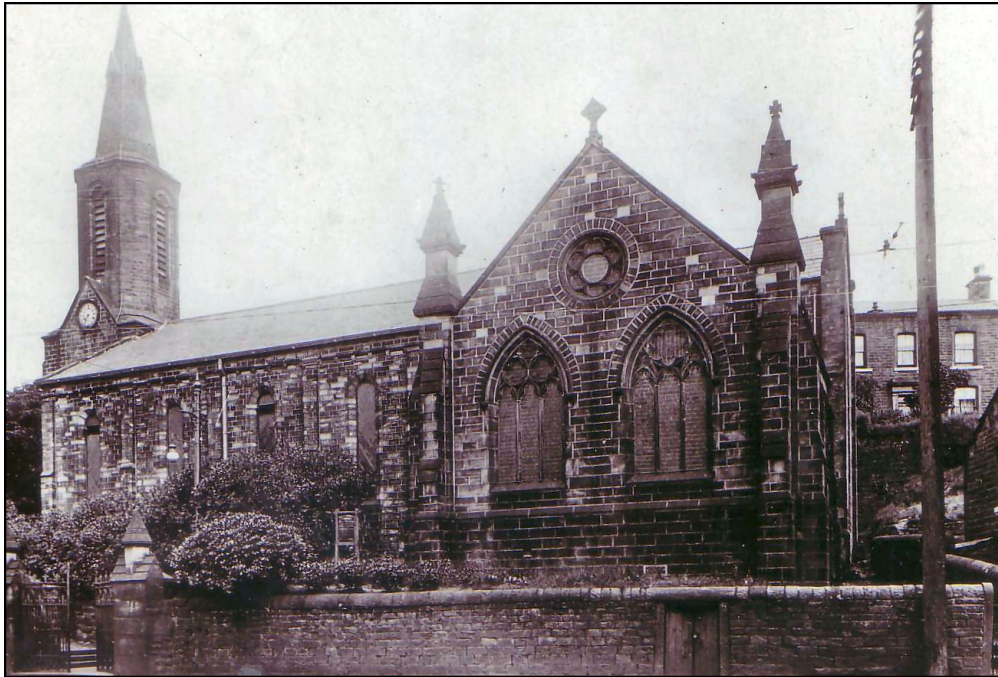


Tunstead Holy Trinity



November 5th 1840 was the day that Trinity as it was then known was used for divine service by the authority of John Bird the then Bishop of Chester in whose diocese the parish of Tunstead was situated. Queen Victoria had only been on the throne the three years. It was the annual commemoration of Guy Fawkes and his Gunpowder Plot an abortive attempt to destroy King James 1st and his parliament. A special form of thanksgiving for this deliverance was included in the prayer books. Now long since disappeared from prayer books.

The church was duly consecrated by the Bishop Bird on Michelmas day 1841 and from that day services had been continually held. From then till 1940 there had been 7 vicars at Tunstead. The first vicar was the Rev F. Fitzpatrick he held office from 1841 to 1846. He was succeeded by the Rev Singleton who held office until 1851. Parson Haworth was vicar of Tunstead for 38 years from 1851 to 1889. From 1889 to 1918 the Rev John Falconer was vicar and it was during his vicariate that St Luke's mission was built. The old school being re-opened in 1899 as a mission room and institute. The staff at one time included two curates. The Rev Falconer passed away before the close of the great war in 1918 and was succeeded by the Rev A.H. Jeff who remained until 1924. The Rev F Richmond was vicar from 1924 until his death in 1936.