

# ST JOHNS ANGLICAN CHURCH



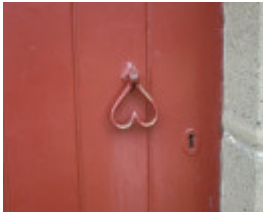
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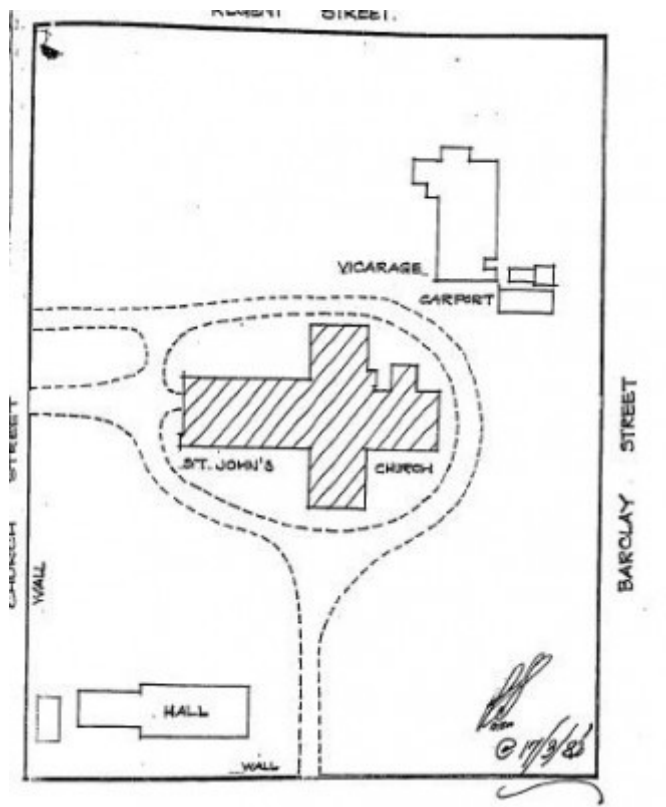
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1 st john's anglican church  
barclay street port fairy side  
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### Location

23 REGENT STREET PORT FAIRY, MOYNE SHIRE

### Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0524

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO17

### VHR Registration

May 5, 1982

### Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 18, 1999

The first Anglican church in Belfast (presently Port Fairy) was constructed in 1847 in Sackville Street. By 1853 this building was considered too small and the first plans for a new substantial stone church were prepared by architect Nathaniel Billing. On 16 October 1854 the foundation stone of the new building was laid and on 4 May 1856 the new church was dedicated by Bishop Perry. Plans prepared by Billing show the church much as it appears today but without the substantial spire as designed by him.

The building was constructed in the local bluestone (reputedly but unlikely quarried on site) in a design described as early English. An article in the Illustrated London News in 1859 described the church as the purest specimen of that style in the colony. The nave is lit by eight double lancet windows four on either side and each of the transepts by four single lancet windows. A number of these windows contain good examples of stained glass work from the Victorian and have been the subject of recent conservation work. At the time of its dedication the building was not complete. However works over a long period of time have brought it closer to a complete state.

The building is one of Victoria's more substantial early bluestone churches and is a particularly good example of the work of the early architect Nathaniel Billing.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates      1854,

Architect/Designer      Billing, Nathaniel,  
Heritage Act Categories   Registered place,  
Hermes Number          4154  
Property Number

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## **Extent of Registration**

Historic Building No.524, St. John's Anglican Church of Australia, Barkly Street, Port Fairy.  
[Victoria Government Gazette No. 43 5 May 1982 p.1282]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*