

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF MALVERN
welcomes you to...

ST AMBROSE CHURCH, SHEFFIELD



A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

The original St Ambrose, built in 1878, was situated on the opposite side of the railway line on the corner of Highway 73 and Roecombe Road. In 1939 it was nearing the end of its useful life and the decision was made to replace it.

Fundraising began for the new church and by 1951 there were sufficient funds to proceed with the building on the present site.

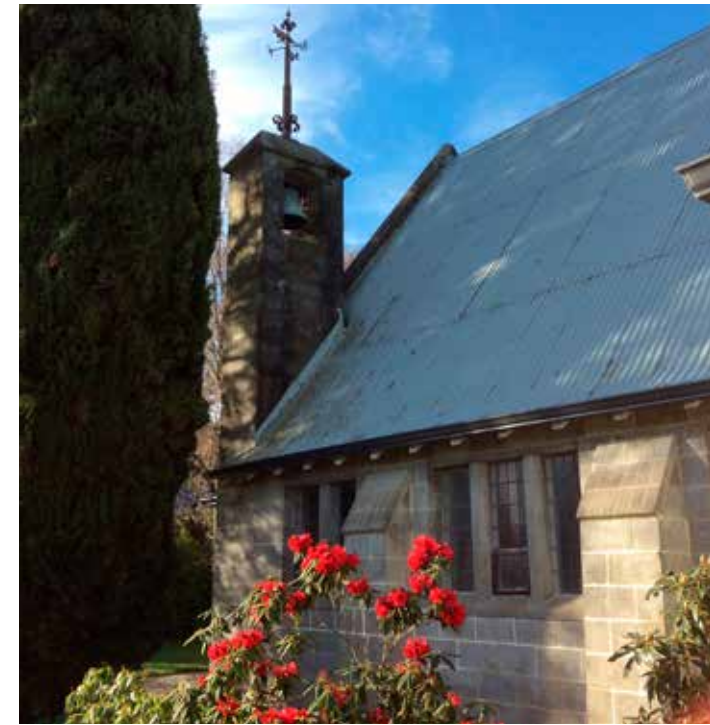
Mr R.S. Harman was appointed architect and Mr W. Summerville undertook the building with support from local parish volunteers. The Oregon timber used within the church was all sourced locally.

The foundation stone was laid by the Rt Rev'd Alwyn Warren, Bishop of Christchurch, on 24 March 1955. The church was dedicated in 1956, but it was not until 26 August 1962 that it was finally consecrated.

The stained glass window in St Ambrose Church was designed jointly by Eva Deans, Austen Deans, and May Wright, and made by Graham Stewart. It depicts the triple-headed guardian mountain fortress of Malvern (L to R): Torlesse, Back Peak, and Otarama.



*The stained glass windows
over the altar were added in 1986.*



USAGE AND HIRING GUIDELINES

For using the church for a wedding or funeral, there is an expectation that the celebrant will be an Anglican priest, although at the Vicar's discretion, other ministers may be involved.

DATES

Please ensure that your date and time for a wedding is confirmed with us before making other arrangements, such as reception venues. We are happy to take bookings well in advance of the proposed date.

MUSIC

The parish is able to provide musical accompaniment for wedding and funeral services, and we can arrange a meeting with the organist beforehand if you wish. As you will appreciate, the organist will be providing their time and their talents. It is appropriate, therefore, to make a contribution in recognition of their services.