

The 30th Anniversary of Kidman Park the Church of the Resurrection

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As the 30th Anniversary of the Church of the Resurrection approaches, Elaine Boulderstone shares her reflections on the church's History.

In the early 1950's, the new suburb of Kidman Park was born. A block of land on Grange Rd. was set aside to be the site for the Church of England.

Our first building was a little Nissan hut. As the parish grew, the foundations were laid for St. Athanasius. This was completed in 1957, much to the delight of the congregation.

A Rectory was added to the block. This became the Parish Centre when a new Rectory was purchased.

Over 30 years ago, four parishes in the Western suburbs united to become one parish, with the head quarters to be at Kidman Park. The buildings at Seaton, Findon and Flinders Park were sold and St. Athanasius was demolished and a new church was built on the site.

The foundation stones from all four churches can be found in the Calvary Garden at Kidman Park.

It was a sad day for all of us when all the churches were deconsecrated, but we all looked forward to new beginnings.

An encouragement from the book of Isaiah 43:18-19 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland". Isa.65:17-18... The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create..."

While the new church was being built at Kidman Park, we worshipped in the Parish Centre. At times it was tight and” squeeze.”

The “*Hope window*” that had been part of St. Athanasius was taken down and carefully stored. It then became a feature in the Lady Chapel of the new church.

It was with great anticipation that we watched the foundations laid and the new church taking shape.

“.... a new creation. The old has gone; behold the new has come” 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Many discussions were held as to the naming of the new church and it was finally decided to call it “*The Church of the Resurrection*” as it had grown from the four churches that had gone.

On July 15th this year we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the consecration of our church. We pray that we may worship here for many years to come.

We would like to welcome all to come and help us celebrate.