

BREINTON COMMON MISSION HALL

**A SHORT HISTORY BASED ON GILL WALL'S BOOK OF PHOTOS
AND COMMENTS**

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**The Rev.
George
Redmond
(1947-1960)
stands outside
Breinton
Manor May 1st
1960**



July 1950 - Mrs. Edie Dawe's photograph of the Rev. Redmond and the Sunday School at Breinton Common

The white frontal has been made by Mrs. Spires and was used for the first time on Easter Day. I am sure we are most grateful for the care taken by Mrs. Spires, and to all who contributed to the cost. This is a beautiful addition to the Mission Church.
The Rev G.Redmond.

I took this photograph
of the altar in the
Mission Church in 1977.



Altar Frontal at the Mission Church made by Mrs. Spires. The Rev. Redmond thanked her for the beautiful addition to the Mission Church. Gill Wall took this photo in 1977



Taken from the Western Deanery Magazine December 1956.

The vicar said: "For some years I have been asked to move the altar from the old position to the opposite end of the church. This has been done together with the pulpit, lectern and organ. I feel sure you all feel the improvement is great!"

Gill Wall added that "When the altar was in the old position, facing north, the vicar had to robe in the Mission room, go outside and back into the Mission Church which could be a bit cold in the winter. (The photo was lent by Jean Pitt and taken in 1950)



July 1-3 1963, when the Mission Hall had a spring clean. It was fine for the 1st, when this “cup of tea “ photo was taken by Frank Dawe. Gill’s husband David, ,went with the rest to paint the walls on the 3rd but it was wet so they had their tea break inside. Someone said, ”What a sight if the Bishop walked in.” From left to right-Mrs Pat Hynes, Miss Jean Pitt, Mrs Jessie Townsend, Mrs. Pitt, Mrs. Rose Bright, Miss Barbara Townsend, The Rev. Bill Haynes, Mrs Doris Beaumont, Mrs Edna Dee, Mrs Edie Dawe, Mr. Martin Dawe, and Miss Sheila Townsend leaning on the spade.



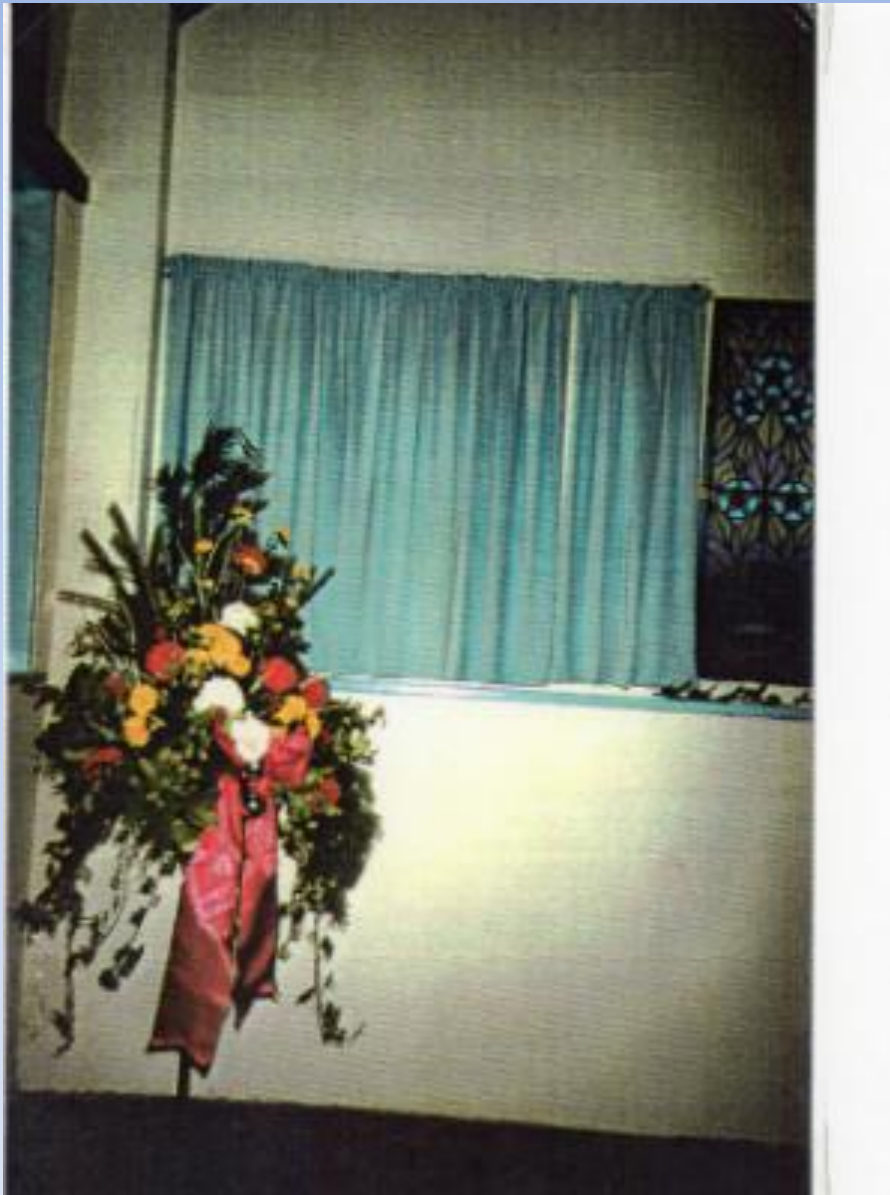
**The notice board
on the west side
of the Mission
Church**



The south and east side of the Mission Church, Breinton Common 1977



Flower arrangement inside the Mission Church. I think it could have been Lindesay Norton's flowers from Chapel House. Margot Morgan from Heron Hill made the blue curtains for the Mission



**Mrs. Hull's photo
of a flower
arrangement by
Margot Morgan**



The organ in the Mission Church before it was moved to the room at the back. Gill said, "I can remember it being played by Mrs. A. Davies in the 60s. The PCC purchased the organ in 1940 for under £10 and sold it in 1991 for £40!



The congregation after the 9am Communion Service on Sunday November 5th 1990 (I think this may have been the last service to be held in the Mission Church BW.) Back row-J.Owens, J. Dawe, A. Owens, M. Dawe, J. Winterfeld, D.Owens, J, Richards, middle row-J. Dawe, C. Lindsay,E.Dawe, V. Luscombe, the Rev. Canon A. Lindsay and J. Owens



July, 1990 The Mission Church can be seen under the beautiful Scandinavian Maple tree which in 1972 was made safe with an iron collar



Mission Church in the sun! Autumn 1989 (?)



Wild flowers I (GW) found in the paddock and some of which I took and put in the Mission vases after cleaning them!



Looking towards the south end of the Mission Church July 10th 1990



Behind the altar facing north . The doorway at the back leading to the Mission Room where the altar once stood pre-1956



The comments attached to these photos were all made by Gill Wall. “An open meeting was held at the Mission Church on October 17th 1990 when the plans to transform the church into a dwelling were on show. . Bruce Wallace was in the chair . I was sorry to see so few people from the Common, not counting PCC members. The picture shows the door way from the room into the Mission and in the next slide ,the room itself. The room saw so much activity years ago; it is a shame it has not been used these past years. In the days of no cars when Hereford seemed so far away, the villagers entertained themselves with concerts etc. in the Mission Room and the School room.



BREINTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF BREINTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 1ST MARCH 1990 AT 7.30 P.M.
IN BREINTON VILLAGE HALL

PCC Applications

Conversion of Mission Hall into Dwelling

Mr. Weatherall and the Clerk had visited neighbouring homes to assess local reaction; and reservations on access, sewage disposal and change of use grounds had been made to the District Council with a suggestion that the application be deferred for six months to enable the PCC to take advantage of local offers of financial assistance to maintain the Mission Hall for the next five years.



Breinton Mission Church, the photograph is taken from the road
in January 24th 1990.

**Breinton
Mission Church
from the road
January 24th
1990**



A beautiful sunny day in June 1990. Mr. Jim Lea from Stretton Sugwas organized his family, some of whom he had not seen for years, to come to the Mission for a family photograph. He asked them if they would like to come to St. Michael's for the dedication of the chapel sometime in the future

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The Lea family were interested in the Mission Church because of the altar rails given to the church in memory of members of their family



The altar rails in the church were given by the Lea family in remembrance of members of their family who had fought and one of whom had died in WW1





The oak book rest was given by Miss Baker in memory of her mother in 1934 . Mrs Hickman gave the Communion Cruet in memory of her husband and the brass vases were given in 1915

Mission hall to become a house.

A CONTROVERSIAL plan has been passed to turn a village mission hall into a house. The scheme put forward by Breinton Parochial Church Council has stirred up much opposition from villagers who do not want to lose the hall.

But Councillor Tony Owen described it as a case of "use or lose it".
"It's a very beautiful building with an aura of serenity and peace but at the same time it has to be maintained. I would be very sad to see it go. Will the money go to the parish or into a black hole at the Church Commissioners and never be seen again? If that's the case then I will vote against it", he said.

And Councillor Jack Juxon said "Even if we grant approval the church doesn't have to put it on the market. The threat of closure may act as a spur to keep it open."

Taken from the Hereford Times Thursday May 31st 1990.

Breinton Common Mission Church.



**Taken from the
Hereford Times,
Thursday May31st
1990, a picture of
the altar in the
Mission Church**



A beautiful warm summer evening in July when the PCC cleared out the Mission and the boundary hedge.

Bruce Wallace with the altar rails and stools in his trailer and Ann Powell waiting by the gate



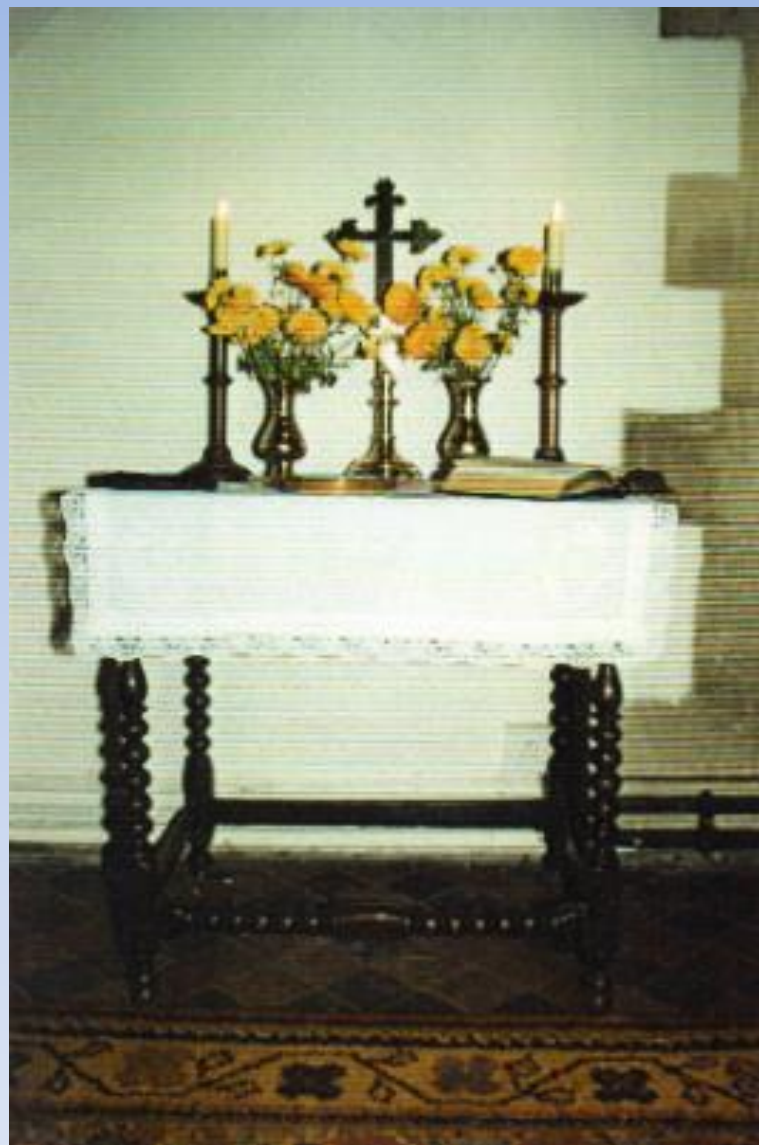
The altar stools were presented by Mr. and Mrs Lea and Family and Miss Morrison the fiancée of Harry Lea late of the 1st Bt.K.S.L.I. who fell in action in France on April 19th 1917



to R- Penny Platts, Ann Powell churchwarden, John Platts, churchwarden, Brallace, PCC chairman, Colin Powell treasure and I was standing on a pew ge



The Mission Church June 10th 1990. Members of the PCC took the altar rails and stools with their red kneelers to St. Michaels where they and the little oak table from the Mission Church became the foundation of the Mission chapel in the mother church . GW said , "The cross and the candlesticks etc. looked well and we were all very pleased with the result"



the Jacobean table has replaced the rather small. The Jacobean table returned to where it used to stand for many many years.

The Christmas tree David and I put up at Christmas 1991.

Note the new carpet, that went down September 3rd 1991.

The Mission Chapel is used for services every Tuesday morning.

