

CHAPTER 10

Revs. Samuel Pendred and Thomas Loose (1900 - 1908)

A much different person was the incoming minister, Rev. Samuel Pendred. Born in Rugby on 4th December 1845 and educated at Rugby School, he worked until 1872 as a clerk in a Post Office until he was appointed an evangelist at a church in his home town. He served various churches until invited to the joint pastorate at Great Chishill and Barley in 1900.

Mr. Pendred was a man of considerable artistic ability, being a capable sea and landscape painter in oils and fond of writing verse. He moved to a brief pastorate at Elstree in 1906, and died on 20th May 1927 aged 81 years.

The succeeding minister, Rev. Thomas Loose, did not feel completely settled in this country, for his ministry only lasted for two years (1907-1908) between periods of service abroad. He was a tall dark man, having a wife and two daughters living in the manse.

He is first known as a missionary in Peelton, South Africa, from 1903-1906, and after leaving Great Chishill and Barley, he moved to Bowen, Queensland, where he was temporarily out of pastoral charge until resuming ministry in Southport in the same State from 1911 onwards.