

Appendix I**Highlights in Brief 1934 onwards**

September	1932	Laying of Foundation Stone by Mrs Forrest
December 9th	1933	Dedication and opening of New Church
December 10th	1933	First Communion Service - 7.30am Bishop of Lichfield. 50 communicants. Collection £1-1-0
March 24th	1934	Institution of Rev R.P. Cavendish - £340 still owing on Church.
September	1934	Question of New Vicarage first raised (completed 1954).
April	1935	£116 still owing on Church building.
May	1935	Attempt to buy land where old Iron Church stands (eventually bought in 1946)
December	1935	Parish quota £18 per year (now £16,453) New 5 year lease on St. John's Church - converted to St. John's Hall.
April	1936	C. H. Moses resigns after 30 years as Churchwarden
April	1938	Water laid onto Churchyard - New Processional Cross bought
December	1938	Rev. Cavendish farewell services
March 30th	1939	Induction of Rev. J.H. Spencer.
September	1939	Tower on School House taken down
October	1939	Evensong moved from 6.30pm to 3pm.
April	1940	Enough money now available to start new vicarage when normal times return.
March	1941	11am Matins gradually becomes Matins with Holy Communion
June	1942	Another attempt to buy site of St. John's Hall (by school).
November 15th	1942	Church bell rung for first time since 1940.
January	1943	St John's Hall land not for sale!
March	1944	Evensong reverts to 6.30pm
March	1945	11am Matins replaced wholly by Holy Communion
September	1945	Fund started for new organ as a War Memorial
December	1945	Death of Rev. J. Eveson.
May	1946	Squire willing to sell Church Hall land . Deposit paid.
September 12th	1948	Dedication of War Memorial.
August	1949	Water to St. John's hall, kitchen and toilets installed.

September	1949	Organ located at Repton.
April	1950	Dedication of Memorial Organ
April	1953	Organ debt cleared.
December 8th	1954	Rev. Spencer moves into new vicarage
April	1954	Church quota £54.00 per year. Church toilet connected to main sewer at cost of £25.00.
April	1955	Moves for Memorial Stained Glass Window (East End) in memory of Mrs. L. Appleby.
September 11th	1955	Rev. Spencer's Farewell Service. Moves to Blurton.
October	1955	Death of Rev. Crathorne.
March 19th	1956	Induction of Rev. Kenneth Wilkinson.
July 22nd	1956	Dedication of Memorial Window. (East End)
October 27th	1957	Dedication of Sick Communion Vessels given by Mr. Tudor.
November 24th	1957	Dedication of Litany Desk in memory of Alice Griffiths
January 26th	1958	Investiture of Choristers with R.S.C.M. Medals.
May	1959	Compulsory Purchase Order on land, side and back of vicarage (now Hill St.)
September 27th	1959	Dedication of Baptistry Memorial Window in memory of Beatrice Clift.
February 7th	1960	Rev. Wilkinson's Farewell Service.
May 10th	1960	Induction of Rev.C. Jenkins.
September 25th	1960	Parish Communion 9.30am replaces Sung Eucharist 11am. Start of Sunday morning bus.
April 9th	1961	Start of Christian Stewardship
February	1962	Parish Boundaries revised. Essington loses Beacon Estate, Crab Lane, and part of Sneyd Lane.
July	1962	Presentation to Don Pitchford for 25 years as organist.
June 23rd	1963	Dedication of New Altar Hanging. First Procession of Witness.
September	1964	Sunday morning bus discontinued - replaced by rota cars.
	1965	Old St. John's Hall site sold for building.
April 11th	1965	Dedication of New Kneelers.
April 11th	1966	Dedication of New Church Hall by Bishop of Lichfield.

March 10th	1969	Dedication of Portable Font in memory of Nurse Emily Palmer.
August 3rd	1969	Thanksgiving for Restoration of Church - new floor and new lighting paid for by R.L.Vernon, Esq.
September 7th	1969	Rev.C.Jenkins Farewell Services.
October 21st	1969	Induction of Rev.A.L.Paine.
September 2nd	1973	Act of Memorial to Handel Palmer by Chase Orpheus.
December	1973	40th Anniversary Service by Bishop of Lichfield.
March	1974	Death of Rev.J.H. Spencer
July 1st	1975	Rev.A.L.Paine Farewell Services.
September 10th	1975	Induction of Rev.T.W.B.Fox.
June	1976	Dedication of Altar Frontal and Memorial Drapes.
December 23rd	1976	First Celebration of Holy Communion at Park House.
October 21st	1979	Memorial Service for Wesley Hinks.
July 20th	1980	United Service with British Legion and Chase Orpheus in memory of George Eccleston, Wesley Hinks, Sid Palmer and Derek Ford.
July 5th	1981	Rev.T.W.B.Fox Farewell Service.
February 22nd	1982	Induction of Rev.T.H.Green.
December 11th	1983	Golden Anniversary Service - Bishop of Lichfield.
	1984	Visit to Villa Park for Mission England.
	1985	Installation of Nave Altar.
	1986	Mr. A. Harrison licensed as Lay Reader.
	1987	Visit of Lichfield Cathedral Choir to mark Mr.D.Pitchford's 50 years as Organist and Choirmaster.
	1987	Mr.L.Sadler licensed as Lay Reader.
	1987	Restoration of Church Organ.
	1988	Church Hall reduced in size and land, together with tennis court, sold for building.
February 18th	1990	Rev. Green's Farewell Service.
September 3rd	1990	Induction of Rev. B. Prentice.

Appendix II

CHURCH WARDENS SINCE 1906

1906	C.H.Moses	W.Simkin	1959	C.Tudor	W.H.Taylor
1907	C.H.Moses	W.Simkin	1960	C.Tudor	W.H.Taylor
1908	C.H.Moses	W.Simkin	1961	C.Tudor	W.H.Taylor
1909	C.H.Moses	W.Simkin	1962	C.Tudor	S.Fletcher
1910	C.H.Moses	W.Simkin	1963	C.Tudor	S.Fletcher
1911	C.H.Moses	W.Simkin	1964	C.Tudor	S.Fletcher
1912	C.H.Moses	W.Simkin	1965	C.Tudor	A.Littler
1913	C.H.Moses	W.Simkin	1966	C.Tudor	A.Littler
1914	C.H.Moses	W.Simkin	1967	C.Tudor	A.Littler
1915	C.H.Moses	W.Simkin	1968	C.Tudor	W.Hinks
1916	C.H.Moses	W.Simkin	1969	C.Tudor	W.Hinks
1917	C.H.Moses	W.Simkin	1970	A.Littler	W.Hinks
1918		C.H.Moses	1971	A.Littler	L.Sadler
1919		C.H.Moses	1972	A.Littler	L.Sadler
1920	J.C.Forrest	C.H.Moses	1973	D.Wiley	L.Sadler
1921	J.C.Forrest	C.H.Moses	1974	D.Wiley	I.M.Millman
1922	J.C.Forrest	C.H.Moses	1975	D.Wiley	I.M.Millman
1923		C.H.Moses	1976	W.Asbury	I.M.Millman
1924		C.H.Moses	1977	W.Asbury	E.Richards
1925	C.Tudor	C.H.Moses	1978	W.Asbury	E.Richards
1926	C.Tudor	C.H.Moses	1979	W.Asbury	E.Richards
1927	C.Tudor	C.H.Moses	1980	R.Claridge	G.Harvey
1928	C.Tudor	C.H.Moses	1981	R.Claridge	G.Harvey
1929	C.Tudor	C.H.Moses	1982	R.Claridge	G.Harvey
1930	C.Tudor	C.H.Moses	1983	G.Harvey	A.Harrison
1931	C.Tudor	C.H.Moses	1984	K.Benton	A.Harrison
1932	C.Tudor	C.H.Moses	1985	K.Benton	A.Harrison
1933	C.Tudor	C.H.Moses	1986	K.Benton	I.Love
1934	C.Tudor	C.H.Moses	1987	J.P.White	I.Love
1935	C.Tudor	C.H.Moses	1988	G.Chilton	I.Love
1936	C.Tudor	Mr.Brayne	1989	G.Chilton	D.Mills
1937	C.Tudor	Mr.Brayne	1990	G.Chilton	D.Mills
1938	C.Tudor	Mr.Brayne	1991	G.Chilton	D.Mills
1939	C.Tudor	Mr.Brayne	1992	R.Davis	D.Mills
1940	C.Tudor	J.Richards			
1941	C.Tudor	J.Richards			
1942	C.Tudor	F.Beer			
1943	C.Tudor	F.Beer			
1944	C.Tudor	F.Beer			
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1950	C.Tudor	F.Beer			
1951	C.Tudor	F.Beer			
1952	C.Tudor	F.Beer			
1953	C.Tudor	P.Griffiths			
1954	C.Tudor	A.Purcell			
1955	C.Tudor	A.Purcell			
1956	C.Tudor	A.Purcell			
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1958	C.Tudor	W.H.Taylor			

N.B. The remarkable records of Mr. C. Tudor and Mr. C.H. Moses will probably never be paralleled for in 1986 a decision was made by the Parochial Church Council that Churchwardens would henceforth be elected for a period of 4 years only

COMMUNICANTS AT St JOHN'S FROM 1934

YEAR	TOTAL FOR YEAR	EASTER DAY	YEAR	TOTAL FOR YEAR	EASTER DAY
1934	580	98	1963	3641	180
1935	443	86	1964	3347	148
1936	591	95	1965	3264	152
1937	474	105	1966	3671	159
1938	499	144	1967	3586	164
1939	1173	135	1968	3588	143
1940	1213	115	1969	3368	133
1941	937	145	1970	3511	151
1942	1120	101	1971	4522	185
1943	1290	104	1972	4890	221
1944	1403	147	1973	5086	230
1945	1701	148	1974	5304	215
1946	1452	153	1975	4486	226
1947	1163	123	1976	5258	152
1948	1669	138	1977	3747	175
1949	1906	157	1978	3511	164
1950	1688	152	1979	3411	147
1951	1867	128	1980	3498	125
1952	1982	157	1981	3260	104
1953	1722	151	1982	5300	161
1954	1812	147	1983	6164	175
1955	1783	160	1984	6948	163
1956	1279	110	1985	7194	212
1957	1308	110	1986	8086	185
1958	1140	105	1987	8352	201
1959	1251	108	1988	8285	241
1960	2207	66	1989	8679	215
1961	4053	180	1990	7748	132
1962	3880	178	1991	8168	186

N.B. 1. - Until 1938 Holy Communion Services were held only at 8 am on Sundays and Festivals.

N.B. 2. - After 1938 there was a mid-week Holy Communion Service and the Sunday morning service was gradually altered from Matins and Sermon only, to Holy Communion.

N.B. 3. - 1961 saw the introduction of Christian Stewardship and Parish Communion Services each Sunday at 9.30 instead of Matins.

Appendix IV

VICARS OF BUSHBURY
 (Essington was part of the Parish of Bushbury until 1933)

	1263	Ralph Purcell		
Circa	1300	Roger de Bisshebury		VICARS OF ESSINGTON
	1316	Hugh de Bisshebury	1933	Richard Philip Cavendish
	1338	William de Shepeye	1938	John H. Spencer
	1389	William	1955	Kenneth Wilkinson
	1410	John Alleyn	1960	Cyril Jenkins
Tempus			1969	Andrew L. Paine
Edward IV		William Ferrour	1975	Timothy W.B. Fox
			1982	Trevor H. Green
	1529	Henry Slane	1990	Brian Prentice
	1546	Richard Edwards		
	1558	Richard Willson		
	1567	Francis Colley		
	1626	Samuel Smith		SOME BUSHBURY CURATES
	1631	Hamlet Bourne		WHO SERVED IN
	1641	William Chander		ESSINGTON
	1684	William Pearce	1861	George Edwin Walker
	1693	Thomas Hall	1863	Francis Edge
	1726	Seth Shepherd	1871	William J. Moody
	1748	Richard Nocke	1872	John Morton
	1757	Jerimiah Whithouse	1880	James Samuel Gregory
	1765	Thomas Fletcher	1884	George Hemming
	1800	John Clare	1904	James Leiching
	1839	William Lister	1908	Richard Clews
	1864	Alfred Phillips	1912	John Richard Davis
	1867	H. Fleming Baxter	1914	T.D. Lawton
	1871	Mathew Butterworth Moorhouse	1920	Thomas Stanton
	1881	Henry Knight Eaton	1928	Samuel Arnold Cawthorne
	1883	Frederick Aston		
	1903	Dennis O'Connor		
	1914	Percy Illott		
	1919	Josiah Thomas Crathorne		

These Curates were in office on the dates shown but the duration of their curacies is uncertain

APPENDIX V

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

The Foundation Stone was laid on 30th September, 1932 by Mrs.J.C. Forrest.

The Church was Consecrated and opened on 9th December, 1933 by the Bishop of Lichfield.

The total cost of building the Church was £6,186.17.6.

£1,000 grant cost came from the Bishop's Appeal Fund. The rest was raised by Essington parishioners.

The oak table used as an altar, and the altar rail were a gift from St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

The Architects were Messrs. Wood, Kendrick and Reynolds of Birmingham.

The Church was built to hold 322 in the Nave and 28 in the Choir. Total 350.

The inside measurements of the Church are :-

Total length - 111 feet 3 inches

Breadth of Nave - 28 feet 3 inches

Breadth of Chancel - 20 feet 9 inches.

The tower is 56 feet high.

The bell weighs 10.5 cwt.

Area of Consecrated Churchyard (1933) is 8080 square yards.

Some Church Records were built into the foundations in 1933.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *December*, 1933.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 8th and 9th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 70, of the Act of the 14th and 15 years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 97, and of the Act of the 19th and 20th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 55, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Representation, bearing date the 14th day of December, 1933, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 8th and 9th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 70, of the Act of the 14th and 15th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 97, and of the Act of the 19th and 20th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 55, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Representation as to the assignment of a Consolidated Chapelry to the consecrated Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Essington, situate within the Parish of Bushbury, in the County of Stafford and in the Diocese of Lichfield:

“ Whereas at certain extremities of the said Parish of Bushbury and of the Parish of Wednesfield, in the said County and Diocese, which said extremities lie contiguous one to another, and are described in the Schedule hereunder written, there is collected together a population which is situate at a distance from the several churches of such Parishes:

“ And whereas it appears to us to be expedient that certain contiguous portions (being the portions containing the population aforesaid) of the said Parish of Bushbury and of the said Parish of Wednesfield, should be formed into a Consolidated Chapelry for all Ecclesiastical purposes, and that the same should be assigned to the said Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Essington, situate as aforesaid:

“ Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend John Augustine, Bishop of Lichfield, as such Bishop and also as the Patron, in right of his See, of the Vicarage of the said Parish of Wednesfield, and with the consents of the Reverend Francis Edward Murphy, Clerk in Holy Orders and a Prebendary of the Cathedral Church of Wells, of the Reverend Charles Edward Wilson, Clerk in Holy Orders and an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Church of Southwark, of the Reverend Arthur James Tait, Clerk in Holy Orders and a Canon of the Cathedral Church of Peterborough, of the Reverend Christopher Maude Chavasse, Clerk in Holy Orders and Master of Saint Peter's Hall, Oxford, and of the Very Reverend William Edward Reginald Morrow, Clerk in Holy Orders and Provost of the Cathedral Church of Chelmsford (commonly known as Simeon's Trustees) as the Patrons of the Vicarage of the said Parish of Bushbury (in testimony whereof they the said consenting parties have respectively signed and sealed this Representation), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly represent, that it would, in our opinion, be expedient that all those contiguous portions of the said Parish of Bushbury and of the said Parish of Wednesfield, which are described in the Schedule hereunder written, all which portions, together with the boundaries thereof, are delineated and set forth on the map or plan hereunto annexed, should be united and formed into one Consolidated Chapelry for the said Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Essington, situate as aforesaid, and that the same should be named ‘The Consolidated Chapelry of Saint John, Essington.’

“ The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Representation has reference.

“ The Consolidated Chapelry of St. John, Essington, comprising:—

“ I. All that portion of the Parish of Bushbury, in the County of Stafford and in the

Diocese of Lichfield, which is bounded upon the north partly by a detached portion of the Parish of Wolverhampton and partly by the Parish of Great Wyrley, upon the east partly by the Parish of Norton Canes and partly by the New Parish of Bloxwich, upon the south partly by the New Parish of the Holy Trinity, Willenhall, and partly by the Parish of Wednesfield, all in the same County and Diocese, and upon the remaining side, that is to say, upon the west, by an imaginary line commencing at the point where the boundary which divides the said Parish of Wednesfield from the said Parish of Bushbury reaches the middle of Cannock Road near its junction with the old Wolverhampton Road and extending thence northward along the middle of Cannock Road for a distance of 1 mile and 5 chains or thereabouts to the boundary which divides the said Parish of Bushbury from the said detached portion of the Parish of Wolverhampton.

“ II. And also all that contiguous portion of the said Parish of Wednesfield which is bounded upon the north west and upon the north by the said Parish of Bushbury, upon the east and upon the south east by the said New Parish of the Holy Trinity, Willenhall, and upon the remaining side, that is to say, upon the south, by an imaginary line commencing upon the boundary which divides the said New Parish of the Holy Trinity, Willenhall, from the said Parish of Wednesfield at the point where the boundary of the Urban District of Wednesfield diverges northward from following the middle of Wolverhampton Road, and extending thence first northward and then north westward along the said Urban District boundary for a distance of 55 chains or thereabouts to the south eastern corner of the close numbered 124a upon the Ordnance Survey Maps of the Urban District of Wednesfield published in the years 1919 and 1923 on the scale of 25 inches to a mile and also upon the map or plan annexed to this Representation, and extending thence north westward along the fences forming the southern boundary of the said close numbered 124a and the closes numbered 124, 93, 92, 91, 89 and 88 upon the said maps for a distance in all of 41 chains or thereabouts to the point where the fence forming the southern boundary of the said close numbered 88 reaches the south eastern side of Kitchen Lane, and extending thence first north westward to and then south westward along the middle of Kitchen Lane for a distance of 16 chains or thereabouts to a point opposite to the southern end of the fence which divides the close numbered 101 upon the said maps from the close numbered 84 upon the same maps, and extending thence first north westward to such fence and then first north westward and then in various directions along the fences which divide the said close numbered 101 and the closes numbered 102, 103, 104, 111, 105 and 106 upon the said maps from the said close numbered 84 and the closes numbered 83, 82, 80, 81 and 79 upon the same maps for a distance in all of 71 chains or thereabouts to the point where the fence which divides the said close numbered 106 from the said close numbered 79 reaches the south eastern side of the road leading from Essington through Wood Hayes to Scotlands, and extending thence first north westward to and then south westward along the last mentioned road for a distance of 57½ chains or thereabouts to its junction with Cannock Road upon the boundary which divides the said Parish of Wednesfield from the said Parish of Bushbury.”

And whereas the said Representation has been approved by His Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty by and with the advice of His said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said Representation, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts.

And His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of Lichfield.

M. P. A. Hankey.