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What does the Strict Baptist Historical Society do?

We encourage the preservation of all books, documents and materials of historical interest connected to the Particular Baptists and the Strict Baptists.

We hold an annual meeting in March each year with a lecture, on Particular Baptist and Strict Baptist history. The lecture is subsequently published in our annual bulletin. We also publish a newsletter each year with articles, news, views and letters of interest to the membership.

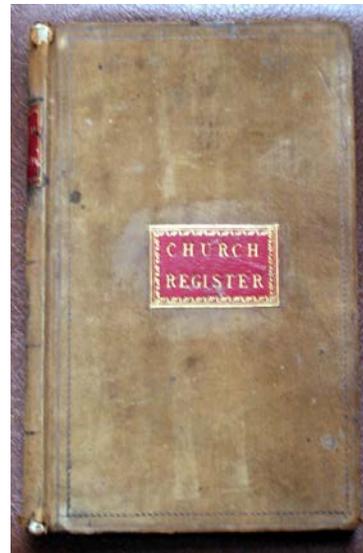
Our library is housed within the Evangelical Library (5/6 Gateway Mews, Ringway, Bounds Green, N11 2UT www.evangelical-library.org.uk) where we hold a large collection of books, magazines and church records. These materials are often used for research into the history of Particular Baptists, Strict Baptists and for wider historical research.

We publish a range of books and booklets of interest to our membership and many others worldwide.

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The Strict Baptist HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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This is a question that we hear again and again – This leaflet is an attempt to answer it.

Where are your records at present?

- * In a box under the table in a damp Vestry
- * In a cupboard under the stairs
- * In the Church Secretary's attic
- * In the Church Treasurer's garage

If these are the answers to this question then it is time you did something about them

What should you keep?

1. All Minute books for the Trustees, Church and Deacons meetings, Sunday School, Youth organisations, etc.
2. Church Members Lists
3. Copies of Trust Deeds and any other legal documents
4. All Account Books beyond the necessary six years which the Charity Commissioners and Inland Revenue demand
5. All leaflets and newspaper cuttings of special events-
6. Photographs of the Church, and its organisations and special events
7. Architects Drawings and Bills of Quantity for new buildings or extensions
8. Copies of any history that has been written about the Church

How should you keep them?

1. Identify and date all photographs (carefully on the back) if you can
2. Remove all paper clips and staples that are liable to go rusty
3. Put loose papers into folders as flat as possible - creases will eventually cause disintegration
4. Pack books and folders into archival boxes that can be purchased from good stationers
5. Label the folders and boxes so that you can find what you have put in them

ANYTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH List of material deposited in the Anyshire County Record Office on 15 March 2009

1. Church Meeting Minutes
1900-1935
2. Church Meeting Minutes
1936-1992
3. Deacons Meeting Minutes
1900-1935
4. Deacons Meeting Minutes
1936-1992
5. ...



Where should you keep them?

In a cool, dry and secure place if you are determined to keep them on Church premises.

By far the better arrangement is to hand your Church records over to the local County Record Office for safe keeping. In such a place the conditions are right for preservation and security. You should make an agreement with the record office that allows access at any time by the Church. The records will also be available for supervised researchers. Before it is signed, make certain that the access described in the agreement is what the Church wants.

The address of your local record office can be found in the telephone directory under the County Council, Metropolitan District or Unitary Authority.

Before you hand the records over, make a list. This is important, as most record offices have a backlog of material to be catalogued and it helps them if a list is provided.

The Church should keep a copy of the list in the current Church Minute Book and also send a copy of the list with a note of which Record Office they are deposited in, to the Strict Baptist Historical Society Librarian.