

## OUR COLLECTION

Many records of our history survives but much has unfortunately gone. However, in 2015 a small group interested in the history of both churches formed the Parish History Project under the authority of the Parish Council, in the context of the 150<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the founding of St George the Martyr and St James respectively.

Remaining records have been carefully gathered and are now protected and preserved in a small archive in Point Lonsdale and in the Diocese of Melbourne Archive. They are complemented by further records held by the Queenscliffe Historical Museum and the State Library of Victoria.

The History Project is attempting to undertake archival practises in the management of the collection and is in the process of making many of the records further accessible to researchers, historians and those interested in genealogy.

Records related to the following (generally up to the year 2000 - but some more recent) are held:

- Registers of many baptisms from 1858
  - Registers of some confirmations
  - Certificates and Declarations of Marriages
  - Registers of many funerals
  - Contracts, plans, drawings and specifications for some of our buildings
  - Most vestry minute books
  - Some minutes of various church organisations
  - Many editions of church weekly monthly or quarterly parish news publications
  - Parish Profiles
  - Parish Sustainability and Planning Reports
  - Structural surveys and conservation management reports
  - Records of discussions concerning amalgamation of the two parishes
  - Statements of Parish Receipts and Expenditure
  - Visitor's books
  - Annual Reports
  - Sundry related newspaper articles
  - Registered Church Faculties
  - Original artworks
  - Short histories of the parishes by various contributors
  - Limited documents relating to the establishment of St James's as a separate parish
  - Photographs of various buildings and structures
  - Photographs of various, memorials, plaques, objects and memorabilia
  - Photographs of various parish clergy and lay members
  - Albums of photographs related to The Guilders performing group
  - Photographs of some social events
  - Records of St George's church furnishings
- And much more.....

In addition to the above, several very interesting occasional newsletters have been published by Parish History Project members under the masthead: 'Scallop Shell and Dragon Slayers - Telling the Story of the Anglicans in the Borough' (2015 – 2018) and an oral history project involving audio interviews of 22 older members of the combined parish was undertaken between 2014 and 2018.

Over 5,000 of these records have been digitised. Please see the **ACCESSING OUR DIGITAL COLLECTION** tab for more information about access.