

Newbigging on St Anne's Edgeside
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'The Church at Edgeside, dedicated to St Anne, was built in 1885-6, the greater part of the cost being defrayed by Captain Charles Patrick, who also gave the land and a site for the Vicarage, in memory of his wife, Mary Anne, the younger daughter of Mr. John Ashworth of Cloughfold, (a native of Rossendale and a descendant of the old family of the Ormerods of Whitewell bottom and Edgeside), a lady deservedly esteemed for her charitable disposition to the poor, and many amiable qualities.

The Church contains 350 sittings, all free. The cost was nearly £4,000. Generous contributors were Mr and Mrs RC Turner, Mrs MA Royds, Mr HH Bolton, Col Hargreaves, and Mr John Bolton, the Lord Montague and Exors of the Duke of Buccleugh, the Manchester Diocesan Church Building Society and others. It was consecrated the 1st August 1886, by Bishop Frazer, who gave £20 to the Endowment Fund, which consisted of a donation of £1,300 by Captain Patrick, and a like sum by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

The Schools had been opened in 1837 and licensed for divine service also by Bishop Frazer. The land for the site was given by Captain and Mrs Patrick, who largely contributed to the Building Fund.

The Patrons are the Bishop and Rector of Newchurch, ex-officio, and three others, the Bishop and the other Trustees having the presentation. The first and present Vicar is the Rev. J. Corss-Jones.

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