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Secretary.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S — ST. MARGARET'S

"..... Sometime ago we started a service at St. Margaret's Secondary School, Farrer Road, on Sundays. The purpose of this is to provide a service nearer than the Cathedral to the homes of those who live in that area, and also by building up a new congregation to be one of the means by which the Cathedral can reach out and make contact with those whose church going has lapsed or who are non-Christians. To do this work of evangelism properly we must have the support of some who are already regular members of the Cathedral." said the Very Revd. A. C. Dumper.

On 24th January 1965 at 5 p.m. St. Margaret's Church's first Sunday service was held in the School Hall Chapel at St. Margaret's Secondary School. Revd. M. E. Charles then Chaplain of the University, was the Priest-in-charge. Unfortunately it was short lived due to lack of support. Responding to the Very Revd. A. C. Dumper's appeal letter dated 30th April, 1966, some fifty members (mostly members of the Cathedral) attended a meeting at St. Margaret's Secondary School on 7th May, 1966 to meet and discuss St. Margaret's Church matters with the Very Revd. A. C. Dumper, Revd. A. To and Revd. Canon C. H. Clark (Priest-in-charge). A Committee was formed and office bearers were elected:

On 15th May, 1966 at 8.30 a.m. the First service was held with 63 adults, 54 Communicants and 21 children at Sunday School. Offerings:— \$90.00 cash plus 15 envelopes.

The Cathedral provided nearly everything, i.e. Linens, Wine, wafers etc. From then onward St. Margaret's Church's Sunday Service was regular and well attended. Members worked together closely. Whenever there was demand for services, we were never short of volunteers. This could be well reflected from the 1967/68 annual general meeting report excerpts:—

"With St. Margaret's being more and more a focal point for all those living north of Queensway, Farrer Road and Adam Road, coupled with the existing warm and cordial atmosphere particularly during breakfast, attendance has become regular and congregational participation in church work increased."

In July 1967 Revd. Canon C. H. Clark left St. Margaret's to take up an appointment as Dean of Theological Seminary in Manila. The Revd. J. K. Robinson and other members of clergy came to help St. Margaret's until January 1968 with the appointment of Revd. John Cook, as the new Priest-in-charge.

All along these years, the Rt. Revd. Bishop of Singapore, The Very Revd. A. C. Dumper, and many other Church Members were trying very hard to get a new site to build a new church for St. Margaret's without success. During the Church's Committee Meeting on 12th June, 1969, came the first mention that St. John's Garrison Church might be available.

In May 1971, the Revd. John Cook left St. Margaret's. On 28th July, 1971, the Revd. Cecil McSparron from O. M. F. was appointed by the Lord Bishop as St. Margaret's new Priest-in-charge.

CECIL KAAN
Churchwarden,
St. John's — St. Margaret's.

On the first Sunday in Advent, 1971, 28th November, we held our first service at St. John's Church, Dover Road, and we became known as St. John's — St. Margaret's. Since that time the congregation has grown steadily and at the time of writing there are 120 families on the church roll.

Our new surroundings were peaceful and quiet, a veritable haven away from the noise and bustle of city life. One day, one of our members expressed her concern that " . . . our here we could so easily forget that we live in a great city, teeming with men and women who need Christ. What can we do to make sure we don't forget?" Her question was soon to be answered. One day, last year, the bulldozers arrived. Life would never be the same again. Now, flats are sprouting up all around us. The whole character of the area is rapidly changing. Within the next few years, the University of Singapore's new buildings will be added to the centres of education which are already on our doorstep — the International School, and the Singapore Polytechnic. So with all that, it will not be so easy to forget the outside world in the future.

Where do we go from here? How are we planning to meet the new situation? Our plans could be summed up in three words: Fellowship, Teaching, Evangelism. We want the fellowship to reach beyond the mere pleasure of each other's company over Parish breakfast, into a real Christian community growing up in our midst. This will not come about easily or automatically, so, we are planning to set up house meetings in every area of the "Parish", led by lay men and women. Another important aspect of our future planning is, to take seriously the ministry of the laity. So, teaching and training will form a vital part of our programme. A well informed membership who understand the content of the Gospel could well express our objectives along this line.

A christian community, with a sound knowledge of the faith could very easily and quickly become a proud, smug clique. On the other hand, it could, under the constraint of the Holy Spirit, become an evangelistic agency witnessing

