

## **Archives Report for St John's Cathedral 1925/1926**

This year our Cathedral archives papers have slowly been transported downstairs and put into fireproof shelving for safekeeping. The cabinets have been donated from the Diocese Office who have cleared them in anticipation of their move to their new building.

This has also meant that the scanner being used by volunteers is now situated in the small office behind the meeting room in the East of the Cathedral.

I am delighted that the number of "Archive Angels" who volunteer to scan and transcribe baptism books in readiness to go "online" to the Kinder Library has grown to 6. A happy group who gives their time on a regular basis each Monday and Wednesday. We always welcome newcomers to join us as there are still many registers to scan and transcribe.

This has meant that we are slowly progressing with all our registers to eventually go online for safekeeping in the future.

I have had a few boxes donated to the archives from family members who have lost loved ones. This has produced some interesting new information to include in our archives.

The request for information about history of our church, previous clergy who have family wanting historic events, and simply those who need a copy of their baptism or historic events keep arriving in my "inbox" on a very regular basis.

Sadly, the Cathedral Baptism, Burials and confirmation registers prior to 1931 were lost in our earthquake along with other valuable information from our past.

The new Diocese building is now completed, and it is good to be able to access their expertise when it comes to any electronic hiccups.

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