

Parish Number: P.1159

Records of the Parish of: Belfast - Mount Merrion, Church of the Pentecost (Dromore)

County of: Antrim

Period: 1956 - 2011

From: Local parish custody, 2019

Notes: The Pentecost Church was formed in 1956, with services initially being held in the church hall of Cregagh, then its mother parish.

Thereafter Mount Merrion was created as a parish in its own right, following the opening of a new Church of the Pentecost, which was consecrated on 16 March 1963.

Being a relatively recent parish, with records running from the 1950s onwards there is evidence of an extraordinary pride in record-keeping and attention to detail. In particular, the Secretary's Manual, created by William R. Hyndman, outgoing secretary of the Select Vestry (P.1159.27.1) , to guide his successors; together with the detailed Free Will Offering Ledgers and summary reports accounting for giving (P.1159.7.1 and 21) demonstrate exemplary accountability practice.

P.1159.03 Register of Marriages

- 1 . 1963 - 1968
- 2 . 1968 - 1872
- 3 . 1972 - 1976

P.1159.05 Vestry Minute Book

- 1 . 1962 - 1969
- 2 . 1969 - 1974
- 3 . 1974 - 1978
- 4 . 1979 - 1984
- 5 . 1984 - 1989
- 6 . 1989 - 1994

P.1159.07 Account Book

- 1 . 1964 - 2004 (Free Will Offering Ledgers being a sample taken at roughly decade intervals of these annual ledgers to give future researchers an indication of the detail involved in parish collections). 5 volumes [CLOSED]
- 2 . 1999 - 2005 (Income and Expenditure book)

P.1159.08 Preacher's book

- 1 . 1956 - 1966
- 2 . 1966 - 1975
- 3 . 1975 - 1986
- 4 . 1986 - 1998

P.1159.21 Annual Reports

- 1 . 1966 - 2011 Annual reports of accounts, being summaries of the freewill offerings and other subscriptions and special collections, detailing individual givings, 1966-2011. [CLOSED].

P.1159.25 Parish Magazine

- 1 . 1963 - 2000

P.1159.27 Miscellaneous Loose Papers

- 1 . Secretary's Manual detailing the role and responsibilities of the incoming secretary of the Select Vestry, created by William R. Hyndman, the outgoing secretary, 1989.

P.1159.28 Miscellaneous Volumes

- 1 . Index to early vestry minute book entres, undated, c. 1962.
- 2 . Volume containing extensive chronological lists of clergy; officers and their roles as well as members of the Select Vestry, 1962-1998.

P.1159.29 Photographs

- 1 . Undated printers' block featuring the exterior of the church, probably for use in annual reports, undated, c. 1963