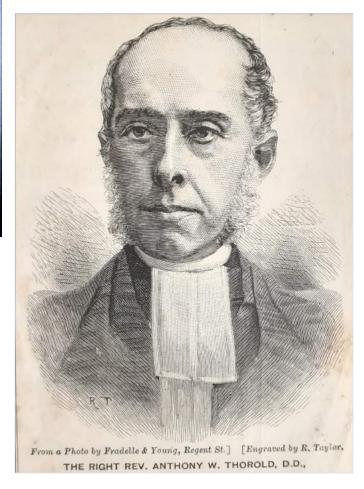
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The foundation stone of the present church was laid in 1894, as recorded in the service register (*above*). Services in the temporary Iron Church, which had been opened in 1867, continued while the new church was being built.

The stone was laid by the Bishop of Winchester, Rt Revd Anthony Thorold (right).

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Above left: worship began in the new church on 21st July. While the arrival of the first Vicar was still awaited, the first services were taken by the Revd John Glubb, one of the Bishop's chaplains; he had been taking services in the Iron Church. The consecration, which had been planned for 17th July was postponed because Bishop Thorold's health had deteriorated, and he died on the 25th.

Above right: the church was consecrated by the new Bishop, Rt Revd Randall Davidson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, on 20th November.

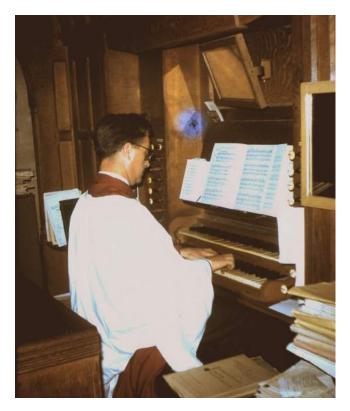
The Revd W E Layton had begun taking services on 29th September, and was inducted as the first Vicar on 17th December.

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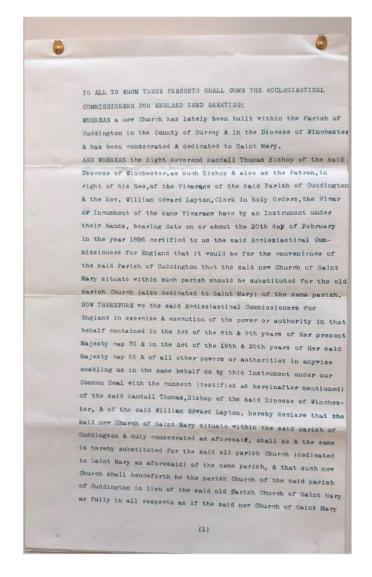


Right: the pipe organ, built by Henry Willis and Sons (often referred to as 'Father Willis') was installed. The same organ, with substantial enlargements and modifications, remains in use.

The first Organist to use the organ was presumably Miss Hughes, who had previously played in the Iron Church, and was still in post in 1897-8.



This photograph shows the organ console in its original location in the chancel, with Vic Hoad, Organist from 1967 to 1971, not long before the console was moved to the south aisle of the nave.



1896

Above right: The new church was formally declared by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to be the Parish Church in substitution for the medieval church, on 5th March. After over 350 years, there could be no doubt that Cuddington was no longer a parish without a parish church.

The first baptism and weddings in the new church took place.

The first two weddings give a hint of the social spectrum in 1890s Cuddington. The first took place on April 20th, and the bride was Annie Dodge, the daughter of a gardener, James Dodge. The Dodge family lived at Bellgate Lodge, at the Cheam gate to Nonsuch Park, so presumably James worked in the Mansion House gardens. At various times he also worked as a carter and an agricultural labourer, while Annie had become a schoolteacher and by 1891 had become headteacher of a school in Sussex. Her bridegroom, Edward Sanders, was a baker from Lancashire.

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At the second wedding, on the next day, the couple came from The Avenue and both had connections with Britain's overseas interests, as did many in The Avenue at that time. The groom was David Thomson, an army captain who had served in Bombay, and his bride was Annette Sterndale, whose father was the Governor of St Helena, and also had a house in The Avenue.

Also this year:

A stained glass window in the south aisle showing St James and St John was given in memory of G H Madeley.

The Vicarage was completed.

1897



Left: the Chancel screen, with two carved angels facing the altar, was given by Charles William Smith ,who had already paid much of the cost of the church building.

This painting by Lilian Smith was given to the Revd Anne Donaldson when she left Cuddington. Anne had frequently featured in a humorous column in the parish magazine supposedly written by one of the angels, Gertrude, during Robert Leach's editorship.

Noel Gordon Harris, son of C Alexander and Constance Harris, was baptised on 22nd February He went on to a notable career in mental health, as recorded in this obituary.

1898

Also this year:

A set of Communion plate was purchased, with donations from many members of the congregation.

NOEL GORDON HARRIS

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Dr. Noel Harris, consulting physician in psychological medicine to the Middlesex Hospital, London, died at his home in Somerset on Oct. 20.

He was born in 1897, the son of Sir Alexander Harris, K.C.M.G., and he studied medicine at St. Thomas's Hospital.



In his final year he won the British Medical Association essay prize. From his prep. school days he had had rheumatic heart-disease, and after he qualified in 1923 he was advised not to take a house-post nor to embark on general practice. For a time he held clinical assistantships at St. Thomas's in the dermatological department and in the department of psychological medicine. It was thought that psychiatry would not make too great a demand on his heart, and he took a job as assistant medical officer at Springfield Hospital. He

remained there for twelve years which were much more strenuous than his medical advisers had expected, for he worked enthusiastically for the improvement of the care and treatment of the patients. He was among the pioneers of malarial treatment for general paralysis and he also did research into schizophyrmia.

In 1935 he left Springfield to become physician in charge of St. Luke's-Woodside Hospital. He also saw outpatients at the Middlesex Hospital, and in 1937 he proposed that a department of psychological medicine should be set up there. A year later he was appointed physician for psychological medicine at the Middlesex, and he quickly built up the diagnostic work, outpatient treatment, and child guidance in the new department. He also fostered the tenuous relationship which already existed between the Middlesex and St. Luke's-Woodside, until in 1948 St. Luke's-Woodside became the inpatient-psychiatric wing of the Middlesex, where deeper and more prolonged treatment was carried out. His lectures attracted increasing numbers of students and he arranged for them to visit the outpatients and wards of St. Luke's-Woodside

Outside the hospital he was a member of many medical societies. He served as president of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, and of the Psychiatric Section of the Royal Society of Medicine. He was also the first consultant in psychological medicine to be appointed to the Navy.

I. A. H. writes

"The death of Noel Harris will bring sorrow to all his former colleagues and staff, and to hundreds of his former patients. He was so endowed with kindness and Christian charity that over the years he collected round him a large retinue of grateful but chronically dependent patients. It was his feeling for his patients that kept him hard at work long after his doctors had advised that he should retire, or severely restrict his professional work. He suffered from serious heart-disease from boyhood, but never complained, and few people who knew how hard he worked would have guessed that he was not well. Ultimately, premature retirement was forced upon him, but even since then, though quite seriously ill, he has continued to support, by correspondence, many of his former patients.

"There was little psychiatric teaching at the Middlevex Hospital before he was appointed, and it is largely because of his efforts that there is now a very flourishing psychiatric department. It is also largely due to him that St. Linke's-Woodside Hospital has become the inpatient psychiatric unit of the Middlesex Hospital. He was physician in charge of



Bruce Steane is listed as Organist in the accounts for Easter 1898-Easter 1899. He wrote a number of organ and choral works, including a cantata, *The Ascension*, published in 1895.

Also this year

William Hume-Rothery, the pioneer behind the establishment of the Department of Metallurgy at Oxford University, was baptised.

1899

