

## MITCHAM CHURCH 100 YEARS OLD

The picturesque Anglican Church of St. Michael, at Mitcham, will be 100 years old tomorrow.

To mark the occasion, there will be special communion services at the church at 8.30 and 10.30 a.m., and confirmation will be conducted by the Bishop of Adelaide (Rt. Rev. B. P. Robin) at night.

The following is a copy of the first entry in the minute book (still in use) at St. Michael's Church:—

"This church was opened for divine service on Sunday, October 17, 1952. Being still unfinished, neither ceiled nor plastered, with temporary doors and calico windows, and only chairs and forms as seats, the consecration was deferred.

Prayers were read by the first incumbent (Rev. E. H. Burnett, MA) and a sermon preached by the Lord Bishop of Adelaide (Bishop Short)."

The ornately carved altar was given at the church's diamond jubilee in 1912 by Mrs. Joseph Fisher, and the same year Mrs. Granville Price gave a large brass ewer for the font.

The Barr Smith family honored their late relatives George and Jane Elder in 1901 by presenting a large three-light window over the altar.

Ornate oak panelling in the chancel was given by the Misses L. and E. Waite and Miss Adelaide Rymill in 1920, as a thankoffering for peace after World War I.

One of the greatest workers for St. Michael's was Mr. H. Morgan Hawkes, who died in 1900 after serving as auditor and warden for many years. The brass lecturn was bought by the church in his memory.

Land for the church was given by Mr. Robert Thornber, and the list of subscribers for the building was headed by Mr. John Grainger, whose mine at Brownhill Creek gave 1418.

Of the 19 incumbents from the Rev. E. H. Burnett to the present rector (Rev. R. H. Pearman) the best known today is probably the Ven. Archdeacon A. W. Clampett,

today is probably the Ven. Archdeacon A. W. Clampett, a forceful preacher, who served the parish from 1893-1939.

He is now living in retirement at Fullarton.

To mark the centenary of St. Michael's, a large stone terrace will be built immediately in front of the church.