

Form RB1

Registered Building No.119  
Ref: CCM/MC

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1981

THE REGISTERED BUILDINGS (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1982

TO: The Vicar and Wardens of St. Peter's Parish Church,  
c/o Canon De. Baggaley,  
The Vicarage,  
Onchan,  
Isle of Man.

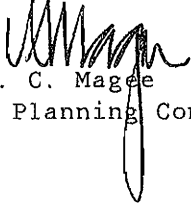
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting held on the 30th August, 1989, the PLANNING COMMITTEE of the Department of Local Government and the Environment, in pursuance of its powers under the above Acts and Regulations REGISTERED St. Peter's Parish Church, in the District of Onchan, as defined with a red line on the enclosed plan, in the PROTECTED BUILDINGS REGISTER by reason of its architectural and historic interest.

THE EFFECT OF THIS REGISTRATION IS IMMEDIATE and prohibits the alteration or demolition of the structure or appearance of any part of the building except in compliance with an obligation imposed by or under any statutory provision or with the prior written consent of the Planning Committee.

Public notice of the Registration will be published on the 14th day of September, 1989.

Dated this 11th day of September, 1989.

By Order of the Committee

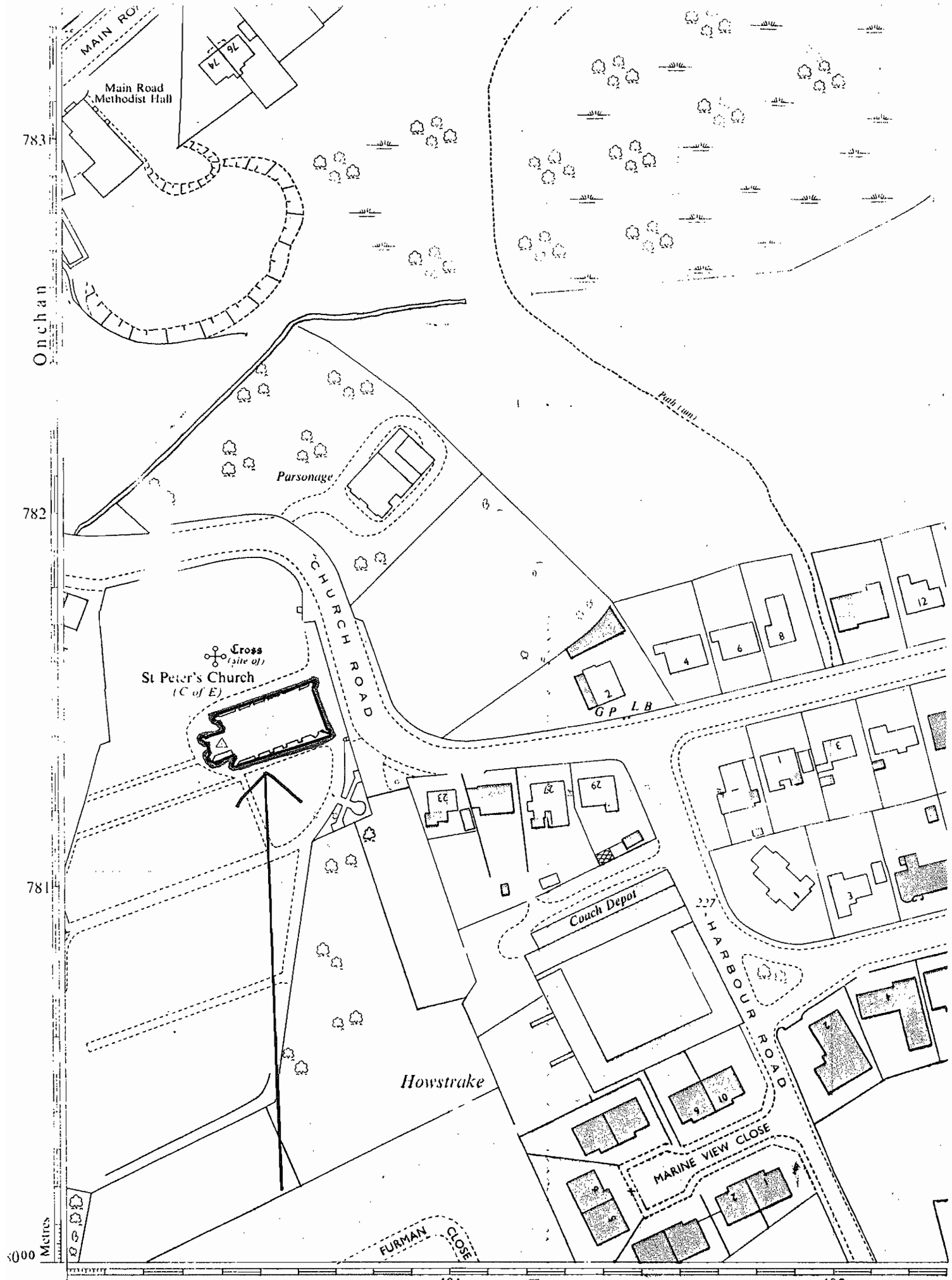
  
C. C. Magee

Secretary, Planning Committee

Central Government Offices,  
Douglas,  
Isle of Man.

NOTE: Rights of Review and Appeal against this registration are provided under the Regulations and summarised on the enclosed leaflet.

A copy of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1981 is appended hereto.



**SITE LOCATION MAP**  
**OF ST PETER'S PARISH CHURCH.**

Made and published by the Director General of the Ordnance Survey  
 Revised 1982

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**SCALE = 1:1250**

## ST. PETER'S PARISH CHURCH, ONCHAN

St. Peter's is not the first church to be erected on its present site. The original church (which dated from about the twelfth century) stood in what is now the modern graveyard, fifty yards North of the Western door of the present building.

However, by 1760, the walls and roof of the chancel were in a dangerous state, and although the building had a gallery and permission was granted in 1771 for the erection of another one (according to church records), the building being only 56ft. long by 15ft. broad, was too small. This was a situation that lasted many years. Eventually, in 1829, the issue was resolved. At a meeting on the 22nd December, it was decided to build a larger church capable of holding 500 people, with a gallery at the western end. The building was to be high enough to construct side galleries, if necessary.

The new building was to be erected on the Glebe land (roughly where the present Vicarage is). All seemed in order and the foundation stone was laid on the 8th July, 1830. However, some of the parishioners were not happy with the site chosen and after some discussion it was decided to use a more elevated and convenient site nearby. Therefore, on the 30th August, the foundation stone was taken up and relaid by the Bishop, with equal solemnity, on the current site.

The design of the building was by Messrs. Hanson and Welch, architects. They were also involved on work on other Manx churches (St. Barnabas in Douglas and St. Mary's at Ballaugh), and in the construction of King William's College (the pair later ran into serious financial trouble when they were involved in the construction of Birmingham Town Hall, which was a design of theirs).

During the construction, the builder, Johnny Sam Skillicorn (who was said to be the wittiest wag of the Parish) had the gravestone of Elizabeth Hayes (who died on the 25th February 1789), which had a peculiar inscription, taken from the churchyard and placed as one of the pediments over the spire louvres for the purpose of puzzling posterity.

With the exception of some rough-casting at the eastern end of the building, the Church has remained externally unaltered since its erection. Internally, the restoration work of 1863 includes the insertion of memorial windows as well as various alterations and improvements, placing the walls and spire in a good state of repair. Further work in 1913 covered the decoration of the interior and the renewal of woodwork, while the beautiful oak screen across the front of the chancel was erected in 1933 to mark the centenary of the building. In 1971 thirteen defective windows were replaced with new leaded, stained-glass windows.

CURRENT OWNERS: The Vicar and Wardens of St. Peter's Parish Church

### PREVIOUS RECORDED PLANNING PERMISSIONS AND ALTERATIONS

IDO 28630 - Replacement of 13 defective windows with new leaded,  
stained-glass windows  
APPROVED: 10.6.1970

















































