

Canon Peter Montgomery Duplock (OBE), Chaplain 1964-71

Canon Duplock was born in 1916 and had his tertiary education at Queens' College Cambridge BA 1938, and MA 1942. His Ordination Training was at Ridley Hall Cambridge 1938

Ordained Deacon in 1940 and Priest in 1941, he first served a Curacy at MORDEN (Emmanuel Church Hall) (St George) (St Lawrence) (St Martin) Southwark 1940-1943.

He was then appointed Army Chaplain, Chaplain to the Forces in Europe 1943-1947.

Returning to England, he took up the position of Rector at NOTTINGHAM (St Nicholas) Southwell and Nottingham 1947-1952

Followed by a period as Rector at LODDINGTON w Harrington, Peterborough 1952-1955

he then served as Vicar, KETTERING (St Andrew) Peterborough 1955-1964

Canon Duplock then moved to Continental Europe, as Chaplain of Holy Trinity Church, Geneva, from 1964 to 1971. It was during his period as Chaplain that the Church Hall was constructed, under the forecourt.

Quoting from Dyne Steel's booklet: The History of the English Church in Geneva, Chapter VIII, The Great Stride Forward (1957 – 1985)

After the difficult post-war years, Holy Trinity entered a period of great activity and progress which has continued to this day. For a long time there has been a need for a Church Hall, as any gathering too large for the Chaplain's flat had to be held in the hall belonging to the American Church. The Americans were extremely co-operative in providing Holy Trinity with accomodation, but there was a great longing for total independence among members of the Congregation. For many years the Ladies' Working Party had worked extremely hard to raise money for the construction of such a hall. When a general appeal was launched in 1964, the money raised added to the contribution of the Working Party was sufficient to carry out the project in 1966.

Today twenty years on, the existence of the hall is taken for granted and few members recall the tremendous impetus given by the construction to the Church's activites, nor the dogged determination of the Ladies Working Party who played a modest, but very real part, in the success of the project.

Thanks to Jenny and John Buffle we have this photograph of the Holy Trinity Choir from 1971, from the cover of a vinyl music record, with Rev. Duplock in the back row.



Back row left to right:
Arthur Prandle, Roger Eggleston, Richard Kay, Alan Simmonds, **Rev. Duplock**, George Herlin, Gabriel Heitzman, John Buffle
in front of them: Rosie Buffle, unknown, Anne Elter, Sue Lloyd, Renee Chamberlain, Stephanie Baron, Sue Bergomi, Nan Boissier, Della Jones, Mary Simmonds, Jenny Buffle, Marion Bywater, Inge Pautex, Anne Collins
Front row: Jenni Rutsch, Liz Townsend, Barbara Suffradini, Robin Buffle, Anne Buffle, Wendy Goldsworthy, Mandy Eggleston and Margaret Denby in the wheelchair

After 7 years at Holy Trinity Geneva, Rev. Duplock moved to Belgium, as Chaplain, Holy Trinity, Brussels, with Charleroi, Liège and Waterloo 1971-1981. He was the first Chancellor of Brussels Pro Cathedral. Later in 1981, he was appointed Archdeacon of Northwest Europe.

Rev. Duplock appears to have returned to England as Rector of St Mary's Breamore, Winchester 1981-86 from where he may have taken retirement. He had permission to officiate in Salisbury from 1986 to 1998 and at Winchester for a shorter period 1986 -1995

He appears to have remained an Honorary Canon Brussels Cathedral until his death in 2011
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Duplock