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CARDIFF TRINITY CHURCH, WOMANBY STREET
(later Cowbridge Road)

The first Trinity Church was erected in Homanby (later Womanby) Street, Cardiff in 1696 on land leased to Alderman John Archer of Cardiff by Sir John Thomas, baronet, of Wenvoe and his wife Elizabeth. The congregation had been formed in the years after the Restoration by John French who had been ejected from the living of Wenvoe in 1662 and it is thought likely that French's congregation included members of the first nonconformist congregation in Cardiff which had been formed in 1640 by William Erbury who had been ejected from the living of Cardiff St. Mary and who died in 1654.

In 1718 the church was endowed by Archer with a dwelling house in West (later Castle) Street, Cardiff and the sum of £400. In 1847 the church was re-opened after having been rebuilt following a fire.

In 1888 Trinity Church was amalgamated with Llandaff Road Church and the Charity Commissioners approved the sale of Womanby Street Church, the proceeds of which were used to erect a new church in Cowbridge Road for the united congregation. The united congregation met in Llandaff Road Church until the new church, known as New Trinity Church, was opened in 1894.

For records of Llandaff Road Church before amalgamation see DECONG6/45 & 46

Registers

DECONG6/1/1	Marriage register [1 volume]	1932-1938
DECONG6/1/2	Marriage register [1 volume]	1939-1946
DECONG6/1/3	Marriage register [1 volume]	1946-1951
DECONG6/1/4	Marriage register [1 volume]	1951-1962

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DECONG6/1/5	Marriage register [1 volume]	1963-1971
DECONG6/2	Superintendent Registrar's certificate of the registration of New Trinity Church for the solemnization of marriages [1 paper]	1896
Church meetings		
DECONG6/3/1	Church meetings minute book [includes lists of church members and entries of baptisms, 1843, 1849-51, 1856, 1860, 1864-72] <i>[a surname index to baptisms & membership lists 1841, 1849 & 1862 is available in the Copy Searchroom, compiled by the Glamorgan Record Office]</i> [1 volume]	1842-1844 1849-1862
DECONG6/3/2i,ii	Church meetings minute book [includes a general record of events in the life of the church in which resolutions of church meetings are recorded 1873-85, 1889-95; statements of accounts 1894-1913] [enclosed: statements of accounts 1914-18; text of speech on the history of the church, no date, c1930] [1 volume; 1 bundle]	1873, 1887, 1889
DECONG6/3/3	Church meetings minute book [enclosed: letters on the death of the Reverend William Seward 1894] [1 volume; 6 papers]	1894-1914
DECONG6/3/4	Church meetings minute book [1 volume]	1934-1952
DECONG6/3/5	Church meetings minute book [1 volume]	1952-1965
DECONG6/3/6	Church meetings minute book [1 volume]	1965-1977
Deacons' meetings		
DECONG6/4/1	Deacons' meetings minute book [enclosed: drawing of [? proposed] new congregational church in Cowbridge Road by Seward and Thomas, architects, December 1892] [1 volume; 1 paper]	1887-1894

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DECONG6/4/2	Deacons' meetings minute book [1 volume]	1898-1906
DECONG6/4/3	Deacons' meetings minute book [1 volume]	1914-1921
DECONG6/4/4	Deacons' meetings minute book [1 volume]	1921-1938
DECONG6/4/5	Deacons' meetings minute book [1 volume]	1938-1953
DECONG6/4/6	Deacons' meetings minute book [1 volume]	1953-1961
DECONG6/4/7	Deacons' meetings minute book [1 volume]	1961-1969
DECONG6/4/8	Deacons' meetings minute book [1 volume]	1969-1978
DECONG6/4/9	Deacons' meetings minute book [1 volume]	1978-1984
DECONG6/5/1	Report of the deacons' committee on finances [1 file, multi-reproduced]	7 Jul 1912
DECONG6/5/2i,ii	Report of the deacons on finances, to be considered at a church meeting [1 file; multi-reproduced; also 1 duplicate]	16 Sep 1912
Trustees' meetings		
DECONG6/6/1	Trustees' meetings minute book [1 volume]	1885-1927
Membership rolls		
DECONG6/7/1	Roll of church members [1 volume]	Compiled c1894-1909
	<i>for roll of members c1888-1892 see DCONG6/45</i>	
DECONG6/7/2	Roll of church members [1 volume]	1931-1939

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DECONG6/7/3i,ii Roll of church members 1941-1961
[including letters and certificates introducing new
members from other congregations c1935-1953]
[1 volume; 1 bundle]

Financial records

*For statements of accounts 1894-1918 see
DECONG6/3/2i,ii*

*For statements of accounts 1947-1949 see
DECONG6/17*

DECONG6/8i-iii Statements of accounts 1919
[3 papers; multi-reproduced] 1951

DECONG6/9/1 Account book 1920-1925
[including balance sheets and miscellaneous accounts]
[1 volume]

DECONG6/9/2i,ii Accounts 1923-1927
[including income and expenditure accounts and
Sunday School extension fund accounts]
[1 booklet; 1 bundle]

DECONG6/10 Collection book 1895-1914
[1 volume]

DECONG6/11 Pew rents book 1887-1904
[1 volume]

DECONG6/12 Chapel Building Fund bank book 1919-1931
[1 volume]

DECONG6/13i-v Papers concerning a loan of £300 from the 1938
Congregational Union of England and Wales
[5 papers]

DECONG6/14 Receipted bill from Martin and Coate of Oxford, organ 1948
builders, for work on the church organ
[1 paper]

Church property

DECONG6/15 Conditions and specification for the erection of a 1871
warehouse and alterations to a dwelling house at 15
Angel Street, Cardiff by WD Blessley, architect
[1 file]

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DECONG6/16	Correspondence and papers concerning church property, especially the sale of the Womanby Street site, the erection of the church in Cowbridge Road and repairs to the Castle Street property [1 bundle]	c1885-c1911
DECONG6/17	Correspondence and papers concerning the Archer trust [including abstract of the trust deed, 1718; scheme (photocopy) of the Charity Commission for administration of the trust, 1929; statements of accounts (photocopies) of the chapel, 1947-49; order for removal and appointment of new trustees, 1952; memorandum on the history and administration of the trust, 1954] [1 bundle]	c1886-1954
DECONG6/18	Sale catalogue of Womanby Street Church including plan showing its location [1 paper; printed]	1890
DECONG6/19	Correspondence concerning church property in Castle Street [1 bundle]	1910
DECONG6/20	Correspondence and other papers concerning insurance under the War Damage Act [including letter from Martin and Coate, Oxford, estimating the replacement value of the church organ, 1914] [1 bundle]	1914
Appointments of Ministers		
DECONG6/21i,ii DECONG6/22	Letter (copy) from the secretary of the church meeting inviting Griffith J Evans to become minister of the congregation; also Evan's letter of acceptance [3 papers]	1916
DECONG6/23 DECONG6/24i-iv	Order of service for the induction of H Dennis-Jones, 1931; also papers concerning his appointment to conduct marriages [1 booklet; printed; 4 papers]	1931-1932
Pastoral		
DECONG6/25	'On the Choosing of a Pastor': poem by Ann Gouk, 1811 [1 card; printed]	printed C20

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DECONG6/26	Note book, apparently kept by a Minister [name illegible] containing notes on pastoral, ethical matters, biblical texts etc., bearing date on front cover [1 volume]	1847
DECONG6/27	Letter (copy) from 96 Kings Road, Canton on headed Church writing paper to unnamed correspondent expressing sympathy on the death of his wife [1 paper]	1894
Sunday School		
DECONG6/28	Circular letter (heading and first two lines only) [appealing for contributions to the New School Fund] [1 paper; printed]	no date c1932-1933
DECONG6/29	Programme for stone laying ceremony of the new school [1 paper; printed]	Jun 1933
DECONG6/30	Programme for the opening of the new school [1 paper; printed]	Oct 1933
Church events		
DECONG6/31	Programme for bazaar in aid of school extension fund [1 booklet; printed]	1924
DECONG6/32,33	Suggested scheme for historical pageant to be held in 1940 to commemorate the tercentenary of the church illustrating events in its history [also: correspondence, 1935, giving biographical details of the Reverend Edward White, assistant minister, 1841-1842] [1 booklet; 1 bundle]	Compiled c1935
DECONG6/34i-v	Ticket for a children's rally to be held at Clive Road Presbyterian Church, Cardiff by the Cardiff Band of Hope Union [1 card; printed; 4 duplicates]	1956
Magazines and Newsletters		
DECONG6/35	'The Congregational Magazine' published by the Cardiff and District Congregational Board, Number 1 [1 booklet; printed]	Jan 1919
DECONG6/36	'Roath Park Congregational Church Tidings' [1 paper; multi-reproduced]	Jun 1952

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DECONG6/37/1,2	New Trinity Church newsletters [1 booklet, 1 file; multi-reproduced]	Nov 1967 Oct 1969
Historical		
DECONG6/38	'The Life of the Reverend D Tyssil Evans' by H Elvet Lewis 'and other friends', published Cardiff [1 volume; printed]	1921
DECONG6/39	'Trinity Church, 1640-1924: Historical Sketch' including a list of ministers from 1640 [1 booklet; printed]	no date c1924
DECONG6/40i,ii	Memorandum on the history and administration of John Archer's charity [2 papers; multi-reproduced; 1 duplicate]	1954
Pictorial		
DECONG6/41	Lithograph of [? Proposed] façade of Womanby Street Congregational Church by G Clinton, architect [1 lithograph; mounted]	1846
DECONG6/42	Photograph taken by AH Blakeman, Atlas Road, Cardiff of the font and memorial chair dedicated to the memory of the Reverend D Tyssil Evans [1 photograph; mounted]	no date, post 1920
DECONG6/43	Photograph of the laying of a foundation stone at New Trinity schoolroom by Mrs H Dennis-Jones [1 photograph; mounted]	no date [1933]
DECONG6/44	Photograph of the laying of a foundation stone at New Trinity schoolroom by Miss N Trewartha [1 photograph; mounted]	no date [1933]

**LLANDAFF ROAD ENGLISH CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

[This congregation was formed by members from the Ebenezer Welsh Congregational Church who left that church in 1866. In 1868 they opened their chapel in Severn Road and later moved to the former Wesleyan chapel in Llandaff Road. In 1888 the church was united with Trinity Church, Womanby Street with a view to purchasing a new site and erecting a new and larger church in Cowbridge Road. New Trinity Church was opened in 1894]

Register and church meetings minute book

DECONG6/45	<p>Register of baptisms and burials [3 entries only] [including minutes of church meetings, 1884-1885, 1887; roll of church members compiled c1888-1892 with roll of members of Womanby Street Church, 1888; copy correspondence with the Reverend RT Howell, 1886 and the Reverend D Tyssil Evans, 1895 inviting them to become ministers of the church; historical accounts of Womanby Steet and Llandaff Road Churches, 1888] [1 volume]</p> <p><i>[A surname index is available to baptisms 1882-1887 in the Copy Searchroom compiled by the Glamorgan Record Office]</i></p>	1882-1887 1882
DECONG6/46	<p>Building Committee</p> <p>Building committee minute book [1 volume]</p>	1887, 1889-1895

**NEW TRINITY CHURCH, COWBRIDGE ROAD EAST,
CARDIFF**

DECONG6/47	New Trinity. 'The history of Cardiff's oldest nonconformist church', by Brian Llewellyn James. Published to commemorate Trinity's 350 th anniversary. [1 booklet; printed]	1986
	Photographs of the interior and exterior of the church with some members of the congregation. [21 photographs]	
DECONG6/48	Order for the opening of the new Sunday School [1 booklet, printed]	1933
DECONG6/49	Programme for Tercentenary Celebrations. Includes a history of the church. [1 booklet; 4 copies]	1950
DECONG6/50	Sermon by the Reverend Ivor Cassam broadcast on the Welsh Home Service [1 file]	29 Sep 1957
DECONG6/51	'Our Johnny' a one act play by DOW Harris [1 file]	
DECONG6/52	Photograph of the former Llandaff Road Church as Canton Gospel Hall [1 photograph]	no date
DECONG6/53	Historical notes on Early Nonconformity in South Wales including Llanvaches in Monmouthshire, Reverend William Wroth, Reverend Walter Craddock, Reverend William Erbury, Reverend Thomas Barnes, Llangattock House, The Long Parliament and the 'Book of Sports' [1 booklet]	no date
DECONG6/54	'The United Reformed Church in Wales: Its Heritage and Formation' by Glyndwr Harris. Maesteg: Provincial World Church & Mission Committee. [1 booklet]	1984
DECONG6/55	Correspondence regarding archives deposited at the Glamorgan Record Office [1 document]	1984

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DECONG6/56	'Congregationalism in Cardiff: Trinity Church 1640-1924, Historical Sketch'. A history of Trinity Chapel, Womanby Street, Cardiff, Llandaff Road Church and New Trinity Church, Canton. (duplicate of DECONG6/39 but disbound and without its cover) [1 booklet]	no date
DECONG6/57	Photograph of George Vincent and Stephen Miles (elders) [1 photograph]	c1987
DECONG6/58	Press cuttings. Includes details of a concert by Cardiff Male Voice Choir, 1990 [1 file; 6 papers]	1990
DECONG6/59	A history of the 3 rd Cardiff Company of the Boys' Brigade. Includes one group photograph. [1 booklet]	1936
DECONG6/60/1	Photograph of the laying of the foundation stone of the New Trinity Schoolroom by Mrs Forrester [1 photograph, mounted]	1933
DECONG6/60/2	Photograph of the opening of the New Trinity Schoolroom [1 photograph, mounted]	1933
DECONG6/61	Photograph of the cast of a production of the opera 'San Marino'. (full details on reverse of photograph) [1 photograph in frame]	17-21 Apr 1939
DECONG6/62	Duplicate photograph of DECONG6/61, unframed [1 photograph, mounted]	17-21 Apr 1939
DECONG6/63	Photograph of the cast of a production [1 photograph, mounted]	1930's
DECONG6/64	Photographs of the interior and exterior of the church [16 photographs; and negatives]	no date
DECONG6/65	Photographs of the old chapels, the communion cup, theatre productions, presentations, members of the congregations and a complete set of photographs of the ministers of the church [36 photographs; 1 paper]	no date
DECONG6/66	Slides of theatre productions, services and views around the chapel [14 colour slides]	1968

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DECONG6/67	Two slides of a portrait of John Bird and an order of Sunday Service from The Park Congregational Church, Norwich, Connecticut, USA [2 slides; 1 leaflet]	1951
DECONG6/68	Plaque commemorating East Glamorgan Congregational Youth Council Field Day [1 plaque]	Jun 1950