

In City Council May 23, 1983.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

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COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 23, 1983

- WHEREAS:** It has come to the attention of this City Council that St. Bartholemew's Episcopal Church is celebrating its 75th Anniversary; and
- WHEREAS:** Founded in 1908 by a small group of 17, and led by Mr. J. S. Brown, acting on the principle of obedience to the will of God, first met in the home of Mrs. Grace Manvel on Windsor Street, purpose being to establish a church in the Diocese of Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS:** On July 1, 1908, a 47-Church people of color acquired the church building on Columbia Street and this became the Church of St. Bartholemew's under the leadership of Reverend George Alexander McGuire, M.D.; and
- WHEREAS:** The three-month probationary period ended when on October 1, 1908, Bishop Lawrence appointed Dr. McGuire Priest-In-Charge of St. Batholemew's mission with 110 communicants and 150 pupils, and the following years there were 45 baptisms and 80 confirmations, as well as in November of 1909 a Rectory at 38 Essex Street was purchased with the re-enforcemen funds; and
- WHEREAS:** In July of 1911, the Reverend Walter Dorsey McClane became Priest-In-Charge which he served until 1929 during which time a Parish House was built and the seating capacity of the Chapel extended from 150 to 230 members; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1929, Fr. McClane resigned and was succeeded by Reverend James Mitchell in 1930 who served until 1938, and in 1939 the Reverend Harry O. Bowles who was "locum tenens" did an excellent job of reorganizing especially with the Church School and fund-raising, and who also showed a dynasism which brought new life to the mission; and
- WHEREAS:** The next incumbent was the Reverend Kenneth P. Hughes who arrived in 1940 and at this time there were 190 members in the mission, and on May 9, 1941 nearly 1000 people crammed the building for the services of the new St. Bartholemew's Church which was preached by Reverend E. E. Durant from New York City, and then on November 9, 1941 the new church was consecrated by Bishop Heron; and
- WHEREAS:** By 1944, St. Bartholemew's had relinquished all Diocesan aid and upon their application, the Convention of 1945 admitted St. Bartholemew as being a self-supporting independent church, and in October of 1945, the Reverend Kenneth Hughes was instituted as the first Rector of the Parish but retired in 1970 after being Rector for 30 years and is fondly remembered both as a spiritual leader and a champion of social justice and civil rights; and
- WHEREAS:** During the seventies and at the present time, the total membership is 1,056 people coming from other churches, other states, as well as Barbados, Haiti, Jamaica, Bermuda, Virgin Islands, Panama, Antingua and other areas of the Caribbean; and
- WHEREAS:** Under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Robinson and the help of his wife and two sons, various programs have been set up for the elderly and youth of St. Bartholemew's; therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That this City Council go on record congratulating Rev. Dr. Alvin E. Robinson and all the members of St. Bartholemew's Episcopal Church for their faith and love for one another as they celebrate 75 years of togetherness; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That this City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the members of St. Bartholemew's Episcopal Church on behalf of the entire City Council at the time of their anniversary.

Order # 10

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C. Graham re: resolutions on the 75th Anniversary of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church,

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