

CHAPTER 6
THE NAME ' ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST '

During the protracted negotiations for the acquisition of a site on which to build the church, the Church Commissioners had to be kept informed and there was lengthy legal correspondence on many matters concerning the new church and the new parish.

On 25th September 1928 the Rev. Crathorne wrote to the Bishop as follows :-

My Dear Lord Bishop,

ESSINGTON NEW CHURCH

Since the death of the late Mr.J.C. Forrest, I have pushed forward the above scheme as I wish to build the Church at once as something of a memorial to him.

We came to an agreement some time ago about the long vexed question of the site. This agreement was duly sent to the Ecclesiastical Commission for their approval and was returned for one or two additions. One of these is the name of the proposed Church.

I have consulted Mrs.J.C.Forrest who suggests 'St. John the Evangelist' because when Mr. Forrest was a boy at home, he used to be spoken of by his brothers and sisters as 'the Beloved Disciple' and that character was carried out by him to the end, and no-one was ever more beloved.

I hope your Lordship will kindly approve that dedication, for I am sure nothing could be more appropriate and more acceptable to the Parish.

I am,

Your Lordship's obedient servant

J.T. Crathorne.

Vicar of Bushbury - with - Essington.