

C DCUE Records of the East Hull United Reformed Church 1928-2021

Accession numbers: 21/14 and 21/16

Historical Background: The origins of the East Hull United Reformed Church lay in two chapels that had been started to support Congregationalists in the area, and who had had no place of worship since the closure of the Latimer Chapel in 1919. The first, was founded in 1929, and was called the Emmanuel Chapel. In 1933 this congregation joined with the other chapel, which had been meeting on Summergangs Road and had been overseen by the Albion Church. Together they formed the East Hull Congregational Church, which was to serve the area around Hull's Garden Village. Initially they met in the Reckitt Garden Village Hall but after this had been damaged by the bombings in 1944, they moved to a house on Westcott Street. Much of the work of keeping the church together during this period came from Sheila Holt (née Sproxton). With the end of World War II, a site was acquired from the Finch family, on Clifford Avenue, at it's junction with James Reckitt Avenue. Built to a design by A.P. Taylor, the East Hull Congregational Church opened in 1953, with Rev. Alan Wright as the first pastor or minister.

The church would grow and for many years successfully served a large residential area in the east of Hull. It acquired allotments for church members as well as hosting a cadet division of the St. Johns' Ambulance Brigade, the 11th Hull Boy's Brigade and the Girl's Brigade and a 'Messy Church'. In 1972 nationally the Congregational Church in England and Wales joined with the Presbyterian Church of England to form the United Reformed Church (URC), which the East Hull Church supported.

In the latter part of the 20th century, the East Hull URC was involved in two joint pastorates, firstly with the Holderness Road URC in Hull (1969-1993) and then when that was dissolved, with the church in Withernsea, in the East Riding from 1994. In 1997 the Rev. David Purse resigned as pastor at Withernsea, and although the joint pastorate was never formally dissolved, the two churches did retained some links. In 2011, the building itself sustained some considerable damage after pipes burst. In 2013-2014, Sue Ripley, the long time secretary to the church served as Convenor-elect of the Yorkshire Assembly. After several years without a pastor, and with the problems of a dwindling congregation, changing local demographics and issues associated with the coronavirus outbreak, the decision was made to close the church in September 2020.

Custodial history: Records deposited at the History Centre in August 2021 by Sue Ripley, secretary of the East Hull United Reformed Church on its closure in 2020.

Description: Church Roll; Minutes of Elders and Annual General Meetings; Church meetings attendance record; Secretary's day journal and administrative folders; Financial records; Baptism, marriage and burial register and baptism counterfoils; Minutes of Women's Social Hour meetings; Correspondence; Records relating to joint pastorates; Building plans and records; General publications and United Reformed Church reports.

Arrangement :

C DCUE/1	Membership records	1951-1998
C DCUE/2	Governance records	1958-2020
C DCUE/3	Joint Pastorates records	1988-2017
C DCUE/4	Secretary's administrative records	1987-2007
C DCUE/5	Financial records	1951-2020
C DCUE/6	Women's Social Hour	1954-1993

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C DCUE/7	Church registers and baptism records	1928-2017
C DCUE/8	Letters and general administration	1968-2020
C DCUE/9	Building records	1950-2000
C DCUE/10	Fund Raising Committee	1987-1994
C DCUE/11	History of the church	1940-2013
C DCUE/12	Publications and reports	1952-1999

Extent: 9 boxes

Related material: Deeds for the East Hull URC can be located at reference C DCUR/5. An Order of Service for the Opening and Service of Dedication of the church in 1953 is at L.285.8 EAS. An obituary of Sheila Holt, one of the founders of the East Hull Congregational Church can be found the Hull Daily Mail 22 April 1993.

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C DCUE/1	East Hull URC membership records 1 volume	1951-1998
C DCUE/1/1	Membership records 1 volume	12 Mar 1951- 12 Apr 1998
C DCUE/2	East Hull URC governance records 6 volumes 5 bundles	1958-2020
C DCUE/2/1	Minutes of the East Hull URC Deacons and Elders Meetings 3 volumes 2 bundles	1958-2017
C DCUE/2/1/1	Minutes of the Deacons and Elders Meetings 1 volume	28 Apr 1958- 22 Jun 1986
C DCUE/2/1/2	Minutes of the Elders Meetings 1 volume	2 Dec 1986- 15 Aug 1995
C DCUE/2/1/3	Minutes of the Elders Meetings 1 volume	17 Mar 1996- 12 Jun 2001
C DCUE/2/1/4	Minutes of the Elders Meetings 1 bundle	19 Mar 2002- 31 Oct 2006
C DCUE/2/1/5	Minutes of the Elders Meetings 1 bundle	6 Feb 2007- 5 Aug 2013
C DCUE/2/1/6	Minutes of the Elders Meetings 1 bundle	23 Jan 2013- 6 Oct 2017

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C DCUE/2/2	Minutes of the East Hull URC Meetings 2 volumes 3 bundles	1981-2020
C DCUE/2/2/1	Minutes of the Annual Church Meetings 1 volume	14 Mar 1981- 1 Feb 1992
C DCUE/2/2/2	Minutes of the Church Meetings 1 volume	28 Mar 1992- 28 Mar 2000
C DCUE/2/2/3	Minutes of the Church Meetings 1 bundle	10 Oct 2000- 14 Feb 2012
C DCUE/2/2/4	Minutes of the East Hull URC Meetings Includes a copy of 'What we Believe' and details of the East Hull URC Fellowship. Closed for 20 years at the depositors request and is not available for public inspection until January 2035. 1 bundle	11 Jul 2012- 9 Sep 2014
C DCUE/2/2/5	Minutes of the Church Meetings Closed for 20 years at the depositor's request and is not available for public inspection until January 2041. 1 bundle	11 Jan 2015- 30 Aug 2020
C DCUE/2/3	East Hull URC meetings attendance records 1 volume	1978-1998
C DCUE/2/3/1	Church meetings attendance book 1 volume	28 Mar 1978- 20 Jan 1998
C DCUE/3	Records of the Joint Pastorates of the East Hull URC 2 volumes 1 item 7 bundles	1988-2017
C DCUE/3/1	Records of the Joint Pastorate of the East Hull URC and the Holderness Road URC 1 volume 4 bundles	1974-1993
C DCUE/3/1/1	Minutes of Joint meetings With minutes of the Joint Church meetings 28 March 1974 and Finance Committee 16 May-16 November 1977 1 volume	4 Feb 1974- 2 Feb 1993
C DCUE/3/1/2	Report of the Pastoral Visitation of the East Hull and Holderness Road United Reformed Churches, Hull East Yorkshire District Council, URC 1988. Plus related correspondence. 1 bundle	28 Nov 1988- 11 Feb 1989

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C DCUE/3/1/3	Profile of the Joint Pastorate of Holderness Road and East Hull United Reformed Churches Includes draft copies and a list of suggestions for the format 1 bundle	1993
C DCUE/3/1/4	Letters of the Joint Pastorate of the East Hull URC and the Holderness Road URC Includes copies of financial records 1 bundle	Jul 1990- 18 May 1993
C DCUE/3/1/5	Letters relating to the dissolving of the Joint Pastorate of the East Hull URC and the Holderness Road URC 1 bundle	9-29 Sep 1993
C DCUE/3/2	Records of the Joint Pastorate of the East Hull URC and the Withernsea URC 1 item 1 volume 3 bundles	1993-2017
C DCUE/3/2/1	Minutes of Joint Elders Meetings of the East Hull and Withernsea United Reformed Church 1 volume	28 Feb 1995- 31 Mar 1998
C DCUE/3/2/2	Minutes of the Joint Elders meetings between East Hull URC and Withernsea URC The joint minutes run from 2000-2013. Includes copies of the Withernsea URC annual reports for 2014 and 2017. 1 bundle	19 Mar 2000- 2017
C DCUE/3/2/3	Induction Service for the Rev. David A. Purse as Minister of the East Hull URC And the forming of a Joint Pastorate between Clifford Avenue URC and the Withernsea URC 1 item	29 Jul 1994
C DCUE/3/2/4	Records relating to creation of the Joint Pastorate of the East Hull URC and the Withernsea URC 1 bundle	8 Jun 1993- 27 May 1994
C DCUE/3/2/5	Terms of Settlement for the Joint Pastorate of Withernsea and East Hull URC Includes a photograph of the East Hull URC church organ and part of the pulpit 1 bundle	2006-2008
C DCUE/4	East Hull URC Secretary's administrative records 1 volume	1987-2007

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C DCUE/4/1	Secretary's day book 1 volume	1987-2007
C DCUE/5	Financial records of the East Hull URC 17 volumes	1951-2020
C DCUE/5/1	Account books for the East Hull Congregational Church 3 volumes	1951-1971
C DCUE/5/1/1	East Hull Congregational Church account book 1 volume	30 Oct 1951- 30 Dec 1958
C DCUE/5/1/2	East Hull Congregational Church account book 1 volume	4 Jan 1959- 2 Apr 1967
C DCUE/5/1/3	East Hull Congregational Church account book 1 volume	3 Apr 1967-29 Aug 1971
C DCUE/5/2	Income books of the East Hull URC 4 volumes	1982-2000
C DCUE/5/2/1	Income book 1 volume	5 Jul 1974- 21 Sep 1982
C DCUE/5/2/2	Income book 1 volume	26 Sep 1982- 30 Oct 1987
C DCUE/5/2/3	Income book 1 volume	1 Nov 1987- 24 Aug 1997
C DCUE/5/2/4	Income book Includes expenditure for 3 September-31 December 2000 1 volume	31 Aug 1997- 27 Aug 2000
C DCUE/5/3	Expenditure books of the East Hull URC 2 volumes	1974-2000
C DCUE/5/3/1	Expenditure book 1 volume	5 Jul 1974-25 Nov 1985
C DCUE/5/3/2	Expenditure book 1 volume	30 Nov 1985- 31 Dec 2000
C DCUE/5/4	Financial day books of the East Hull URC 8 volumes	1973-2020
C DCUE/5/4/1	Financial day book 1 volume	7 Jan 1973- 31 Dec 1979

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C DCUE/5/4/2	Financial day book 1 volume	2 Sep 1979- 31 Dec 1982
C DCUE/5/4/3	Financial day book 1 volume	2 Jan 1983- 31 Dec 1989
C DCUE/5/4/4	Financial day book 1 volume	3 Jan 1990- 31 Dec 1996
C DCUE/5/4/5	Financial day book 1 volume	5 Jan 1997- 31 Dec 2004
C DCUE/5/4/6	Financial day book 1 volume	2 Jan 2005- 31 Dec 2011
C DCUE/5/4/7	Financial day book 1 volume	1 Jan 2012- 31 Aug 2019
C DCUE/5/4/8	Financial day book 1 volume	1 Sep 2019- 22 Dec 2020
C DCUE/5/5	Treasurer's annual statements for the East Hull Congregational Church 1 bundle	1962-1970
C DCUE/5/5/1	Treasurer's annual statements 1 bundle	1962-1970
C DCUE/6	Records of the East Hull URC Women's Social Hour 1 volume	1954-1993
C DCUE/6/1	Minutes of the meetings of the East Hull Congregational and URC Women's Social Hour 1 volume	28 Jan 1954- 1993
C DCUE/7	East Hull URC registers and baptism records 2 items 1 volume	1928-2017
C DCUE/7/1	Register of baptisms, marriages and burials for Emmanuel Congregational Church and East Hull Congregational and URC Baptisms; Emmanuel Congregational Church, 1928-10 April 1940; Baptisms; East Hull Congregational/URC, 20 January 1946-19 November 2017; Marriages; Emmanuel Congregational Church, 25 September 1937-15 November 1940; Marriages East Hull Congregational/URC, 25 July 1953-28 January 1984;	1928-2017

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Burials; Emmanuel Congregational Church, 14
February 1935;
Burials; East Hull Congregational/URC July 1953-
November 1954.

**This item contains personal information relating
to children and is not available for public
inspection until Jan 2118.**

1 volume

C DCUE/7/2	East Hull Congregational Church baptism certificates counterfoils This item contains personal information relating to children and is not available for public inspection until Jan 2069. 1 item	1960-1968
C DCUE/7/3	East Hull Congregational Church register and baptism records 1 item	1969-1972
C DCUE/8	East Hull URC letters and general administration Correspondence of the East Hull URC 20 bundles	1968-2020
C DCUE/8/1	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes the minutes of a meeting between the officers of the East Hull Congregational Church and Holderness Road Presbyterian Church, 15 July 1968 1 bundle	15 Jul 1968- 16 Jun 1987
C DCUE/8/2	East Hull URC outgoing correspondence 1 bundle	6 Nov 1977- 31 Mar 1987
C DCUE/8/3	East Hull URC correspondence inwards 1 bundle	Dec 1983- 24 Mar 1987
C DCUE/8/4	East Hull URC current correspondence for action 1 bundle	18 Jun 1984- 27 Dec 1987
C DCUE/8/5	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	16 Jan 1987- 12 Oct 1987
C DCUE/8/6	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	2 Jun 1988- 16 Dec 1988
C DCUE/8/7	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	8 Dec 1988- 15 Oct 1989

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C DCUE/8/8	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes the Missionary Accounts for 1986-1987 and correspondence regarding ministry in the eastern district of the East Yorkshire District Council of the URC, 1989. 1 bundle	1986- 29 Jun 1990
C DCUE/8/9	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	11 Jan 1991- 31 Dec 1991
C DCUE/8/10	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	Aug 1991- 9 Mar 1993
C DCUE/8/11	East Hull URC letters and general administration Including letters relating to the 40th anniversary celebrations 1 bundle	2 Feb 1992- 6 Dec 1993
C DCUE/8/12	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes a copy of the URC General Assembly Record 1994 in Lancaster 1 bundle	1 Dec 1993- 16 Jan 1995
C DCUE/8/13	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	Nov 1994- 5 Dec 1995
C DCUE/8/14	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes letters from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys regarding registration for marriages, the sexuality of ministers and the five year visit and district consultation 1 bundle	Nov 1993- 13 Dec 1996
C DCUE/8/15	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes papers for the Annual General meetings of 1997 and 1998 as well as letter dated 20 January 1997 from Rev. David Purse resigning as minister at Withernsea 1 bundle	6 Jan 1997- 17 Mar 1998
C DCUE/8/16	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	14 Jan 1998- 15 Dec 1998
C DCUE/8/17	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	11 Jan 1999- 5 Nov 1999
C DCUE/8/18	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes:- Notes on the building from the minutes of the Elders Meeting of 15 September 2000 and a list of those present at the first service of 2000, on 2 January 2000 1 bundle	2 Jan 2000- 3 Nov 2000

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C DCUE/8/19	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	23 Jan 2001- 21 Nov 2001
C DCUE/8/20	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes:- Report on the URC Yorkshire Synod review; District Consultation report and a letter of thanks from the Pastor, Rev. David Purse concerning his ill health 1 bundle	7 Jan 2002- 1 Nov 2002
C DCUE/8/21	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	4 Jan 2003- 10 Dec 2003
C DCUE/8/22	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes:- letters regarding the reopening of the Boys Brigade and the sabbatical for the Pastor, Rev. David Purse 1 bundle	Nov 2003- 5 Dec 2004
C DCUE/8/23	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	7 Apr 2005- 31 Jan 2006
C DCUE/8/24	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	Jan 2007- Jan 2009
C DCUE/8/25	East Hull URC letters and general administration 1 bundle	3 Nov 2009- 4 Jan 2010
C DCUE/8/26	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes:- a CD Record of events. Access cannot currently be provided to this due to the format of the media on which this item is stored 1 bundle	Jan 2010- 3 Nov 2010
C DCUE/8/27	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes:- a CD Record of events. Access cannot currently be provided to this due to the format of the media on which this item is stored. 1 bundle	Jan 2011- 19 Oct 2011
C DCUE/8/28	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes:- a CD Record of events for 2012. Access cannot currently be provided to this due to the format of the media on which this item is stored 1 bundle	Nov 2011- 31 Oct 2012
C DCUE/8/29	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes arrangements for the Church's 60th anniversary celebrations 1 bundle	13 Jan 2013- 21 Oct 2013

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C DCUE/8/30	East Hull URC letters and general administration Includes: a letter of thanks to Sue Ripley for her service to the Synod as Convenor-elect of the Yorkshire Assembly from October 2013 to October 2014; report regarding the marriage of same-sex couples and the September 2016 Annual Newsletter from the Parklands Neighbourhood Watch highlighting telephone fraud 1 bundle	30 Apr 2014- 30 Aug 2020
C DCUE/8/31	East Hull URC letters and administration of the 11th Hull Boys Brigade Includes minutes of meetings between the Boys Brigade and the Elders of the Church, 2003-2005 1 bundle	2002-2011
C DCUE/9	East Hull United Reformed Church building records 5 bundles	1950-2000
C DCUE/9/1	Plans of the East Hull Congregational Church and school hall 1 bundle (4 items)	1950
C DCUE/9/1/1	East Hull Congregational Church and school hall elevations Drawing number 50/473 produced by A. Percy Taylor, architect and surveyor of Belper, Derbyshire 1 item	6 May 1950
C DCUE/9/1/2	East Hull Congregational Church and school hall sections Drawing number 50/474 produced by A. Percy Taylor, architect and surveyor of Belper, Derbyshire 1 item	6 May 1950
C DCUE/9/1/3	East Hull Congregational Church and school hall layout plan Drawing number 50/475 produced by A. Percy Taylor, architect and surveyor of Belper, Derbyshire 1 item	6 May 1950
C DCUE/9/1/4	East Hull Congregational Church layout tracing 1 item	c.1950
C DCUE/9/2	Records relating to building repairs and maintenance at the East Hull URC 1 bundle	Feb 1989- 23 Aug 1995

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C DCUE/9/3	Correspondence relating to treatmnt of timbers at the East Hull URC Work carried out by Timberwise, with a report complied by them 1 bundle	7 Nov 1988- 7 Aug 1989
C DCUE/9/4	East Hull URC building service and equipment contracts 1 bundle	1988-2000
C DCUE/9/5	East Hull URC building insurance records 1 bundle	1995-1996
C DCUE/9/6	Quinquennial Inspection of the East Hull URC Report undertaken by Gelder and Kitchen, architects of Hull 1 item	Jul 1999
C DCUE/10	Records of the East Hull URC Fund Raising Committee 1 item	1987-1994
C DCUE/10/1	Minutes of the East Hull URC Fund Raising Committee 1 item	21 Sep 1987- 2 Nov 1994
C DCUE/11	Records relating to the history of the East Hull URC 14 items 1 bundle	1940-2013
C DCUE/11/1	Displays relating to the opening service of dedication and the induction of pastors at the East Hull URC Includes an image of each minister 6 items	1958-1994
C DCUE/11/1/1	Display relating to the opening and service of dedication of the East Hull Congregational Church Rev. Alan Wright, minister 1 item	28 Mar 1958
C DCUE/11/1/2	Display relating to the induction of Rev. Edwin H. Barnes at the East Hull Congregational Church 1 item	29 Mar 1960
C DCUE/11/1/3	Display relating to the induction of Rev. Malcom G. Hanson at the East Hull Congregational Church 1 item	31 Jan 1969

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C DCUE/11/1/4	Display relating to the induction of Rev. T. Percy Strachan at the East Hull URC 1 item	26 Jan 1974
C DCUE/11/1/5	Display relating to the induction of Rev. William Auchinachie Burgess at the East Hull URC 1 item	12 Sep 1981
C DCUE/11/1/6	Display relating to the induction of Rev. David A. Purse at the East Hull URC 1 item	29 Jul 1994
C DCUE/11/2	Papers relating to the history of the East Hull URC 8 items 1 bundle	1940-2013
C DCUE/11/2/1	Letters relating to establishment of a congregational church in Garden Village, Hull Includes a photocopy of a 1946 flyer for a Bring and Buy Sale at Westcott Street 1 bundle	15 Jun 1942- 23 Jan 1952
C DCUE/11/2/2	Plans of the site for allotments on Clifford Avenue, Hull 1 item	Nov 1940
C DCUE/11/2/3	Diagram of the blower for the organ at the East Hull Congregational Church Designed by the British Organ Blowing Co. of Derby 1 item	1 Aug 1955
C DCUE/11/2/4	East Hull Congregational Church Family Favourites recipe book 1 item	1967
C DCUE/11/2/5	Minutes of a meeting between the office-bearers of the East Hull Congregational Church and the Holderness Road Presbyterian Church Regarding a joint pastorate and includes a copy of an agreement to hold joint service for an experiental period 1 item	7 Jan 1968- 15 Jul 1968
C DCUE/11/2/6	A History of the Congregational Church in East Hull Compiled by Alfred A. Beilby 1 item	Mar 1973
C DCUE/11/2/7	Notes on the cadet division of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade which met at the East Hull Congregational Church 1 item	c.1970s

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C DCUE/11/2/8	Newsletter of the East Hull and Holderness Road United Reformed Churches Includes a report of the 40th anniversary celebrations 1 item	May 1993
C DCUE/11/2/9	East Hull URC, a brief history Compiled for the 60th Anniversary/Harvest Service, 29 September 2013 1 item	2013
C DCUE/11/2/10	Order of Service for the induction of Rev. Malcom G. Hanson as pastor of the East Hull Congregational Church 1 item	31 Jan 1969
C DCUE/12	Publications and reports of the URC 6 items 1 bundle	1952-1999
C DCUE/12/1	Congregational Churches Constitution booklet With accompanying notes and additional comments 1 item	1952-1992
C DCUE/12/2	Copies of The Manual of URC 1 bundle	1985-1991
C DCUE/12/3	Handbook for the URC 1 item	1986
C DCUE/12/4	Proposals for the Unification of the URC in Great Britain Between the Congregational Union of Scotland and the URC 1 item	1987
C DCUE/12/5	Booklet 'Getting the Name Right; Exploring the identity of the United Reformed Church' address from the Chair of the General Assembly, Keith Forecast, Moderator 1 item	Jul 1989
C DCUE/12/6	Report of Human Sexuality presented to the General Assembly of the URC in the United Kingdom Concerning issues of human sexuality and their implications for the URC. Produced in response to the 1997 General Assembly Resolution 18. 1 item	5-9 Jul 1999
C DCUE/12/7	Booklet entitled 'What on Earth Is A Christian?' By Pastor David Purse of the East Hull URC 1 item	c.1990s