**Resources for Family and Local History**

The staff team are happy to help point you in the right direction for your research but are not able carry out in-depth historical enquiries. We hope this page will help.

First of all, are you looking for the right St John’s? St John the Evangelist East Dulwich is not the same as St John’s Peckham or St John’s Walworth. The website of the Diocese of Southwark gives a list of current parishes <https://southwark.anglican.org/find-a-church/>, a useful list of former places of worship <https://southwark.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/booklet-Former-Places-of-Worship-in-the-Diocese-of-Southwark-low-res.pdf>, and most references are linked to maps of their local area.

The parish archivesof St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich and its predecessor, East Dulwich Chapel, have been deposited at London Metropolitan Archives <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/history-and-heritage/london-metropolitan-archives>. This is in accordance with the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, as a way of ensuring the long-term care of parish records and access to them by members of the public. London Metropolitan Archives provides a search room and enquiry service, as well as a reprographics service through which you can order copies of entries in the parish registers.

The **parish registers** deposited at London Metropolitan Archives comprise the following:

* **Baptisms:** 5 May 1848-22 October 1978
* **Confirmations**: 1891-1995
* **Funerals and interment of ashes**: 1970-2003
* **Marriages:** 6 January 1866-2014
* **Services:** 1933-1968

As the parish was formed out of the ancient parish of Camberwell, records of earlier baptisms and marriages should be sought in the registers of St. Giles, Camberwell which are also deposited at London Metropolitan Archives.

Other deposited material includes:

* Bound copies of **St John’s** **parish magazine** (1885-March 1995)
* **Church Council Minutes** (1914-1947) and **PCC Minutes**
* **Plans and drawings** of the church, mainly for the rebuilding project after the Second World War

Other resources which may help:

* The family history website Ancestry [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) includes digital copies of the parish registers.
* Southwark Local History Library and Archive <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries/local-history-library-and-archive> has a wide range of sources to supplement parish registers.
* The websites of the Peckham Society <https://www.peckhamsociety.org.uk/> and the Dulwich Society <https://www.dulwichsociety.com/> include useful sections on local and family history which you may find helpful.
* Lambeth Palace Library holds files on the benefice and parish school which may be searched in the online catalogue <https://www.lambethpalacelibrary.org/content/searchcollections>.
* The General Register Office holds records of births, deaths, marriages, civil partnerships, stillbirths and adoptions in England and Wales from 1837. <https://www.gov.uk/general-register-office>