

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 0214 P206CW

**Title:** Garw Valley [Pontycymmer] ecclesiastical parish records

**Dates :** c.1878-c.1989

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** 0.14 cubic metres (7 boxes)

**Name of creator(s):** Incumbents and parish officers of Pontycymmer ecclesiastical parish

### **Administrative/biographical history**

Pontycymmer lay partly in the ancient parish of Llangeinor and partly in Bettws. The area developed rapidly towards the end of the nineteenth century, and the first church services in the town were held in Pontycymmer school room in 1878. In 1899, Pontycymmer was combined with the neighbouring villages of Blaengarw and Pontyrhyl to form a new ecclesiastical parish under the name Garw Valley. Blaengarw was subsequently (1920) constituted a separate ecclesiastical parish, but rejoined the Garw Valley to become Pontycymmer with Blaengarw in 1950. In 2004, the parish of Garw Valley was combined with Llangeinor to form the united parish of Llangeinor and the Garw Valley.

There were four churches in the parish (excluding Blaengarw, which is listed separately):

St. Theodore's, Pontycymmer, built 1899, closed 1964

St. Mary's, Pontyrhyl, a chapel of ease to St. Theodore's, closed 1986

All Saints, Pontycymmer, originally a mission room, closed 1949

St David's, Pontycymmer, built in 1910, originally a Welsh-language church.

[Information from a Trade Directory for 1926, the Church in Wales website, the Diocesan Archivist, and the Rector of Llangeinor and the Garw Valley.]

### **Archival history**

#### **Immediate source of acquisition**

Deposited at Glamorgan Record Office by the Rector of Llangeinor and the Garw Valley.

#### **Scope and content**

Records for the churches of St. Theodore, Pontycymmer, All Saints, Pontycymmer, St. David, Pontycymmer, and St. Mary, Pontyrhyl. Records include service registers, P.C.C. minute books, Sunday School registers, accounts, banns registers, leases, insurance certificates, and plans.

#### **Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**

All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office

have been retained.

**Accruals**

Accruals are possible

**System of arrangement**

**Conditions governing access**

No restrictions

**Conditions governing reproduction**

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

**Language/scripts of material**

**Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Fair condition

**Finding aids**

**Existence and location of originals**

**Existence and location of copies**

**Related units of description**

P144CW – Blaengarw Ecclesiastical Parish

**Publication note**

**Note**

**Archivist's note**

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**Rules or conventions**

This description follows Glamorgan Record Office guidelines based on ISAD(G) compatible cataloguing guidelines for fonds level descriptions used by the Archives Network Wales.

**Date of description**

17 May 2005; updated 2 June 2005

**ECCLESIASTICAL****INCUMBENT****Registers**

<b>P206CW1</b>	<u>St Theodore's</u> Banns of marriages [1 volume]	1900 – 1916
<b>P206CW2</b>	<u>Service registers</u>	
<b>P206CW2/1</b>	<u>St Theodore's</u> Register of preachers, readers, and collections [1 volume]	1878 – c.1890
<b>P206CW2/2</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1892 - 1908
<b>P206CW2/3</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1907 - 1922
<b>P206CW2/4</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1922 - 1932
<b>P206CW2/5</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1958 - 1962

**Parochial Church Council**

<b>P206CW3</b>	<u>Minutes</u>	
<b>P206CW3/1</b>	<u>St Theodore's</u> Minutes [1 volume]	1915 - 1927
<b>P206CW3/2</b>	Minutes [1 volume]	1927 - 1979

**Church affairs**

<b>P206CW4</b>	<u>St Theodore's</u> Inventory book [1 volume]	1899 – 1910
<b>P206CW5</b>	Church assembly electoral roll, list communicants [1 volume]	1927
<b>P206CW6</b>	Quota envelopes, list of districts [1 volume]	1934 -1949

**Civil****School**

<b>P206CW7</b>	Sunday school Superintendent's register [1 volume]	1922 - 1923
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**ECCLESIASTICAL****Registers**St Mary's, Pontyrhyl

<b>P206CW8</b>	Offertory register	1899 - 1909
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<b>P206CW9</b>	<u>Service registers</u>	
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<b>P206CW9/1</b>	<u>St Mary's, Pontyrhyl</u> Register of preachers [1 volume]	1908 -1919
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<b>P206CW9/2</b>	Register of preachers [1 volume]	1919 - 1937
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<b>P206CW9/3</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1937 - 1957
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<b>P206CW9/4</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1957 - 1973
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**Parochial Church Council**St Mary's, Pontyrhyl

<b>P206CW10</b>	Accounts [1 volume]	1967 -1972
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**ECCLESIASTICAL****Registers**All Saints, Pontycymer

<b>P206CW11</b>	Offertory register	1899 - 1907
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**Parochial Church Council**

<b>P206CW12</b>	<u>Minutes</u>	
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<b>P206CW12/1</b>	Minutes [1 volume]	1900 - 1908
<b>P206CW12/2</b>	Minutes [1 volume]	1901 -1915
<b>P206CW12/3</b>	Minutes [1 volume]	1920 -1936

**Parochial Church Council**

All Saints, Pontycymer

<b>P206CW13</b>	Accounts, also contains confirmation of candidates, and offertory of individuals [1 volume]	1909 - 1913
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**ECCLESIASTICAL**

**Registers**

	<u>St David's, Pontycymer</u>	
<b>P206CW14</b>	<u>Service registers</u>	
	<u>St David's, Pontycymer</u>	
<b>P206CW14/1</b>	Register of preachers [1 volume]	1908 - 1920
<b>P206CW14/2</b>	Register of preachers [1 volume]	1919 - 1937
<b>P206CW14/3</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1937 - 1951
<b>P206CW14/4</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1951 - 1962
<b>P206CW14/5</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1962 - 1966
<b>P206CW14/6</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1966 - 1970
<b>P206CW14/7</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1970 - c.2001
<b>P206CW14/8</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1970 - c.1985
<b>P206CW14/9</b>	Service register [1 volume]	1976 - 1981

**Parochial Church Council**

Minutes

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<b>P206CW15</b>	Minutes [1 volume]	1920 - 1926
<b>P206CW16</b>	<u>Accounts</u>  <u>St David's, Pontycymer</u>	
<b>P206CW16/1</b>	Accounts [1 volume]	1972 - c.1998
<b>P206CW16/2</b>	Accounts [1 volume]	1991 - 1993
	<b>Civil</b>	
	<b><u>School</u></b>	
<b>P206CW17</b>	Sunday school accounts [1 volume]	1918 - 1925