

Records concerned with the Care of Churches

In 1847 a Diocesan Church Building Society was established to increase church accommodation and the number of parsonage houses. It would supply grants for projects after the plans and specifications had been approved by the Diocesan Architect. In 1917, its work was taken over by the Diocesan Board of Finance, who formed a Church Building Committee to deal with this.

However, the examining functions of this Committee rapidly passed to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, which had originally been set up as the Diocesan Advisory Committee for War Memorials to deal with the anticipated wave of war memorials after the Great War.

Records of the **Diocesan Church Building Society:**

Minute books from 1847 to 1870 and 1891 to 1927.
Papers re applications for grants from 1870 to 1888.
Other papers, including a register of grants, from 1840 to 1917.

Records of the **Diocesan Advisory Committee:**

Minute books from 1916 to 1948
Correspondence at odd intervals between 1921 and 1984
Other papers including architectural reports from 1920 to 1967

Where are these records?

The Diocesan records are all with the Oxfordshire History Centre, including those after 1836 relating to Berkshire and those after 1845 relating to Buckinghamshire. The records themselves are not online.

Where is the catalogue?

The Diocesan catalogue is unfortunately not on the History Centre's Heritage Search online catalogue. However, a catalogue exists on [Discovery](#), search 'DIOC Oxford'. You will need to visit the History Centre to look at the full catalogue in printed form.

What do I do now?

To find out how to visit Oxfordshire History Centre to see the Diocesan records [CLICK HERE](#)

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