Interested in seeing the materials in St. Peter’s archives, without leaving your home? Here’s what to do.

First, log into http://archives.stpeter.org on your computer.

You will see the “home page” with a welcome message. Click on BROWSE at the top, and choose Archival Descriptions, to read about the different materials in the archives.

You can also search for specific information by typing in a word or name in the SEARCH box at the topic of the screen. If we have materials in the archives with that word or name, your results should be displayed. You will see a list of different items right away, but if you hit RETURN you will see more details about each. To learn more, click on the link for a particular description.

Interested in annual reports for the Cathedral? We have digitized all the annual reports from 1887 to 2019, and they are all available on the website. Just type in “annual reports” in the SEARCH box and you should see an entry for St. Peter’s Cathedral Church Annual Reports. Click on the link and you will be able to choose which year(s) you would like to see.

Specifically interested in photographs? After you’ve done a search, you will see several options on the left side of your screen to NARROW the search. Under MEDIA, you can choose “image” to show all the descriptions for photographs only.

Why don’t you see all the photographs? Under Canada’s copyright law, archival institutions are not allowed to publish photographs that were made less than 70 years ago. If the photograph you want to see was made before 1952, we have scanned it and made it available for public viewing.

If the photograph was made after 1952, and we have the photograph in the archives, we cannot post it on the website, but you can see it in person. Just let us know that you want to see it and we can help you out!

We also have an extensive collection of audiovisual recordings, which Andrea Corder, our wonderful Young Canada Works student, digitized for us in 2020. Descriptions for those recordings, including important church services, are being added to the database now. But the actual recordings are too large to add to the website, so we are holding them in our digital storage system. If you want to listen to a recording of a church service, we can make the recording available to you by making an appointment to visit the Archives.

We are adding more and more information to the database every week, so please check back regularly. If you think you should find something in the descriptions but can’t, get in touch with us. We don’t publish descriptions until they are ready to go, so we may have the information in DRAFT form. It’s in the computer but we haven’t made it public yet!

Hoping to see you and hear from you in the near future.

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Reach us by email at stpetersarchive@gmail.com
Do you have information to help us with identifying people in pictures or dates or events? Your input is invaluable.

For example, Photo 0256 is a mystery. We would love to know who this might be. Any ideas, just get in touch!

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