

Local History Study: Lime Class – Founding Fathers of St Anne’s

Who were the founding fathers of our school and how is their vision still alive today?

Key Vocabulary	
Foundation Stone	a stone laid at a ceremony to celebrate the beginning of construction of a building.
Parish	(in the Christian Church) a small district typically having its own church and a priest or pastor.
Curate	a member of the clergy engaged as assistant to a vicar, rector, or parish priest.
Population	all the inhabitants of a particular place
Industry	economic activity, processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods in factories.
Expansion	the action of becoming larger or more extensive.
Increasing	becoming greater in size, amount, or degree; growing.
Founding	involved in establishing or originating an institution or organization.
Demolished	pull or knock down (a building).
Vision	the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom.
Local	relating or restricted to a particular area or one’s neighbourhood.
Perseverance	persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.
Resilience	the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.
Values	the regard that something is held to deserve; the importance, worth, or usefulness of something.



Key People
Rev J T Ormerod, Chairman
Mr W Hall
Mr J Buckley
Mr T Evans
Mr D Graham
Mr G Sladen
Mr S Tattersall
Mr G Whittaker
Temple Moore

Key Places
Ormerod Avenue
Royton
Edge Lane
St Phillips Drive
Windmill Close
Broadway
Turnpike Road
Oldham Road

Key Dates	
1784	Windmill built
1875	All Saints Mission opens
1879	Edge Lane Mission opens due to an increase in numbers (1896 became called St Anne’s)
1901	Royton coal mine closes
1906	Rev. Ormerod appointed curate
1907	Royton library opens
1908	St Anne’s Church foundation stone
1914	The date stone for the junior building . Building begins.
02/11/1916	The school opens its doors.
1922	Wayside Cross unveiled
1927	St Anne’s Church tower added
21/07/1934	Infant building opened
1970	St Anne’s becomes a primary school

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Key Knowledge

CHURCH

In 1906 The Rev Joseph Thomas Ormerod was appointed a Curate at St Paul's with special responsibility for St Anne's. He came to St Anne's with a view to forming a separate parish. On 5th Sept 1906 the first meeting of the Congregation was held for making plans to build a church. The following formed the building committee: Rev J T Ormerod, Chairman, Mr W Hall, Mr J Buckley, Mr T Evans, Mr D Graham, Mr G Sladen, Mr S Tattersall, Mr G Whitaker.

In April 1908 Mr Temple Moore was appointed architect and on 5th June his plans were accepted. The church was built by Eshelby & Son of Sheffield using stone from Oldham Edge. It cost £10,043 excluding architects fee and the upper portion of the tower. This was added in 1927 at a cost of £2,500. The church was designed in C14th Gothic Decorated style. The ground plan is in the form of a cross. The sanctuary and Baptistery are higher than the nave and the Lady Chapel is situated behind the High Altar.

The foundation stone of the church was laid by Miss C M Cocker of New Bank, Crompton on 27th June 1908 and the church was consecrated on 27th Jan 1910.

Key Knowledge

SCHOOL

The foundation stone of the old school on Edge Lane was laid in 1878 and the school opened on 26th May 1879 and enlarged in 1898. Despite the extension children were being turned away due to lack of space. After the church was built the Board of Education wrote to complain about the condition and size of the school, saying it was inadequate for the needs of the growing district.

The site chosen for the new school to accommodate 350 pupils was Edge Lane Hollow. Thirty five cottages were demolished and the hollow (Formed by the completion of the new turnpike road to Rochdale) filled in with earth from Industry St (now St Philip's Drive). Miss C H Ormerod, daughter of the Vicar laid the foundation stone on the Eve of All Saints Day, 31st Oct 1914. The 2 acre site cost £2000. The school, also designed by Temple Moore, was dedicated by the Bishop of Manchester on 2nd Nov 1916. The children transferred to their new school on 27th Nov 1916. The total cost of the school including the site was £12,248. The old school was used as an infant school for 234 children until the Parish could provide a new infant school.

In Jan 1929 the school became a Central School for Senior Children in Royton while St Paul's became the Junior School. In order to provide every child in the two parishes from 5 – 15 with a choice to attend church school a site was purchased next to the church and the foundation stone laid by Mrs Ormerod on 1st July 1933 and dedicated & opened on 21st July 1934. The total cost was approx £9,000. In 1944, under the Education Act the school was transformed into a Secondary Modern School. In Nov 1951 it was granted Aid Status. Because the school became a Central School it meant that a new school needed to be built for the infants. In 1967 Royton & Crompton Secondary School was built at Luzley Brook and St Anne's was modernised, the corridors built around the quadrangle and the building once again re-opened as a primary school in 1970.

