

Herbert Shave (1883 - 1970)



Dedicated Elder, talented musician and devoted leader of youth

Herbert Frederick Shave moved to Wimbledon when, aged just 22, he was appointed organist and choirmaster of Trinity in 1905. He married Ethel Amelia Adeane in 1907 and set up home in Rayleigh Road, later moving to 62 Queens Road. He worked as a Civil Servant.

For 29 years Mr Shave was Trinity's organist and for 41 years he worked every Sunday afternoon at Trinity's mission church of St Cuthbert in Effra Road where he was a teacher in the 300+ strong Sunday School, deputy Superintendent from 1907 and Superintendent from 1927.

Always loyal, always enthusiastic, always efficient he was ever ready to 'go the second mile'. He was also leader of the St Cuthbert's Band of Hope and Girls' Club, he organised regular choir concerts at Trinity and arranged a series of Gilbert and Sullivan Operas for the Guild.

In 1932 Mr Shave was ordained as an Elder but soon realised that he would have to cut down on some of his many commitments and decided to retire as organist. However during the War he found himself back at the organ standing in for Mr Anderson who was in the Forces. He continued as St Cuthbert's Sunday School Superintendent until 1948.

Mr & Mrs Shave left Wimbledon but he served for a while as organist and Elder at Kingston Presbyterian Church. He died in 1970 aged 87. All his children served in Trinity, Jim and Dick Shave as Elders and grandson Chris, who died last year, was Chairman of Trinity's Fellowship of Youth.

What an example of Christian commitment for us to follow!