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HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH COLLECTION

Churches, Launceston

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INTRODUCTION

The first Anglican (Church of England) services held in the Launceston area were conducted in 1811 by the Rev R Knopwood. In 1818, Rev John Youl was appointed to the northern settlement. He later became Rector of St John's Church which opened in December 1825. However, with the town's population increasing, a meeting was held in May 1838 to formulate plans for a second parish. Land was granted in August 1839 at Holy Trinity's present site on the corner of George and Cameron Streets. The original church, designed by James Blackburn and built by Joseph Moir to accommodate 500 people, was dedicated on 27 December 1842. The Diocese of Tasmania was established the same year, Van Diemen's Land having previously come under the Diocese of Calcutta.

In 1897, the original church building was declared unsafe, although it continued in use until 30 November 1902. A building committee was formed and Alexander North asked to design a new church. It was built by J & T Gunn and, although incomplete at the time, was consecrated on 4 December 1902. A combination of Byzantine and Gothic Revival in architectural style, the church was not finally completed until 1986. In religious practice Holy Trinity has followed the High Church tradition (Anglo-Catholicism) since the 1920s. It was introduced by the then Rector, Canon E G Muschamp.

Several properties originally owned by Holy Trinity in the Cimitiere Street-Lawrence Street area, known as the Glebe, were finally sold in the early 1980s. The period of church ownership of these properties is well documented in this collection. The Parish of Holy Trinity has benefited financially from income generated by the Glebe properties, as well as a number of bequests such as the William Stepney Trust.

Other parishes associated with Holy Trinity at different times include

St Barnabas, Parish of Newnham, opened in 1851, closed in 1887, and not to be confused with a later church of the same name built in 1905,

St George's, Invermay, originated as a Sunday School in 1886. The first church was consecrated in 1887, although a separate parish was not established until 1923,

Church of the Holy Family, Russell Street, originated as the Inveresk Mission Hall built in 1894. The first church building was dedicated in April 1930 but destroyed by fire in 1971. The present church was consecrated in 1975.

Some early registers of baptisms, marriages and burials for Holy Trinity and the original Parish of Newnham were microfilmed by the Archives Office of Tasmania in July 1995 (AOT: NS 1735/1-10). The items concerned are identified in this guide. Public access to some more recent registers whose contents are less than 50 years old is currently restricted. Minutes of meetings and correspondence less than 25 years old is also restricted.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in November 1996, with one item donated in March 1992.

1. Legal Records

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| 1/1 | Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Legal Records re Joseph Howell's land grant May 1839, Joseph Moir's building agreement September 1841, Grammar School loan June 1842, John Francis's contract for the erection of galleries October 1855, William Stepney's will August 1860, Cimitiere Street Lawrence Street lease 1883-1907, St George's, Invermay 1883-1905, Gunn-Bedford Street blocks, Inveresk 1916, Wm Cook Pty Ltd tenancy, Racecourse Crescent May 1951, Rev. E G Barry memorial stained glass window May 1951 | 1839-1951 |
| 1/2 | Fire and employee insurance policies (includes details of Glebe properties and other church assets 1912) | 1911-1969 |
| 1/3 | Commission of Inquiry into dispute between Canon E G Muschamp and the parishioners 1923-1925, E J Watt's Lay-Reader's licence October 1957 | 1923-1957 |

2. Minutes of Meetings

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| 2/1 | Holy Trinity Anglican Church, minutes of meetings re new church 1838-1842, Trinity Day School 1854-1863, St John's Wednesday evening services 1866 (loose copies and short abstract of minute book 1848-1895) | 1838-1895 |
| 2/2 | Minutes of meetings, Warden's minute book no.1 (includes some Churchwardens' reports and other financial statements 1863-1894) | 1842-1895 |
| 2/3.1 | Churchwardens' reports, and newspaper cuttings and summary of property | 1907-1919 |
| 2/3.2 | Minutes of meetings, Warden's minute book no.3 | 1920 |
| 2/4 | Index to minute book no.3, partial index to 2/3 | 1920 |
| 2/5 | Minutes of meetings, vestry minute book | 1954-1965 |
| 2/6 | Minutes of meetings, vestry meeting 20 January 1975 only | 1975 |
| 2/7.1 | Minutes of meetings, Parish Council minutes 19 | 1991-1993 |

	July 1991-21 May 1993, related correspondence and other papers, Archdeacon Letchford's copy	
2/7.2	Minutes of meetings, Parish Council minutes 19 July 1991-21 May 1993, related correspondence and other papers, Archdeacon Letchford's copy	1991-1993
2/8.1	Anglican Diocese of Tasmania, minutes of meetings, Diocesan Council minutes 29 February 1992-27 March 1993 and related papers, Archdeacon Letchford's copy	1992-1993
2/8.2	Anglican Diocese of Tasmania, minutes of meetings, Diocesan Council minutes 29 February 1992-27 March 1993 and related papers, Archdeacon Letchford's copy	1992-1993
2/9	Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Parochial Association/ Parish Council Collections, minutes of meetings, Parish Fund minute book	1884-1917
2/10.1	Sunday School teachers, minutes of meetings	1871-1893
2/10.2	Photocopy of Sunday School teachers, minutes of meetings	1871-1893
2/11	Sunday School Hall sub-committee, minutes of meeting 1 August 1965 only (includes plan)	1965
2/12	Newnham Parish, minutes of meetings (includes financial papers)	1853-1859

3. Correspondence

3/1	Holy Trinity Anglican Church, correspondence re new church, plans, estimates, tenders, James Blackburn, Archdeacon Hutchins, James Thomson, government grant, Joseph Moir, W E Lawrence's estate, organ	1838-1842
3/2	Correspondence re Rev. F Hales, Trinity School tenders, St John's parsonage (Hobart), Dr Maddox's tomb, Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund 1905-1907, Cypress Street cemetery, A J Marriott windows, Building Fund, old coins, Glebe properties (includes annual financial statements 1872-1873, list of parishioners, <i>Rules and Regulations of the Launceston Church of England Burial Ground</i> 1895)	1855-1916

3/3	Warden's letterbook, with index	1890-1900
3/4	Warden's letterbook, with index	1900-1906
3/5	Warden's Trinity Glebe letterbook, with partial index	1900-1903
3/6	Warden's letterbook, with index	1906-1910
3/7	Warden's letterbook, with index	1910-1914
3/8	Correspondence re accounts, property, war census etc	1915-1918
3/9	Correspondence re Mrs Letitia Fisher's and other estates, St George's Parish, Wm Stepney Trust, Canon E G Muschamp, Glebe land, Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund, Mia Mia Tennis Club, Rectory, Geo Fincham & Sons (organ builders), church alterations, Sunday School Teachers' Association, Tasmanian Bush Nursing Association etc	1901-1959
3/10	Treasurer Warden's letterbook	1927-1930
3/11	Treasurer Warden's letterbook	1940-1945
3/12	Correspondence re Australian Board of Missions, church hall, Rev. F Hales, church offering envelopes, organ, rectory, St George's Church, Invermay, Wm Stepney Trust, parish development, 122nd Patronal Festival, coins, church history	1956-1966
3/13	Correspondence re heating, rosters, stipends, Glebe properties, accounts, insurance, E Rooke estate etc (includes annual financial statements 1975, 1977)	1974-1978
3/14.1	Correspondence re Christian education, Red Cross Society, Launceston Repertory Society, Glebe properties, organ, accounts, <i>Vestries Act</i> 1959, parishioners' petition (includes some minutes of meetings and annual financial statement 1979)	1978-1982
3/14.2	Correspondence re Christian education, Red Cross Society, Launceston Repertory Society, Glebe properties, organ, accounts, <i>Vestries Act</i> 1959, parishioners' petition (includes some minutes of meetings and annual financial statement 1979)	1978-1982

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| 3/15.1 | Correspondence re Glebe property, J Dickenson's report June 1979 | 1977-1979 |
| 3/15.2 | Correspondence re Glebe property | 1980 |
| 3/15.3 | Correspondence re Glebe property | 1981-1982 |

4. Financial Records

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| 4/1 | Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Financial Records, annual accounts statements (various), Churchwardens' report 1894, Building Fund account 1895
(See also item 2/2) | 1854-1895 |
| 4/2 | Annual accounts statement 1912, Churchwardens' reports (various), St George's report 1916, Wm Stepney Trust account 1930-1936, Rector's report 1957-1958 | 1912-1958 |
| 4/3 | Churchwardens' reports (various), Rector's reports, (various), Diocese of Tasmania annual reports and financial statements (various) | 1961-1982 |
| 4/4 | Working papers re church property, Glebe rents, Parish Fund, includes summary of offertories 1903-1915 | 1906-1957 |
| 4/5 | Working papers re annual reports, Holy Trinity and Holy Family parishes 1974-1980, Treasurer's statements 1979-1982 | 1973-1982 |
| 4/6 | Working papers (includes Treasurer's statements, Archdeacon Letchford's Vestry correspondence 1981-1984) | 1980-1984 |
| 4/7 | Churchwardens' accounts ledger, with index | 1893-1908 |
| 4/8 | Churchwardens' accounts ledger, with index | 1908-1916 |
| 4/9 | Churchwardens' accounts ledger, with index | 1916-1919 |
| 4/10 | Offertory cash book (includes details of almoners and pensioners 1854-1872) | 1843-1881 |
| 4/11 | Churchwardens' cash book | 1883-1893 |
| 4/12 | Churchwardens' cash book | 1893-1908 |
| 4/13 | Churchwardens' cash book | 1908-1919 |

4/15	Glebe rents ledger (includes names of tenants)	1883-1900
4/16	Glebe rents ledger (includes names of tenants)	1900-1924
4/17	Glebe rents cash book	1900-1925
4/20	Commercial Bank of Australia deposit record books (1)- (2) (includes (1) general account 1942-1956 and (2) Glebe rents 1953-1956)	1942-1956
4/21	Commercial Bank of Australia deposit record book	1956-1958
4/22	Commercial Bank of Australia statements (includes Account No 1 (1934-1944, 1955-1958) and Account No 2 (1955-1957))	1934-1958
4/23	Commercial Bank of Australia and Launceston Bank (1)-(10) for Savings passbooks (includes (1) Wardens 1916-1920 (2) Wardens 1926-1933 (3) Parish Council 1917-1920 (4) Parish Council 1920-1921 (5) Curacy 1950-1957 (6) Children's Font 1900-1918 (7) Sunday School 1920-1921 (8) Choir Entertainment Fund 1946-1956 (9) Church Fair 1954-1956 (10) St Aidan's Church, Ravenswood 1950-1953)	1900-1957
4/24	Cheque butts (includes (1) Wardens 1913-1923 (1)-(3) (2) Parish Council 1922 (3) Offertory 1908-1909)	1908-1923
4/25	Cheque butts (includes (1)-(8) general account (1)-(14) 1911-1924, (9) Parish Fund 1921-1922 (10) Australian Board of Missions 1922 (11) Building Fund 1921 (12) Rectory repairs 1921 (13) Guild 1921 (14) Social 1921	1911-1924
4/26	General account cheque butts (except 1948) (1)-(8)	1940-1952
4/27	Parish Glebe accounts cheque butts (except May (1)-(8) 1944-September 1953 (includes some blank cheques)	1926-1955
4/28	Building Fund promissory notes	1876-1901
4/29	Invoices and receipts (includes Coogan & Coy, Diocesan Book Society, Hopwood & Coy, D Pretty (tinsmith), Ludbrooks, W G Wilkinson (printer), Glasgow Engineering Coy, The Daily Telegraph, Wm Oldham (wine merchant), Geo Fincham & Sons (organ builders), J & T Gunn etc) (Examples only)	1920-1924

4/30	Invoices and receipts (includes Abbotts Pty Ltd, Australian Board of Missions, Geo Fincham & Sons (organ builders), H Shepherd (pastrycooks), Howe & Simmons (electrical engineers), NZ Insurance Coy, J & T Gunn, French Bros, J S Forward Pty Ltd, Swanson & Coy (booksellers), Galloway Printing Service, Morrison's Sedans (hire car service), Joan Hirst (newsagent), Ludbrooks etc) (Examples only)	1937-1943
4/31	Invoices and receipts (includes J Dunstan & Coy, (stationers), Galloway Printing Service, Gourlay's (confectioners), The Examiner, Monaghan's Lucky Agency, Australian Board of Missions, A Lyall & Son (florist), G W Woolston & Son (printer), YMCA, C T Whitchurch, K Davis (organ builder), Max Fry, Powell's Electric Service etc) (Examples only)	1952-1959

5.Registers of Services

Items 5/1 - 5/24 may include date and type of service, text, offertory details, name of celebrant or officiating preacher, number of communicants, remarks

5/1	Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Register of services, preacher's book	1882-1888
5/2	Register of services, vestry book	1888-1894
5/3	Register of services, vestry book	1894-1899
5/4	Register of services, vestry book	1899-1903
5/5	Register of services, vestry book	1904-1909
5/6	Register of services, preacher's book	1909-1914
5/7	Register of services, preacher's book	1914-1917
5/8	Register of services	1917-1922
5/9	Register of services	1922-1925
5/10	Register of services	1925-1927
5/11	Register of services	1927-1931
5/12	Register of services	1931-1933
5/13	Register of services	1933-1936

5/14	Register of services	1936-1939
5/15	Register of services	1939-1943
5/16	Register of services	1943-1947
5/17	Register of services	1947-1951
5/18	Register of services	1951-1957
5/19	Register of services (includes some details of baptisms, marriages and burial services, especially 1963-1974)	1958-1974
5/20	Register of services (includes some details of baptisms, marriages and burial services, especially 1974-1976)	1974-1983
5/21	Register of services	1983-1985
5/22	Register of services, June-November only	1985
5/23	Register of services	1985-1989
5/24	Register of services	1989-1991

(Note: items 5/25 - 5/28 relate to services conducted by Father T P Philpott at St Vincent's Hospital, St Luke's Hospital, Tyler House, Peace Haven, Barclay House, Cosgrove Park etc, and include date, service, time, location, number of persons attending, remarks)

5/25	Register of Outreach services	1987-1989
5/26	Register of Outreach services	1989-1990
5/27	Register of Outreach services	1990-1994
5/28	Register of Outreach services, February-May 1994 only	1994

6.Registers of Baptisms

6/1	Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Register of Baptisms (includes date of birth, date of baptism, child's Christian name, parents' names, place of residence and profession, name of celebrant) (mfm: AOT, NS 1735/2)	1843-1890
6/2	Register of baptisms (includes date of birth, date of baptism, child's Christian name, parents' names, place of residence and profession, name of celebrant; <i>also</i> names of persons confirmed 1914-1924 at end of volume)	1890-1945

(mfm: AOT, NS 1735/3a-3b)

- 6/3 Parish of Newnham, Register of baptisms 1855-1886
(includes Register of Marriages 1855-1878
at end of volume) (mfm: AOT, NS 1735/1)

7. Registers of Banns and Marriage Notices

- 7/1 Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Register of Banns, 1843-1898
with index to 1847 (includes date, names, place of
residence, marital status, name of clergyman)
(mfm: AOT, NS 1735/4)
- 7/2 Marriage notices (includes names, age, marital status, 1943-1951
place of residence, occupations of bride and bridegroom,
fathers' names and occupation, mothers' names
and maiden names)
- 7/3 Register of Banns (includes names, marital status, 1951-1967
parish, address, date banns published and by whom)

8. Registers of Marriages

- 8/1 Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Register of 1843-1848
Marriages (includes date, place, names of
bride and bridegroom, age, rank (occupation),
signatures of parties and witnesses, name of
clergyman officiating, date of registration)
(mfm: AOT, NS 1735/5)
- 8/2 Register of marriages (includes date, place, names 1848-1864
of bride and bridegroom, age, rank (occupation),
signatures of parties and witnesses, name of
clergyman officiating, date of registration)
(mfm: AOT, NS 1735/6)
- 8/3 Register of marriages (includes date, place, names 1865-1895
of bride and bridegroom, age, rank (occupation),
signatures of parties and witnesses, name of
clergyman officiating, date of registration)
(mfm: AOT, NS 1735/7)

(Note: items 8/4 - 8/27 include names, place of residence, occupation, birthplace,
age, marital status of bride and bridegroom, details of parents, names of celebrant
and witnesses, date)

- 8/4 Register of marriages 1896-1907
- 8/5 Register of marriages 1907-1909

8/6	Register of marriages	1909-1913
8/7	Register of marriages	1914-1918
8/8	Register of marriages	1918-1920
8/9	Register of marriages	1920-1922
8/10	Register of marriages	1923-1929
8/11	Register of marriages	1929-1933
8/12	Register of marriages	1933-1936
8/13	Register of marriages	1936-1938
8/14	Register of marriages	1938-1940
8/15	Register of marriages (mfm: AOT, NS 1735/8)	1940-1943
8/16	Register of marriages	1943-1945
8/17	Register of marriages	1945-1947
8/18	Register of marriages	1947-1951
8/19	Register of marriages	1951-1956
8/20	Register of marriages	1956-1959
8/21	Register of marriages	1959-1961
8/22	Register of marriages	1961-1962
8/23	Register of marriages	1962-1963
8/24	Register of marriages	1963-1967
8/25	Register of marriages	1967-1969
8/26	Register of marriages	1969-1971
8/27	Register of marriages	1971-1975

9. Registers of Burials

9/1	Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Register of Burials (includes name, place of residence, occupation, age, date of burial, burial ground (from 1911 only), officiating minister) (mfm: AOT, NS 1735/9)	1843-1929
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- 9/2 Register of burials (includes name, age, occupation, date of death, date and place of burial, officiating minister) 1942-1956

10. Registers of Sunday School Attendance

- 10/1 Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Register of Sunday School Attendance (includes name of child, class, days attended) 1838-1841
- 10/2 Register of Sunday School Attendance, minute book (includes number of teachers and children attending and occasional remarks) 1852-1860
- 10/3 Register of Sunday School Attendance, roll book (includes name of child, class, days attended) 1869-1870
- 10/4 Register of Sunday School Attendance, roll book (includes name of child, class, days attended) 1901-1903
- 10/5 Register of Sunday School Attendance, roll book (includes name of child, class, days attended) 1912-1918
- 10/6 Sunday School Library Record Book (includes name of child, number of book borrowed and a catalogue of book titles and some loose library cards at end of volume) 1911-1920

11. Registers of Church Members and Confirmation

- 11/1 Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Register of Members and Confirmation (includes names of church members 1858-1863, confirmation classes 1864-1898, record of hymns and chants 1863-1870 and a record of services held at the Invalid Depot, Launceston 1868-1870) (mfm: AOT, NS 1735/10a-10e) 1857-1898
- 11/2 Records of Confirmation (includes name and age of confirmation candidate, year of confirmation) (See also item 6/2 for persons confirmed 1914-1924) 1899-1945
- 11/3 Parish Population record book (includes name, street address, denomination) c 1920s

12. Visitors' Books

- 12/1 Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Visitors' Book (includes date, name and address) 1965-1976
- 12/2 Visitors' Book (includes date, name and address) 1976-1994

13.Plans, Drawings and Specifications

- 13/1 Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Plans, Drawings and Specifications (includes original specification c1900, Alexander North's sketch of the Chapel Altar (water colour), Westfield, Westbury (photocopy), Rectory 1955, Church Hall extension, West End 1978) c1900-1978

14.Publications

- 14/1 Holy Trinity Anglican Church, publications (includes *Church News for the Diocese of Tasmania* January 1866, *War-time intercessions*, *Year Book of the Church of England in Tasmania* 1923 and 1926 editions, *Acts of Synod* 1947, *Vestries Act* 1947, *Clerks' Provident Fund Amendment Act* 1948 (and proposed amendments 1959), *To a Greater Faith Through Planned Financial Stewardship* 1957) 1866-1959

15.Ephemera

- 15/1 Holy Trinity Anglican Church, ephemera (includes Holy Trinity service notices, Holy Trinity debt cards 1861, 'The Parsonage' (poem) 1893, Trinity School leaflet c1880, New Church Building leaflet 1899, A L Moore (London)'s stained glass window drawing (original watercolour on board with two alternate pieces) c1908, unused stationery, certificates, promissory notes 1839, Holy Trinity Sunday School library card c1912, invitations (Trinity Young Men's Club 1911-c1930 and F Smithies' public lecture 1941), free-will offering envelopes, Churchwardens' complimentary slips and receipt forms c1910, Launceston Bank for Savings deposit slip c1920, K Ritchie Insurance Agent calendar 1907-1908, Christian education and promotion leaflets 1939-1958, St John's Anglican Church leaflet c1965, orders of service (various churches) 1934-c1980, institution of J Leggett (Organist) February 1987, Four Seasons Motel, Port Arthur paper serviette) 1861-1987
- 15/2 Parish history notes (includes H F Solomon, *The Parish of the Holy Trinity, Launceston 1839-1966*, and re Holy Trinity property and assets, Church of the Holy Family (Inveresk), Holy Trinity and Invermay Sunday Schools) 1898-1966

16. Photographs

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| 16/1 | Holy Trinity Anglican Church, photograph,
Clergy and Choir approaching Cameron Street
entrance for the New Church Building
Consecration Service, 4 December 1902 | 1902 |
| 16/2 | Clergy and choir seated, c December 1902 | 1902 |

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