

SELWYN COLLEGE CALENDAR 1993-4

THE REVD J. C. WANSEY

He was the youngest of the four Wansey brothers who followed each other to Selwyn in 1925, 1927, 1928, and 1929. This link with a single family is without parallel in the history of Selwyn and is unlikely to be matched in many other Colleges. All four were stalwarts of the Boat Club during one of its most successful periods, were ordained as priests, and served parishes in different parts of the country.

Edward Armitage, a contemporary, contributes this tribute:

Joseph Christopher Wansey (1929) died on 17 December 1992 after a paralysing illness lasting over three years, borne with the resignation and patience that his friends and relatives expected of him. As a friend I only wish to contribute to his obituary the testimony of a devoted and life-long friend who watched his alienation from influence in the church with increasing dismay coupled with deep regret that his simple and forthright brand of Christianity did not find more favour in the church to which he had devoted his life. Until his retirement in 1975 he was incumbent of Roydon in Essex. One would be hard pressed to find a person who lived and served a more Christian life than Joe (later Chris) Wansey and it is a matter of pride that I was privileged to be close to him ever since our Selwyn days together.