

# *St. John's Episcopal Church*

*Keokea, Kula, Maui*



RIC FITCH

“Like a growing plant... full of life and joy.”

1900-2007

*Let us pray.*

*Holy God, Eternal Spirit of Love throughout the ages;*

*We are so grateful for this time and this gathering, as we celebrate 100 years of ministry in Jesus Christ.*

*For everyone who has offered to you their prayers in this sanctuary, for all who have breathed your spirit of life, and for those who have laid their footsteps across the threshold of this Holy Place, we are so grateful.*

*We give thanks for all of the many expressions of love, acts of ministry and gifts which have been given in this church throughout the years. Some of these offerings are known and recorded but most are known by you alone, O God.*

*Almighty God, fill us with your love so we may go forward fulfilling your vision in the next 100 years and honoring those who have faithfully served you in the last 100 years.*

*In Christ, Amen*

# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH KULA

“Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.”  
I Chron: 16, 29



Photo by Col. Robert E. Doe



## 1900 - 1909

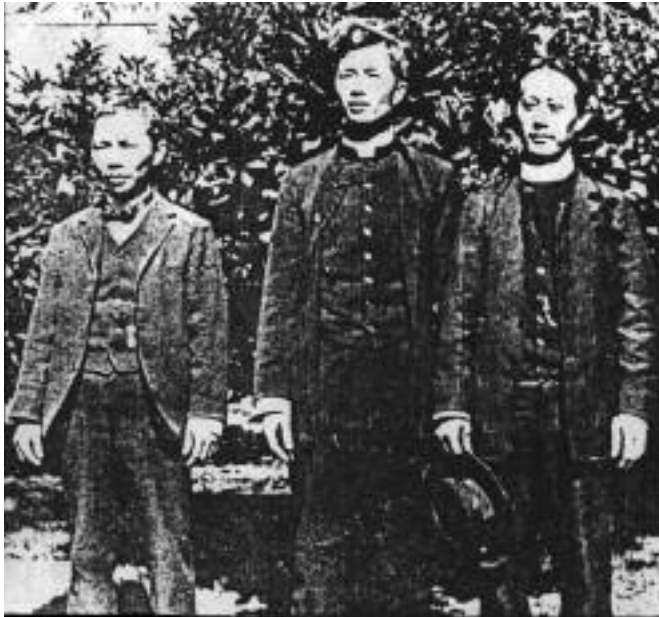
The year was 1899, Shim Mook of Kula wrote to China to ask his people there to send a Chinese teacher for the Chinese children of Kula. They sent the Reverend Shim Yin Chin the same year. He was a native of Pao-on-Kwangtung Province China born in 1868. He was educated at the German Lutheran Basel Mission School, graduating from its Theological College at the age of twenty-four. The Rev. Shim was a Lutheran minister in Hong Kong and Canton for ten years before coming to Hawaii. He was probably encouraged to come to Hawaii by a friend and classmate, Kong Yin Tet, Vicar of St. Peter's Church and later Canon of St. Andrew's Cathedral. Father Shim was a man of remarkable dedication and courage to come to Hawaii and leave his wife and four small children in China.

He was engaged in August 1900 as a language instructor by the Hakka Chinese farmers who were the main inhabitants of Keokea, Kula, at that time. Life was very hard for the people, water had to be hauled to fill the household cisterns, and the land was tended by hand. They enjoyed few luxuries such as coffee or oranges; which were seen only at Christmas. They did however retain the traditional Chinese respect for learning. The children were taught to read and write Chinese and to study the Chinese classics, as well as get an American education. The Chinese language school was held both before and after public school each day. Father Shim, who was licensed by the Bishop, also taught the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Bible and the Creed. He was active in the adult education also and formed the "World's Knowledge Society" which included a clubroom furnished with maps, Chinese magazines and newspapers for Sunday afternoon gatherings. At these meetings Father Shim would read and explain selected articles. Lively discussions would follow as those were politically exciting times.

Father Shim was accepted into the Anglican Church by Bishop Willis. He came to Kula with no land or buildings to welcome him: only knowing that a large number of his fellow country folk had settled here

## 1900-1909

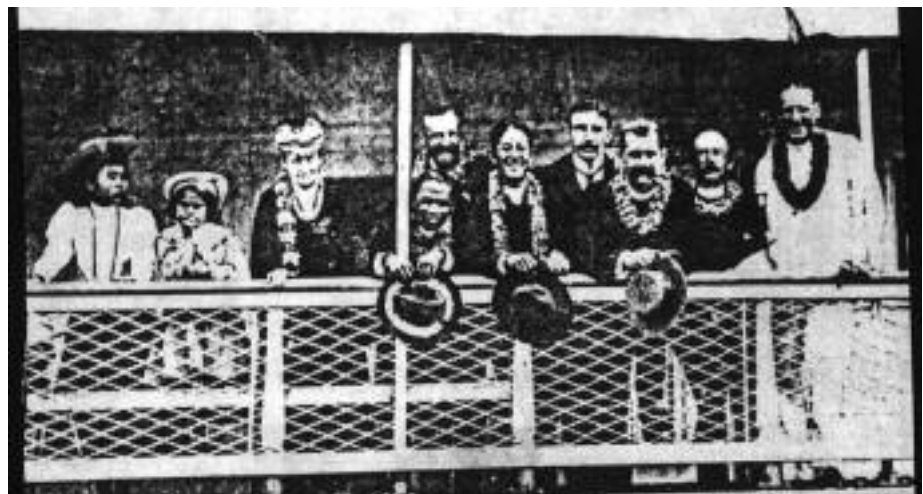
First known photograph of St. Johns. According to Dr. Walton Shim, Father Shim's grandson, the three symbols over the gate literally mean Episcopal Church. In Chinese, they are translated as Shin (spirit), Gung (old), and Fui or Wui (meeting)



Chinese-Hawaiian  
Episcopal Clergy 1908

L-R  
Shim Yin Chin, Kula  
Kong Yin Tet, Honolulu  
Woo Yee Bew, Makapala

Big Island and  
Maui Clergy  
arriving 1909 for  
the Annual  
Convocation in  
Honolulu.



and were in need of Christian Ministry. On November 11, 1900, Father Shim presented the visiting Bishop Willis with candidates for Confirmation, Baptism, making them the first members of St. John's Mission. The ceremony took place at the nearby Haleakala Congregational Church.

Fr. Shim's Biblical scholarship was clearly evident at the time of his ordination to the Diaconate on May 8, 1905. Using the interpretive skills of the Rev. Kong, Bishop Restarick asked Father Shim to name the Gospels. Speaking in Chinese he began a long discourse, until the Bishop stopped him to inquire about the length of his answer. The Rev. Kong replied that Father Shim was reciting the Gospels in their entirety!

The structure that still serves St. John's congregation was started in 1906 and completed in 1907. Material for the wood frame building were floated off a boat at the Makena Landing and transported by horse drawn carts to Keokea. The \$2,000.00 required was raised by Father Shim from friends on Maui, and St. Peter's Church in Honolulu. At that time the building served as a church and a Chinese language school. Sliding doors shut off the chancel, and the pews could be changed into desks by raising a leaf attached to the back of the next pew.

Father Shim was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Restarick at St. Andrew's Cathedral on July 4, 1909. After addressing the Women's Auxiliary, he was given Eucharistic vessels, a bell to call the people to worship and a horse to enable him to visit his parishioners up and down the majestic slopes of the Haleakala mountain. The church bell was rung early on a Sunday morning. Then, it was rung again to give them time to prepare to come to church, and rung a third time for services to start. According to Walton Shim, Father Shim's grandson, the bell was given to St. John's by Mrs. C. Montague Cooke, Jr. We know that the Eucharistic vessels and of course the bell remain, but what happened to the horse is not recorded.

# 1910-1919

Date	Name	Parents	Minister
1910	...	...	...
1911	...	...	...
1912	...	...	...
1913	...	...	...
1914	...	...	...
1915	...	...	...
1916	...	...	...
1917	...	...	...
1918	...	...	...
1919	...	...	...

Pages from the Baptismal Record of St. John's Church.

Photo taken in 1911 when Bishop Restarick came to Kula to celebrate the Homestead Act.



In the center is Bishop Restarick with his son Arthur on his right, and Father Shim on his left.





Father and Mrs. Shim and family taken in China, 1910.  
(L to R) Don Lyam, Mrs. Shim Chin Kui Kyau, Dyun Lyam, Wai On, Father Shim, and Wai Cheong



A picnic to celebrate the Homestead Act 1911.

## 1910 - 1919

Father Shim had not seen his family for ten years and made a visit to China in 1910 with the hope of bringing them all back with him to Hawaii. One can only imagine what this continued separation did to the family. Their two sons Wai On and Wai Chong, were allowed to come. They attended Iolani School, working in the kitchen for board and tuition. Mrs. Shim and daughters Dora (Don Lyam) and Flora (Dyun Lyam) were not permitted entry into Hawaii at that time. Father Shim's monthly stipend from the Diocese was \$25.00. He supplemented this income by charging a fee of twenty-five cents per month for his services as a language teacher.

In 1911 the Homestead Act was passed. It was intended to enable farmers to acquire land that they had previously leased from the Government. However this seriously threatened to dispossess the Keokea Chinese, because the land could only be claimed by American citizens. Father Shim wrote to Bishop Restarick regarding the injustice of this. Many of the farmers had worked the land for more than ten years, but their native-born children were not yet of legal age to claim the land themselves. The Bishop then explained the situation to Governor Frear, and, as a result, "The Chinese who had been a long resident in the district, and whose children, 17 or 18 years of age who had been born here were granted leases on the premises which had been occupied and improved until such time as their oldest son, an American citizen, had the right to acquire title." (Hawaiian Church Chronicle, December 1911). This still was an injustice to many, but was a better situation than before the intervention by the Governor. The Chinese farmers sent a letter to the Bishop inviting him to a reception in his honor, to show their appreciation for his effort on their behalf regarding the land and also to thank him, "Furthermore you have given us an able teacher, Mr. Shim Yin Chin, who taught the community with moral and intellectual education through whom we have received untold benefits."

Despite the intervention of the Governor many Chinese residents were forced to move to Honolulu at that time. Either they had no children, or

their children would not be old enough to claim the land within the prescribed time period. Many people moved to Honolulu during seasons of draught in Keokea. Some of these Kula residents were instrumental in forming the Honolulu Kula Club, in 1938 and which began pilgrimages to Kula in 1944. A few members still make visits to Kula.

In 1913 Mrs. Shim and their two daughters arrived in Honolulu only to be denied entry to Hawaii. Mrs. Shim and Dora and Flora all suffered from the dangerous and contagious eye disease trachoma. There were attempts made to enable them to be treated here, but this too was denied. Bishop Restarick asked that they be treated in Japan, and when fully cured would be allowed to enter Hawaii. It would be the end of 1914 before Father Shim and his whole family were together again. Mrs. Shim had been the principal of a Church of England school in China while her husband was establishing the mission in Kula. She continued to work and teach alongside her husband until his sudden death of a stroke on June 27, 1918. He was only 51 years of age. In the words of May L. Restarick, wife of the Bishop in a memorial notice: "In the death of the Rev. Shim Yin Chin this mission field has suffered an irreparable loss-yet it is God's work, and could Mr. Shim have spoken a last message to us all we can well believe it would have been 'carry on.' To that lonely flock of sheep upon that mountain top, without a shepherd: we can only pray that God will send someone to care for their spiritual needs. Mr. Shim was a true shepherd and would have gladly laid down his life for his sheep. His life was patterned after the Master's, full of toil and sacrifice for others."

The incredible sacrifice also that Mrs. Shim and their children had made through all the years of separation only to lose husband and father so soon must not be forgotten. Their loss and grief must have been great. Following the death of Father Shim, there was a memorial service at St. John's. Then for the next two years there were no services held in the church. The Record of Services lists a memorial service for Father Shim conducted by the Rev. Kong Yin Tet one year later, probably in Honolulu.

In a letter from Mrs. Nancy Ling Kau to the Rev. Heather Mueller, in 1987 she stated that she was born and raised in Kula and was a student of father Shim's until his death, "after his death the church door was closed."

# St. John's Church, Kula, Maui

## August 25, 1912

“In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.”

Ephesians 2: 21, 22

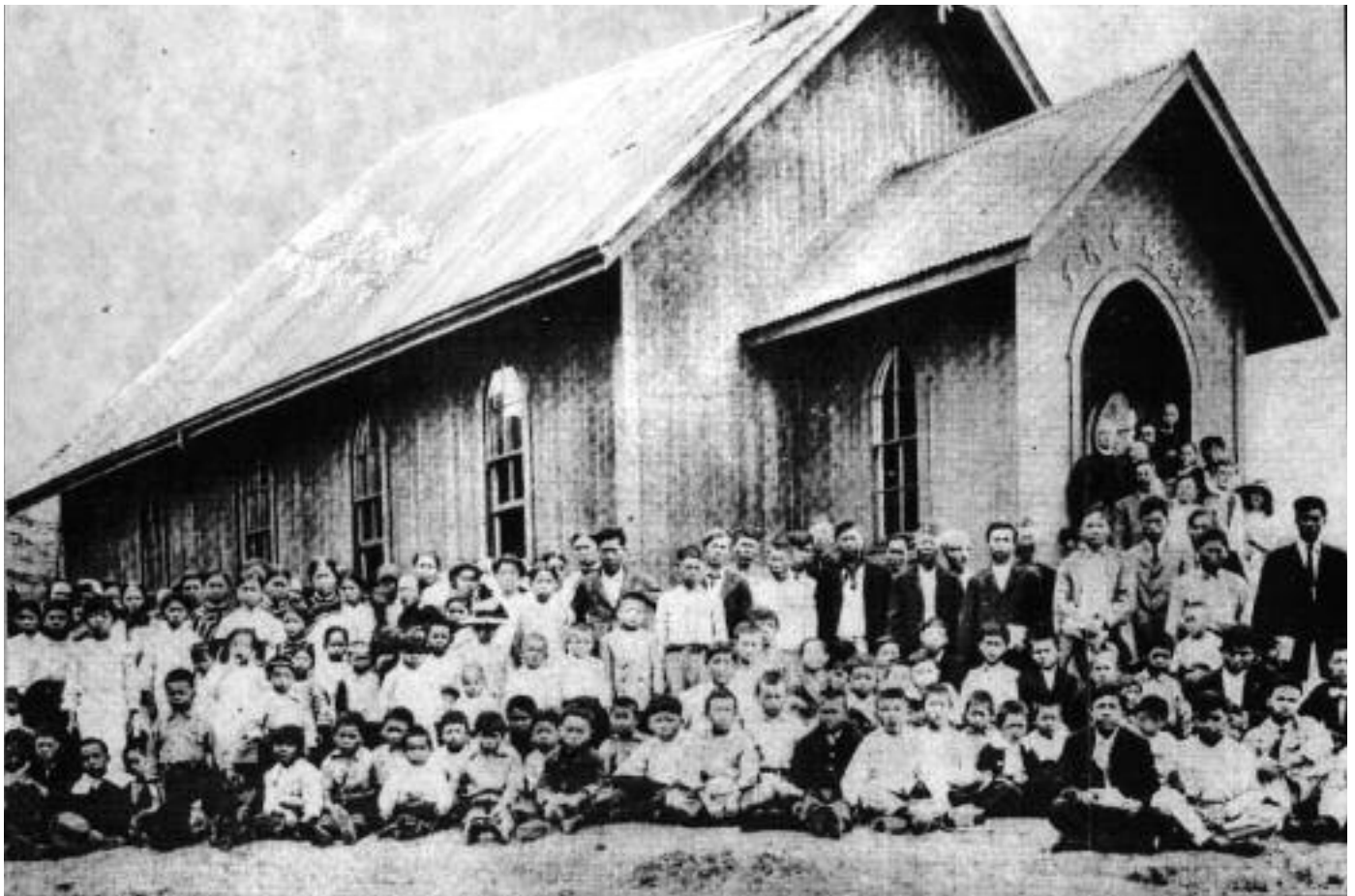


Photo by L. Tai Sing



## **Father Shim Yin Chin**

### **1868 - 1918**

How can they hear without someone preaching to them? How can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.”

Romans 10:15

## 1920 - 1929

St. John's Mission was carried on by Kau Hing Yin, an experienced catechist long connected with St. Peter's mission, and later by his brother Kau Yau Yin, who had recently come to Honolulu from Canton. These two were assisted by the Rev. Charles Villiers and other clergy from the Church of the Good Shepherd in Wailuku, in celebrating the Eucharist once or twice a month.

In 1923 Bishop Le Mothe asked Father Shim's widow Kui Kyau Shim to return to St. John's from Honolulu where she was teaching Chinese at St. Elizabeth's mission. Her titles included "Bible Woman" and "Parish Visitor." For the next two decades, assisted by her daughter Dora, and faithful members of the community, Mrs. Shim continued the work she and her husband had begun. She conducted the Sunday School, read the services and lead the congregation in worship, and prepared adults and children for Baptism and Confirmation. She also assisted the Rev. C. Fletcher Howe of Wailuku and other clergy in celebrating the Eucharist twice monthly. To all intents and purposes Mrs. Shim was in charge of St. John's. The Maui News stated, "Like her husband Mrs. Shim rode and walked the fields and pastures to fulfill her outreach program. Like her husband, she carried a black umbrella, which she used to ward off the cows, and a black Bible tucked under her arm. The farmers called her Shuok Pho, or Great Auntie; the children followed her to Sunday School. The visiting clergy from Wailuku thanked her for gathering worshipers for Sunday services and Holy Sacraments." In another document it states, "Mrs. Shim is doing a fine work and St. John's is progressing steadily under her able and devout leadership!"

1920 - 1929

Church decorated  
for Easter.



Mrs. Shim returns to St. John's.  
(Photo taken in 1950 on a visit.)

Church/School  
Note gas lamps and  
hinged desktops attached  
to back of pews, and  
chalkboard.



## 1930 - 1939



The Bishop's  
visit, Dec. 1936

The Rev. and Mrs. C. Fletcher Howe, 1931



Youth group photo,  
1930's



## 1930 - 1939

During this decade Mrs. Shim continued her work. It was at this time that services were offered to the patients in nearby Kula Hospital, known then as the Kula Preventorium. There was a thriving youth group, and the congregation at St. John's grew.

Robert Ling was treasurer of St. John's throughout the 1930's, and Yin Fah Kong was the Warden. The two of them filed the Mission reports to the Diocese during that decade. These stalwart, determined people were also assisted by the Rev. Fletcher Howe, priest at the Good Shephard Church, Wailuku.



Photo taken in 1951 on a visit by Mrs. Shim.

## 1940 - 1949

Those were difficult years for the little church after the onset of World War II. The Rev. Howe left Maui and travel was restricted, visits by priests and Bishops to St. John's diminished to only six occasions between August 1941 and the summer of 1944. During one of the visits. Canon Y. Sang Mark, Mrs. Shim's son-in-law, raised \$400.00 from the Kula community for repairs to the church and the old vicarage. In October 1944, Canon Mark officiated at a special farewell service for Mrs. Shim who retired to Honolulu on October 5, 1944, accompanied by her daughter and the Rev. Mark.

In July of 1948 the Rev. Wai On Shim became rector of St. John's Church. He was the oldest of Fr. Shim's four children, born in China, and received his early education in Hong Kong before coming to Hawaii in 1910. After 14 years as a banker in one of the largest banks in Honolulu, Mr. Shim gave up a lucrative position to answer the call of God and study for Holy Orders. On August 5, 1931 leaving his wife Esther, and young baby Walton, he left for Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. He returned in 1934 and was appointed Curate at St. Peter's Church in Honolulu. It was during his ministry that the present Parish Hall was constructed as the first Kula Community Center. Harold Rice obtained three old military buildings from the Puunene airstrip, and Fong Construction company was instrumental in reassembling them into one building next to the church. The Honolulu Kula Club and St. Elizabeth's Men's Club, and St. Peter's Church helped with funds and labor during construction. "One thousand" people reportedly attended its dedication service and feast September 3, 1949. The Rev. Wai On Shim remained at St. John's until 1950. He returned to St. Elizabeth's and retired in 1963. He received a Distinguished Service Cross from the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii for his contributions to the church's growth here. The Rev. Wai On Shim died September 3, 1979, at the age of 82.

A free standing altar was built by Yuen Yen Wong and was dedicated to the Rev. Wai On Shim's memory. This altar is now being used by the Sunday School at St. John's Church. The wood shield on the front of the altar was crafted by Willie Fong.



St. John's Mission, January 9, 1944. Mrs. Shim retired.

#### LIST OF THE CLERGY

Shim Yin Chin 1900-1918

Kui Kyau Shim 1923-1944

Wai On Shim 1948-1950 (bi-lingual Chinese/English)

Hugh Thompson 1950-1951 (English speaking)

Norman Ault 1951-1956 (1968-1973)

Joseph Barnett 1956

Claude du Tiel 1956-1957

Donald Terry 1957-1958

Jefferson Stephens 1958-1960 (ordained at St. John's)

Robert Stretch 1960-1961

Shelton Hale Bishop 1961-1962 (died at St. John's, August '62))

Iver Torgerson 1962-1968

## 1940 - 1949

Construction of the  
Parish Hall.



The organizers of the construction of the Parish Hall, 1949.  
Foster Robinson, Richard Ching, the Rev. Wai On Shim,  
Harold Rice, K.L. Ching, James Alo. Willie Fong on the ramp.



## 1950 - 1959

Big changes came to St. John's Church in the 1950's. The first English-speaking priest was appointed. The Rev. Hugh Thompson was vicar from Feb. 1950 – June 1951. He and his family made a visit to St. John's in 1987. The "joyful and much loved" Father Norman C. Ault was appointed on June 24, 1951 and remained until July 1956. He loved to build and repair things. There is a story told that one day he was up in the bell tower doing some repairs, when a young couple drove into the parking area. Seeing someone in the tower they called out "We would like to get married, can you tell us where the Priest is." He replied, "Yes, just a minute and I will get him for you." Hurrying down he quickly donned his clerical collar and jacket and presented himself, much to the astonished couple, who must have been duly pleased as they were faithful contributors for many years.

The Revd's. Joseph Barnett, Claude du Teil and Donald Terry each gave their time to keep the mission going between 1956 and 1958. Claude du Teil helped run sessions at Camp Pecusa, Olowalu, and continued to support the ministry of this little church until his death in the mid-90's. Donald Terry worked hard to improve the Sunday school and youth groups at St. John's.

The Rev. Jefferson C. Stephens was appointed in 1958 and remained until 1960. The Rev. Stephens was ordained at St. John's on Dec. 7, 1958. He and his wife Virginia had a daughter when they arrived and a son was born to them while they were here.

During the 1950's Kenneth and Marion Briten were a great help and support to the church; Kenneth was treasurer and Marion was very supportive in the women's activities. Eric Hartley, R.G. Von Tempsky and Ruth Smith, among others, were on the Bishop's Committee in the 1950's. Their care for the buildings, finances, and programs at St. John's are evident in the Mission minutes through more than a decade. Another addition to the outreach programs of St. John's, was the organization of Camp Pecusa. St. John's supported the project by helping to survey the land, to move and reconstruct the buildings which once again came



Kui-Kyau Shim

沈陳恩珍聖約翰堂女傳道

珍現年六十四歲。乃已故沈榮貞牧師之  
 往檀山傳道。自帶兒女四位。舌耕祖國  
 於香港聖保羅書院讀書。二女肄業省城  
 院。陳氏在九龍維多利亞書院。教西人  
 語二年。一九〇六年往肇慶府。當教會  
 長五年。後往鶴山城安立間教會。為女

“Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

Matthew 25:21



1950 - 1959



Dedication of the Vicarage. Mrs. C. Montague Cooke, Jr. with group of clergy, Dec. 1959. L-R: Archdeacon Lani Hanchett, the Rev. William Anderson, the Rev. Fletcher Howe, the Rev. Jefferson Stephens.



Ordination of Jefferson Stephens, Dec. 7, 1958.  
L-R front: the Rev. Masao Fujita, the Rev. Jefferson Stephens, Canon Wai On Shim, Canon Norman Ault. L-R back: Lani Hanchett, the Rev. Fletcher Howe, Bishop Kennedy, Charlie Crane and the Rev. Willaim Anderson.

acquired from the Puunene Airstrip. The land has always been leased to the Episcopal Church starting with the Pioneer Mill in the mid-50's. It was then operated as "Camp Pecusa" a summer camp for young people. Camp Pecusa is located in Olowalu, on the west coastal area of Maui. Each summer many of St. John's young people have enjoyed Bible teaching, crafts, hikes swimming and plenty of good food.

Looking back to what life was like is always interesting. The problems of life experienced in each decade though different, still are much the same. As the Scripture says, "There is nothing new under the surf," a glance at the minutes for this decade give a quick glimpse back.

St. John's Episcopal Church  
Bishop's Committee

The monthly meeting of the Bishop's committee was held in the Parish Hall on September 19, 1957, at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mr. Harold Shim, Mr. H.A. Rogers, Mr. William Fong, Mr. Moon K.Chung, Mr. Terry and Miss Smith.

The meeting was opened by prayer led by Mr. Terry. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Pulpit: Mr. Fong reported that he had started work on the pulpit

Yard Man: It has been decided to employ Herbert Shim who can come 1/2 day a week. Payment is to be \$1.00 per hour.

Mr. Terry reported that Released Time Religious Education classes have started, Sunday school is in full swing, and Wednesday evening sessions for adults are to start in October.

Signed Ruth V. Smith



In October 1958 the following is recorded.

The monthly meeting of the Bishop's committee was held in the Parish Hall on May 25, 1958 at 7:30 P.M.

Present: David Kahanamoku, Kenneth Briten, Mrs. Helen Elmore, Harold Shim, Moon K. Chung, Archdeacon Lani Hanchett and Ruth Smith.

Mr. Briten spoke about Social Security for the yard man and said he would check the local office for information.

Mr. Shim said the lawn mower is in need of repair and offered to find out what the trouble is and get it fixed.

The hemp rug in the vicarage will have to be cleaned and the women need help to get it outside, Mr. Shim said. The different methods of cleaning this type of rug were discussed. It has been suggested that we try to sell the rug. Archdeacon Hanchett suggested that we wait till Mr. Stevens arrives , then if he finds the rug impractical then try to get a new one through the National Council. Mrs. Elmore suggested, as a means of getting rid of the fleas in the house a professional exterminator do it. Mr. Shim said that before he goes ahead with this he will check to see if there any fleas left in the house.

Signed Ruth Smith

So with bated breath we turned to the next Bishop's committee meeting and find that Mr. Shim said "The problem with the fleas in the vicarage has been taken care of without having to hire a 'professional exterminator!'" For which doubtless all present gave thanks!

## 1960 - 1969

Mrs. C. Montague Cooke, Jr., long a steadfast supporter of St. John's mission, was instrumental in building a new rectory in 1960, just down the hill from the church building. The old frame rectory was moved a mile down the highway.

During the 1960's the following Vicars were appointed. The first was the Rev. Robert M. Stretch, who served through 1961. Next came the saintly and venerable Shelton Hale Bishop who served 1961-1962.

Father Bishop had served at St. Phillips in Harlem for a great many years and since his retirement in 1957 had helped the Hawaii Bishop in various churches where he was needed. He had learned to love the islands and had made himself much beloved by not only St. John's people but the community at large. Father Bishop was the only Episcopal Priest on the island of Maui for a while. He wrote several books, one of which is "The Wonder of Prayer." His church in New York made and sent the vestments which have been used at St. John's all these years. The Chalice and Paten used on Sundays were given in thanksgiving for the ministry of Father Bishop. A wonderful story is told about his method of getting things done. He felt the cold quite a lot in the Church, so one Sunday morning he came down the aisle slowly, stopping and pointing to people. To one he said, "You can give \$1.00." To another, "You can give \$5.00." And to some the amount was only 50 cents. When he reached the door he had \$125.00 which was enough at that time to provide a heater for the church. (When a replacement heater needed to be installed in 1981 it cost \$1200.00.)

Father Bishop celebrated his 47th year of his ordination July 4, 1962 at St. John's. His death of a sudden heart attack on August 24, 1962 was a tremendous loss to the church, his family and the community.

The Rev. Ivor J. "Bud" Torgerson served St. John's from 1962 -1968. He came to Maui as an officer in the Salvation Army, and became an Episcopalian after hearing Claude Du Teils' Short Course in Christianity.

Bud and Dora's daughter, Tuti Torgeson married Dennis Youngdall at St. John's.



Group in 1963

## 1960 - 1969



L-R back: the Rev. Torgerson, Hannah Shim, Dora Torgerson, Harold Shim. Front: Casey Ching, Gloria Ching, Florence Ching



L-R from the back row: Kit Fiddes, Mariot Smith, Adalaide Nedermeyer, Dora Torgerson, the Rev. Torgerson, Ruby Pang, Leo Raymond, Violet Fong, Hannah Shim, Marion Briten, Jean Hartley, Allie Doe, Helen Elmore, Mrs. Pang.



Dedication of the plaque for Helene Gunther Kahanamoku, who died August 23, 1960. L-R: Kenny Okumuku, the Rev. Robert Stretch, Ronald Dobashi, David Kahanamoku and Barry Pang.



The Rev. Shelton Hale  
Bishop

A well-known and loved member during this time was Helen Elmore who chaired the Episcopal Church Women's organization, and hosted the group's meetings in her home. When she moved to Honolulu many gathered to bid her aloha and present her with a book, *This Is Your Life*. The chairs used in the sanctuary were given in memory of her ministry. The lava stone memorial, just off the highway at the entrance to the parking area bears a plaque for Helene Gunther Kahanamoku. She died on August 23, 1960 and was the beloved wife of David Kahanamoku, who was a brother to the famous 1912 Olympic champion, Duke Kahanamoku.

Like a red and gold thread woven through St. John's rich history is the story of the Rev. Y. Sang Mark. His story is parallel to the Shims as he came to Hawaii in 1890 as a 6 year old. The Society of the Propagation of the Gospel provided funds for him to attend Iolani School. Bishop Willis tutored him in Latin and Greek. Mark served the church as acolyte, chair member and lay reader. In July, 1902, when PECUSA took over jurisdiction of the church, Bishop Willis (Church of England) left Hawaii for Tonga and asked Y. Sang Mark to work with him in this South Pacific Kingdom. Bishop Willis paid his assistant from his own pocket and, after Willis died in 1920, Mark was left without income. By this time, Mark had become a Tongan citizen, and owned a small copra plantation which could have provided him a reasonable income had he decided to retire from the church. Instead, he worked another 8 years building a coral church on his own and teaching successive classes of students in tinsmithing, agriculture and construction. Income from these classes kept the church in the black. In 1928 he returned to Honolulu and was assigned to St. Peter's Church. Records tell us he was married to Dora Shim and, after Dora's death in 1947, to Flora Shim Chang, a widow with a young son, John Chang. Flora accompanied him to Europe after his retirement from St. Peter's, where they lived for 18 months filling in pulpits. Mark died at age 81 in 1964.

## 1970 - 1979

Once again the much loved Father Norman Ault returned to St. John's and served the people from July 14, 1968 until October 28, 1973 . An article in The Maui News August 25, 1973, describes the warm send off he and his family received when he retired. It stated that many came from the mainland as well as local people to bid them farewell. He was described as a loving and faithful pastor who was devoted to his Lord and to the work God had called him to do. The Rev. Ault helped to found a number of churches in Hawaii, he died in the Kula Hospital on August 7, 1989, at the age of 85. Both periods in his ministry at St. John's were marked by the many marriages, Baptisms, and Confirmations. He loved to build things and one of his lasting achievements is the altar rail in the church.

Continuing to pull the Mission together was Rev. Peter Van Horne who was appointed in 1973. An important milestone occurred in 1975 when St. John's celebrated her 75th year. An even greater event occurred at the 1976 convention when St. John's became a parish. It was during the Rev. Van Horne's stay in 1974 that the Parish Hall was opened as a facility for the use of a co-operative pre-school Keiki-O-Kula. The Van Horne family remained until 1978.

Fondly remembered also is the Rev. Bob Burton who served between 1979-1981. He was an active man and many will remember the Baptisms he conducted in the ocean at Makena.

List of Clergy (continued)

Norman Ault 1968–1973

Peter Van Horne 1973 –1978

Robert Burton 1979–1981

Heather Mueller 1981–



1970 - 1979



The Rev. Bob Burton  
1979 - 1981s

The Rev. Peter Van Horne  
1973 - 1978

The Rev. Norman Ault with  
Mr. Loeng, K.L. Ching and  
the bus driver on a visit in  
Aug. 1972



Sept. 25, 1975  
Bishop and Mrs.  
Harry Kennedy,  
with the Rev. Peter  
Van Horne and his  
wife, and K.L.  
Ching celebrating  
the 75th anniversary.

# HONOLULU KULA CLUB

during the 1970's



Baptised at St. John's

Back Row, L-R:  
Robert Ling, Lily  
Kam, Choy Kyau No,  
Ten Fook Ho  
Front Row, L-R:  
K.L. Ching, Titus  
Fong, Nee Fat Ho



The Baptisms of:  
Leif Ramn, Shane and  
Jennifer Lewin,  
J.B. Guard and Jessica  
Guard, Brandon and  
Norene Shim.

The clergy are:  
Bob Burton, Jim Eron and  
Leslie Brandt.  
(1981)



Col. Bob Doe with  
the children: Tom  
Hirashima, Jim  
Macknik, Jana  
Ramon. (1982)

At the back, servers  
Alynn Fullaway and  
David Martin. Also  
Fr. Michael Little and  
Heather Mueller.

The altar in the background was made by Yuen Yen Wong in memory of Wai On Shim. The shield just behind Bob's head was made by Willie Fong and reads "JESUS."

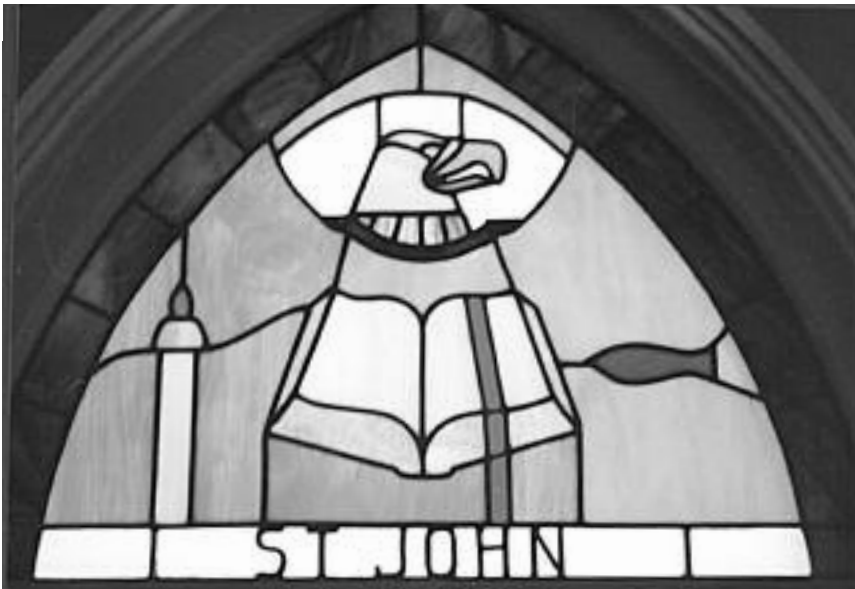


## 1980 - 1989

Big changes were in store for St. John's in the 1980's. The Rev. Heather Mueller became Rector on December 3, 1981. She is one of the first women ordained as a priest in the Episcopal church, and the second woman ordained in the Diocese of Hawaii. At this writing, Heather has been rector for over 25 years, longer than any other priest at St. John's. Her warmth and charm have encouraged a great many young families with children to become active in the church. Her infectious enthusiasm has helped facilitate the extensive renovations that were made to the Church and Parish Hall in 1985-1987. The renovations included the enlargement of the Church and Parish Hall, which included two offices, a conference room, several Sunday School rooms and the choir space in the church itself. Originally the altar had been made of a "tea crate," which was attached to the wall. When it was removed from the wall it simply fell apart and the job of re-building it was no small task.

Also, the purchase of a Tracker pipe organ from Germany was a tremendous undertaking in itself and reason to truly celebrate. This wonderful organ was installed in May 1987. The classically voiced organ has 460 pipes. In order to obtain the contract from the Oberlinger Orgelbau in Germany, St. John's Church had to satisfy the builders that it deserved to have the instrument! Parishioner Siri Swenson was the artist who did the wood carving above the organ pipes. This entire project was paid for in three years due to the generosity of many members and friends. The Bishop and Mrs. Hart, the people of St. John's, neighboring clergy, friends from Honolulu and some even from the Mainland, gathered to present to God the culmination of this effort, offering God thanks, also for the support of so many. Heather's hard work and dedication has been and is much appreciated and admired. During the extensive renovation program of 1985-87, several people were especially helpful. Warren McCord was Chair of the Parish Hall Building Committee aided by Herb Horner and John Hanley, Bill Bates and David Martin just

1980 - 1989



The window of St. John the Evangelist.



Heather Mueller and Willie Fong, 1982



Hershel "The Dog"

Two of the many beautiful "tear drop" pendants made by Willie Fong.



to mention a few. Dozens of others were involved, and more than 450 people contributed monetarily.

During this time, Herschel “The Dog” came and stayed at the church. He loved schmoozing with parishoners, attending weddings and was never far from his beloved Heather.

Many faithful lay people have also contributed to the work of the church. Margaret Ottman who had enjoyed being a member included St. John’s in her will when she died in 1985. She was the wife of The Rev. Gilbert Ottman. The Processional Cross was given in his memory.

Also in 1985 St. John’s was blessed with the ministry of a Deacon, the Rev. Dr. John Hanley. He served on the altar guild, and taught church school and crafts at Camp Pecusa. He ministered to the sick, both as deacon and as physician. His wife Cancy Hanley was instrumental in starting the first ongoing choir at St. John’s.

One of the many important events of the busy 1980’s was the first Kula Sun Festival started by Florence Anthony and Blanche Hew in October of 1982. A great many people gave of their time and goods to raise money for various charities. Remembered specifically are the beautiful quilts that were auctioned that year: some of flowers and others with embroidered Scripture verses.

The first Founder’s Day celebration occurred in June 1982. This tradition has continued every year with great success.

In 1988 the Rev. Heather Mueller went on a six month sabbatical. During this time the church was blessed to have The Rt. Rev. Frederick Putnam, retired Bishop of Navajoland (the Navajo Reservation covering parts of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah) and his wife Helen to handle things in Heather’s absence. The Putnams had served in Hawaii twice before coming to St. John’s. They served at St. George’s parish at Pearl Harbor and at St. Clement’s in Honolulu. Quoting from The Maui News, “Bishop Putnam is wholly approachable and enthusiastic contrary to the great gravity his title may suggest. The St. John’s community is enriched by his wit and warmth.”

On December 8, 1988, the Rev. Mueller returned from her long

journey across three continents. She returned with a world of knowledge valuable to her duties in the church. She had responsibilities at the National Episcopal Convention in Detroit, then off to England to meet with about 100 women from Africa, Brazil, Haiti, and the Philippines, Canada, Australia, and other parts of the world. During the three weeks spent at the Lambeth in Conference she helped create a community amongst the women gathered.

Next she was off to Europe and was able to visit the town where the organ came from, Windesheim, West Germany. Finally her journey landed her in Australia. The Archbishop of Melbourne was anxious to proceed with the ordination of women but there was controversy. He created a program wherein ordained women from other jurisdictions are licensed to serve in Victoria. The Rev. Mueller was the first woman priest to accept this offer and this call. In Heather's words, "I enjoyed serving in many churches and with hundreds of people. It was for me a wonderful challenge." How fortunate the Kula community was to have the fruits of her journey.

Another memorable event occurred on September 10, 1985. In a message from the Rector to the church, "The Bishop of Hawaii was elected, by the House of Bishops, as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America. The feelings of anticipation were replaced with feelings of exhilaration but also a deep sense of loss. We will miss our Bishop because we love him but the church in her wisdom has elected a competent and loving Presiding Bishop, in the Rt. Rev. Bishop Browning." In December of 1986 Bishop Hart was installed as Bishop of Hawaii.

Sad farewells were given for retired U.S. Army Col. Robert Doe and Allie his wife, who were leaving Maui to go to the Mainland. Their history in Hawaii dates back to 1924. His long distinguished military career spans many states and lands. Many letters of appreciation from the Governor, Mayor and the Episcopal Church in Honolulu to mention just a few are in the archives. Their devotion to St. John's will always be remembered with gratitude. On April 25, 1982, the flag pole was erected in their honor and

## St. John's Church Kula 1988



**Front Row, L to R:** John Hirashima, Alexander McBamet, Jake Roddy, Ronnie Mohrlang, Gary Mohrlang, Sheryl & Skyler Mohrlang, Sauny & Sarah Adams, Angelina & Andrew Coffin, Jane & Christina Thorgren, Andrew Makua, David Brass, Paul Hanley, Nicole Hanley, Matthew Hanley, Sarah Olverson, Piilani Fong, Miriam Fong, Keoki Fong, Rick Habein, Natt Flynn. **Standing Rows, L to R,** Maren McBarnet, Brad Lund, Marsha Lund, Rogers Olverson, David Olverson, Amy & Ryan Green, Chuck Green, Tom Olverson, Scott & Sean Coffin, Robert Devadason, John Dependahl, Gladys Devadason, Cassie Coffin, Elizabeth Anderson, Aldona Betts, Roger Betts, Donnette-Gene Wilson, John Wilson, Susan Ramey, Randy Adams, Scan Bayley, Al Bernard, Fran Bernard, Manlyn Cleghorn, Tom Hirashima, Marilyn Hirashima, Ben Hirashima, Jay Van Swalenburg, Siri Swenson, Sarah Makua, Carmel & Wolfy Forsberg, Chuck Olson, Sally LeBron, Betty Olson, Robin Canto, Doc Ohlson, Sue Wong, Debbie Hanley, Paul Wong, Becky Dekard, Lucy Fong, Jane Gordon, Janet Makua, Harry Gordon, Jane Dickerson. **On Front Steps:** Jeanne Martin, Heather Mueller, Kit Fiddes, Herb Horner, Sandra Shawhan, Bill Grosh, Lynne Horner, Ellie Anderson, Irv Tilden, David Martin, Mary Martin, Ruth Hegele, Mele Fenebock, Anne-Marie Bates, Vibeke Bates, David Hegele, B.G. Bates, Fran Grosh, Helen McCord, Alien Anderson, Bill Bates, Helen Schuermeyer. **On Deck:** Sharon Shigekawa, Gail & Nicole Hatcher, Elizabeth Hughes, Vaughn Morrison, Barbara Thomson, Barbara Morrison, Betty Green, Majjorie Nickelson, Laura Ohlson, Doug Thomson, Judy & Sarah Welker, David Welker, Rossllynn & Miles Clements, Chris Clements.



Installation of the Rev. Heather Mueller, December 3, 1981, with the Rt. Rev. Edmond L. Browning, Bishop of Hawaii. J.B. Guard and David Makua served as acolytes, and Kit Fiddes is playing the organ.



“Allie” Aldazia Doe and Col. Robert E. Doe with their going-away quilt made by parishioners when they moved from Maui to Maine, April 1982.

a time capsule placed at the base of the pole. Bob later returned to Maui after Allie's death.

In October, 1986, Lynne Horner was asked to write a few words to place in the time capsule to be opened in the year 2061. She started out in a tongue in cheek manner "Can't think of a thing to say," but one wonderful sentence stands out from her entry "Dear future flock: You probably won't believe this but women are infiltrating the priesthood at an alarming rate, and its only a matter of time before one usurps the bishop's miter!" No need to wait 'till the year 2061, we do indeed have women bishops. History was made when, on February 11, 1989 the Rev. Barbara C. Harris became the first female bishop of Anglicanism in over 400 years.

Where to insert the story of William Nyuk Seong Fong or Uncle Willie as he was called is hard to know, since his story spans many decades, but this seems as good a place as any. Willie Fong was born January 21, 1899, only a few miles away from Kula.

Willie's father was one of the Chinese recruited to work in the sugar plantations in Hawaii. He came with a wife and 8-month old daughter, and worked a three year contract paying \$15.00 a month. Eventually the family came to Kula. In a 1987 interview with the Maui News, Willie tells of his early life at St. John's, how Father Shim taught him Chinese. He told of catching wild pigs and working as a mule skinner driving a team to Makawao to pick up supplies for the family store. During the war he was "drafted" into the Army Corps of engineers. After the war Willie and other family members incorporated Fong Construction. Willie Fong had two sons and a daughter, 10 grand children and 10 great grandchildren. It wasn't until 1970 that Willie got into a line of work that brought him to the attention of the Maui tourists. He had always enjoyed woodwork but his speciality was bracelets of inlaid wood. Each bracelet had eight different kinds of wood to symbolize the eight major Hawaiian islands. He stops in the story to say, "I'm not a very good Christian, but St John's has been my church all my life." Then he continued, "We have a women priest now. She's very good. She brings my communion down to me." There is a beautiful letter written by Heather to the Archbishop of

Canterbury and Mrs. Runcie in Easter week of 1983 when they were visiting in Hawaii. The letter, accompanied by the pendant, described the beautiful gift made by Willie Fong using woods in colors of the rainbow and all the liturgical colors. Then in his 85th year, he lovingly gives 'birth' to this pendant, and while sanding it prays for the future wearer. This pendant was produced for St. John's Annual Fund Raiser and was presented as a gift to the Archbishop. It was as Heather said in the letter, "A kind of summary of Willie's life."

Along with glad and triumphant happenings, some sad events have been endured. In September 1989, thieves broke into the church and stole a priceless historical document. It was a book which had recorded marriages and Baptisms in the early 1900's. It was hoped that the thieves would realize the value and return it, but this did not happen. In July 1986 St. John's lost a faithful member. Robert James Fiddes. Born in Scotland 1907, Robert arrived in Hawaii in 1913. In 1939 Bob and Katharine Ledgard were married. When they moved to Kula in 1942 they began their long commitment to St. John's Church. Bob was there when the Rev. Lani Hanchett started Camp Pecusa. He was there when Maggie and Violet Fong planted the first crop of grass at Pecusa. He served as usher, vestry member, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and much more.



## Renovation 1985 - 1987



The renovation included addition for the choir, opening up of the side arches, and the organ.



To the Parish Hall were added two offices, several Sunday School rooms, and a conference room.

## 1990 - 1999

Community has always been at the forefront of St. John's ministry, so once again this little church was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Judiciary, State of Hawaii "to this end, you have opened your heart and your hands to help us reach out to the community."

Easter of 1991 St. John's invited parishioners, friends and neighbors to come and celebrate a traditional Seder dinner. This 'Festival of Freedom' which is served in Orthodox Jewish homes was part of Jesus's experience and was a wonderful chance to understand the spiritual significance of the event 3,000 years ago.

Another name stands out through decades of St. John's history and that is Katharine M. L. Fiddes, the church organist for over 35 years. No story would be complete without knowing something of this amazing lady. Born on September 8, 1908, she trained as a nurse in New York and came to Hawaii in 1936. Finally coming to Maui in 1939, where she met Bob, her husband, who became the unofficial goodwill chairman of St. John's. Music had always been part of her life though she does not remember exactly when she started to play the organ at St John's, it was probably in the 1950's. Her name appears in so many of the recorded 'vestry minutes,' and all her contributions to the church make her one of the many 'special people.'

Camp Pecusa the annual summer camp for young people had a special director in 1990. Rik Fitch, "a well known artist" arrived on Maui. He was able to work with the young people and encourage their artistic abilities. He remained for the six weeks of the camp and returned to his home in Vermont. However that was the beginning of a big change for both Rik and for Heather. During the course of the following year their relationship grew and on April 25, 1992, Saturday of Easter week that year they were married at St. John's Church. Rik's art work took a different course, developing into the glorious colorful paintings so well known now.

In 1992, another Founder's Day, always a day to remember all who

had served through the years. That year the congregation remembered Willie Fong, one of the oldest and most faithful members of St. John's Church. He lived through the growth of a unique church community in Kula. He died January 21, 1992. He was a storyteller, community leader, businessman, historian, creator of beautiful things a loving husband and father.

Many musicians have played at St. John's, organists and harpists all bringing the joy and beauty of this art to the people.

Carmel Forsberg reporting for The Maui News in March 9, 1993 tells of the music video made by Randy Travis filmed at St. John's, an enjoyable experience according to Janet Makua, the church secretary, who is quoted as saying, "We had a lot of fun. Randy Travis is a really, really nice man. I wish we could do this every Friday." Later at a dinner, Randy Travis presented Janet with a brand new fax machine, which he had heard that the church needed.

In 1993 the Maui Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, was producing a pictorial book *Under A Maui Roof*. St. John's Church was nominated for inclusion in the book. The book was produced to encourage the importance of historical preservation on Maui.

To be remembered with gratitude, in this decade also, are retired U.S.-Army Col. Robert R. E. "Bob" Doe and his wife Allie. Bob was active in St. John's until his death on May 26, 1999 in his home in Kula. Their contribution to the life of St. John's were varied and numerous.

At periods in a church's history its people are called upon to endure times of great trial. The year 1992 was the beginning of one such time. In June, the former Bishop Donald Hart resigned under pressure for his role in recommending that the Diocese guarantee a loan of \$4 million to the Hale O Malia luxury retirement project being developed in Kahala on Oahu by Episcopal Homes, Inc. When Episcopal Homes defaulted on the loan, the bank required repayment of the entire amount in full plus back interest. There was deep anger and a sense of betrayal, and the biggest impact was on the lay people. Some wanted to bring a lawsuit against Bishop Hart and others. The vestry of St. John's, however, took the



Janet Makua at her desk in the office. She has been St. John's faithful secretary for the past 25 years.

Confirmation Service, June 1997, at which Whitney and Danielle Doe took their first Communion. Bob Doe is sitting behind the girls.



opposite approach to the crisis. It introduced a resolution at the convention opposing a lawsuit. “When there’s energy going forth (about a lawsuit), there’s not a space into which the Holy Spirit can flow in another way.” The Rev. Mueller-Fitch said. “Another point is there’s a real danger that people will project the whole problem on the Bishop, when in fact every one of us has been involved in electing the Diocesan Council which approved the loan.” Maui churches were faced with raising the funds to help the diocese cope with the debt. They all pulled together and as Heather said, “The integrity of our response is what I believe is the issue, how we continue to be a community and care for each other. The life of the church is more important than this particular problem.”

Early in June of 1994 Kate Nesbit left St. John’s and in the fall of that year started a mission at Seabury Hall. At the farewell gathering for her a special words to a well known song was written as a surprise for her.

We sing a song of a saint of God.

Patient and pretty too.

Who preached and taught and loved and cried  
for the people she cherished and knew.

And some were acolytes and one was a priest,  
and some were the Seabury lively beasts.

Kate is a special Saint of God  
and we hope to be Saints too.

For Founder’s Day 1996, Fook Heong Ching wrote a letter to a Heather in response to her invitation to them to attend, “I just realized that I have left Kula 72 years ago. In January when I was 12 years of age. In 1924 Calvin Coolidge was President of the United States, Wallace Farrington was governor of the Territory of Hawaii.”

Into a troubled diocese, entered a new Bishop-elect of Hawaii. The Rev. Canon Richard S.O. Chang came in 1996. This was a return to Hawaii for the Rev. Chang who was born and raised on Oahu. He became Bishop in January 1997. Asked numerous times his opinion regarding the financial problems of the church his response was, “Actually this is only one problem our church faces, and to tell the truth it was not the chief factor which my wife and I considered in accepting this position. What really

concerned me was what God wanted me to do. Was I being called? My wife and I spent a lot of time and prayer making this decision.” Another question arose regarding the request by the ex-Bishop Hart for reconciliation and apology from the Hawaii church. Father Chang, recalled the Biblical story of Jacob and Esau, where Jacob returns expecting vengeance. However Esau holds no bitterness, saying: “To see your face is for me like seeing the face of God.” Fr. Chang leaned forward asking his questioners, “When did you last look into the face of a person with the intent of seeing God?” There was silence, except the tick of the pendulum clock. “Reconciliation is seeing and acknowledging God within each of us,” he said carefully. It is quite evident that the Bishop of Hawaii is a man who knows how to ‘Practice the Presence of God’ as did Brother Lawrence the 17th century French Carmelite monk from whose letters a book was compiled.

Each year the people of the church keep faithfully doing all the special things and the quite ordinary things. Volunteers provided and served a Thanksgiving feast at the Ka Hale Ake Ola shelter for the homeless in Puunene. St. John’s took a turn every fourth Thursday to serve dinner to the shelter residents. Herschel ‘The Dog’ who brought such joy, laughter (and occasional fleas) for so many years to so many people at St. John’s Church sadly left for ever.

The rector and her husband bought a home and the Rectory became The Retreat House, which has allowed many visitors to enjoy the quiet and beauty of Kula and the spiritual blessings which abound at St. John’s.

Some names come to mind which need to be mentioned, Hannah Fong Shim and Harold Shim had been pillars of St. John’s for many years. Harold Shim was Senior Warden and Hannah was involved with many women’s activities, including the well known Chinese dinners. The Shims were responsible for getting the needlepoint done for the kneelers used in the church. Their ministry at St. John’s spans over fifty years.

Dr. Tompkins or “Doc” as he was called, and Helen his wife were instrumental in providing much of the equipment for the parish kitchen. The grill is used every year by the youth group for Mardi Gras, and is referred to as “The Bud Tompkins memorial grill.” The windows in the



April 25, 1992

The marriage of  
**HEATHER MUELLER**  
to  
**RIK FITCH**



With Bishop Chang are Gayouk Liv, Gertrude Ching Ceballas, Lilly Ching, Fook Heong Ching, and Tammy Hanke. Two could not be identified.

sanctuary are a memorial to their daughter, Helen Tompkins Lang.

A familiar sight not to be forgotten, is Fred Lacar who took care of the church grounds, and often was seen smoking his pipe, riding his mower.

During the 1990's so many churches were on the decline, new ways of reaching out to the community were needed. Several intensional steps were taken to make the church facilities more widely available, the Retreat House made available for guests. These steps also helped financially. The addition of the Labyrinth walk in the parking area has drawn numerous Maui people to come to the area, opening the church for weddings, particularly from Japan.

But most of all being able to leave the church doors open day and night. Many stories might be told of those who have availed themselves of this privilege. At least 5,000 people come to worship and to visit in a year. With such a high profile that St. John's enjoys, the responsibility also is to be a light in the community.

In 1978, the Rector's Award was instituted. The following are the names inscribed on the plaque.

- Robert E. Doe 1978
- Blanche Hew & Florence Anthony 1979
- David Martin 1980
- John Hanley 1981
- Bob & Kit Fiddes 1982
- Cancy Hanley 1983
- Terrie Browning 1984
- Janet Makua 1985
- Julie Swenson & Warren McCord 1986
- Herb Horner 1987
- The Hirashima Family - John, Marilyn, Ben & Tom 1988
- Elizabeth Anderson & Elizabeth Hughes 1989
- The Yurs Family - Dennis, Susan, Adam 1990
- Kersten Lillejord & Sarah Makua & The Children of St. John's 1991
- Betty Green & Bill Bates 1992





## 1990 - 1999

Kate Nesbit's last Sunday, June 1994 at the altar. Lay reader Robert Durand, Kate, Andy Gordon, and Elinor Anderson.

### Confirmation Class May 28, 1994

Those included in the photo are: Mary Ellen and Rodney Dean, Lynette and Keith McCrary, Kate Nesbitt, Marie Beatty, Caren St. John, Vajah Evison, David Olverson, Alexander McBarnett, Joy Caires, Elinor Anderson, Bishop Hart, and Heather Mueller-Fitch.



### Daily Vacation Bible School.

Among those present are Elinor Anderson, Matthew Bauman, and Elsie Tysseland at the keyboard.

Hershel “The Church Dog” 1993  
Matthew Bauman & Elsworth Dolan 1994  
Lynette McCrary 1995  
David Pelletier 1996  
Cathy Burton 1997  
Henry Hildebrand 1998  
Frank & Ann White 1999  
Althea Kruse 2000  
Jennifer McBarnett 2001  
Marilyn and Ted Cleghorn 2002  
Arthur Kusumoto 2003  
Tung Kyau Chong 2004  
Jean Fiddes 2005  
Paul and Sue Wong 2006

Space simply does not permit the names of every person who has through the preceding 107 years given of their time and talents to St. John’s Church, but they are known to God, and as an old Chinese proverb states, “One generation opens the road upon which another generation travel.” This church which is part of the Body of Christ was built on the sturdy foundations of faith in Jesus Christ. We are blessed with a beautiful location, blessed too with strong leaders both lay and clergy.

In the words from Holy Scripture:

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto JESUS the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despised the shame and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1, 2

It would be impossible to list all those faithful people who have pledged their support to St John's down through the years, so two years were picked at random just to give a quick glimpse back.

1983 & 1984

Richard & Doreen Dawe	Sanders & Janet Makua
Bob & Terrie Browning	Warren & Helen McCord
Barbara & Mike Brandt	Kitty Vincent
Bill & Vib Bates	Blanche & Ed Hew
Bob Johnson	Nancy Taft
Mary & Irv Tilden	Arnold & Althea Kruse
Bud & Liz Hughes	Yuen Yen & Shirley Wong
Lou & Sallee Macknik	Sonia & Rafael Ramos
Ed & Eugenia Holroyde	Anita & Curly McArdle
John Chong	Harold & Hannah Shim
Harry & Lucy Fong	Maggie & Steve Sutrov
William Brandt	David & Ruth Fullaway
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Katherine Hew	Vaughn & Barbara Morrison
The Rev. Heather Mueller	Bob & Kit Fiddes
John & Cancy Hanley	Clay & John McFarlane
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David & Jeanne Martin	Paul & Sue Wong
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Violet Fong	Tom Hill
Sally Lebron	Jim & Jennifer Brumbaugh
Karlen Peterson	Mel & Sarah Kitagawa
Loujen Kerper	Marlene & Mike Singlehurst
Deborah & Godwin Pelissero	Antone & Frances Lopes
Joe & Sanny Cooke	Malcolm Mac Naughton
Mary Yap	Michael Shim
Alvin Yap	Dan & Diane Thiel

Another glimpse into the past is this Communicant List, St. John's Church Kula, December 31 1956. It was prepared by Harold Shim, Keith Briten, and Claude Du Teil.

Baldwin, Elizabeth	Rogers, Alton and Catherine
Brandt, Marion, Frank, Margaret	Rothrock, Gwen
Briten, Kenneth, Marion, Keith	Shim, Herbert, Sarah, Nancy, Lillian, Amy
Mrs C.H. Burnett Sr.	Shim, George, Alice
Mr & Mrs Charles Cooke Sr.	Shim, Harold, Hannah, Marvin
Chong, P.K., John, Rita, Susan, Tung Kyau	Shimamoto, Sally
Chung, M.K.	Smith, Ruth
Chung, W.C.	Smith, Sally
Dang, A.H, A.M	Tanji, Janet
Du Bois, E, Judy, Camille	Tabata, Shigeru, Grace, Paulette
Elmore Helen	Tompkins, Edmund, Helen, Helen E, Linda, Breck
Fiddes, Robert and Katharine	Von Tempsky, Robert, Mamae, Lorna
Field, Harry	Wallace, Edmund
Fong, Henry, Violet	Wong, Elizabeth, Jennie
Fong, Willie, Maggie	Wong, Edith
Fong, Harry	Wong, Emma, Ellen
Gannon, Robert, Eugenia, J.S., R.S, F.H.	Wong, Shirley
Hew, Annie, Elaine	Yamamoto, Dwight, Lillian
Hew, Henry, Gladys	Yap, Mr. and Mrs. Ah Choy
Hew, Edw. and Elsie	Zabriskie, Alexa
Honda, Robert	CONFIRMED
Kahanamoku, David, Helen	Carter, Mrs. George
Kanae, Henry and Yvonne	Harkins, W.B
Kawashima, Alice, O.K.	James, Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Kimura, Paul and Mary	Pang, Charles
Kimura, Koniko, Haru	
Kirk, Nina	BAPTIZED
Kong, Calvin, David, Donald	Brandt, William            Tabata, Melvin, Linda
McEldowney, George, Betty	Briten, Brian, Bruce    Watanabe, Roland
Miguel, John, Hilda, John P, James	Carter, George
Miguel, Edw. and Nancy	Troy M
Nartin, Ernest	Fiddes, Robert, Jean, Robt. Jr
Mizoguchi, Alvin	Fong, Harry Yin, Miriam
Morishige, Yoshiharu	Gannon, Kathy
Mitsimura, Dorothy	Hardy, Dorothy
Nakamura, Yoshio	Harris, Violet
Ottman, Don and Margaret	Hew, Hester, Marilyn, Elva
Pang, Ruby	Race, Jennie
Poaipuni, Lilly	Miguel, Larry, Helen, Winifred
Raymond, Rebecca	Milne, Jock, Maude, Leslie, Heather
Raymond, George	Raymond, Leocadia, Charlynn, Katharyn
Rice, Charlotte	Shim, Lester, Michael
Rogers, Catherine	Smith, Louise, Carol

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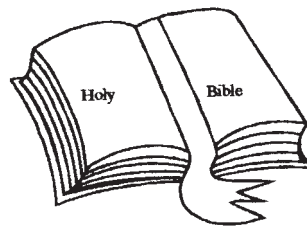
John Lydgate	Nicholas Eyre	Nan Cotton - In memory of
Meredith Moon	Fred and Joan Powers	Roger Cotton
Fook Heong and Lily Ching	Dennis Sears	Roberta Du Teil
Marjorie Tri	George Dorian	Camille Lyons
Malcolm & Imogene Miner	Terry and John Becker Jr.	Heather Mueller Fitch and
Alien and Brenda Lewis	Rodney and Mary Ellen Dean and	Rik Fitch
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Gillette and Margaret Bird	Scott, Anne, Alexandera Thoits	John Chang
Claire Lindgren	Robert, Esther, Rohn Selfridge	Hope Stokes
Miriam Shim Ching	Likes, Jim and Clara	Jeanette Freeman
Ruth Hegele	Denis and Francine Barak	Grant & Tess Fuchikami
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Andrew, Sarah, Lei, Lani, Rachel,	Vaughan & Madeline Razo	Sarah, Marvin & Christopher
Mitchell	Grant & Tess Fuchikami	Shim
Esther Chinn	Helen Scheumeyer	Cathy, Bill, Allison & Monte
Marde Ann Kennedy	Scott and Meredith Silloway	Burton
Kenneth & Patsy Ching	Mary Chang Fong	Salli J. Gordon
Evelyn & Ivan Conyers	Ed and Eugenie Holroyde	Steven, Virginia, Sally & Mary
Janet & Peter Naramore	Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Tyau	Tilden
Lynette & Keith McCrary	Olive P. Vining - In memory of Liz	Althea Kruse
Catherine Fink	Vining	Sarah H. Kauka
Jeanette Freeman	Martin and Katherine Solomon	Walton Shim
Nancy and Hugh Ogburn	Keith Sr. and Helen Meyers - In	Ernest & Kikuno Neddermeyer
Bruce Glen	memory of Keith Meyers Jr.	- In memory of John and
Chester Ling	Tommy Kelly	Adelaide Neddermeyer
Marjorie Mrasek	Norio and Florence Sasaki	St. Michael and all Angels
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And the history continues...

## Our New Land – December 4, 2004

What follows is a brief description of the process we have experienced in acquiring our 4.4 acres and planning for its best use:

1984 – James Hackworth planted a very extensive Garden and part of the Garden was on Masami Hironakas' land. We asked Mr. Hironaka about buying 2 acres. He said we could for \$30,000.00. We didn't see how we could do it...issue dropped.

1998 – Feb. Heather speaks with Masami Hironaka at David Barratt's request, and assures Mr. Hironaka that David is an honorable person. Sam asked if the church would benefit from the sale of the land to David and I assured him that we would. Peter Wynn and David Barratt purchase the land, 7.5 acres.

1998 – Trees are cut down and chipped. House is demolished, junk cars are removed. The plan is to subdivide and condominiumize (two large houses on 1 water meter). He (?) was working with Rob DeFoe. Heather was trying to negotiate a gift of at least 2 adjacent acres with David & Rob.

David & Peter sell:

Fall 1998 – David & Peter sell 1 acre to neighbors Janet & Peter Naramore.

1998 – The Land Use Task Force is formed with the task of asking these questions: If we bought the land could it be subdivided? How would the possible purchase impact the church community, the neighbors and the community at large? Is it possible to get a water meter? Members: Chair, David Baar, Roderick Fong, Henry Hildebrand, Terrie Browning, Marilyn Cleghorn, Brian Moto, John Hirashima, Cathy Burton and Greg Nelson.

Spring 1999 – David & Peter learn that a new law prohibits condominiumizing and put the property on the market for sale.

June 23, 2000 – Centennial Celebration – Cathy Burton; Senior Warden, Greg Nelson; Junior Warden and David Baar meet with Bishop Chang about the possibility of buying the land. Bishop Chang advises caution.

Aug. 15 – Meredith Moon comes to the office and makes a generous donation to the purchase of the land. Then she leaves for India.

Sept. – An open invitation to anyone – Should we purchase the land? Only a few reservations were expressed.

Sept. – Heather preached a sermon on creating events from visions, Diane Lapp is in church and wants to be involved. Diane and her husband Howard want to buy 2 acres from the church if possible.

Oct. 2000 – The Land Use Task Force decides to recommend to the Vestry to acquire the land to preserve the peaceful nature of this place.

Tues. – Oct. 10, 2000 – David Barratt and Peter Wynn get an offer from people who want to buy the land at 5:20p.m. We have 3 days to process.

Wed. - Oct. 10, 2000 – 6:00p.m. – The Vestry decides to process a purchase...with the intention to subdivide and sell 2 acres.

Wed. Oct. 11 – David Baar & Chuck Knobel spend the entire day with Peter Pereira (diocesan Treasurer) on the phone. The decision at the end of the day was that we couldn't swing it. The next Diocesan Finance Committee meeting is not until Oct. 21 – Too late for David Barratt.

Oct. 12 – 8:30a.m. David Baar calls Heather and says we can't do the deal.  
9:00a.m. – Heather tries to call David Barratt and tell him to sell to the other people – his cell phone is...out of range.

12:00 – Heather calls Cathy Paxton-Haines (courtesy call) to tell her the deal is off because we can't swing it due to timing. She asks, "Have you called the people who want to buy the 2 acres?" Maybe they could buy the whole piece and sell 4.4 acres to the church?"

12:30p.m. – Heather calls the Lapps. Diane is out looking for a house- they plan to make an offer on a house that afternoon.

2:00p.m. – Diane & Howard call and say yes they could buy the whole piece.

7:00p.m. – The Vestry gathers. David Baar presents a preliminary contract drawn up by Joel Richman for the Lapps and the church to enter into an agreement.



Oct. 13 – the offer is made to David Barratt and Peter Wynn from the Lapps and they accept! \$450,000.00. They agree not to raise the price for the church. The other buyers offered more and threatened to sue. David held firm and sold to the Lapps.

Sat. Oct. 21 – David Baar and Henry Hildebrand make the proposal to the Diocesan Finance and Real Estate Committee.

FRED makes the recommendation to the Council to accept St. John's proposal – They pass it.

We pay the Lapp's \$100,000.00 by Nov. 30, 2000.

Nov. 2001 – The Capital Funds Committee is formed Bill Bonnet, Bill Bates..... They develop a brochure (see exhibits)

Workday on Land – Feb. 2001

Feb. 4, 2001 – St. John's Kick-Off Dinner (exhibit & photos)

Feb. 16, 2001 – Dinner at St. Andrews' Cathedral, Honolulu.

Capital Campaign – Feb. 2001 – Feb. 2003

Spring 2002 – Ted Cleghorn, Sverre Tysseland and Bill Bates begin to remove rocks and mow.

Founder's Day – June 28, 2002. The Blessing of the Land. Many people attended from Honolulu and from Maui. Sarah Shim and crew provided a Chinese Dinner. (document available)

June 2002 – Tony Krieg was officially called to be the chair of the Long Rang Planning Committee.

Long Range Planning Meeting Aug. 22, 2002 – Maren McBarnet, Chuck Knobel, Pete Peterson, Jean Fiddes, Marilynn Hirashima, David Baar, and Canon Fitzpatrick on speaker phone.

Sept. 8, 2002 – 4:00p.m. – The congregation gathered 38 people attended.

1. Asked why they came to attend St. John's and when.
2. Asked why they stay.

A time line was created. Photos were taken. Tony encouraged people to continue the process throughout the Fall. Minutes are available.

Tony reported at the November 12, 2002. Vestry Meeting. Themes from Timeline interviews – Most important at St. John's.

1. St. John's physical environment – its beauty serenity tranquility and peacefulness.
2. The sense of family and community and sense inclusiveness and acceptance of individual diversity.
3. The liberal theology, advocating spiritual formation and Christian Education for children and adults and openness to interfaith s

February 8, 2003 – Vestry Planning Day

Jean Fiddes' home Marvin Foltz speaks about Stewardship and shares from the Book, How The Way We Talk Can Change The Way We work Kegan and Lahey The vestry does a Visioning Exercise...Data available. Book recommended by Canon Fitzpatrick Cracking Your Congregation's Code.

March 2, 2003 – Canon Robert Fitzpatrick visits St. John's and leads 2 visioning sessions and preaches sermons. Robert Fitzpatrick uses the image of a person to describe St. John's.

Cottage Meetings During the Fall 2003

It was part of the stewardship program and an instrument of information gathering was given to 75 people....Tony Krieg put the results on to a pie chart This is available

Feb. 21, 2004 – Vestry planning day Bill Bonnet and Henry Jameson met with the vestry

Feb. 2004 – an invitation was extended to anyone who wanted to come and meet with Chris Hart. There were 38 people who came. Bill Bonnet was chairing the committee at this point Documents from that meeting are available. What are the concerns of this individual and what will this person look like in 10 years etc? (Documents available)

Dec. 4, 2004 – Long Range Planning Committee – Cancelled we were not ready yet. How to move forward – Ask Chris Hart – Congregational input

Feb. 27, 2005 – Chris Hart presides at a Long Range Planning gathering of the whole congregation. The goals of consensus were listed.

#### Long Range Planning Committee Suggestions

1. Move the driveway to the Retreat House.
2. Build a permanent Labyrinth.
3. Make the driveway entrance and exit; safer.
4. Make the parking more user friendly
5. Expand the cemetery area (possibly put a wall around it)
6. Build a Columbarium.
7. Expand the Retreat House.
8. Create a garden-courtyard between the church and the parish hall.
9. Create a path on the recently acquired land and possible Stations of the Cross.

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“A rejoicing; a triumph; an exultation; a joyful or festive occasion!”

In honor of the 25th JUBILEE of The Reverend David Baar  
Mrs. Janet Makua and The Reverend Heather Mueller-Fitch,  
and the 25 years they have worked together  
at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Kula

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE JUBILATION

at a reception and dinner at St. John’s, Keokea,  
on Saturday, November 4, 2006 from 3 pm. to 6 pm.

The Jubilee Celebration was attended by over 200 well wishers and a fabulous time was had by all! The St. John’s Endowment was increased by \$10,000.00, there was a silent art auction (that brought in \$2,000.00) and wonderful words were spoken about the ministries of The Rev. David Baar (Associate Priest), Mrs. Janet Makua (Parish Administrator) and The Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch (Rector).



“With God, all things are possible.”



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