

Year	Date (1st ref) in minute Book/archive ref numbers	Date	References to organ and social history
1965	St Mary's	03-May-65	Correspondence - letter from Bishop of Oxford - position of church in newly developed areas, proposal to integrate.
1965	St Mary's	05-Jul-65	reports from committees - Mr Fitch on behalf of the repairs committee raised the question of modifying some of the organ stops. Three of the present ones were useless, but could be changed to bring the organ into line with current practice. Etc
1967	St Mary's	17-Nov-67	Organ - The minutes of the Liaison committee meeting recalled that a deficit of about £7000 was expected to result from the restoration of St Giles Church. It was a coincidence that this represented approximately the cost of the organ which had been ordered, but it was generally agreed that the cost seemed disproportionately high. Mr Fitch & Mr Read explained in some detail the situation relating to the organ. A contract had been entered into soon after St Giles had been damaged by fire, and 1/3 of the agreed cost had already been paid. All this had happened before the scheme for integrating the two parishes had been published, and long before the Liaison Committee had been set up. Fr Cavell-Northam was very concerned about the situation but it was far from clear what - if anything - could be done about it. Fr Northam intended to see Dr Ingram of Messrs Starmer Shaw to see how firm the commitment was.
1967	St Mary's	04-Dec-67	Organ - Mr Fitch said that one piece of information discussed at that meeting (17th November) was now out of date, namely that two thirds of the cost of the new organ in St Giles had been paid rather than one third as reported at the meeting. Mr Read confirmed that he had heard of a second account for about £2000 being rendered within the past few days. These reports underlined the feeling that there was little hope of effecting any economy in this respect.