

Did you know about the war-time church in Maleny?

Story from Brisbane Telegraph on Wednesday September 9th. 1931.

A WAR-TIME CHURCH was opened at 15 Bunya Street, Maleny on September 9th 1931. The Maleny Church of England, under the name of St. George, was dedicated by Dr. Sharp (Archbishop of Brisbane) on Sunday. The building, however, will be more usually known as the Kitchener Memorial Chapel.

The history of the church dates back to the war period, when a chapel was erected at Enoggera camp by the Soldiers' Church of England Help Society. It was used as a soldiers' church.

When the Beerburrum Settlement was established the church was transferred there. This year the congregation at Maleny sought permission to have the chapel dismantled and re-erected as their parish church. Many of the furnishings and ornaments of the church were donated in memory of soldiers who had died.

A large number of returned men were present at the dedication service. After the service a luncheon was given at the Maleny Hotel, when the members of the church committee entertained the Archbishop.

Anglican services prior to 1931 were held in the Maleny Community Centre in Maple Street.

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This building was relocated from Beerburrum in 1925. Prior to then, it's believed to have come from Stanthorpe. After the Beerburrum Soldier Settlement Scheme finished, the building was demolished board by board and rebuilt with additions and enlargements at 15 Bunya Street, opposite the Maleny Primary School. When the building was dedicated on the morning of Sunday,

6 September 1931, a great number of people attended, some of whom came many miles in order to be present. The total expenditure for the building and it's furnishings was £329/10/-, (\$658.00).

The building was used as a church until 1993. Today it's used as an office for Trilogy Tax.

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