on the Tablet affixed in the Church. The Rector explained it was not a matter for this meeting but as it was brought forward, he would answer it. He said this matter was left entirely in the hands of the Committee appointed to carry out the final arrangements & they decided that only names who were members of the congregation were to go on⁴⁶.

⁴⁵ Arthur Edgar Best (1882-1954), second son of Arthur John Best (1853-1921)

⁴⁶ The names on the 1914-18 Honour Roll are: G.A. Fuller, C.U. Fuller, E. Bragg, E.G.H. Stacey, H. Williams

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Proposed by Mr St George & supported by Mr Fuller that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to all workers in connection with Church & Sunday School. Carried by acclamation.

The Meeting closed with the Benediction.

Minutes confirmed

W.J. Roberts

23 April 1921

Chairman

Minutes of annual Easter Vestry meeting held in St Judes Sunday School Hall, Dural on 23 April 1921, at 7.55 P.M.

The Rector [Rev W.J. Roberts] presided – others present were:- the Curate [Rev O.C.L.Van] & wardens (3) & only a very limited number of parishioners were present & certainly it was very disappointing after the very strong appeal Mr Van made the previous Sunday.

After prayer the chairman declared the meeting properly constituted.

The minutes of the previous annual Easter Vestry meeting were read & confirmed.

The Churchwardens financial statement was presented by the Treasurer (Mr Blaxland) and read as follows: Revenue for Year £261-13-7 expenditure £283.18.10 leaving a credit balance of £1-11-1 to be carried over to next year.

Although it was considered very satisfactory for all that, the chairman challenged the Treasurer regarding some entries that had been transferred from various accounts & wanted to know who gave him authority to do so. The Treasurer's answer was, that at a special Committee meeting it was carried, that all the various accounts be amalgamated & have one account only viz: "The Churchwardens account" & that was the one before the meeting.

Moved by Mr Ramsay & seconded by Mr Ed Fuller, that the statement as read be received & a copy to be affixed on the Church door.

Election of Wardens

Clergymans – the Rector again appointed Mr Ed Fuller.

Peoples Mr Ramsay nominated the last years Wardens, Messrs St George & Blaxland, this was seconded by Mr C.J. Moore & Mr St George declined & said he had posted his resignation to the Rector previous to the meeting, but he had not received it, & therefore was not before the meeting. Mr St George nominated & Mr E. Fuller seconded Mr George Best. Carried.

Church Committee

Proposed by Mr E. Fuller & seconded by Mr Ramsay that a Committee consisting of four (4) be formed. Rector's nomination: Mr W. Gates. The following were elected Messrs P. Best, R. Tate & Mr J. Fuller. Carried.

Parochial nominator

Proposed by Mr C.J. Moore & seconded by Mr P. Best that Mr Ed Fuller be nominated. Carried.

Auditor

Proposed by Mrs Blaxland & seconded by Mrs F. Best that Mr C.T. Moore be appointed. Carried.

Burial fees

Mr W. Moore was authorised to open an account with the Commonwealth Bank at Dural Post Office & pay in all monies received, to be held & go towards repairing the Cemetery fences etc. Carried.

The chairman stated that the Sunday School Hall account must in future be kept separate from the Wardens a/c as he considered it should be self supporting.

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The chairman also stated that the amount assessed viz £60 per annum paid into the general fund [at] Castle Hill must now be increased. Mr Ramsay thought we could pay this year £120, but nothing was done and no amount fixed at the meeting. The Rector stated that the matter could be left in the hands of the Wardens to adjust.

Proposed by Mr St George & supported by Mr Van, that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to all workers in connection with Church & Sunday School. Carried by acclamation.

The meeting then closed with the Benediction.

Minutes confirmed
W.J. Roberts
13 May 1922

Minutes of Annual Vestry Meeting 13.5.22

The Rector (Rev W.J. Roberts) opened meeting with prayer at 8 o'clock P.M. Also present were: Rev O.C.L. Van [Curate], three Wardens, Mrs S.J. Moore & E. Fuller, Miss Fuller, Messrs W. Moore, P. Best & Hon Sec.

Minutes of last annual Vestry meeting were read and confirmed.

Treasurer's statement was then read, which showed an Income of £162.19.3 & expenses with arrears amounted to £183.19.3 leaving a deficit of £21 – received & adopted.

After discussion as how to wipe off deficit, it was suggested that straight out giving would be the quickest way to overcome the difficulty.

Mrs S.J. Moore's account with the Cemetery⁴⁷ was then read, which showed a balance of £7.2/- to be attached to Cemetery Fence Fund as previously arranged. Received & adopted.

Election of Officers

The Rev W.J. Roberts again elected Mr E Fuller as his Warden for the coming year.

Mrs Fuller nominated Mr Blaxland Sen but Rev Van explained that Mr Blaxland could not stand – nomination was withdrawn.

Mr P. Best nominated Mr Arthur Best as one of the Peoples Wardens. Sec by Mr G. Best. Carried.

Mrs S.J. Moore nominated Mr J. Fuller as the other warden to take Mr G. Best's place as he would not allow his nomination to go in. Sec by Mr G. Best – carried.

Church Committee

Proposed by Mr P. Best that eight be elected, sec by Mr E. Fuller – carried. People to nominate six & the Rector two. The following were elected – Mrs Blaxland, Miss Fuller, Messrs W. Moore, K. Tate, G.L.⁴⁸ & P.C. Best. The Rector nominated Mrs S.J. Moore & Mr T. Moore to complete the quota.

Proposed & sec that Mr E. Fuller be appointed Parochial nominator.

Proposed & sec that Mr C.T. Moore be appointed Auditor.

Mr Fuller Sen mentioned that the best thanks should be accorded to Mrs S.J. Moore for her wonderful collection in connection with Cemetery Fence Fund, Mrs Moore having stated that she had already collected over £50 & aimed at getting £60.

The Rector also spoke of the good work done by Mr W. Moore as caretaker of Cemetery & then wished to express his best thanks to the Organist & assistants, the choir & all honorary workers in aid

⁴⁷ Mrs Rhoda Moore's late husband, S.J. Moore snr, had kept the Cemetery records until his death in 1919. Mr Tom Roden (born 1901) took over this role in the mid-1920s, and continued in it until shortly before his death in 1984.

⁴⁸ George Lovedale Best (1893-1934), second son of George Harold Best (1863-1902)

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of Church work during past year, especially to Rev & Mrs Van he would like to convey his thanks for their splendid work during the year. Proposed & sec that a hearty vote of thanks be given to all before mentioned. Carried by acclamation.

It was decided that a special Sunday be set apart as a special day on which to make increased offering to wipe off deficit.

After discussion re letting of Hall, rent of Hall be left to Church Committee to adjust.

Mrs Moore then intimated that she could not see her way very clear to take charge of Hall any longer. Mrs G. Best suggested that Mr J. Fuller be asked to take charge (declined with thanks). Mr W. Moore nominated Rev Van [Curate] to take entire charge of same, which position he at last accepted.

There being no further business the meeting closed with prayer.

Minutes of Annual Vestry Meeting, held in St Judes Church Saturday afternoon at 4 oclock on 28/4/23

The Rector (Rev W.J. Roberts) presided & after prayers the meeting was declared properly constituted. Parishioners present were:

Mesdames S.J. Moore, E. Fuller & Giles, Miss V. Best, (Curate) Mr Giles⁴⁹ & Mr W. Moore, (Wardens) Messrs Fuller & Blaxland.

Minutes of previous Vestry Meeting were read & confirmed.

Treasurer's Statement was then read which showed receipts £238.19.5 & expenditure £266.16.3 leaving a deficit of £27.16.10. Pro'd by Mr W. Moore & sec'd Mrs E. Fuller that the Treasurer's a/c be adopted & a copy to be affixed on Church door. Mr E. Fuller explained that he was alone responsible for using the funds belonging to "Cemetery Repairs Fund".

Election of Officers

The Rector again elected Mr E. Fuller as his Warden for the new year coming. Mrs Fuller nominated Mr W. Moore Sec'd Mr R.M. Blaxland & Mr Giles nominated & Mrs Giles sec'd Mr Geo Thacker be the two Peoples Wardens.

Committee

Prop'd by Mrs S.J. Moore & sec'd by Miss V. Best that a committee of eight be appointed. The following were nominated. Mesdames S.J. Moore, Blaxland & Miss V. Best, Messrs Tate, J. Fuller & Roy Best⁵⁰. Rector nominated Miss Fuller & Mr W. Moore.

Proposed by Mrs S.J. Moore & sec'd by Mr Giles that Mr E. Fuller be appointed Parochial nominator.

Proposed by Mr E. Fuller & Sec'd by Miss V. Best that Mr Blaxland be appointed auditor.

Suggested that a circular be sent to all parishioners in Dural who have not already subscribed to Stipend fund & please state what amount they are willing to give per year. Amounts to be paid quarterly, ½ yearly or yearly, which kindly hand to the Church Treasurer as convenient.

Proposed by Mr Giles & supported by Mrs Giles that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to all workers in connection with Church and Sunday School & that a letter of thanks be written to Hon Organist & assistant organist for their valuable services so freely given during last year.

There being no further business & as the light was failing fast the Meeting was closed with the Benediction.

Minutes confirmed

W.J. Roberts, Chairman, 17 May 24 [1924]

⁴⁹ Rev Victor Giles started as the new curate from 3 December 1922.

⁵⁰ Roy Spencer Best (1897-1986), second son of James Frederick Best (1862-1908)