

BONCHURCH

St Boniface



Old Church – Bonchurch W H Davenport Adams c 1856

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There are two churches in the parish of Bonchurch, both called St Boniface. The earlier one, dating back to 1070, served as the parish church until it became too small to accommodate the growing population. In 1848 a second and larger church was constructed to the design of Benjamin Ferry. St Blasius' church in the parish of Shanklin was annexed to Bonchurch until it became independent in the nineteenth century.

Parish Registers

Key

BAP: Baptisms
MAR: Marriages
BUR: Burials
BAN: Banns
COM: Combined

Reference	Date
BON/REG/COM/1	1734-1783* Bap 1764-1783 Bur * Copied from Shanklin Register
BON/REG/COM/2	1783-1810 Bap 1785-1810 Bur

1783-1801 Mar

1724-1783 **

** See under SHK/REG/COM/1

BON/REG/BAP/1

1813-1917

BON/REG/BAP/2

1918-1944

BON/REG/BAP/3

1944-1958

BON/REG/MAR/1

1802-1810 ***

1811-1836

*** See under SHK/RREG/MAR/2

BON/REG/MAR/2

1837-1920

BON/REG/MAR/3

1922-1943

BON/REG/MAR/4

1943-1959

BON/REG/MAR/5

1959-1981

BON/REG/MAR/6

1982-1987

BON/REG/MAR/7

1987-1992

BON/REG/BUR/1

1813-1939

BON/REG/BAN/1

1754-1783

Parish Records

Reference	Date	Description
BON/APR/001A/001	1750-1843	Poor rate book (inc. disbursements)
BON/APR/001A/002	1861-1869	Poor rate book
BON/APR/001B/001	1889-1893	Account book of receipts and deposits (mainly recording sums received from rates)
BON/APR/001D/001	1857-1869	Overseers' half yearly account with I.W. Union
BON/APR/001D/002	1869-1899	Overseers' half yearly account with I.W. Union
BON/APR/001F/001	1888,1895	Appointments of Jonathan George Jolliffe of Bonchurch as Assistant Overseer of Poor 24 March 1888, 3 June 1895, 25 Dec 1895; letters sent to J.G. Jolliffe c1890s
BON/APR/001H/001	1891-1894	Contribution orders requiring payment by overseer to Guardians of the Poor and Rural Sanitary Authority
BON/APR/001J/001	1870-1895	Poor Rate Collector's monthly statements of account with I.W. Union
BON/APR/001Z/001	1860s	Circular concerning duties of Overseers of the Poor
BON/APR/002A/001	1848-1867	Rate book

BON/APR/002B/001	1778-1843	Account book (rates & disbursements)
BON/APR/002B/002	1844-1848	Account book
BON/APR/002E/001	1872 approx- 1894 approx	Receipts & bills
BON/APR/002Z/001	1851	Instructions to churchwardens issued by Diocese of Winchester (2 copies)
BON/APR/002Z/002	1869	Sequestration issued by Bishop of Winchester to churchwardens, Daniel Day and George Giles: they are to levy & receive all tithes and ecclesiastical dues belonging to Bonchurch Rectory; accompanying letter from Charles Wooldridge 2 Jan 1869; account of receipts and payments in respect of sequestration 24 March 1853
BON/APR/002Z/003	1882	Poll book recording votes on election of churchwardens 9 May 1882
BON/APR/003Z/001	1888-1893	Circulars issued by I.W. Highway Commissioners requiring payment of highway rate 1888, 1892, 1893; notices to churchwardens and overseers of the poor to hold a meeting to elect 10 Surveyors of the Highways 8 Sep 1888 & 3 Sep 1892
BON/APR/007C/001	1900's late	Plan showing seating arrangements in 1848 in new church
BON/APR/007C/002	1897	Plans for alterations to windows in north transept and west end 27 June

		1897	
BON/APR/007C/003	1900's late		Plan showing position of graves of people associated with building of new church; and photographs of graves
BON/APR/007C/004	1998		Plan of position of tablets in church, and transcripts of commemorative tablets.
BON/APR/007D/001	1830		Mortgage of rates of parish of Bonchurch for securing £100 and interest 6 July 1830 [money was used to build galleries in old church]
BON/APR/007D/002	1848-1858		Security for £800 & interest upon the church rates of parish of Bonchurch under Church Building Acts 16 Sep 1848 (2 copies); additional security for £200 & interest upon church rates of parish of Bonchurch under the Church Building Acts 29 Nov 1848 (2 copies); and accompanying receipts and letters 1850 - 1858
BON/APR/007E/001	1844-1849		Correspondence mainly between Captain Swinburne, Justly Hill (Archdeacon), Revd. James White, and Henry Sewell re building of new church 1844 -1849
BON/APR/007E/002	1857		Letter from Lady Jane Swinburne re church ceiling 24 Aug 1857; letter from Benjamin Ferrey, architect, re roof 20 Aug 1857
BON/APR/007E/003	1868		Letter from John Philip Jacob re building of vaults in churchyard and requirement

of a faculty 16 Sep 1868

BON/APR/007E/004	1983 approx	Correspondence mainly between Revd. A. Tedman and Mr D.J.R. Green of Cheltenham re stained glass windows in church c1983
BON/APR/007F/001	1845-1848	Accounts of Messrs Sewell, Norris, Estcourt, solicitors, in respect of building of new church
BON/APR/007F/002	1846-1848	Accounts & receipts of Daniel Day & Jonathan Jolliffe in respect of building of church
BON/APR/007F/003	1846-1848	Accounts of Jonathan Jolliffe in respect of building of church
BON/APR/007F/004	1847-1848	Account book of Church Building Fund
BON/APR/007F/005	1847-1848	Receipts and cheque book stubs recording payment of money to Mr Galbraith, Clerk of Works
BON/APR/007F/006	1848	Accounts of Charles Wooldridge Diocesan Registrar, in respect of consecration of new church and churchyard at Bonchurch Nov - Dec 1848
BON/APR/007F/007	1848	Accounts of Jonathan Jolliffe in respect of building of church
BON/APR/007F/008	1848 approx	Various receipts in respect of building of church
BON/APR/007G/001	1846-1848	Account book of subscribers to New Church Fund

BON/APR/007G/002	1847 approx	Printed subscription list of contributors to new church fund
BON/APR/007I/001	1847	Minutes of meeting of Building Committee 22 June 1847; resolution by Building Committee to settle purchase of land for new church 18 May 1846
BON/APR/007K/001	1843-1847	Schedule giving numbers of people which can be accommodated in church Feb 1847; plan of seating in church 1843
BON/APR/007K/002	1876	List of allocation of seats in church, giving surnames of parishioners May 1876
BON/APR/007K/003	ND	Petition against changing system of allocating pews in church
BON/APR/007L/001	1884	Insurance Policy with Liverpool & London and Globe Insurance Co. in respect of church 17 July 1884
BON/APR/007L/002	1923	Insurance Policy with Royal Insurance Co. Ltd. in respect of church 23 Feb 1923
BON/APR/007Q/001	1847	Contract for building of church 27 Dec 1847
BON/APR/007Z/001	1844	Circular issued to parishioners appealing for money to build new church 12 Dec 1844

BON/APR/007Z/002	1845	Printed extracts from an Act for the further amendment of Church Building Acts 31 July 1845; and accompanying letter from Church Commissioners 9 Aug 1845
BON/APR/007Z/003	1848	Certificate recording that, under terms of Act for further amendment of Church Building Acts, new church of Bonchurch is to be substituted for the old church, and the endowments or rights belonging to the old church are to be transferred to the new church when duly consecrated 1 June 1848
BON/APR/007Z/004	1848	Sentence of consecration of new parish church of Bonchurch 11 Dec 1848
BON/APR/007Z/005	1848	'The Form of Prayer and Ceremonies used at the consecration of churches, chapels and churchyards'
BON/APR/007Z/006	1848 approx	Designs for Ten Commandments for new church
BON/APR/007Z/007	1848 approx	Record book concerning building and completion of new church: incl. list of members of building committee; dates of laying of foundation stone & of consecration; details of donations to building fund
BON/APR/007Z/008	1849	Complimentary ticket for dinner at Bonchurch Hotel given in honour of Building Committee 11 Jan 1849; postcard of hotel

BON/APR/007Z/009	1864 approx	Memorandum compiled by Robert Sewell re liability of parish to repair old church 25 Nov ?1864
BON/APR/007Z/010	1869	Inventory of parish papers 6 Aug 1869
BON/APR/007Z/011	1872	Agreement to build transept 18 Nov 1872
BON/APR/007Z/012	1872	Manufacturer's description of organ installed (extracted from order book of Forster & Andrews of Hull)
BON/APR/007Z/013	ND	Fragment of a note recording that part of the wreck of the Royal George was used for laying foundation stone of new church. Handwriting is that of Revd. William Adams who laid foundation stone
BON/APR/007Z/014	ND	Photographs of old heater discovered under choir vestry during restoration
BON/APR/008C/001	1729	Plan of glebe lands & adjacent fields. Surveyed May 1729; copied 30 March 1809
BON/APR/008C/002	1838	Plan of glebe June 1838
BON/APR/008D/001	1826	Lease of glebe lands at Bonchurch 1 March 1826 (i) Revd. Archdeacon Hill (ii) William Henry Surman
BON/APR/008F/001	1770	Office copy of terrier of Bonchurch 17 Sep 1770
BON/APR/008Z/001	1874	Circular to subscribers of Bonchurch

		Advowson Purchase Fund Jan 1874
BON/APR/009Z/001	1909	Service sheet for institution of Revd. John William Salter to church 26 Nov 1956; service sheet 20 July 1909
BON/APR/009Z/002	1900 late	Notes re two rectors: William Downes (1719); John Floyd Andrewes (1906)
BON/APR/011A/001	1958-1967	Register of services Sep 1958 - Nov 1967
BON/APR/011A/002	1967-1977	Register of services Dec 1967 - Dec 1977
BON/APR/012A/001	ND	Tithe rent charge apportionment
BON/APR/012C/001	1907	Tithe redemption certificate 4 Dec 1907
BON/APR/014D/001	1863-1868	Sacramental alms account book
BON/APR/016A/002	1845	Minutes of vestry meeting re building of new church 30 May 1845
BON/APR/016A/003	1845	Minutes of vestry meeting re formation of building committee 29 June 1845
BON/APR/016A/004	1845	Minutes of vestry meeting re building of church 30 Oct 1845; notice of vestry meeting 26 Oct 1845
BON/APR/016A/005	1846-1860	Minute book of vestry meetings
BON/APR/016A/006	1848	Minutes of vestry meeting re raising money to complete church 20 May 1848

BON/APR/016A/007	1848	Extract from minute book of Bonchurch vestry meetings re application for further loan to complete building 29 May 1848
BON/APR/016A/008	1861-1872	Minute book of vestry meetings
BON/APR/016A/009	1869	Minutes of meeting re content of a report to be presented to the vestry 30 March 1869
BON/APR/016A/010	1872-1882	Minute book of vestry meetings
BON/APR/016A/011	1882-1921	Minute book of vestry meetings
BON/APR/016A/012	1891	Minutes of vestry meeting 20 July 1891
BON/APR/016A/013	1892-1905	Draft minute book of vestry meetings
BON/APR/016A/1	1817-1843	Minute book of vestry meetings
BON/APR/016Z/001	1837	Act of Parliament: An Act to alter the mode of giving notices for the holding of vestries, of making proclamations in cases of outlawry, and of giving notices on Sundays with respect to various matters 12 July 1837
BON/APR/016Z/002	1850	Notes referring to holding of a vestry meeting for purpose of levying a rate to pay Mr Lucena's costs 2 July 1850; memorandum re payment of his costs
BON/APR/016Z/003	1883-1902	Notices of vestry meetings
BON/APR/017A/001	1969-1975	P.C.C. minute book April 1969 - May 1975

BON/APR/017Z/002	1946	Plan of 'remaining portions of Bishops Acre, Ventnor, for P.C.C.' (2 copies); and accompanying schedule recording income received from houses at Bishops Acre and suggested selling prices (4 copies)
BON/APR/019C/001	1835-1918	Marriage licences
BON/APR/019C/002	1873-1909	Certificates of registry of death, incl. people connected with building of church
BON/APR/022A/001	1848-1903	Minute book of Bonchurch National School Committee (incl. list of donors and cost of erecting school & teacher's house)
BON/APR/022E/001	1848	Letters from Captain Swinburne re building of new school
BON/APR/022E/002	1848 approx	Letter from Elizabeth Sewell proposing a suitable person to be appointed teacher for school 25 Aug [?1848]
BON/APR/022G/001	1846	Copy of deed for transfer of land for school building 1 Sep 1846 (copy dated 24 Jan 1859)
BON/APR/022G/002	1951-1952	Documents re conveyance of Bonchurch National School: draft conveyance; instructions to counsel; copy opinion; letters.
BON/APR/022Z/001	1900's early	Photographs of children at Bonchurch school

BON/APR/023Z/001	1866-1894 approx	Supplementary valuation lists
BON/APR/025Z/001	1845	Case for the opinion of Mr Bourdillon re whether Bonchurch and Shanklin are 2 distinct parishes 10 Nov 1845
BON/APR/026Z/001	1848	Receipt for church bell 15 March 1848
BON/APR/029D/001	1817	Licence of James Symmans as chapel clerk for Shanklin 10 Sep 1817
BON/APR/099Z/001	1872-1887	Minute book of meetings of Inspectors for lighting
BON/APR/099Z/002	1887-1898	Minute book of meetings of Inspectors for lighting From 1895 becomes Committee of Bonchurch Parish Council
BON/APR/099Z/003	1873-1877	Rate book for lighting and footpaths
BON/APR/100/001	1836	Act of Parliament (photocopy): 'An Act to enable the Revd. James White and the Persons for the time being entitled to certain estates situated in parish of Bonchurch in the Isle of Wight in the County of Southampton, devised by the will of Charles Fitzmaurice Hill, esq., dec'd, to grant building leases 21 June 1836; photocopied print of Rev. A.J. White
BON/APR/100/002	1837, 1998	Acts of Parliament: Act to explain and amend 2 Acts passed in the last session of Parliament for marriages, and for registering births, deaths and marriages in England 30 June 1837 Act

		to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Isle of Wight 26 Aug 1889 Act to amend the law with respect to rating places used for advertisements 12 Aug 1889
BON/APR/100/003	1880s- 1890s	Circulars issued by Local Government Board, General Register Office, Assessment Committee of I.W. Union, Ecclesiastical Commissioners and other bodies re valuation lists, electoral divisions, qualifications required by Guardians of the Poor, grants, I.W. Rural Sanitary Authority, Electoral Disabilities Removal Act 1891
BON/APR/100/004	1909	Photograph of Algernon Charles Swinburne's funeral; photograph of floral tributes; narrative account of the funeral April 1909
BON/APR/100/005	1909	'The London Gazette' including an article concerning payment of grants to benefices 23 July
BON/APR/100/006	1921	Photographs of consecration service for war memorial Spring 1921 (Rector: Jonathan Seaver); and photograph of church
BON/APR/100/007	ND	Photocopied extract from Dictionary of National Biography re Benjamin Ferrey (1810 - 1880), architect of new church
BON/APR/100/008	1945	Booklet re history of old church 1945; booklet re history of old and new church post 1931

BON/APR/100/009	1948	Commemorative booklet and service sheet for Centenary Celebrations 24 June 1948
BON/APR/100/010	1960's post	Notes compiled by Peter Brett for his history of Bonchurch
BON/APR/100/011	1972	Catalogue of an exhibition held in Carisbrooke Castle Museum: Swinburne's relatives, the Gordons and their homes on Isle of Wight - illustrated in a series of watercolours attributed to members of the family 25 March - 15 April 1972' (incl. part of family tree of Swinburne/Gordon family)
BON/APR/100/012	1972	Notes by P. Orr concerning Saint called Boniface 1 Oct 1972
BON/APR/100/013	1975-1986	Correspondence (1986) and newspaper cuttings (1975, 1977, 1986) re George Clunies Ross who was buried in churchyard in 1910 (but 5 years later re-interred on New Selma Island of the Keeling-Cocos Group)
BON/APR/100/014	1900's late	Notes by Revd. A. Tedman re Sir James Nicholas Douglass, lighthouse builder (1826 - 1898) - originally buried in old churchyard but re-interred in Devon in 1913 (incl. photo of his grave at Bonchurch, and extract from I.W. Mercury June 1898)
BON/APR/100/015	ND	Photograph of hatchment of Hill family in old church

