A3080 Papers of the Council of Christians and Jews: scrapbook of Reverend Canon James John Richardson

Rev. Canon James John (Jim) Richardson (1941-) read law and political studies at Hull University before obtaining a DipEd from Sheffield. After two years teaching at secondary level he prepared for ordination at Cuddesdon College, Oxford and was ordained in 1969. He was Curate at St Peter's Collegiate Church in Wolverhampton 1969-72 before becoming Priest-in-Charge of All Saints Parish Church in Hanley. In 1975 he was appointed Rector of Nantwich in Cheshire before becoming Vicar of Leeds in 1982. During his time as Vicar of Leeds he became President and Chairman of the local Council of Christians and Jews, and in 1988 became the CCJ's Executive Director. He resigned in late 1991 and left the post on 31st January 1992 to take a sabbatical before returning to full-time ministry.

Scrapbook of personal papers collected by Canon Richardson concerning the CCJ from his time as Executive Director. Newspaper cuttings of weekly sermons written by Canon Richardson for the Yorkshire Post and letters to national newspapers in response to current events affecting Christian-Jewish relations. Invitations and programmes of events (dinners, exhibitions) notably a garden party at Buckingham Palace, Christmas cards, and personal correspondence relating to the CCJ.