

St Anne's, Edgeside

Edgeside Holme National School was opened by the Bishop of Manchester on 10 May 1873. It was built on land inherited and donated by Mary Ann Ashworth, Mrs Charles Patrick. The foundation stone was laid by Mrs Patrick on 31 August 1872. Building cost £1400.

It is reported that 'a number of the congregation, ladies and gentlemen of the country, were entertained by Captain and Mrs Patrick at a particularly choice luncheon supplied by Mrs Worswick of the Royal Hotel, Waterfoot.'

It was licensed for divine service in 1876.

Further land (179 sq yards) was donated by Charles Patrick for a church with an additional 970 sq yards for a parsonage and burial grounds. These were donated in memory of his wife. Patrick also donated a large sum to the building fund.

The foundation stone for the church was laid on 1 Aug 1884 and the church was consecrated on 1 Aug 1885. The fabric was unfinished on consecration and the Bishop said that 'had he known, he would have postponed the day. He preached from 1 Corinthians . The collection raised £100.

The church was built at a cost of £3300 and had seating for 462 people. Major benefactors included Captain Patrick, H.H Bolton snr, Mr and Mrs R. C. Turner, Mrs M. A. Royds, Col Hargreaves, Mr John Bolton, the Lord Montague, Executors of the Duke of Buccleugh and the Manchester Diocesan Church Building Society.

The dedication to St Anne and the approach roads – Mary St and Ashworth Lane – were in honour of Mary Ann Ashworth.

The curate in charge of the National School, Rev J Cross Jones, became the first vicar of the parish which was created out of the parishes of St Nicholas and St Michael's Lumb.

The stained glass window on the north side of the church dedicated to the memory of Captain and Mrs Patrick was installed, after the incumbency of Rev Cross Jones ended in 1903. He actually willed that it be installed in the east window. The text is Mathew 2:11

The vicarage was completed in April 1910 and the burial ground opened on 31 Dec 1923.

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Yesterday (Fri) afternoon Captain Patrick and his good lady drove up to Edgeside in order to sanction the appointment of a plot of land for a new church and parsonage. Mr Bell, architect, of Burnley, and Rev J C Jones were waiting. We understand that when the church is erected it will be one of the prettiest such structures in the Forest of Rossendale.