

The Reverend Stephen TAYLOR, B.A. (Contab)

Stephen Taylor, B.A. (Contab), b.1869, fifth son of Robert and Elizabeth Taylor of St.Stephen's, Newtown, Sydney. Educated Sydney Grammar School, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, England 1889. Deaconed 1893 Heywood, Lancs. Priested 1894 Manchester Cathedral. Married Elizabeth Schofield Stott, b.1872, daughter of the Rev. John and Elizabeth Stott of Warmesley, Lancs. 12th September 1895; left for Australia same year. Curate St.Stephen's, Newtown, Sydney.

1895-1898 Acting Principal Moore Theological College, after Mr. Bernhard Schleicher's resignation 1896.

1898-1900 Gresford, St.Ann's, NewcastleDiocese.

1900 Sept. Invalided out following hit on head with cricket ball at a Parish Picnic. Doctor recommended a long sea voyage to England.

Dec.

1901-1902 Curate, Christ Church, Radford, Nottingham.

1902-1903 Wadsley, Sheffield.

1903-1908 Paterson, Newcastle Diocese, N.S.W. St.John's.

(Country)

1908-1910 Newcastle, St.John's.

(City)

1910-1916 Erskinvillie, Holy Trinity, Sydney.

(Inner-city)

1916-1928 Wahroonga, St.Paul's, St.Andrew's and St.Stephen's, Normanhurst.

(Suburban)

1928-1933 Wentworth Falls, Holy Trinity.

(Blue Mountains)

1933-1934 Kiama, Christ Church, Gerringong, St.George's.

(Seaside)

1934-1935 Wentworth Falls, Holy Trinity.

(Blue Mountains)

1935-1938 Mittagong, St.Stephen's.

(Country)

1938-1941 Woolwich, St.John's.

(Harbourside)

1941-1942 In charge district Asquith to Brooklyn.

(Outer-suburban)

1942-1943 Locum tenens Milson's Point, Kirribilli, St.John the Baptist.

(Harbourside)

1947 Locum tenens Castle Hill, St.Paul's; Baulkham Hills, Holy Trinity; Kellyville, St.Stephen's; Glenhaven, Emmanuel.

(Outer-suburban)

1947-1950 Assistant Minister Castle Hill to his son-in-law the Rev. Thomas Gee.

1950-1953 Relieving in local Parishes, until called to higher service 1953 at his home in Mt.Colah.

The means of transport in Country Parishes up to 1916 was by foot, buggy or horseback, both for the Rector and his wife. When at Wahroonga it was by foot, until a wealthy parishioner - having bought himself a car - lent his sulky and horse to Stephen for Parish work.

Stephen was asked to hold services at Normanhurst - a garage became a place of worship until a Church was built. When finished, he mentioned at a Wardens' Meeting that they would have to decide on a Patron Saint, to which they replied that they had decided that - the Church was to be called St.Stephen's.



Stephen's father, Robert, was responsible for the building of the first Church at Pearce's Corner - St. Paul's - a wooden structure which had been replaced by a stone building before Stephen's time, 54 years later. It is also noted that Stephen served at St. Paul's, Castle Hill, 80 years after his father was Rector there.

As Editor of the Church Record 1916-1926, Stephen saw it through some of its worst financial troubles in the early 20s. He also took over the job again from late 1930s - early 40s, and again had some hand in it in 1951.

Excerpt from "The Diocese of Newcastle" by A.P. Elkin (Professor), Commissary to the Bishop of Newcastle - published 1955:

'Stephen Taylor, B.A. who united "Australian birth to English University Education" came to the Diocese in 1898; young, scholarly and a town man, adapting himself to the Bush conditions, he was loved by the Country folk of Gresford and Paterson, as well as - later - by the City folk of St. John's, Newcastle. He resigned from the latter in 1910 to go to Erskinvile in the Diocese of Sydney. He had "made his way" onto a number of Synod Committees, being particularly enthusiastic in the cause of Foreign Missions.'

Stephen and Elizabeth had nine children - the youngest son, Philip, was Priested. All but two gave Missionary Service, Dr. Joan and Philip overseas. Joy married the Rev. Thomas Gee.