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# Former St John's Church of England & Organ



B0228 St John's Anglican  
Church & Organ, Toorak

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## Location

510 Toorak Road,, TOORAK VIC 3142 - Property No B0228

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0204

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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A prominent bluestone church, designed by W W Wardell, built in various stages between 1860 and 1873, with the subsequent enlargement of the chancel in 1912 and the addition of the baptistery, vestries and chapel in 1920, 1935, and 1937, to the design of Walter Butler and Louis R Williams. This was Wardell's first Anglican design, carried out on an honorary basis, and gave rise to suspicion that he was unfairly trying to develop an Anglican practice. The building comprises a lengthy nave, with aisles and a diminutive clerestory and chancel flanked by organ chamber, chapel and vestries. The exterior is dominated by an elegant tower, with stair turret

and broach spire, placed at the west end. The interior is notable for the wood and stone carvings, organ by Hill & Son, London of 1912 (later rebuilt), and the excellent stained glass, especially W C Cornish memorial window, which was the first major work of J L Lyon.

Classified; 08/12/1971

Organ Statement of Significance: A three-manual organ, originally of 34 speaking stops, built by the noted London firm of Hill & Son (job number 2432) and one of the final productions of the firm before its amalgamation with Norman & Beard. The instrument is of interest for its substantial construction, elaborate wind systyem, romantic voicing and fine oak case, designed by Dr Arthur Hill, principal of the firm. The alterations carried out in 1961 (new console and action and tonal revisions) degrade the quality of the organ and are excluded.

Classified; 'State' 17/11/1993

Other Names      St John's Anglican Church & Organ,

Hermes Number    66820

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