

Victorian Heritage Database place details - 22/2/2019

St Stephen's Church

**Location:**

158 Balaclava Road CAULFIELD NORTH, Glen Eira City

Heritage Overlay Number: HO08

Listing Authority: HO

Extent of Registration:

Statement of Significance:

St Stephens has architectural importance as a noteworthy example of a Gothic Transitional design in the Arts and Crafts eclectic manner (see Stylistic Typology in National Trust's Historic Church's Study). The facade treatment successfully combines Christian symbols with Gothic forms in the Arts and Crafts mode (comparable with Haddon's Presbyterian Church, Malvern (1906) and Haddon and Henderson's Oakleigh Church (1928)). It is locally important as an example of Robert Haddon's work in Caulfield, where he also lived (4 Glenferrie St q.v.).

Description

A red brick and stuccoed Arts and Crafts influenced inter-war church, symmetrical and cruciform on plan with pillared and gable roofed porches flanking the facade. The facade skilfully combines the elements of a cross, in cement, buttresses and tall thin windows into an integrated composition, enriched by Gothic ornamentation but eschewing conventional forms. The picturesque and flared roofs have terra cotta shingles whilst the sides of the nave use more stereotyped Gothic enrichment.

Inside, the timber lined ceiling is a noteworthy element.

Integrity: Good, includes brick and iron fence

Condition: good

Worship: Presbyterian (Uniting), Caulfield as a pre-eminent inter-war suburb. Architects well represented locally: Robert Haddon

Heritage Study	1994 - Glen Eira - Caulfield Conservation Study
Year Construction Started	
Architect / Designer	
Architectural Style	
Heritage Act Categories	
Municipality	["GLEN EIRA CITY"]
Other names	"St Stephens Church", formerly Presbyterian, now Uniting
History	