

Building: Former St Saviour's Church of England
Mission Church

Address: Oxford Street, Corner Mason Street



<u>Allotment Reference:</u>	52
<u>National Trust Register:</u>	-
<u>National Estate Register:</u>	Recommended
<u>Historic Buildings Council Register:</u>	Recommended
<u>Location within Precinct:</u>	Collingwood Slope
<u>Photograph Date:</u>	9.6.87

Grantee: S.A. Donaldson

Original Owner: Church of England

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Original Use: Mission Church

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Construction Date: 1874-75

Architect: Terry and Oakden

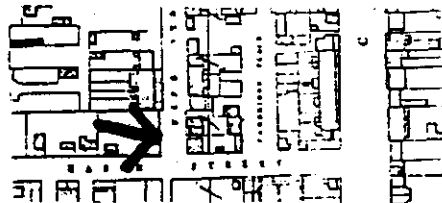
Builder: Goss and Hopkins

Description: A small coursed bluestone former mission church with belcote, decorated with now painted cement dressings. The steeply sloping gabled roof is slated whilst the north elevation consists of lancet arched arcading in roughly worked stone with brick infills. Remnant ornamentation provides an indication of the former addition at this location.

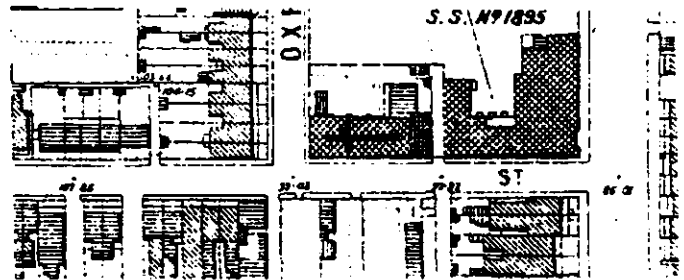
Condition: Good

Integrity: Good. Alterations include an apsidal end, facing east, and a new west door with small verandah in concrete with rendered finish.

History: The 1858 Hodgkinson map shows small buildings on this site.



In February, 1873 a meeting at Trinity Church recognised that the clergy of the Church of England parishes of St Peters, St Marks, St Phillips and Trinity could not handle the work load in the district. Furthermore, as only a small proportion of the seats were free in these churches, many poor people were unable to attend services. Accordingly, the foundation stone for a mission church within which all seats would be free was laid on 18.11.1874, the opening following on 27.8.1875. The Rev. Charles May Yelland, who worked closely with Dr John Singleton and jointly established the Collingwood Relief fund with him in 1879, was the priest. In the same year, St Saviour's was enlarged (architects: Terry and Oakden) and re-opened as a parish church. It was consecrated on 19.12.1880 and re-opened after renovations on 17.10.1900. Following closure as a Church of England Church, the pews were removed to St Theodore's, Wattle Park, thence to Frankston. It became a Russian Orthodox Church in 1958.



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Significance:

This building is significant at the State level as an expression of the Anglican Church's mission church activities in underprivileged areas. It is important also as a relatively intact bluestone church and in this respect, is expressive of one of Collingwood's early industries. It is important at the local level for its dominant corner location and is enhanced by the workers housing in Mason Street, and the Cambridge Street school.

Recommendations:

Recommended for inclusion on the Historic Buildings Register, National Estate Register and for Planning Scheme protection.

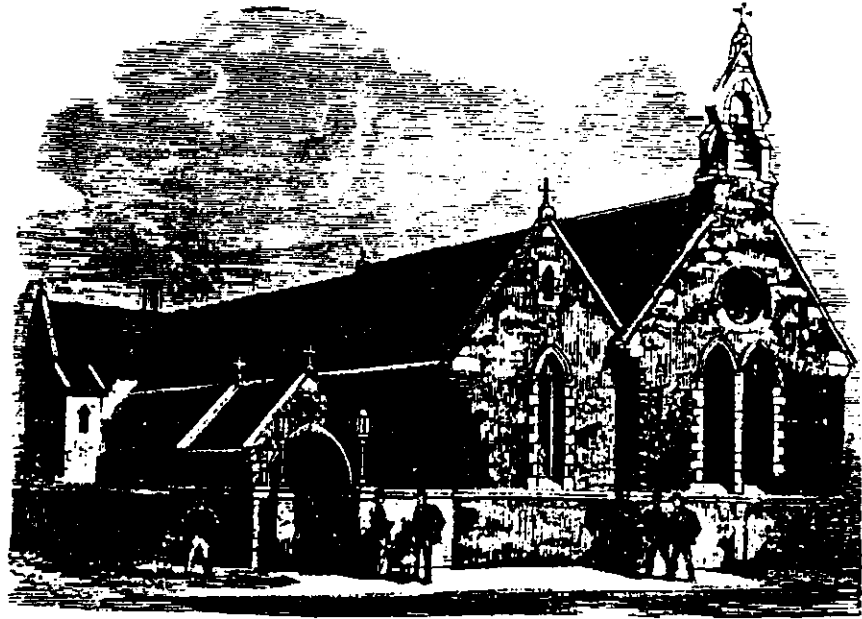
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ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, COLLINGWOOD.

Church of England Mission Church
of St. Saviour, corner Mason and
Oxford Streets.

Source: State Library of Victoria.