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Introduction

The Congregational Church at Abingdon originated in a Presbyterian congregation which met at Tubney, before moving to Abingdon in 1669.

The meeting house was erected in 1700. A popular but ill-founded legend identified the pillars holding up the roof with the masts of the Mayflower; an older (but still unproven) legend instead said they came from the ship which brought William of Orange to England in 1688.

By the 1770s the church was identified as Independent rather than Presbyterian, and between 1799 and 1807 it became Congregational.

Daughter churches existed at Sutton Courtenay (est 1787, see D/N 20), Steventon (1787), Drayton (1797), Tubney (1797) and Fyfield. A Sunday School was established in 1808.

The church was rebuilt in 1862.

The church joined the United Reformed Church in 1972. The congregation united with Trinity Methodist Church in 1979, vacating the original church building, which was sold in 1987.

Summary

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION : church book, 1821-1884 ; church meeting minutes, 1841-1978 ; correspondence, 1894-1978 ; papers presented to church meetings, 1957-1961, 1974-1977 ; meetings attendance book, 1958-1977.

DEACONS : minutes, 1912-1944, 1956-1971.

ELDERS : minutes, 1973-1978.

COMMITTEES : Building Committee minutes, 1861-1862 ; South Abingdon Committee minutes, 1967, and papers, 1966-1969 ; renovation committee minutes and papers, 1893-1895.

TREASURER : accounts, 1715-1721, 1779-1780, 1913-1919, 1963-1974 ; offertory accounts, 1926-1944, 1965-1979 ; correspondence, 1972-1977.

PROPERTY : trustees' minutes, 1901-1905 ; deeds of church site, 1416-1903, minister's house, Ock Street, 1734-1779, land in Spring Road, 1860-1914, land in Sutton Courtenay 1559/60-1861, land in Drayton, 1651, land in Oxfordshire, 1652-1692 ; fabric papers, 1700-1989, including floor plan, 1700 ; papers re manse, 1954-1975, and 76-80 Spring Road, 1959-1980 ; accounts, 1852-1892, 1917-1924.

CHURCH ORGANISATIONS : Sunday School teachers' meetings, 1860-1899 ; accounts, 1890-1897 ; membership attendance registers, 1963-1974 ; miscellaneous, 1890-1910, 1959-1976 ; Contact Club papers, 1957-1960 ; Youth Club papers, 1957-1959 ; library papers, c.1960-1967.

REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP : baptisms, 1780-1844, 1909-1976 ; burials, c.1787-1853 ; membership registers, c.1841-1884, 1917-1978 ; cradle roll, 1952-1965 ; certificates registering chapel for marriages, 1840, 1862 ; membership transfer papers, 1854-1912, 1970-1978.

SERVICE OF THE CHURCH : service registers, 1970-1977 ; orders of service, 1968, 1971 ; church covenant, c.1930-1963.

MINISTER : correspondence, 1892-1919, 1953-1964 ; photographs, n.d. [c.1845-1925].

CHARITIES : Richard Belcher's charity : will, 1715 ; deeds, 1590-1851 ; accounts, 1855-1903 ; trustees' minutes, 1905-1911 ; and papers, 1868, 1884-1907, 1933-1935, 1952-1978.

Thomas Copeland's charity : accounts, 1865-1885.

Heron, Hide, Payne and Farmer bequests : deeds and papers, 1704-1727, 1767-1827 ; accounts, 1855-1885.

John Lissett's charity : probate, 1712.

Edward Pearson's charity : deeds, 1737, 1837 ; accounts, 1855-1904.

Payne and Baker charity : accounts, 1862-1892.

Joseph Fletcher's charities : accounts, 1868-1886.

Summary (cont)

- 1 PUBLICATIONS : Magazines, 1918, 1950-1978 ; yearbooks, 1900-1908, 1958-1959 ; Two Centuries Young (church history), 1900.

OTHER BODIES : papers re merger with Trinity Methodist Church, 1967-1983 ; Free Church Federal Council committee minutes, 1953-1958 ; Abingdon and District Council of Churches minutes, 1973-1977 ; Berks, South Oxon and South Bucks Association of Independent Ministers and Churches (later BSOSB Congregational Union) papers, 1895-1919.

MISCELLANEOUS : notes on church history.

1 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

1/1 Church books

- 1/1/1 Church book, containing minutes of church meetings, 25 September 1821 - 15 July 1873, and (at back) register of members having joined the church since 1807, c.1841 -c.1884. 1 vol 1813-c.1884

(Includes an account of the church's history from before 1688 to 1823, including biographical information about ministers and details of charities, compiled by John Copeland, deacon and trustee, 1823; accounts of collections for the London Missionary Society, 1813-1843; details of the process of calling ministers to the church, obituaries, elections, relations with Abingdon Baptist Church, the opening of daughter chapels in surrounding villages (including Sutton Courtenay, 1787, Steventon, 1793, Drayton, 1797, Tubney, 1797, and Appleford 1859), and the wrongful arrest of the Revd Stephen Lepine, 1865; minutes of the Building Committee, 1861-1862, and of the Oxford and West Berkshire Association of Congregational Churches, 1852, 1860, 1867; and (at back) copy (dated 1847) of rules of the subscribers to the establishment of Sunday Schools in Abingdon, 1785.
Indexed)

1/2 Church meeting minutes

- 1/2/1 Minutes of church meetings, June 1841 - February 1898, with (reversed) membership register. 1 vol 1841-1898
(Includes copy correspondence and details of the admission, baptism and transfer of members).

- 1/2/2 Minutes of church meetings, September 1898 - December 1905. 1 vol 1898-1905
(Includes, pasted in, funeral orders of service for Charles Glanville, deacon, February 1900, correspondence with current and potential ministers, 1900-1901, and printed constitution, 1901.
Indexed)

- 1/2/3 Minutes of church meetings, January 1906 - July 1948. 1 vol 1906-1948
(Includes, pasted-in, correspondence).

- 1/2/4 Minutes of church meetings, October 1948 - November 1961. 1 vol 1948-1961

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

1/2	<u>Church meeting minutes (cont)</u>		
1/2/5	Minutes of church meetings, January 1962 - June 1977. (Includes annual statements of accounts, 1964-1969, 1972, and minutes of joint meeting with Trinity Methodist Church, Abingdon, 1977).	1 vol	1962-1977
1/2/6	Minutes of church meetings, June 1977 - May 1978. (Includes audited accounts, 1977-1978, and minutes of joint meeting with Trinity Methodist Church, Abingdon, 1977).	1 vol	1977-1978
1/3	<u>General correspondence and administrative files</u>		
1/3/1/1-7	Correspondence.	1 bdl	1894-1952
1/3/2/1-10	Church secretary's annual reports, 1954, 1957, 1958-1959 and 1960-1961.	1 bdl	1954-1961
1/3/3/1-386	General correspondence. (Arranged alphabetically, mostly by correspondent, occasionally (eg heating, finance) by subject.)	1 bdl	1954-1965
1/3/4/1-67	General correspondence, 1970-1972, and papers, 1960, 1965-1970. (Includes church roll, March 1965, church constitution, n.d. [c.1968], and orders of service for the ordination of Peter Creffield Jupp, 1970, and for the recognition of the ministry of Colin Thompson at Abingdon, 1970).	1 bdl	1960, 1965-1972
1/3/5/1-87	General correspondence. (Includes membership list, 1975 (draft), 1976 order of service for the ordination of David Atkinson, assistant minister at Abingdon, 1975).	1 bdl	1972-1978
1/4	<u>Papers presented to church meetings</u>		
1/4/1/1-8	Minister's annual report, 1974, n.d.[?1976], and 1977, and church secretary's report, 1977.	1 bdl	1974-1977
1/4/2/1-4	Nominations for church offices and suggested pastoral groups.	1 bdl	c.1978

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

1/4	<u>Papers presented to church meetings (cont)</u>		
1/4/3/1-32	Annual reports presented to the church meeting. (Includes Bazaar Committee, 1958; Catering Committee, 1961; choir, 1957 and n.d.[1958-1961]; Flowers [committee?], 1961; Library, 1961; London Missionary Society, 1958; nursery, n.d.[1961]; Prayer Fellowship, 1961; Sunday School, 1958; Youth Club, 1958; County Youth Council, n.d.[1961]; treasurer, 1957; Women's Own, 1957 and Women's Fellowship, [1961].	1 bdl	1957-1961
1/5	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
1/5/1/1-6	Church constitutions, 1901, n.d. and 1958.	1 bdl	1901-1958
1/5/2	Church meetings attendance book.	1 vol	1958-1977
1/5/3/1-3	Details of the responsibilities of officers, including list of committees and clubs.	1 bdl	n.d.[c.1959]

2 DEACONS

2/1 Minutes

2/1/1 Minutes of deacons' meetings, January 1912 - April 1922.
(Indexed) 1 vol 1912-1922

2/1/2 Minutes of deacons' meetings, May 1922 - December [1936], June 1944.
(Indexed). 1 vol 1922-1944
Includes notes on the history of the church, taken from D/N 1/1/1/1).

2/1/3 Minutes of deacons' meetings, February 1956 - January 1965.
(Indexed) 1 vol 1956-1965

2/1/4 Minutes of deacons' meetings, February 1965 - November 1971; and of elders' meetings, January 1973 - June 1978, including joint meetings with the stewards of Trinity Methodist Church, January 1973 - February 1975. 1 vol 1965-1978

2/2 Miscellaneous

2/2/1 Letter of resignation as deacon from A W Hodgson. 1 doc 1908

2/2/2 Circular letter from the deacons to church members encouraging the adoption of either quarterly subscriptions or an envelope scheme. 1 doc 1905

3 ELDERS

3/1 Minutes

[Abingdon Congregational Church did not have a separate elders' meeting before the union with Trinity Methodist Church. In c. 1972, elders were elected, taking over the responsibilities of the deacons. For minutes, 1973-1978, see D/N 1/2/1/4].

4 COMMITTEES

4/1 Minutes

[For Building Committee, 1861-1862, see D/N 1/1/1/1].

South Abingdon Committee

[This committee was established in 1967 to plan a proposed ecumenical Christian centre in South Abingdon, founded by the proceeds of the sale of the church building].

4/1/1/1-8 Minutes of the South Abingdon Committee, March - November 1967. 1 bdl 1967

4/2 MiscellaneousSouth Abingdon Committee

4/2/1/1-128 Correspondence and papers, including plans and elevations of proposed centre, including papers concerning Methodist-Congregationalist local ecumenical projects in Bridgnorth, Shropshire; Looe, Cornwall; and Cotham, near Bristol. 1 bdl 1966-1969

Committee for the renovation of the roof and ceiling

4/2/2/1-3 List of members and minutes, August 1893, with letters from the builders, 1895. 1 bdl 1893,1895

Bazaar Committee

4/2/3/1,2 Press cutting reporting "Mayflower Fayre", November 1958, and circular letter to church members concerning "fayre" to be held in December 1960. 1 bdl 1958,1960

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ABINGDON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH RECORDS

D/N 1

5 TREASURER

5/1 Accounts

- 5/1/1-2 General accounts (receipts and payments), June 1715 and 1718-1721. 1 bdl 1715-1721
- 5/1/2 General accounts.
(Includes accounts for repairs to the church building, 1779, and the ministers' house, 1780, and memorandum of agreement with the Revd John Lake concerning his salary as minister, 24 June 1779). 1 doc 1779-1780
- 5/1/3 General accounts. 1 doc 1913-1919
- 5/1/4 General account ledger, April 1963 - July 1967. 1 vol 1963-1967
- 5/1/5 General account ledger, July 1967 - November 1974. 1 vol 1967-1974
[For pew rents and offertory accounts, see 6/4/1,3].
- 5/1/6 Weekly offering (envelopes scheme) accounts. 1 vol 1926-1944
- 5/1/7 Offertory accounts. 1 vol 1965-1979
- 5/1/8/1-22 Organ fund accounts. 1 bdl 1895-1897
- 5/1/9/1-3 Accounts of socials, 1902-1903; sale of work, 1904; and subscriptions to London Missionary Society, 1915-1919. 1 bdl 1902-1919

5/2 Annual statements

- 5/2/1/1-9 Annual statements of accounts, 1882 (printed), 1912-1913 (draft), 1922-1923, 1931-1934, and 1948. 1 bdl 1882-1949
- 5/2/2 Printed statement of Bicentenary Fund. 1 doc 1901
- 5/2/3/1-29 Annual statements of accounts, 1958, 1968-1978. 1 bdl 1958-1978
[For annual statements, 1964-1967, see D/N 1/1/2/5].
- 5/2/4/1-2 Summary of annual accounts of Sunday School, Association of Village Missions and London Missionary Society collections, general chapel funds, and sacramental collections, 1852-1878; and totals received, c.1835-c.1878. 1 bdl c.1878

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5	TREASURER		
5/3	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
5/3/1	Memorandum of money due to the "managers of [the] Presbyterian Church".	1 doc	1750/1
5/3/2/1-34	Miscellaneous receipts and vouchers.	1 bdl	1883-1920
5/3/3	Papers concerning accounts.	1 bdl	c.1905- c.1921
5/3/4	Receipts for payments for hire of car [for preachers' transport].	1 vol	1943-1944
5/3/5/1-8	Correspondence.	1 bdl	1972-1977
5/3/6/1-2	Correspondence concerning the resignation as treasurer of Gilbert Kitt.	1 bdl	1977

6	PROPERTY RECORDS		
6/1	<u>Trustees' minutes</u>		
6/1/1	Minutes of Trust Committee, December 1901 - May 1905.	1 vol	1901-1905
6/2	<u>Title deeds : Abingdon</u>		
6/2/1/1-28	Deeds of a tenement in Ock Street, Abingdon, adjoining The Katherine Wheel [later the site of the meeting house]. (Includes probates of William Clerck of Abingdon, husbandman, 1566; John Tesdale of Abingdon, gent., 1652; and Richard Tesdale of Abingdon, woollen draper, 1665).	1 bdl	1566-1692
6/2/2	Settlement of the meeting house for Protestant dissenters in Ock Street, Abingdon.	1 doc	1703
6/2/3/1-13	Deeds of the meeting house in Ock Street, Abingdon. (Includes solicitor's detailed bill, 1770).	1 bdl	1712-1800, 1903
6/2/4/1-2	Deeds of a house in Ock Street, adjoining the passageway to the newly erected meeting house.	1 bdl	1700
6/2/5/1-36	Deeds of three (later four) houses (used as the Welch Harp Inn to c.1700) on the corner of Ock Street and the Sheep Market, Abingdon. [In 1862 the Congregational Church was extended on this site]. (Includes photocopy of deed of 1861 vesting the site in the trustees, the original having been transferred to the new owners in 1982. For detailed description of the medieval deeds, <u>see</u> Appendix I. Includes abstract of the will of John Moore of Abingdon, mason, 1819).	1 bdl	1416-1873, 1982
6/2/6/1-13	Deeds and documents relating to land near the Spring Road, The Springs, Abingdon.	1 bdl	1860-1914
6/2/7/1-2	Conveyance of strip of land in Ock Street, Abingdon, and grant of easements to the vendors.	1 bdl	1868
6/2/8	Bargain and sale of a messuage called the Corner Howse in a street called the Burye or the markt place in Abingdon, with two other messuages, a tenement and a stable.	1 doc	1621
6/2/9/1-5	Deeds of the minister's house, Ock Street, Abingdon.	1 bdl	1734-1779

6 PROPERTY RECORDS

6/2 Title deeds (cont) : Sutton Courtenay

- 6/2/10/1-11 Deeds of 11 acres of arable land in Sutton Wick common field, in Sutton Courtenay, known in the early eighteenth century as Hearnas or Hernes, and bequeathed in 1724 by John Payne of Abingdon, gent., in trust for the income of the minister of the Presbyterians meeting in Ock Street, Abingdon. (Includes will of Mr Payne [father or grandfather of John Payne?], c.1630, first and last pages wanting). 1 bdl 1615-1779
- 6/2/11/1-19 Deeds of 6 acres of arable land in Sutton Courtenay and Sutton Wick common fields, and 1 acre of meadow, with common of pasture, in Sutton Courtenay. (Includes office copy of the will of John Billingsley of Abingdon, maltster, 1697). 1 bdl 1559/60-1749
- 6/2/12/1-14 Deeds of 1 acre of arable land in Down Field, 5 acres of arable land in the common fields, and 1 horse or cow leaze, in Sutton Courtenay, bequeathed c.1737 by Elizabeth Baker in trust for the Presbyterian minister at Abingdon. (Includes probate of Richard Grove of Sutton Courtenay, yeoman, 1672). 1 bdl 1642-1785
- 6/2/13/1-13 Deeds and documents concerning a parcel of land in Sutton Courtenay and a parcel of land in Sutton Wick, acquired by the trustees in c.1813, in lieu of the lands conveyed in 6/2/10-12, and sold in 1861. (Includes sale particulars, 1861). 1 bdl 1814-1861
- 6/2/14 Drayton
Assignment of lease of 6 half-acres in the common fields of Drayton. 1 doc 1651
- 6/2/15/1-3 Abingdon, Sutton Courtenay and Northmoor, co. Oxon
Deeds of messuage, 2 acres of pasture and common of pasture for 4 sheep, in Northmoor, co. Oxon; 2 messuages and 12 acres of land in Abingdon, Sutton Courtenay and Sutton Wick. 1 bdl 1652-1692
- 6/3 Fabric papers
- 6/3/1 Ground floor plan of the Independent (or Upper) Meeting House, showing pew allocations and graves (named), 1700. (Annotated with memorandum concerning alterations in 1799). 1 doc 1700,1799

6	PROPERTY RECORDS		
6/3	<u>Fabric papers</u> (cont)		
6/3/2/1-15	Papers concerning fire insurance of the church and manse, and other trust property (nos. 76, 78 and 80 Spring Road, Abingdon), and concerning a claim, 1899.	1 bdl	1886-1920
6/3/3	Floor plans of the church, showing heating installation (in red).	1 doc	n.d.[early 20c]
6/3/4	Sealed Charity Commission scheme concerning Congregational chapel, schoolrooms and trust property in Abingdon and Sutton Courtenay.	1 doc	1935
6/3/5/1-9	Miscellaneous correspondence and papers, mostly concerning the chapel deeds.	1 bdl	1920-1982
6/3/6	Letter from Barclays Bank concerning damage allegedly caused to the bank's premises by repairs to the church roof, 9 December 1949.	1 bdl	1949
6/3/7/1-2	Plans and elevations of proposed alterations to church kitchen and toilets.	1 bdl	1954
6/3/8/1-121	Papers and correspondence concerning the insurance of the church and other trust property in Abingdon, 1936 and 1956-1981, and the church in Sutton Courtenay, 1936. (Includes papers concerning a fire in 1978).	1 bdl	1936,1956-1981
6/3/9/1-34	Papers and correspondence concerning plans for the disposal of the site and future of the congregation.	1 bdl	1962-1968
6/3/10/1-143	Papers and correspondence concerning the disposal of the site. (Includes correspondence with the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments concerning the alleged use of timbers from the "Mayflower" in the church building).	1 bdl	1969-1976
6/3/11/1-185	Papers and correspondence concerning the disposal of the site.	1 bdl	1977-1978

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6/3 Fabric papers (cont)

6/3/12/1-201 Papers and correspondence concerning the disposal of the site, 1979-1983, and its subsequent conversion as Pulpit House, 1987-1989. 1 bdl 1978-1989

(Includes prospectus of Warnborough College, 1978; minutes of Trinity general church meeting, 26 April 1979, church council, 7 June 1979, and finance and property committee, 31 March 1980; and correspondence concerning the "Mayflower masts", 1979 and 1981).

6/3/13/1-15 Correspondence and plans concerning a proposed redevelopment of the church site, including summary of progress, 1966-1977. 1 bdl 1971,1977

6/3/14/1-11 Plans of elevations of the church, made by architecture students at Kingston Polytechnic. 1 bdl 1976

6/3/15/1-68 Photocopies of survey report produced by architecture students at Kingston Polytechnic in 1976, including many copies of photographs, and covering letter. 1 bdl 1981

6/3/16/1-15 Correspondence concerning plans to develop the church site for low-rent housing. 1 bdl 1972-1974

6/3/17/1-32 Correspondence and papers concerning the dedication of the church forecourt to Abingdon Borough Corporation, and its successor, 1956-1957, 1975-1977, and 1986. 1 bdl 1956-1986

Manse

6/3/18/1-96 Papers and correspondence concerning the manse at 35 Bostock Road. 1 bdl 1954-1963
(Includes surveyor's report and valuation, 1954).

6/3/19/1-27 Correspondence concerning the value and sale of the manse (35 Bostock Road), 1966-1967, 1974-1975, with schedule of deeds, 1903-1963. 1 bdl 1963-1975

Spring Road Cottages

[These cottages (nos. 76, 78 and 80 Spring Road) were let out to produce income for the church. Nos. 76 and 80 were sold in 1978, and no. 78 in 1979].

6/3/20/1-108 Correspondence and papers concerning tenancies, repairs and alterations, 1959, 1964, 1966 and 1969-1972. 1 bdl 1959-1972
(Includes plans and elevations of proposed alterations).

6 PROPERTY RECORDS

6/3 Fabric papers (cont)Manse (cont)

6/3/21/1-139 Correspondence and papers concerning tenancies, alterations, and the sale of part of the property. 1 bdl 1973-1974
(Includes plans and elevations of proposed alterations, 1973, and sale catalogue for a plot of building land in Cemetery Road, Abingdon, 1973).

6/3/22/1-149 Correspondence and papers concerning tenancies, repairs and alterations, and the sale of the cottages. 1 bdl 1975-1980
(Includes sale particulars for nos. 76 and 80, 1977, and no. 78, 1978).

6/4 Accounts

6/4/1 General and trust accounts. 1 vol 1845-1890
(Includes list of pew subscribers, February 1853; membership register, 1853-1859, with notes of departure, 1853-1866; offertory accounts, 1852-1890, including pew rents from 1856; minister's salary accounts, 1845-1851 and 1853-1868; statements of pew subscriptions and trustees' accounts, 1852-1881, including offertory accounts from 1861; and pew subscription accounts, 1853-1868.)

6/4/2 Trustees' accounts. 1 vol 1882-1892

6/4/3 Pew rent accounts. 1 vol 1901-1918

6/4/4 Trustees' accounts, 1917-1924, with copy correspondence to Charity Commissioners, 1953-1954. 1 vol 1917-1954

6/5 Miscellaneous

6/5/1 Letter from English Congregational Chapel Building Society concerning a loan made by the latter towards paying off the mortgage on the church manse. 1 doc 1915

7 CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

7/1 Sunday School

[Abingdon Sabbath School was established in 1808. Premises were acquired in 1823, and replaced in 1837. When the new church was built in 1862, the old meeting house was adapted for the Sunday School. The Abingdon Sunday School was administered with that held at Sutton Courtenay from 1842. In 1873 they were affiliated to the Oxford Sunday Schools Union. There was some co-operation with the Abingdon Baptist Sunday School].

7/1/1	Minutes of Sunday School teachers' meetings, June 1860 - February 1899. (Includes accounts of Industrial Exhibition held in the schoolroom, April 1879, and of joint Sunday School teachers and church choir trip to Nuneham, 1889. Indexed by subject and personal names).	1 vol	1860-1899
7/1/2/1-3	Agenda of teachers' meeting, March 1900, and draft minutes, 1890 and n.d.	1 bdl	1890,1900
7/1/3/1-2	Sunday School accounts, 1890 and 1897.	1 bdl	1890,1897
7/1/4	Third party insurance policy for the Sunday School.	1 doc	1910
7/1/5	Bill for repairs to the schoolroom.	1 doc	n.d.[c.1910]
7/1/6/1-6	Junior Church membership register, 1964 - 1967, and Trinity Joint Junior Church, 1968-1971 and 1974.	1 bdl	1964-1974
7/1/7	Junior Church attendance register, Junior department (ages 7-10).	1 vol	1963-1968
7/1/8/1-10	Annual reports, presented to Junior Church annual meeting.	1 bdl	1972-1976
7/1/9/1-2	Sunday School clothing club accounts.	1 bdl	1896-1898
7/1/10	Letter to Congregational Sunday School teachers from the teachers of the Baptist Sunday School, concerning the death of the Congregational Sunday School Superintendent.	1 doc	1890
7/1/11	Photograph album of the church and congregation, produced by Sunday School pupil [s].	1 doc	1966
7/1/12	Circular letter to parents advertising the start of a crèche on Sunday mornings.	1 doc	1959

7	CHURCH ORGANISATIONS		
7/2	<u>Choir</u>		
7/2/1/1-3	List of subscribers to choir outing, n.d., and correspondence with Mr W Glanville concerning his resignation as choirmaster, 1894.	1 bdl	1894, n.d.[1890s]
7/3	<u>Women's Own</u>		
7/3/1/1-2	Mounted photograph of Mabel Chappell (d.1933), with inscription by the "Women's Own", and covering note.	1 bdl	n.d. [c.1900-1933]
7/4	<u>Contact Club</u> [The Contact Club was a weekly evening social meeting for church members and fringe attenders, established in 1957].		
7/4/1/1-56	Miscellaneous papers. (Includes programmes, October 1957 - March 1958 and October 1958 - March 1960; committee minutes, May 1958 - March 1960; AGM minutes, 1959 and 1960; and balance sheets [1959-1960]).	1 bdl	1957-1960
7/5	<u>Youth Club</u>		
7/5/1/1-3	Programme, autumn 1957; circular letter to parents of members, October 1958; and copy advertisement for leader, August 1959.	1 bdl	1957-1959
7/6	<u>Church library</u>		
7/6/1	Library catalogue.	1 vol	n.d.[1960s]
7/6/2	Library loans register.	1 vol	1960-1967

8 REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

8/1 Registers

[Surviving registers of baptisms and burials before 1837 are held in the Public Record Office, but microfilm copies are available in Berkshire Record Office.

See Appendix II for details].

8/1/1	Register of baptisms, August 1780 - September 1844 (entries before September 1837 copied from original registers) and (reversed) burials; c.1787-1806 in the chapel, and 1807-1853 in the churchyard [entries before 1837 in one hand, probably copied from original registers].	1 vol	1837-1853
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8/1/2	Register of baptisms, February 1909 - June 1976.	1 vol	1909-1976
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8/2 Membership registers

[For register c.1841-1884, with admissions since 1807, see 1/1/1; for 1853-1859, see also 6/4/1]

8/2/1	Membership register, August 1917 - December 1963. (Includes list of members in 1917, with their dates of admission (from 1866).)	1 vol	1917-1963
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8/2/2	Membership roll, January 1964 - May 1978.	1 vol	1964-1978
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8/2/3	Cradle roll, June 1952 - June 1965.	1 vol	1952-1965
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8/3 Miscellaneous

8/3/1/1,2	Certificates registering the chapel for the solemnisation of marriages.	1 bdl	1840,1862
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8/3/2/1,2	Memorandum naming the Revd John Nevens as the authorised person to conduct marriages in the church, 1899, and certificate of the Revd A F Rock as the same, 1958.	1 bdl	1899,1958
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8/3/3/1-9	Papers concerning the appointments of the Revd Stanley Stowell as authorised person in 1907, the Revd A J T Rose in 1914, and the Revd Charles Henry Gill in 1919. [Original bundle].	1 bdl	1907-1919
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8/3/4/1-21	Correspondence concerning transfers of membership and requests for certificates.	1 bdl	1854-1912
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8 REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP8/3 Miscellaneous (cont)

8/3/5/1-80	Papers concerning the "Every Person Canvass", a survey and campaign to encourage church members and attenders to contribute more to the church, 1959, and follow-up campaign held in 1960.	1 bdl	1959-1960
8/3/6	Completed circular from the Registration Commission.	1 doc	1837
8/3/7	Correspondence and papers concerning transfers of membership.	1 bdl	1970-1978
8/3/8	Map of Abingdon showing geographical distribution of members of Abingdon, Chilton, Drayton and Sutton Courtenay Congregational Churches.	1 doc	n.d. [1950-1972]

9	SERVICE OF THE CHURCH		
9/1	<u>Service registers</u>		
9/1/1/1-10	List of services, with subjects of sermons, names of preachers, and numbers present, 1970-1977. (Includes table of numbers of members, Sunday School children and teachers, and lay preachers, 1899-1977).	1 bdl	1970-1977
9/2	<u>Orders of service</u>		
9/2/1	[Number not used].	1 doc	
9/2/2	Order of service of thanksgiving and trust in the guidance of God [the last service held in the Congregational Church], 30 June 1968.	1 doc	1968
9/2/3	Order of service of ordination of Colin Peter Thompson, 19 June 1971.	1 doc	1971
9/3	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
9/3/1	Church covenant (printed declaration of faith).	1 doc	n.d. [c.1930-1963]
9/3/2	Details of days of prayer held alternately at each nonconformist chapel in Abingdon, 1887-1889.	1 doc	1887
9/3/3/1-4	Methodist Church Wantage and Abingdon Circuit preaching plans, July 1977 - July 1978.	1 bdl	1977-1978
9/3/4/1-2	Draft church covenants.	1 bdl	1963,1964
9/3/5/1-3	Printed invitations to special services.	1 bdl	1956-1957

10	<p>MINISTER</p> <p>[For biographical information about ministers, 1688-1884, <u>see</u> 1/1/1. For correspondence with potential ministers, 1900-1901, <u>see</u> 1/2/2].</p>		
10/1/1-15	Correspondence mostly concerning the calling to, and resignation from, the pastorate of Abingdon Congregational Church, of the Revd F E M Edwards (minister 1890-1892, resigning to enter the Unitarian ministry), the Revd Thomas Phillips Hookey (1892-1898), the Revd Stanley Stowell (1907-1913), and the Revd C H Gill (1919-1923).	1 bdl	1892-1919
10/2	Mounted photograph of the Revd Stephen Lepine, minister of Abingdon Congregational Church 1845-1890.	1 doc	n.d. [1845-1890]
10/3	Mounted photograph of the Revd Stanley H Stowell, minister of Abingdon Congregational Church 1907-1913.	1 doc	n.d. [1907-1913]
10/4	Mounted photograph of the Revd C H Gill, minister of Abingdon Congregational Church 1919-1923.	1 doc	n.d. [1919-1923]
10/5	Mounted photograph of the Revd W J Chappell (1853-1953), minister of Abingdon Congregational Chapel 1925-1945.	1 doc	n.d. [c.1895-1925]
10/6/1-219	Correspondence concerning the resignations, selection and induction of ministers. (Includes orders of service for the induction of the Revd Anthony Tucker (outgoing minister from Abingdon) as minister of Northwood Hills Congregational Church, 1958, and of the Revd Frank Rock as minister of Abingdon, 1958).	1 bdl	1953-1964
10/7	Press cuttings concerning the induction of the Revd Frank Rock, and summary of his education and career.	1 doc	1958
10/8/1-4	Letters to Mr Rock from prospective parliamentary candidates for Abingdon (including Airey Neave) concerning the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.	1 bdl	1959
10/9	<u>The Congregational Monthly</u> , June 1968. (Contains an article on Protestantism in Spain by the Revd Colin Thompson [minister of Abingdon].)	1 doc	1968

11 CHARITIES

11/1

General[For details of church charities, see 1/1/1].

11/1/1

An Act for the better Administration of Charitable Trusts, 16 and 17 Victoria c.87 (20 August 1853).

1 doc 1853

11/1/2

Charity Commissioners report on endowed charities of Abingdon St Helen and Abingdon St Nicholas.

1 doc 1908

11/2

Richard Belcher's charity

[Richard Belcher's charity, established by his will of 1713, provided for the education of poor Abingdon children, and also for annual payments to the Presbyterian ministers of Abingdon, Aston Upthorpe and Buckland. In 1837, the trustees of the charity built a vestry and schoolroom on the site of the tenement in the Horse Market [Ock Street]. These were demolished in 1862, when the site was used for the building of the new Congregational church. The eighteenth century chapel, at the rear of the new premises, was converted into a vestry and schoolroom. The educational parts of the charity's income were used for the British School in Abingdon until 1897, when it closed, and thereafter diverted to other funds connected with the church, including the Sunday School. In 1907 these were dedicated to the Abingdon Exhibition Foundation. The trustees also owned the site of Sutton Courtenay Congregational Chapel.]

11/2/1/1-4

Contemporary copies (2, one wanting first page) and office copy of the will of Richard Belcher of Abingdon, gent., dated 28 July 1713.)

1 bdl 1715,1904

11/2/2/1-11

Title deeds : East Hanney

Deeds of 3 messuages and 2 yardlands in East Hanney (part of Pryors Manor). (Includes royal letters patent, 1638, and probate of Thomas Daniel of East Hanney, yeoman.)

1 bdl 1590-1694

11/2/3

Assignment of lease of 6 acres of land in the common fields of East Hanney.

1 doc 1618

11/2/4/1-16

Deeds of a close called Northend Close (Northen Close, 1622-1664, also known as Sheephouse Close in 1686) in East Hanney.

1 bdl 1622/3-1693

(Includes marriage settlement of Richard Belcher of East Hanney, cordwainer, and Anne Riggins of Marcham, spinster, 1693; and probates of Edmun (sic) Onyon of Marcham, yeoman, 1663, and of Robert Onyon of Marcham, 1684).

11 CHARITIES

11/2 Richard Belcher's charity (cont)
Title deeds : East Hanney (cont)

11/2/5/1-12	Deeds of 3 half-acres of land in the common fields of East Hanney. (Includes probate inventory of Robert Belcher of East Hanney, husbandman, 1631; and probates of Charles Barnes of Abingdon, yeoman, 1636, Anne Barnes of Abingdon, widow, 1669, and Robert Belcher the elder of East Hanney, yeoman, 1680).	1 bdl	1596-1685/6
11/2/6/1-4	Deeds of 2½ acres of land in the common fields of East Hanney. (Includes copy will of Thomas Adkins of East Hanney, yeoman, 1662/3). [Original bundle].	1 bdl	1662/3-1683/4
11/2/7/1-23	Deeds of messuage and land in East Hanney.	1 bdl	1670-1705
11/2/8/1-2	Deeds of one messuage, 2 acres of land and common of pasture for 5 sheep in East Hanney.	1 bdl	1676,1677
11/2/9/1-2	Deeds of 3½ acres of land in the common fields of East Hanney. [Original bundle].	1 bdl	1685/6
11/2/10/1-3	Deeds of 3 acres of land in the common fields of East Hanney.	1 bdl	1693,1707
11/2/11	Counterpart lease of 4 acres of land in the common fields of East Hanney, and 2 acres in the common fields of Grove.	1 doc	1690/1
11/2/12/1-10	Deeds of, and documents concerning, 40 acres of land in Culverhouse, Pulbush, Down and Tinkerbush Fields, with common of pasture for 3 horses, 3 cows and 30 sheep. (Includes detailed terrier, giving furlong, foreland and "way" names, n.d.[c.1704] and counsel's opinion, 1718).	1 bdl	1704-1730
11/2/13/1-5	Counterpart leases, 1818 and 1847, lease, 1851, and associated papers, 1850, of a farm at East Hanney.	1 bdl	1818-1851
11/2/14/1-14	<u>Title deeds : Abingdon, East Hanney and West Hanney</u> Deeds of Richard Belcher's estate. (Including a messuage in Ock Street, Abingdon, adjoining a passageway to the meeting house; Northend Close and other land in East Hanney; and land in the common fields of West Hanney). (These deeds transfer the property from outgoing to incoming trustees).	1 bdl	1729-1900

11	CHARITIES		
11/2	<u>Richard Belcher's charity</u> (cont)		
	<u>Title deeds : Welford</u>		
11/2/15/1-5	Deeds of Andrews Breach and a cottage.	1 bdl	1682-1694/5
	<u>Trustees' records</u>		
11/2/16	Agreement with George Luff of Abingdon, schoolmaster and bookbinder, to employ him as master of the charity school and let to him the Ock Street premises, subject to a pension and accommodation for John Wilder, the former master.	1 doc	1808
11/2/17	Accounts.	1 vol	1855-1903
11/2/18	Trustees' minutes, September 1905 - November 1911.	1 vol	1905-1911
11/2/19/1-97	Correspondence and papers concerning Chapel Farm, East Hanney.	1 bdl	1952-1978
	<u>Papers concerning schemes</u>		
11/2/20/1-21	Correspondence with the Charity Commissioners concerning a proposed scheme. (Includes counsel's opinion as to the legality of past uses of the charity's income).	1 bdl	1903-1905
11/2/21/1-7	Charity Commissioners' Scheme for regulating Richard Belcher's charity, 11 August 1905; draft copies of Board of Education Scheme for regulating Robert Mayott's Educational Foundation, John Provost's Foundation, Richard Wigglesworth's Educational Foundation, John and Sarah Tomkins' Foundation, Joseph Tomkins' Foundation, Buswell's Foundation, the Educational Foundation of Richard Belcher, the British School and Buswell's Foundation for Village Schools [all in Abingdon], 1906; and 3 sealed copies of the same, 17 June 1907.	1 bdl	1905-1907
11/2/22/1-3	Charity Commissioners orders for the appointment of new trustees.	1 bdl	1935
	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
11/2/23/1-33	Vouchers concerning the East Hanney estate. [Original bundle]	1 bdl	1884-1885
11/2/24	Correspondence with Schools Inquiry Commission concerning the charity.	1 doc	1868
11/2/25/1-72	Miscellaneous financial papers.	1 bdl	1886-1907, 1955

11 CHARITIES

11/2 Richard Belcher's charity (cont)

- 11/2/26 Press cutting concerning the controversy over the proper use of the charity's funds. 1 doc 1905
- 11/2/27 Plan of land belonging to the charity in East Hanney. 1 doc n.d.[early 20c.]
- 11/2/28 Lease of Chapel Farm. 1 doc 1933

11/3 Thomas Copeland's charity

- 11/3/1 Appointment of new trustees of £200 bequeathed in 1841 by Thomas Copeland of Abingdon, gentleman, in trust for the minister and poor of the Presbyterian congregation at Abingdon. 1 doc 1865

[For accounts, 1865-1885, see 11/9/2].

11/4 Heron, Hide, Payne and Farmer bequests

- 11/4/1/1-2 Deeds appointing new trustees of £100 bequeathed in 1703 by Joane Heron of Abingdon, widow; £100 bequeathed by John Payne and Charles Hughes of Abingdon; and £10 bequeathed by Richard Farmer of Abingdon; all to pay annual sums to the Presbyterian minister in return for sermons. 1 bdl 1704,1727
- 11/4/2/1-2 Memoranda concerning bequests of Joan Heron and Jane Hyde (sic). 1 bdl n.d.[early 19c]
- 11/4/3/1-2 Appointments of new trustees of £50 bequeathed in 1723 by Jane Hide of Abingdon, widow. 1 bdl 1726,1727
- 11/4/4/1-3 Annuity transfer receipts relating to bequests of Joan Heron and Jane Hide. 1 bdl 1767-1827
- 11/4/5/1-3 Letters of administration of John Wilder of Abingdon, gentleman, surviving executor of the Heron and Hide bequests, and associated accounts. 1 bdl 1827

[For accounts of Hide and Heron bequests, 1855-1885, see 11/9/2].

11/5 Joseph Hyde's charity

[Joseph Hyde's charity was founded by his will of 1807, providing for the preaching of monthly sermons at Drayton by the Abingdon Congregational Minister].

- 11/5/1/1-7 Charity Commissioners Scheme for regulating the charity. 1 bdl 1929

11 CHARITIES

11/6 Mr Lewis' legacy

11/6/1 Memorandum concerning £100 bequeathed to the Presbyterian minister [of Abingdon] by Mr Lewis [possibly Samuel Lewis of Abingdon, blacksmith, d.1747], his estate proving unable to meet the legacy in full. 1 doc n.d.[18c.]

11/7 John Lissett's charity

[John Lissett's charity was established by his will (see 11/7/1), which bequeathed £30 towards the maintenance of the preacher and a sermon to be preached annually.]

11/7/1 Probate of John Lissett of Oxford, yeoman. 1 doc 1712

11/7/2 Discharge of legacies to John Royston of Oxford, tin plate worker, and William Crouch or Crutch of Oxford, cordwainer. 1 doc 1712

11/7/3 Deed poll nominating new trustees. 1 doc 1727

11/8 John Payne and Elizabeth Baker's charities

11/8/1/1-10 Papers concerning Charity Commissioners Schemes, 1861, 1892-1896, 1900. 1 bdl 1861-1901

[For accounts, 1862-1892, see 11/9/2].

11/8/2/1-4 Annual statements of accounts, 1896-1898, and associated papers. 1 bdl 1896-1899

11/8/3/1-2 Correspondence concerning the appointment of trustees. 1 bdl 1898

11/9 Edward Pearson's charity

[Edward Pearson's charity paid £10 per annum to the Presbyterian minister, provided he preached on Easter Tuesday and Ascension Day, and provided six twopenny loaves of bread a week for six poor widows of the congregation. The income derived from a farm called Rowley or Rowleigh in Besselsleigh.]

11/9/1/1-2 Deeds of the Rowley Estate (37 acres of pasture land, later converted to arable, and a messuage, later pulled down and replaced by a cottage and barn) in Besselsleigh. [Original bundle]. 1 bdl 1737,1837

11 CHARITIES

11/9	<u>Edward Pearson's charity</u> (cont)		
11/9/2	Account book, 1855-1904. (Includes accounts of Sutton-Wick estate, 1855-1861; John Payne's and Elizabeth Baker's charities, 1862-1892; Sutton Courtenay estate, 1855-1861; timber sales, 1864-1867; Joseph Fletcher's charities, 1868-1886; Hide and Heron's bequests, 1855-1888; Revd William Thresher's charity, 1855-1888; Thomas Copeland's bequest, 1865-1885).	1 vol	1855-1904
11/9/3/1-101	Miscellaneous financial papers concerning Rowleigh Farm and the charity.	1 bdl	1884-1902
11/9/4/1-7	Vouchers relating to the estate. [Original bundle].	1 bdl	1889
11/9/5/1-7	Statement of accounts.	1 bdl	1893-1898
11/9/6	Letter describing the standing timber at Rowleigh Farm and concerning the land's quality.	1 doc	1900

12	PUBLICATIONS		
12/1	<u>Magazines</u>		
12/1/1	<u>Abingdon Congregational Church Monthly Leaflet</u> , October 1918.	1 doc	1918
12/1/2/1-2	<u>The Abingdon Congregational Messenger</u> , March - April 1950.	1 bdl	1950
12/1/3/1-47	Church newsletters, November 1955 - December 1959 (except December 1955 and March 1956).	1 bdl	1955-1959
12/1/4/1-59	Church newsletters, (entitled <u>Abicon</u> between September 1963 and March 1964, except January 1964), January 1960 - July 1963, and September 1963 - December 1964.	1 bdl	1960-1964
12/1/5/1-30	Church newsletters, January 1965 - October 1966, December 1966 and February - July 1967.	1 bdl	1965-1967
12/1/6/1-17	<u>Church News</u> [the magazine of Abingdon Council of Churches], August 1977 - December 1978. (This magazine contained contributions from Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, United Reformed and Baptist Churches, and the Salvation Army, in Abingdon and surrounding villages).	1 bdl	1977-1978
12/2	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
12/2/1	<u>Two Centuries Young. Abingdon Congregational Church,</u> <u>1700-1900</u> , by John Stevens. (London)	1 vol	1900
12/2/2/1-3	Church "handbooks" [year books], containing annual reports and accounts of the church and its organisations, and of Sutton Courtenay Church, 1900, 1907 and 1908.	1 bdl	1900-1908
12/2/3/1-2	Church year books.	1 bdl	1958-1959
12/2/4	Card announcing the laying of the foundation stone of the chapel.	1 doc	1862
12/2/5	Card publicising united services of Trinity Methodist and Abingdon Congregational Churches.	1 doc	n.d.[c.1968]
12/2/6	Leaflet publicising church organisations.	1 doc	n.d.[1970s]
12/2/7	Invitation to a "tercentenary" thanksgiving dinner.	1 doc	1962

13 OTHER BODIES

13/1 Trinity Methodist Church

[In 1968, Abingdon Congregational Church moved out of their church building in Ock Street to share Trinity Methodist Church with the Methodist congregation. It was intended to sell the church site and to use the proceeds to build an ecumenical centre in South Abingdon, but by the time the church was sold, the South Abingdon site was no longer available. The two congregations were formally united in 1978].

[For minutes of partnership discussions, 1967-1968, see 13/2/1].

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| 13/1/1/1-128 | Papers concerning the drafting of a sharing agreement between the two churches, and of a constitution of Trinity Church (Methodist and United Reformed). | 1 bdl | 1967-1983 |
| 13/1/2/1-19 | Minutes of Trinity Methodist Church Annual Church Meetings, 1976-1978, and annual reports, 1972-1973, 1976 and 1978. | 1 bdl | 1972-1978 |
| 13/1/3/1-14 | Minutes of Trinity Methodist Church Council, October 1974 - June 1978, including joint meeting with URC, October 1976. | 1 bdl | 1974-1978 |
| 13/1/4/1-39 | Minutes of Trinity Methodist Church stewards and committee meetings :-
Methodist stewards and URC elders, January 1973;
consultation on worship, June 1974 -November 1976;
Church Family committee, June 1974 - October 1977;
property committee, February 1975 - March 1978; trust committee, October 1975 - September 1976; finance committee, November 1975 - March 1978; centenary committee, January and March 1975; and draft plan for pastoral care in a united church, 1977. | 1 bdl | 1973-1978 |
| 13/1/5 | <u>Trinity News</u> [church magazine], January 1967. | 1 doc | 1967 |
| 13/2 | <u>Free Church Federal Council</u> | | |
| 13/2/1 | Minutes of Free Church Federal Council committee meetings, October 1953 - March 1958.
(Includes minutes of meetings between Abingdon Congregational and Trinity Methodist Churches concerning the proposed partnership, April 1967 - March 1968). | 1 vol | 1953-1968 |

13	OTHER BODIES		
13/3	<u>Abingdon and District Council of Churches</u>		
13/3/1/1-95	Minutes and papers of Abingdon and District Council of Churches. (Includes <u>A Profile of Abingdon</u> , a report collated for the Council, 1973; Executive Committee minutes, October 1973 - May 1977; AGM minutes, 1974-1977; Christian Aid committee minutes, February 1974, February 1976, December 1976 and February 1977; and minutes of full council meetings, June 1974 and June 1975).	1 bdl	1972-1977
13/3/2/1-4	Draft constitutions and aims.	1 bdl	1961, n.d.
13/4	<u>Berks, South Oxon, and South Bucks Association of Independent Ministers and Churches (later BSOSB Congregational Union)</u>		
13/4/1/1-8	Correspondence and papers, [March 1895] - December 1919.	1 bdl	1895-1919

14 MISCELLANEOUS

14/1	Letter from a sister (in London) to her brother concerning quitrent on land she had bought from him. [No names are given].	1 doc	n.d.[late 17c.]
14/2	Copy letter to Mr Mathews concerning a charity established under the will of Ann Partridge (1729), bequeathing a messuage called Durrants in Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, to the use of the Baptist congregation at Marlows in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, 13 December 1770.	1 doc	1770
14/3	Letter from S Phillips to Mr Moore concerning money paid to the latter for preaching a sermon, 11 May 1766.	1 doc	1766
14/4	Print of [the Revd] R[obert] Raikes [the promoter of Sunday Schools].	1 doc	n.d.
14/5	Letter from the Revd W Harold Doggett concerning his leaving the Baptist pastorate at Abingdon, 7 November 1906.	1 doc	1906
14/6	Draft notes for an article or talk on the church's history.	1 doc	n.d. [c.1883-1900]
14/7/1,2	Photocopy of an article in the <u>Congregational Magazine</u> of June 1818, containing a brief history of nonconformity in Abingdon and surrounding villages.	1 bdl	n.d.
14/8/1-8	Notes on the history of the church, perhaps made by Dr Stevens in the course of his research for <u>Two Centuries Young</u> .	1 bdl	n.d. [c.1898-1900]
14/9/1-85	Notes on the history of the church, made by the Revd A F Rock. (Includes notes on the Fletcher family).	1 bdl	n.d. [c.1962-1968]
14/10/1-24	Paper written by the Revd Anthony Gardiner on the history of Presbyterianism in Abingdon, 1660-1700. (Includes transcript of declaration against property signed by the Presbyterians of Abingdon, 1689).	1 bdl	n.d.
14/11/1-74	Papers concerning the tradition that the pillars supporting the church roof were originally the masts of the <u>Mayflower</u> or the <u>Brielle</u> (the ship which brought William III to England in 1688). (Includes correspondence, press cuttings and photographs).	1 bdl	1929-1980

14	MISCELLANEOUS (cont)		
14/12/1-11	Transcripts and photocopies of deeds and documents relating to the church. (Includes transcript of 6/2/1/22, 6/2/2, and 11/2/1; transcript of "extracts from copies of wills", 1861 (formerly catalogued as D/N 1/3/1, now withdrawn), and photocopy and transcript of toleration document and registration certificate, 1689).	1 bdl	n.d.
14/13/1-7	Offprints of illustrations of former pastors and members of the church, taken from <u>Two Centuries Young</u> .	1 bdl	n.d.[c.1900]
14/14/1,2	Photographs of harvest festival displays in the church.	1 bdl	n.d. [c.1930-1970]
14/15/1,2	Photographs of the front of the church.	1 bdl	1955,1968
14/16/1-21	Photographs of the church building and of memorial tablets.	1 bdl	1980
14/17	Negatives of 14/16.	1 bdl	1980
14/18	Press cutting from the <u>Congregational Weekly</u> concerning a sermon preached at Abingdon Congregational Church in 1950.	1 doc	1958
14/19	<u>Intake Congregational Church (1935-1956) and the Churches of Doncaster</u> , by the Revd A F Rock, minister of Intake [later minister of Abingdon Congregational Church].	1 doc	1956
14/20	Press cutting concerning changes to the format of evening services at the church.	1 doc	1961
14/21	Reading Broad Street Congregational Church newsletter, September 1958.	1 doc	1958

APPENDIX I

Calendar of medieval deeds in D/N 1/6/2/5

- 1 [1 May 1416]
1 John and Isolda Wygynton of Abingdon.
2 John Longe of Abingdon, corser, and his wife Beatrice.
Quitclaim of all land.
Seals (broken).
Given at Abingdon on the Monday before the feast of the Apostles Philip and James, 4 Henry V.
- 2 [1 May 1416]
1 Master John Stone and Master Thomas Mordon, clerks.
2 John and Beatrice ["Betrice"] Longe of Abingdon.
Quitclaim of a tenement in Okstrete, Abingdon, adjoining that of Alice Byssthope.
Wits :- Richard Taylor, Laurence Herny, John Lyfford, Robert Perys and others.
Given at Abingdon on the feast of the Apostles Philip and James, 4 Henry V.
- 3 [3 May 1419]
1 John Edeward of Abingdon, "webar" (webber).
2 John Longe of Abingdon, corser.
Quitclaim of a tenement and curtilage in Okkestret, adjoining that formerly of John Bakesgow.
Wits :- John Kyng, John Alford, Walter Bryghewell, Richard Tayller, Thomas Shypton, Thomas Whyte Coupere and John Clokkeld.
Given at Abingdon, Wednesday after the feast of the Apostles Philip and James, 7 Henry V.

APPENDIX II

List of registers held at Public Record Office

<u>BRO microfilm references</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Covering dates</u>
595	Baptisms	1723-1729
594	Baptisms	1777-1807
594	Births and baptisms	1799-1837
595	Burials	1729-1740
594	Deaths and burials	1787,1795,1806
594	Burials	1787-1836

The Registers on MF 595 describe the church as Abingdon Presbyterian, those on MF 594 as Abingdon Independent Upper Meeting House, but both refer to the same congregation.