

Care of Churches

Background

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.

Classes of records

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

Catalogue

The records themselves are not online, but the catalogue of the records is available on [Heritage Search](#). All the diocesan records have the prefix DIOC.

More information

- Oxfordshire History Centre [catalogues](#)
- [Visiting](#) Oxfordshire History Centre
- [Contact us](#) to make an enquiry about the records

