

NAME: Church of Christ

ADDRESS: St. Georges Road

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1887
ARCHITECT: unknown
BUILDER: unknown
FIRST OWNER: Church of Christ
PRESENT OWNER: Church of Christ
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: polychrome brick
CONSERVATION AREA: A5



BUILDING CITATION:

This church, built in 1887, is a simple single gable form polychrome-fronted church. Constructed in brick the front facade is broken only by pilasters projecting through the gable ends, corner pilasters and diamond patterns of cream brick. There is a central door flanked by two single Gothic windows and surmounted by a three light window. The facade is plain and unimposing, but the building is an important streetscape element along St. Georges Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this church be retained on the Register of the National Estate and be specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Board (Third Schedule).

BUILDING ANALYSIS:

This church, constructed in 1887 to the cost of £2,000¹ is a polychrome-fronted church. The church survives remarkably intact and differs little in appearance from an early photo of 1903².

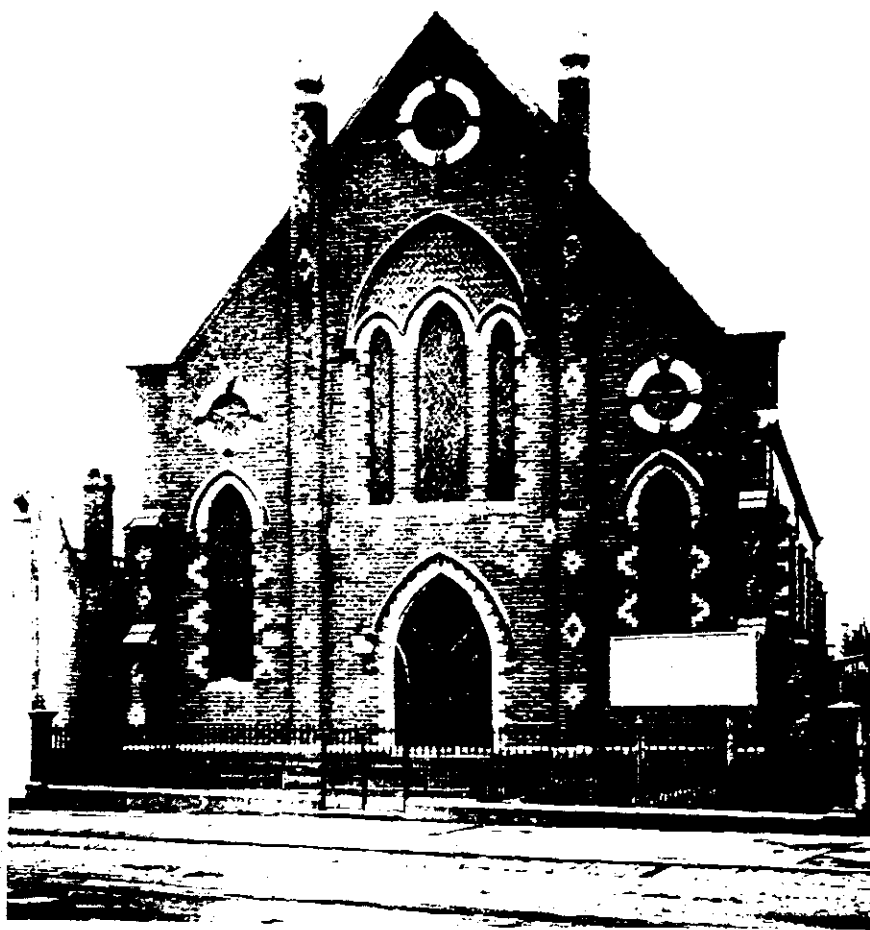
The facade is broken up by two pilasters which rise up through the gable end and support simple conical tops in cement work. There are buttresses at the corners. Otherwise the front is flat in brown brick with rather fussy diamonds of cream brick picked out up the pilasters and buttresses and zigzagging up the sides of the windows.

There is a central entrance door with a cement label mould terminating in foliated crockets which are not identical. Above there is a three light window (with cream brick window heads and hood moulds) unified by a single label mould across the three. The spandrel panel between the three arches and the second large label mould arch is filled in with herring bone red brick running horizontally. This central panel is flanked on either side of the pilasters by single light Gothic windows, again with cement label moulds and crockets. Above each window is a blind circular oculus with herringbone brick work and a cement star filling up the oculus. The ring around the oculus is formed in cream brick with four quadrant pyramidal keystones.

Bluestone steps run down to a section of intact tiled paving. There is an intact cast iron picket fence in the front with hollow cast iron piers. There is nothing of significance on the side and the plan is a plain rectangle.

1. *Fitzroy Free Press* 12 February 1887.

2. Maston, A.B. (ed.) *Jubilee Pictorial History of Churches of Christ in Australasia*, Melbourne, Astral Publishing Co. 1903 p. 195.



Chapel, North Fitzroy.

(20) Church of Christ, 1903