

Old St. Albans Church burned down

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St. Albans Church, a small wooden Anglican church in East Esplanade, St. Albans, was burned to the ground early this morning.

The flames were visible from Footscray.

The fire had a strong hold when firemen from five brigades arrived about 12.30 a.m.

They sprayed a house on an adjoining block to prevent it also catching alight.

Captain John B. Corby, the minister of the church, said this morning it was the oldest in the St. Albans district.

For many years it was the only church in the area.

None of the contents of the church, which included a recently acquired new organ, had been saved.