ST. MARGARET'S ANGLICAN 1) CHURCH, 2) FORMER VICARAGE (DENDY HOUSE), 3) ADOBE HALL AND 4) GROUNDS, ORIGINALLY CHRIST CHURCH, PITT ST, ELTHAM



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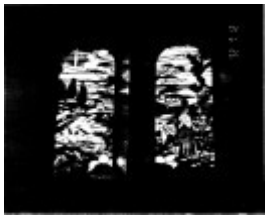
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247 - St Margarets Anglican Church Eltham 16 - St Katherine's Church at St. Helena (ELHPC No. 900) - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



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St Margarets Anglican Church Eltham Colour 1 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



St Margarets Anglican Church Eltham Colour 2 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



St Margarets Anglican Church Eltham Black & White 1 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



St Margarets Anglican Church Eltham Black & White 1 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



St Margarets Anglican Church Eltham Colour 4 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



St Margarets Anglican Church Eltham Colour 5 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



St Margarets Anglican Church Eltham Colour 6 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



St Margarets Anglican Church Eltham Black & White 3 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



St Margarets Anglican Church Eltham Window 1 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992

Location

79-83 PITT ST ELTHAM, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0459

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO154

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is significant?
The 1860-61 church building, the c1869 additions and alterations, the stained glass and the pre-1950 fixed furnishings and the Dendy House (vicarage) the mature exotic site planting and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

How is it significant?
The church and vikerage are historically, spiritually, architecturally, aesthetically and socially significant to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?
The church is historically significant because it is the oldest church in the former Shire of Eltham and has associations with the philanthropist and founder of Brighton, Henry Dendy (who donated the land on which the church is built), the architect Nathaniel Billing and the prominent local builder, George Stebbing (Criteria B & H). The church is architecturally and aesthetically significant because it is constructed in the Gothic Revival style with a number of stained glass windows of various dates. The overall design is well proportioned with the surface brick patterns relieving an otherwise austere design (Criterion F). The church is spiritually and socially significant because it has been an important place of worship for the people of Eltham for almost 150 years (Criterion G).

The Dendy House (vicarage) is historically and socially significant because it is connected to the church and the development of the Eltham area (Criteria A & G). Together, the church and the vicarage are aesthetically significant because they form a significant streetscape feature (Criterion E).

BICK STUDY, 1992
St. Margaret's is the oldest church in the Shire of Eltham, has historic associations with architect Nathaniel Billing and is also a very early use of polychromatic brickwork in Victoria. Billing was one of the first Melbourne architects to employ polychromatic brickwork and an important early architect. St. Margaret's also has historic associations with its prominent local builder George Stebbing. The original vicarage (Dendy House) at the rear of the church is also an important part of the cultural significance of this place.

BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

ILLUSTRATION OF THE THEMES

HISTORY

ARCHITECTURE

RARITY

STREETSCAPE

DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE: CHURCH, DENDY HOUSE AND SITE STATE SIGNIFICANCE, MUD BRICK HALL LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

EXTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: ENTIRE CHURCH INCLUDING STAINED GLASS AND PRE 1950 FIXED FURNISHINGS, MATURE EXOTIC SITE PLANTING, DENDY HOUSE, HALL AND SITE.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992;
Construction dates	1860, 1869, 1978, 1800,
Architect/Designer	Billing, Nathaniel,
Other Names	PITT ST, ELTHAM,

Hermes Number	104492
Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

EARLY SETTLEMENT

8.6 Worshipping

8.6.1 Worshipping together

8.6.2 Maintaining religious traditions and ceremonies

8.6.4 Making places for worship

8.10.4 Designing and building fine buildings

Physical Description 1

Church

Style Victorian Gothic-early English.

Design standard apart from belfry and side front door.

Plan rectangular.

Single storeyed.

Walls solid face brick..

Roof gabled with no eaves, slate clad. Feature are the simple form; brickwork, belfry, windows, front door, window above the altar and the organ.

Dendy House

Style Victorian.

Design standard four room house.
Plan rectangular.
Single storeyed.

Walls solid face brick.

Roof gabled, with eaves, slate clad.

Features are the facade with its two gables, the central lattice porch, face brick walls, simple design, chimneys and the very largely intact interiors.

Hall.

Style Eltham Style.

Design unique.

Plan basically rectangular.

Single storied.

Walls timber post framed, solid mud brick cladding.

Roof pitched with verandahs or eaves.

Features are the design and construction.

Usage/Former Usage

Original Use: Church of Englad, Church and Vicarage

Present Use: Anglican Church

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