

ROUNDBABOUT VERWOOD

PAST and PRESENT

“The Tin Church”

All Saints Church, Three Legged Cross.

Reverend Claude Brown, the first Verwood Vicar arrived in 1887. He built All Saints Church, the daughter church of Verwood's St. Michael and All Angels Parish Church in 1893, to serve the inhabitants at the southern end of the parish in Three Legged Cross. It was an iron Mission Church known as the “Tin Church” and was opened on February 13th.

The photo right shows quite clearly that it was built from timber and corrugated iron.

The “Tin Church”
Early 1900's



Post 1957



In 1957 an architect who had recently come to live in Three Legged Cross suggested that All Saints should be clad in stone. This brought an enthusiastic response with donations being speedily forthcoming. The metal was clad in stone and faced inside with wood.

Whilst it undoubtedly improved its visual appearance, after nearly forty years it gave rise to structural concerns. The building was demolished in 1994.

The photo left shows the church with its pristine cladding in place so must be dated just after it was installed in 1957.

After the original building was demolished in 1994 a new complex of church, meeting room and priests house was built in its place.

The photo right shows the building in its present form and from a similar location but after 123 years the surroundings have inevitably changed somewhat.

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