**Cheltenham Congregational Church 1927**

**Labor Daily (Sydney, NSW: 1924 - 1938), Tuesday 8 June 1926, page 1**

An anonymous donor has given a block of land and £2000 for the establishment of a Congregational Church at Cheltenham. The gift is on behalf of himself and his wife.

**Construction and Local Government Journal, Wed 23 Jun 1926**

OPPORTUNITIES

BUILDING

A site has been donated for a new Congregational Church at Cheltenham (Sydney). About £2000 is at hand for the structure.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Saturday 18 December 1926, page 7**

THE CHURCHES,

Plans and specifications of the new Congregational Church at Cheltenham have boon prepared, and tenders for its erection will be called within the next few days.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Saturday 8 January 1927, page 3**

Tenders required for Erection and Completion of a Congregational Church at Cheltenham. For particulars apply Wm. M. Nixon, Architect, 163 Pitt Street, Sydney, between 12 and 2 p.m.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1930), Saturday 9 April 1927, page 18**

RELIGIOUS

The Chairman of the Congregational Union (Rev. W. Touchell) will preside at the foundation-stone ceremony in connection with the new church at Cheltenham this afternoon. Mr. W. Chorley will lay the stone, and Rev. T. E. Ruth will give the address.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Thu 14 Apr 1927**

GENEROUS DONORS.

Congregational Church for Cheltenham.

The foundation stone of a Congregational Church at Cheltenham, which will have the distinction of being the only non-Episcopal place of worship there, was laid on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a representative gathering of local Congregationalists and prominent leaders in New South Wales. It is taking shape primarily through the generosity of two Cheltenham residents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Chorley, and to Mr. Chorley was entrusted the duty of laying the stone.

In May last Mrs. Chorley gave the site, a valuable one on the main road, together with £500, and her husband followed with a straight-out gift of £1500. Although the balance of £2750 required to meet the cost of the projected project, 59ft. by 38ft. in internal measurement, was not immediately forthcoming from others, it was decided in December to commence operations, in the confidence that support would not be wanting. This confidence was not misplaced, for the last £200 was subscribed at Saturday’s ceremony.

Rev. William Touchell (chairman of the Congregational Union) presided, and the short preliminary service included the singing of "The Church’s One Foundation,” invocation, and the reading of Scripture by Rev. A. H. Austin (secretary of the Congregational. Union). This 'was followed by an address by Rev. T. E. Ruth (minister of Pitt Street Church), in the course of which he played happily upon the alliteration of Chorley, Cheltenham, and Congregationalism, and finally expressed the hope that the new edifice might be made a means of service for the whole community, and that his hearers might do their part in the work.

Rev. R. E. Chapman (honorary secretary to the local committee) in giving some account of the initiation and progress of the undertaking, said that the example of Mr. and Mrs. Chorley in moving for the founding of that church was worthy of emulation. In asking for Congregational work to be commenced in that district they had a plan of action to propose and magnificent gifts with which to challenge others to rise and attempt to work with them. Rev. Dr. Dey (chairman of the local committee) handed to Mr. Chorley a silver trowel, and said that the new church would be carried on in non-sectarian spirit, but that ministers of other denominations would be asked from time to time to officiate.

Afternoon tea, provided by local ladies was subsequently served, and musical selections rendered by the Eastwood and Epping brass band.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Saturday 13 August 1927, page 9**

THE CHURCHES.

The opening of the now Congregational Church at Cheltenham has been postponed until September 17.

**Sunday Times (Sydney, NSW: 1895 - 1930), Sunday 18 September 1927, page 16**

CHELTENHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A large gathering attended the opening yesterday afternoon of the beautiful little Congregational Church, which has been built on the Beecroft-road, at Cheltenham — largely through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Chorley.

Rev. Dr. Dey, D.D., chairman of the Building Committee, presided, the doors being opened by Mrs. Chorley at 3.5 p.m.

The services for today are: 11 a.m.: Rev. Walter Mathison, B.A.

7 p.m.: Rev. Reg. E. Chapman, B.A.

A Sunday school will be opened at 3 p.m., when children not attending any other Sunday school will be welcomed.

**Sun (Sydney, NSW: 1910 - 1954), Sunday 18 September 1927, page 5**

CHELTENHAM'S NEW CHURCH

There was a small army of clergy at the opening of the new Congregational church at Cheltenham yesterday afternoon by Mrs. G. J. Graham. They Included: Rev. Dr. Dey, Rev. Dr. Thatcher (Camden College), Rev. C. Gordon Robertson, Rev. R. A. Thompson, Rev. W. L. Patison, Rev. R. Chapman, Rev. Wm. Touchell (chairman of the Congregational Union), Rev. Walter Mathison, and others.

The church, described as the best building of Its kind in the district, faces Cheltenham-road. It cost close upon £4000 to build and furnish.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Monday 19 September 1927, page 8**

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

OPENED AT CHELTENHAM.

The Cheltenham Congregational Church, the building of which was made possible by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. W. Chorley, was opened on Saturday afternoon.

In the absence through Illness of Mrs. Chorley, the church, which Is a handsome structure of brick, with seating accommodation for 200, was opened by her daughter, Mrs. G. J. Graham. The Rev. Dr. Dey (chairman of the building committee) presided at the opening service. The Rev. Dr. Thatcher (of Camden College) delivered the sermon, and the Rev. William Touchell (chairman of the Congregational Union) read the dedication prayer. The Revs. T. Gordon Robertson, R. A. Thompson, R. E. Chapman (of Pennant Hills), who will act temporarily as minister of the new church), and W. H. Patison (superintendent of Home Missions), assisted in the service.

The Rev. W. L. Patison said that but for the temporary failure to secure a union of the churches, the new edifice would have been a community church, and Its members charter members of the united church. Notwithstanding that union had not been achieved, the new church would be a community place of worship in the deepest and truest sense of

the phrase.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1930), Monday 19 September 1927, page 21**

Cheltenham Congregational Church.

The opening of the Congregational Church at Cheltenham, the foundation stone of which was laid in April last, took place on Saturday afternoon.

Its erection had been made possible through the generosity of two Cheltenham residents, Mr. and Mrs. William Chorley, who between them gave the site, a valuable one, on the Beecroft Road, and £2000 towards the building. The church, with furnishings and site, will cost something between £3000 and £4000. It is of brick with cement facings and tiled roof and the structure is a distinct ornament to the township.

Mr. Chorley having laid the foundation-stone, it had been reserved for his wife to perform the opening ceremony, but unfortunately illness prevented Mrs. Chorley being present. Mrs. Graham, a married daughter, acted in her place.

**Sunday Times (Sydney, NSW: 1895 - 1930), Sunday 9 October 1927, page 20**

CHURCH'S TRUE SYMBOL

The erection of a church is the outward and visible sign that men recognise that they have a spiritual life which needs to be cared for and nourished. We are thankful, not only for the erection of this church, but for the beauty of it. The day is long since gone by when Nonconformist churches were noted for their bareness if not also for their ugliness.

ONE hideous “meeting house,” as our forefathers were wont to call their church buildings, had the appropriate scroll on the back of the pulpit — “How awful is this place.”

To-day we are not afraid of outward beauty, nor are we afraid to put up the church's true and proper symbol — the cross.

We have done so on this church— it is the cross you will observe in the centre of the circle — a circle which represents the world.

AVOIDING SECTARIANISM.

We believe the cross is central in a very real sense, in time, place, and experience.

Here and now, I think it is right to say that this church is erected in no sectarian spirit.

Had the proposed union of the churches not been turned down by the Presbyterian Church, this building would have represented legally as well as actually all three denominations — Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational.

As it is the church will be carried on in the spirit of that proposed union.

— Rev. Robert Dey, D.D., at the opening of the Cheltenham Congregational Church. (Dr. Dey was chairman of a committee which raised £500 for the church. The site and £2000 were generously donated by Mr. and Mrs. Chorley).

**South Coast Times and Wollongong Argus (NSW: 1900 - 1954), Friday 14 October 1927, page 12**

WEEK BY WEEK

The Rev. H. M. Riley is leaving for Sydney on Saturday to attend the Annual Congregational Assembly. He will preach in the new churches at Cheltenham and Epping on Sunday.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Friday 21 October 1927, page 13**

L.OGAN-PRESTON

The first wedding to be celebrated in the new Congregational Church at Cheltenham was at the beginning of this month, when Miss Elsie Preston, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Preston, Beecroft, was married to Mr. James Logan, of Gordon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Thatcher, assisted by Rev R. Chapman. The reception was held at the Beecroft Presbyterian School Hall. It being the first marriage in the new church, a beautiful Bible was presented to the happy couple by Rev. Dr. Dey.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Saturday 14 September 1929, page 10**

THE CHURCHES.

A community service will be held in the Cheltenham Congregational Church on Tues-day next at 8 o’clock. The local Anglican Methodist and Congregational ministers will take part The Rev Dr Micklem of St James’s Church will give the address.

**Daily Pictorial (Sydney, NSW: 1930 - 1931), Monday 18 August 1930, page 16**

ROMANCE OF BEECROFT

A simple ankle-length wedding, frock of ivory satin, with long sleeves, was chosen by Miss Elizabeth Helen Taylor, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Taylor, of Beecroft, for her marriage on Saturday. The bridegroom, Mr. Arthur Preston, is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Preston, of Beecroft. The wedding was celebrated at the Cheltenham Congregational Church. Rev. Dr. W. H. Day officiated.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Saturday 23 August 1930, page 8**

THE CHURCHES.

Chatswood Congregational.

THE REV. R. E. CHAPMAN.



The Rev. R. E. Chapman, who will commence his ministry at the Chatswood Congregational Church early next month, is a son of the manse. His father, the late Rev. John Chapman, was a well-known Congregationalist minister in South Australia and Western Australia.

Educated in South Australia., Mr Chapman later studied at the Adelaide School of Mines and University He graduated A.S.A.S.M. in the Department of Metallurgy and was for some time engaged on the Dundas goldfields m Western Australia Returning to South Australia he took a course in theology at Adelaide Congregational College, and was ordained at College Park Church Adelaide, in 1910 Later he returned to Western Australia, and, continuing his University course there, he graduated Bachelor of Arts He was chairman of the Congregational Union of Western Australia during the year 1919-20 After serving in several postulates in that State Mr Chapman came to Sydney, and, in 1925, was appointed to Pennant Hills Congregational Church. Later the Cheltenham Church was added to his pastorate. Mr Chapman is convener of the historical committee of the Congregational Union of New South Wales, He succeeds the Rev. A. C. Newbury to the charge of Chatswood Church.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Monday 24 November 1930, page 6**

COMMUNITY SERVICES AT

CHELTENHAM.

Community services were held In the Cheltenham Congregational Church yesterday. In the morning the service was conducted by the Rev. R. B. S. Hammond, of St. Barnabas' Church, and in the evening by the Rev. Principal Bain, of Queen's College, Liverpool. A united service of penitence and prayer will be conducted on Thursday. The Rev. R. H. Bootle, of Beecroft, will give the address.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Wednesday 24 December 1930, page 10**

CHRISTMAS SERVICE.

A large congregation gathered in Cheltenham Congregational Church on Monday night for a united Christmas service.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1931 - 1954), Tuesday 9 June 1931, page 4**

ENGLISH GIRL WEDS HERE.

BRIDEGROOM FROM CHELTENHAM.

All the way from England to Australia at Cupid's bidding came Miss Pat Brett, a London girl, to be married a few days after her arrival. Her wedding with Mr. Henry Charles Graham, whom she met two years ago when he was on a visit to England, took place on Saturday evening at the Congregational Church, Cheltenham. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Brett, of London, and the bridegroom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Graham, of Cheltenham. Rev. Dr. Dey officiated.

**Newcastle Sun (NSW: 1918 - 1954), Friday 23 September 1932, page 6**

Next Sunday morning Rev. F. H. Rayward will be the preacher at the anniversary service at the Cheltenham Congregational Church, of which Rev. Dr. Dey is the minister. This visit is a repetition of last year's arrangements.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1931 - 1954), Tuesday 27 December 1932, page 6**

HYDRANGEAS were massed in colorful beauty in the Cheltenham Congregational Church for the wedding of Maude, second youngest daughter of the late William Maston and Mrs. Maston, of Cheltenham, to Gilbert, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Baker, of Wahroonga.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Saturday 11 February 1933, page 7**

WEDDINGS.

THOMAS-SHERAR.

The marriage took place at the Cheltenham Congregational Church on Wednesday of Miss

Audrey Mary Sherar, second daughter of Mrs. Sherar and the late Andrew Sherar, of Surrey Hills Melbourne, to Mr William Pearman Thomas, son of the late Mr and Mrs C Thomas, of Surrey Hills Melbourne. The Rev W H Lewis officiated, assisted by the Rev Dr Dey.

Only immediate relatives and friends attended the reception which was held at the home of the bride’s sister Mrs. Leo Cockett, Glenesk, Beecroft.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1931 - 1954), Saturday 14 April 1934, page 9**

Mr. L. A. Triebll. M.A., until recently secretary of Cheltenham Congregational Church, has been appointed lecturer in modern languages at the University of Tasmania. He was previously a master at Sydney Grammar School.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Monday 18 June 1934, page 15**

THE CHURCHES.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.

A service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Mrs. Robert Dey was held in the Cheltenham Congregational Church yesterday morning. Mrs Dey, wife of the Rev. Dr. Robert Dey, veteran editor of the "Christian World," died recently, at the age of 82 years.

In an address the Rev. W. H. Bain said that Mrs. Dey was a great woman, and she had lived a beautiful life. The churches in many suburbs had been enriched by her worship and membership.

**Sun (Sydney, NSW: 1910 - 1954), Friday 21 September 1934, page 14**

In Memory of Worker

A stained-class window Installed In memory of the late Mrs. Robert Dey, will be unveiled and dedicated In the Cheltenham Congregational Church on Sunday. On the following Sunday the anniversary of the church will be celebrated with special services.

**Sun (Sydney, NSW: 1910 - 1954), Sunday 23 September 1934, page 17**

A window representing the Good Shepherd, will be dedicated In the Cheltenham Congregational Church this morning, at 11, in memory or the late Mrs. Robert Dey.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Wednesday 9 January 1935, page 9**

Mrs ROBERT HUNTER Mr and Mrs GEORGE WALKER Mr and Mrs THOMAS STEWART, and Miss MARY HUNTER are Invited In attend the funeral of their dear SISTER Jeanie Jackson Hunter lo leave her late residence 32 Boronia-avenue Cheltenham THIS DAY at 1 45 p.m. for the Congregational Church Cheltenham for service, at the conclusion of which the Funeral will proceed to the Presbyterian Cemetery Rookwood

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Wednesday 24 April 1935, page 10**

OBITUARY.

MR. W. CHORLEY.

Mr William Chorley whose death took place on Monday at Cheltenham was a pioneer of that district where he took up land about 46 years ago and named it Cheltenham after his native town In England. He was also one of the first to build a home at Palm Beach. He was associated with all local enterprises at Cheltenham and was a prominent member of the Congregational Church of which he was a generous supporter for many years. The founder and principal of the well-known business of W. Chorley and Co., Ltd., he had been associated with the business life of the city for more than half a century. He was 75 years of age. He is survived by two sons and seven daughters.

The funeral took place yesterday at the Northern Suburbs Cemetery. A short service was conducted at the home by the Rev. R. E. Chapman. The Cheltenham Congregational Church was crowded for the memorial service. The Rev. Dr. Robert Dey gave the address, others taking part being the Revs. W. T. Hooker (chairman of the Congregational Union), W. L. Patison (secretary), Clair Palmer and W. H. Bain. At the cemetery, the burial service was read by Mr. Hooker.

The chief mourners were Messrs. H. Chorley and W. Chorley (sons), Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Tulloch, Mrs. Rayner, and Miss Chorley (daughters), Mrs. T. Hooper (sister), Messrs. G. Graham, J. Allison, A. Tulloch, and C. W. Rayner (sons-in-law), Mr. T. Hooper, and Mrs. H. Chorley.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Saturday 1 August 1936, page 14**

DR. ROBERT DEY.

DEATH ANNOUNCED.

Veteran Congregational Minister

The Rev, Robert Dey, D.D., whose death occurred at St. Luke's private hospital early yesterday morning, occupied a prominent position in the councils of the Congregational

Church for more tuan 60 years, He would have celebrated his 88th birthday next Tuesday.

Dr. Dey was a forceful and eloquent preacher, but he was better known as the editor of the "Australian Christian World" for more than 30 years. In this capacity, and by his extensive travelling, he kept in touch with religious leaders throughout Australia, and he exercised a great influence in Church circles. Few men were better known and respected.

He was a keen advocate of Church union, and as a tribute to his work in this connection, representatives of the various Churches will participate in the funeral services to-day. There will be a service at the Pitt-street Congregational Church at 10.30 a.m., after which the cortege will move to the Congregational Cemetery, Rookwood.

Dr. Dey was ordained on August 16, 1871, and began his ministry in Australia in 1880. He carne to New South Wales two years later.

**Manning River Times and Advocate for the Northern Coast Districts of New South Wales (Taree, NSW: 1898 - 1954), Saturday 17 April 1937, page 8**

Mainly About People.

Dr. Robert Dey, who died last year, was for nine years honorary pastor of the Cheltenham Congregational Church. On Sunday week a memorial window was unveiled by Dr. Lindsay Dey, one of his sons. The window, depicting “The Good Shepherd,” was a companion of one erected previously in memory of Mrs. Dey. Dr. Robert Dey had a record of over 60 years in the ministry, and for a lengthy period edited the “Australian Christian World.”

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Saturday 30 April 1938, page 20**

THE CHURCHES.

NEW MINISTRY AT

CHELTENHAM.

Rev. F. F. Wheaton's Appointment.

The Rev. F. F. Wheaton has resigned from Brown Street Congregational Church, Newcastle, after a very successful pastorate, which began in 1929. He will enter on his new ministry at Cheltenham on May 8.

Educated at Sydney Grammar School, Mr. Wheaton joined the service of the Bank of New South Wales, where he remained for 12 years. He attended Sydney University where he graduated. He founded Strathfield Grammar School. He took up the extra-mural course of ministerial training, and later a special course at Marsfield College, Oxford. Returning to Sydney, he received the appointment of minister at Canberra, and was ordained in 1928.

**Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW: 1876 - 1954), Thursday 5 May 1938, page 15**

REV. F. F. WHEATON

Eight Years' Ministry in Newcastle

TRIBUTES AT FAREWELL

Rev. F. F. Wheaton, who has been in charge of the Brown-street Congregational Church, Newcastle, for the past eight years, and will leave shortly to take charge of the Cheltenham pastorate, was farewelled last night.

**Northern Star (Lismore, NSW: 1876 - 1954), Friday 20 February 1942, page 7**

WILTSHIRE-HOLLINSHEAD. - On December 6, the marriage of Jean, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hollinshead, of Ballina, to Arthur, youngest son of Mrs. S. Wiltshire and the late Mr. Wiltshire, of 10 Norris-street, Lismore, took place at Cheltenham (Sydney) Congregational Church. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. R. Hollinshead, of Chatswood, and was attended by her sister, Miss Ron Hollinshead. Mr. Reg. Aspbery, a friend of the groom, was best man. A reception later was held at "Shrublands," Beecroft. Mr. and Mrs. Wiltshire's future home will be at Newcastle.

**Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW: 1876 - 1954), Thursday 27 August 1942, page 4**

OBITUARY.

REV. F. F. WHEATON,

Rev. F. F. Wheaton, minister of Brown-street Congregational Church from 1929 to 1938, died in Sydney on Monday after a long illness. Mr Wheaton was a teacher before he became a Congregational minister, and was on the staff of the Newington College. He established his own school, the Strathfield Grammar School, then applied for admission to the Congregational Ministry. After taking an extra-mural course of the Congregation Union, he proceeded to Mansfield College, Oxford, and did a post-graduate course of one year.

In 1928 he returned to Australia and become the first Congregational minister in Canberra. In 1929 he came to Brown-street, Newcastle, and in 1938 moved to Cheltenham Congregational Church. He retired in 1941.

He last preached in June, 1941, when he visited Newcastle to preach at his old church.

Mr. Wheaton had a genius for work among boys and young men. Comradeship and companionship movements in Newcastle were begun by him. He was a member of Newcastle Rotary and a director of the Y.M.C.A.

An evening service of thanksgiving and memoriam will be held in Brown-street Congregational Church on September 8.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Monday 25 June 1945, page 5**

NEW KINDERGARTEN

FOR CHELTENHAM

An appeal for £3,000 to build a modern kindergarten on a block of land in The Promenade, Cheltenham, which has been given for the purpose by Mrs. Robert Vicars, will be launched at a public meeting at the Congregational Church, Beecroft Road. Cheltenham, at 3 o'clock to-night.

It is proposed that the building shall include a community hall, and shall serve as a memorial to those who have served in the war. The. Hornsby Shire Council has decided to lay out part of the land adjoining the site of the kindergarten as a children's play-ground.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1931 - 1954), Friday 27 March 1953, page 23**

First wedding for 9 years

THE first wedding for nine years at the Congregational Church, Cheltenham took place yesterday when Elizabeth Brown married Elton Marsden. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rhodes Brown, of Cheltenham.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Monday 15 March 1954, page 2**

OBEDIENCE

Knowledge and obedience were necessary in relationship with God, said the chairman of the Congregational Union, the Rev. H. T. Wells, when preaching yesterday at Cheltenham Congregational Church.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Saturday 8 May 1954, page 17**

THE CHURCHES

This evening the chairman of the Congregational Union, the Rev H T Wells, will attend the Kogarah anniversary tea and preside at the meeting to follow. Tomorrow he will preach at Cheltenham m the morning and at Epping at night.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Friday 29 October 1954, page 16**

Referendum.

Epping Subdivision.

Cheltenham, at Congregational Church Hall.