



### **Longbottom Memorial stained glass window**

The Longbottom Memorial stained glass window now situated in the eastern wall of the nave of the church is of particular interest. Rev William Longbottom Snr, Mrs Longbottom and son aged 6 years sailed from Hobart Town to go as Missionaries to the new Swan River settlement in W.A. While sailing there the ship "Fanny" was wrecked off the Coorong, S.A. in June 1838. The minister, his wife and son fortunately were saved and settled in South Australia. Reverend W Longbottom thus became the first Wesleyan preacher in South Australia.

Mr William Longbottom Jnr. and his wife lived at Magill in 1860-70 attending the Wesleyan Chapel in Chapel Street. In 1874 when the new church was erected Mrs Longbottom Jnr. laid the foundation stone and the window, given by Mr William Longbottom Jnr., was placed in the church shortly thereafter.

The window depicts St Paul who was shipwrecked on the way to Rome and "forwarded the work of the Kingdom of God" in overseas islands. The centre panel shows Paul barefooted and dressed in red robe and blue cloak.