

Anglican Church of St Heliers Bay and Glendowie 125 Anniversary Countdown

47 weeks to go

The Parish Hall was built down the hill behind the old St Philip's in 1931.

A particularly enterprising vestry bought it for under £100 from the Purewa Public Works Department who had just completed the Purewa Rail Tunnel. It had been serving as a hut for those working on the project at the intersection of Kohimarama and St Heliers Bay Roads (where the pony club now is).



St Philip's Church and parish hall on the corner of Paunui Street and St Heliers Bay Road.
Diagonally opposite from our current location.

Two vicar's wives of the period, Mrs Grace Houchen and Mrs Ann Clougher, were especially active in starting social and cultural activity. On Sundays, several Sunday School classes filled the hall. A Ladies' Guild and a Girls' Club were popular groups before 1931 but, with the hall in place, many more opportunities immediately became possible. One of these was the Spring Flower Show that was held in 1932 and became a popular annual event for many years. There were dancing classes, concerts, Mothers' Union and a Young Mothers' Group. Young Anglicans held Barn Dances and Formal Evenings. Choirs practised in the Hall and the local Scouts and Guides used the Hall for their meetings.

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