

The original registers are kept in an environmentally controlled safe in St. Helens Church. The first 16 volumes (up to 1835) were transcribed by Canon Oldfield into the form of a partial manuscript index. For each volume baptisms and burials were combined in one index and the marriages were separate. The first part of this project was to input this index on to computer and to use the computer to rearrange the entries back into "register order". This was then checked against the original registers which are held in St. Helen's church and additional information that was not in the index was added to produce the present register transcripts. A new index with separate baptism, marriage and burials sections was then produced. Post 1837 Registers have been transcribed directly from the actual registers.

The Burial Registers end in 1891. The marriage transcript ends at 1900, but the register continues to 1920. The Baptism registers from 1813 to 1900 are in progress of transcription.

Volume 2 has a gap between 1633 and 1670 most of which is covered in Volume 3.

The entries in the second register for the period from 1617 to 1631 do not appear in chronological order, but are distributed among Christian names arranged alphabetically in set periods of 10 years. For this transcript they have been rearranged into chronological order.

The Baptism and burial data for Volume 4, 1653 to 1688, has not yet been checked, but is supplied here as unchecked data. Also Baptism and Burial data for 1813 to 1836 is similarly supplied as unchecked data.

The contents of each of the first 6 volumes are:

Volume 1:	Marriages	1538 to 1580
	Baptisms	1538 to 1578
	Burials	1538 to 1596
Volume 2:	Marriages	1582 to 1632 and 1674 to 1678
	Baptisms	1578 to 1632 and 1671 to 1679
	Burials	1596 to 1628 and 1671 to 1678
Volume 3:	Marriages	1641 to 1642, 1646 to 1656 and 1665 to 1666
	Baptisms	1641 to 1656 and 1665 to 1666
	Burials	1640 to 1656 and 1663 to 1666
Volume 4:	Marriages	1653 to 1666 and 1682 to 1688
	Births	odds 1664 to 1666
	Baptisms	1660 to 1691
	Burials	1653 to 1666 and 1682 to 1688
Volume 5:	Marriages	1688 to 1754
	Births	1687 to 1698
	Baptisms	1685 to 1761
	Burials	1688 to 1756
Volume 6:	Baptisms	1761 to 1812
	Burials	1756 to 1812

The later Registers were not specifically given a Volume number.