

Bendigo Cemetery



Henry Archdall Langley
1st Anglican Bishop Bendigo on March 5th, 1902.
Bishop Langley died on the 5/08/1906.

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The following people were buried in this grave #18963 Sect G1 as per cemetery records.

18963 LANGLEY Henry Archdall 5/08/1906 7/08/1906 65 yrs
25791 LANGLEY Elizabeth Mary 31/03/1923 3/04/1923 81 yrs
41024 LANGLEY Louisa Elizabeth 17/09/1965 -

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Bishop Henry Archdall Langley

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Death of Bishop Langley

An active and valuable life closed.

Unconscious for ten days.

The Right Rev Henry Archdall Langley, Bishop of Bendigo, died at Bishopscourt, White Hills, yesterday after an illness of only ten days from hemorrhage of the brain. On Wednesday, July 26, he was the principal speaker at the unveiling ceremony of the memorial tablet to the late ex-Cr J R Hoskins JP, who for many years was a prominent and vigorous worker for temperance at the Temperance Hall. In the course of an impressive address, he dilated on the uncertainty of life and extolled the fine, manly principles of the departed. Fate cruelly decreed that it should be his last public utterance, for within a few hours he was himself stricken down with illness.

At meeting of the Council of Churches, which was held in the Temperance Hall later in the afternoon, he stated that he felt unwell, and excused himself from further participation in the gathering. Bishop Langley then returned to Bishops court in his buggy and conversed freely on the way home, but made no serious complaint about his health. Shortly after arriving home giddiness overcame him. Believing that it but a passing illness caused by the bleakness of the afternoon and the stress through speaking was not perturbed, neither did his family view his condition at the time with any great alarm.

However, he became worse and lapsed into semi-unconsciousness. Drs Green and Deravin were summoned and the bishop was immediately ordered to bed. Unconsciousness came upon him and from then till his death his mind was shut off from the world. His rational state did not return, though there were occasional rallies in his condition, which lit up hope, for his ultimate recovery. The suddenness of the illness came as a great surprise, and almost hourly messages of sympathy arrived and anxious enquires were asked concerning his health.

On Sunday, July 28, in all the Anglican Churches throughout the diocese the prayers of the congregation were asked for his recovery. Communications of sympathy were received by the family from Dr Saumarez Smith, Primate of Australia, Dr Lowther Clarke, Archbishop of Melbourne, Bishop Payne, Gippsland, Bishop Green, Ballarat, Bishop Armstrong, Wangaratta, Archdeacon Hindley, Melbourne, Bishops Reville and Higgins of Bendigo and Ballarat, personally called at Bishops court. Dean Mac- Cullagh Archdeacon Watson and the whole of the Anglican clergy in Bendigo were frequent callers and ministers of other denominations also asked constantly after the state of his health; also the State Governor, Sir Reginald Talbot.

He died at 3.16 pm yesterday - surrounded by his wife and family, his brother, Archdeacon Langley, of Sydney, and a number of personal friends. Dean MacCullagh, who was very much overcome, arrived a few minutes after the bishop expired. He had been slowly fading for the past three days.

The death of Bishop Langley removes one of the most noted figures in the Anglican ecclesiastical world. Born in Ireland in 1840 - he was 66 years of age - he came out with his parents to Sydney in 1850. There he spent the early part his life in a merchant's office. He was a particularly smart lad and fell in love with a ministerial calling while early in his teens.

Though fond of study he also liked sport and "Hen" Langley consequently became a great favourite, especially with his former chums at work and later on among those at school. He spent the major portion of his career in New South Wales in an atmosphere which greatly enlarged his low church ideas. At the age of 20 he was accepted by the late Bishop Barker as a candidate for holy orders.

For about 18 months he acted as lay reader at Kurrayong, from whence he entered Moore Theological College and was a fellow student of Dean MacCullagh and Archdeacon Watson. In 1863 he was ordained a clergyman by the Bishop of Sydney and appointed curate at Bathurst under the late Canon Sharpe.

Shortly after a new parish at George's Plains and Fitzgerald Valley was established out of the parish of Bathurst and he was its first incumbent. From thence he was removed to the important parish of Orange, where he labored with great earnestness and success. About this time, the new See of Bathurst was separated from the Diocese of Sydney, and Bishop Barker, desiring to retain Mr. Langley among his clergy, appointed him to the curacy of St Andrews Cathedral, Sydney, where he remained for a short time. On the death of the late Canon Stock, he was appointed rector of St Mark's, Balmain. After he had been there some years he accepted the locum tenancy of the cathedral during the absence of the dean in England. On the dean's return he took charge of the parish of Windsor, New South Wales.

In 1878 he came to Victoria to take charge of one of the principle Low Church congregations in Melbourne, that of St Matthew's, Prahran. In 1887 he was elected a canon of St Paul's Cathedral and in 1890 the Bishop appointed him Archdeacon of Shepparton, a position exchanged four years later for the archdeacony of Melbourne and Geelong. Being a good organiser, a powerful speaker, and a vigorous controversialist, the archdeacon had so stamped the Melbourne diocese with his individuality that his friends often described him as the "Pope" of the Church of England in Melbourne. "As an ecclesiastical beggar" it has been said he had few rivals.

On March 5th, 1902, he was enthroned as Bishop of the newly created Bendigo diocese, amidst imposing ceremonial. Dean Vance officiated. The new diocese commences at the junction of the River Loddon with the Murray, then along a western boundary to the Great Dividing Range, along the Dividing Range to a point immediately north of Lancefield, thence northerly to the McIvor Creek, between Mounts Koola and Tooborac, north-easterly to a point on the boundary of the county of Rodney, equidistance from Redcastle and Greytown, thence northerly (leaving Colbinabbin on the west) to the south west corner of the parish of Carug Carug, thence along the southern boundaries of that parish, Girgaree, Toolamba West and Toolamba to the River Goulburn, thence along the course of the River Goulburn to the Murray, and thence along the River Murray to the commencing point. The approximate population of the country within the diocese was in December 1901 - 137,680. He therefore had much to bring his administrative capacity into operation.

Innumerable difficulties and not a little opposition had to be overcome. The

bishop's strong determination to do his best was frequently manifested, and through the first 12 months of his occupancy of the high office was accompanied by turmoil and discontent outside the clergy, matters went comparatively smoothly afterwards. His organising ability was one of the marked traits of his character, and he accomplished much that Anglicans in the North may well feel proud of.

Bishop Langley leaves a widow and 12 children. The sons are the Rev H T Langley; curate of St Phillip's, Sydney; the Rev W L Langley, incumbent, Abbotsford; Mr F A Langley manager of the National Bank, Leonora, WA; Mr A Langley, station agent; Melbourne; Mr A Langley medical student, and Dr Frank Langley, of the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne. His eldest daughter is the wife of the Rev John Carrington, of Eaglehawk, and his five younger daughters are unmarried. Archdeacon Langley, of Sydney, is his only brother, and Mesdames Uzzell, Glasson and Pearse, who all reside in New South Wales, are his sisters.

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Elizabeth Mary Langley

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Family Notices

LANGLEY. - On the 31st March, at "Dungarvan," Leopold crescent, Surrey Hills, Melbourne, there entered into the presence of His exceeding joy (Jude 24) Elizabeth Mary, widow of the late Right Rev Henry A Langley, first Bishop of Bendigo, and daughter of the late Frederick Strachan, of Bathurst, New South Wales, aged 81 years.

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PERSONAL.

The death occurred on Saturday, at Surrey Hills, of Mrs Elizabeth Mary Langley, widow of the late Bishop Henry Langley, of Bendigo, at the age of 80 years. She was the mother of six sons and six daughters, all of whom survive her. Two sons are in the Anglican ministry - Canon W L Langley, of Sydney; and Canon H T Langley, of Caulfield.

The other sons are:- Mr F A Langley, manager of the National Bank, Fremantle W A; Mr Aylmer Langley, of the State Savings Bank; Dr Frank Langley, of Dandenong; and Dr Arthur Langley, of Ringwood. The daughters are:- Mrs Alice Carrington, Mrs Aphra Pearce, Mrs Nona Pearce, Miss Ruth Langley (principal of St Cathrine's School, Toorak), and the Misses Hilda and Doris Langley, of Surrey Hills.



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