

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1981

THE REGISTERED BUILDINGS (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1982

TO: The Vicar and Wardens of Santon,
New Vicarage,
Saddle Road,
Braddan,
Isle of Man.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting held on the 15th day of July, 1983, the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** of the Isle of Man Local Government Board in pursuance of its powers under the Above Act and Regulations **REGISTERED** Santon Parish Church, otherwise known as St. Sanctain's, Arragon Veg Road, in the Parish of Santon, in the **PROTECTED BUILDINGS REGISTER**, by reason of its architectural or 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(s) 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 this Registration will be published on the 29th July, 1983.

This twenty-first day of July, 1983.

By Order of the Committee

J. F. Kissack, Secretary.

Government Offices,
Bucks Road,
Douglas, Isle of Man.

NOTE

Rights of Review and Appeal against this Registration are provided under the Regulations and summarised overleaf.

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

Registry Entry Summary – Santon Parish Church (St Sanctain's)

Details

Name: Santon Parish Church (St Sanctain's)

Address: Church Road, Santon IM4 1EZ

Register Entry Number: 15

Date of Registration: 21.07.1983

History

The site is known to have been used for Christian worship since approximately 500AD. The present building was erected in 1774, being a rebuild of a building constructed between 1720 and 1730.

The church is dedicated to Saint Sanctain, an Irish Saint and Bishop. During the 17th century, St Sanctain's connection with the church was forgotten, with the church mistakenly dedicated to St Ann. This mistake was perpetuated in Blundell's account of the island in 1648. The last reference to St Ann in the church registers was in 1822, when further uncertainty occurred with the church dedication attributed to St Anne. This spelling lasted until 1891, when the restoration of the dedication to Saint Sanctain appears to have occurred.

A new pitched roof was constructed in 1932, and at this time a number of pews were removed to make room for the existing chancel. The vestry was formed in 1951, and in 1952 the east wall's stained glass window was installed.

Form and Materials

The church is constructed of local stone, rendered externally and painted white. The roof is supported by timber A-frame trusses, with purlins, rafters and close boarded timber panels all visible from the interior. The roof is finished in natural slate (Welsh). The internal walls are timber panelled to dado height.

The church has a simple rectangular form, with a bell tower on the western gable. A gallery is present at the western end, accommodating the organ and additional seating at gallery level and under which the vestry and baptistry have been constructed.

Against the western internal wall, adjacent to the baptistry, are three stone crosses. Two depict forms of the cross. The third is believed to be the only engraved stone of its type on the island. The stone's Latin inscription reads 'A VITI MONUMENTI' – meaning the tomb of Avitus. No facts are known about the identity of the Manx Avitus. The style is similar to monuments found in Cornwall, south west Wales and southern Scotland. The name Avitus may indicate contact between the island and continental Europe, as the name was popular in northern France.

Reasons for Registration

Santon Parish Church (St Sanctain's), is included in the Protected Buildings Register for the following reasons:

ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST:

- Parish church dating from 1774 with many surviving elements of historic fabric and examples of architectural detailing.

HISTORIC INTEREST:

- Parish church illustrating important aspects of the nation's religious history and the social and cultural history of Santon Parish.

Photograph dated 1894



Photograph dated 1940s



Photographs circa date of registration



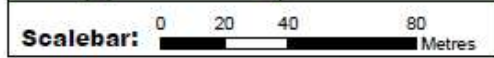
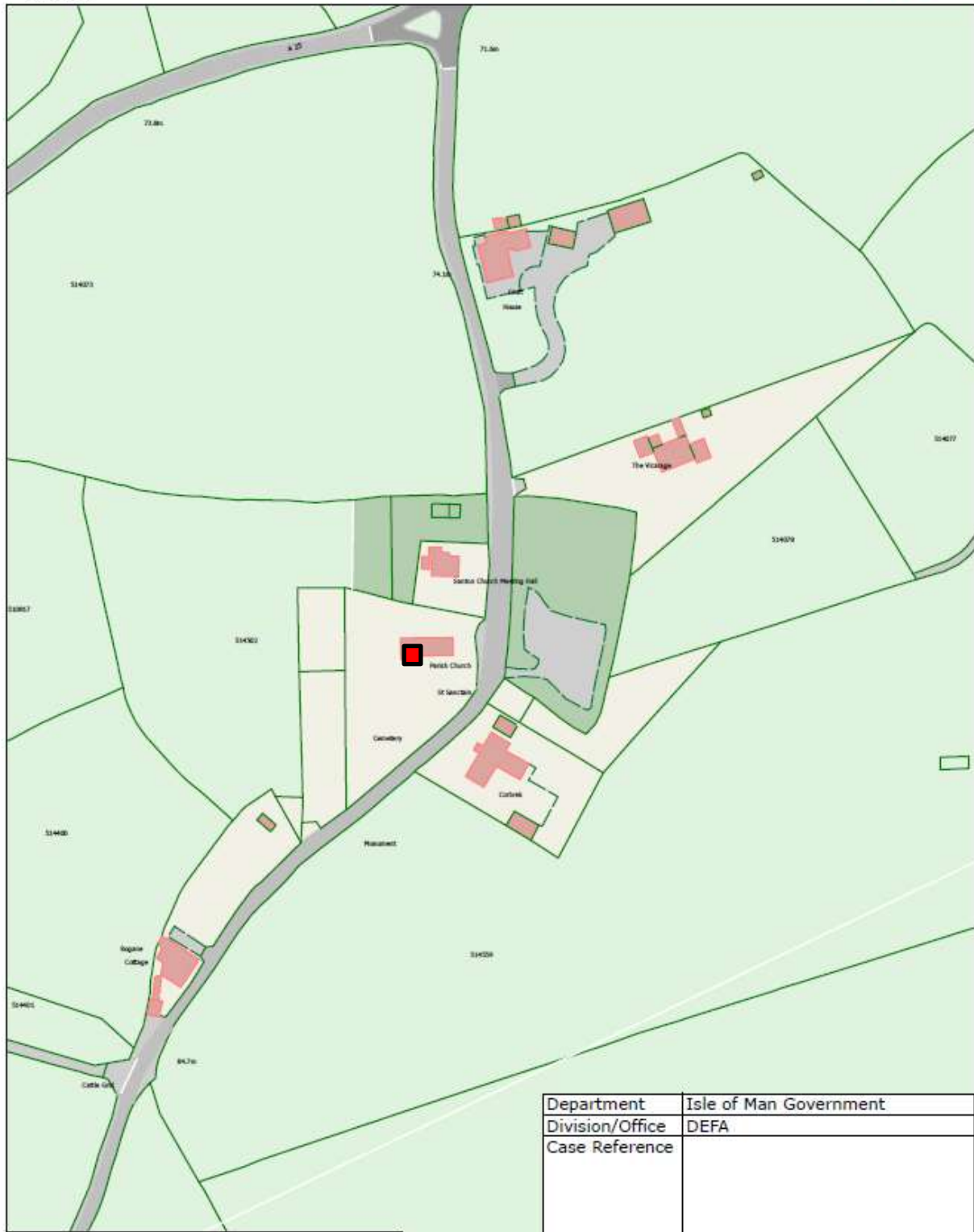
Photographs taken January 2022 and a 3D scan of the Avitus stone





Location Plan

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