

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S CHURCH AND
THE ANGLICAN CEMETERY
BORNOVA.

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I

List of Documents with location of
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REF	Important Documents, Copies of which are included herein.	Copy	Original held by:
SMD/1	<u>Petition by Charlton Whittall</u> dated May 14 th . 1864 to the Bishop of Gibraltar to Consecrate the Church.	included	
SMD/2	<u>Deed of Consecration</u> dated 16th. May 1864 by the Bishop of Gibraltar.	included	
SMD/3	<u>Declaration by Charlton Whittall</u> dated May 14th. 1871 giving the Church and its Grounds to be used for public worship according to the liturgy and usages of the United Church of England and Ireland.	included	
SMD/4	<u>Extract from the Will dated September 20th. 1875 of Charlton Whittall</u> deceased June 18th. 1867.	included	
SMD/5	<u>Memorandum and Articles for the Administration</u> of St. Mary Magdalene's Church and Parish, Bournabat. (passed unanimously at the Vestry meeting of 23 April 1933 and signed by the Church Council on 25 April 1933)	included	Safe at SMM
SMD/6	<u>Deed (Tapu) of St. Mary Magdalene's Church Land</u> undated and with no owner indicated obtained in 1988 by BG.	included	Brian Giraud Bornova
SMD/7	<u>Permit for St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Bornova</u> given by the Governor of Izmir on 27th. February 1930.	included	

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REF	Other Documents relating to the Church Community too bulky for copies to be included herein. (Referenced by Sally Gallia 2007)	Copy held by:	Original held by :
SMM/1	A typed copy of the Minute Book of Vestry Meetings from 1871 to 1930. The last section (1927-1930), after pages numbered from 1-145, appears to have been added later.	Brian Giraud Bornova	Safe at SMM
SMM/1A	Carbon copy of the above		Safe at SMM
SMM/3	Minute Book of Annual Vestry meetings from 23rd April 1933 to 1962.	Brian Giraud Bornova	Safe at SMM
SMM/7	Bournabat Council and Joint Council Meetings and correspondence re Chaplain, Charity, Trustees etc 1949-1959	Brian Giraud Bornova	Safe at SMM
SMM/9	Minutes of Bornova Council and Joint Council Meetings 1940-1961	Brian Giraud Bornova	Safe at SMM
SMM/2	Bornova Cemetery papers, including a list of Graves, found together in a file marked "Bornova Anglican Cemetery" 1927-1933		Safe at SMM
SMM/4	St. Mary Magdalene, Bornova – Correspondence File 1928-1934		Safe at SMM
SMM/5	Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Bournabat – Report and Statement of Accounts for the period ending 31st. December 1934		Safe at SMM
SMM/6	A collection of papers found inside the Register of Services (1943-1971), including lists of Congregation, correspondence, minutes of meetings, accounts etc.		Safe at SMM
SMM/8	A file marked "Working File of Gabriel Rodich, to be kept by Geoffrey Maltass for future reference, if necessary." Accounts and related correspondence. 1950-1960.		Safe at SMM

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SMM/10	St. Mary Magdalene, Bornova, Register of services 1943-1971		Safe at SMM
SMM/11	St. Mary Magdalene, Bornova, Balance Sheet and Income AND Expenditure Account for 1959.		Safe at SMM
SMM/12	Bornova Church Accounts circa 1956	None	Safe at SMM
SMM/13	St. Mary Magdalene Church Cash Vouchers 1933	None	Safe at SMM
SMM/14	Florence Wilkin Presentation Fund 1934	None	Safe at SMM
SMM/15	St. Mary Magdalene Church Journal Vouchers 1933	None	Safe at SMM
SMM/16	St. Mary Magdalene Church Accounts 1934 - 1952	None	Safe at SMM
SMM/17	St. Mary Magdalene Church Journal 1936 (Accounts)	None	Safe at SMM
SMM/18	Turkish Lira Ledger 1938 - 1951	None	Safe at SMM
SMM/19	Turkish Lira Accounts circa 1952 - 1957	None	Safe at SMM
SMM/20	Gibraltar Diocesan Gazette April 1944 and January 1945	None	Safe at SMM
SMM/21	1961 Correspondence with Belediye re pavement by Cemetery	None	Safe at SMM
	Small bag of small papers , receipts etc found in the Vestry and a 1963 newspaper.	None	Safe at SMM
	Register of Marriages 1st entry 22nd. November 1926		
	Register of Burials 1st. Entry 20 November 1924		
	Register of Baptisms 1st. entry 20 November 1924		

ANGLICAN CEMETERY BORNOVA

REF	Important Documents dating from the 19th Century Copies of which are included herein.	Copy	Original held by:
AC/1	<u>The oldest title deed</u> dated 1289 (1873) in the names of John Patterson, Frederick Whittall, and the Clergyman and their Deed of Trust.	included	
AC/2	Details of an old firman	included	
AC/3	<u>Formal agreement</u> dated 13 May 1871 nominating James D'ombrain as Chaplain to St Mary Magdalene's Church.	included	
AC/4	<u>License granted to clergyman James D'ombrain</u> by the Bishop of Gibraltar on 13th May 1871	included	
AC/5	<u>Petition by J.B. Paterson & James d'ombrain</u> to the Bishop of Gibraltar to dedicate the Anglican Cemetery as "The English Churchyard of St. Mary Magdalene. 19 th April 1875	included	
AC/6	<u>Dedication of the Cemetery</u> by the Bishop of Gibraltar. 3 rd May 1875	included	

ANGLICAN CEMETERY BORNOVA

REF	Important Documents dating from the 20th Century Copies of which are included herein.	Copy	Originals held by :
AC/7	<u>Cadastre Plan of Cemetery</u> (plot 12) dated June 14th. 1960 showing a total land area of 9530 m ² . (Kadastro Haritası Örneği)	included	Brian Giraud Bornova
AC/8	<u>Deed (Tapu) of the Anglican Cemetery's Land dated 1 April 1988 after the Land Area was reduced to 5650 m²</u> though confiscation of the field adjoining the walled cemetery to the N.	included	Brian Giraud Bornova
AC/9	<u>Permission to rebuild Caretaker's house</u> dated 19 October 1961 to replace the old one which was knocked down due to the widening of the road.	included	Safe at SMM
AC/10	<u>The Plan Örneği</u> dated 15 March 1990 for 5650 m ²	included	Brian Giraud Bornova
AC/11	<u>The Aplikasyon Krokisi</u> dated 15 March 1990 for 5650 m ²	included	Brian Giraud Bornova
AC/12	<u>The 1987 Grade 1A listing of the Church and Cemetery</u> see Official Gazette No 19836 of June 8 1988 p.81. (Interestingly the Cemetery is still listed as parcel no 12 which was 9530 m ²)	included	Resmi Gazete

LAND ALLOCATED FOR A NEW ANGLICAN CEMETERY OUTSIDE BORNOVA

REF	Important Documents, Copies of which are included herein.	Copy	Originals held by :
NAC/1	<u>Deed (tapu)</u> dated 7 June 1973 showing a total Land of 9580 m2 and explaining that the land had been allocated in lieu of the old Anglican Cemetery Plot 12.	included	Brian Giraud Bornova
NAC/2	<u>Deed (tapu)</u> dated 7 June 1973 showing a total Land of 9580 m2 with no explanation.	included	Brian Giraud Bornova
NAC/3	<u>An internal record</u> of the replacement of the old cemetery land with this new piece of land one out of town.	included	Brian Giraud Bornova
NAC/4	<u>The “Plan Örneği”</u> dated 15 March 1990 for 9580 m2.	included	Brian Giraud Bornova
NAC/5	<u>The “Aplikasyon Krokisi”</u> dated 15 March 1990 and its ammended version dated 27 May 1995.	included	Brian Giraud Bornova

II

Copies of some important Church and Cemetery Documents.

(This section also includes many photocopies which can only be found in
the hardcopy version.)

III

References to important documents in Church Vestry and Council Meeting Records since 1873 - Extracts.

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hardcopy version.)

Extracts prepared by Brian Giraud on 7 October 2008:

“The following documents were delivered into my keeping by the Revd. J.B. Smith on 2nd. August 1890.

Duly certified copies of

1. Petition to the Bishop to dedicate the English cemetery at Bournabat
2. Sentence by the Bishop on dedicating ditto. ditto. ditto.
3. Petition (2 copies) of Charlton Whittall Senr. To Bishop of Gibraltar to dedicate St. Mary Magdalene's Chapel, Bournabat.
4. Declaration (2copies) of Charlton Whittall senr. Giving St. Mary Magdalene's Chapel forever, with the ground on which it stands, to be used for the public worship of God.
5. Dedication of St. Mary Magdalene's Chapel by Bishop of Gibraltar
6. Extract of the will of Charlton Whittall Senr.
7. Register of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in the district of Mary Magdalene's Bournabat.

(Signed) H.O. WHITTALL – Churchwarden.”

“The following documents have been handed to me by H.O. WHITTALL my predecessor.

Cerified copies of the deeds relating to the consecration of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, and Anglican Cemetery at Bourbabat, declaration of J.B. Paterson, F.G. Whittall, James D'ombrain Trustees of the Bournabat Cemetery, Title deeds of the Bournabat Cemetery and sundry other documents and letters.

Smyrna 6 June 1903.

(signed) EDGAR A. WHITTALL, Churchwarden.”

Note:

In September 1922, in the conflict between the Turkish and Greek armies around Smyrna, the Community was obliged to leave Bournabat. The Church was pillaged and sustained considerable structural damage. Also the Vicarage and the Cemetery. No Vestry Meeting was held during the year 1923. Church services were likewise suspended for a considerable period following the month of September 1922.

Bournabat May 1924.
(Signed) Ed. H. Giraud, Hon Secy. Church Council.

Vestry Meeting held at Mr. Edmund Giraud's House at Bournabat on Sunday 20th. April 1924.

“Mr. R. Wilkin (Chairman) stated that apparently all records of the Church, such as Vestry Books, Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths, had either been lost or mislaid. On the return of Mr. H.J. Whittall presently absent in Europe, some trace of these records may be obtained. The possibility existed that some of these records were at Metylene among the papers sent there by C. Whittall & Co.”

.....(signed) C.J. Giraud, 26 April 1925.

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held at the house of Mr. E. Giraud in Bournabat on Sunday the 26th. April 1925.

“Vestry Books. No. 1 from 27th. June 1871 to 6th. April 1890
 No. 2 from 4th. October 1890 in current use to date

Had been recovered and were confided heretofore to the keeping of Messers. C. Whittall & Co. who had kindly consented to take charge of the same.

Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths had not been found and it was feared the same was a loss to the Parish.”

“Votes of thanks passed during the year by the Council were unanimously confirmed and approved of :-

1. **Council Meeting 11th May 1924.** Vote of thanks of the community and council to Messers. C. Whittall & Co. Smyrna for the care and protection afforded to the Church Records over a number of years and particularly in the midst of such perils as followed September 1922.”

.....(signed) Wm. Hy. Edgell – Chairman.
11 April 1926.

Vestry Meeting undated but probably held in December 1927.

“In accordance with the wish expressed at the last Vestry Meeting, five typewritten copies of the Vestry Books have been made for circulation amongst the congregation and can be obtained for persual on application to the Council.”

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
Bornova, held at the residence of Mr. C. Giraud on 20th. November 1951.**

“Ownership of the Church Property :Mr. W.J. Giraud then stated that there was no trace of ownership at the TAPU (Title Deeds Department) nor was the Church Ground comprised in the Title deed of H. Giraud’s property. The Church was stated as one of the Boundaries, and therefore not under H. Giraud’s ownership. He stated further that this fact should not be cause for concern as this was not an isolated case as there were many instances of unregistered ecclesiastical Property. He was informed that new regulations might shortly be promulgated regularising the position of unregistered ecclesiastical property.....

.....(signed) E.H.GIRAUD.”

IV

Some Significant events in the history of
the Church and Cemetery taken from the
Church Council and Vestry Records –

Extracts

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hardcopy version.)

Extracts prepared by Brian Giraud on 7 October 2008 :

June 27, 1871 – Vestry Meeting at Mr Whittall’s :

“Unanimously Resolved

1. That a new Cemetery at Bournabat for the Protestant Community is necessary.
2. That it should not be an extension of the old one but situated in another part of the town.
3. That it be consecrated by the Bishop of Gibraltar.”

‘Another Meeting was subsequently held, when Mr. Whittall presented the congregation with a piece of ground on the Smyrna road by the first Railway Crossing vesting the same in the names of the incumbent and Mr. F.G. Whittall as Trustees.

(Signed) JAMES D’OMBRAIN”

October 23, 1872 – Vestry Meeting at Mr Whittall’s :

“Upon considering the Cemetery question, the Vestry accorded its thanks to Mr. James Whittall for the ground bought and presented by him last year to the congregation, but its further disposition and enclosure was left an open question until December 19th next when the Incumbent engaged (D.V.) to convene a Vestry Meeting to determine the question.

.....(Signed) JAMES D’OMBRAIN”

November 9, 1873 – Vestry Meeting at the Church :

“4. Mr Churchwarden Paterson reported that the Cemetery site had been registered according to local procedure in the names of

John Borthwick Paterson
George Fredk. Whittall and the
Revd. James Dombrian – Chaplain

Who should act as Trustees for the Community.”

.....(Signed) JAMES D’OMBRAIN”

January 14th, 1874 – Vestry Meeting at the Incumbent’s house :

“Cost of enclosing Cemetery 42 pics square”

.....(Signed) JAMES D’OMBRAIN”

Sept 21st, 1874 – Vestry Meeting at the Incumbent’s house :

John C. Ives – aged 64 a pauper was buried by me yhis day in conformity with the 8th resolution of May 13, half fees being paid by H.M.Consul and it being understood that this was an exception allowed only because the Smyrna Cemetery was not yet enclosed.
.....(Signed) JAMES D’OMBRAIN”

March 21st, 1875 – Sunday before Easter Vestry Meeting of seatholders at Mr. Whittall’s house :

“Mr. Charlton Whittall , Treasurer to the Trustees of whom two were present (Mr. Patterson and the Incumbent) reported that he had incurred about fourteen pounds debt by the sinking of a well at the new Cemetery.
.....(Signed) JAMES D’OMBRAIN”

January 16th, 1876 – 2nd. Sunday after Epiphany. Vestry Meeting at the Church :

“It was resolved that
1. The Ground be forthwith set in order, weeded and planted with cypress trees etc.
2. That a gardener be employes at a fixed salary of 6 P.T. per annum
3. That in addition thereto he be allowed the use of the Cemetery property without its walls.....”

“.....It was further resolved that
It should be left with r. Charlton Whittall to see Mr. Alexander Sidi and find what sum of money he would be willing to give for a portion of the land unused by ç but belonging to the Trustees.”
“(Signed) JAMES D’OMBRAIN”

March 5th, 1876 – Meeting of the subscribers to the new Cemetery held in the Church :

“It was proposed and then resolved after discussion
1. That no trees should be planted in any part of the Cemetery without the Trustees being first consulted and their consent obtained.
2. That the front and two side walls of the Cemetery have Cypress trees planted near them , that Messers. Perkins’ offer to provide trees for the front wall be accepted and that the sides be planted as funds permitted.
.....(Signed) JAMES WHITTALL”

June 23rd, 1878 – 1st Sunday after Trinity. Meeting of the Burial Board at the Cemetery.

“It was resolved that a two roomed lodge should be substantially built, and that the labour and materials contributed by the present keeper should be assessed justly and re-imbursed to him whenever he ceases to be employed by the Trustees, in that capacity.....

“(Signed) JAMES D’OMBRAIN”

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held at the house of Mr. E.H. Giraud Bornova, on the 15th. April 1955.

Bornova Cemetery : Mr. W. Giraud advised the meeting that it was likely that the Bornova Authorities would very shortly forbid any further burials in the Bornova Cemetery and suggested that the Protestant Communities should join together through the respective Consulates with a view to making a joint request to the Authorities for a grant of Land for a joint Protestant Cemetery.

Discussion then ensued and the meeting heard a suggestion from the Treasurer that the provision of an eventual transfer of the Cemetery should be made as early as possible, as well as a suggestion by the Chairman that a direct approach should be made to the Governor of Izmir.

The Meeting finally resolved and thereby authorised Messers. W. Giraud and G. Maltass to approach H.B.M. Consul General to discuss the matter on the lines of MR. W. Giraud’s proposal at the meeting.

Vestry meeting of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Bornova held at the house of Mr. E.H. Giraud on 9th. April 1956.

Cemetery : The Treasurer reported to the Congregation that the question of the Cemetery had been left in abeyance by the former Consul-General Mr. Balfour. Mr. W. Giraud had seen his successor Mr. Shaw but the Treasurer was not aware of what had transpired. The Chairman expressed the view that had been supported by Archdecon Bailey, that Bornova should have its own little Cemetery.

Minutes of a joint meeting of the Church Councils of St. John the Evangelist (Izmir), St. Mary Magdalene's (Bornova), and All Saints (Buca), held at the house of Edmund Giraud at Bornova on Thursday 16th. October 1956

“Cemetery : Mr. William Giraud suggested that the matter of a cemetery was of immediate concern, since the only Anglican Ground now open was at Bornova and the Municipal Authorities had indicated that, in view of Town Planning, this was to be prohibited in the near future. After the discussion of various possibilities, it was moves by Edmund Giraud that a committee (later named as Mr. William Giraud, Mr. Abbot, Mr. English and Mr. Smith) examine the several suggested alternative possibilities which might be arranged for, keeping in mind the requirements of privacy and accessibility, and report their recommendations before the end of 1956. Following this report, the assistance of he Diplomatic Representatives of the Christian Countries would be sought to obtain Government permission to establish a new Cemetery.

.....(signed) BARBARA CILLEY 23 October 1956”

Joint meeting of the Church Councils of St. John, Izmir and St. Mary Magdalene, Bornova, held at the house of Mr. E.H. Giraud at Bornova on the 2nd. May 1958.

Anglican Cemetery Bornova : Mr. W. Giraud informed the meeting of the latest position re the Anglican Cemetery in Bornova. Owing to the building activity in the proximity, the imminent suspension of burials could be expected. The Bornova Muslim Cemetery would similarly have to be abandoned and the Bornova authorities had approached the Government in Ankara verbally for the grant of land for a new Cemetery. They had been told unofficially to make no official request of this nature but to start burying on Government land and make it a ‘fait accompli’. He had informed the Local Authorities that we would follow whatever course the Local Authorities took, and explained to the meeting that we would expect better protection for our Cemetery if it was adjacent to a Turkish Cemetery. He would continue to follow the matter and report.....”

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Bornova, held at the House of Mr. & Mrs. G.E. Maltass on Sunday, 15th. May 1960.

“Mr W.J. Giraud (he) then drew attention to the shortage of space for burials in our Cemetery and proposed a resolution that, henceforth, only members of the Bournabat Church Community and their relatives should have a right to burial in our Bornova Cemetery.. While agreeing in principle , it was pointed out by several members that isolated cases might arise of applications for burial of permanent residents in Izmir who were members of the Anglican Community. As a result of the ensuing discussion the Meeting authorised the Council to consider each case on its own merits.”.....

.....“Closing Address : Mr. Wilkinson thanked the Congregation for attending the meeting in such numbers, a sure sign of the interest taken in the affairs of the Church. He then informed the Meeting that he had been approached by the Mayor who requested permission to cut off the corner of the Churchyard to facilitate the circulation of traffic along the present Izmir-Manisa Road.Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Maltass had met the Mayor on the site, accompanied by his Technical Staff, and the amount of ground to be ceded was agreed upon. It was ascertained that none of the trees were threatened.

The Bornova Municipality undertook to rebuild the wall and replace the iron railings. Mr.Wilkinson considered that this arrangement was a most satisfactory one and, if anything, would improve the aspect of the Churchyard: he suggested that the meeting should confirm what had been done. This confirmation was immediately forthcoming and Mr. Wilkinson was thanked for his intervention in the matter.”

..... (signed) W.J. GIRAUD.”

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of St. Mary Magdalene’s Church, Bornova, held at the House of Mr. Donald Giraud on Sunday, 29th. April 1962 at 11.30 a.m.

Chairman’s Report : Mr. Maltass then read the report of the retiring Chairman Mr. W. J. Giraud :

.....We finally recieved an allocation of tl 3000 from the Church Party held in 1961, which covered the cost of minor repairs to the Vicarage and Church and also enabled us to enclose our Field behind the Cemetery with a fence consisting of 5 strands of barbed-wire supported on 35 reinforced concrete stakes. The boundaries of this property have now been definitely established by the Authorities and we no longer run the risk of encroachment by the surrounding refugees, as heretofore...”

My reference guide to all the documents and papers (known to me) pertaining to the Bornova Anglican Cemetery and St Mary Magdalene's Church Bornova. I compiled this report in October 2008 and it includes a lot of photocopies taken from the indexed documents which can only be seen in the hardcopy version. However this `electronic version` contains a full index of important documents and the location of copies and

originals (where available). It also contains some from extracts from various records which were easier to transcribe than copy. The index may be useful to your readers and could benefit from additional contributions; many of the original records are untraceable or may have been transferred to archives in England. It would be useful to add such additional information to the index.

The book on St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, Bornova mentioned by the author Giles Milton is reference no SMM/1 in the above index. It is over 150 pages long and difficult to include here.

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