

- April 4, 1968 -

New Vicar Begins Duties At St. Mary Of The Harbor

Rev. Stanley Parks Hardy assumed his official duties Monday as permanent vicar of the Episcopal Church of St. Mary of the Harbor. He succeeds Rev. Ernest D. Vanderburgh.

A native of New England and a vacationist in Dennis in previous years, Fr. Hardy comes here from St. Andrews Church, Kansas City, Missouri, where he has been associate rector. He was elected vicar of St. Mary's by the vestrymen of the church.

Fr. Hardy was born in Gloucester. He was graduated from Boston University and from Berkeley Divinity School in New Haven, Conn. He was ordained in 1959. He served five years as curate at St. Stephen's Memorial Church in Lynn before going to Kansas City. He is unmarried.

Asked for a comment on the changes and challenges confronting the Christian church in all its branches, the new vicar of St. Mary's replied: "It is probably a healthy and good thing that the church is being confronted with these changes." Accompanying Fr. Hardy to his new post here is his friendly six month's old beagle hound, a native of Missouri.



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From a painting by Sol Wilson - - 1975

- May 4, 1970 -

Cape-tip vicar to get new post

PROVINCETOWN—The Rev. Stanley P. Hardy, vicar of the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor, Episcopal, announced to his congregation Sunday that he is transferring from St. Mary's, as of the end of May.

The vicar, who has been at St. Mary's for two years, said that his future plans are not definite as yet. The Provincetown church, which carries in its yard the cross for the S-4 disaster, is a mission church of the Episcopal diocese.

The Rev. Hardy's home originally was in Rockport. He said that he is appointed by the bishop, and that the decision was made by the vestry, the bishop and himself. Bishop John Burgess is head of the diocese.

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Rev. Upton leaving St. Mary's

Rev. John Upton, vicar at St. Mary's of the Harbor Church in Provincetown for the last four years, has decided to leave the priesthood.

Rev. Upton will celebrate his last Holy Communion as vicar Sunday at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow the service at the church. Rev. Upton has decided to seek a new career in education and communications and plans to move to the West Coast with his family.

"I started thinking about leaving one year ago," Rev. Upton said. "I really feel it's time for a new challenge and I'm looking forward to starting a new career."

A graduate of Berkeley Divinity School in New Haven, Rev. Upton received a masters degree in Sacred Theology in 1963. He has two sons, John, 10 and Mark, 7.

Rev. Upton called his four years in Provincetown a wonderful experience. "I very definitely enjoyed it," Rev. Upton said. "I have learned a lot and been through a lot here."

SOME MILESTONES in the history of St. Mary's:

1904 - In the Summer of 1904, the first Episcopal services were held in the Masonic Hall in Provincetown with the Rev. Albert E. George of Walpole officiating. Services were held each Summer thereafter with various clergymen in a variety of places. A Church School and year round services were started in 1925.

1919 - The building at 513 Commercial Street was purchased for a sum of \$3200. and first services were held in the Summer of 1920. The building was used only in the Summer until 1936.

1922 - Purchase of Billow Crest (the present Parish Hall) for a sum of \$7000. Title was taken in 1924.

1933 - In September, the Rev. Robert Wood Nicholson became the first resident, full-time Vicar.

1936 - On August 26, 1936, the present Church was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel G. Babcock, Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts. The buildings had been completely re-built under the direction of Fr. Nicholson and Mr. Frederick Waugh, renowned artist and devoted Churchman. The garden was laid out and most of the actual work done by Fr. Nicholson.

1939 - Present Vicarage purchased. The Rev. DeWald Perry was the first Vicar to occupy it.

1945 - The Mission became a Parish with the Rev. William Bailey as first Rector.
1958 - The Parish reverted to Mission status.
1978 - Destruction of the sea wall and garden and extensive damage to the buildings in the blizzards of January and February. Restoration following this damage is now complete with the re-dedication of the garden on August 23, 1981.