

3.0 CHURCH REGISTRY

A worldly view but perhaps what Thomas Cromwell had in mind when in 1538 he ordered records of baptisms, burials, and weddings, to be kept in England thenceforth. Although invaluable to genealogists the question arises why else the keeping of Church records is important to us today. Two reasons emerge:

1. It is of importance to the people and families concerned to have a record marking the pivotal events of their lives.
2. Maintaining a registry is important to the local church not only as a source of information but as an encouragement to effective ministry.

How can the keeping of records be an *encouragement*? Because, like the *Congregational Reporting System*, it is a *measure* of Kingdom results in ministry.

For these reasons, a Church Registry must be maintained and shown to the Bishop during each visitation. Commercially available registry books may be used or the necessary records may be kept in a journal(s) suitable for maintaining permanent records. Please purchase online record keeping materials or for a hard copy registers, please see <https://www.churchpublishing.org/products/registerofchurchservices>.

These events must be Recorded:

Church Membership
Removal from Church Membership
Baptisms
Confirmations
Marriages
Funerals and Memorial Services

These details must be recorded, alphabetically by surname, in each instance:

Members of the Congregation Full Name <> Sex <> Birth Date <>
Place of Birth <> Date of Baptism if known <> Place of Baptism if known <>
Whether by letter of Transfer <> Whether by Request if without letter of Transfer

Members Removed from the Congregation Full Name <> Sex <> Birth
Date <> Whether by Death <> Whether by Letter of Transfer <> Whether by
Stated Reason or Reason Unknown

Baptisms Full Name <> Sex <> Birth Date <> Place of Birth <> Date of
Baptism <> Names of Parents <> Names of God Parents or Sponsors <> Name of
Baptizing Minister

Confirmations Full Name <> Sex <> Birth Date <> Date and Place of
Baptism <> Names of Presenters <> Date of Confirmation <> Name of
Confirming Bishop

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Marriages

GENERAL Date <> Time <> Venue

BRIDE Full Name <> Age <> Full Address <> Church Status or Religious Background <> Full Names and Addresses of Parents, including Mother's Maiden Name <> Signature of Bride

GROOM Full Name <> Age <> Full Address <> Church Status or Religious Background <> Full Names and Addresses of Parents, including Mother's Maiden Name <> Signature of Groom

WITNESSES We, subscribing our names below, were Witnesses of the marriage of the above named parties at the time and place stated: Full Names (Printed) <> Signatures <> Full Addresses

OFFICIATING MINISTER Full Name (Printed) <> Signature <> Full Address

Funerals/Memorial Services

DECEASED Full Name <> Birth Date <> Full Address <> Church Status or Religious Background

GENERAL Date <> Time <> Venue <> Whether Funeral or Memorial Service <> Location of Grave or Mausoleum or Disposition of ashes

OFFICIANT Full Name (Printed) <> Signature <> Full Address