

Reflections on the Activities of the Maleny Presbyterian Church from 1907 to 2007

**How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
Isaiah 52: 7.**

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Foreword by Rev. Keith Mayers.

Mrs Margaret Hunter has presented us with a very comprehensive overview of the Lord's work through His faithful servants at Maleny Presbyterian Church.

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Mrs

Hunter has researched with much effort the ministry and life of the Maleny congregations from 1907 to 2007. She paints a beautiful picture of God's expanding work in the community of Maleny through His faithful people over these years. Imagine the thousands upon thousands of people the Lord worked through to promote His Gospel to the district of Maleny, and the ever expanding mission work in so many other areas and countries.

These Reflections on the activities of the Maleny Presbyterian Church, over the last one hundred years, bring back many precious memories to me of bygone days shared with fellow servants of the Lord; however I can only reflect on the past thirty five years.

It was 1976 when some ten students entered the Presbyterian Theological College for training for the ministry of the continuing Presbyterian Church of Australia. We trained under Rev. Dr. Harold Whitney and his staff at St. Lucia, Brisbane. Rev Don Smith and I travelled from the Sunshine Coast, stopping at Caboolture to pick up Rev. Noel Thomason, then on to collect Rev. Dr. Harold Whitney and then continued on to St. Lucia. We did this four times a week. We also had our own parishes to minister to as well.

Those days were exciting days, and with no promise of ordination at the end of the years of study, we all stepped forward in faith that our Lord God would open doors for us and bless His faithful people. All of us were encouraged to stick at our studies by the support of God's people from congregations such as Maleny.

In reading Mrs. Hunter's reflections on the life of the Maleny church one can see in ones mind a graph that starts on the base line with the struggles of the early days of 1907 to the high point of the prosperous and happy days prior to divisive years 1974 to 1977. These were the years when some members decided to join the new Uniting Church.

From here, sadly the graph drops to base level again and reflects much heartache and struggle of the few faithful remaining members working with the Lord to build up His church again. We praise

the Lord that He has lifted the graph line to a high point of worship and service once more as His faithful people witness for their Lord in Maleny today.

Although we see the graph of Christian witness rising today we will never forget the blessings of God and His people, during the tests and trials of those struggling years. God has drawn each of us more closely to Himself in the times of struggle enabling His Holy Spirit of encouragement to work within each of our hearts. These reflections by Mrs Hunter does ones heart good as one is reminded of the beautiful family of God's people, throughout the generations, who have served, and are still serving their Heavenly Father and His kingdom.

Psalm 100 comes to mind as a blessed exhortation to praise God for His grace and goodness to each of His family members of the Maleny church over the past one hundred years.

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!
 Know that the Lord is God!
It is He that made us, and we are His;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
And His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him, bless His name!
For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures for ever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

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Ministers and Home Missionaries Who Served in Maleny

1907
Mr John Gardner and C Lanham
1908
Rev Stephen Glassop and Rev D Mitchell
1909
Rev Archibald McCauley
1910
Rev Alex Martin and Mr W Martin
1924
Mr W R Cowan
1926
Mr W R Cowan
1927-1928
J J Stewart
1929
W Dodds
1930-1931
A J W Scott
1932
W H Warren
1933-1935
H M Saunders
1937-1937
D K McLennan
1938-October 1940
K C Stevens
1941-1943
Miss Thelma Griffiths
1943-1944
D E Stevens
1945
M Jansen
1946-1949
Rev William McKay
1950 - 1952
David Watson
1953
J McInnes
1954
N Mills
1955
N Bell
1956-1959

Alex B Innes
1960-1962
Graeme Lake
1963-1966
Carey Mansfield
1967-1968
Rev Sidney
1969-1972
K Turner
1973-1975
Falkenhagen
1976- July 1977
J Martin
1977-1978
Rev Don Smith
1979-1980
Don Irvine
1980-1981
Norm Shallard
1981-1985
Rev Keith Mayers, Assistant Peter Barson
1985-1987
Rev Rod Acreman
1988-1991
Rev Gordon Jackson
1992-1993
Rev Noel Thomason Interim Moderator
1994-1996
Rev John Roth
1997
Rev John Abbas Interim Moderator
1998-2000
Rev Des Morris
2001
Rev Noel Thomason Interim Moderator
2002-2004
Rev Noel Thomason
2005
Rev Peter Barber Interim Moderator
2006-2007
Rev Ian Mclver

Those who were students when they ministered in Maleny since 1960 were Carey Mansfield, Graham Lake, Keith Mayers, Don Smith, Graham Frith and Malcolm Pierce.

Rev Skerman, Rev Donald Dadd, Rev George Layton, Allan Low, Alex Banks, Rev David Seivewright, Mr Ken Thomson, Mr Martin Jones, Mr David Grace, Mr Ron Turner, Mr Alf Crawford, Mr Noel Evans, Mr Alan Pattemore, and Rev John Abbas have filled the pulpit when there was no minister in the Charge.

The Early Years

1907 February 7th the first Presbyterian service was conducted in Maleny. This was presumably in a private home. At the Home Mission meeting held in Brisbane on the 6th August 1907 a letter was tabled from Maleny regarding a visit from a Minister in connection with the opening up of a new church at that centre.

In 1907 in the infant town of Maleny, a number of Christian people, of several denominations, (Presbyterians being one), decided to unite as one community in Religious Worship and formed the Union Church. Mr Francis Dunlop donated a site on his property for this purpose in the present Bunya Street, then known as Church Hill, near where the present High School stands. The various religious preachers were free to visit and arranged their visits with the committee. Subscriptions provided money to buy timber. Timber was cut by Mr Thynne and Mr Pattermore at their mill. The church was built with voluntary labour, mainly from Mr A & Mr E Skerman. Seating was provided by families buying a pew for a guinea each. The church opened debt free on 11th August 1907.

In August 1907 the first Presbyterian service was held in the Union Church by Mr John Gardner who had been appointed to the North Coast Line. The Baptist, Methodist and Anglican churches also used the Union Church building. Mrs Cole always rode in to services at the Union Church riding side-saddle. Ministers who rode up the Range from Nambour or Palmwoods conducted services, and other services were taken by visiting preachers. At 4 weeks of age Isabel Bryce was taken to church at the Union Church beginning what was to be a very long and active connection to the Presbyterian Church as organist, Sunday School teacher, Guild member and Committee of Management member and later she was just as active in the Uniting Church. In September Mr Gardiner wrote to the Home Mission committee and reported that he had visited various portions of the district. In October it was agreed that Palmwoods be the centre of the Charge and the residence. Mr Gardner agreed to preaching places as far south as Maleny and as far north as Dulong, and until an agent could be sent to the north of Nambour, he would pay occasional visits to the principal centres. Mr Gardner had a bad accident late in the year and was taken to Gympie Hospital.

1908 In January news was received that Mr Gardener had recovered well enough from his accident to return to his home at Bundaberg. In May and July services were taken in Maleny at 11.00am in the Union Church by Rev Stephen Glassop from Palmwoods. Rev D Mitchell took the August and September services. He came up from Pomona. In July it was reported that fine weather had allowed services to be held at all the usual places without lapse, but cold weather interferes with attendances at night services. Services were being held at Palmwoods, Dulong, Maleny and Tuteberg. Attendances have been encouraging. Wet weather prevented some services at Mr Cole's home outside of Maleny. Committees were about to be formed in the centres to facilitate the work.

1909 On March 21st Rev Archibald McCauley from Pomona took the church service at 11.00am in Maleny.

1910 In May Rev Alex Martin, from NSW, visited Maleny and officiated at the 11.00am service and in November he took an 11.00am service at Wootha and another service at 7.30pm. Rev Alex Martin also took the December service. December 10th Nambour now has its own church St Andrews. There was a Grand concert on 19th Dec to celebrate this event. Maleny became part of the Nambour Charge. Rev Alex Martin was now the minister at Nambour.

In April 1911 Miss Skerman tendered her resignation to the Union Church Committee as collector for Sustentation Funds for the Church. She used to go round the district on her horse and visit the parishioners. In her letter she also resigned as Church Organist, a decision that was accepted with much regret. Her own denomination had now formed its own church and she felt she had to give her full support there. She later went to Brisbane to do her midwifery course. Charles Bryce replied to her letter.

1921 Church Services were being held in Flaxton with the minister sometimes coming from Nambour and sometimes from Maleny. These services continued well into the 1960's. Mrs Stills held an Interdenominational Sunday School in Flaxton until 1940 and when she left Mrs Dixon took over the work and later Mrs Wood.

1924: Mr Will R Cowan, who was born in Belfast, felt the need to answer the call for two men to do Home Mission work in Australia. In 1924, at age twenty-one, he sailed to Australia and was appointed as Home Missionary to Maleny. His first congregation numbered three!

In 1926, the Home Mission Committee reported that Maleny, hitherto part of the Nambour Charge, was now a separate Charge. Mr W. R. Cowan was the Home Missionary at the time. He rode a horse up from Nambour or Palmwoods, as did other preachers. Soon they were coming up by car.

Our Own Property

1928: The ladies of the Presbyterian Church held their first Guild meeting on 1st November. In the period between 1927 and 1934 Mr Thomason (a dentist) donated a block of land in Cedar St, to the Presbyterian Church. This land was directly behind his home and had on it a 19'x19' garage. This garage became known as "The Manse" and was home to numerous Home Missionaries who shared it with the Ladies Guild, PFA, Fellowship, Committee of Management and Sunday School. Several weddings were also held there. Most of the Home Missionaries evening meals were with Mr and Mrs Thomason.

1930-1931: Mr A J W Scott was the young Home Missionary. He was lovingly known as Jock Scott and he had a passion for the Lord. He expressed that the purpose and aim of his life was that God would have the pre-eminence. At the end of the year he was transferred to Tambourine.

1932: Mr Henry MacNeil Saunders is the new Home Missionary. PFA members went to the PFA Easter Conference at Alexander Headlands. A ride down the hill, catch the train to Woombye, then the cars and lorries transported the campers to the grounds at Alexander Headlands. After a strenuous session the Moderator was heard to groan, "Oh ma feet"! It made the camp laugh, as his name was Rev McPheat. The Valley Fellowship Brisbane won the sports trophy for the 3rd time. Miss T Griffiths already a Deaconess was at the camp. The camp Newsletter was called "The Camp Pie". PFA members rode their horses down to Baroon Pocket and up Mill Hill Road to Montville to socialize with the young people of Montville. On 24th December David John Barker married Nance Isabel Gibson in the home of the Bride's father Mr Robert Gibson at Wootha Rd Maleny. Rev H Saunders performed the ceremony. In August the congregation was saddened to hear of the death of young Jock Scott in Brisbane. He didn't recover after an operation. He had been one of the youngest Home Missionaries to serve in Queensland.

1933: Rev H MacNeil Saunders took the services regularly and conducted baptisms and weddings. The PFA Easter Conference was held in Nambour and people advised to pack their swimmers as there was a good swimming hole in Nambour. Members from the Maleny Fellowship attended. They travelled down to Landsborough and caught the train to Nambour.

1934; The church was now at 12 Cedar St. Those present at the Committee meeting were Mrs Grigor, B Bryce, M McKinnon, F Dunlop, The Moderator Rev W Laurie, Rev R Reid, (Mr Mathie and N Alcorn from Kirk Session), Mr McLennan, Mr Waddell and H Gibson. Was the motor bike church property, as the registration was cancelled Oct 1934 and bike sold for 8 pound 10 shillings. The Manse is to be painted. 1934. Booroobin, Conondale and Kenilworth to be included in the Charge and services held on a monthly basis, Conondale and Kenilworth held on the same day. The Home Missionary, Don McLennan, had purchased a car and so was able to visit these places. The Sunday School was still called the Union Sunday School. The church was still using petrol lights (globe and mantle). On the 31st January Ronald Hugh Mc Hugh was married to Doris Jean Skerman in the home of the bride's mother Melvena Skerman, "Sandy Mount", Maleny. The first Committee meeting after shifting to Cedar St, was held in the home of Mr and Mrs Thomason on June 20th 1934. Those present were Mr Saunders, Mrs Carey, Mrs Thomason, Mr Winning, Mr Boyland, Mr A Thomason, Mr AJ Skerman and Mr Mogridge.

1935: Those present at the Committee meeting were of KC Stevens, Mr A Hunt, A W Thomason, G Thomason and R Mackie. The Moderator pointed out the need to form a Session in Maleny

Charge and outlined procedures of election and gave a brief outline of an Elders' duties. June 3rd the "Borradale Recital" was held at the home of Mr & Mrs Hunt, Macadamia St. Discussion on the policy of having our own church building for regular services and a Sabbath School. Plans submitted for a church building. Also a discussion on a building for a car shed at a cost of £3. August a meeting was held with the Methodist Church to discuss winding up of the Union Church. PFA is helping funds by reaching a target of 6 pounds 10 shillings per year. Mr G Thomason was a Sunday School teacher. Mr Malcolm McKinnon was Session Clerk and Sunday School Superintendent. Sunday School Picnics were held at the Bryce property or the Church grounds or Thynne's paddock where Mary Cairncross Park is today.

1936: Usual Christmas Tree function to be held- Christmas Break-up and Sunday School prizes given out. Lighting needed for night services in the Union Church. The Misses Bryce used to pick up the McKinnon children in their sulky and take them up to Sunday School. The younger ones had Sunday school in the Baptist Church and the older ones in the School of Arts building.

1937: A combined Guild, Fellowship, Committee of Management, Congregational Fete to be held in May, to be called "The Kirk at Work Exhibition". Marion Lumsden, a daughter of Mr & Mrs Thomason, called a meeting re a Sunday School prize. It was to be a perpetual prize to the student who got the highest mark for scripture each year, to be called the Mr and Mrs Lumsden prize and money was set aside for the same. The first wedding recorded for "The Manse", Maleny was on 20th March 1937 when Colin Coates was married to Ivy Ward. In the late 30's there were Fellowship Teas before the evening service. The choir sang for the evening service. The Fellowship used to get around on horses and have picnics at Gardner's Falls, The Narrows and at Montville. The Fellowship Group with the Baptist Youth Group also used to go up to the tennis courts at the home of Mrs Neil to have social games.

1938: Mr Ken Stevens came from Mt Isa to Maleny in January as the new Minister. He enlisted in the AIF on October 1940. Services were held in Maleny weekly, Conondale School & Kenilworth Hall monthly, Booroobin School monthly, and Obi Obi monthly in Mr & Mrs Walker's home. In February the Committee of Management agreed to approach Mr Hunt re canvassing the Maleny district to ascertain to what extent the Presbyterian people were prepared to help towards building their own church and report to a congregational meeting. At the March meeting Mr Hunt moved that the Secretary write to Mr Cowan, Nambour, re the plans, specifications and price of the Bli Bli Church. Mr Thomason moved that every Presbyterian family of the Charge be asked for their help. Rev Pearson, Convener of the Church Extension Committee asked for: 1. The approximate cost of the church (£400). 2. Sketch of the site. 3. If Congregation generally was in favour of the site. 4. How much timber (Log timber 5000ft.). 5. Cash (approximately £80). 6. Plan (similar to Bli Bli.). Suggested a mortgage on the church property to the value of £150 to help pay for the church building. Names of guarantors were submitted. Mr Patterson of Nambour was to assist with drawing of plans and specification for the church building.

Choir practice was Friday nights. Choir members were Mr John Mogridge, Olwyn Mathie, Sheila Mathie and Ian Mathie, Jean Gibson, Hec Gibson, George Gibson, Winnie Gibson, Mrs Grigor and A Thomas. The choir went to the Presbyterian Assembly in Brisbane to sing and they were very good. Eisteddfods were held regularly in Maleny at this time. The church organ was discussed. Mr Wilkinson of Nambour was to look at the organ.

In August the Congregational meeting was held re getting our own church. The decision was in favour. 7.11.38 The Committee moved to negotiate with Mr Patterson of Nambour to build the church: Cost of the building £350; furniture £100. Gifts of timber, haulage and cutting have been offered. Tesch Bros: Re timber for building, Gittens Bros: Re felling of necessary timber, Hamilton Saw- Mills offered a loan of a tractor free to haul timber. It was decided by the Committee of Management that the outside walls be chamfer boards. Mr Hunt moved that the windows be leadlight with a diamond shaped panes. Some sort of ornamentation was wanted for the front gable. Mr Patterson made suggestions as to front gable. Alterations to the plans were 2 rows of stumps and cement for the porch steps. Mr Chas Bryce was approached re gift of an organ. Rev Pearson requested the names of the local guarantors:- Messrs Hunt, Thomason, Alcorn, Mathie, Gibson and G Thomason. (Mr Mathie was an elder for 50 years.) Committee members at

the time were Mr Mogridge, Mr Mathie, Mr Alcorn, Mr Hunt, Mr Thomason, Mr Gibson and Mr Windolf., WEB Mathie and N Alcorn (Session Clerk) were the Elders. The Guild comprised Mrs Thomason, Mrs J Grigor, Mrs A Hunt, Mrs E Mathie, Mrs B Bryce and Mrs N Alcorn. Later it included Mrs Freeman, Mrs Fritz, Mrs Fox, Phyllis Bryce (Sec), M Mathie and Mrs Evans. In August Obi Obi was transferred to the Maleny Charge. The Fellowship was helping with fund raising with £9 being their quota for 1938.

1939: In February a concert was organized by Mrs Innes, a piano and music teacher, to raise funds for a new church. The concert to be choral pieces, items by the children, short play by the PFA, duets and quartets. 13.2.39 Stumps sapped for building. Sub-committees chosen: 1. Paint – colour, quantity – Mrs Grigor & Mr & Mrs Thomason. 2. Pulpit- Messrs Stevens, Thomason & Mogridge. 3. Petrol light – Mr Alcorn. 4. Matting – Mrs Grigor, & Mr & Mrs Thomason. 5. Organ – Mrs Grigor, Mr & Mrs Thomason to spend no more than £65 on a new one. In the end it cost £75. The glass is chosen for the windows and the paint colour for the church. Mr Rigby to have 12 seats ready for the opening from plans already sent. Opening and dedication date set for March 25th 1939. In front of a crowd of approximately 200 people the Moderator, Dr James Gibson officially opened and dedicated the church at 2.00pm after being handed the keys by Mr Patterson. The Choir sang the hymn "Praise the Lord Oh My Soul." The Rev Gibson invited the congregation to sing the 100th Psalm. Mr Mogridge, the choirmaster, was a school teacher and a first class tennis player.

The Communion Table was presented by the Junior Mission Band March 1939. The Pulpit was presented by Mr and Mrs A W Thomason & family in memory of their son and brother 'Arthur Gordon 25.3.39, and 1 chair by the Maleny PFA March 1939. The Baptismal Font was given "In loving memory of our dear Mother, Mrs William Simpson, the first white woman to settle at Maleny, 1881." It was presented by her husband and sons & daughters in 1939. (I believe a person in the crowd quietly disputed this.) All these items were duly dedicated by the Rev Roberts, who was only able to be in attendance because Mr Thomason had sent a car to Brisbane to fetch him. He thanked all those who had helped, in any way. Later 2 chairs were given in memory of Norman & Jack Alcorn 7.10.56. The Ministers chair was donated by Mr and Mrs T Freeman 1.7.53. The small table was donated by E M Hunt 24.8.52 and the Hymn Board was in memory of Alexander John Walker Scott, Home Missionary, who served the congregation from 1929 - 1931, the Communion plate was donated in memory of Alex M Hunt 21.4.46. There were no more Presbyterian services in the Union Church after the 19th March. Mr Rigby, the Saddler, is to supply 12 seats in time for the opening. They arrived on 23rd and were assembled in the church. Mr R Gibson donated 3 Wizard lights and equipment. The history of the church is to go into the pulpit Bible. (this was never done). 20 Chairs for the choir and choir books were needed. Thanks were expressed for services rendered in building the new church to: Mr K Stevens, H Gibson, AW Thomason, G Thomason, E Mathie and J Mogridge. Letter of thanks were sent to Pat Doyle and Tim Twomey for helping in the building of the church and to Mr F Paterson the builder and an expression of thanks for his donation of 2 palm stands. Also thanked were friends in Conondale, the Guild, Fellowship, Junior Mission Band, Sunday School and Tesch Bros. On Sunday a Communion Service was held and the Sunday School Anniversary plus a night service. Church office was asked to execute a mortgage for £150. The Insurance was to total £400. There were articles in the Nambour Chronicle and the Courier Mail on the opening of the new church. 11.9.39. The full amount outstanding for the organ is paid. 27.11.39 The matter of installing electric lights was broached. The church folk had a Presbyterian Fixture Tennis Team and played on a tennis court built by the Gibson family, and later in town on Mrs Neil's court. The first wedding after the opening of the new church was that of Rixon Burnett, son of the Publican, to Peg McLean officiated by Rev Ken Stevens, who became the husband of Sheila Mathie.

The War Years

1940: 12th Feb Church Offices wrote re services at Caloundra. Services were started in Caloundra and Mrs McLean, of the Caloundra Congregation, arranged with Rev Stevenson for permission to hold the Presbyterian services in the Anglican Church, as long as assurance was given to two requests. City Electric Light Co. would attend to the matter of installing electric lights in the Maleny

Church. 8th July Committee meetings are now held in the new church vestry. Rev Brown of Home Missions Committee took a Communion service in May with 47 communicants in attendance. There was a very strong Fellowship group and Phyllis Bryce & Isabel Bryce were very involved with the Sunday School. Mr McKinnon was Sunday School Superintendent for many years and made the little Sunday School chairs. Services were being held regularly at Caloundra, Obi Obi and Kenilworth. The Home Missions Committee sent Miss T Griffiths for several Sundays to see if the people would accept a lady Home Missionary. Committee of Management asked for Miss Thelma Griffiths to continue her work in the Charge because of the vacancy left by Mr Stevens, who had enlisted in the AIF (Oct). Obi Obi services held in Mrs Walker's home. Harold Mear had services in his home at Booroobin. Two services per Sunday were held in Maleny. In June Miss Griffiths was comfortably settled in "The Manse". Rev Brown of Brisbane came up at the end of June to conduct a wedding and also met with the Committee of Management. He took the Morning Service and also the first ever evening Communion Service. He also took a morning service at Kenilworth which was held in the Baptist Church. Mr & Mrs Thomason played host for Rev Brown and Mr Alcorn drove him to Kenilworth. Rev Brown notified Rev Crawford of Bald Hills, (the Moderator?) that Miss Griffiths was the new Home Missionary for Maleny and reported that the Maleny Church was in splendid order and that Mr Stevens had done a wonderful work there in consolidating it. Early in July Miss Griffiths wrote to Rev Brown asking if she would be able to take a funeral service in the event of a death. She said, "This may prove a very premature question, but it may prove an urgent one, for Mrs Green seems to be moving fast in response to the Master's call." The Session Clerk, M Alcorn, took the Home Missionary down to Caloundra for services. Mr King placed his car at the disposal of the Church. 20 gallons of petrol a month were applied for, for church purposes. A transport roster of 15 was drawn up to convey Miss Griffiths to the out centres. Mr Mogridge wrote to the Home Mission Committee to see if there was some way these volunteers could be exempt from the petrol rationing. It was resolved to pay car owners cash and petrol coupons. The electric light bill came to 7 shillings and 6 pence. (75c.) Those present at the Committee meeting were Miss Thelma Griffiths, Johnson Woods, Alister Campbell, J and N Alcorn, and Mr PJ Skerman Snr from Dalby who is to fill in for Miss Griffiths. At the end of July Miss Griffiths had to notify Home Missions Committee that the only practical way Obi Obi folk could have a service was if they combined with the Kenilworth people. Mr Stevens had been in the habit of picking up the Obi Obi people and dropping them home after the service, as he owned a car. She was going on the 5.30am cream lorry to Conondale on a Friday, attending school from 9.00am to 9.30am and spending the rest of the day riding round the area visiting. She returned to Maleny on the early cream lorry the next day. Several schools would miss out on RE because they were off the regular lorry runs. Someone in Kenilworth asked if she was authorized to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

1941: 12th May. Committee was asked to write to Landsborough Shire Council re street light outside the church. Christian Endeavour Combined Services to be held as usual. 14.7.41 Because of the war, petrol rationing was preventing some members attending Committee of Management meetings. So it was suggested to have quarterly meetings and executive meetings in the intervening months to deal with routine matters. 20.10.41 Miss Griffiths now has a motor bike and was granted 10 shillings (\$1) a month for petrol. Often she had used the Alcorn's horses for transport and rode one named Satan. The saying was "There goes the lady minister on Satan".

18.12.41 The Committee recommended that the Caloundra services be discontinued. Session decided to continue the Caloundra services. The Committee was to notify Session that it was inadvisable to hold divine services at Elaman. A Sunday School class was being held at North Maleny in the home of Mr & Mrs Ritchings.

1942; Feb 9th a meeting was held with the Methodists and Baptists regarding the overlapping of services and it was suggested that the Presbyterians take the services on top of the Range, the Methodists do Landsborough and Caloundra and the Baptist Union Kenilworth and Conondale. Due to altered circumstances there were fewer voluntary drivers to take Miss Griffith to various centres of worship. The Presbyterians at Maleny kept the services at Conondale and Kenilworth. On May 11th the Committee received Mr Mogridge's resignation. The church was painted for £16/10 shillings. Accommodation was arranged for Mr & Mrs Skerman from Dalby while Miss Griffiths

was on leave of absence. March was the Sunday School Anniversary Service. The first marriage registered in this Register designated 'The Maleny Presbyterian Church' was on 1st July 1942 of Charles Deans to Muriel Audrey Skerman and was conducted by the Moderator Rev David Galloway. In November the Committee resolved to put a power point in the 'Manse'. Because of intensifying war conditions, people were leaving the district and there were fewer subscribers to the Envelope system and building projects. The Sunday School was continuing, as was the PFA, which was enjoying activities with the Baptist Youth Group.

1943: Mr Roy Thomason was trying to get a choir organized for the Anniversary of the Opening of the Church. The Moderator was unable to attend but Rev Brown had consented to take the service. The Sunday School participated in the Anniversary Service. White ants were found in the 'Manse'. Labour was employed, at a cost of 8 shillings and nine pence, to eradicate them. Miss Griffiths was congratulated by the Home Missions Committee, on the splendid work she is doing in the Maleny Charge. Miss Griffiths now has a car and the Committee are endeavouring to help with expenses. Landsborough Shire Council has at last put a street light in near the Maleny Public School. (where Mrs Allen-Waters now lives) The Committee is trying to liquidate the debt on the Maleny Presbyterian Church.

1944: Feb 24 Miss Griffiths notified the Committee that she had to resign on Doctors orders. The committee received the resignation with great regret. The PFA asked the Committee to forward £25/ 2 shillings from their members to Miss Griffiths in appreciation of her work with them. Miss Griffiths was later appointed deaconess at St Stephens Toowoomba. (In 1988 she visited Maleny at age 80 for the opening of the new Uniting Church. She is/was now an ordained Uniting Church Minister). Mr E Stevens brother of Ken Stevens was the new Home Missionary. In October there was a notice from the Home Missions committee notifying that the Home Missionary's salary had been raised to £15 (\$30) a month. Mr Stevens intimated that he was endeavouring to purchase a car. The outlying districts of Kenilworth, Conondale and Booroobin are to be asked if they would help contribute to the car expenses. Booroobin, Kenilworth and Conondale agreed to help with the transport costs. The Council rates were £3/ 7 shillings and sixpence and the electric light bill 14 shillings and 7pence. Those recorded at the Committee meeting were Mr E Stevens, (Home Missionary), Miss P Bryce, Miss I Bryce, and Gerald Thomason. The Fellowship Group used to meet in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday nights and Friday nights in the Baptist Church. The Baptist & Presbyterian youth also had picnics together at Gardner's Falls. They rode their horses up round North Maleny a reached the falls from the north side. The Ladies Guild continued with strong monetary support and helped clear the Bank debt on the Church. There were several Annual payments due to the Church Extension Committee.

1945: The new Home Missionary for 1945, Mr Jansen, wanted to bring his mother to Maleny. The Committee had limited funds available and was unable to provide the necessary things to make Mrs Jansen comfortable. They advised the Secretary for Missions Committee that the 19x19 shed shared by the Sunday School, PFA and Home Missionary was not really suitable. Mrs Jansen never came. Members of the Committee were Mr Merv Jansen (Home Missionary), J Watson, Elliot Alcorn, Frank Woods, G Gibson, E Mathie and W Mathie. March 19th the telephone bill was 3 shillings and 6 pence. It is impossible for private members to provide transport for the minister to outlying centres as the tyre position is too acute. So Services there are to be once every 2nd month. Mr Watson (motor proprietor) was prepared to hire a car to the Committee. The Committee of Management is paying money to the Baptist Tabernacle for the use of the Kenilworth Church. 30.7.45 A discussion held re building a fence in front of the Church and the side fence on Mrs Grigor's property. Waste timber stored under the Church sold to Mrs Grigor for 10/-. 29.11.45 resolved to erect a concrete fence with pipe railings and metal gates in front of the Church. Mr Leikefelt of Caloundra, who was building the Ambulance Station, could build the fence, concrete a path from the gate to the church door, put a picket fence on Mrs Grigor's side and erect gates for approx. 67 pounds. He later became the first paid Ambulance Officer in Maleny. Previously volunteers were used. The Committee of Management would provide gates and piping. Mr J Carey, the Head Teacher, owned the property on the other side of the Church and he was contacted on the style of dividing fence he would prefer along his side. Thanks to Mr McKinnon,

Mrs Grigor and the Women's Guild for finance. Miss J Gibson, Rev Jansen, the Young People's Tennis Club and the Sunday Night Fellowship were thanked for fund raising for the fence. Mrs Grigor's share for the cost of the picket fence was 8 pounds. It was decided not to paint the fence (front cement one). The gates were late in arriving, as they were difficult to procure. The Landsborough Shire Council graded the footpath in front of the Church. In November 2 x100 watt lamps were purchased for lighting in the Church. Annual Congregational Meetings were held in February or March each year depending on when the Moderator could come. The Ladies Guild continued with strong monetary support and repaid the remainder of the loan from The Church Extension Committee. It was paid off in 6 years. Rev Bob Martin from St Andrews Nundah and Rev Eric Stevens from the Sandgate church came up to Maleny to take Communion Services from 1945 till 1948.

1946: Members of the Committee mentioned were W McKay (Home Missionary), Mr and Mrs Adsett and K McKinnon. In February the gates arrived and were erected at a cost of £8 and 3 pence. It was decided to put a picket fence down Mr Carey's boundary, he to pay his share and Mr G Thomason donated 6 pounds towards the costs. An approach was made to Mr Carey re purchasing his property when Mr Dallas ceased to rent it. Mr Carey regretted he was not in a position to make any promise re the property. Mr McKinnon obtained accommodation for the Home Missionary. Mr McKay used a pushbike to get around and used the milk lorry to get to Conondale and Kenilworth. The Presbyterians co-operated with the Methodists and Baptist for the Good Friday Service in the Baptist Church. By August all the meetings have reverted to monthly as the petrol and tyre situation had eased. The organ is to be repaired. The Church put on a concert in the Hall in October. It was very successful the receipts being £12/ 3 shillings. The Church is thinking of buying its own lawn mower. Mrs Hunt donated the Communion plates in memory of her late husband, Alex Hunt. In November Mr Tesch cleaned and repaired the organ free of charge. Mr and Mrs McKinnon loaned their organ while the church organ was out of use. Car owners were approached to provide transport for the Home Missionary to Conondale and Kenilworth for approximately 12 months.

Post War Years

1947: January. The Kenilworth congregation was becoming small and now unable to help financially with the travel expenses. In February, The General Secretary for Missions requests aid in getting signatures, requesting the Government reconsider the site of the Guided Missile Range in Central Australia. A scythe was purchased to clear church grounds for 15/-. Insurance policies have increased on the Church property; Church £400, Furniture £120, Hall and Dwelling £100 and Organ £30. March 10th The Committee discussed the installation of a phone to Mr McKay's residence. (The McKays were living in a rented house.). Committee is thinking of buying a lawn mower from Mr Williamson. They did for £4, 10 shillings. The "Manse" needed repairs. The Chairman reported that owing to work pressure and shortage of materials, carpenters were reluctant to repair "The Manse". Mr Watson is to be approached to bring Rev McKay to evening services by taxi. 14.7.47 a notice board has been erected in front of the Church. Mr. McKinnon paid 2 pounds for the sign -writing on the board. Mr McKay suggested that the Congregation consider building a Manse in a central position. There were 2 problems - the Manse and transport. People were asked to enquire if Church Offices would lend money for a Manse. Miss I Bryce and Miss P Bryce were still S.S teachers and Mr McKinnon Superintendent.

1948: In February the church was having difficulty in meeting its financial commitments to Church Office. There was talk of raising the Manse and adding 2 rooms. Mr Sharman gives an estimate on raising "The Manse" 2 feet from the ground, supplying and placing stumps, lining and ceiling of building to be with fibro cement and old VJ pine. Raising the Manse found not to be feasible. One of the dividing fences found not on the correct alignment and the church legal adviser to be interviewed on correct procedure. The Secretary is to see Mr Owen Thomas re putting it on the correct alignment. In March the Congregational meeting felt the "Manse" would not be satisfactory unless rebuilt and enlarged. The Committee of Management should give consideration to a more comprehensive building programme. Mr F McKinnon, H Gibson and G Thomason were to draw up

plans and cost of a Church Hall. The solicitor suggested that moving the fence to the correct alignment was the simplest and most satisfactory way to eliminate misunderstanding with Mr O Thomas. This work to be done immediately as the said property has been sold. April: Church Offices show the building programme for the Alexandra Hostel and details of the holiday facilities. A Congregational meeting called for July to discuss ways of financing the building of the proposed Hall. In August another application was made for a phone for the Minister's residence. The Congregational Meeting unanimously endorsed the proposal to build a larger Hall and Dwelling. In September plans of the Hall were submitted to the Landsborough Council for approval. In October the Presbytery requested to see the plans of the proposed building for approval. It was agreed to divide the district into zones to facilitate collecting, by individual collectors, of money to fund the Hall. A notice was received from Church Office notifying the Committee that the Home Missionary's salary was raised to £208 pounds (\$416) annually. The Ladies Guild presented the Committee with another donation of £30.

1949: Mr David John Watson was the student minister and lived in the back of the church hall while finishing his studies at the Theological College in Brisbane. In March Presbytery approves work, plans and specifications of the projected Sunday School Hall and living quarters. The Co-ordinator General of Public Works granted a permit for roofing iron. (After the War building materials were very hard to come by) The Chairman is to interview Mr Salloway in connection with wiring of the hall for electric light and power. The lighting in the Hall to be 3 lights in the Hall, 1 light in the porch, 3 lights in the living quarters and 1 power point. In April The Church Extension Committee was asked for a loan of £250 for the building of the Hall. They replied that they were prepared to loan £100 interest free repaid over 4 years. The organ needed repairs again. July, Mr Byrnes, the General Secretary is to meet with the Committee of Management re financial organization and problems of Church building. What date for the Official opening? The building must be finished as it is to be oiled like the Church. September, the church organ and the Sunday School organ have both been repaired. At the moment the Church finances are not too satisfactory. The telephone rent has gone up to £3/ 17 shillings and 6 pence per annum. It was agreed to cover the garage with ormonoid. In October the Hall tank was cemented, the Hall oiled and the windows painted and the garage covered with malthoid by volunteer labour. In the November report Conondale is giving financial support as a result of a concert. North Maleny Sunday School is being held in the home of Mrs Richings and there are 19 enrolled and Mr Roberts is the Superintendent. A service is to be held there once a month. The official opening of the Sunday School Hall is to be in the New Year. Mr R Byrnes and Rev Eric Stevens are to be invited. In December permission was granted to hold The North Maleny Sunday School in the North Maleny School. The Sunday School Hall is to be insured for 600 pounds. The Marion Lumsden prize is to be given yearly to the 2 most diligent scholars in the Sunday School. The Guild was asked to assist in raising funds for the building fund on the opening day of the hall in the New Year. Official Opening of the Sunday School Hall is set for Saturday 4th February 1950.

Opening of the Sunday School Hall

1950: A Special Combined Meeting was held with people from the Guild, Committee and church members to jointly discuss the plans for the official opening of the Sunday School Hall. People mentioned were Rev D Watson, H Gibson, G McKay, S Cassells, E Mathie, J McInnes, Dr T Walker, P Uzzell and Mrs M Freeman. There is to be a fete starting at 11.00am and the Official opening at 2.00pm. The Nambour Pipe Band was willing to attend providing Maleny paid for a bus for them. Rev Sam McKay is to be invited to assist at the opening. Invitations are to go to the Baptist, Methodist, Church of England, the Chairman of the Shire Council and all who had contributed to the building fund. Stalls are to be erected in the Hall. (Sweets, jumble, refreshments, ice-cream and soft drinks) Mr Gibson offered his amplifier for the day. Outside would be outdoor games and competitions run by Mr Adsett and a produce stall organized by Mr Hopper and Mr H Gibson. There would be a charge of 1 shilling and 6 pence for dinner and 1/- for afternoon tea. In February, Rev S McKay and Mr Byrne regret that they are unable to attend the opening of the Sunday School Hall. The opening of the Hall with living quarters was a big success The Nambour Pipe Band was in attendance. Money raised at the opening of the Hall was £60/ 19 shillings and 11

pence. A donation to the building fund of £14/ 1 shilling was given and £3/ 3 shillings was donated to the Nambour Pipe Band in appreciation of their services on the day.

The phone is to be transferred to the living quarters in the Hall. It was moved that an electric stove be purchased from R Gibson, for use in the manse at a cost of approx £9. Mrs Grigor to buy equipment necessary for the manse. It was resolved to purchase 1 galvanized iron bath and 1 enamel kitchen sink from R Allen-Waters. The reception for the Wedding of Miriam Freeman and Keith Boxsell was the first held in the Hall after it was built. In April the Ladies Guild were asked to prepare a wreath for Mr G Thomason to lay at ANZAC Day ceremony. In April Mr Watson the new Home Missionary was welcomed. On 1st July Rev David Watson married Ian Martin and Betty Jones in the church.

The Union Church and contents were to be sold to the Methodists for removal for £150. A donation of £10 from the proceeds is to go to the Ambulance. The balance is to be shared between the Church of England, Methodists and Presbyterian Churches. Mr Watson to be paid 6 pence a mile travelling allowance for his car in the work of the Charge. Mr Watson has offered to print a Newsletter each month for distribution to the Congregation. The Committee of Management agreed to pay for Religious Instruction material. A comprehensive note of "Thanks" was sent to all who gave time and labour in building of the S.S. Hall. Mr McKinnon varnished the Hall windows. The Committee of Management agreed to pay for the electric light used in the Manse. The Ladies Guild and public bodies joined to build a street stall. June. Mr McKinnon was asked to buy timber for a full-width step across the stage in the Sunday School Hall. There was a tentative proposal for a Fete in the Church grounds. August: Frank Woods is to purchase pipe for drainage from the Manse kitchen. There was an endeavour to get more subscribers to the envelope system of giving. Church Office notified the committee that the Home Missionary's salary was now raised to £5 a week. The Choral Anthems had been loaned to the Gympie Church and the Secretary was asked to write to Gympie requesting their return. They were returned in November. The fete was held and the Guild was able to donate £75 to the committee, with the wish that it be used to reduce the debt on the hall. The Communicants Roll was being regularly revised. White ants were found in the church stumps and action taken to eradicate them.

1951: There was a discussion to raise funds for the purchase of a power mower and a 'Grounds Fund' started. It was moved that members go to an Auction Sale re seating and planks. Mr McKinnon empowered to purchase timber for seats in the Church Hall. The Church was aiding in fund raising for St Andrews Hospital. Mr Watson & Mr Mathie placed a sign for the same in the church grounds. A gift was given to Mr & Mrs A Thomason, on 19th April, in appreciation of their dedicated work for the church, in the years they had been in Maleny. The Church received £38.1 shilling from the Methodist Church, as the Presbyterian share from the sale of the old Union Church, and the money to be put in the 'Building Fund'. September: Mr Adsett volunteered to purchase putty and re-putty the Church windows as they had been leaking. Mr Woods & Mr Adsett have painted the hall roof with Kill Rust. There will be a Christmas appeal to paint the interior of the Church. 8lbs burnt sienna, 8 gallons linseed oil, 1 gallon white paint, 1 bottle of turps and 2x4' brushes to be purchased.

1952: Now that Mr & Mrs Thomason no longer live behind the church, the rear fence is to be re-aligned. 4 movable partitions are to be made for the Sunday School Hall. There are 42 students in the SS Kindergarten and there was a shortage of seats. The church anthems are to be loaned for the ANZAC Day service. Estimates were to be obtained for the painting of the inside of the church. The outside is still oiled. The guild had paint to paint the inside of the Manse. A power point is to be installed in the front of the Church. The estimate for the painting of the interior of the Church is to be put to the Congregational meeting, also the suggestion that the railings in the church be moved to each side. (to make the entrance in the middle). A photo of the interior of the Church is to be sent to Church Offices for advice on altering the railing. Volunteers painted the outside of the church. The front gable of the Church is to be sealed and painted white. The Grounds Fund is to be closed and the money transferred to the Building Fund. It was suggested that the church chairs be renovated. It was moved to buy timber to mend the Manse bed, also to purchase 2 dozen hymn books for £9. The painting of the interior of the Church, porch and vestry, and varnish the VJ hardwood and windows will cost £80.15 shillings. Mr Rayner will do the work. Members varnished

the organ, rail and pulpit. A plate is to be put on the pulpit chair. The lettering is to be "Presented by the Maleny PFA March 1939". Mr Woods paid for the hymn-books, to be reimbursed later. Mr Woods later donated the cost of the Hymn-books to the church. The Committee re-dispersed £21, 10 shillings and 9 pence from the Protestant Hall Fund, with £5 to Budget, £5 to Floor Covering Fund and the balance to the Building fund. The Rev David John Watson was married in November and brought his bride to Maleny and lived in the accommodation in the hall for the first few weeks of their marriage. Bible Study was once a month combined with the Baptist congregation. The Fellowship was down to small numbers. There were 61 communicant members, 30 adherents and 100 others associated with the church. Mr Watson is on transfer and the Committee purchased the bed in the hall for 3 pounds.

1953: Mr McKay is the new Home Missionary. The Church was represented on the Coronation Day Committee by Mr McKay and the Secretary. The Committee is still talking of the plan and design for the Hall seats. It was moved to have collections counted and recorded before leaving the Church after each service. A floor-covering fund has been set up. There was a discussion on whether to purchase a meat safe for the minister. Committee employed some one to clean the church yard. The Ladies Guild raised £284/ 6 shillings and 1penny from the Fete. The Sunday School had 154 children on the roll. Mrs Martin's house at Booroobin was being used for Services. Miss Isabelle Bryce played a piano accordion for these services. The Misses Bryce had been teaching Sunday School for 18 years. The Insurance valuation on the church increased to £1000, furniture, fittings and contents £200, organ £100, the Sunday School Hall £1000 and hall furniture £200.

1954: Mr Mills is the new Home Missionary. It was moved to purchase locally, a copper, tubs and a meat safe for the use of the Home Missionary. In April the Fellowship offered to pay SEA, for the electricity for the SS hall, for the quarter. It was moved that a recommendation be made to Session that a Congregational meeting be held to discuss the purchase of a car. The Committee will endeavour to make the Home Missionary's salary £8 per week. (What happened to Mr Mill's bike?? Was it a push bike or motor bike?) The Committee moved to compensate Mr Mills £2 for damage to his bike. Mr & Mrs Adsett were thanked for making 6 forms for the Sunday School Hall. In September Mrs Bourne offered 2 Communion chairs in memory of Messes N & J Alcorn. The Moderator thought it would be a good move if the Maleny Home Mission Charge joined in with the proposed new Extra Parochial Landsborough/Caloundra Charge. A Special meeting was held to discuss the purchase of a car. The district was to be canvassed to try and raise funds. In November, £283 pounds 18 shillings and 7 pence was in the Car Fund. A roster was formed to mow the church yard. Power points are to be installed in the Church and Hall kitchen as soon as possible. People mentioned are presumably the Committee Mr N Mills, D Page, R & N Pointing, Mr & Mrs E Evans, G Brown, G & S Cassells, T Thomas, Rev Alex Innes, Mrs K McKinnon, Mr and Mrs A Woods, R Gittens, Mr & Mrs I Mathie, and J Adsett.

1955: The men of the congregation held a working bee to put an iron roof on the garage. Sunday School teachers asked if closing in a portion of under the Church could be considered to facilitate extending the Sunday School. A subcommittee was appointed to inspect any suitable cars re purchasing one. A 1950 Prefect Sedan was purchased from Mr Freeman's Woodford Motors for £490. In May the Committee was now discussing extensions on the back of the Sunday School hall. The Upper Sunday School was meeting in the minister's kitchen. In July a letter was received from Presbytery re loan for £450 for the extension to the Church Hall. Repayments are to be repaid at £45 a year and Presbytery needed 4 guarantors from the Congregation.

1956: Church Offices are to help in paying for the extensions of the Hall which have started. June there was a report on the progress of the Hall extension. The Secretary is to approach Mr Jno Carey and inquire if he has an idea of selling the house next to the Church and if he would give the Church 1st offer. A letter was received re organizing the raising of the Maleny Home Mission Station to a Sanctioned Charge. A Congregational meeting was called to discuss the possibility of raising the Maleny Home Mission Charge to the status of a Sanctioned Charge. A letter was received from Church Offices saying that financial assistance would be available for building or

buying a Manse if the Charge was raised to Sanctioned status. The Guild was still contributing to Church funds, this time with a donation of £100. It was moved that laminex be put on the servery in the hall kitchen the money coming from the proceeds of the Singer Sewing Machine Co.'s use of the hall for 4 weeks. A legacy of £200 was left to the Church by Mr Johnson Woods. Mr Adsett and Mr H Gibson are to be the trustees.

1957: February the Committee moved that a letter of Invitation for the Church's Jubilee dinner be put in the 'Nambour Chronicle'. Mr Woods is to attend to plumbing at the Hall. April The Golden Jubilee dinner has been held. There was child minding in the Baptist Church Hall thanks to Mrs Smith (Joan King's mother), and the Baptist Church. Dinner expenses were £13 14 shillings and 9 pence. The Jubilee Fete was opened by the State Moderator Rev Park. The vote of thanks to the Moderator was given by Mr Nicklin MLA and seconded by Mr Duncan McDonald Chairman of the Landsborough Shire Council. The entertainment was by musical and elocutionary items.

In the Jubilee year the congregation were urged to go ahead with the move to a Sanctioned Charge. On 7th May Maleny was declared a Sanctioned Charge and called Mr Alexander Innes to be the minister. At the Congregational meeting it was moved to make an offer for the house from the estate of the late Mr Carey. 24th July a letter was received from Presbytery re purchase of the Cedar St house for a manse. The cost was 1000 pounds, 500 pounds to come from the William Robert Black Endowment and the Congregation to find the balance. The property was rented to Mr Kohlmann, a teacher, until 10th August. We own the Manse! In June the Guild was given permission to buy a new Church carpet for the aisle. The Guild help pay for the church carpet and Mrs Grigor donated a lace centre and doilies for the Church and Mrs Hankinson donated a blue velvet pulpit cushion. The Guild put lino on the kitchen and study of the living quarters. It was noted that Mrs Grigor is one of only three women to hold an executive position in the church. In August a discussion was held on holding a Guy Fawkes celebration at the home of Mr and Mrs E Evans. In September the Methodists asked to use the Hall for their Harvest Festival concert on 18th November. Also in September Mr McKinnon tendered his resignation as Secretary. A Manse Account has been opened. The church grew in all areas with a good Guild, a PFA, and a large Sunday School – 13 teachers and 87 children in Maleny and Booroobin. Mr McKinnon was the Superintendent of the Upper Sunday school and Miss Isabel Bryce was Superintendent of the Lower Sunday School.

1958: On 16th June transfer fees had to be paid for the Manse property. The Gittens Bros supplied the replacement stumps for under the Manse. A working bee was held to replace the stumps. The Guild paid £20 for paint for the Church and Hall roof. The back fence between the Church property and the ANZ property is to be repainted. In September the Ladies Guild donated £100 to the General funds. It was agreed to approach the Stewardship Campaign people with regards to talks in our church. The Sunday School is still flourishing and services are held regularly.

1959: The Stewardship Campaign is deferred. There are financial problems as the Committee is unable to meet its commitments. A Congregational meeting is called for August to discuss the dire financial state of the Church. The Kenilworth Church is still being run from Maleny. Mrs Cole enquires if it would be possible to use the Hall for a Kindy and Pre-school. The request was refused because they would have had to use the Manse kitchen. It was moved that envelopes for the Sunday collection be used. The Sunday School Report shows 13 teachers, 87 children, - 70 at Maleny and 17 at Booroobin. The Sunday School supports an aboriginal child on Aurukun Mission in North Qld. The Guild prepared a float depicting the work of the AIM and Flying doctor Service for the Centenary Celebrations of Maleny District and held a fruit salad and ice-cream stall on the day. The Guild still held an Annual Fete. People mentioned as on the committee are J Howelling, J Love, C Lee and C Tilney.

1960: In February a special meeting was called and there was no representation to Presbytery to maintain the services of Mr Innes. After Rev Innes' ministry Mr Graham Lake was appointed Home Missionary to Maleny. Mr Bruce Roberts of Kedron has offered to repair the Church car and make it roadworthy if the Church pays for the parts. It was agreed to pay up to 50 pounds for repairs. In April it was noted that the church would not be able to call a minister in 12 months time. Although

the Church was in financial trouble it was still willing to give to the Chilean Disaster Fund. The Committee was given authority to purchase a reconditioned stove and bath for the Manse. A Yale lock is to be purchased for the front door of the Manse. (The house next door is now the manse) The inside of the Manse is to be painted. Mr K McKinnon made a cabinet for the kitchen of the Manse. Mr Howeling donated paint and louvers for the Manse. 'Thuchentag' Annual Guild Fete to be held in November. In September a special meeting was called to elect an Elder to Session. Mr G Lake was nominated. There are white ants in the Church stumps again. A club, to be formed by the Methodists and Baptist Churches, requests the use of the Presbyterian Church hall. This request was granted. The Council was approached re footpath in front of the Church. It was reported that the Manse roof is leaking. The car headlights are to be repaired. People mentioned N Thomas, E Linde (Manual Arts Teacher), E Louie, G Lake (Home Missionary), Mr Veetak, E Hankinson, E Tilney, E Lee and G Thomason Jnr.

1961: The Church members are to be circularized to raise funds for a new Church car. A Sub committee was formed to look after Church buildings and report on the state of repair. The galvanized iron bath from the Manse was sold for £1. A Special Congregational Meeting was held in June and the Committee of Management was instructed to purchase a new car for church purposes. It was recommended that the Church purchase an Austin Lancer car. There was still a debt on the Church Hall. The Guild donated £20 towards paying it off. Mr J Adsett offered to make a tray for the Communion glasses. The Rev Calder Allen interviewed members re the Committee's action over the Church car. The Minister is to pay 9 pence per mile for private use. In October a circular went out re a Men's Club in the churches. It was reported that a Ladies Guild was forming at Kenilworth. In November the Committee was to contact the Stewardship Committee for someone to come to Maleny and talk to the Committee of Management. Loans made by members, for the purchase of a church car, are to be repaid first. The hall needs painting. Committee members offer to buy the paint seeing there are no funds. 30th November a special meeting called to hear Mr Ashley from the Stewardship Committee. The Committee of Management recommend to the congregation that they undertake a Stewardship Campaign. Mrs Shirley Jefferies took the Youth Group in the Annex. The Guild and Sunday School are still strong and RE was being held regularly.

1962: In February the Hall was painted. The Stewardship Campaign was to be referred to the Session. The organ needs attention. Mr Lake needs more flannel graph equipment for RE classes at the school. March: Session to meet to form a Stewardship Organizing Committee. One private person who gave a loan for the church car asked for reimbursement. It was agreed that Maleny supply a Service once a month to the Flaxton congregation until Nambour was able to take over. There was a weekly Sunday School at Flaxton. Outlying Sunday Schools were invited to join in Sunday School Picnics at Mary Cairncross Park. Mr Lake had a slight accident in the church car in Brisbane. Committee is to contact the Insurance Co. The church car has been repaired. April: A Loyalty Dinner is arranged for 31st August for the Stewardship Campaign. The Committee was authorized to borrow £350 from the Bank for the Stewardship Campaign. 30th April a special Committee of Management meeting was held to discuss travel expenses for the Home Missionary in relation to his studies in Brisbane. The Home Missions committee couldn't help. It was advised that the Home Missionaries Students Women's Auxiliary would help. After a discussion Mr Lake is to make his own arrangements to get to and from Brisbane. In May a Special Meeting was called. The Director of Home Missions is to re-open the matter of the use of the Church car for Brisbane trips by the Home Missionary. It was decided to subsidize the Home Missionary 1 pound per week for travel.

July a Special Meeting - the Stewardship Campaign was postponed and the Loyalty Dinner to be 5th or 8th October. Later in the year the Home Missionary Department appointed Mr Carey Mansfield (with his wife June) to be Mr Lake's successor. In November the Ladies Guild give 200 pounds for linos, blinds and stove for the Manse. Mr Woods to donate 2 dozen Hymn books and cedar to make 2 collection plates. The Committee to enquire about putting fans in the Church. In December the first Kenilworth Sunday School Report and the first Kenilworth Ladies Guild Report were presented.

1963: In the early part of Mr Mansfield's ministry the church decided to conduct a Lay Visitation Campaign, inviting Rev Fox from Sydney (co-ordinator of the Billy Graham counselling teams) to come and train lay visitors. This took place in the church over several weeks. The visitors (man and woman pairs) were then sent to adherents of the church to give their testimony of how they came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. While on visitation (in the evenings) others stayed behind in the church to pray for them and wait for their return to give their report. Mr Mansfield then followed up the visits the next morning to seek to lead those visited to a decision to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. As a result of this campaign we saw the Lord pour out His blessing on the church in a very special way, with a number of those visited making their decision to accept the Lord. This resulted in a revitalized Sunday School with many more children coming, and the Sunday School teachers undergoing a thorough one year's training program, which was organized by the Presbyterian Church Office in Brisbane, and conducted by Mrs June Mansfield.

Church Offices asked if there was any safe place to store old Church Record books. It was suggested that any important records be brought into the church and recorded. In April Mr Kennedy offered to make a record of old Church books - Minute Books etc and arrange for storage and safe keeping. In May it was reported that an extra toilet was needed. Mr Cassells has made the 2 collection plates from the timber donated by Mr Woods. The fence between the Manse and the Allen-Waters property was done by a working bee. In July the Manse Account was paid off at the Bank. On the 27th July an evening was held to thank Mrs Grigor, for 35 years service on the Committee of Management, and Mr Waddell for services rendered.

In August the guild asked for the removal of the partitions in the Hall and for the cupboards to be moved. The PFA have been given permission to paint badminton lines on the floor of the Hall. Town water has been connected to the Manse. September reported the organ needs repairs. Secretary is to see Mrs A Woods with regard to repayment of Car Loan. November: Mrs A Woods says to retain the loan for a further 6 months. The Committee is to help with Sunday School literature. There was a discussion on renovation of the Manse. In December a scheme was put forward to pay for a new Manse over 16 years. Mr Mansfield was nominated as an elder. The re-formed PFA presented their first Annual Report.

1964: Carey Mansfield is still the Home Missionary. In January there was a report on the Inspection of the Manse and repairs and improvements would cost £840. Church Offices to be presented with two proposals: (a) proposal to repair and renovate the Manse or (b) Build a new Manse and enquire if finance could be made available. In February the Committee was notified that finance was not available for a new Manse. A congregational Meeting called to decide whether to repair and renovate the Manse. A ladies Bible Study is held regularly. A special meeting was held with Rev J Allen to discuss various aspects of co-operating with the Methodist Church in ministry of the Maleny area. Rev Allen became Home Mission Director and found Home Missionaries to serve, with concurrence with Presbytery, in various areas. In June the Post Master was approached about having the "Anchor" (the church news book) registered as a periodical. No reply as yet. Kenilworth Guild and Sunday school sent donations to the Manse Fund. The PFA advised that they were unable to do anything about the Marathon Walk on 6th July - Brighton to Bribie. In August Mrs Allen-Waters donated \$10 for a memorial, so the Committee purchased a plate glass cover for the Communion table. In October another \$20 was received from the Kenilworth Guild. It was agreed to combine with other churches for the British & Foreign Bible Society Service. In November the Maleny Guild donated \$380 to church funds. The Church owns a Gestetner duplicator and it needs repairs. In December the PFA presented a donation of \$220 for the Manse Fund the money being raised by a walkathon, slide evening and a produce stall at the Fete.

Gympie Church suggests that Kenilworth be included in the Widgee and Woolooga Home Mission Station. Maleny wants to keep Kenilworth or they may not be able to make a call, and are in favour of seeking union with the Landsborough Extra Parochial Charge. The car loan has been repaid to Mrs Woods. In April the Kenilworth Congregational Meeting said they wished to remain with Maleny. Kenilworth now has a PFA group. The final repayment for the Car Loan from members was made.

The Committee moved to write to Church Offices for assistance from the W Black Fund to build a new Manse. In June the committee was urged to consider the purchase of a house, if one came

available, for a Manse. In September Mrs Grigor advised she wanted a new fence and will pay for the materials and decide the type of fence. The supper room in the Hall has been painted. In December the Ladies Guild said they would put lino on the kitchen floor in the Hall and take up the old lino in the dining room. The lead light in the Church windows need repairs. Sunday School Picnics were held at Mary Cairncross Park. Boiled lollies for the picnic cost 8 shillings and sixpence a pound.

Removal of the Old Manse & Buying of the New Manse

1965: February. The windows have been repaired. Three plans are on loan from Church Offices of Manses built in the last 10 years. After a discussion the Committee of Management advise that after investigating, the advice of the builders is, 'they find it is inadvisable to repair the old manse building'. So as soon as possible dismantle the old building, keeping any useable material, and erect a new Manse and submit plans for Congregational consideration. The Committee was given authority to arrange finance and plans for a new Manse.

In March Mrs Woods offers a Trust Fund of £100, the amount to be invested and the interest only be used to provide Hymn books for the Maleny Church. It was moved to have a Car A/C. The car needs new tyres. Committee discussed painting the Church. It was decided to form a Property committee to go further into plans for a new Manse. In April Mr Weame from the Dept of Christian Stewardship talked to the Committee and recommended to the Congregational Meeting that we undertake a full program of Christian Stewardship. The Hall supper room floor has been painted and lino put on the kitchen floor.

There was a Special meeting on 27th April. The ground plan of the new Manse was approved and it is to be presented to Mr White for the drawing up of plans. In June the Bank manager spoke to the Committee with regards to financing the new Manse. In July the plan of the proposed Manse was returned from the Architectural Committee with a covering letter that the Committee be asked to draw up a ground plan. The church is painted, now to paint the roof and give the Hall a coat of paint. In August Mrs Hunt donated the money from the pine trees on her property to help pay for paint. In September the Sunday School requested a collapsible table and 20 stack-a-by chairs. 2 seat belts are to be fitted in the church car. Mr Lou Schulz was nominated as an elder. The Manse plans are again before the Committee.

In November this was put before the Committee. "What is the church program for 1966?" 1. Call an ordained minister, 2. Request a Home Missionary. 3. Face the possibility of occasional supply. 4. Or let Presbytery name a minister for the charge?' The church tank and stand are in a bad state of repair. It was moved to connect town water to the Hall. A duplicator is to be purchased to print the Newsletter, Youth and Sunday School work. In December it was moved to leave the connection of town water to the Hall till the New Year. Mrs Hunt donated £100 for the Manse fund. A gestetner was bought and it is to be kept on the Church property. There was no longer a Newsletter now but a church Magazine to be printed monthly. The magazine to be titled "The Anchor", co-edited by C Mansfield and Mr Vethaak with the first edition published in December 1965. Local businesses were approached to pay for ads.

1966: In February Committee is to recommend to a Congregational meeting that we purchase Mr Ian Martin's house for £600 for removal and convert it into a Manse. The Committee is to get 2 quotes from removalists for moving the house to our manse site. Special Meeting 28th February the congregation voted in favour of purchasing Mr Martin's house and \$1200 was passed for payment to finalize the sale. \$400 is to be borrowed to pay for removal etc. March meeting accepted a Gympie removalist to shift Mr Martin's house. Mr Martin had built the house with tallow wood floors and sometimes entertained friends with dances in the lounge room. It was decided to keep the old Manse for our own use. A presentation of Hymn books was made to Miss P and Miss I Bryce for 30 years service to the Sunday School. Miss I Bryce continued as Church Organist. Mr McKinnon was Superintendent still of the Upper Sunday School and Mrs Allen-Waters became Superintendent of the Lower Sunday School with approximately 100 children. At a special request from the Sunday School Teachers, session gave approval for Sunday School to be held at the same time as the Church Service. It was also decided, that for a trial period, the time for Church

Services be brought forward from 11.00am to 10.00am. The Committee is to purchase a large Hymn book for the organist. In April plans of Mr Martin's house showing alterations to be taken to the building inspector Caloundra. Could timber from existing manse be used to build a small hall? Special Meeting 8th April the alterations to the building are agreed to. Ground plans are to be drawn up for Council and Presbytery. A Special meeting was held on 25th April to consider the offer of Mr Benecke to buy the old manse for \$300. At the next meeting of the Committee of Management rescind the motion to keep the manse for our own use. In May the plans showing the alterations to be sent to Council and the Architectural Committee for approval. Mr Benecke upped the offer for the manse to \$370 and the offer was accepted. Tanks, bath, tubs and toilet are to go with the manse. Sink and cupboard is to be swapped from the old manse to the new manse. The old manse was removed and in October the new Manse was shifted to the site. Carey Mansfield recorded both shifts on film. The old guttering to be entirely replaced, 2 power points to be put in the laundry, 1 in every bedroom, 1 extra in the lounge and 1 in the bathroom and a light at the back steps. The floor is to be sanded after the inside painted and the casements at the sink raised level with the sink. The fibro on the front to be replaced with tongue and groove VJ in flood gum and a patio added. It was decided not to participate in the Stewardship program at this stage. In August the Guild was prepared to purchase a rotary clothesline for the Manse. Mr G Cassells was thanked for letting the Home Missionary, Mr Mansfield and family use his home while the manse was being put in order. Mr Cassells gives a typewriter to the church and the Committee pays him for Mr Mansfield's stay in his house. In October a shower is to be put over the bath in the Manse. In November there was discussion on the fence. A low brick fence is to go in front of the Manse. The guild asked permission to put blinds in the Manse. December the Manse is finished! Mr Mansfield handed in his resignation, for family reasons and Mr Sidney is to take up the position of Home Missionary. A date for the dedication of the Manse and Induction of Rev Sidney is to be left in the hands of the Moderator and Presbytery representative.

1967: January. Some of the money bequeathed to the church by the late M Addis to be used to build the front fence and dedicated as a memorial to Mrs Addis. It was decided to buy a motor mower for the church and manse. On 4th February the new Maleny Presbyterian manse was opened. There was a big write up in the Nambour Chronicle. "There were early difficulties over plans, and then the old Manse had to be sold and removed. The committee had the opportunity to buy Mrs Martin's house from Booroobin and shift it in to Maleny and adapt it to the approved plans. It had to be cut into 2 sections to be moved. Sections of the road had to be widened to accommodate the large load. Many people helped with the re-stumping, tank stand, patio, doors, casements etc and a new brick fence built. While neither of the Manses was liveable, Mr and Mrs Cassells vacated their house for the use of the Home Missionary - Mr and Mrs Mansfield. In February the Secretary suggested selling the old garage near the Hall but it would leave the toilets open to the street. Gates for the Manse are ready. In April it was decided to sell the old tank and stand at the Hall for removal. In May it was decided that the old garage is to be pulled down. Toilets are to have a screen in front of them. Water from the manse is to be piped to the hall using the water table. The St Andrews Hospital Board is to become the church notice board. The secretary to see the Shire Council re street signs for the Church. The Club Motor Agency assessor reports that it is not economical to repair the church car (Austin Lancer). It was involved in an accident in May. Mr Adsett offered to drive Mr Sydney wherever he wanted to go. The Committee is to look at purchasing another car. In July Mr Max Clark of Caloundra had painted the sign for the church. Club Insurance paid out \$499.90 on the church car. The old garage is gone and the screen is in place. There is a need for an incinerator. SEA is to test all points and appliances in the Church and Hall. In August the old iron and timber from the garage was sold for \$19.00 In September it was decided to absorb the Car A/C into General Funds. It was also decided not to produce "The Anchor" in January. In November the Guild donated \$250.00.

Kirk Session requests the communion rail be cut in the middle leaving the opening to the dais in the centre. The Committee of Management accede to the request. Also holes to be drilled in the Hymn book board on the seats for the Communion glasses. Rev Sidney made a wooden cross and placed it above the pulpit. Garden seats in the church yard are in need of attention. December the gardens seats are repaired. The Communion rail is cut and holes for the Communion glasses drilled.

1968: The Session requests a power point on the opposite wall of the church for a light for the organist. The Sunday School wants a power point in the Hall and the kitchen point repaired. A new battery was purchased for the car. Mr Sydney planted 12 shrubs in the church grounds. In March a discussion is held on reducing the debt on the Manse. In April a circular is to go out to all Presbyterians under Pastoral care to donate to help defray the debt on the Manse. Rev Sydney installed a wall clock and lectern in the church. There is the 1st mention of union with the Methodists. In May the Committee is to advise the Clerk of Assembly that we are agreeable to join the General Missions Programme with other churches for the British & Foreign Bible Society Service.

In September a Special Congregational Meeting was called. The business, to prepare for the vacancy when Mr Sidney retires. 31/1/69. Requirements for Sanctioned Charges as from 1970:- Membership minimum of 150 + or – 30 & \$6500 per Annum Income. This church's estimated income for the following year is only \$3300. It was moved the church approach Presbytery to have the Maleny Charge changed from a Sanctioned Charge to a Home Missionary Station as from 31/1/69. The Ladies Guild donated \$380 to church funds and the PFA donated \$220 to the Manse Fund. This was raised from a Walk-a-thon, Slide Evening and the Produce Stall at the Annual Church Fete. Rev Sidney retires at the age of 83 and there was a write up in the Nambour Chronicle.

1968: It was decided to send out notices for evening services in Conondale and Kenilworth for a trial period of 6 months. The Committee is considering covering the remaining rooms of the Manse with linoleum for the lounge, dinning room and bed-rooms. In March Mr Adsett offered to build a cupboard in the Hall for the gestetner. Mr Lawrence suggested a mural be painted and placed on the wall behind the pulpit. After much discussion it was decided that no action be taken. In April Mr Turner reported that he was conducting religious exams for Junior and Senior pupils at Kenilworth and Maleny High Schools and successful pupils will be presented with book prizes at Speech Night. The "Anchor" to be posted as a periodical monthly- 200 are needed. The Post Office would accept it if it had provincial headings. Mr Turner indicated the necessity of a wood stove in the Manse. The electric stove will be moved to accommodate the same. In June it was reported on the necessity of seat belts and fog lights for the Church car. The Committee of Management is to help on stalls for the fete. The amount of credit in the Choir A/C is to be given to the Guild to purchase materials for a street stall. The Guild donates \$20 to the Car Fund. Mrs Woods gave money for the purchase of Hymn Books. (Interest on that money \$8). The Secretary is to buy \$8 worth of Hymn Books. It was moved that no action be taken on fog lights for the church car. PFA renovated a number of Hymn Books. In October it was reported that a new petrol tank was needed for the church car. Mr Mathie donated a door for the top of the back steps of the manse. The Secretary is to get quotes for painting of the interior of the Manse. In November the Guild donated \$500 to the Manse Fund. It was reported that the gestetner has broken down. In December the PFA gave \$260 to the Manse Fund.

1970: There was a morning and evening service held in Maleny at this time. The Church car had a wheel alignment and new tyres. There is enough money in the General Fund to cover the balance of the Manse debt. It was reported that the Church and Hall down-pipes were blocked. In March the Guides request the loan of the Hall chairs. The church had a send off for the Gilliland family who were presented with a silver tray. The Committee discussed painting the buildings and the replacement of Church car. The Manse Fund to be changed to the Maintenance and Car replacement Fund. The car needs a new muffler and universal joint. The Guild suggests presenting a book at the ANZAC Day Service to be later presented to the school library in lieu of a sheath of flowers. A light is to be placed at the front and back entrances of the Hall. It was moved that the large bell on the phone and deaf aid to be taken out. In May the money from the combined services Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterians on Good Friday was forwarded to B & F Bible Society. Arrangements were made to repair the stump at the entrance to the hall, repair and clean the toilets and provide a seat at the front of the Church. In June it was reported that a stump at the hall back landing needs repairs. The Sunday School Picnic was held at Mary Cairncross Park with

45 present. Home Mission stipend was now raised to \$109.00 per month. Kenilworth Guild sent in a \$20.00 donation.

Session requests we procure sufficient copies of "Basis for Union" for the Committee and members of Session to have one each. The Committee was asked to assist with a fete again. In September it was agreed to give 2 prizes for the Scripture exam at Kenilworth and Maleny High School. Sue Harris spoke of her missionary work at the Ladies Fellowship. The manse needs painting but it was decided to scrub it down. The Committee discussed a light at the organ in the church. No decision was made. A seat at the front of the Church is to be made against the wall. (front fence). Mr Lou Schulz is to make the fittings. In November the Ladies Guild gave another \$300, \$260 of it to go into the Car Replacement Fund. The ladies Fellowship Dinner was held at the home of Mr & Mrs L Schulz with 22, including husbands, attending. In December the typewriter is to be repaired. The Flaxton Sunday School donated to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. There was also a donation from the Maleny Sunday School. The committee agreed to get the Pest control in for the Manse.

1971: January some lead light windows need repairs. Two stumps need replacing under the Church – they were donated by Mr Louie. The Disaster Relief Committee inquired if the Hall could be used in case of a disaster. The Secretary visited some of our Conondale members. In April the collection for the Chelmer Handicapped Children's Home was \$95.60. There was a Good Friday collection of \$15.06. There will be a working bee for the replacement of the two stumps under the church. In June it was decided to take up a retirement offering on June 20th and 27th for the East Pakistan appeal. There was the purchase of a Joint Board Kit on Church Union. The church windows have been taken to Brisbane and repaired. In July Mr Turner suggested that he hire a car to the Committee for church work. In July it was decided to sell the Church car and pay Mr Turner for the use of his. October saw missionary Lorna Edwards speak at the Ladies Fellowship meeting. In October the ladies were busy sewing for the Church Fete. One lady made leather moccasins and cowboy pants. The Ladies Guild advised it was to use the money from the Stall to paint the interior of the Hall. There were quotes for a ceiling fan in the Church. In November it was decided that the Christmas offering would go to the Australian Inland Mission. Mrs Grigor let the Church use her garage for 2½ years for the church car. December the Flaxton Sunday School donated money to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. SEA Inspector said the hooks supporting leads to the heaters are dangerous, as they are not insulated. On October 29th the first Fete was held in the Maleny School of Arts. It was advertised as "An Australian Fete" and it had an Aboriginal Theme. The guest speaker was Mrs Murphy from OPAL. Individual stalls were, Food Stall, Sweets Stall, Kitchen Stall, Produce Stall and Sewing Stall. The Guild purchased material for the sewers to make articles. The Kitchen Stall sold Afternoon Teas which consisted of a Cup of Tea plus 3 Sandwiches, a Bun and a Small Cake all for the princely sum of 40c. Recipe Books were made up and from their sale paint was purchased to paint the Hall. The Guild also purchased a ceiling fan for the church. The Guild hosted a Smorgasbord Luncheon in the School of Arts. The cost to the public was 65cents per head.

1972: In January the church held a welcome for Mr R Falkenhagen their new minister. In February the heaters were fixed. The PFA is now defunct and their funds are to be transferred to the Bible Class. Friday nights in the Hall are to be made available for Christian Endeavour. Mrs Grigor passed away. She had been Committee Secretary for many years. Thelma Murray (formerly Thelma Griffiths past Maleny Home Missionary) was guest speaker for the Women's World Day of Prayer held in the Presbyterian Church. The Guild made a presentation in the Church Service to Sunday School student Jenny Allen-Waters, who was Maleny's first Queen's Guide. The March meeting decided that the gate in the joining fence is to be closed to stop through traffic across the Church property. In April the Committee was notified of a legacy for our church from the late Frank Addis Estate. (Was this the money used to build the Manse fence)? A plaque is to go on the fence. It is reported that the Manse stove needs a new hot plate. In June Dawn Bryce a missionary from Ethiopia was guest speaker for the Ladies Fellowship. In July Mr Erskin-Wyse requested permission to remove a tree in the Manse yard. There is trouble with the septic and clothes hoist- a new trench is needed. Mr Turner offered to do the digging. In August it was reported that the plaque has been put on the Manse fence. There was discussion on painting the Church. There

was a film evening at Kenilworth. A discussion held on painting the Church roof with kilrust. The Secretary visited some of our Conondale members. In September the Committee moved to put a plastic pipe in to take the surplus water away from the Manse. The Holland Park Methodist Christian Endeavour group came up for a week-end visit and all 13 were billeted with church families. In November the Committee was notified of a Legacy from the estate of the late A A J Woods of \$1000.00 the interest is to be used to help maintain the Manse On October 27th a Smorgasbord Luncheon was held at the Church Fete and raised \$350.00.

1973: February the church received a donation to the Christmas Bowl from the Flaxton Sunday School. Quotes are to be obtained for the painting of the Church. Rev Dregmans outlined the purpose of a meeting to approve the Basis of Co-operation between the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. In May the Methodist members are now attending committee meetings. The Basis was unanimously carried (19) were present. Miss McDonald is using the hall for music lessons. The Flaxton service was the 4th Sunday of the month. There will be none in May as they will be joining in the Thanks Giving Service in Maleny. In August it was decided that Methodist brethren be co-op on to the Committee. The Church is still using the envelope system of money collection. Documents are to be completed for the Maleny Co-operative Church. In September it was reported that the tank stand at the back of the Hall is unsafe. October it is official THE PRESBYTERIAN AND METHODIST CO-OPERATIVE PARISH exists. Each denomination retained its own properties and identities and obligations to their hierarchies. The local organization and finances were unified. Thus, there was a Maleny Presbyterian-Methodist Co-operative Parish Finance Committee. The Finance Committee seemed to act as a de-facto parish council which did not limit its business to Finances. Services were held in several centres. The main weekly service was held in the Presbyterian Church and a monthly service in the Methodist Church. Other services were maintained at Conondale, Kenilworth and Flaxton. There were two lots of church properties in Maleny: the Cedar Street Presbyterian Church, Hall and Manse and the Coral Street Methodist Church and Hall. The Methodists did not have a manse. They shared a minister who at that time was Mr Roy Falkenhagen, a Presbyterian. His stipend in 1974 was \$282.00 per month. This had risen to \$466.00 per month in 1976. Those present at the first Finance Committee were Mr R Falkenhagen, Sectary George Armstrong, Treasurer George Cassells, J Adsett, R Collard, W Collard, E Linde and F Geritz. Income for September was \$560.80 and the expenses \$460.60. This was unusual as expenses usually exceeded regular income. There were donations and Fund raising activities such as the sale of "beasts" (cattle) and mango picking by the well-known Bryce sisters. But it was the Ladies Guild which subsidized the parish. There were two Guilds running: Maleny and Kenilworth operating co-operatively. The Parish was responsible to two denominational bodies. The closest authorities were the Presbytery of Brisbane North and the Caloundra Methodist circuit. The budget obligations were a problem. These were denominational demands upon the Parish. The two churches solved the problem by halving the assessment. In 1974 \$105.00 was paid to each denomination. There were times when they had difficulties meeting these requirements. The tank stand at the back of the hall is still unsafe. The quote has been accepted to paint the Church. (It is to be sanded, then 3 coats of deluxe.).

1974: The Parish publication 'The Anchor' continued to be produced each month on a Gestetner duplicator. George Armstrong was now the editor. This was later enlarged and it now contained details of local activities, a list of church service times and who would lead them, articles of a devotional nature, some poetry and proverbial sayings. In July there is an indication of a Stewardship Program where members promised regular contributions by a weekly envelope system and make a spiritual commitment. Two persons were to be elected to Eldership to bring up the required number for the Co-operative Parish Council. The Moderator spoke on the voting procedure for Union and stressed the need for everyone to vote.

1976: In February the minister Mr Falkenhagen and his wife left and in March Rev John Martin and his wife arrived. Services and RE are being held in Kenilworth and Maleny. The Parish council consists of The Presbyterian Moderator, Rev Ron Wallace, The Methodist Superintendent Ray Townsend, and the Resident Home Missionary John Martin and appointed church members. Don Smith the Presbyterian student minister and his wife are living in an old house opposite the police

station. An ANZAC Day book was presented to the High School. A successful Harvest Festival Service was held on 23rd May. Activities of the Ladies Guild included Street Stalls, Paddy's Market, Smorgasbord Luncheon, Cookery & Microwave Oven Demonstrations, Tupperware Parties and the Annual Church Fete.

In June it was moved that the Congregation bring to the notice of Presbytery, (1) That the communicant roll of the Maleny Congregation was not purged before the vote, on the Basis of Union, was taken, (2) Due to the changed situation in Maleny concerning communicant membership, guidance of Presbytery was sought on the manner in which members, wishing to go into the Uniting Church, should put their case to the Handy Commission.

A Christmas Party was held for Widows and Maiden Ladies. In December there were two Baptisms – Helen Knight and Aaron Peters. Home visitations were systematic with each family being visited at least once a year. RE is being conducted in the schools. Communion is held regularly and Mr George Armstrong was appointed Sunday School Superintendent in March. There were 47 children on the Sunday School roll. The Sunday School Picnic was washed out so the children had fun in the hall instead. The year closed with a Break-up BBQ. The children and teachers put on a vivid Nativity Scene under spectacular lighting effects organized by Mr Whitehouse. There was a combined Christian Endeavour Group with Mr Schulz, Debbie Boxsell and Mr Traves as leaders. It was held in the Baptist Hall this year.

After Union

1977: In January Clifford Von Blanckensee married Veronica Trevethan. There had been an unexpected failure to gain the necessary 2/3 majority for union in the Presbyterian Congregation which meant that the Presbyterian Church retained the properties in Cedar Street. The Rev John Martin was living in the Manse. When he joined the Uniting Church he vacated the Presbyterian Manse. In June the student minister Don Smith and his wife shifted into the Manse at 14 Cedar St. In June the last wedding before Union took place. Arnold Edmonston married Lee Bochow. Those present at the last Finance Committee meeting were Rev Martin, Miss P Bryce, L Evans, G Cassells, F Geritz, E Howard and G Armstrong.

On 26th June the Presbyterian Committee members were elected at a Special Combined meeting at the Woombye Presbyterian Church. These were Mr & Mrs L Schulz, Mr D Smith (student minister) Mrs D Smith, Mrs S Jeffries, Mrs M Boxsell and Miss D Boxsell. The Office Bearers elected were Chairman Mr L Schulz, Secretary Mrs M Boxsell, and Treasurer Mrs S Jeffries until her resignation in February 1978 when Mrs D Schulz took over. A bank account was opened at the ANZ Bank under the name of The Maleny Presbyterian Church Account. Mr L Schulz was the only Elder remaining in the Nambour Charge after Union. At the time of union it was found that the Uniting section of the Co-operative Parish had removed several items from the Hall, Church and Manse. The list was compiled and Mr L Schulz presented it to the Brisbane Planning Committee. The result of this meeting being that the Uniting Church was to return the listed items. From 22nd June Maleny Church was included in a combined Charge embracing Caloundra, Maleny and Nambour. At this time the church property was in need of much maintenance. The urgently needed replacement of guttering and down pipes was attended to. Sunday School commenced in July with four children and Miss D Boxsell as teacher. Sunday School prizes were presented. Sunday School was discontinued later in the year when families left the district. Rev Jack Knapp was Interim Moderator. Services were held at 8.00am to allow Mr Don Smith to conduct the Caloundra Services. Communion Services were conducted by Rev J Knapp, Rev G Lake or Rev D Dadd. In July the church was blessed by gifts of money from Rev Dr H Whitney, Rev G Lake and the late Mr Mathie Snr. It was agreed that the student, Mr Don Smith, minister to Caloundra and Maleny. Maleny Church accepted the offer of a stall at the Caloundra Church Fete. A donation was sent to Caloundra in appreciation. Money was sent to PCQ towards the Budget and the Committee on Missions. A gift was given to Mr D Smith to help with his expenses, and travelling expenses were given to visiting preachers. Mr Smith was known for the number of pets that he owned (7 dogs, 3 cats, 5 hens and 8 geese). A member of the congregation kindly looked after them when the Smith family went on holidays. Money was sent to Nambour towards their Church Building Project. Miss Linda Schultz was organist and in her absence Mrs Freeman or Mrs

D Dadd filled in. The Manse pipes need repair. The Members of the Committee will do the work themselves. The missing items from the buildings are to be returned. The Ladies of both Guilds are to get together and sort things out.

Bible Study was held regularly in the home of Mr & Mrs L Schulz. The Hall is to be loaned to the Play Group Association on a trial basis. Mr Jim Vines from Open Air Campaigners took a service in October. The Church collection, from 30th October, is to go to the Open Air Campaigners to support their ministry, in appreciation of their work in our area. Rev Missenden arranged for ministers from Brisbane to help fill the pulpit till the end of the year.

1978: Early in the year Rev J Knapp accepted a call to Merrylands in NSW and Rev G Lake was appointed Moderator. The committee asked Caloundra Presbyterian Church Committee of Management to share in the responsibility of paying expenses arising out of the running of the Manse and Pastoral work in the area. Mr Don Smith, the student minister, is still ministering in Maleny. Church services continued to be held at 8.00am till July, to allow Mr Smith to take services in Caloundra.

In the next few months, Caloundra became a separate Charge and Maleny and Nambour continued on as a combined Charge. Keith Mayers, an exit student, with his wife Nell, is ministering in Nambour. In July Rev Lake relinquished his position as Moderator and was succeeded by Rev D Dadd. Keith Mayers graduated from Theological Hall on 10th November and later received his Licence at a ceremony in Brisbane. Rev Lake and Rev Dadd took communion services. Bible studies continued in the home of Mr & Mrs Schulz. In June/July the Caloundra Church built a new Manse at Currimundi and Mr Don Smith and his family shifted down there. Mr T Hoey APCM visited and showed slides and gave a talk on his work with the Biami people in PNG. Miss Hamlyn Harris from the African Inland Mission also visited and showed slides and gave a challenging message. Both missionaries were given gifts of money to help with their work. In July a discussion was held concerning future fellowship with the Nambour Presbyterian Church. In September \$30 was donated to the Nambour Church for their building project. Also \$100.00 was sent to the Presbyterian Church of Qld. for self allocation to the Budget and \$80.00 a month to Committee on Mission for Maleny Charge's support in maintaining the ministry. A donation of \$10.00 was sent to the Department of Social Missions towards Christmas cheer for the aged people and travel allowance was paid to visiting preachers from Nambour. In November, during the Centenary Celebrations of Maleny, the combined churches of Maleny presented a decorated float representing Christian Worship in Maleny. The float was constructed and decorated in the Catholic Church hall. M Allen-Waters, Mim Boxsell and other Presbyterian ladies together with ladies from the various churches in town spent many hours working on the float which was a huge success. Brisbane Presbytery advised that Rev Keith Mayers was appointed as minister of the Charge as from January 1979.

1979: In January K Boxsell painted the Manse for \$685. The Nambour Committee to be notified what was done – they paid \$400 towards the painting. The Secretary is to ask Church Office how much money is available in the Marion Lumsden Bursary Fund. In February the Executive had purchased the necessary fixtures for the Manse. Mr Irvine is the new Home Missionary. The removal van damaged the guttering on the Manse when backing in. Mr Irvine is to look into the lack of water pressure at the Manse. April it was decided to repair and re-paint the Hall roof and paint the Manse garage roof. It was also decided to purchase a Baptist Hymn book for use in the Church. It was moved that a \$50 car allowance be made to Mr Irvine. In July the Cottage Sunday School formally held in the Schulz residence now to be known as the Presbyterian Sunday School. \$700 was forwarded to Nambour in appreciation of their support to our Church when it was needed. A Family Service and Sunday School Book awards were to be held on 9th December.

1980: Don Irvine and family are living in the Manse. In February the Committee of Management expressed a desire to share in the New Building Project at the Nambour Church so sent \$100. Presbytery held its monthly meeting in Maleny in April and the ladies of the church provided supper for its members. In May it was reported that the stove, taps, and clothes hoist at the Manse need attention. The hall ceiling was repaired and the old guttering replaced with new. The hall roof, manse garage and its roof have been painted. Broken walls have been replaced and painted in the

kitchen and bedroom of the manse. Mrs S Jeffries was thanked for her very generous gift to the church. The Bible Society, Scripture Union, TEAR Fund and a Refugee Fund were supported during the year. Bible study was held regularly in the home of Mr & Mrs Schulz. and the Ladies Fellowship met regularly. In May Don Irvine was not well and was in hospital. In July a morning tea was held after the service to farewell Home Missionary Mr Don Irvine, his wife and family who are going to Cobar. In December the walls in the Manse have been repaired and painted. Mr Ritter, Rev Dadd, Rev K Mayers, Mr S Wright, Mr D Wright, Mr B Burnett and Mr L Schulz filled the pulpit during the time Maleny was without a resident minister. In December Mr and Mrs Shallard were welcomed as the new Home Missionaries. Linda Schulz the organist was farewelled as she takes up a teaching position in Dalby in the New Year.

1981: Rev Keith Mayers from the Nambour Charge is the minister and he has been ably assisted by Rev Donald Dadd. There were weekly prayer meetings and the Ladies Fellowship met once a month. New doors were made and fitted to the Manse garage. April the church roof is to be painted and repairs carried out on it due to storm damage when a neighbour's tree fell on it. In the storm the outdoor toilet was also demolished and replaced by one donated by the Woombye Church. A working bee is to be held to clean and renovate the church pews. Mr and Mrs Ritter donated a reading lamp for the pulpit. It was decided that Marriage Bibles be purchased to be presented to couples being married in the Church. Storm damage to the hall has to be attended to. In June the Committee was notified that a Church street sign was in progress. There was a youth group at the Church.

The Landsborough Shire Council notified the committee of a proposed sewerage scheme for Maleny. The committee to discuss the feasibility of having toilet facilities built into the Sunday School Hall. In September it was reported that the church roof has been painted, the Street sign is up, and the Chairman met with the Council Member and noted the requirements for installation of the sewerage. Mrs Jones donated \$100. A quote is to be obtained for the painting the outside of the Church. It cost \$1200 to paint the outside of the church- colour to be the same as the Manse. Back door and steps of the church need repair. In December faulty wires between the Church and Hall had to be checked. The Sunday School continued under the leadership of Mrs Shallard. The children worked on the Bible Society's Project for South America. The church ladies were asked to cater for a lunch for the Limousin Beef Growers at Mary Cairncross Park. This helped swell the coffers. An Easter Dawn Service was held at the Balmoral Road Rest Area. In December a farewell was held for Mr & Mrs Shallard and family who shifted to Milmerran to continue the Lord's work there.

1982: Rev Keith Mayers is still the minister with a very heavy workload. He oversees Nambour Woombye, Maleny, Eumundi, Gympie, Woolooga and Maroochydore, which has services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. He also takes Worship Services at Sundale Nursing Home. He has been ably assisted by Rev D Dadd. In March a discussion took place concerning calling a man to the Charge as assistant, and the building of a new Manse (this is in Nambour). In October Don Irvine returned and took a church service when he minded the Allen-Waters home while they were on holidays. October also saw Rev Peter Barson inducted as assistant minister to assist Keith and he took his first service in Maleny. \$1000 is to be sent to Nambour for the new Manse Fund. It was recommended that the Church buildings to be sprayed for pests. In May the buildings were treated for vermin. The quoted price was \$60. In December quotes were received for the sewerage connection and the building of new toilet blocks. The Committee discussed renting the Manse if it was free. The Ladies Fellowship Group met fortnightly. Missionaries with APCM, Mr & Mrs Hoey visited and told of their work in PNG. Later in the year there was a Men's Dinner and Mr Bruce Morgan from Crusade for Christ was guest speaker. The KYB Ladies catered for this event. A Fellowship Evening and buffet dinner was held in the hall and afterwards games of table tennis were held.

1983: In January the Committee moved to accept Mr Hutton's quote to construct the toilet facilities in the hall. In March \$25 was forwarded to Miss Cope for RE in the High School. The toilets in the Manse and Hall are now connected to the sewerage system. The Committee discussed the paint for the toilets. A new Minister, Rev Rod Acreman, has now been appointed to Nambour. Mr & Mrs

Tony Bianco were renting the Maleny Manse. In June Debra Boxsell resigned as Sunday School teacher. Mr Allen-Waters was thanked for his assistance in acquiring the toilet fittings. Mrs Jefferies had donated a toilet suite and it was advertised in the Maleny News. In November the toilet suite had been sold. It is reported that the Manse stove needs a new hot plate. Support was again given to TEAR Fund. The Church windows are to be repaired. It was suggested that the Church Hymn Books be covered. Debra Boxsell donated the Communion Cup for the church.

1984: A new stove has been purchased for the Manse. A letter was written to Church Offices asking for the release of the full value of the Marion Lumsden Account in favour of the Maleny Presbyterian Church. The Treasurer is to invest it so that a special Account can be set up to the original intent of the donor. It was decided that our Church be added to other Clubs and Organizations in the Maleny News. Don Irvine came back and took a church service. In July it was discussed that the Church Hall be painted and repairs carried out. In the October meeting it was noted that our mail was still going to Nambour from Church Offices. The Secretary is to notify Brisbane that the Committee would like it to come direct to Maleny. A tender has been accepted for the painting of the Hall. A microwave oven has been purchased for the Hall. Someone was appointed to do Hospital visiting. Services and Communion were held regularly.

The Church is Growing

1985: Rev Rod Ackerman from Nambour is still the minister. In March it was reported that there was a leak in the Manse roof. On 7th March the Ladies Fellowship was reformed. The meeting was held at the home of Anneke Timmers. Those present were Mim Boxsell, Tracey Bianco, Nell Trotter, Wendy Revell, Anneke and Mavis Allen-Waters. In April it was discussed that bricks be obtained for a compost bin. Repairs were made to the church windows. It was reported that there was a down pipe and cracked window in the manse needing repair. 10 Songs of Praise books are to be purchased. In August Mr and Mrs M Trotter gave bricks for the Compost bin. The Manse window and tank pipe are being attended to. The old electric stove has been disposed of from the Manse. In September the Committee moved that the Manse be painted for \$1400. 10 Hymn books are to be purchased and sent to the Aged Persons Home Maryborough. The printing is to be large type. In December there was a Special meeting. It was carried that the Hall roof be painted and replace guttering and pipe on the Manse. It was also moved to purchase 50 Seibel chairs for the hall the colour to be beige. RE is being supported at the Primary School.

1986: Elder L Schulz has been carrying the burden for the church for many years. Sunday School has started under the leadership of Mrs Allen-Waters. Payment for travelling expenses for visiting preachers is to be continued. A hail storm in January cracked windows and louvers in the hall. They are to be repaired and the account for same to be sent to Church Office. There is a quote for new landing and steps at the back of the Church building - tallow-wood to be used for the treads. In March the committee moved to obtain quotes to paint inside the Church. It was moved that 25 NIV Bibles, the hard cover type be bought subject to approval. In May a special meeting was called. Mr Kilpatrick is to be paid for building the new landing and steps, handrail and newel post. In June a leak is reported in the Hall roof. It was suggested that a cement ramp be made for the front of the Church instead of a wooden one. Tony Bianco offered to paint the stairs and landing. It was asked that the Sunday School bring a report to the Committee of Management meetings on what was needed in the SS so that the Committee has the opportunity of sharing in decisions. A report on the Hall roof was brought to the July COM meeting. Some battens and roof sheets need replacing. A wooden ramp is to be built for the front entrance of the Church. The quote accepted for the painting of interior of Church. - colour Santa Cruz, white ceiling and stained wood. In September it was moved that the Christmas offering go to TEAR Fund again. The Church is still supporting RE in schools in Maleny. The Church is supporting the following Missions: OAC Ministries, Tom Hoey, APCM, Paul and Susan Wust SIM. In December it was moved that the SS teacher inquire at the end of November how much money is available from the Marion Lumsden Fund for prizes. The teacher is to recommend what prizes to be awarded and obtain them. The leak in roof in the Hall will be attended to in the New Year. It was moved that the Committee buy 50 new Hymn books

(Rejoice) The COM to purchase a book to record SS offerings and expenses and the Committee is happy to assist financially if requests are made to them.

1987: In January G Lake reported that he had ordered the Hymn books. The congregation was to be given the chance to purchase their own Hymn book and Bible. A Bible is to be presented to Mr and Mrs L Rissmans who celebrated their marriage in our church. The Treasurer reported the existence of a Hymn Book Fund in the Assembly Capital Fund. In April the SES request the use of the Hall and contents for billeting in the event of a Natural Disaster on the Sunshine Coast. The debt on the Nambour manse was discussed. The Hymn books are to be paid for in full from the Hymn Book fund. The Committee to look into repairs on the Manse: window brackets, stove, back door and the Church back door. The organist feels that new bellows are needed for the organ. In December a Quote was accepted for the repairs to Hall roof, windows in the Hall, Church and Manse and the back doors to the Church and Manse. Mrs B Woods made a donation of \$100 towards Hymn books. The Ladies Fellowship is going well and the Sunday School children very enthusiastic.

1988: Gordon Jackson, an exit student, is the new minister of the Charge. Rev Donald Dadd, Rev G Leighton and Mr D Grace have helped with the preaching in Maleny. Two people are taking RE in the Primary School. Sunday School started with four juniors and two teenagers. The children heard about the 'Flying Bible Man' and decided to work towards his project of Bibles for the aboriginal children in the NT. The Marion Lumsden prize was jointly awarded to Angela Timmers and Jenny Hunter. In May a Card Ministry was started. In September Nick Heskes had painted both back doors and the Church sign. A new urn is to be purchased for the Church Hall. There were three missionary nights held in the hall. Tom Hoey of AWPM visited and told of his work with the Bedamuni people in PNG. Laurie Humphrey, a former Maleny lad told of his call to be a missionary and of the work he planned to do. Greek Missionary Costas Macraes, from the Hellenic Missionary Union visited and told of the missionary work going on in Greece and of the boat ministry that was travelling round the coastline and many islands telling the people of God's love and Jesus Christ. It was also reaching Turkish fishermen. The Church is still supporting P Wust, Tom Hoey and the Humphries. A Creation Science book was presented on ANZAC Day and later given to the Primary School Library. After the Communion Service on December 11 a Christmas luncheon was held in the hall. Bible study is held regularly at the home of Mr D Grace. Communion has been held regularly during the year.

Golden Jubilee of the Opening of the Church

1989: Gordon Jackson is still the minister in the Nambour Charge. In February Invitations are to go out to all Maleny churches re 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Church. The electrical wiring is to be checked in all church buildings.

In March the Golden Jubilee of the opening of the Church building in Cedar St was celebrated. Although there was torrential rain about 200 attended. Among the people there were the Rev K Stevens and his wife. Rev Stevens being the minister serving in Maleny in 1939 when the Church was built and opened. There were quite a few other former ministers present. They all had a chance to talk about their time in Maleny. A lone piper played in the rain to welcome guests before the Service.

The Manse was let out to a church family. In May the church and hall were re-wired in accordance with SEQEB regulations. Mr Tom Moodie supervised the work and was thanked for his untiring efforts and long hours working with the electrician. The removal of the old wiring proved difficult. Two books were presented to the Primary School after the ANZAC Day Service. Repairs had to be made to the pipeline from the front boundary to the hall. Sunday School was going but Mrs Hunter reported attendances were erratic. Wheelie bins were purchased from the council. P Grace was given permission to use the Alexander Hymn books for her KYB group. The Insurance cover on all three buildings was increased. It was agreed to have two meetings a year with the Nambour COM to discuss relevant business within the Charge. The first is to be held in Maleny. It was agreed to have a student minister for the Nov/Jan period if one was available. It was moved to keep Past Church Records and History in the church. K Boxsell was to paint the exterior cream & green and

roof of the church silver. A Men's Dinner was held in the hall and about 30 attended. Two members from the Boat Missionary Team DULOS shared about their work and David Grace was the guest speaker. Debbie Schmidt made a donation of \$100.00 for video outreach. Mr Peterson is the church Auditor but has indicated that this is the last year he will be able to do the books. It was agreed to transfer our support of \$300 from Paul Wust, who has left the mission field, to T & S Hoey of APCM.

As the tenants have vacated the manse, new curtains and blinds were purchased for the manse. Mr T Moodie was thanked for installing same and doing minor repairs in the manse. The Combined Committee meetings were considered worthwhile and provided an atmosphere of better understanding and better communication between Committees. An extra power point was installed in the manse kitchen and a double power point in the lounge. Joan King is helping out as organist. The Christmas Day offering is to go to help Fusion care for homeless children on the Sunshine Coast.

1990: Rev Gordon Jackson from the Nambour Church is our Minister. Malcolm Pearce, a Theological Hall student, was appointed to Maleny on a Student Bursary Scheme from March to November. He and his family resided in the Manse and Malcolm helped with the preaching. The committee is to pay Travel Allowance for March to Nov and the first \$100 of the electricity bill and also the manse telephone account except for private calls. The Nambour Charge is once again a Sanctioned Charge. Mr David Grace has been elected by Session to be the Elder for Maleny. We now have the Communion Service every two months instead of quarterly.

The Ladies Fellowship held a Morning Tea in July and performed three Skits for the guests from Maleny Merry Makers. These were much enjoyed by audience and performers. Mrs Allen-Waters captured this exciting event on video. More power points and an extra electrical circuit were installed in the manse. Mr J McDonald made a start on re-leading the church windows. The hall piano and the church organ were repaired and the organ reported to be in an excellent condition. The Caloundra City Council will erect a church sign at the corner of Cedar and Beech Streets.

We continued to support T Hoey and L Humphries of the APCM. Brad Jackson was financially supported as a member of the Solomon Islands Teens Mission. A donation was made to the Gideons and an ANZAC Day presentation book was given to the Maleny Hospital. The insurance on all our buildings was upgraded: Manse \$68800, Hall \$64500, Church \$86000. A Congregational Dinner was held at the home of Mr & Mrs H Timmers. David Grace made shelves in the entrance porch to hold the Hymn books. The Ladies Fellowship met regularly during the year for Bible Study and fellowship. The Treasurer resigned and an acting Treasurer appointed. Three Street Stalls were held enabling the ladies to purchase a refrigerator and replace the old kitchen lino with vinyl. Several weddings were held in the church during the year. D Grace was elected PR man for church activities and will up date the church ad in the local paper. The church sign has been corrected and up dated. The hall piano was tuned and the organ repairman said the organ was in excellent condition and the bellows operating at 80% capacity. Mal Pierce repaired the gestetner and the first edition of the monthly newsletter was produced. Support was given to a church in Vanuatu. Mr Mal Pierce was appointed to work in the Nambour/Maleny Charge for Nov., Dec., and January. One of the members of the congregation asked if they could rent the manse when it became vacant. The Christmas day offering was donated to Fusion to help with the homeless youth on the Sunshine Coast.

1991: Mal Pierce and family vacated the manse in January and it was let to a church member for six months. Gordon Jackson was the Minister but in the latter part of the year he indicated that he would not be seeking an extension to his appointment. The Rev Noel Thomason was appointed to be Interim Moderator during the vacancy. Mr Peterson advised he would no longer be able to audit the books and Mrs B Walker was nominated to take over. A gift was given to Mr Petersen for services rendered as Auditor. Sunday School recommenced in Maleny under the leadership of Mrs Pam Grace and M Hunter and Bible Study was held in the home of Elder Grace. The church windows were re-leaded and re-hung.

This year after giving assistance in accommodation to two families in need, the church manse became vacant. A Congregational meeting approved the necessary expenditure for maintenance and renovations of the manse. The interior was repainted and carpets were put in 4 rooms and

new vinyl in the bathroom and kitchen. A vote of thanks was given to T Moodie who helped with the renovations and supervised the work. Because of the extra cost in renovating the manse the COM was unable to pay their contributions to Nambour for July/ August and September. The COM had to pay an outstanding phone bill left by a previous tenant. T Moodie found a new tenant for the manse at \$130.00 per week.

A new electric stove was installed in the hall kitchen. It was decided to hold a church picnic at Mary Cairncross Park after the bimonthly Communion Services starting on 28th April. The pulpit Bible cushion was renewed. There is an increasing demand for our church for weddings and as the participants were not church members it was decided to set a fee for the use of the church and facilities. A congregational meeting was to be held to "Ascertain whether the Maleny Congregation wishes to continue under Rev Gordon Jackson's ministry". Nothing eventuated due to the financial position. We continued to support the missionaries T Hoey and L Humphries and again books were donated to the Maleny Hospital on ANZAC Day. The Christmas Day offering was sent to the Presbyterian Dept of Social Missions. It was with regret that the Congregation said 'Good-bye' to Gordon and Railee Jackson and family after four years of guidance, friendship and faithful ministry.

1992: Because the manse is rented out we were able to renew our contributions to the Nambour Church for the Sustentation fund and \$900.00 was sent. Two luncheons were held during the year where we entertained the Maleny Merry Makers. Carey & June Mansfield from HCJB came in April and shared in our Sunday Service. The ANZAC Day book was presented to the Maleny Hospital by Mrs Moodie. In April the ladies held a street stall, and in May a Social Evening for Indoor Bowls was held. A very successful Out Reach Dinner was also held in May. The Guest Speaker, Rev Geoff Fletcher, held everyone's attention with his talk, "Realizing Your Full Potential". The Nambour Committee of Management attended our Committee meeting in June and the Rev Noel Thomason also attended. RE was being taken in the Primary School by two of our church members. General repairs were done to the hall, manse and church roofs. The Hall roof was re-screwed with cyclone screws. Inside the manse was painted and carpentry repairs made. Mr T Moodie organised much of this work. The manse stove and hall steps were repaired. A heater was purchased for the church. The Sunday School has nine children and is taken by Mrs P Grace and Mrs M Hunter, using the Reformed Christian Churches material, 'Footsteps'. The children support Wendy Strachan by sending bookmarks, made by themselves for the children in Kenya, and the money from the Empty Christmas Tree, which was 1004 Kenyan shillings, (\$48.00 in our money). We continue to support the missionaries T & S Hoey and started support for Richard & Linda Buchanan from Wycliffe Bible Translators. A quote was accepted to paint the external walls of the manse. The steps at the side of the hall were replaced. In December Mrs J MacFarlane and her children Clare and Andrew were baptized by the Interim Moderator Rev N Thomason. After the Communion Service the Sunday School prize giving was held followed by a luncheon. The Christmas Day offering was sent to the Presbyterian Dept for Social Mission.

1993: The Rev Noel Thomason is the Interim Moderator. Our average attendance is 13. Those elected to the Committee were M Hunter, G Hunter, L Mitchelson, T Moodie, M Boxsell, M Allen-Waters and P Grace. At the election of Office Bearers Mrs Allen-Waters declined the position of Secretary after many years of faithful service. Communion Services are held regularly during the year. After hearing John Roth preach for a call, the Selection Committee approved his appointment, and John, an exit student, will commence his ministry in the New Year. The Sunday School commenced the year with ten children. Because of the big age differences it was decided to split it into two groups. The upper group was under the leadership of Mrs Pam Grace and Mrs Helen Nebe, and the younger group under Mrs Hunter and Janet Boxsell. Rev Noel Thomason gave out the Sunday School prizes after the children had sung two songs for the congregation. After the service a BBQ and games were held for the children in lieu of a Sunday School Picnic. On 19th December the children, under the guidance of Mrs Grace, presented "The Full Christmas Story" for the congregation. The World Day of Prayer was held in our Church with about 60 attending. The Ladies Fellowship studied several books from both the Old and New Testaments. An Indoor Bowls and Social Evening was held, The Merrymakers were entertained and two street stalls were held. The church also held a Hawaiian style Outreach Dinner in October. Four tables and tablecloths were purchased for the hall and thanks to Mrs Hilda Audet the ladies were able to

purchase new cutlery and crockery for the hall kitchen. A vacuum cleaner was purchased to help with church cleaning. From May onwards the Maleny Neighbourhood Referral Centre Committee held their meetings in the hall. Two ballet schools that previously used the Anglican Hall were now using the Hall. Three weddings were held in the church. During the year we made a donation to a single mother appeal called the "Karen Jones Relief Fund", the Teens Scene Club of Nambour, and the Drought Appeal and because of a note attached to the Hall door we were able to help a stranded traveller. An ANZAC Day presentation Bible was donated to the Maleny Hospital by Elder D Grace. The outside of the Manse was painted, the outside of the Hall was painted and the outside of the church washed down. 2 ceiling fans were put in the hall; blinds were purchased for the eastern side of the church windows and a heater bought for the church and hall. Because of break-ins dead locks had to be installed on the hall. Tom Hoey of APCM and Richard Buchanan from Wycliffe Bible Translators are still being supported. It was decided to introduce Offering Envelopes in the New Year.

1994: Pastor John Roth his wife and family arrived at the Nambour Church in January. Rev Noel Thomason is still Interim Moderator. Rev David Sivewright brought the Nambour choir to sing at several of our church services. One person was admitted to membership. The Committee of Management voted to get a Post Office Box so that all mail would go to the one address. Elder D Grace presented books for the Primary School at the ANZAC Day Address. The COM decided to support the appointment of a Chaplain for the High School with a yearly donation of \$300.00. A rain water tank was installed at the Hall and a new larger hot water system installed in the Manse. The church held a Spanish Dinner and Simon Grace, son of Elder Grace, played the guitar. The Mansfields from HCJB held a video night and spoke of the work of HCJB. A Morning Tea was held and Jana McFarlane, the well-known sculptor gave a Clay modelling demonstration. A second morning tea was held and Helen Nebe gave a colour analysis talk. An exhaust fan was put in the Manse bathroom. The interior of the church was washed down and the interior of the hall was painted. Mrs Hunter resigned as Sunday School Superintendent and Pam Grace took over with help from Janet Boxsell and Jana McFarlane. Pam & David Grace took 4 of the Senior Students to the International Airport to welcome Wendy Strachan home from Kenya. Wendy from Scripture Union presented the Sunday School prizes. At Christmas time the Sunday School students put on a play depicting Moses asking Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. The Sunday School Picnic was held at Mary Cairncross Park with all the usual fun.

1995: Presbytery gave permission for the Charge to be officially known as the Nambour/Maleny/Eumundi Charge. The Rev John Roth was inducted as Minister of the Nambour/Maleny/Eumundi Charge in February. ANZAC Day saw the presentation of a Creation Science book to the Primary school and several books to the High School Chaplain. During the year there were 3 weddings held in our church. Three people were admitted to membership. Communion was held every 3 months and Elder David Grace took Christianity Explained Courses. A morning tea was held and Fiona Hassell gave a scalp massage and braiding demonstration. Later in the year Di Hall, a very talented arranger gave a Christmas Floral Art demonstration. The Outreach Dinner in October had a British Isles theme. Part of the proceeds was donated to the Darling Downs Presbytery for Drought Relief. The Ladies Fellowship changed from the ANZ Bank to the Suncorp Bank. As the Manse was unoccupied in the early part of the year it gave the Committee a chance to do maintenance on it. A new stove was purchased for the Manse and a built-in wardrobe installed. Urgent repairs were made to the Manse roof because of leaks. A whirly bird was installed on Manse roof to try to combat mildew in the bathroom. Bathroom walls and ceiling were repainted because of mould. The church was made available to the Ministers Fraternal for an early morning Prayer Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month. The Sunday School was functioning under the guidance of Mrs Pamela Grace. The children supported Wendy Strachan in Kenya and sent money so a child there could attend a Children's Camp. The Sunday School picnic was held at Mary Cairncross Park. For insurance purposes the value of the three buildings and contents has been reassessed. In September the COM voted to increase our contributions to the Charge Ministry. The Christmas Day offering was again donated to the Presbyterian Dept of Social Missions.

1996: The congregation numbers have grown and the congregation is growing spiritually with increased attendance at the Bible Studies. Two new members were welcome into Communicant membership. The Sunday School was growing under the leadership of Helen Nebe. The Sunday School children supported Alana Johnson a missionary in Chad, Africa after she visited and told of her work as a nurse there. Next year the senior students will progress from Sunday School to Youth Group. The SS Picnic was held at Mary Cairncross Park in November. Because Tom & Salome Hoey said they were retiring from the Mission field it was decided to support Ernie & Marilyn Gunders from Pioneers. Continued support was given to Richard & Linda Buchanan from Wycliffe. The Ladies Fellowship was using a devotional book by Oswald Sanders. An Outreach Dinner with a Swiss theme was held and the Solothurn Rural Resort helped in the decorating of the hall by lending us many Swiss articles. The guest speaker for the night was Don Batton from Creation Science. Four Creation Science videos were purchased and donations given to Creation Science and the Erowal Hostel Auxiliary. A Morning Tea and ceramics demonstration was given. Ladies from the other churches in town were invited. There were two weddings, one bride being a former Sunday School pupil and the daughter of Margaret and Gordon Hunter. Finances allowed the painting of the exterior walls of the church, re-stump the building and sand and stain the hall floor. This latter was done because of complaints that it was getting slippery and could cause an accident. The church received a gift of light fittings from the Eumundi Church. The Session Clerk, Cliff Bradburn, made and donated a Mission Box to the church. An extra ordinary meeting was held in April to elect an extra person as a signatory for the working account, to elect an acting Secretary and an acting Treasurer and to change the COM meeting night. Rev John Roth leaves the Charge in January 1997 for Hervey Bay Presbyterian Church.

1997: Rev John Abbas was Interim Moderator for the Charge. By request Jana McFarlane gave a second clay sculpturing demonstration. In March a Fellowship Tea was held and a travel video on China was shown by one of the church members. In April the church was privileged to have the Creation Science people come and present a video and talk. A larger refrigerator/freezer was donated to the hall. The ladies of the Eumundi Church invited the Ladies Fellowship to a Morning Tea and later in the year the Eumundi Ladies travelled to Maleny for a visit. The Fellowship Ladies also attended the Uniting Church Friendship Morning. Useful items were collected and sent to the Presbyterian Church Hospital at Kikuyu in Kenya, as they were desperate for supplies. Three weddings were held in the church. James Hassell was baptized. The manse bathroom was redesigned and new fixtures put in, the hall annex was re-roofed, the manse driveway and gate post repaired and the hall back steps replaced. The Care & Share Group started meeting once a fortnight at the home of Mrs Allen-Waters. The Sunday School Picnic was again held in Mary Cairncross Park and prize giving was held in December. Mark Hassell and Rob McQuade were given the chance to do some preaching. An afternoon Praise Service commenced on 31st August. Sunday School continued under the guidance of Mrs Helen Nebe. The children are supporting Wendy Strachan in Kenya and Alana Johnson in Chad in Africa. A donation was made to the Nambour Church to help with the refurbishing of their manse. Also a donation was made to the new Eumundi COM to help establish them financially. Rev R Benn was given a donation to help his program for Promoting Missions. Our Christmas Day offering again went to the Presbyterian Dept for Social Missions. The successful Sunday School Picnic was held at Mary Cairncross Park. A surprise Christmas Basket of goodies was given to a struggling single mum.

1998: The new Minister, Rev Des Morris was inducted. A successful Men's Dinner was held in February and Rev Keith Mayers was guest speaker. In March Rev Ron Clark attended a Kids Night and Basket Tea and entertained everyone with his puppets and Gospel message afterwards. A counselling book was presented to the High School Chaplain on ANZAC Day. In May the young people of the Youth Group invited the Maroochydore Youth Group to a "Scottish Reel Night" where they tried a very different type of dancing coached by the Scottish Dancers. In August a Murder Mystery Night was held. Presbytery held its meeting in our Hall in October. Nine Missionaries or missions were being supported and money sent to five Appeals, and gifts were sent to five groups. The church is supporting RE in Schools in Maleny and started supporting the High School Chaplain. Sunday School is going strong, with approximately 18 students, under the leadership of Mrs Helen Nebe. The older teens were helping with the Kindy group. A Worship Committee was

set up to see what type of worship the church should adopt. This Church hosted the World Day of Prayer. There were five weddings in the church during the year. Pastor Bob Whiting came and told everyone something of his work as a Prison Chaplain. A gift of \$100.00 was given to the Gympie Presbyterian Church as an encouragement. Ladies Fellowship continued under the leadership of Pamela Grace. At Christmas time Gift parcels were delivered to three elderly ladies from the congregation. Joan King and Bill McDonald are the church's faithful organists.

1999: The Minister is Rev Des Morris. In March we had a wedding in the church. In May a second Murder Mystery Night was held and in October a "Mad Hatters Tea Party" was enjoyed. The guest speaker was the High School Chaplain, Pastor Richard Zweke. Marilyn and Ernie Gunders from the Dalby Presbyterian Church visited the church and told of their hope of working from a boat to reach isolated areas of PNG and the Pacific Islands. They have been working with Pioneers.

The youth Group meets regularly under the leadership of Marc Hassell, Rob McQuade, Tony Bianco, Adam Thornton and Lauren Bianco. Attendance fluctuated between 8 & 16. The Youth Group and Cell Group met at the home of Rob McQuade. Later they shifted to the office of Euan MacFarlane in town. They did a Christianity Explained course and later other topics relevant to the group were studied. The Youth Group shared an outing Ice-skating in Brisbane with the Baptist Youth Group. A Progressive Dinner was held as an outreach to 34 young people starting off at the home of Tracey & Tony Bianco then to David & Pam Grace's, and then back to the hall where sweets were served. After this, Guest Speaker Rev David McDougal gave a challenging talk. Sunday School is still going strong under the leadership of Fiona Hassell. Later in the year, due to the birth of baby Steven, the Sunday School was taken over by Tracey Bianco helped by Janet Boxsell, Clair Mc Farlane and Nicole McKenzie. The SS Picnic was held at Baroon Pocket Dam. During the last quarter, night services were held twice a month in the Maleny Church.

Communion Services were held regularly every two months. The Ladies Care & Share met at the home of Mrs Allen-Waters. The Ladies Fellowship met in the hall, under the guidance of Mrs Pam Grace, and studied a book by Oswald Sanders. A new kitchen was installed in the manse. The manse is rented at the moment. A first aid kit, fire blanket and extinguisher were purchased for the hall. The entrance to the hall was improved and the servery opening changed in the hall kitchen. The Care & Share Ladies visited Joan King in the Prince Charles Hospital after her heart operation. Bill McDonald was organist while Joan was recuperating. A donation was given to Eumundi Church after it lost part of its roof in a storm. The church supported the Kosovo Appeal as well as TEAR Fund, Meals for Missions, The Leprosy Mission, the High School Chaplain, Richard Buchanan at Wycliffe and Simon Grace from Campus Crusade, who came and spoke to the congregation. The Ladies Care & Share decided to adopt 2 Patrol Padres to pray for. They were Bill Grey at Richmond and Ron Lyons in Weipa. A donation was given to the Maleny Kindergarten and Christmas Cheer was given to three elderly ladies from the church.

2000: In June members of Presbytery visited Maleny & Eumundi to investigate concerns raised by members of the Church. As a result of these investigations five commissioners were appointed in August to assist in the running of the affairs of the Charge. Numbers are low as young families left for other churches. Dr Tas Walker from Answers in Genesis came and talked to the church members. The Sunday School is still functioning with four children. The Youth Group is no longer functioning and the Cell Group is no longer part of our church. We had weddings in February, April and October and one Baptism. Wendy Strachan from Scripture Union visited and told of her work in Africa. The Care & Share had been talking of adopting a child in Africa, but Wendy Strachan told them of a lady supporting 47 Street Kids in Nairobi so they decided to support Mamma Zipporah instead. The Committee voted to support Beatrice Igihozo, a lady in Rwanda, working with orphaned children as mentioned by Wendy. The Ladies Care and Share held their first Cake Stall in aid of the High School Chaplain. The ladies took part in the World Day of Prayer. Presbytery met in Maleny in June and the ladies provided a hot meal for them. In September successful Church Dinner was held. The theme was "A Country Hoe Down" and the guest speaker was Rev David Cranney with a talk on a "City Slicker in a Country Setting". A new clothesline had to be purchased for the manse also a new toilet cistern. During the year Des Morris held a Stewardship Campaign. Communion Services were regularly held every six weeks.

2001: The GST was introduced and a new system of computer book-keeping was adopted. The Treasures of both Maleny and Nambour spent many hours at talks trying to work out what was required. The Rev Des Morris notified Session that he wanted to take all his leave before he resigned as Minister of the Charge. The Rev Noel Thomason was appointed Interim Moderator. Congregational numbers are down. The weekly newsletter was re-introduced in a different format. There was a small Sunday School taken by J Boxsell and M Hunter. The Sunday School Prize giving was on 3rd December where the children sang a song. The electric organ was playing up. A new side fence was put up half way along Ian Martin's boundary. A Teens Bible Study was started with four students after a request from one of the teens. It was initially held in the hall and later at the home of Janet Boxsell. The Care & Share agreed to continue praying for Patrol Padres Ron Lyons in Weipa and Bill Grey in Richmond. The church held a "Pot Luck Dinner" in aid of the Leprosy Mission and Noel Evans was the guest speaker. There were 2 weddings in the church. Marilyn Gunders first suggested School Bags for poor schools in PNG and the Ladies Care & Share and the Ladies at "Busy Needles" took up the challenge to make some. Simon Grace visited from Campus Crusade. The church also had a visit from Rev Trevor Bickerton from the Red Sea Mission Team. The inside of the church was washed down and the rusting stump caps replaced under the church. The Care & Share Cake Stall profits were again donated to the Chaplain at the High School. Rev Des Morris resigned as minister. The ladies participated in the World Day of Prayer. The church continue to support all the usual Missionaries Richard Buchanan Wycliffe Bible Translators, Ernie Gunders Pioneers, Wendy Strachan Scripture Union, Simon Grace Campus Crusade for Christ, the Leprosy Mission and TEAR Australia.

Maleny now part of Caloundra Charge

2002: The Church is now officially under the leadership of the Caloundra Church. Rev Noel Thomason is the Minister and Moderator. The numbers are slowly increasing. The Ladies Care & Share met with the Caloundra Ladies at the Rustic Cabin Park for morning tea so that they could get to know one another better. There was no Teens Bible Study as the girls have work commitments. An Adult Bible Study was started by Elder David Grace and "The Attributes of God" were studied. Sadly there was no Sunday School. Church members Tom & Betty Moodie rented the manse. A new stove was purchased for the manse and a small electric hot water system for the church hall. Repairs to the manse windows, front door, back steps and landing were done, then the outside of the manse was painted. Security earth leakage switches were installed on all three buildings. The roof on the hall annex was replaced. The church gratefully accepted the offer of an organ from the Maroochydore Church as the church organs were playing up. What a lovely rich tone now accompanies the singing. Four church members attended the Induction Service for the new High School Chaplain. The Committee is grateful to Richard Rockett for making a lovely wooden bookcase for the church hall. The Congregation were all shocked by the sudden death of the long time organist Joan King. Bill McDonald kindly filled in as organist. The proceeds of the Empty Christmas Tree and the Christmas Day Service went to TEAR Aust.

2003: Because of the inclement weather the Ladies Care & Share hosted a Morning Tea for the PWA ladies from Assembly. It was a wonderful morning of renewing friendships. Before they left for Bougainville, a Missionary Morning Tea was held for Ernie & Marilyn Gunders who introduced their co-workers Shane and Karen Cavies to the church members. There was a good response to their School Bag and Baby Bundle Project. In May Rev Noel and his wife Vetta attended the Care & Share meeting. There has been a steady increase in numbers. Through a Presbyterian Church on the Gold Coast, the Ladies were able to arrange support for a young mum with triplets. Bible study is taken by Elder David Grace. There were 2 weddings in the church. Security doors were put on the manse and a master key system for the church, hall and manse was introduced. The internal walls of the hall were washed down to get rid of the mildew. Presbytery was held in Maleny in August and the ladies of the church supplied the meals. One of the congregation, Dr Valerie Ruth Murray, died and the Committee was informed that the Maleny Church had been named in her will as a beneficiary. The money is designated "To provide a Ministry in Maleny". A safety light/timer switch was installed at the hall door. The Care & Share cake stall was again a big success and the proceeds donated to the High School Chaplain. Wendy Strachan of Scripture Union has

again been supported during the year along with two African ladies Mamma Zipporah in Kenya and Beatrice Igihozo in Rwanda, both work with disadvantaged children.

The proceeds from the Empty Christmas Tree again went to TEAR Australia. Because of ill health Bill and Dell MacDonald are no longer able to come to church and visiting organists have provided the music. Ron and Ailsa Turner have agreed to be the church organists.

Twelve New Members

2004: Congregational numbers are steady, Rev Noel Thomason notified the church of his intention to take long service leave before retiring in May 2005. Church members were pleased to have old missionary friends Tom & Salome Hoey come and tell more about their work in PNG. The Ladies Care & Share held a "Favourite Hymn" Morning Tea where all the old favourites were sung with enthusiasm. The highlight of the year was the service where 12 people became Communicant Members of our church and Gordon Hunter was inducted as an Elder. Tom & Betty Moodie vacated the manse. The Committee had the boundaries of the church property surveyed and a back fence and part of a side fence erected. A P.A. system was installed in the church making it much easier for those with hearing problems. The 'Doctor Valerie Ruth Murray Bequest' was finalized and the money put in the PCQ Capital Fund. A head stone was put on Ruth's grave. Three windows were replaced in the hall because of their dangerous condition. The jacaranda tree and a macadamia tree were cut down in the manse yard. The Church had a visit from the Moderator of Queensland Ron Pilkington and his wife. There were 5 weddings in the church. Two of the brides were grand-daughters of church members Mavis Allen-Waters and Mim Boxsell. Lyndal Maxwell of HCJB visited and told the congregation of her work at HVO Shell in the jungle part of Ecuador. The Care & Share Street Stall again supported the High School Chaplain. Richard & Linda Buchanan from Wycliffe visited the church and Richard gave a talk about his work. The proceeds of the Empty Christmas Tree again went to buy items from the TEAR Australia's Very Useful Gift Catalogue. The missionaries that are supported are TEAR, MERF, Gideons, Tehillah Ministries, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Leprosy Mission, Wendy Strachan Scripture Union, High School Chaplain, The Bible League and APWM.

2005: The Tsunami shocked everyone and the Appeal money was sent to MAF to help with the relief work. Because of the increasing unreliability of the organ it was decided to purchase a new one. Ron & Ailsa Turner recommended a very good second hand one and it was purchased in March. The minister, the Rev Noel Thomason, officially retired in May. In June he became the Moderator of Queensland and a group from the Maleny and Caloundra Churches went down to Ann Street Church by bus to participate in the service. Rev Peter Barber from the Maroochydore Church is the Interim Moderator. The manse is tenanted and the hall used for dancing classes. The liquid amber tree regretfully had to be cut down as it was interfering with pipe works and blocking drains. The Care and Share Ladies still meet with about 8 members and their Street Stall for the High School chaplain was again a success. Bible Study has commenced under the leadership of Elder Ron Turner. Sunday School under the new title of Kids Church was started with 8 children. Mrs Ruth Osberger is the superintendent and Mrs Foster, Mrs Allen-Waters and Emma Osberger are assistants. The children raised \$160.00 for Bibles for Zimbabwe. Ruth is also the church representative on the Chaplaincy Committee. Communion was regularly celebrated with either Rev John Abbas or Rev Don Smith officiating. There were 3 weddings in the church. The church still supporting all the usual Missionaries and were fortunate to have Ernie & Marilyn Gunders come and talk to the congregation and the community about their work in Bougainville. The ladies attended a

Missionary Morning Tea at the Caloundra Church. The church held a 66th Anniversary Service of the opening of the church building on Sunday 29th March. Church numbers are steadily increasing and more chairs had to be purchased for the hall. Also more hymn books were required. The church roof and the exterior and interior of the church were painted during the year. The exterior of the manse was washed down. The church had a visit from the Moderator of Queensland Rev Noel Thomason. The Charge issued a call to the Rev Ian McIver to be the new minister. The proceeds of the ladies Cake Stall again went to support the Chaplain at the High School and helped send a young person to a Scripture Union Camp. The proceeds from the empty Christmas Tree again

went to TEAR Australia. The Kids Church put on a Christmas tableau and sang The Lord's Prayer' in church on 2nd December and had their prize giving before the Christmas Luncheon. Kids Church pupils Lachlan Laird played a trombone solo and Ryshell Hunter played 2 Christmas Carols on her violin. The Christmas Day offering went to support the PIM Patrol Padres.

2006: The Congregation welcomed the new Minister Rev Ian McIver and his wife Norma. The elected Committee for the year were Mavis Allen-Waters, Ross Ekert, John King, Ken Holloway, Gordon Reinke and Margaret Hunter. Office Bearers were Vice Chairman Elder K Thomson, Secretary Elder G Hunter and Treasurer M Hunter. (The Treasurer and Secretary have served the Committee for 14 years.) The congregation was blessed to have SU Missionary Wendy Strachan up to tell of her deep involvement with Scripture Union International's Children's work. The Committee of Management voted to support two young people on Teens Mission trips to Cambodia. Joel McQuade went in June and Emma Osberger went in Dec/January. New Bibles were purchased for the pews and Bible Study material on Acts was also purchased for the Bible Study Group. This group now numbers about 10. The Kids Church is down in number to about six regular attendees. Ruth Osberger and Doreen Laird are the leaders. The Church supported victims of Cyclone Larry in the Gordonvale, Babinda and Innisfail areas with a donation of money to be distributed by Pastor Bill Gray of Gordonvale. Several members of the congregation attended the World Day of Prayer at the Catholic Church. The Combined Churches Service was held in our Church on 30th April. A Student from the Theological Hall, Damien Carson, ministered to the congregation for two Sundays in June. There was one wedding celebrated in the church during the year. A Memorial Service was held in the church for a dear lady from the congregation. The exterior walls of the Manse were washed down, and the Hall and Church sprayed for cockroaches. The Manse has been rented out and repairs and upgrades done there.

An Outreach was instigated by Rev Ian McIver using the story of "Amazing Grace". Two people were welcomed into Membership in February. In September the minister and his wife were in Kenya on a Mission Trip, where Ian taught pastors of the churches there. The Sunday School teachers organized a collection for 'Samaritans Purse' and the 16 boxes were dedicated on 15th October when the Sunday School students put on a small presentation with prayers and song. A Commissioning Service was held on 29th October for Emma Osberger for her Teens Mission to Cambodia in December. Air conditioning has been installed in the church to combat the chill of winter and heat of summer. The church continues to support SU Wendy Strachan, Tehillah Ministries with Ernie & Marilyn Gunders, Tom & Salome Hoey, Richard & Linda Buchanan with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Lyndal Maxwell from HCJB, Huruma Children's Home in Nairobi, Beatrice Igihozo in Rwanda and the Chaplain at the High School. Contact and encouragement was kept up with the PIM Patrol Padres at Charleville and the Pilbra Patrol in WA. Two Out Reach attempts were made with the "Story of Amazing Grace" and the RBC "Gift of Christmas" booklet. The year ended with a Christmas luncheon where the Kids Church presented a tableau and Prizes were given out. Once again we held the Empty Christmas Tree and proceeds went to buy gifts from the TEAR Very Useful Gift Book. God has richly blessed us during the year.

2007: Rev Ian McIver and his wife Norma minister in Maleny twice a month and Communion Services are to be held on the second Sunday of each month. This is the Centenary Year of Presbyterian worship in Maleny and preparations are under way for the celebration. The church hall has the interior painted and looks very fresh. The Ladies Care and Share is again going strong, the Kids Church under the leadership of Ruth Osberger is nurturing the young people and Bible Study with Ron Turner is developing a greater understanding of the Word in the adults. The Church is supporting the Patrol Padres in out back Australia., Wendy Strachan from Scripture Union International, who runs training seminars on reaching and teaching young people, in many countries of the world, the High School Chaplain, Ernie and Marilyn Gunders, who work a boat ministry in Bougainville and who have set up a Bible Training Centre there, Tom and Salome Hoey who have translated the Bedamuni Bible in PNG and the Talua Ministry Training Centre in Vanuatu as well as Richard and Linda Buchanan of Wycliffe Bible Translators in Russia. Emma Osberger came and gave an account of her time with Teens Missions in Cambodia. In February we were

honoured to have a visit from the Moderator of Qld. Rev Rudi Schwartz. Praise God for sustaining us over all these years!

“LORD ALL THAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, YOU HAVE DONE FOR US!” Isaiah 26:12.

Reading and hearing about the early days of this church made me feel quite humble. The co-operation between churches, combining for different events and the use of one another's halls and equipment was fantastic. The way people came together to help each other and the amount of volunteer work done shows just what can be done when people care. There were some dark moments but the love and care and the endeavour to do the Lord's work far outweighed anything else. If we can recapture that love and care, and faith in God, the next 100 years should see God's work continue to grow in this area. We should be ever thankful of the Lord's blessing, encouragement and sustaining of our Church in Maleny.

Margaret Hunter.

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Thumb-nail Sketches of Some of Our Past Ministers.

Rev Ian McIver our present minister was born in England. He attended schools in England and Wales and later in Nairobi, Kenya. He went to New Zealand and attended the University of Otago and the Bible College of New Zealand. While there he met his wife Norma. He attended Teachers Training College. He gained his Masters of Divinity at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson Mississippi. After this he became the Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church Hendersonville, North Carolina. He gained his Masters of Theology degree at the Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids Michigan. On returning to New Zealand he became Pastor at the Dunedin Evangelical Church. When he was at a Banner of Truth Conference in Sydney he was asked if he would consider coming to Queensland to preach for a call at Acacia Ridge. He accepted and was minister there from 1988 until 1993. He then became Professor of Biblical Studies at the Presbyterian Church of Qld Theological Hall. In 1995 he was appointed Principal of the Hall. He resigned that post in 2005 and accepted the call to the Caloundra Charge in 2006 where the people appreciate his strong Biblical teaching.

Rev Noel Thomason was brought up on a cane farm in Gordonvale NQ and his wife Vetta grew up in Cairns. He was challenged as to his standing as a Christian by the testimony of his cousin Lyn and by a booklet on 'The Passover Lamb' given to him by his wife, which showed him that he was saved by the Grace of God. Six years later he became a Home Missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Qld., and a student in preparation for his entry into the Presbyterian Theological Hall. As a Home Missionary he served in Bundaberg, Tara and Caboolture. On graduating from the Theological Hall he was ordained and inducted into the Charge of Redlands. In 1985 he was inducted into the Pastoral Charge of Caloundra and served there faithfully until he retired in 2005. While at Caloundra he also became the Minister for Maleny. During his time as minister at Caloundra, Noel took on the role of Interim Moderator of the Nambour Charge on several occasions and had oversight of the Gayndah Parish. After his retirement Noel was elected, at the 2005 State Assembly, to be Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland. This duty he carried out with much enthusiasm visiting as many places as possible. Noel and Vetta have retired on the Sunshine Coast.

Rev Des Morris was born in England and lived in Argentina, South America and then studied in England. He attended Theological Hall in Brisbane. He was the Ordained Minister at the Cannon Hill Church in Brisbane and later served as Minister in Atherton. He was called to the Nambour/Maleny/Eumundi Charge in 1999. After he left the Nambour Charge, he became the Manager of Radio Rhema in Woombye.

Rev John Abbas was our Interim Moderator in 1998 and has since done a lot of preaching in our church. John was born in Indonesia. He spent 4 years as a Prisoner of War. He was educated in Holland and became an Industrial Chemist specializing in sugar. He married before coming to Australia where he was a Chemical Engineer in the Sugar Industry for 13 years. He studied for the ministry and served as Assistant Minister in the Anglican Church in Darlinghurst, NSW and Yagoona. When he joined the Presbyterian Church he ministered in Cairns, Murwillumbah and Newcastle. He was a Navel Chaplain for 12 years and Chaplain to City Rail Newcastle. In 1995 John and his wife Miep retired to the Sunshine Coast.

Rev John Roth came from a Baptist background and served as Minister at the Baptist Church at Bribie Is. He then attended the Presbyterian Theological Hall in Brisbane and was appointed as an exit student to the Nambour/Maleny/Eumindi Charge in 1994. He and his wife Lorraine and family were very well liked by the Maleny Congregation and we were sorry when he left to accept a call to the Hervey Bay Presbyterian Church. John has been very active as Wide Bay/Sunshine Coast Presbytery Representative on all the Church Committees in Brisbane.

Rev Gordon Jackson was born in Canada and attended St Lukes Anglican Church in Magog, Quebec as a boy. He did his theological studies and after graduating preached his first sermon in his old Church St Lukes. He came to Australia and attended Theological Hall here and was ordained as a Presbyterian Minister. He was appointed to the Charge of Nambour and Maleny in 1988. Gordon & Railee's son was the first young person we helped send on a Teens Mission. Gordon and Railee were very well liked and Gordon was an easy man to talk to. He had hoped to make Maleny a Home Mission post again. The Maleny Congregation was sorry to see him leave. After Gordon left Maleny he went to Acacia Ridge to live and spent 3 years as a supply minister in NSW and Qld. Gordon then became the Minister at Capalaba where he is still ministering and living.

Rev Rod Acreman came to the Nambour/Maleny Charge in 1985. He built up a big youth group in Nambour and bought a bus to transport people around. Graham Frith a student was helping Rod out with the preaching in Maleny. Graham later became a Baptist Minister and now lives in Ohio, USA. Rod became an Army Chaplain and later transferred to the Air Force. He served in East Timor as an Air Force Chaplain. Rod has since retired due to ill health.

Rev Keith Mayers was born and educated in Toowoomba. He studied Architecture before undertaking studies for the ministry. Keith assisted at Woody Point Church before he came to the Nambour/Maleny Charge as the student minister. He took services at Nambour, Maleny, Woombye, Eumundi (2nd & 4th Sundays) and Maroochydore (1st & 3rd Sundays), evening services in Nambour and of a 5th Sunday at Eumundi. This was a very heavy load as well as his studies. When Keith was ordained he continued on at Nambour as their Minister. Keith was also asked to establish the Gympie and Woolooga Churches. Because of the number of churches he had to minister to, Peter Barson became his assistant. Keith left the Nambour Charge in 1985 and took up the call to the Maroochydore Presbyterian Church. That Charge now includes Tewantin and Rev Peter Barber is the second minister.

Carey Mansfield was born in China to missionary parents working for the China Inland Mission. Carey took up Home Missionary duties in Maleny in 1963. He, his wife and young family lived in the old manse at 14 Cedar St. When it was sold and removed, Mr G Cassells let the Mansfield family shift into his home. When the new Manse was put on the land at 14 Cedar St., the Mansfield family never got to live in it as Carey handed in his resignation, because of family illness. For the last 10½ years Carey and his wife June, have been the Queensland Representatives for HCJB World Radio. Carey and June have now retired to the Caloundra.

Rev Don Smith was born in Brisbane and later shifted with his family to Toowoomba. His father took up a share in a cane farm at Bli Bli and a teenaged Don had to help on the farm and cut cane. He and his wife were living in the Nambour area when he decided to train for the ministry with the Presbyterian Church. He was sent to Maleny as a Home Missionary in 1977 and spent 18 months

ministering to both Maleny and Caloundra. Don finished his last 6 months of study after shifting into Caloundra's new manse. He was inducted and ordained in Warwick, where he spent four and a half years before going to Moree, NSW. Don ministered at St Stephens in East Maitland for 16 years before retiring to Nambour.

Rev Graham Lake was born in Brisbane where he was educated. He graduated from University as an Accountant. He worked for the Auditor General's Dept for 12 years and was an Assistant Inspector of Accounts. In 1960 he resigned and began preparations for training for Ministry within the Presbyterian Church. His grandmother had introduced him to the Presbyterian Church and he attended Sunday School at Park Presbyterian Church, South Brisbane. When they shifted to Enoggera he attended Enoggera Presbyterian Church. Here he taught Sunday School and played tennis in A grade inter Church Competitions. He became leader of the PFA Bible Study Group at the Windsor Presbyterian Church and was a regular member of their choir. He loved singing and won the Baritone Championship at both the Brisbane & Queensland Eisteddfods. While in the Windsor Church, Graham made a commitment to Christ through the ministry of Dr Harold Whitney who was State Evangelist for the Presbyterian Church. While studying at Theological Hall Graham served as Home Missionary at Maleny and Auchenflower. In 1965 he received his Exit Certificate and was licensed to preach in the Virginia Presbyterian Church. He was ordained and inducted into the Stanthorpe Charge. He served as Minister in Manly-Lota-Capalaba, Woody Point and Wavell Heights. Graham served on the Board of Finance, Commission of Assembly and the Code Committee. He was convener of the Home Missions Committee and Convener of the Business and General Purpose Committee. He was elected Moderator of the assembly in 1988-1989. He died in 2002 after a short illness.

Rev David John Watson was born in Laidley. He did his schooling in Brisbane with High School at Industrial High. He had a number of jobs before working for the local chemist where he got the chance to do window dressing and became interested in ticket writing. He went to Polytechnical College at night to learn more. He got a job at Woolworths in Queen St and after awhile was transferred to the ticket writing section. Soon he was doing window dressing and counter displays. He was transferred to Lismore, Murwillumbah and Southport. Aged 22 he got his call up for military service and served in New Guinea and Bougainville. During this time he became a Christian. After some time in Greenslopes hospital he took up a position with the Presbyterian Church working with Andrew Wilson at Wynnum. Then he spent 3 years in Inglewood & Texas. While finishing his studies he was home Missionary in Maleny for 3 years. On Mondays after taking RE he would travel to Brisbane to Theological College, returning after lunch on Thursdays to do more RE. When in Brisbane he helped Charles Cunningham, Home Missionary at Wilston, with an after school children's program. Here he met Charles' sister Annie, a nurse in Maryborough. They were married in Maryborough in 1952 by Charles. They spent the first few months of their marriage living in the Sunday School hall in Maleny before accepting a call to Murgon-Goomeri Charge. David was ordained in 1953. He served in Killarney, Mowbray Town, Holland Park and Kingston where he retired at age 60 due to ill health. During his entire ministry he was interested in children's ministry and in 1966 he did a weekly segment for the Children's Television Assn. and in retirement he was still active in the Children's Ministry at Browns Plains. After a massive stroke, he spent his last 2½ years in a nursing home at Victoria Point.

Miss Thelma Griffiths was a Deaconess with the Presbyterian Church of Queensland. She was asked to go to Maleny because of the shortage of men at the outbreak of WWII. When asked if she would live in "The Manse" she said yes, as long as the ladies prepared it for her beforehand, and she would bring her own sheets. She was quickly accepted by the congregation and had her evening meals with Mr & Mrs Thomason. She took on a big work load and relied on the cream lorries and volunteer drivers to get her places until she bought herself a motor bike. Because she wore long pants to ride the motor cycle, Presbytery forbade her to preach in them and she had to change in the vestry before going in to the pulpit to preach. She was also studying to go into the ministry. Because of her big commitments, study and the rough roads on the motor bike her health declined and she had to hand in her resignation on Doctors orders. She was not allowed to register

to get married either. Several years later Miss Griffiths came to Maleny as guest speaker at a World Day of Prayer held in the Presbyterian Church. She later got married, and became Mrs Thelma Murray. She was ordained as a Uniting Church Minister and lived in Toowoomba. In her 80's she returned to Maleny for the opening of the new Uniting Church building.

Rev Kenneth Stevens started full time ministry service as a Home Missionary within the Presbyterian Church of Australia in 1934 in Babinda NQ. He worked hard there and continued his theological studies. He enlisted during the 2nd World War where he was wounded in action in 1941. Returning to Australia he resumed his studies and his Home Missionary work. He ministered in Mt Isa, Home Hill, Maleny and Springsure. Here he was ordained in 1947. He was the minister at the time of building of the Maleny Church in 1939 and returned for the 50th Anniversary of its opening. After Springsure he moved to Millmerrin and on to Townsville. Here he was minister at St Andrews Church for 13 years. He was involved with, and founding Chairman of the John Flynn Residential College at James Cook University. He was a member of Prisoners Aid Society, Townsville Marriage Council and he and his wife Sheila were foundation members of St Andrew's Meals on Wheels Committee. He held the position of Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Qld. in 1968. He retired to Brisbane in 1988 and died in 2001 aged 94.

Rev Henry MacNeil Saunders was born in Boort Vic, the son of a Baptist minister. He was educated in Brisbane and began preaching in the Baptist Church at Maldon, Vic aged 20. He undertook Teacher Training in Bendigo, and at 29 entered Emmanuel College in Brisbane. He served as Home Missionary in Dayboro, Maleny, Tambourine and Indooroopilly. In 1938 he graduated Bachelor of Arts with first class Honours in Philosophy and gained his Masters degree in 1940. That same year he was licensed by the Presbytery of Brisbane. He was ordained and inducted to the parish of Sarina in 1941. During the war years he undertook duties as an Army Chaplain. He transferred to Gladstone and was Clerk of the Rockhampton Presbytery. In 1946 he was called to Armadale NSW where he became Convener of the following committees: Church Life and Work, Candidates for the Ministry and Licensing, Federal Convener for Public Questions, The Christian Education and the Visitations Committees of the Presbytery. He was Moderator of Presbytery and had 3 years as President of the Council of Churches in NSW. He was also involved in Migrant work and the 1959 Billy Graham Crusade. He was called to Tuggerah Lakes Charge in 1966 from where he retired. In his retirement he still continued to preach and take Religious Instructions in schools. He died in 1978 at The Entrance Vic and instead of flowers at his funeral, the Congregation made donations to a Bursary Fund for theological students. For the last 13 years Rev Saunders had lectured to extra-mural students at the Theological Hall.

Mr A J W Scott was born to Home Missionary parents. He was the youngest Home Missionary on the field. He was a very dedicated young man and very well liked and respected. He served in Maleny from 1930-1931. From there he went to Tambourine. While in Tambourine he was taken ill and taken down to his parent's home at Sandgate. He was medically treated for a few days till it became apparent that he needed an immediate surgical operation. There was nothing that could save him and he died in September 1932. The Hymn Board in our church was presented in 'Memory of Jock Scott'.

Rev William R Cowan was born and educated in Belfast, Ireland. He accepted the Lord at 16 years after hearing the Irish Evangelist Billy Nicholson. William sincerely wanted to serve his Lord and entered mission work by travelling round Ireland as a young Evangelist. When he heard that two men were needed for Home Mission work in Australia, he answered, "I'm one of them". He sailed for Australia in 1924 when he was 21 years old and was appointed as Home Missionary to Maleny. His first congregation numbered three. Other Home Mission appointments were to Burleigh, Cooroy, Childers and Nambour while studying for the ordained ministry. He met his first wife in Cooroy and married in Eumundi. Their daughter was born in Childers. He was ordained and inducted into the Charge of Indooroopilly/Kenmore and was later called to Killarney where his wife died. He later remarried and his next church was St Andrews Toowoomba then Nundah followed. He retired to Scarborough. He was able to visit his native Ireland twice- just after the war when he

went as a Migrant Chaplain and a few years before he died when he flew over. He was a man of strong faith and prayer and a man with a good sense of humour.

These men and lady served our Maleny Church with a strong faith in God and a dedication that has to be admired. They often worked under very harsh conditions without the modern aids and creature comforts we expect today. Praise God for their faithfulness.

memories

Reminiscences from Maleny Presbyterian Church
by Helena M. Houweling

Introduction:

The family Houweling lived in Maleny from 1950 to 1964. We were the first immigrants to arrive in Maleny after World War 2. We came from Holland after a six weeks voyage by ship. There were just the three of us; Jan Pieter (Father), Helena (Mother) and Jacob (3½ years). In preparation for immigration, we had English lessons in Holland and abroad.

We had an uncle living on a farm in North Maleny. His name was John Collins. He took this name by deed poll to enlist in the Australian Army in World War 1. My aunty Miss Koolmees was in Maleny also. She was a nurse in Indonesia and took refuge in Australia during the war.

We stayed for two years with my uncle. My husband got a job as a wardsman at the hospital. We lived in a garage for awhile while our house was built. It was near the old hospital and the Doctor's residence. By then our son Pieter was born and three years later our daughter, Helen Mary. Our eldest son, Jacob became 'Jim' to the town and went to school and Sunday school.

Going to church:

The first Sunday of our arrival we went to church, not that we understood any of the sermon. We could however sing the hymns.

There was a Sunday School picnic at the Maleny showground. Isabel and Phyllis Bryce were in charge. They were strong church workers. Isabel played the organ in church. Mothers made the sandwiches and we brought a cake. There was cordial to drink. Big blocks of ice covered in hessian bags came from the Butter factory. Pieces were chipped off and placed in the cordial to keep it cool. There was a Sunday School prize giving on a Sunday after church or in the evening.

The annual Church fete was held in the church grounds. It was not a big affair. There were cakes and a clothes stall. People were asked to knit or sew something for the clothes stall. In those days, there was no such thing as art or craft stalls.

We never had a minister. They were all young men studying for the Ministry. For Communion and Baptism, the Minister came from Nambour. The only Minister that we had in this time was Mr Innes. He organized Church dinners to introduce the envelope system and tried to determine how much we should all contribute. Unfortunately, he soon wore out his welcome and clashed with the elders. He did not leave on very good terms. After that we had two young couples.

Then we left for Brisbane and found that one of the students from Maleny, Mr Mills, was the Minister at Cannon Hill Presbyterian Church.

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Memories From Anneke Timmers

In 1981 our family moved to Maleny. At first we attended the Uniting Church and I joined the KYB group. I got to know Daphne Schulz and family and she told us about the Presbyterian Church. As we were originally Presbyterians my husband and I decided to go and visit one Sunday. We never left. In those days it was a small congregation with the Schulz family attending, Mavis Allen-Waters, Mim Boxsell and her daughter Tracey. Later Hilda Audet and Tom and Betty Moodie joined the congregation. Later we were joined for a while with Norm and Nancy Pratt and her sister Nell and her husband Milton Trotter. Mim's other daughter Janet and her family, Margaret, Jenny and Gordon Hunter and Pam and David Grace also joined the group. Several others also came and the usual moving and arrival in Maleny started. When we attended in 1981 Rev Keith Mayers was the minister. Our children liked him as he always had stories about creation. When Keith left Peter Barson was appointed, and he often called into our home for a cuppa when he was visiting Maleny. After Peter left we had Gordon Jackson, again a great minister of the Word and we always enjoyed his cheery nature and the fact that he wore a short sleeved shirt in the Maleny winter. He was a Canadian by birth. His wife Railee and two boys always came up with him. Soon he needed help and we got a student minister by the name of Malcolm Pierce.

We always had ladies fellowship on Wednesday mornings and sometimes we organized little plays for fellowship mornings for friends and outreach. In the early days we always had morning tea after the church service at our place, but when the group got too big it was decided that we have morning tea in the hall. Everyone came to that and it was always a blessing to be there and be involved with people we normally did not see during the week.

Our daughter Amanda was married in December 1988 at the church and the Ladies Fellowship organized a beautiful afternoon tea, they were all good cooks.

We left Maleny in 1991, after spending great times and growing spiritually.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMORIES

(60'S – 70'S)

“Jesus Loves me this I know

For the Bible tells me so,

Little ones to Him belong

They are weak but He is strong.

Yes! Jesus loves me! “

The pages of the paper chart with the words on are flipped over and we continue to sing with vigour and delight. Mrs Shirley Jeffries used to lead us occasionally with her violin and her joyous voice. Our Sunday School assembly was quite large and we all sat in a semi-circle on our small, wooden-slatted chairs in rows facing the stage with the piano and small table holding the necessary Sunday School items of 'the collection churches' and the felt-board pieces. Miss Isabelle Bryce took the initial assembly where we sang and listened and prayed. She always did a Bible story using the felt-board which we were entranced with because of the colour and design. The collection was taken-up in two, small, plastic, American-looking churches that had been home painted and then we sang

“Hear the pennies dropping
Hear them one by one.....”

Once a month the collection was taken up for the missions. Another song to sing!

“I’m too young to march in the infantry,
Ride in the cavalry,
Shoot in the artillery.....”

Full of enthusiasm we then bounced into our classes from kindy to 13-15 year-olds. We were spread out all over the hall and in the eating area, kitchen and some classes even went to Mr Sidney’s manse for lessons. The classes in the hall were separated by wooden panels painted green and each alcove contained a low, wooden, green table with a stool and chair for the students and teacher. The teacher took the roll, gave a star for attendance, tested our memory verse from our small booklet, gave a star for this on the memory verse chart and then the lesson. The lessons contained church history and Bible stories from both the old and new testaments. When we reached the teen class we studied a Bible-study booklet for that age group. We thought our teachers were delightful and showed them great respect. We hope they enjoyed us as much as we them.

At the end of the year our attendance results and memory verse results were tallied and on the Sunday School presentation evening, prizes were awarded to all students. These prizes took the form of a book which was extremely precious to us as these were generally the only books given to us and we read and re-read them and treasured these books on our book-cases. Special awards were given for 100% attendance and knowledge. One of these was the ‘Marion Lumsden’ prize. Badges were given for attendance. The church gave a hymn book for those who were graduating from Sunday School.

The Sunday School/Church picnic was held each year at Mary Cairncross Park. This gave us time as a family body to get together in fellowship. As children we delighted in the picnic games of 3-legged races, bag races, apple in the bucket, egg and spoon races and others. We accepted the challenge and loved to perform in front of the ‘oldies’ and then to receive a boiled lolly as a prize. I remember helping make what seemed to be hundreds of sandwiches in the church hall kitchen early in the morning – butter bread slices which were very large, spread with egg, ham, salad and give them to the ladies to cut into large triangles. Make up large containers of cordial, don’t forget to pack up cups and saucers and plates and the billy to boil for tea. Each family brought along some ‘special’ plate which we shared together at lunch. Helping out by serving was something special and taking cups of tea to the ‘grandparents’ with a scone or biscuit is a lingering memory. We all came home sunburnt and tired and probably a little bit grumpy but a most enjoyable day was had and if there was any left over boiled lollies in the ‘large tin’ we generally had these for the next few months.

Yes, Jesus loves us! We know this from the teachings we received from dedicated people in those years of the 60’s and 70’s. They taught us about the Bible and our powerful Lord God and Jesus Christ.

A big thank you!

Jennifer Bambling
Nee Allen-Waters.

I remember when

When Sunday School had:
The flannel-board for bible stories,
When Sunday School Picnics were:
At Mary Cairncross Park,
The singing charts,
Had apple in the bucket,
The little ‘church money boxes’ for the collection,

Egg and spoon races,
Bag races,
Mountains of sandwiches,

Green tables and wooden slated kindy chairs,
A boiled lolly tin and lollies,
stools and panels,
The table, tablecloth,
Memory verse booklets,
Cups and saucers, blankets for the grass,
Star charts, Mission pictures on the walls,
Cordial, sun hats and
Teaching literature,
Photos of the park and attendees.
Gifts for birthdays (picture verses),

Prize books at the end of year,

The Marion Lumsden Prizes for the two most studious pupils,

Badges and Hymn books.

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