

A young lady born in Nebraska, and a young man born in Cheshire County, England, chose the mission field in China as their respective vocations.

The Rev. John W. Duddington, born in England, the oldest of nine children, was educated in a Boys' Boarding School and Durham University, receiving his M.A. in Theology and ordained at Lincoln Cathedral located on England's east coast. He taught Greek in the Seminary from which he graduated. During this time he was a volunteer for the Church's Missionary Society and became interested in the missionary field which led him to China in 1929.

Miss Irma Dudrow was born in Nebraska, one of four children. She earned a teaching credential and her education included attendance at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles which resulted in her being called to serve the mission field in Western China. Guess what...these two young missionaries, one from Great Britain and one from the U.S.A. met and fell in love. They were married in China in 1932 and continued their work together. Father Duddington was also a professor of History of World Literature in the government university in China.

The Red Chinese uprisings aided in their decision to leave China in 1948. They moved to Solvang, California where John became an American citizen.

Further Christian service called the Duddingtons to Manila in the Philippines, where he served as Rector at an Episcopal Church and was professor of New Testament at the Seminary in that city. From Manila he was called to serve as the Episcopal Chaplain at Stanford University in Palo Alto.

They "retired", moved to Fallbrook, but still remained very active. He authored two books during that time. He also served as supply priest at St. John's Episcopal Church in Fallbrook until 1972 and served as honorary Vicar at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Pauma Valley...then back to St. John's in Fallbrook to become assistant to the Rector where he served un May of 1989.

On April 28 of this year, the Duddingtons celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary as well as Father Duddington's 87th birthday. Upon his retirement (again) in May, a proclamation was read to the congregation of St. John's stating that the parish hall will be named Duddington Hall in gratitude to Father Duddington and his wife, Irma.

The Duddingtons have lived at Carlsbad by the Sea since 1974. Mrs. Duddington lives in the Health Facility across the street now, but they are together a few hours daily. They still converse in the Chinese language occasionally.

Conditions in China today grieve Father Duddington deeply, but he is impressed with the students that he has seen on television. They speak with wisdom, common sense and conviction, he says.

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98th anniversary

St. John's observes founding

On Sunday, May 30, the 98th anniversary of the founding of St. John's Episcopal Church will be celebrated at both 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. Following each service the traditional cutting of the birthday cake will be held in Dawson Court.

The Rev. John Duddington will preach at both services; the rector, Father David Fenton, will be celebrant. This will be Fr. Duddington's last Sunday at St. John's, as he is resigning as assistant to the rector.

Duddington came to Fallbrook in the early 1970s from the Diocese of California where he was Episcopal Chaplain at Stanford University. He was a supply priest at St. John's until 1972 when he went to St. Francis Episcopal Church in Pauma Valley as their honorary vicar. A few years later he returned to St. John's and became assistant to Father Fenton.

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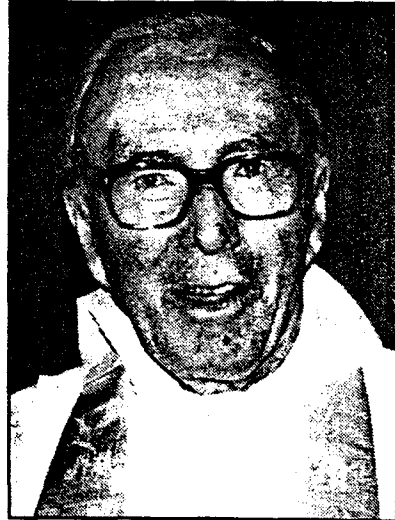
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The Propers will be as designated for the sixth Sunday of Easter. The First Lesson, Acts 14:8-18 tells us how Paul healed a cripple man. The Epistle is from Revelations 21:22-22:5 in which John, the Seer, presents a vision of the new Jerusalem, the paradise of God. The Gospel is according to John 14:23-29 and tells of Jesus' promise to his disciples of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

There will be no Sunday School classes this week; children will come into the church. There will be child care for both services.

Sunday afternoon, from 2-4 p.m., St. John's will welcome all

newcomers who have become members during the past year at a Friendship Tea. There will be music, good food, and the opportunity to meet new friends. The party will be hosted by the Evangelism Ministry.



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Fr. Duddington