

Anglican Church of St Heliers Bay and Glendowie

125 Anniversary Countdown

51 weeks to go

Why St Philip?



Image of St Philip from our Church's Sanctuary window

Designed by Rupert Moore, installed March 1962, cost of £290

Did those who had the job of choosing a name for the new St Heliers church have anything meaningful in mind when they settled on St Philip?

As we know Philip was one of the twelve disciples of Jesus, and one of the earliest to appear on the scene. It seems he was born in Bethsaida in Galilee, the same town as Andrew and John, so he too was possibly a fisherman. He is active in the story of the Loaves and the Fishes and after the Ascension he was present to receive the Holy Ghost.

After that we can't be sure what happened to him though tradition has it that he was buried at Hierapolis in Phrygia in what is now modern Turkey, where he is said to have been martyred.

Establishing a church in a place where there hasn't been one before is a practical matter, however, and according to Colin Percy, it seems our church bears the name of St Philip simply because no other Anglican church in Auckland did.

For more information visit stphilips.nz or call the parish office 09 575 5288