

**Kenilworth Community  
Presbyterian Church  
CENTENARY**



**Kenilworth Community Presbyterian Church, 2003**



*'Nectamen consumbatur'*

### **Acknowledgments**

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- Ian and Hettie Glass

## KCPC and its History

Over the course of its first century our congregation has witnessed many changes in South African society and even in the area of personal religious beliefs. A hundred years ago, many of our members had grown up in the strict atmosphere of Scottish Presbyterianism, where moral teachings were the main preoccupation of the Church. These early members would be surprised if they could return to us and experience the charismatic style of worship enjoyed by the 'me' generation, with its emphasis on personal relationships with God. Also, the demography of Cape Town has changed, with the suburbs spreading ever more widely. Most people no longer expect to live their whole lives in one place and indeed many move frequently, often to other cities or even to other countries.

## Wynberg beginnings

The first Presbyterian church to be built in Cape Town is St Andrew's, on Somerset Road, which dates from 1829. As the city grew, further congregations developed in Woodstock and Clifton Hill (District Six). A Presbytery was formed in 1893 and Revd J.M. Russell, of whom we shall hear more later, was its first Moderator. Soon Gardens and Stellenbosch were added. The beginning of our congregation was in 1899, when Revd J.M. Russell and Revd David Russell of St Andrew's took services in the Masonic Hall, Piers Rd, Wynberg. There were twenty-two communicants at the first communion service. The Presbytery appointed Revd R.B. Douglas, a refugee from the war in the Transvaal, to take charge, but soon afterwards he had to leave for Scotland and Revd C.E. Greenfield was appointed temporarily in his place. By March 1900, what had started as a preaching station was recognized as a settled congregation and its Session was formed in May that year.

In July 1900 the present site was acquired for a new church building and the Colonial Mission Committee of the Free Church of Scotland had found a minister, Revd William Fairbairn of Abercorn, and had even agreed to grant £100 towards his salary. He was duly inducted on 12 December 1900 at the Masonic Hall, the officiating ministers being the two Revds Russell and Revd W. McIntosh.

Mr John Parker was appointed architect. He had previously designed the Presbyterian churches in Stellenbosch and Mowbray, as well as at least one synagogue. On 17th May 1902 the foundation stone was laid by the Attorney General of the Cape Colony, Mr T.L. Graham. In November 1902, a fund-raising Grand Bazaar was held in the Town Hall, Wynberg, and



*Our Church as it stands today.*

opened by the wife of the Governor of the Cape, Lady Hely-Hutchinson. The building was completed at a cost of £3000 and formally opened on Wednesday, 11 March 1903.

WYNBERG The new church, a handsome building on an excellent site, was opened by the Rev. Dr. Ross on Wednesday, 11th March, and by the Rev. E. Nuttall (Wesleyan) and the Rev. G. Willoughby (Congregational) on the following Sunday. The Rev. W. McIntosh, of Clifton Hill in District Six, conducted a children's service in the afternoon. At the various services the church was crowded and many prominent citizens of Wynberg were present. The collection in aid of the Building Fund amounted to over £70 [The Presbyterian Churchman].

Unfortunately, in October of that year, Revd Fairbairn resigned and returned to Scotland.

## **An Irish pastor: Revd Francis Watters (1904-1919)**

Revd J.M.Russell again appeared on the scene, this time to act as Moderator of the Session while a search was made for a replacement minister. The congregation was lucky enough to find Revd F.O.M. Watters of Sligo, in Ireland, to become its next pastor. Following his induction in January 1904 he turned out to be a great success, unsparing of himself in his service not only to his flock but to the whole district. Within a few months the size of the congregation had doubled.

Revd Watters was to remain minister for fifteen years, finally accepting a call to Darling. During his pastorate the debt incurred in the building of the church was paid off and, in 1913, a new fund was started for the erection of a church hall. In January 1918, the foundation stone was laid by Mr G.S. Withinshaw. It was named the Watters Memorial Hall after Revd Watters' son, who had been killed in the World War. On 2 August 1919 it was opened free of debt by W.D. Baxter. Revd Watters' ministry is commemorated by a stained-glass window.

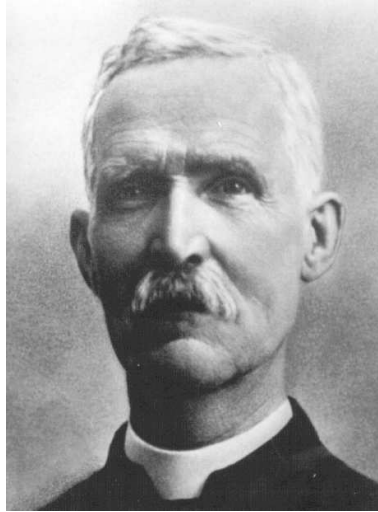
The terrible world-wide epidemic of influenza of 1919 caused the church to be closed for a time, during which services were held at the (rented) manse in Bissett Rd.

## **The long-serving Revd Robert Ashenhurst (1920-1939)**

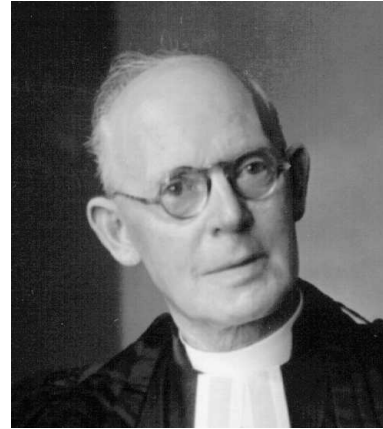
Following Revd Watter's resignation to accept the call to Darling, Rev Robert Ashenhurst was appointed. He was to serve the longest of all our ministers.

In 1925 a special semi-jubilee was celebrated at which Revd J.M. Russell, who had preached at the opening service twenty-five years previously, preached once again. The oak doors on either side of the pulpit commemorate the association of Revd Russell and his son Sir Fraser with the church. Lady Russell was General President of the Women's Association from 1927 to 1930. The association of this family with the church continues to the present time, since Dr Isobel Robertson is Revd J.M.'s grand-daughter.

In 1932 a manse was built in Robinson Road. As a sign of changing times, a rally for young people was started, in which prominent people gave addresses on religious subjects and debates were held. Rev Ashenhurst was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa in 1938. During his pastorate the number of members increased from



*Revd Francis Watters*



*Revd Robert Ashenhurst*

136 to 292. He resigned in December 1939 and Revd W.J. Dower became Interim Moderator. Revd Ashenhurst died in 1956 at the age of 89 years.

One of our oldest members, Mrs Rhoda Weir, whose husband was a very active elder, remembers Revd Ashenhurst, a great friend of their family, as a lovely man.

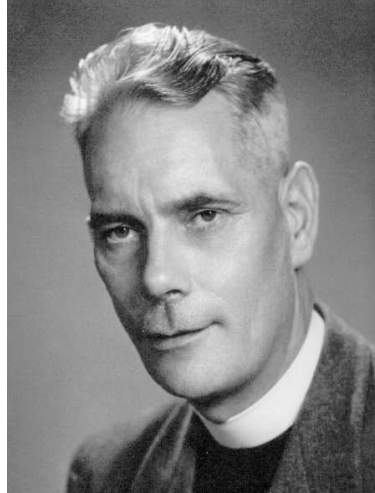
### **Wartime minister - Revd Alaisdair Paterson (1940-1950)**

Revd Paterson was inducted in October 1940 but joined the South African Forces as a chaplain in March 1942. While he was away, his predecessor, Revd Ashenhurst often stood in for him. The manse on Robinson Road was sold in 1944. Revd Paterson returned to the congregation in April 1946.

In 1946, a war memorial committee was set up and it was decided that the memorial should take the form of a new organ. Nine members of the congregation had perished during the 1914-1918 war and six more in the 1939-1945 one. The organ was dedicated during a special service on 9 September, 1949, in which the combined choirs of Mowbray and Wynberg performed Mendelssohn's 'O come let us sing'. In April 1950 Rev Paterson resigned and Revd P.B. Hawkrige (Gardens) was appointed Interim Moderator. He was greatly assisted in the taking of services and in pastoral work by Revd Dower, who had been Interim Moderator ten years before.



*Revd Alaisdair Paterson*



*Revd Hector Macdonald*

## **The Half century - Revd Hector Macdonald (1950-1961)**

On 20 December 1950 Revd Hector Macdonald of Oudtshoorn was inducted. Extension work, i.e., the founding of a new congregation, was started in Fish Hoek. In 1952 there were 345 members on the roll, but only about a third of these attended communion. There was a youth club and a badminton club. The men attended a smoking concert on a weekday evening. During the 2nd World War Revd Macdonald had been a chaplain to the Cameron Highlanders and had been taken prisoner at Tobruk. Instead of seeking repatriation or remaining in an officers' prison camp he agreed to be chaplain in an 'other ranks' camp.

On 11 March 1953 there was a special 50th anniversary service, shared between Revd Macdonald and Revd Ashenhurst.

At the Annual General Meeting in 1961 there was a curious sign of the times:

Mr Macdonald said the church was lagging behind the times and were not meeting the challenge of their day and generation. They have been told they had to be modern; if they had to get modern tunes every Church would have their orchestra. It seemed this was a new craze to appeal to young people. Well, that would be a sad day for Wynberg Presbyterian Church. His intention was to maintain their Presbyterian system of worship

Sunday by Sunday. He would rather have Dr Schweitzer at his organ than Mantovani and his orchestra leading the worship!

Sad to say, Revd Macdonald collapsed in April 1961, as he opened the evening service with a prayer. He died a few minutes later in the vestry. One of the elders ended the service and pronounced the Benediction. Revd MacDonald was just under 53 years old.

Following this tragic occurrence, Revd G Scott Shaw served as Interim Moderator while a new minister was sought.

## **Rhodes Scholar - Revd James Rodger (1961-1970)**

Revd Jim Rodger arrived in Wynberg in September 1961 with his wife Doris and four sons. He had been a Rhodes Scholar and had studied for his B.A. and Ph.D. at Edinburgh University. He was described as erudite and reserved, and it seems that on hot summer Sundays there were some who nodded off during his sermons. He became Moderator of the General Assembly in 1962. During his tenure, also in 1962, the Plumstead Outreach started and a property was purchased there, as a new manse and as a site for a new church. The old manse was sold and Revd Rodger moved into the house on the new site, which was renovated and transformed into the new manse by an enthusiastic housing committee. Doris Rodger was the daughter of missionaries in Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) and was as outgoing as her husband was shy.

One of the senior elders, R.M. Templeton, became Moderator of the Cape Town Presbytery in 1963, an unusual honour for one who was not ordained.

In 1960 the Revd Hector Macdonald had laid the foundation stone of the Fish Hoek daughter church, St Kieran's. Revd Glen Craig became its first minister in 1965. The building was dedicated on 2 November 1968.

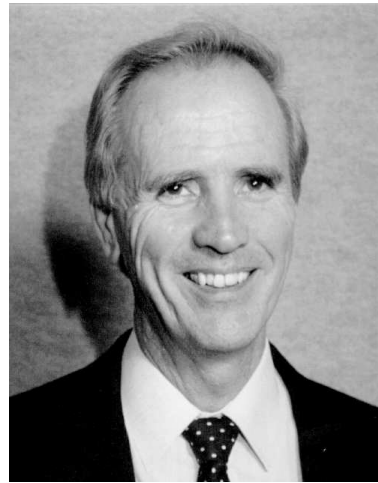
On 28 August 1971 the new church-cum-hall in Plumstead was opened. Promptly at 3 p.m., the Moderator, Revd Douglas Muller of Mowbray, knocked three times on the door of the crowded hall and said "Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them and praise the Lord". Revd Glen Craig preached the sermon, speaking of Wynberg as the mother church and Fish Hoek as her grown-up daughter.

Revd Rodger soon afterwards accepted a call to George. He moved to Grahamstown in 1974 and died in 1984. His son Alastair is the present General Secretary of the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa.





*Revd James Rodger*



*Revd Angus Bayne*

## **An era of change - Revd Angus Bayne (1976-1989)**

Following Revd Rodgers departure, Revd Pieter Bosman was appointed Interim Moderator. On the recommendation of Revd Eric Waugh of Mowbray, Revd Angus Bayne of Lanark, Scotland, was approached and ultimately called. He took office in November, 1975. He was accompanied by his wife Dorothy and children Susan and Mark.

His pastoral load was quite heavy as he had to take morning services in both Wynberg and Plumstead and evening services in Wynberg.

Angus was a gifted teacher who had had experience of the renewal movement while in Scotland. He soon moved towards a less traditional form of service, with the introduction of modern songs alongside the traditional hymns and Psalter. He started a weekly praise and Bible study group. This grew and developed into a number of House Groups. From these, three ministers emerged, David Templeton, Jonathan Blom and Piet Smit.

Numerous extra activities commenced such as family weekends away and retreats for the elders and church leaders.

In 1980 not one but two members of the congregation celebrated 100th birthdays. They were Mrs E.A. Abbott and Mrs M. Vlok. In 1981 the nominal membership stood at 480. An outreach to the Constantia Primary School was started by Joan Hendry, providing the children there with Pro-nutro and milk. This was to continue for 11 years.

In 1984 the Plumstead congregation got their own minister, Revd Ian

Hawkridge, and Angus's load became somewhat lighter.

An outreach with the Blomvlei Baptist Church led to the Barnabas Centre. Graham Ramsay, an architect, designed three geodesic domes in which schoolchildren could do their homework and which could be used for other church activities. The project was carried out by Graham and his helpers - Bob Stewart, Peter Davies, Trevor Gracie and Aad Meerburg as well as members of the Blomvlei Church.

During Angus's time as minister, Alex Harrower of Edinburgh joined the congregation and became an elder. He was appointed as a pastoral assistant in 1986. After leaving Wynberg he was ordained in 1994. He was to become the first minister at Table View United Church.

The older and more formal appearance of the interior of the church was altered by the removal of the wooden railings in front of the communion table and of the pulpit, in favour of a more open layout. The pews were re-positioned to face centrally and blue carpeting was laid (October 1985).

The area around the church was paved in 1988, following a donation in memory of John Garlick.

In 1989 Angus left South Africa and went to Canada, where he was inducted to a charge in the United Church of Canada. He left the Church two years later to become a school teacher in Toronto. He has since returned to Scotland and is happily again in the service of the Church. The Interim Moderator was David van Duyker, who grew up in our church and was ordained here. He was fortunate to have the assistance of Alex Harrower.

## **Revd Roger Tucker (1990-2002)**

Revd Roger Tucker was called from Port Elizabeth and arrived with his wife Anne and children Ruth, Mary and David in January 1990.

Our pastoral assistant, Alex Harrower, left in February 1993 to become the first minister of the newly-formed Table View congregation, and a farewell party was held for him and his family.

In 1996, the Church changed from having weekly home fellowships to being a cell church. The importance of cell groups is that each member can be an evangelist and bring their friends into the group first. This way, non-Christians could join a group and discuss various issues in a non-threatening way. Everyone attends the Sunday worship where the vision of the Church comes from the senior pastor's teaching. The concept was from Ralph Neighbour and the leadership went on weekend retreats and had Saturday morning training sessions.

In the same year, the Church adopted the motto (1 John 1:3) 'Christ in Community' and the following mission statement:



*Revd Roger Tucker*

That we increasingly become a congregation used by God, through intimacy with Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, encouraging each other to reach all unbelievers for Christ, particularly in today's generation in a multicultural society, emphasizing within our body reality in relationships, worship, wholeness, power evangelism and outreach to the poor.

In 1998, the name of the church was changed from Wynberg Presbyterian Church to Kenilworth Community Presbyterian Church, partly to reflect that its actual location is in Kenilworth and not in Wynberg. The members of the congregation were asked to vote on this. Also in this year, Roger's nephew Tim was appointed as Youth Pastor and succeeded in bringing some fresh life into the congregation. An outreach to the prostitutes who frequent Main Road was started in the same year by Helen Smith and lasted for four years. Others who participated were Jean Knighton-Fitt, Gillian Palm and Hettie Glass. Members of other churches in the area participated during the later stages.

Some other innovations of this time were the introduction of Sunday morning Bible classes for young adults, orientation courses for prospective new members, the 'Called to Serve' course, the Alpha Course, Church family camps, half-nights of prayer, singles evenings, barn dances, 'Prayer Walking' to discover and become known in the neighbourhood and 'Mens' Breakfasts'.

During this time, various missionaries were supported. These were Sheila Cuthbertson at 'Youth with a Mission' (YWAM) in Amsterdam and Brussels, Alan and Jennifer de Cerff at UCT and Arina Serdyn, who is

working to evangelize Muslims in the Cape Town area.

Ann Tucker was responsible for the smooth running of the church as administrator and was also a cell group leader.

Roger announced his resignation in January 2002 and his tenure ended in August. Revd Bill Webster of Mowbray was appointed as Assessor and later as Interim Moderator. The congregation of 61 united under the leadership of Heather Carter, newly-appointed Session Clerk, to carry the church forward during the time of vacancy.

## **The second century - Revd Mike Muller**

On 9 February 2003 we welcomed Revd Michael Ashley Muller as our new minister, with his wife Louise and children Jethro and Jessica. He has most recently been a Minister without charge in the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa in Centurion and holds a B.Th. degree from UNISA. He was officially inducted as minister on 20 February. The Moderator of the Cape Town Presbytery, who presided, was appropriately David van Duyker, and Revd Bill Webster gave the charges to the Minister and congregation.



*Revd Mike Muller, his wife Louise and children Jethro and Jessica*

## The many activities around the church

There are and have been many activities besides worship at our church. Many members past and present have given of their time and effort to make these successful and it would be almost impossible to mention all their names. Several families have served us over more than one generation. One can think of the members of the Session, the Management Committee, the Property Committee, the Sunday School, the Young Adults' Fellowship, the Women's Association, the providers of flowers for beautifying the church every Sunday and the members of temporary committees formed for various special needs. Some have served in offices such as the Session Clerks, the Treasurers, those in charge of the offerings and Fellowships as well as Pastoral Assistants. Several present-day ministers have come from our congregation. They are: Jonathan Blom, David Christie, Alex Harrower, Piet Smit, Brian Thom, David Templeton and David van Duyker.

## The Sunday School

A Sunday school was started in 1899 under the supervision of Mr T. Black and has continued to operate ever since.

Supervisors:

Ron Granier 1968-1970

Ralph Rex 1970

Graham Ramsay 1972-1985

Other recent teachers:

Mrs Dorothy Bayne Apr 1980 - Jan 1983

Lynette van Rooyen February 1983 - June 1990

Linda Harrower January 1988 - March 1993

Fiona Hittler April 1993 - Mar 1994

Lee Hopley and Heather Lee-Graham April 1995 - April 1996

Liz Aspeling April 1996 - 2000

(Under Liz's leadership, the emphasis was on running a children's cell, which attracted many children from the neighbourhood. She was assisted by Lecia Bartmann and Karin Steven).

Fleurette Moreng (2001).

Jean Knighton-Fitt, Alyson Price and Heather Carter have helped bridge the gap during 2002.

Helpers in the last few years included Jeff Arendse, Mari Bartmann, Estelle Blake, Ruth Carter, Trevor Duguid, Ingrid Glass, Alison Howey, Fiona Smith, Pierre Steyn, Ignatius Ticha, Mary and Ruth Tucker.

## **Youth Group/Young Adults**

Some of the recent leaders were Steve and Noleen Curry, Trevor Duguid, Sean Kluyts, Steve Negus and Gail and Shane Smitsdorp.

During his time as Youth Pastor, Tim Tucker led the youth group and a young adults' group. The main direct youth outreach in the Kenilworth area during 1999 was through the visits of the 'Ambassadors in Sport' mission. This was a great success and showed the potential for sports-based evangelism.

For a time, Tim led a successful cell group, which expanded sufficiently that a second one was formed under Doranne McDonald. After Tim left, Torsten and Marcelle Klotzsche were the leaders

## **Music for the changing times**

Very early on Mr H. Short is mentioned as being the leader of the Praise group.

The organist from 1940 to 1978 was Bruce Winton, although he was away on active service for most of the wartime period. He lived in Sea Point and made the trip across the Peninsula twice each Sunday and on Wednesdays, the practice days, also. He is remembered as a dynamic and active musician. He led a church choir and cantatas were performed at Christmas and Easter each year.

The present organ is a memorial to those killed in the two World Wars and was officially inaugurated on 9 September 1950. It was made by Rushworth and Dreaper of Liverpool and installed by Cooper, Gill and Tomkins under the supervision of Mr Winton. The wooden memorial panels which originally stood just below it are now at the back of the church.

Kotie (JN) van Soelen took over in May 1978 but left to become a lecturer in Windhoek for a few years (1980-83). He re-joined us in 1984 and stayed until January 1989. Kotie was then a lecturer in the Music Department at UCT. He added some fine musical experiences to our services. He left in the end for St Paul's, Rondebosch.

Helen Richards was the organist from February 1989 to January 1990 and was followed (on the piano) for a short time by Una Stewart.

In 1992 Isaac Croutz joined the congregation as organist and pianist. From this time there developed a new form of musical praise in the shape of Worship Groups, who played instrumental music to accompany the church songs. The piano has come to be used more than the organ and the talent of the younger members of the congregation on guitars, drums and other instruments is made use of. An audio system came into use. Leaders of Worship Groups were Naomi de Koning, Ingrid Glass, Matt Allison, Tim

Tucker, Pierre Steyn, Jeff Arendse and Mary Tucker. The coordinators were Naomi de Koning and Rosemary Vernon. Many people, old and young, have been participating in the worship groups.

### **The Bulletin**

A *Bulletin* was started in 1952 under the editorship of Mr George Ferguson, who continued with this task until 1968. Subsequent editors have been Miss I. Dick, Mr R.R. Stewart, Mr S. Fry and Mr R. Fry. From 1982 until 1995 Miss I.J. (Bobby) Fraser was editor.

Lovell Greybe, Lee Hopley and Janice Ramsey edited the *Communi-K*, which followed. This was followed in turn by the *Wynpress* and then by the *Cell Talk Times*, edited by Daniel Hopley.

### **Church Library**

Revd Bayne led a Bible study group on Wednesdays and members of this group began to donate books to the Church. Alex and Linda Harrower started the library from these beginnings. The sermons were taped by Liz and Ron Granier and formed part of the collection. Others who helped were Joan Campbell, Nancy Farquharson, Fiona Hittler, Daniel Hopley, and Marilyn Swart. Doreen Starke has been in charge in recent times.

### **Tuesday Fellowship**

The Tuesday Fellowship was started in the late 'seventies by Joan Campbell as a small group at home but, at Angus's request, it moved to the Church. Later leaders were Dorothy Bayne, Joan Hendry and Anne Tucker. At present it is led by Heather Lavelle.

### **Senior Bible Study**

The Senior Bible Study group was started for older members. It was under the leadership of Dr Isobel Robertson and later of Naomi de Koning.

### **The Session**

The first session was formed in May 1900. The first Clerk was Mr A.S. Spranger, who held office until September 1925. Mr Robert Templeton was appointed in June 1926 and remained until he died in 1947. He was succeeded by his son, Mr R.M. Templeton, who died in 1978.



*The Session towards the end of Angus Bayne's ministry. Back row (l-r) P. Davies, A. Harrower, C. Gracie, S. Venter, G. Ramsay, C. Bartmann, M. Hittler, R. Hendry. Front row (l-r) R. Stewart, T. Gracie, Revd A. Bayne, S. Marchant, D. Stewart, W. Nash, M. Moore.*

Subsequent clerks:

Charles Stoner June 1978 - December 1983

Cedric Stringer January 1984 - January 1987

Derek Stewart February 1987 - December 1988

Stuart Marchant January 1989 - April 1991

Terry Fermor May 1991 - February 1992

Mike Hittler June 1993 - February 1994

Heather Carter April 2002 -

Other members of the Session in recent times have been: Clive Bartmann, Robert Blythe, David Christie, Peter Davies, John Fuller, Colin Gracie, Trevor Gracie, Alex Harrower, Roger Hendry, Mike Hittler, Rod Hopley, Sean Kluyts, Stewart Marchant, Mike Moore, Bill Nash, Graham Ramsay, Mark Shaw, Derek Stewart, Robert Stewart, Schalk Venter, Johan van der Wal and Graeme Wares.

The present Session consists of only two members, Heather Carter (Clerk) and John Fuller (Presbytery Commissioner). Their enthusiasm has helped to keep the congregation together in the difficult period between ministers.



## Women's Association

The Women's Association has existed since the beginning of the congregation. The members helped with all kinds of social events and raised money through sales, fêtes and bazaars to help pay off the building debts of the church, hall and manse. In the 'thirties they had an annual Thanksgiving Social, with musical items, interesting speakers and, of course, a prominently placed basket into which contributions were to be put. During the 2nd World War, the Association prepared many knitted articles and helped with support activities for servicemen visiting Cape Town. The needier parts of the Cape Town population were also helped through various forms of outreach. There was also a 'Junior Branch', which helped at the church's Badminton Club.

The W.A. provided the teas and refreshments at the various occasions of the Church and brought flowers to the sick.

Older members recollect Eleanor Murray, who became General President of the Womens' Association countrywide (she was later Chief Commissioner of the Girl Guides) and Mrs Bailey, an elocutionist and a colourful character who added a lot of fun to the meetings. Joan Bampbell was General President during 1973-1975. Once a week they went to Nyanga where they worked with a group, cutting out garments and sewing. This had to stop during the unrest of 1976. There was a special 'Association Sunday' each year when the Association took over the running of the service and also an end-of-year entertainment.

Prominent names connected recently with the Womens' Association are Mona McDonald, Laura Potts, Dr Isobel Robertson, Dolly Templeton, Joan van Duyker and Rhoda Weir.

The presidents of the former evening branch were Maureen Stringer, Irene Stoner, Wendy Ensor, Isabel Miller, Shirley Filby and, lastly, Rina Davies.

## The Manses

The first manse was a rented house called 'Sedhor', which was later incorporated into the Fairfield Hotel. In 1921, Revd Ashenhurst lived at 'Headingly', Aliwal Road and in 1925 at 'Ormonde', Main Road, Wynberg. A new manse in Robinson Road was built in 1932, and was occupied by Revd Ashenhurst and Revd Paterson. It was sold after the latter left temporarily as a chaplain to the armed forces during the 2nd World War. It also became part of the Fairfield Hotel. In December 1950, a manse was purchased for Revd Hector McDonald, viz 'Rosewarne', Salisbury Road, Wynberg. It was sold when the property for the Plumstead extension was



*Dr Isobel Robertson, a long-time member of KCPC, who has played a big part in many of the Church's activities, standing next to the tapestries she presented.*

acquired. When Plumstead became able to support their own minister, a new manse was purchased for Revd Angus Bayne in Obelisk Road, Claremont. The current manse in Saxon Road, Rondebosch, was bought at the beginning of Revd Roger Tucker's ministry and the previous one was sold.

In 1979 Templeton House, next to the church, was acquired and named after Robert and Dorothy (Dolly) Templeton in recognition of their devoted service to the church. David Templeton, their son, is the minister in the Stirling Presbyterian Church of East London. Extensions were made to the house to make it more suitable as a church property.

## Housekeeping and Gardening

During the years 1975-1992, the caretaker was Jacob February and his wife Jessie was the cleaner. Regina Mguzulwa is now the cleaner.

Liz Granier, Heather Lee-Graham, Mona Macdonald, Wendy Napier, Gillian Palm, and Myrtle Pearson have supervised the housekeeping of the Church in recent times.

Elizabeth Lowe and Trish Blythe have looked after the gardens, with



*Robert and Dolly Templeton, after whom Templeton House is named.*

William Beale as gardener from 1995. Philemon Ilyhamije is now doing this work.

### **Church Business**

Church secretaries have been Margaret Ramsay, Sheila Cuthbertson and Cherith Davidson.

Recent treasurers have been Derek Stewart, David Walker, Frank Rendall. On the Finance Committee have been Sean Kluyts (1989 onwards), Jean Durell and Graham Price (current).

Anne Tucker held the appointment of 'Administrator'.

George Barbour has rendered invaluable service as Honorary Auditor.

### **In gratitude ...**

We would like here to give thanks for the dedication all those who have been involved in the life of the congregation. Each has used his or her gifts and talents in the way the Holy Spirit has led.

### **In recognition of faithfulness**

We would like to recognize the following older members for their enduring faithfulness: Charles and Edna Cooper, Ellie Garlick, Winifred Hall, Isobel Robertson, and Rhoda Weir.

## Memorials

There are a number of plaques and other mementos in the church of past members of the congregation:

- Hector Macdonald, minister 1950-1962.
- Martha Anne Pirie d. 1921 at age 75.
- Joan Marguerite Simpson née Beattie and David Michael Simpson who were drowned in 1948 near Hermanus.
- Sir Fraser Russell, elder 1942-1952; General Treasurer PCSA 1948-1952.
- Stained-glass window in memory of Alexander Butler McDonald (elder) 1877-1955 and Catherine Elizabeth McDonald 1880-1972. Their only child was Dr Robert McDonald who, with his wife Corrie, were very active members. Their son is Alex McDonald, a current member.
- Stained-glass window in memory of our early minister (1904-1919), F.O.M. Watters.
- Robert Templeton, Session Clerk for 22 years, 1868-1947.
- Major Stanley Scott; Corp. Gordon Galletly Scott, d. in action.
- Major Galletly Scott, 'an earnest worker and elder in this church' 1864-1927.
- Hugh Weir, elder, 1872-1942.
- John and Helen Mann.
- James and Agnes Eddie.
- Lady Russell, member 1943-1962, General Pres., Womens Assoc. 1927-1930.
- Table lectern in memory of John Allen, elder for 30 years, donated by Connie Allen.
- War Memorial, to fifteen members who lost their lives in the World Wars.