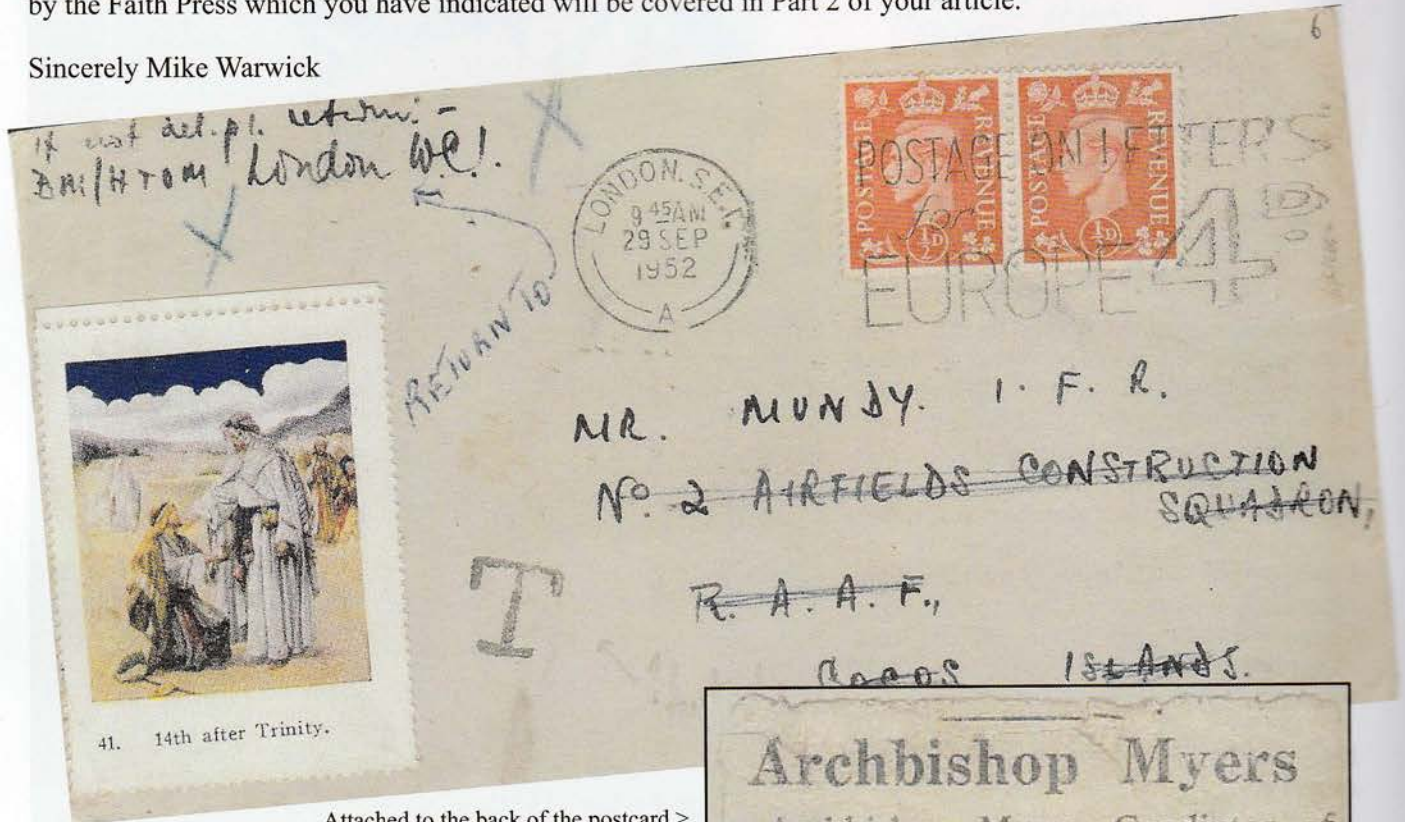


I have just read Steve Tandy's article on Sunday School Attendance Stamps and attach a postcard sent from London to the Cocos Islands on 29 September 1952 with a bible stamp attached which might be of interest to you. I'm not able to identify which album it came from, but you will no doubt be able to clarify this. At least it gives you a firm date as to its use, and the press cutting adds to the intrigue. I have one Sunday Stamp Album published by the Faith Press which you have indicated will be covered in Part 2 of your article.

Sincerely Mike Warwick



Attached to the back of the postcard >

From Mike's write up of the letter in his collection.

**R.A.A.F. 29 September 1952  
London to Cocos Islands**

Postcard sent from London to Mr. Munday, I.F.R., No.2 Airfields Construction Squadron, R.A.A.F., Cocos Islands, subsequently returned to sender. Script "If not del. pl. return - DM/HTOM London W.C.1. Pair of 1/2d. orange KGVI stamps cancelled LONDON S.E.1./ A / 9.45 AM/ 29 SEP 1952 with a slogan postmark POSTAGE ON LETTERS for EUROPE 4d. Handstamp 'T' (Tax or Transit) possibly applied in Australia, and script in blue crayon indicating 'x RETURN TO x' sender. **R.A.A.F.** (Royal Australian Airforce) **P.O./ COCOS-ISLAND cds 28 OC 52** on the back, and script "'Universe" London'. Newspaper cutting "Archbishop Myers, Coadjutor of Westminster, has received the decoration of Commander in the Order

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of Orange Nassau in recognition of his services to the Netherlands during the second World War". Bible vignette '41. 14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity'. The Cocos (Keeling) Islands (Malay) are an Australian external territory in the Indian Ocean, comprising a small archipelago approximately midway between Australia and Sri Lanka and relatively close to the Indonesian island of Sumatra. In 1946, the administration of the islands reverted to Singapore and it became part of the Colony of Singapore. On 23 Nov 1955, the islands were transferred from the United Kingdom to the Commonwealth of Australia.

Steve Tandy replies ... Hi Mike,

The style of the religious stamp on the cover is from Church Art stamp Album series from Home Words publisher. However the 41 lower left corner number suggests it may be from a predecessor series The Church Picture Album and may actually be pre-WWII. Remember that there were a new set of 50+ stamps issued for each series each year. Frequently leftovers from previous years would be dished out especially if the stamps were what you can call generic. Nice to hear from someone who has read one of my articles. Cheers And all the best, Steve.