

## Contents of the Archives

Archival files are referred to as fonds, or holdings. The amount and quality of fonds vary from parish to parish.

### Parish registers

These include vestry books (service records) and vital records (baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials). Some parishes have very complete records; other parishes have gaps in the records.

### Parish History

The amount of archival material varies greatly from parish to parish. Some parishes have compiled thorough histories, particularly on special anniversaries (i.e. 50th anniversary). For parishes who have benefited from archivally-minded parishioners, there is a lot of useful material. For other parishes, however, there is very little information, or gaps in the material, owing to natural disasters such as fires and floods, or simply unexplained loss.

### Clergy

We have lists of clergy cross-referenced with their parishes, which means that we can track a priest through his parishes, or we can print out a list of priests for a single parish. We have very few detailed biographies or autobiographies. We also have few photographs of individuals, unless they hold high rank.