

# the Archives

When I read last years report to Synod I realized that I had to say the same things again this year.

- Increasing complexity of requests both in and out of house
- Requests for entries from Baptism Registers for a variety of purposes especially over seas marriages and applications for church schools have continued to be difficult to the inability of some parishes to locate registers, or poor record keeping

So what is new?

Additions to the collections have been received from the former New Brighton and Barrington Street portions of current Parishes.

Zoom meetings were held with Churchwardens and are an ongoing connection with the national Archives and History Committee of which the archivist is a member. The latter group would always welcome information about ongoing projects as the members can provide connections to resources that may be unknown to researchers.

By the time this is read the Scott plans for the ChristChurch Cathedral will have been digitized. Ongoing digitization is an important part of the ongoing archives programme. It not only makes material more easily available to researchers, but in the long term decreases the amount of wear and tear on the items themselves.

The most obvious example of this is the work the undertaken by the Friday volunteers Hilary Rayner, Ruth Stamler, Dorothy Burrows and Hank van Til and the Wednesday volunteers, Prue Purser and Lorraine Owen. They have continued their twice monthly transcriptions of Baptism Registers. To date they have completed 35 that are available with a small subscription to Putake.

<https://putake.recollect.co.nz> Registers have been chosen to reflect the geographical spread of the diocese and mirrors its development and the gradual split from using a single register, to one for each location. A process that, with the amalgamation of parishes is now happening in reverse.

The archives have also been supplying resources for Pumotomoto.

<https://kinderlibrary.recollect.co.nz/> The most useful are Year Books and Diocesan Magazines which are on line. The 1930's have been sent to Auckland for scanning.

In the past the Archives have produced Occasional Papers. Three of them can now be found on Project Canterbury viz. *The Blain Biographical Directory of Anglican Clergy in the Pacific* in its expanded form [https://anglicanhistory.org/nz/blain\\_directory/](https://anglicanhistory.org/nz/blain_directory/) and *The Canterbury Association A Study of its Members* [https://anglicanhistory.org/nz/blain\\_canterbury2007.pdf](https://anglicanhistory.org/nz/blain_canterbury2007.pdf)

A portion of *Harper's Journeys* is presently being expanded to include the names of all those who were baptized by Bishop Harper. The Putake Project is proving very useful in locating these individuals. There is also the possibility of adding more Occasional Papers online. The archives are therefore looking for articles of 5,000- 10,000 words that have Anglican or Christchurch repositories as their main source. Alternatively someone may wish to take advantage of the Archives open days that occur twice a month and undertake an investigation that will lead to publication.