**201 BEECROFT ROAD, CHELTENHAM**

**No known photograph.**

Lot A DP 306137

**Hornsby Shire Council details**

**Heritage Register: (NONE)**

Originally the site of St Andrews, Church of England (now Anglican).

The land was given by William Harris to permit the building of the church, which opened in 1924.

It was closed in 1972 and the congregation and a number of memorials consolidated with St Johns Anglican Church, Beecroft.”

The building was demolished and a full brick home erected in its place. When the home came up for sale in 2016 it had been offered for the first time in 43 years, putting the demolition date of the church as 1972-3.

In March 1924 some 200 residents of Cheltenham attended the laying of the foundation stone by Mrs. W. H. Harris, of a church to be known as St. Andrew's (Church of England).

Mr. Harris donated the land on which the church was to be built, likewise the substantial stone wall surrounding it. In addition, he made a cash contribution of 25 guineas. The total cost of the building, without furnishings, would be £843. A collection was made, and this resulted in the sum of £135 19s 7d. This amount, added to the sum of £400 already in hand, made a total of £535 19s 7d.

The architect, Mr. Norman Brodrick, presented Mrs. Harris with a silver trowel to commemorate the occasion. The religious service was conducted by Rev. J. Young, assisted by Archdeacon Harris, and the Beecroft choir took part in the hymns.

This church was the first work of the architect, Mr. Norman Hargreave Brodrick, the only son of Robert Hargreave Brodrick, architect, of “Kainga,” 12 Mason-road, Cheltenham.

In May 1924 Cheltenham's first church, St. Andrews Church of England, was opened by Archdeacon Harris, and consecrated by the Rev. J. Young. The church, to be also used as a Sunday School, was then valued at £1600. A debt of £400 remained outstanding at this time.

In October 1933 occurred the death of Mr. Algernon Sidney M. Johnson, aged 55 years, of “Glen Gavin,” Beecroft-road, Cheltenham. He was an accountant and an inspector in the Mental Hospitals Department. He was a foundation member and director of the Cheltenham Recreation Club, honorary auditor of St Andrew's Church of England Church and Sunday School, Cheltenham, of which he was also an active worker since its foundation. He was also the vice-president and honorary auditor of Cheltenham Cricket Club, and honorary auditor of the Beecroft and Cheltenham Red Cross Society.

In September 1934 occurred the death of Robert Hargreave Brodrick, architect and surveyor, who was a worker for St. Andrew's Church, Cheltenham.

There is virtually no information about this church.

The property was last sold in 2016.1

**Bibliography:**

1 [201 Beecroft Road, Cheltenham, NSW 2119 - Property Details (realestate.com.au)](https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-cheltenham-122410286)

**Resources available (varies):**

* Sands Directories 1858-1933 City of Sydney [Sands Postal Directory | City of Sydney Archives (nsw.gov.au)](https://archives.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/nodes/view/495003)
* Newspaper articles – TROVE - [Search - Trove (nla.gov.au)](https://trove.nla.gov.au/search/advanced/category/newspapers)
* Ancestry.com (subscription only) [Genealogy, Family Trees and Family History Records online - Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com.au/) – Sands Directories, Electoral Rolls, Family photos (Public Member photos), Census lists, marriage details, + miscellaneous
* N.S.W. Births, Deaths & Marriages [Family history search | NSW Government](https://www.nsw.gov.au/family-and-relationships/family-history-search) (QLD & Victoria also obtainable online)
* House photos and information via Hornsby Shire Council website for Property Search and Heritage Register [Heritage | Hornsby Shire Council (nsw.gov.au)](https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/property/build/heritage)
* House photos and associated information via Internet search on address via Real Estate websites (from 2005)
* “Beecroft and Cheltenham Heritage Walks” - Beecroft-Cheltenham History Group Inc. 2004 book (1st edition)
* Australian War Museum website [Home | Australian War Memorial (awm.gov.au)](https://www.awm.gov.au/)