## History of Hallsville Church



- 1878 Hallsville Sunday School was started by Mr John Hall in his home.
- 1880 News item from "Tamworth Observer": A Sunday School picnic was held at Hallsville on 24 May. There were 130 people present and the tables groaned under the weight of the food.
- 1894 May 1. Rev. C. Graham and his wife went out from Tamworth and met with the people of Hallsville. As a result it was decided to hold a picnic and concert on May 24, Empire Day, to raise funds to build a Church.
- 1894 August. A committee decided to build the Church of timber instead of brick, as originally planned.
  September. A tender from a Mr Sneesby for £83/10/- was accepted.
  Arrangements for a bank overdraft of £50 were made.
  There is no record of the actual opening date.
- 1895 Organ purchased.
- 1898 Church lined and varnished by Mr J. C. Young, at a cost of £26/10/-.
- 1906 Original vestry and toilet built at cost of £30/-/-. Tamworth Municipal Council installed electric light, costing £9/2/6.
- 1915 Band of Hope met monthly for some years prior to this date and possibly after.

- Anniversary Service. The guest preacher was Rev. W. Roden, a son of the Hallsville school teacher in 1894
- 1947 Hallsville United Fellowship commenced in September.
- 1954 60th Anniversary. The guest preacher was Rev. Sid Piper, a former Sunday School pupil.
- 1961 The original vestry was moved to the Fellowship Tennis Courts near Moor Creek. The present vestry was built by Mr A. Barr at a cost of £574.
- 1964 November. 70th Anniversary was conducted by Rev. Martin Leyton, a former minister, at 11 am and 7.30 pm.
- 1976 Original vestry returned for extra Sunday School area.
- 1977 Internal renovations carried out and dedicated by Rev R. Wrightson. Friday night Youth group was formed.
- 1988 March 22. Parry Shire removed two trees to clear site for a new Church.
- 1989 July 16. New brick Church opened and dedicated by Rev Clyde Dominish, Moderator of NSW Synod, costing \$157,000.

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