

I hereby re-dedicate this bell in memory of Colin and Elma Moore. May it continue to draw this community together into the love of Christ for many years to come; in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Presentation to the parish of a painting of the bell by artist Isla Patterson.
This painting has been given to the parish by Marcia Moore.*

The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 25th September, 2005



***A Service of Re-dedication
of the Church Bell***



Parish of St Barnabas Charnwood
*St Barnabas Ministry Centre, Charnwood Place
St Michael & All Angels, Hall Village*
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WELCOME

Honouring the Past

This church bell was cast in England in 1854 and for nearly 100 years it hung at St John's, Reid. In 1965 it was donated by St John's to St Michael and All Angels, Hall, and was dedicated in memory of Colin and Elma Moore. It has called the community to worship each Sunday until late last year.

Time and the elements had taken their toll and the bell was in need of restoration. Our deep gratitude must be expressed to the Moore family and a number of local residents and parishioners who made it possible to have the bell restored.

By the providence of God we were led to Gillian Mitchell, a conservation expert, who was able to craft a new wooden holder for the bell, clean the metal and reconstruct the bell in its new frame. Her fine work has been a great blessing to us.

So too has the kindness and skill of the Hall Volunteer Rural Fire and State Emergency Services Brigade in taking down the bell (which weighs 200lbs) and re-hanging it for us. Our thanks also for the assistance of the Hall Rotary Club in repainting the bell stand.

Unfortunately the new plaque was unable to be ready for this occasion, however, it reads:

This bell, originally dedicated in memory of Colin and Elma Moore in September 1965, is hereby re-dedicated in their memory by the Rt. Rev'd George Browning, Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, 25th September, 2005.

Today as we celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Michael, we remember the Moore family and their descendants and are proud to re-dedicate the bell and stand in memory of Colin and Elma.

Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving to God through the words of Psalm 100.

O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth:

Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his face with songs of joy.

Know that the Lord he is God:

It is he who has made us and we are his, we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:

Give thanks to him and bless his holy name.

For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is forever:

His faithfulness throughout all generations.

Bishop George Browning continues

Let us pray.

God beyond all time, we give you thanks and praise for your unending love and faithfulness to us. We honour and give thanks for those who have gone before us, your faithful servants who have given of themselves and have left for us a precious legacy.

We give thanks for your presence with us today and the way in which you have drawn this community of Hall together in friendship, hospitality and service.

We look forward to the future with hope and joy, eager to be a part of your coming kingdom.

We pray for your blessing upon this bell and upon all who hear it. May it be a blessing to all as it calls us to worship, as it marks the celebration of weddings, the passing of loved ones, and rings out in praise of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**