

Deposit of parish records with Bedfordshire Archives & Records Service
Parish Records Classification Scheme

Bedfordshire Archives parish records classification scheme

Each parish has a unique reference beginning with P and then a number e.g. P74 = Biddenham. Each reference is made up of the parish number/number of the record type/the number of the item. E.g. the first Biddenham parish register would be P74/1/1

ECCLESIASTICAL

Incumbent, Benefice, Property and Income

0. Licences for incumbent or curate, service registers.
1. Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials; certificates; service forms; marriage licences.
2. Glebe, church & churchyard; parsonage.
3. Tithes, and other income.

Churchwardens (for material after 1921 see P.C.C., nos.32-35)

4. Rates.
5. Accounts.
6. Property.
7. Brief books & sequestrations, churchwardens' presentment forms
8. **Vestry** (for P.C.C. see 32)

CIVIL

Constables

9. Accounts
10. Precepts for rates, arrest warrants and other papers

Overseers

11. Rates.
12. Accounts.
13. Settlement
 - 13/1 Indemnity Bonds and Certificates
 - 13/2 Removal Orders from parish
 - 13/3 Removal Orders to Parish
 - 13/4 Examinations
14. Apprenticeship
15. Bastardy
16. Settlement; miscellaneous i.e. case papers
17. Militia
18. Overseers' correspondence. Workhouse agreements and inventories
19. Poor Law Board and Boards of Guardians (after 1834)

Surveyors

20. Rates
21. Accounts
22. Notes and correspondence, papers re statute duty, gravel carting, equipment

23. **Other Civil Parish Officers**

24. **Special Committees**

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25. **Charities**

Statutory Deposits

26. Enclosure Awards

27. Tithe Awards

28. **Miscellaneous** (includes photographs but try not to put things in this category!)

29. **Schools** (Sunday, national, Charity or Board)

30. **Parish Magazines**

31. Number no longer used

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (established 1921)

32. P.C.C. Minutes including Annual Vestry

33. P.C.C. Accounts

34. P.C.C. correspondence

35. P.C.C. property

36. Sub-committees with finance

37. Electoral rolls, annual reports, records of special activities.