

## Rev Edward Elton

Edward Daubeny Elton was born in Clifton in June 1855 and was baptised a month later. His parents were Alfred and Emma, Alfred was an iron merchant and, judging by the fact that in 1861 the family employed a governess and 5 servants, they were well off. Edward appears to have been named after an uncle, Rev Edward Daubeny Elton (1816-1898).

Edward went to Trinity College Cambridge and was ordained a deacon in Ripon in September 1883. His first appointment must have been to St Anne in the Grove, Southowram. One of his tasks appears to have been to the mission in Marsh, Southowram as a small travelling communion set was presented to him at the time of his leaving in April 1886.



The tiny chalice is only 4.5" tall. On the base of the small plate for the wafers is written

“Presented to the Revd. E. D Elton by the members of the Marsh Mission Room, Southowram, in recognition of their esteem and regard April 1886”

This mission room was probably held in a house at Bank Top shown below.

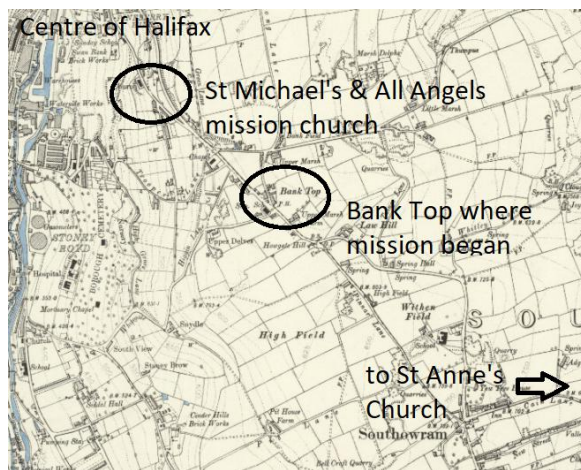


In 1887, a mission church was built on Southowram Bank half way down towards Halifax centre. The costs were met by Catherine Grace Doherty (a Waterhouse, one of Halifax's benefactors). The church was partly demolished in the 1960s and is now a private residence.

The pictures below show the church taken from halifaxpeople.com, the building today with the centre of Halifax in the misty background and a plan showing its location in the 1894 OS map.

This link includes the mission church picture overlooking Halifax centre.

<http://www.halifaxpeople.com/Southowram-Churches-and-Chapels.html>



Edward married Ethel Little, the daughter of Mr David Little of Mount Royd, Bradford in June 1886. Her sister, Katherine, married Sir Frederick Ripley of Bedstone in Shropshire. He was one of the sons of Sir H W Ripley MP who had lived in Holme House, Lightcliffe and owned a large dyeworks in Bowling, Bradford. Sir Henry gave the clock for the tower of the new St Matthew's Church (1875) and Frederick and his brothers presented one of the bells.

Edward and Ethel moved to Quetta in India for 2 years before they returned to England. Edward was made Rector of Hopton Castle Shropshire in 1888 and remained in post until 1927. He died the following year at Burnham on Sea. His widow died 2 years later. Hopton Castle and Bedstone are neighbouring parishes.

A full summary of the family census returns is available.

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