

ST MARK'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH

All Welcome...

Sunday Service 7.15 am

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Dedication of St. Mark's Church, Sellheim.

At Sellheim last night there was a very large attendance to witness the dedication and blessing of St. Mark's Church which has been erected by the Anglican community of that locality who have been much in need lately, of having their religious wants more adequately attended to. The ceremony was performed by Archdeacon Garland as Administrator of the Diocese. He was assisted by the Rev. S. Asquith, (Queenton), G. J. Brown, (Chaplain). A. V. Williams (Herberton), and T. H. Wilson (Charters Towers). St. Paul's choir was present in large numbers and the service began with the singing in procession of "Onward Christian Soldiers." The ancient customary prayers were said, amongst which were prayers for those who would worship in the Church, be baptised, confirmed, married or pray within its walls. The Archdeacon then pronounced the sentence of dedication, after which the Rev. G. E. Brown read the Bishop's license authorising the use of the building. The "Magnificat" was sung as an act of thanksgiving. A lesson was read, followed by a "Nunc Dimitis." Another ceremony then took place—the admission of Mr. William Asson to the office of reader. In reply to questions put to him by the Archdeacon he testified as to his faith and made his promises of obedience and faithfulness in his office after which the appropriate

in his office after which the appropriate reader's license was handed to him. This document was subsequently read by the Rev. G. E. Brown. The hymn "We love the place of God," was then sung, after which the Archdeacon gave an address, basing his remarks upon the instinct of man to erect altars in acknowledgment of his belief in good, and of his subjection to the Supreme Being—an instinct which was illustrated by the practice of the Patriarchs and approved by God as shown by his command to them to build altars. A church was erected not merely for the convenience of gathering together for any purpose however good in itself, but for the honor and glory of God, and was a testimony of the belief in the Unseen of those who erected it. It was, as the Saviour Himself said, "the house of prayer." Not a place solely for hearing sermons; but for exercising the instinct of worship and offering both in mind, in word, in posture, all the powers that man was possessed of in body, soul, and spirit. He congratulated those who had brought this work to such a successful issue. The collection amounted to over £6.

St. Mark's Church stands on a good allotment in Wyndham-street and forms a distinct addition to the appearance of the township. It is 20 feet wide by 32 feet long and has a handsome altar made of silky oak which is the most conspicuous object within the building. A handsome prayer desk and a lectern in similar design stand in their respective places all standing on a platform and enclosed by dwarf rails. The windows desire

by dwarf rails. The windows desire special mention being so erected that the admission of air can be thoroughly regulated. They are glazed in amber and green tints presenting an artistic appearance. The building has been opened practically free of debt at a cost of close upon £200. The plans were on design by the diocesan authorities and the building was constructed by daily labor under the local supervision of the committee. Great care has been taken to guard against cyclonic disturbances. The building has already been tested, having in its incomplete state felt the full force of the recent storm which destroyed Queenton Church and did much damage at Sellheim.

The dedication services will be continued on Sunday, when the officiant and preacher will be the Rev G. E. Brown, Mission Chaplain.

St Mark's Church Sellheim

TROVE - Home Newspapers & Gazettes Browse. The Evening Telegraph (Charters Towers, Qld. : 1901 - 1921) Fri 27 Nov 1903 - Page 3 - Dedication of St. Mark's Church, Sellheim.
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After tea the Registrar announced that the cost of removing, re-erecting, painting and lighting the Church and forming the approaches was about £140. The collection was £68. He thanked the Wardens of Charters Towers for agreeing that the Church should be given to Belgian Gardens.

The Bishop made some reflections on the history of the last 18 years. He thanked the congregation for giving so generously to the collection; the people who had worked to get the Church ready; Mr. Neelsen and Mr. Roy Newsome for the painting, Mr. Craghill for polishing the Altar, Messrs. Harold and Jim McIntyre and Mr. Whittaker and a number of young people for labour of many kinds and Mrs. Sayle and Mrs. Neelssen for the cleaning of the interior; also the following friends for gifts: Mr. David Green and his family for a silver box for wafers, The Schools' League for cruets, Mr. Tunbridge for making the canopy over the Altar, Mr. William Heatley, the Mayor, for the hangings, which were made up by Mrs. Cox, Mr. Turton for the amber glass for the windows, Canon Cue for mats, hassocks and a lot of hard work, the Rev. Rex Stephen and Sister Alice for care of all details, the Rev. T. C. Kernke for a clam shell for the font, and the ladies for providing tea. Canon Cue announced that the Sunday Services in St. Mark's would now be held regularly: Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and Evensong at 7.30 p.m.. He exhorted the people to make a worthy response.

The proceedings closed at 5.30 p.m.

From Year Book 1929 to 1931

Bishop's Charge to Synod, "New Churches": page 14 July 1931.

The Church of St Mark's by the permission of the Rector and Wardens of Charters Towers has just been removed from Sellheim, from whence the population had disappeared, and been re-erected in the grounds of Bishop's Lodge. It will serve the needs of the people of Belgian Gardens whose numbers are rapidly increasing and will also be used as our Chapel when there are large parties at the Lodge. I have been hoping for eighteen years to build a Chapel. This one will cost about £130. I have guaranteed the amount. The old Chapel will not hold more than 12 people and the new one has long been greatly needed. It is possible that friends, in various parts, may like to help to pay for it. I expect to have a dedication in August.

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ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

Belgian Gardens, Townsville.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

A large congregation assembled for the dedication of St. Mark's Church, Belgian Gardens, at 4 p.m., on Sunday. The principal citizens of Townsville were present. Some found places within the building, but a larger number had seats round the west end under trees.

The combined choirs of St. James', St. John's and St. Stephen's came in procession from the Lodge. The Bishop was accompanied by the Registrar, the Rev. Canon J. A. Cue, the Revs. J. I. S. Butterworth, F. J. Alsop and R. G. Stephen. The petition to the Bishop to dedicate was read by the Registrar, and the procession entered to the singing of the Old Hundredth.

The Bishop addressed the people from the porch.

Bishop's Address.

"Till we all attain unto the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a full grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Ephesians, iv. 13.

We are about to re-dedicate this church to the glory of God and in honour of the Evangelist, St. Mark. It stood for many years under that dedication at Selheim, and was, there, at one time a great centre of faith and worship. The memory of its usefulness is cherished by some of the older people of Charters Towers; but since the population of Selheim had now nearly disappeared, we have moved the church and re-erected it here on a site where it will serve a two-fold purpose. It becomes the church of the people of Belgian Gardens. They need one, since the population is now large and increasing, and the Cathedral is nearly two miles distant. It also becomes the Chapel of Bishop's Lodge for those occasions when the small one in the garden is insufficient.

The dedication in honour of St. Mark is one that I value for two reasons:—

1. It was on St. Mark's Day, April 25, in 1915, that the New Zealand and Australian troops made their memorable landing at Gallipoli under the fire of the Turkish guns, a feat of arms unequalled in military history.

For all Australians proud and loving memories will always gather round Anzac Day. Its sacred observance at the altars of our churches continues undiminished. On that day the Christian com-

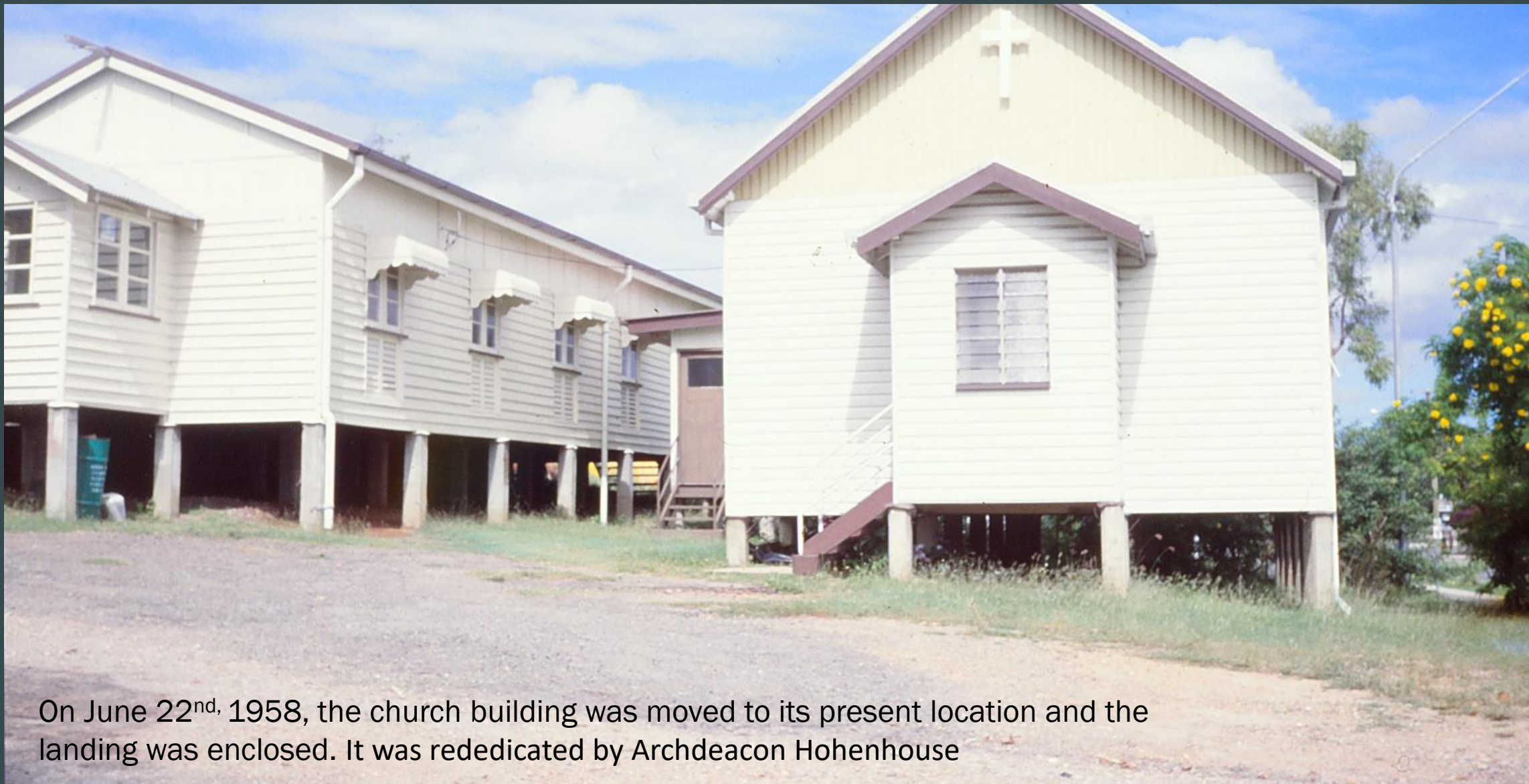
memoration of the departed affords consolation for those who bear in mind and in the affections of their hearts, fathers, sons and brothers, who died in the cause of liberty. On that day patriotism and a sense of gratitude to God for His protection move many, who are perhaps little accustomed to religious observance at other times, to join in the prayers and worship of the church. On that day Christians of every obedience give thanks to God for the lives and examples of many brave men, and pray that their sacrifice may produce its due fruits of courage, chivalry and unselfishness in the life of the nation.

For those reasons St. Mark's Day has acquired a very vital relation to the deepest things in Australian life, and it has been proposed, very fitly, that St. Mark should be chosen as the Patron Saint of our country as a whole. Sts. George, Patrick, Andrew and David have their special relations to sub-national groups within the Australian nation, and they will continue to be duly honoured, but St. Mark's Day with the letters A.N.Z.A.C. attached to it, might very appropriately and probably will, become the occasion of pan-Australian patriotic and religious observance, on which all the people of this land will seek the benediction of God upon their nationhood. With the course of years personal bereavements will pass into memories and the character of the day will change, but its religious observance will, we believe, be maintained and round it will be gathered the grateful recollections, and in it will be focussed the earnest hopes and aspirations of the people of Australia.

I speak of these recollections and these hopes at a time when the world is wondering whether Australia has forgotten the one and is abandoning the other. We cannot treasure those recollections or pursue those hopes without faith in God, whose hand guides the nations. He has given us the lives and examples of brave men and women to stir our souls, and by His spirit He prompts each one of us to believe that we can use our lives for something worth while. We can, by God's grace, rise from

Instigated by Bill Smith Snr,
St Mark's Church was brought down
from Sellheim in 1931.

It was placed halfway up Castle Hill.
and was used as the chapel for
Bishop's Lodge



On June 22nd, 1958, the church building was moved to its present location and the landing was enclosed. It was rededicated by Archdeacon Hohenhouse



Church Wardens: Specification Job No. 6275 Alterations and Additions to St Marks Church Hall, Bundock Street, Belgian Gardens for the Corporation of the Diocesan Synod of North Queensland, Black and Paulsen, Lund, Hutton and Newell Architects, Townsville May 1961,

Vivienne

married

Brian
Feltham

June 28th
1969



Mothers' Union Banner

The Mothers' Union Banner was donated by the Smith Family in memory of their mother, Rebecca Smith, a Mothers' Union President of St Mark's. It was made by Audley Poole and Heather Newitt.

The badges on the banner are all past MU Members





L-R: Laura Brudell, ???, ??, Dorothy Smith, Ethel Whebell, (back) Dorothy Murray (front)

The Church Bell (possibly from Sellheim)



A ramp for disabled access was added in



The pews probably
came from Sellheim

Altar Frontal

Made by MU Members
c1970s



Altar Rails

The altar rails were made by Fred Smith for the family in 1970 in memory of their father, Bill Smith Snr.



Cross & Vases

The cross and vases on the altar were originally brass but have now been chromed.



Altar Cloths

The original altar cloths were made by Mrs Mills and Doris Burdell.

The lace is still in use today.

The present altar cloth was made by Jan Millican with edging made by Helen Millican.



Lectern

Probably from Sellheim





The Font

The font was originally from Sellheim

The Baptismal Cross and Candle holders were donated by the Walduck family in memory of their aunt May Gibson, a MU member.



Hymn Board



Candle sticks

Two wooden candle sticks were purchased by Bill Smith Snr for his two Boys Bill and Fred, at a cost of £5 each.





Originally, the triptych was above the altar which was against the wall.

When the church was relocated, there was a picture on each side of the altar with a blue-green curtain behind the altar.



Painting of St Mark's in original location

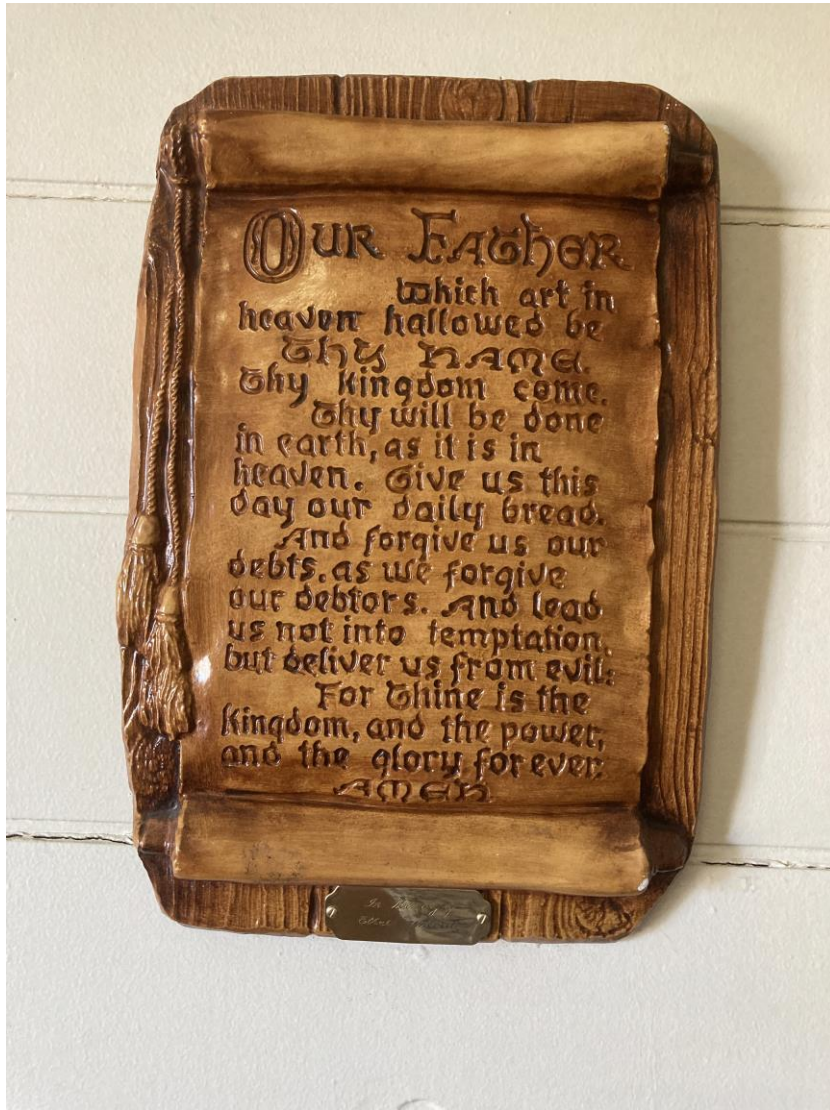
Presented to the
congregation by Bishop
John Lewis



Made by JOHN KINCH



"I THIRST". Jesus thirsts for the souls of men, but interpreting this as a physical thirst, "They filled a sponge of sour wine, put it on a hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up the spirit." The curious crowds have thinned and just a sprinkling remain. The soldiers - the hermit crabs (soldier crabs) - maintain their watch. St John, the beloved Apostle and The Blessed Virgin Mary have continued with Him till the very end; the skeletal remains of the crabs, the cancer of sin, is all that is left, sin is destroyed.



The plaque was donated by
MU members in memory of
Ethel Whebell (MU member)



Wardens' Staff

Trevor Davies,
Ed Spriggins (20 -2019)
Ross Garling (2020-)



Candle Snuffer

Made by Bill Smith Snr and Bill Stanley
from the PMG Department



The marble Cross with initials *W.B.*
perhaps came from Sellheim







Lt. Hd. Side
Priest's wafers, Peoples' wafers

Rt. Hd. Side
Chalice, & Paten (Tissue between)
Ciborium

Preparing the Chalice

To prepare the chalice

- (1) Place a folded
- (2) Put the paten
- (3) Put a large be
- (4) Cover with a
- (5) Cover with a
- (6) Place a corpe

Steps (1) to (4) above

To prepare additions

- (1) Place a fold
- (2) Place a pat

The prepared chalice



May have come from
Sellheim

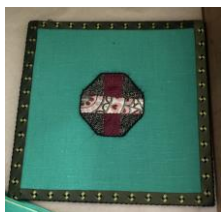
Vestment Cupboard

This was an old plan cupboard that Archdeacon Hohenhouse was given by an architect



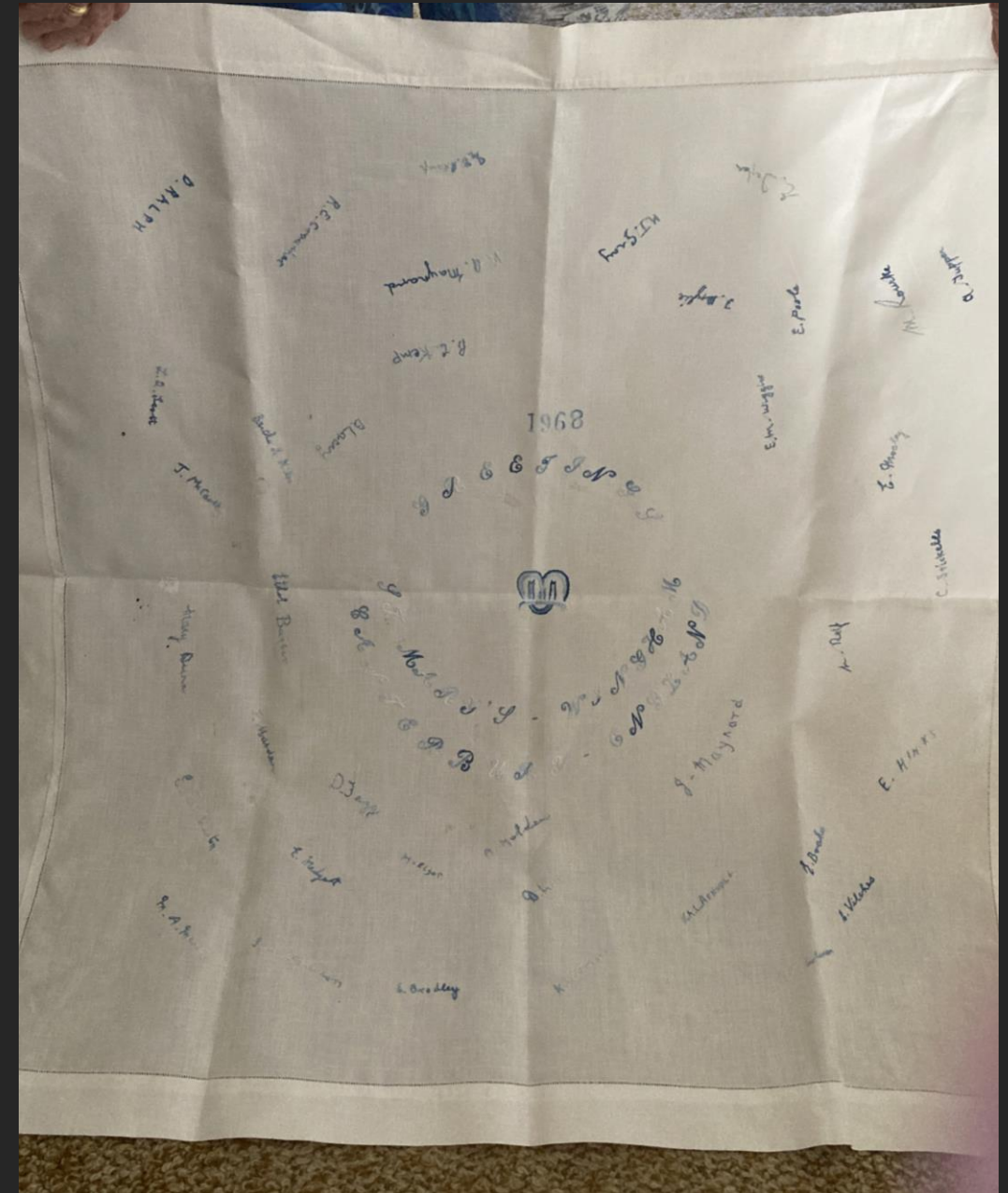


Vestments
made and
donated by
MU Members



Linen Cloth

Made by MU members from the MU
Link branch -Wingham, Canterbury,
England



The two vases (with rose) at the back of the church came from
Laura Burdell who was over 100 years old when she died