

## The Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society Archives and Research

### Archives

We apologise we cannot undertake extensive research or provide access in this period.

Due to Churches of Christ Theological College's co-location with Tabor College, the Archives have been moved into temporary storage. Until 2012 most congregational and genealogical records will be inaccessible. Family history researchers may find copies of the *Australian Christian* and other Churches of Christ periodicals at the State Library of Victoria and there are numerous online resources (listed below).

During this period the Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society is raising funds for the professional cataloguing of the Collection and its long-term storage.

The Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society Archives contain Churches of Christ journals, publications, church records and ephemera. We actively collect materials produced by the Churches of Christ press, Austral Printing and Publishing Company, and the Churches of Christ Theological College (formerly known as The College of the Bible). We also collect items pertaining to local churches, especially in Victoria, and the religious lives of individuals within the denomination. We hold a number of audio recordings, photographs, self-published memoirs and nineteenth and early twentieth-century British and American Churches of Christ publications.

While the ACCHS Archives is the denomination's national archive and holds significant collection of theological and historical materials, not all Churches of Christ records are managed here. Many individual churches and departments continue to manage their own records and state archives hold some church records.

You can view a list of some of the collection below, including periodicals and holdings pertaining to individual Victorian Churches of Christ.

### Access

Access to the collection is restricted as many items are rare or fragile.

### Research Service

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Research enquiries are welcome. Family history researchers are asked to include the full name, date of birth and names of churches attended by the person they are researching.

Due to the incomplete nature of the collection, not all requests for information will be successful: many Churches of Christ in times past did not keep records of marriages, cradle rolls or baptisms. Churches of Christ practise adult believer baptism, so baptism records will not reveal parentage and dates of birth in the way christening records might. Churches named 'Christ Church' do not belong to the Churches of Christ denomination.

### Research Rates

From November 2010 a charge of \$40 per hour will apply (with a minimum half hour or \$20, photocopying and postage included). Charges contribute to the cost of ongoing conservation

of the collection. Cheques may be made payable to 'Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society'.

### Online Resources

Many useful history resources, including biographies, church histories and essays, are available online at <http://www.mun.ca/rels/restmov/subs/rmau.html>

In 1903, photographs and histories of almost all Churches of Christ in Australia were published in 'The Jubilee Pictorial History of Churches of Christ in Australasia'.  
<http://www.mun.ca/rels/restmov/digital/jph/JPH000.HTM>

The Historical Society is appreciative of the work of Dr Hans Rollmann, Memorial University of Newfoundland, in developing and maintaining the Restoration Movement website.

### Collection

The most commonly requested items in the collection have been indexed.

1. Major Periodicals: list of Australian, British, American periodicals held
2. *Historical Digest*: index to names, churches and topics, 1960-2008
3. Victorian Churches of Christ from 1853-2008: dates, name changes and archival holdings

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## 1. Major Periodicals held in the ACCHS Archives

### Australian Periodicals

Australasian Christian Standard	1885-1897
Australian Christian	1898-2003 (except 1899 and 1921)
Australian Pioneer (editor: DA Ewers)	1885-1898 (complete)
Christian Advocate	1879
Christian Pioneer (editor: TJ Gore)	1868-1879 (complete)
Christian Watchman (editor: JJ Haley)	1880-1885
Christian Witness	1870s (incomplete)
Historical Digest	1960-
Provocative Pamphlets/Pamphlet Club	1955-1997 (complete)

### British Periodicals

Christian Messenger and Reformer	1837-1847
British Millennial Harbinger	1848-1870 (except 1853)
Ecclesiastical Observer	1871-1880

### American Periodicals

Christian Baptist (editor: A Campbell)	1827-29 (complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition)
Christian Messenger	1827
Millennial Harbinger	1830-1867

Explanatory note: The Archives hold numerous other periodicals, in incomplete and complete series, however those listed above are most commonly used by researchers.

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## 2. Index to individuals, churches and topics in *Historical Digest*, published by Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society, 1960-2008

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### 3. Victorian Churches of Christ from 1853-2008: dates, name changes and historical records held in ACCHS Archive

#### Explanatory note:

**Extensive holdings** means that the Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society Archives hold one or more boxes of records, but it does not mean that the records held are complete.

**Printed history** refers to souvenir booklets and larger published histories of churches.

**Church Records** refers to minute books, church rolls, directories of members, trust deeds, financial documents or the like.

**Ephemera** refers to photographs, advertisements, brochures, orders of service, newspaper clippings, church newsletters and other incidental items not initially intended to be preserved.



**Dates.** Where no second date follows a hyphen the church is still open in 2008. Where a question mark precedes the first date the church is known to have started by or before that date although the exact starting date is uncertain.

Church	Dates and name changes	Extensive holdings	Printed History (date)	Church Records	Ephemera
Ararat	1919-				Y
Archerton	?1895-1905				
Ascot Vale	1891-				Y
Ashburton	1942–1999 Also called East Malvern until 1963.		1967, 1992		Y
Avonsleigh	1869- Called Gembrook until 1890s, East Emerald until 1951.				Y
Bairnsdale	1884-1912				
Ballarat Brougham Street	1938-1968 Called Ballarat Doveton Street until 1955.		Y		
Ballarat Central	(see Ballarat Peel St)				
Ballarat Dawson Street	1859- Called Ballarat Family Church 1994.		Y		Y
Ballarat Doveton Street	(see Ballarat Brougham St)				
Ballarat Family	(see Ballarat Dawson St)				
Ballarat-Haddon	(see Haddon)				
Ballarat-Mt Clear	1863-		1963		Y
Ballarat Peel Street	1869-		Y		
Ballarat York Street	1925-		Y		Y
Balwyn	1922-				Y
Balwyn North	1951-1997				
Bambra Road Caulfield	1920-1983	Y	Y	Many	Y
Barker's Creek	1873- 2003 Called Harcourt from 1908.		1971		Y
Ballandella	1895-1910 (near Echuca)				
Bangerang	?1895-1902 (Wimmera region)				
Bayswater	1871-	Y	Y	Many	Y
Beaumaris	1859 – Merged into Southern Community.				
Beit Ha Mashiach	1999 (tr. House of the Messiah). In Caulfield Sth				
Bellarine Peninsula	1977-				
Belmont	1940-				Y
Benalla	1926-36, 1955-76				Y
Bendigo	1866- Services at Derby, Eaglehawk, Golden		1966		Y

	Square, Kangaroo Flat, Spring Gully.				
Bentleigh	1929-1984?		1989		Y
Bentleigh East	1960-1994		1963		
Berijeroop	?1895-1905 (Mallee region)				
Berwick	1869-		1969		Y
Bet Bet	1886-1974		Y		Y
Birchip	?1895-1900				
Blackburn	1904- Called Blackburn until 1959, then Nunawading until 1994, then called Blackburn again until merger with Box Hill – becoming One Community in 2005.		Y	Some	Y
Black Rock	1926-1981 Later called Sandringham.	Y			Y
Boort	1913-		1963		
Boronia	1921-		Y		
Box Hill	1911- Merged in 2005 with Blackburn to become One Community.		Y	Some	Y
Briar Hill	1965- Became Greensborough 1983.				Y
Bright	1986-				
Brighton	1859 -	Y			
Brim	1894-				Y
Brimbank	1961- Initially called Milleara, under Essendon Nth until 1970. Then called East Keilor. Merged with Barnabas Christian Fellowship.				Y
Broadmeadows	1873-1914			Some	
Brunswick	1882- Also called Brunswick Christian Fellowship. Also called Revitalise.		1932		Y
Buninyong	1870-1921				
Burnley	1905-1962 Merged with Nth Richmond to become Richmond in 1962.				Y
Buronga	1952-1972 Associated with Mildura.				
Burwood	1958- Later became Burwood-Mt Waverly				
Burwood East	(see Burwood)		1925		
Burwood – Mt	(see Burwood)				

Waverley					
Camberwell	1916- Initially called East Camberwell. Became Camberwell Vision in 1995. (see also Vision)				Y
Careforce	(see Mt Evelyn)				
Carlton Chinese Mission	(see Carlton Queensberry St)				
Carlton Lygon Street	1854-1979 Left Churches of Christ.				Y
Carlton Queensberry Street	1906- Also called Carlton Chinese Mission.				
Carlton North	1891-1944			Some	
Carnegie	1893-			Some	
Casey	1996-2003				
Casterton Community	1995-				
Castlemaine	1870-		1970		Y
Caulfield –	(see Bambra Road or Malvern-Caulfield)				
Chadstone	1953-2000 Called Jordanville until 1961.				Y
Cheltenham	1857- Later called Southern Community.		1937, 1957		Y
Chelsea	1924-				Y
Chesterville	1857- Merged with Cheltenham.				
Christian Church of All Nations	1988-1997 Disaffiliated				
Churchill	1966- (co-operating churches)				
Clayton	1950-1979 Withdrew from Conference.				Y
Coburg	1920-2000		1980		Y
Coleraine-Casterton	1927 (see Hamilton)				Y
Colac	1892-2008		1992		Y
Collingwood	1868-1979 Left Churches of Christ.		1932, 1968		Y
Connections	(see Croydon )				
Cosgrove	1900-1925 (Shepparton area)				
Croydon	1873- Changed to Connections in 2000		1973	Some	Y
Culgoa	?-1920				
Dandenong	1892-		1943		Y
Dandenong North	1980-1987				
Dareton-Wentworth	1929-				Y
Daylesford	1900-1987				
Dimboola	1937-1986				Y
Dinnyarrak	1888-1918				

	(Kaniva area)				
Doncaster	1863-		1913, 1963		Y
Doncaster East	1922-1951				
Drumcondra	1925-1964, In Geelong Nth, became Manifold Heights in 1964, then Kardinia.		Y		
Drummond	1878-1951				
Dunmunkle	1886-1926 (Horsham area)				
Dunolly	1872-1974		1972	Some	
Eagles Wings	2002- (Coburg area)				
East Bentleigh	(see Bentleigh East)				
East Camberwell	(see Camberwell)				
East Keilor	(see Brimbank)				
East Kew	(see Kew East)				
East Malvern	(see Ashburton)				
Eastern Regional Suburban Assoc	1980s			Some	
Echuca	1891-		Y		Y
Elphinstone	1878-1920				
Eltham	1916-1920				
Emerald East	(see Avonsleigh)				
Emerald	1913-1964	Y			
End Time	2004- (Oakleigh area)				
Essendon	1915-				Y
Essendon North	1926-		Y		
Euroa	?1886-1902				
Fairfield	1887-		Y		
Fawkner	1956-1971				
Fernihurst	?1884-1913 Merged with Boort.				
Ferntree Gully	(see Foothills)				
Fish Point	1907-1910 (Swan Hill area)				
Fitzroy	1888-1942			Some	Y
Fitzroy North	1873-				Y
Foothills Neighbourhood Communities	1999- (Ferntree Gully area)				
Footscray	1878- Held services at Tottenham and Yarraville in 1930-40s		Y		
Fountain Gate	1989-1995				
Frankston	1932-			Some	Y
French Island	1893-1954				Y
Galah	1914-1921 (Mallee area)				
Galaquil	1892-1909 (Mallee area)				
Gardenvale	1922-1966				
Gardiner	1914- Became Gardiner International				Y

Gardiner International	(see Gardiner)				
Garfield	1926-1931				Y
Gateway	(see Warrnambool)				
Geelong LaTrobe Terrace	1857- Also called Hope Street until 1907, then Latrobe Terrace.		Y		Y
Geelong East	(see Thomson)				
Geelong North	(see Kardinia, previously known as Drumcondra, and Manifold Heights)				
Geelong – Slavic	1952-1977		Y		
Gembrook	(see Avonsleigh)				
Gisborne	1976-				
Glen Waverley	1954- Changed name to Monash City			Some	Y
Glenferrie	(see Hawthorn)				
Glenorchy	1900-1902				
Golden Square (Wade Street)	1905-1933				
Golden Square (High Street)	1945-1954 conducted under leadership of Bendigo Church				
Gordon	1909-1917				
Grace Church	1982- (Wantirna area)				Y
Greensborough	1965- Called Briar Hill until 1983.				Y
Haddon	(see Ballarat-Haddon)				
Hamilton	1927- Also held services at Coleraine and Casterton.				Y
Hampton	1911-1994 Combined with Black Rock in 1981 to form Sandringham. Changed name to Hampton Street in 1990 using Hampton buildings. Merged with Southern Community in 1993.	Y	Y		Y
Harcourt	1873-2003 Also called Barker's Creek until 1908		1971		Y
Hartwell	1921-		1971	Some	Y
Haven	1916-1977 (Horsham area)				
Hawthorn	1873-1979 Also called Glenferrie.	Y			Y
Homebush	1866-1908 (BetBet area)				
Hopetoun	?1897-1904				

Horsham	1886-		Y		Y
Hotham	(see Nth Melbourne)				
House and Flat	1987-1993 (at West Richmond)				
House of the Messiah	(see Beit Ha Mashiach)				
Hurstbridge	1952-1997	Y			
Indonesian Bethel	2000-2003				
Indonesian Praise	1992- (Nth Caulfield area)				
Ivanhoe	1917-1999 Merged with Northern Community in 1999.				Y
Ivanhoe Korean	1981-1985?				
International Christian Community	1994- (Glen Waverley area)				
Jordanville	(see Chadstone)				
Jumbuk	1914-1924 (Gippsland area)				
Kaneira	1915-1918				
Kangaroo Flat	1887-1913. 1958-1971				
Kaniva	1889- Associated with services at Yanipy, Miriam Sth, Sth Lillmur, Bill's Gully, Sandsmere, Dinnyarrak, Yearinga and Nhill.				
Kardinia	1925- Began as Drumcondra, changed to Manifold Heights in 1964, then Kardinia.				
Keilor East	(see Brimbank)				
Kensington	1990-1993				
Kerang (East)	?1899-1917				
Kew East	1923-1993				
Keysborough	(see Noble Park)				
Knoxfield	1964-		1983		Y
Korean Church	1991 (Ashburton- Burwood area)				
Kyabram	1883-1908				
Kyneton	1905- 2001				Y
Keysborough	(see Noble Park)				
Lake Boga	1914-1922				
Lake Rowan	1899-1920				
Lancefield	1883-1924				
La Trobe Terrace	(see Geelong)				
Latrobe Regional	(see Morwell)				
Leopold	2006-				
Lillimur	1888-1962				
Lower Heytesbury	1993-1951				
Maidavale	?1899-1906 (Mallee area)				
Maidstone	1949-	Y			
Malvern-Caulfield	1889-1995	Y	Y	Many	Y
Manifold Heights	(see Kardinia)				

Maroondah	1997-1999				
Maryborough	1862-				
Matthew's Party	1998-2002 (Footscray area)				
Melbourne Hosanna	2004- (Glen Waverley area)				
Melbourne Swanston Street	1865-				
Melbourne Chinese, Queensberry St	1990-				
Melbourne Praise Centre	2002- (see also Gardiner)				
Melton Regional	1981-1986				
Mentone	(see Parkdale)				
Merbein	1911-1981				
Merrigum	1897-1905 (Shepparton area)				
Miepoll	?1886-1914 (Violet Town area)				
Milleara	(See Brimbank)				
Meredith	1900-1964				
Middle Park	1908-1969 Merged with South Melbourne	Y			
Mildura	1894-				
Minyip	?1887-1964 Merged with Warracknabeal				
Mitcham	1930- Co-operated with Nunawading 1980- 1991.				
Mitchie	1890-1905 (Kaniva area)				
Monash City	(see Glen Waverley)				
Mont Albert	1928-1948				
Montrose	1877-				Y
Moreland	1909-1971	Y			Y
Mooroolbark	1877-1910 Became Montrose.				
Mooroopna	1955-1997				Y
Mornington	1989-				
Morwell and Newborough	1940- Later called Latrobe Regional				Y
Mt Evelyn	1947- Also called Mt Evelyn Christian Fellowship. Called Careforce from 2002.				Y
Mulgrave	1991-				
Mumble Plains	1896-1905 (Swan Hill area)				
Murrumbena	1889-1910				Y
Murtoa	?1884-1903 (Horsham area)				
Mystic Park	1893-1910 (Kerang area)				
Mysia	?1878-1913				

	Merged with Boort, their building moved to Boort to be chapel.				
Newborough	(see Morwell)				
Newmarket	1884-1970		1934	Some	Y
Newport	1930-1945				
Newstead	1880-1924				
Nillumbik Community	1999- (Eltham area)				
Noble Park	1930-1937. 1954-2001 Called Keysborough from 1990-2001. Called Power to Change from 2001-.				Y
Norlane	1957-				Y
Northcote	1903-2000 Merged with Northern Community		1963, 1986		Y
Northern Community	2000- Formed by merger of Ivanhoe, Northcote, Preston and Preston West. (see Preston and Northcote)				
North Melbourne	1870-1938 Initially known as Hotham.	Y	1920	Some	Y
Numurkah	1988-				
Nunawading	(see Blackburn)				Y
Oakleigh	1916-		1966		Y
Ocean Grove	1977- United Church. Became Bellarine Peninsula in 1991.				Y
One Community	2005- Merger of Blackburn and Box Hill				
Open Door Community	2002- (see also The Patch)				
Ormond	1925-		1975		Y
Ouyen	1921-1926				
Pakenham	1869-1936				
Parkdale	1921-		Y		Y
Pascoe Vale	1956-				Y
Piangil	1926-1930				
Pimpinio	1901-1909 (Ballarat area)				
Pitfield Plains	1901-1909 (Ballarat area)				
Polkemmett	1886-1922		Y		Y
Port Fairy	1883-		1983		Y
Portland	1940-				Y
Power to Change Fellowship	(see Noble Park)				
Prahran	1853-1996 Merged with South Yarra to form		Y	Some	Y



	Stonnington in 1996.				
Preston	1902-2000 Later called Northern Community.				Y
Preston East	1939-1978 Combined with Preston in 1971 to form a circuit.				
Preston West	1929-2000. Merged to form Northern Community.		1970		Y
Pyramid Hill	1925-		1995		Y
Red Cliffs	1923-		1971		Y
Red Hill	1885-		1985		Y
Red Network	1867- (see Sth Melbourne)				
Reservoir	1934-1997				Y
Restoration Community	(see Sth Melbourne)				
Revitalise	(see Brunswick)				
Richmond	1889-2004 See also Burnley and Nth Richmond who merged with Richmond in 1962.	Y		Many	
Richmond North	1889-1962 Merged with Richmond.	Y	1915	Many	Y
Richmond South	1899-1959				Y
Richmond West	See House and Flat				
Richmond Vietnamese	1991-				
Ringwood	1919-				
River Valley	2002- (Millgrove area)				
Rochester	1916-1963 Withdrew from Churches of Christ. 1968-1976.				Y
Robinvale	1957-1986				
Rowville	1990-1994			Some	Y
Roxburgh Park	1996-				
Runnymede East	1899-1910 (near Elmore)				
St Arnaud	1904-				Y
St Kilda	1864-1978 Under auspices of Prahran until 1979. 1988-1992.			Many	Y
Sandringham	1981-1990 (see Hampton)				Y
Seaford	1959-1967 Disaffiliated				Y
Serviceton	1888- Later joined with Kaniva in circuit.				Y
Shepparton	1881-				Y
South Melbourne	1867- Merged with Middle		1967		Y

	Park in 1969, at South Melbourne. Later known as Restoration Community, then as Red Network.				
South Yarra	1893-1996 Merged with Prahran to form Stonnington in 1996.		1993	Some	Y
Southern Community	1993- Amalgamation of Cheltenham, East Bentleigh and Hampton Street at Cheltenham.				
Spring Gully	1949-1971 Under Bendigo's auspices; 1991-				
Springvale	1941-		Y		Y
Springvale North Vietnamese	2002-				
Stawell	1906-		1981		
Stonnington	1996- Formed by merger of Prahran and South Yarra				
Strathmore	1951- 2000				
Sunbury	1992-				
Sunshine	1926-2000				Y
Surrey Hills	1890- Joined by Wattle Park after fire destroyed Wattle Park in 1981. Also called Surrey Hills-The Avenue		1940, 1989	Some	Y
Swan Hill	1920-				Y
Taradale	1878-1927		Y		Y
The Patch	1956- (see also Open Door)				Y
The Rainbow Community	1999- (Noble Park area)				
Thomson	1960-2001 Became Geelong East in 1981.				
Thornbury	1921-		1942, 1981	Some	Y
Toolamba	1882-1910 (GoulburnValley area)				
Toora	1965-2000				
Tootgarook	1951-				Y
Traralgon	1961-2001				
Ultima	1910-1956				
Upper Yarra	1993-				
Vision	1992- South Asian congregation. (Camberwell area)				
Walhalla	1910-1920				
Warmur West	?1897-1905 Became				

	Wilkur in 1905. (Mallee area)				
Wangaratta	1926-				Y
Warracknabeal	1893-1986	Y		Some	Y
Warragul	1886-		1969, 1985		Y
Warrnambool	1874- Changed name to Gateway in 2000.			Some	Y
Wattle Park	1948-1982 Joined Surrey Hills in 1982 after Wattle Park property destroyed by fire.		1982		Y
Wedderburn	1854-		1964		Y
Werribee	1978-				
Western Regional Chinese	1993-2001 Disaffiliated				
Whitfield	1957-1969 In circuit with Wangaratta				
Williamstown	1888- Also called Williamstown North		1938, 1988		
Wilkur	1905-1910 Formerly Warmur West				
Windsor	1905-1935			Some	Y
W Tree	1905-1936 (Buchan area)				Y
Wodonga	1978- Later known as Wodonga New Life				
Wonga Park	1910-1928				Y
Wonthaggi	1911-1914				
Woorinen	1915-1981 (see also Swan Hill)				Y
Yanac North	1893-1909 (Kaniva area)				
Yando	?1896-1913 Became part of Boort church.				
Yarrowalla	?1887-1905 (Lodden Valley area)				
Yarrowonga	1925-		Y		Y
Churches of Christ Victorian Conference Administrative Centres	<b>1959-1973</b> 217 Lonsdale St, Melbourne. <b>1974-1991</b> 52 LaTrobe St, Melbourne. <b>1992-2005</b> 77 Capel St, West Melbourne <b>2005-</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, 582 Heidelberg Rd, Fairfield				

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