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1971

My daughter's baptism at All Saints' Church

by Frances Barnett (daughter of Sergeant Marsh, of Sedgley Police station).

I was two when we came to Sedgley. At first we lived in a cottage right opposite the police station where my dad was **Sergeant Marsh of Sedgley Police Station**. In 1936, when I was five, we moved further down Gospel End Road because the cottage was too small. It only had two bedrooms and there were my parents, my brother and me, so we moved to a house with three bedrooms.

My dad stayed in Sedgley until his retirement from the police; he was a sidesman and churchwarden at All Saints' Church and my mother was a member of the Mothers' Union there.

I was married by **Revd Bill Sargeant** at All Saints' in 1949 and we moved to Eccleshall, near Stafford. We had six children. The first three were baptised at Eccleshall. In 1956 we moved back to Sedgley, and my last three children were baptised at All Saints'.

My youngest daughter was baptised in summer 1971 by **Revd John Linford**. Her name was Ann Barnett; she is now Ann Candlin and lives in Worcester. She was very well behaved - she didn't cry at all at the ceremony! It was an afternoon baptism, and there were two other children being baptised at the same time.

One of them was Frances Pagan, who lived down Gorge Road; later she and my daughter went to school together. All my six children had the same christening gown, which was a present to me from an aunt. It was a quiet family do and I only had my immediate family there.



The vicar and churchwarden with members of All Saints Mothers' Union in the late 1960s:

3: Dorothy Bagley; 4: Mary Bullock Chairwoman; 6: Edith Thompson.

Standing: 7: Mrs Knock; 9: Kath Taylor, 10: Ena Grocutt; 11: **Sgt Marsh** (Churchwarden) ; 12: Vicar is Revd Stanley Lloyd.

Sgt Marsh, Frances' father, was a churchwarden at All Saints' church at this time.



Revd John Linford baptised Frances' daughter in 1971.