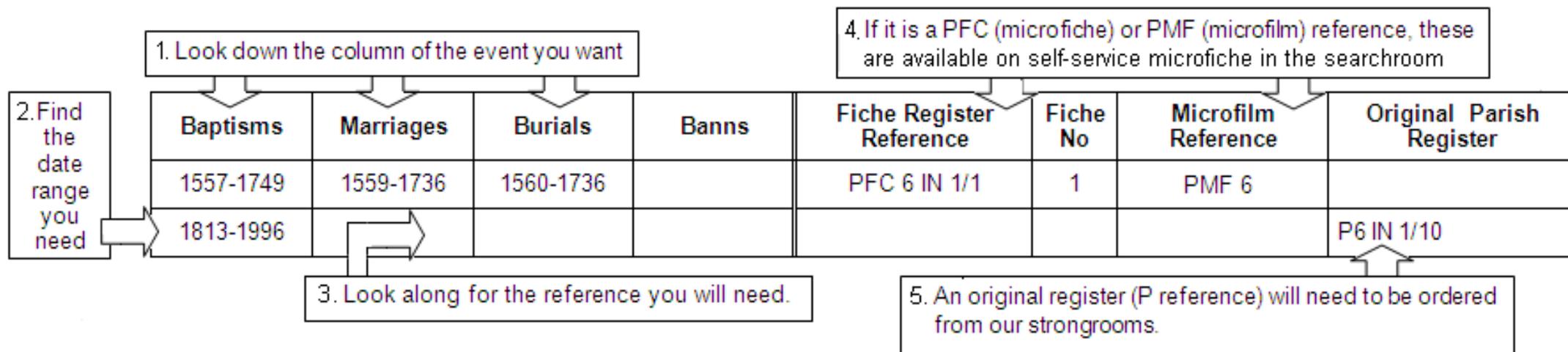


The Parish Register Guide: How to Use it

This guide helps you find registers of baptism, marriage and burials at Church of England Parish Churches. Most of these registers are held on self service microform. This saves you time and helps protect the originals. To find the register you want, follow the steps in the diagram.



You will need to visit Gloucestershire Archives to view these documents. You can pre-order original registers to be available for when you visit. Email us at archives@gloucestershire.gov.uk with the references of the registers you would like to see. Please allow at least 2 working days notice for up to 3 items. If you would like to order more, please let us know at least a week before your visit. Alternatively you can order documents when you visit us and wait for them to arrive.

We will not produce an original register where a microfiche or microfilm copy is available.

We also hold a variety of non-conformist registers. Please see the **Non-Conformist Records Guide**. Details of non-conformist chapels in each parish are listed in the guide.

The Parish Register Guide: Transcripts and Indexes

In the guide you will find references to other items which can help you use the parish registers. These do not cover the whole county. You may need to use more than one to answer your query.

Parish register transcripts:	GAL/J1	<u>Phillimore's Marriage Transcripts</u> . There is a list of parishes in the front of vol. 1. This is not a full transcript of entries, it contains basic information only. Check the parish register for the full entry.
	GAL/J2	<u>Roe's Marriage Transcripts</u> . This is a continuation of the Phillimore series.
	GAL/J3	<u>Parish Transcripts</u> We hold transcripts of various parishes compiled by volunteers. They vary in the detail given. Some include a surname index.
Parish register indexes	GAL/J1	<u>Bride and Groom Marriage Index (Roe's)</u> . These are an index to the Phillimore's transcripts (see above). There is a set sorted by groom surname (red) and one sorted by bride surname (green).
Monumental Inscriptions	GAL/C5	<u>Bigland volumes</u> . These include a survey of memorials in the church. Parish A-M were surveyed in 1791/2. Parishes N-P were surveyed in 1838. Parishes Q-Z were surveyed in the 1870s and 1880s. We also have other Monumental Inscriptions available for some parishes.
Gloucestershire Family History Society Indexes	At GFHS	Indexes of Baptisms (1813-1836), Marriages (1800-1837) and Burials (1813-1851) are available at the GFHS Family History Centre. A CD of Marriages and Burials is available at Gloucestershire Archives. Please ask at the Enquiries Desk if you wish to use the CD.
	Online	There is an online index of Gloucestershire Civil Certificates. Marriages (complete) Births and Deaths (in progress) 1837-2006 can be found at www3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/bmd . The index does not cover South Gloucestershire. For more information see the Civil Certificates Research Guide
Bishop's Transcripts	Microfilm	Bishop's Transcripts are a copy of the entries made in the Parish Registers. These were copied each year and sent to the Bishop. There are a few gaps. So check the parish guide to see what years survive for your area. Bishop's Transcripts can be useful if the handwriting on the register is hard to read or if the registers themselves have not survived. For more information please see the Bishop's Transcripts Research Guide.

REMEMBER We are here to help. If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to ask.