

Building:

Baptist Church

Address:

9100 Hodgkinson Street



Allotment Reference:

Section 5, lot 10

National Estate Register:

Recommended

Historic Building Register:

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National Trust Register:

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Location within Precinct:

Clifton Hill Western residential precinct

Photo Date:

October 1988

Grantee:

W.B. Fox, 18.9.1866

Original Owner:

Baptist Church Trustees

Present Owner:

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Original Use:

Church

Present Use:

Church (Community Church of St. Mark)

Construction Date:

1895

Architect:

<b><u>Builder:</u></b>	J. Bannell, also built the Northcote Baptist Church.
<b><u>Description:</u></b>	<p>A Romanesque tuckpointed bi-chromatic brick church with dominant parapetted gable end to nave, arcaded porch and corner tower with slate pyramidal roof, bracketed eaves and recessed panels forming two stages. Red body bricks are relieved with cream dressings, a restricted use of blacks and bluestone plinth. A cast iron column with Corinthian capital to the porch which has a simple tessellated tile floor is a feature.</p> <p>Iron gates securing the porch from the street have been removed. At the rear, timber additions are in poor condition.</p> <p>Inside, an austere nave is relieved by crude, classically inspired ornamentation, a timber lined ceiling with decorative hammer beam trusses and simple stained glass windows, the memorial window to Richard J. Bennetts (30-7-1928) being exceptional.</p>
<b><u>Condition:</u></b>	Good
<b><u>Integrity:</u></b>	Good
<b><u>History:</u></b>	<p>The Clifton Hill Baptist Church was opened in the Albert Hall (q.v.), Queens Parade, in July, 1890, at the instigation of the Rev. Edward Hains.</p> <p>This building was opened on October 2, 1895 at a cost of £1,430.00.</p>
<b><u>Significance:</u></b>	The Baptist Church, Clifton Hill, is of local importance as a substantially intact church designed along non-conformist lines with a distinctive bell tower. Its role as a prototype for the design of the Northcote Baptist Church is of interest.
<b><u>Recommendations:</u></b>	Recommended for planning scheme protection.
<b><u>References:</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Leo Hicks, 250 Station Street, Fairfield</li><li>- <u>Clifton Hill Baptist Church Semi-Jubilee 1890-1915 - Record of 25 years.</u></li><li>- Wilkin, F.J., <u>Baptists in Victoria, Our First Century</u> (1939), pp. 133-34.</li></ul>
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Building: Former Baptist Sunday School Hall  
Address: 88-100 Hodgkinson Street



<u>Allotment Reference:</u>	Section 5, lot 10
<u>National Estate Register:</u>	-
<u>Historic Building Register:</u>	-
<u>National Trust Register:</u>	-
<u>Location within Precinct:</u>	Clifton Hill Western residential precinct
<u>Photo Date:</u>	October 1988
<u>Grantee:</u>	W.B. Fox, 18.9.1866
<u>Original Owner:</u>	Baptist Church Trustees
<u>Present Owner:</u>	-
<u>Original Use:</u>	Sunday School
<u>Present Use:</u>	Community School of St.Mark
<u>Construction Date:</u>	1906-07
<u>Architect:</u>	-

Description: A Romanesque styled buckpointed polychrome brick hall with later rooms at rear designed in sympathy with the adjacent Church. The main facade is symmetrical with central doorway surmounted by tri-partite windows (sheeted over) and flanked by windows. All openings are round arched.

Inside, a diagonal timber lined ceiling with ornamental woodwork to the trusses relieves an otherwise austere hall.

**Condition:** Good. Structural cracking over main door.

**Integrity:** Good

**History:** The memorial stone was laid by J.M. Griffiths, 1-12-06, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us". H.Fuller was the Sunday School superintendent.

**Significance:** This building forms a visual unit with the adjoining Church and is an important supportive element.

**Recommendations:** Recommended for planning scheme protection.

**References:** -

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