



St. Matthew's  
Church of England Parish of Albury  
Combined Funds Campaign 1957

I heard Him call — “Come follow!” — that was all.

My gold grew dim — my heart went after Him.

I rose and followed — that was all.

Would you not follow — if you heard Him call?

—Amy Carmichael

## Dedication . . .

To the pioneers of nearly a hundred years ago who built St. Matthew's Church and established this parish.

To the men and women of past years by whose unselfish labours the work of the parish has continued.

To the men and women of today, who, with renewed vision are dedicating their worship, their work, their gifts, for the furtherance of the Church's witness in this parish . . . this booklet is gratefully dedicated.

*From  
Our  
Bishop*

St. Mark's Collegiate Library,  
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THE RT. REV. E. H. BURGMANN, 'M.A., Th.D.,  
Lord Bishop of Canberra-Goulburn

My dear Friends,

It is good to know that you are having a Canvass in your Parish. You have the great privilege of being responsible for one of the largest and best parishes in the diocese and I am confident that you will make a great success of your canvass and thus strengthen the Church in the very complex and difficult problems that are continually emerging.

A great many of the parishes in the diocese have now had canvasses and, in the great majority of cases, it has not only meant a strengthening of finance, but also a genuine awakening on the part of church people, especially the lay men.

This awakening should not be allowed to be a temporary experience, but should become the normal expression of the devotion and energy of all faithful Anglicans. When giving comes to be felt as a real privilege and part of our worship of God, we find a new enrichment of personal life.

I am sure you are going to experience this in a very large measure because your parish has strong foundations in the pastoral work that has been so faithfully carried on during recent years.

I send you my blessing and my best wishes.

Yours ever,

*Ernest, Canb. and Gbn.*

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# Your Rector's Message



The Venerable Archdeacon  
F. M. HILL, Th.L.

My dear Friends,

I count myself fortunate to be Rector of Albury because I know that it is a very fine parish and its people are some of the best people in the Anglican communion.

During the past eight years of my ministry, which I have spent amongst you, we have achieved great things together. Our Churches are in good order, our congregations large, we have an ever-growing number of communicants. Our young people are keen, and our men and women enthusiastic. There is a splendid spirit of comradeship between clergy and people, and a growing desire to make Anglicanism a living, working faith in our midst. Our young people expressed this hope a short time ago by saying they believed the Church was the nerve centre of the community.

We have great and serious problems, it is true, but they are all problems of growth. We must pay our debts, provide new buildings, and the wherewithall to staff our parish adequately.

I therefore welcome the Every Member Canvass because I believe it will help the work of God to be furthered among us, and provide the finance which it will need.

I have great faith, not only in active Church worshippers and workers, but in the average person who calls himself an Anglican but who is not yet pulling his weight. I have a strong feeling that he will play his part in our great enterprise because he has the welfare of the Church at heart.

Let us then, clergy and people, go forward with faith and confidence, and may God bless, guide and prosper us.

Your sincere friend, -

*F. M. Hill*

Rector.

# *The History of Our Church*

In 1850 the Bishops of Melbourne and Sydney met on the banks of the Murray River and that was the commencing point of organised parochial activities in the area.



*Mr. G. A. D. ROXBURGH*

Eighteen years later the Church of St. Matthew was built, a lovely building in the Norman style, designed to seat 350 people.

Under the successive ministries of Rev. Henry Elliott, Rev. Robert Potter, Rev. Marcus Blake Brownrigg, Rev. D. E. Jones, Canon Acocks, Canon Kingsmill, Canon Spencer, Canon

## **IT ALL BEGAN**

Bevan, Rev. N. W. Gardner, Rev. R. D. Peatt, Canon Statham and Ven. Archdeacon F. M. Hill, the present incumbent, our history is a record of courage, sacrifice and achievement.



*Mr. S. P. WEBB,  
Special Gifts Chairman*

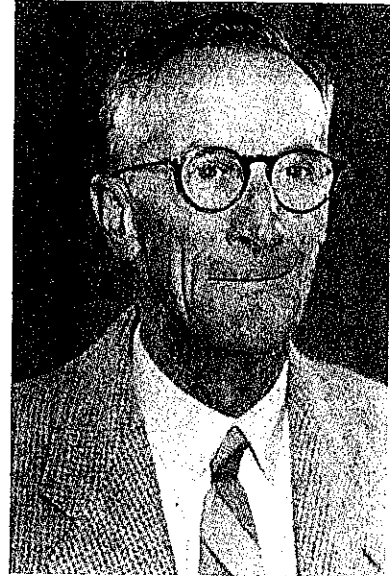
Today the parish is in great heart with flourishing Churches in all centres. We count our blessings, pay tribute to those who established a splendid tradition, and go forward, blithe in spirit to consolidate the work of noble men.



# *These Are Our Church's Needs*

## *For Ourselves*

1. To build new Church Halls at ST. MATTHEW'S because the City Council gives notice that it will soon take over our land and buildings in Olive Street and it is OUR RESPONSIBILITY to provide replacements.
2. To build two new residences—
  - (a) For an assistant at St. Matthew's;
  - (b) For a Rector for the new Parish of North Albury.
3. To ENLARGE the Church of All Saints.
- 4.\* To ENLARGE the Church of St. James, Lavington.
5. To REPAY £3000 still owing on St. Mark's Church, Gulpha Street, North Albury.
6. To REBUILD the organ at St. Matthew's.
7. TO PROVIDE salaries and working expenses for sorely needed additional staff, so that God's work can be properly carried on in this rapidly expanding parish.



*Mr. H. STELLING,  
Initial Gifts Chairman*

## *For Others*

Increased giving to God's work beyond the Parish, for Diocesan needs (i.e., Children's Homes, etc), and for Overseas Missions, together with any other emergency appeals which may arise.

Contrary to popular opinion, Churches do not function on air, nor yet on the goodwill of those who use them. They function upon the acceptance of responsibility by Christian people.

### *Untrass Prayer*

*Teach me, O Lord, the lessons of Thy Son ; of dedicated service and sacrificial giving.*

*Grant that, always being mindful of Thy wonderful gifts I may use them according to Thy will, and so play my part in increasing the honour and the glory of Thy Most Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*



REV. G. D. PRINCE

REV. J. TETLOW

REV. J. L. TREGEA

REV. C. R. GODDEN

## *The Need of the Giver to Give*

Our needs as a Church are plain to anyone who stops to give a thought. These needs, however, are invariably seen in a detached way, and the individual is not related to the needs.

But the giver has a need of his own. It is to give.

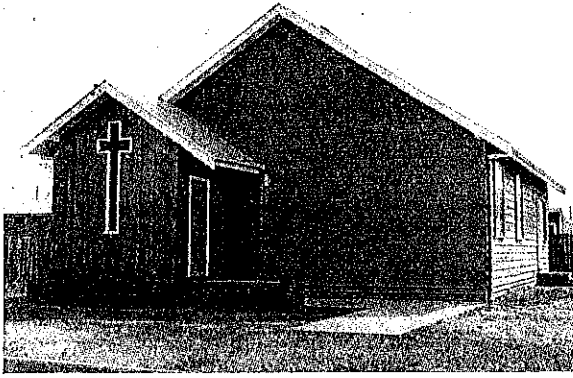
There is that within all of us which uplifts the soul when a pure gift is made, and the stimulation carries the giver onwards. And the greatest stimulation comes from that gift which is given at cost to the giver.

For there are two kinds of giving :

There is that which is a token . . . given to save the face of the giver. It costs nothing; it means nothing; it saves embarrassment.

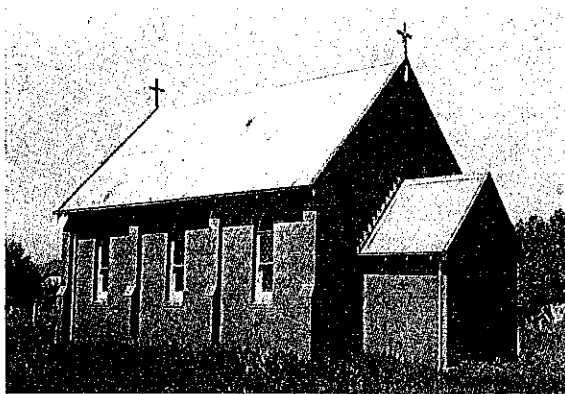
There is sacrificial giving . . . given after thought and realisation of the need of the receiver. It is deliberate; it brings with its giving an elation. It is a true gift. The need of the giver is a personal need to give, that brings a sacrifice with the gift.

No one will say that all can give the same gifts. But the same sacrifice in giving is something which we all can make. We have inherited the sacrifices of others. We will progress if we enable posterity to inherit our sacrifices, and the richer will be their heritage if in Christian prayerfulness we search our souls for our own need to give.



ST. MARK'S, NORTH ALBURY

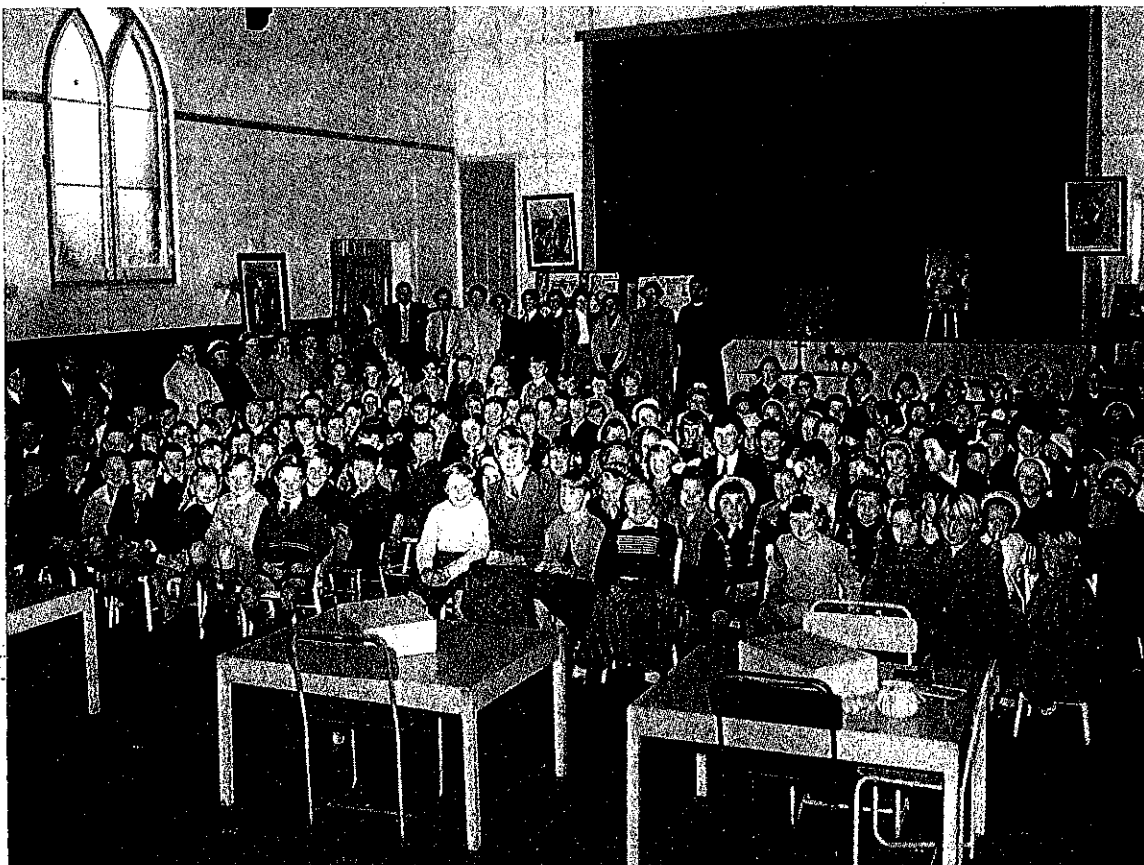
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ST. ALBAN'S, GEROGERY



ST. JAMES', LAVINGTON



ST. MATTHEW'S  
KINDERGARTEN



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# Centres



ST. JOHN'S, THURGOONA



ST. PAUL'S, JINDERA



TABLE TOP CHURCH  
(Presbyterian)



SUNDAY  
SCHOOL,  
ALL SAINTS',  
NORTH ALBURY

# *Our Plan*

To meet our needs, a canvass goal of £55,000 has been set. To raise that goal, we will conduct between now and November 25, 1957—

**AN  
ORGANISED  
INTENSIVE  
INDIVIDUAL  
FACE-TO-FACE  
CANVASS  
IN THE HOMES  
FOR PLEDGES  
PAYABLE WEEKLY  
OVER A 150-WEEK PERIOD  
BEGINNING DECEMBER 8, 1957**



Mr. N. J. SNARE,  
Canvass Committee Chairman

We are asking all members and friends of the Church to set aside a portion of their income each week for 150 weeks for the Church—and that portion be a generous and sacrificial part of their income so that the Church will assume a proper place in the family budget.

Canvassing will be limited to members, prospective Church members, parents of Sunday School children and any other persons and families who consider themselves affiliated with our Church.

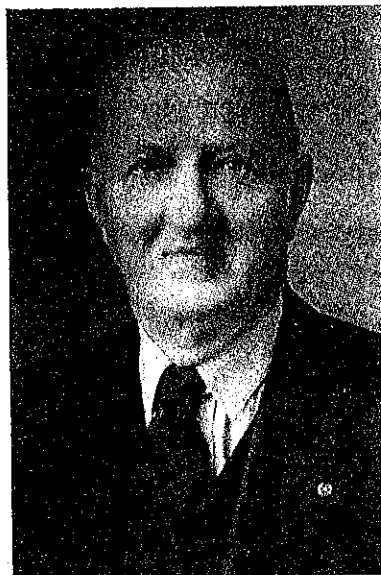
Weekly pledges will be sought, so that our giving may be associated with our weekly worship.

A pledge is a written statement that we will "try to contribute" a weekly sum that we specify. But it is made clear on the pledge card that the offering pledged may be revised or cancelled should circumstances make it necessary. A pledge is not a legal obligation.

Qualified lay members of the Church will visit each family of the Church individually and privately in the homes during the canvass period. There will be no group canvassing in meetings. No canvassing will be conducted by mail.

The canvass objective is a total of £55,000, to be paid over 150 weeks by the Church of England families in this parish.

# *The Challenge To-day*



*Mr. J. E. ARNOLD,  
General Chairman*

Many of us have never fully shared in the support of the Church. By the generosity and sacrifice of others we have been privileged to worship in Churches which have been built and maintained through the efforts of these people, who through their call of service and love of Christianity have provided us with the opportunity to worship.

It is now our turn to carry on and share with others the thrilling experience of taking a greater part in the support of our Church needs.

The great need of the age in which we live is a spiritual awakening, which can only be achieved by an active, well-supported and generous Church which is mature enough to face them squarely. This, then, is the challenge to us all.

Let us boldly accept this challenge and undertake our responsibilities, with vigour and enthusiasm.

# *How to Make Your Pledge*

In the careful and prayerful consideration of "How much shall we give", we should think of several points, for the size of our pledges depend upon :

- Our Christian Faith.
- Our interest in the Church programme.
- Our recognition of the need.
- Our concern for extended service.
- Our willingness to sacrifice.
- Our desire to encourage others to sacrifice.
- Our willingness to trust God and believe His promise.
- Our faithfulness in prayer.

One of the greatest experiences in the life of a Christian is that of helping to build a Church. To extend the services of his Church in the community is to widen his horizons of Christian living and fellowship. Until he has made an investment in the building of a Church, he is more or less accepting the far-sighted charity of others every time he or his children use a Church.

Remember that the greatest effort of sacrificial pledging is upon the donor himself. The spiritual value of sacrifice has been known to man since before Christianity. There would be no Christians today if it were not for great sacrifices of our early Christian leaders. You and your family are requested to begin now giving serious prayerful consideration to the amount you will endeavour to contribute to your Church.

## *Your Pledge can be of Two Kinds*

### **A TOKEN GIFT**

which is so small  
that it has only

### **A NEGATIVE IMPACT**

upon the giver . . .

← *One*

*Two* →

### **A SACRIFICIAL PLEDGE**

is one which is large enough to have

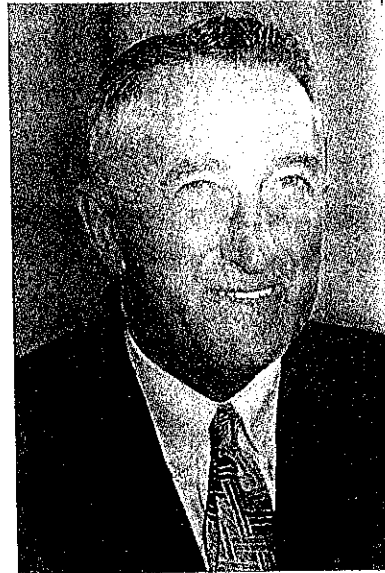
### **A POSITIVE SPIRITUAL IMPACT**

upon the giver

and cannot be paid at one time . . .

# *The Volunteer Canvasser*

Very soon a laymen of your Church will be calling to talk with you about things vital to our Parish and its rightful development. Our plans are for a project of a size and importance that will demand our best efforts collectively and individually.



Mr. A. ARNOLD,  
ARRANGEMENTS CHAIRMAN

Such a project means sacrifice of time and money. It means consecration and prayer for guidance. It means each of us must look into his inner self and decide how much he can do for the cause.

The volunteer canvasser who will call on you at your home will be one of many. He will have sacrificed much time and will have pledged himself to give to his Church an amount which he, after searching his own conscience, considers is a sacrifice. He believes in the worthwhileness of his Church and its work, and is proving this by calling on you and others.

His is not an easy task. Please help him and your Church by extending your welcome when he comes, and by listening thoroughly to what he has to say.



Mr. J. WYLLIE,  
CANVASS TREASURER



Mr. K. KIRKPATRICK



Mr. A. COUGHLAN,  
PUBLICATIONS CHAIRMAN



OUR HOSTESS COMMITTEE

## *The Ladies... their part in our plan*

For a long time we have left our womenfolk much of the Church's work.

And how wonderful have been their efforts! They have been the mainstay and we have come to depend on them.

Their work and influence in this Canvass will be tremendously important in bringing all our families together.

But as the Canvass proceeds their influence will be greater still, for they have felt very closely the effect the life of the Church has had on the training of their children.

In no small way they will be the deciding factor in many homes as to what the Church is worth to them.

A Pledge should be

one {  
determined after prayer for God's guidance.  
that brings an inner conviction of satisfaction.  
about which I need not feel ashamed before God or man.



A COMMITTEE AT WORK

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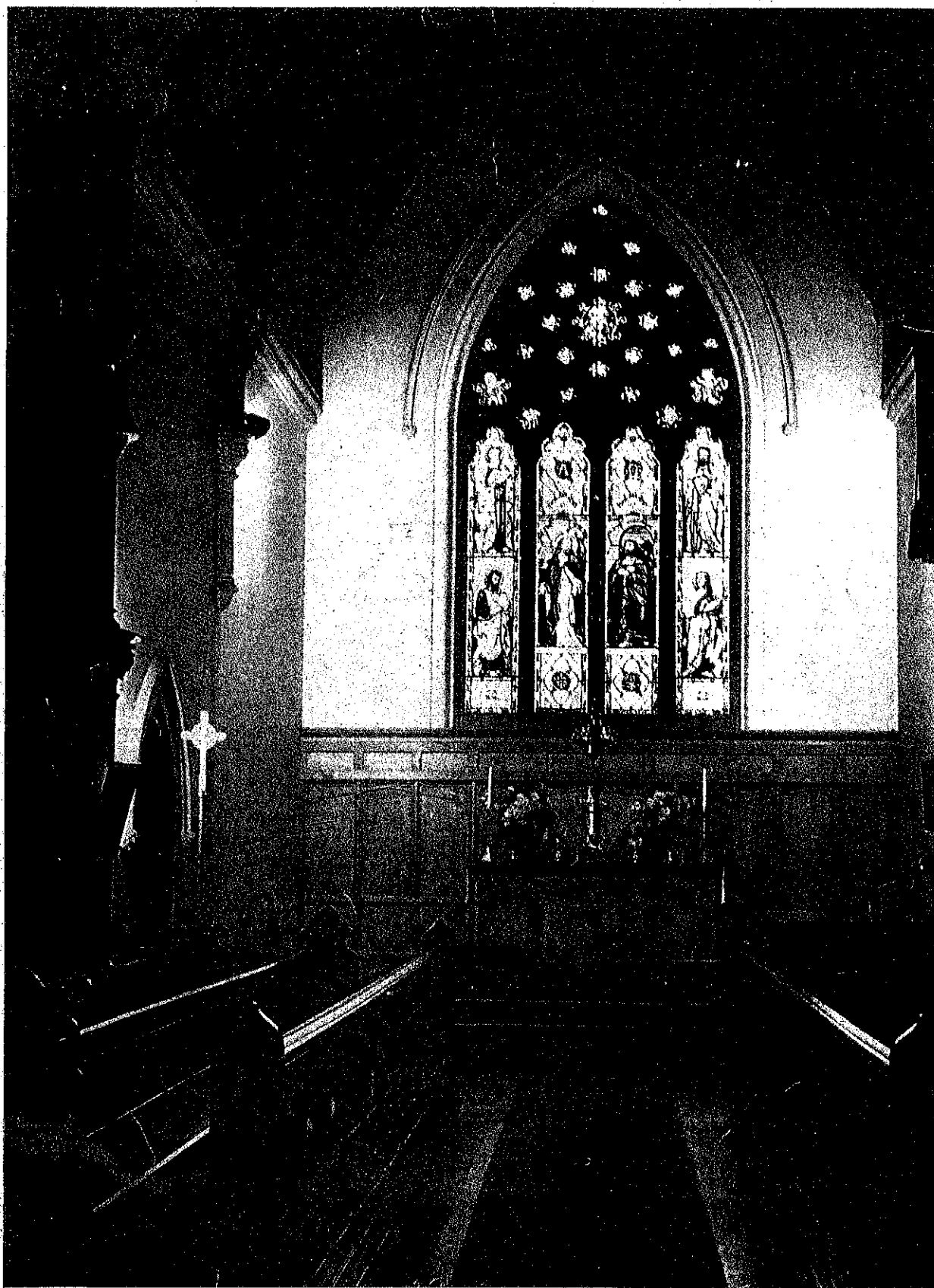
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“Where your treasure is -- there will your heart be also”



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