

Form RB1

Registered Building No. 1  
Ref NGC/MC

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1981**

**THE REGISTERED BUILDINGS (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1982**

**TO:** Mr. Joseph Gerard Fairhurst,  
Budd's Farm,  
Isle of Oxney,  
Kent,  
England.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that at a meeting held on the 13th day of May, 1983, the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** of the Isle of Man Local Government Board in pursuance of its powers under the Above Act and Regulations **REGISTERED** Bishopscourt, comprising the Chapel of St. Nicholas, the Convocation Hall, The Bishop Wilson Library, the former Bishop's House of Residence, together with all other buildings, outbuildings, flats and offices contiguous therewith, situate in the Parishes of Michael and Ballaugh, 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 27th day of May, 1983.

This 23rd day of May, 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.

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TO: Mrs. Phyllis May Corkhill,  
Flat 3,  
Bishops court,  
Kirk Michael,  
Isle of Man.

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<p>jurisdiction</p> <p>Michael Commissioners</p>	<p>code</p> <p>MP/H/R/A</p>
<p>location</p> <p>32179241</p>	<p>ph</p>
<p>ownership</p>	
<p>origin</p> <p>thirteenth century</p>	

**description**

Bishposcourt, Michael

The building complex facusses upon the Octagonal chapel to the east end of a series of stone buildings varying from two to three storeys in height. The chapel has fine pointed arch windows with stone mullions and tracery and is capped by an octagonal pitched slate roof. The corners of both the chapel and the small nave which adjoins it on a cross axis are all buttressed to the eaves.

The main house is directly attached to the chapel and although built of stone, there is a considerable variation in both technique and architectural expression throughout numerous additions and possibly alterations. The facade to the main road is cement rendered having a high castellated parapet whereas the rear treatment consists of exposed stonework of various courses with pitched slate roof and a varied assortment of building shapes as part of a single complex form.

The buildings are set in a distinctly identifiable garden of pleasing design and good maintenance. The buildings themselves are not in such a good condition with the possible exception of the chapel itself.

**recommendation**

The building has extreme historical importance being founded as the seat of the official church on the island by Bishop Symon who died in 1247. It is perhaps unfortunate that this long history is catalogued by so many visual alterations to the original structure especially since so many of them are unresolved in terms of complimenting the chapel. Nevertheless the building in its setting should be listed for preservation but in a manner which does not prevent the buildings being returned to a habitable condition.



























