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RECORDS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH MEDWAY

TOWNS CIRCUIT 1768 - 1986

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Early history of Methodism

Methodism began informally in 1729 among an Oxford University Student Society called the "Holy Club" led by the brothers John and Charles Wesley. They were nicknamed "Bible Moths" or "Methodists" by outsiders, on account of their strict personal daily routine of prayer, Bible study and moral correctness in behaviour, which contrasted to the apparent laxity of students of traditional Church of England persuasion.

The Methodists intended to carry their ideas, including field preaching, mission work and charity, into effect after becoming ordained as Church of England priests. Field preaching began in 1739 and was in direct response to the growth of working populations in rural or urban locations during the Industrial Revolution, with which the Church of England's rigid parish system had not kept pace.

Organisation and Development.

Although Methodism was conceived as a reform movement within the Church of England, numerous factors including the different nature of Methodist activities, the anticipations of their followers and adverse Church of England reactions led to their inauguration as a separate denomination by about 1791.

Initially organisation was informal and itinerant lay ministers were sent to industrial and rural areas not served by Anglican clergy, but this laid the foundations of the Methodist circuits.

The process of separation from the Church of England involved refusals by bishops to ordain Methodists, the demand for ordained Methodist ministers in America, before and after the rift between the two countries, the registration of their meeting houses as Nonconformist and popular clamour.

Wesley had called an annual conference in 1744 and this became regular after 1784. Conference is the Methodist Church's supreme authority and is now regulated by statute law.

Conference delegates duties to synods held twice yearly in each of the Methodist Church's 34 districts in Great Britain. Each district contains 20 - 30 circuits. District Chairmen and circuit superintendants are appointed by Conference.

Each circuit is made up of societies or chapel congregations, whose members are enrolled into a "class" book or register, and who are under the pastoral care of a class leader. The circuit holds a quarterly meeting comprising ministers, lay officers and class leaders. Each society also holds a Leaders' Meeting and an annual members' meeting to appoint to a leaders' Meeting. All of these society and circuit meetings are represented among records in this collection

Between 1810 and 1932 various groups splintered off from the mainstream Methodists until reunited in the latter year (see diagram). The organisation and record keeping of these offshoots were more or less identical to those of the mainstream Wesleyans and Methodist Church.

Methodist worship and doctrine

Traditionally Methodism has been characterised by personal religious discipline, a regular worship routine, field preaching, circuit preaching, by lay and ordained ministers, concern for social welfare, social betterment and public morals, hymn singing and lively worship. Charles Wesley alone composed more than 7,000 hymns and the Church of England has followed suit by introducing hymn singing as a large part of its own liturgy.

John Wesley had been influenced by Moravian and Lutheran evangelicalism in America and London but otherwise adhered to most Anglican tenets.

Methodists use a modified Anglican Prayer Book and a version of the 39 Articles.

Methodists in Great Britain have no bishops and are closer to the presbyterians in this regard. The Trinity, forgiveness of sin, redemption, the authority of the Bible and a discretionary approach to liturgy are central to Methodist beliefs. Baptism is practised, usually by sprinkling water and is often administered to adults; and marriage and burial services are undertaken but are not regarded as sacraments.

Methodism in the Medway Area

The first mention in this collection of a visit to the Medway area by John Wesley is for preaching a sermon on 3 December, 1770 at the Rochester Chapel (2/Da/1/1). Wesley maintained personal contact through visits (2/Da/1/1) and correspondence (1/A/1) until 1790, near the time of his death.

The Bible Christians, who were among the first offshoots of the Wesleyans, were clearly operating in the Medway area by 1820 (1/A/5) indicating by this early and distant outreach by a denomination originating in Cornwall that Medway was the ideal Methodist Mission Territory.

The area must have been considered ripe for evangelism, due to the workforce and forces personnel of the Royal Naval Dockyard at Chatham and associated civilian industries, both of which continued to develop throughout the nineteenth century. The culmination of Methodist influence in the garrison towns was the establishment of Central Hall, Chatham by Rev. Richard Hall in 1903. This formed part of Rochester Wesleyan Circuit until the unification of the Methodist churches nationally in 1932. In that year Central Hall and its outpost missions became a separate Methodist Church circuit to undertake military, naval and civilian mission work. Finally, however in 1966, Central Hall was closed down and the outpost churches in the circuit were amalgamated with the existing Medway Towns Circuit to form the present circuit (1/H/7/3, 2/Ab/1 and 2/Ab/4/7).

The collection not only illustrates the administration of the local Methodist circuits and their constituent churches, much as in circuits and churches elsewhere, but also the mission work associated with a Naval Dockyard (Chatham) and garrison towns (Chatham and Gillingham). Military and Naval personnel and civilian workers provided the Methodists with their main challenge in the central area, although civilians were well catered for. However, with Britain's reduced post-war commitments and the running down of the Dockyard, this service had diminished by the 1960's. The Methodists' response to these challenges is one of the most constant themes in the records.

Mainstream 1733

Primitive
Methodists
1810

Methodist New
Connexion
1797

Bible Christians
1815

Wesleyan
Methodist
Association
1835

Protestant
Methodists

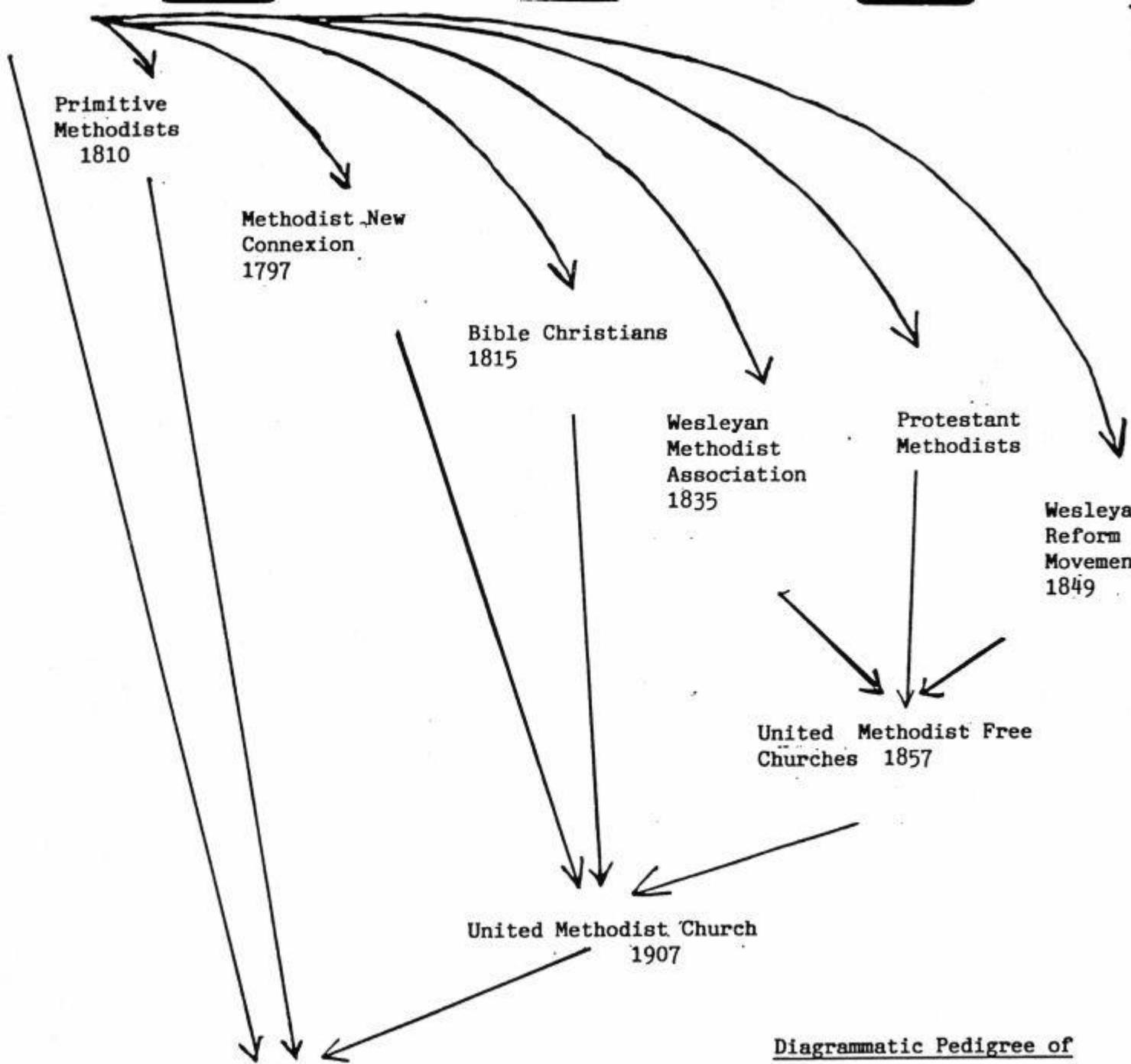
Wesleyan
Reform
Movement
1849

United Methodist Free
Churches 1857

United Methodist Church
1907

The Methodist Church 1932

Diagrammatic Pedigree of
Methodist Church history in
Great Britain 1733 - 1932



Records in this collection

1. Circuits

Section A comprises records of uncertain provenance which must have originated with certain Methodist ministers, societies or circuits but which have been merged subsequently. They span the period 1790 - 1933 and comprise meeting house certificates, a letter from John Wesley and later printed matter. Careful examination and research may reveal through which circuit the MS material may have descended to the modern Medway Towns Circuit.

Sections B - H comprise records of the various predecessor and modern Methodist Medway area circuits. Typical circuit records are Quarterly Meeting minutes, Local Preachers' Meeting minutes, Circuit Trustees' minutes, Circuit Stewards' accounts and Circuit baptism and burial registers, which are all represented.

Reference to Circuit records will provide the searcher with an overall picture of Methodist activity in an area of shift in policy locally and of local relations with Conference and its central organs and committees. In the Medway area, ministering to the Armed Forces was a main task, associated throughout with Old Brompton and Chatham, which gradually diminished with the withdrawal of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

These and other social changes are well reflected in the Circuit records.

The circuits are arranged in order of chronological development.

It should be noted that circuit records include many files relating to specific chapels which should be consulted in addition to material in section 2 of the list.

2. Societies

For convenience the society records are arranged by area, and within area alphabetically by streets rather than by circuit or denomination which would be difficult due to the swapping of societies between circuits or change of denomination. A brief history of the societies is prefixed to each section to clarify confusing points such as change in denomination.

Society records chiefly comprise Trustees' minutes, accounts, deeds and registers of local baptisms, marriages and burials. Records orientated towards the members include class books (registers of members), Leaders' minutes, Sunday School records and registers, pew rent accounts (pew rents were used largely to pay off chapel debts) and architectural drawings.

It should be noted that circuit records, contained in section 1 of the list, also contain baptisms and members registers.

General

Besides illustrating the operation of Methodism in a rural and urban area, the collection provides a great insight into the character of the Medway Towns and Gillingham especially in respect of the armed forces, social life and reactions to general issues such as temperance.

Circuits section F (Garrison and Naval Port Circuit records) and Societies sections Ab (Central Hall, Chatham) and Bk (Prospect Row, Gillingham) illustrate the military and naval aspect of Methodist mission work; social life is best illustrated by society sub-sections, 6 (affiliated organisations) and 7 (church in the community e.g. Bethel Chapel, Rochester (Db) and St. Peter's, Gillingham (Bl)). Illustrated printed matter and newsletters can usually be found in society sub-sections 4 & 7.

The temperance issue is illustrated by the controversy surrounding the liquor trafficking of A.W. Ratcliffe, a Wesleyan Methodist local preacher 1897 - 1899 (1/B/7/1)

Acknowledgements

Notes left by local historian and Methodist lay preacher Ron Baldwin, former local Methodist archivist, have been of great assistance in drafting this descriptive list.

Additional notes on provenance.

Items (1/A/28, 1/F/4/5, 1/F/6/4-5, 1/F/6/10-12, 2/Ab/7/2 and 2/Db/7/6). According to an accompanying note this material may have been acquired by Rev. W.R. Haughton.

Items (1/4/7/18, 24-25) were found in a wrapper inscribed Rev. E.R. Kemp but with an address label to Rev. J.H.W. Ingram, 179, Nelson Road, Gillingham postmarked 5 July 1972.

BRIEF GUIDE TO GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

IN THE COLLECTION

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1. Circuits

1/B	<u>Rochester Wesleyan Circuit</u>	
1/B/5/1	Register of members	1817 - 1821
1/B/5/2	Register of members	1832 - 1835
1/B/5/3	Baptism register	1840 - 1867
1/C	<u>Chatham Bible Christian Circuit</u>	
1/C/5/1	Baptism register	1839 - 1870
1/C/5/2	Baptism register	1869 - 1880
1/C/5/3	Loose baptism certificates	1874 - 1879
1/C/5/4	Baptism register	1880 - 1888
1/C/5/5	Baptism register	1888 - 1914
1/D	<u>Gravesend P.M. Circuit</u>	
1/D/5/1	Baptism register	1849 - 1895
1/D/5/2	Loose baptism certificate	1884
1/E	<u>Rochester U.M. Circuit</u>	
1/E/5/1	Baptism register	1852 - 1921
1/F	<u>Chatham Methodist Church Mission Circuit/Medway Towns Circuit</u>	
1/F/2/4	Quarterly Meeting Mission Committee meeting attendance book	✓ 1957 - 1966
1/F/5/1	Baptism certificates	✓ 1964 - 1981

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2. SOCIETIES

CHATHAM

2/Ab	<u>Central Hall, Chatham</u>	
2/Ab/1/23-24	Baptism register	1904 - 1941
2/Ab/1/25	Baptism register	1941 - 1966
2/Ab/1/26-27	Baptism certificates	1944 - 1960
2/Ac	<u>John Street, Chatham</u>	
2/Ac/1/1-2	Baptism register	1861 - 1883
2/Ae	<u>Union Street, Chatham</u>	
2/Ae/1/9-10	Baptism register	1916 - 1953

GILLINGHAM

2/Ba	<u>Arden Street United Methodist, Gillingham</u>	
2/Ba/1/4	Baptism register	1887 - 1896
2/Ba/1/5	Baptism register	1896 - 1905
2/Ba/1/6	Baptism register	1905 - 1928
2/Bb	<u>Canterbury Street, New Brompton</u>	
2/Bb/1/11	Seat rent ledger	1906 - 1934
2/Bb/1/12	Baptism register (Arden Street Wesleyan Methodist)	1857 - 1884
2/Bb/1/13	Baptism register	1884 - 1928
2/Bd	<u>Bethesda Chapel, Park Row (now Marlborough Road)</u>	
2/Bd/2/1	Class book	1850 - 1860
2/Be	<u>Byron Road</u>	
2/Be/1/22	Baptism register	1963 - 1981
2/Bf	<u>Central P.M., Gillingham Road, New Brompton</u>	
2/Bf/1/8	Baptism register	1896 - 1935

2/Bg	<u>Cross Street</u>	
2/Bg/1/1	Baptism register	1871 - 1887
2/Bi	<u>High Street (Now Pier Road)</u>	
2/Bi/1/1-2	Baptism register	1865 - 1895
2/Bj	<u>Manor Street, Old Brompton</u>	
2/Bj/1/1	Baptism register	1857 - 1888
2/Bj/1/2	Marriage register	1879 - 1883
2/Bk	<u>Prospect Row, Old Brompton</u>	
2/Bk/1/8-9	Baptism register	1874 - 1880
2/Bk/1/10	Baptism register	1888 - 1943
2/Bk/2/4	Civilian Roll Book	1937 - 1938
2/Bk/2/5	Army and Royal Navy members roll book	1938
2/Bl	<u>Trafalgar Street</u>	
2/Bl/1/19	Baptism certificates	1935 - 1943
2/Bl/5/6	Sunday School teachers and class lists	1930
2/Bl/5/8-11	Sunday School attendance registers	1931 - 1933
2/Bl/5/13-14	Sunday School attendance registers	1960 - 1962
2/Bl/6/1-3	Christian Endeavour Society attendance book	1917 - 1926
2/Bl/6/5	Minute book/membership lists, Ladies Sunshine Hour	1944-1971
2/Bm	<u>Ivy Street, Rainham</u>	
2/Bm/1/6-9	Baptism registers	1866 - 1945
2/Bm/2/1	Class Book	1948 - 1952
2/Bn	<u>Station Road, Rainham</u>	
2/Bn/1/7	Baptism register	1854 - 1961
2/Bn/1/9	Baptism certificates	1938 - 1947
2/Bn/2/1	Class book	1913 - 1932

2/Ca	<u>Lower Halstow, Sittingbourne</u>	
2/Ca/1/2	Baptism register	1916 - 1924
	ROCHESTER AND AREA	
2/Db	<u>Bethel Chapel, Rochester</u>	
2/Db/1/14	Baptism register	1796 - 1856
2/Db/1/16	Burial register	1811 - 1879
2/Db/1/17	Register of members of Bethel, Ordnance Place, Chatham and Salem	1784 - 1834
2/Db/2/1	Minute and account book containing three baptisms	1831 - 1861
2/Dd	<u>Star Hill, Rochester</u>	
2/Db/1/4	Class book	1883 - 1905
2/De	<u>Cliffe</u>	
2/De/1/3	Baptism register	1906 - 1970
2/Df	<u>Hoo St. Werburgh</u>	
2/Df/5/3-6	Sunday School attendance registers (3)	1934 - 1939
	(4)	1946 - 1952
	(5)	1960 - 1966
	(6)	1966 - 1971
2/Dg	<u>Stoke</u>	
2/Dg/1/5	Combined baptism, marriage and burial register	1890 - 1940
2/Fa	<u>Unidentified Society</u>	
2/Fa/1/1	Cradle roll	1947 - 1951

N.B. The above list does not contain most minute books or society collection records which can provide names and addresses of trustees, committee members and society members.

ABBREVIATIONS

A.M.	<u>Artium Magister</u> (Master of Arts)
ARIBA	Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects
Aug.	August
Ave.	Avenue
Bapt.	Baptism
Beds.	Bedfordshire
Berks.	Berkshire
B. & W.	Black and white
C	<u>circa</u> (about)
C.K.S.	Centre for Kentish Studies
Co.	Company
Coop.	Co-operative
Coy.	Company (Military Unit)
D.	Died
D.D.	Doctor of Divinity
Dec.	December
Dept.	Department
Dr.	Doctor
E.C.	East Central
Ed.	Editor
Enc.	Enclosure
Esq.	Esquire
et. seq.	<u>Et sequentia</u> (and following)
etc.	<u>Etcetera</u> (and the rest)
Feb.	February
ff.	Folios
N.E.	North East

No.	<u>Numero</u> (number)
Nov.	November
N.W.	North West
O.B.E.	Order of the British Empire
Oct.	October
p.a.	<u>per annum</u> (yearly)
PAYE	Pay as you earn
P.H.	Public house
P.M.	Primitive Methodist
P(p)	Page(s)
R.A.F.	Royal Air Force
Rd.	Road
R.E.	Royal Engineers
Rev.	Reverend
Sec.	Secretary
S.E.	South East
Sep.	September
Sess.	Session
Sgt.	Sergeant
<u>Sic.</u>	Thus it appears
St.	Saint or Street
Staffs.	Staffordshire
Supt.	Superintendent.

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E	U.M. Free Church/U.M. Rochester Circuit	1852 - 1921
F	W.M./Methodist Church Garrison Circuit	1897 - 1966
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2	<u>Societies 1768 - 1986</u>	
A	<u>Chatham and area 1828 - 1967</u>	
<u>Aa</u>	George Street	1855 - 1922
<u>Ab</u>	Central Hall, High Street	1904 - 1967
<u>Ac</u>	John Street	1861 - 1883
<u>Ad</u>	Mills Terrace	1854 - 1939
<u>Ae</u>	Union Street	1928 - 1958
<u>Af</u>	Luton, Beacon Road	1925 - 1948
<u>Ag</u>	Luton, Luton Road	1882 - 1942
<u>Ah</u>	Walderslade	1918 - 1968
B	<u>Gillingham and area 1822 - 1985</u>	
<u>Ba</u>	Arden Street	1887 - 1932
<u>Bb</u>	Arden Street and Canterbury Street	1857 - 1967
<u>Bc</u>	Bethany Chapel, Lower Briton Street	1850 - 1894
<u>Bd</u>	Bethesda Chapel, Park Row (now Marlborough Road)	1822 - 1867

B	<u>Gillingham and area 1822 - 1985</u> Contd.	
Be	Byron Road	1903 - 1981
Bf	Central Primitive Methodist Church, New Brompton	1896 - 1935
Bg	Cross Street	1871 - 1887
Bh	Christmas Street/St. Andrews Church	1829 - 1981
Bi	High Street	1865 - 1895
Bj	Manor Street	1857 - 1888
Bk	Prospect Row	1874 - 1953
Bl	Jubilee Church/St. Peter's Church	1878 - 1985
Bm	Ivy Street, Rainham	1866 - 1973
Bn	Station Road, Rainham	1853 - 1962
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Da	High Street	1770 - 1811
Db	Bethel Chapel, High Street	1768 - 1957
Dc	St. Luke's, City Way	1880 - 1975
Dd	Star Hill	1882 - 1929
De	Cliffe - at - Hoo	1906 - 1970
Df	Hoo St. Werburgh	1909 - 1986
Dg	Stoke	1890 - 1940
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F	<u>Unidentified Societies 1947 - 1951</u>	
Fa	Unidentified Society	1947 - 1951
Fb	Unidentified Society	1930 - 1933

- 1 CIRCUITS 1790 - 1985
- A GENERAL 1790 - 1933
- M5/1/A/1 Letter from John Wesley of Pembroke, 15 Aug. 1790
 Pembroke, Wales, [written according to
 accompanying notes] to William Mears, a
 preacher in Rochester concerning the lodging
 of the Pritchards family in Canterbury and
 a Sister Boone in Chatham, and advice on
 reduction of the local debt with a personal
 offer of financial assistance.
 1p. (DE.123)
- /1/A/2 TS transcription of (1/A/1) c.1970
 1p. (DE.123)
- /1/A/3 Letter from Rev. John Bowmer, Archivist at 8 Dec. 1970
 Methodist Archives and Research Centre,
 Epworth House, 25-35 City Road, London
 E.C.1 to Rev. David C. Lapworth of 192
 City Way, Rochester, covering letter (1/A/1)
 quoting caption on original mount and
 explaining that the letter is printed in
Standard Letters of John Wesley Vol. 8
 p.233, 1931.
 1p. (DE.123)
- /1/A/4-28 Meeting House Certificates 1820 - 1844

 This bundle contains copies of certificates as to meeting
 house use submitted by Non-Conformist (in this case Methodist)
 ministers and lay members to the Bishop's Registry in
 Rochester under an Act passed in 1812.
- /1/A/4 Alice Beeching of Cliffe in respect of 10 Mar. 1820
 her dwelling house in Cliffe 8 March 1820
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- /1/A/5 James Thorne of Brompton, minister in 10 Mar. 1820
 respect of meeting house in King Street,
 Troy Town, Rochester 9 March 1820
 1p.
- /1/A/6 James Thorne of Brompton, minister in 15 Mar. 1820
 respect of a house at No. 15 Manor Street
 Brompton. 15 March 1820
 1p.

- 1 CIRCUITS 1790 - 1985 Contd.
- A GENERAL 1790 - 1933 Contd.
- M5/1/A/7 James Thorne of Brompton, minister, in 15 Mar. 1820
 respect of a school room in the Brook,
 Chatham 15 March 1820
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- /1/A/8 James Thorne of Brompton, minister in 24 Jun. 1820
 respect of a dwelling house in King Street,
 The Brook, Chatham, in the possession of
 William Trewinnick, tailor. 24 June 1820
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- 1/A/9 William Lyle of Brompton, minister in 31 July 1820
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 Milton [Next Sittingbourne], in possession
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- /1/A/10 William Lyle and V. Fuller in respect of 11 Sep. 1820
 dwelling house in Gillingham Street,
 Gillingham, in possession of William
 Peacock. 8 September 1820
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- /1/A/11 James Thorne of New Brompton, minister in 18 Apr. 1821
 respect of dwelling house in Lockett's
 buildings in St. Margaret's, Rochester.
 18 April, 1821
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- /1/A/12 John Pettman of Eastchurch in Sheppey, 19 May 1821
 blacksmith in respect of his dwelling
 house in same, 16 May 1821
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- 1/A/13 James Thorne of New Brompton, minister in 21 May 1821
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 shop in Gravel Walk, Troy Town, Rochester,
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 wheelwright, now occupied by Charles
 Coveney, blacksmith 11 May 1821
 1p.

- 1 CIRCUITS 1790 - 1985 Contd.
- A GENERAL 1790 - 1933 Contd.
- M5/1/A/14 Thomas Goodyer [?] of Stockbury, labourer 20 July 1821
 in respect of his dwelling house in Yetner
 in same 7 July 1821
 1p.
- /1/A/15 Henry Freeman of New Brompton, minister in 25 Sep. 1821
 respect of dwelling house in King's Street,
 Troy Town, Rochester, the property of Mr.
 John Brain occupied by Philip Hubbard
 25 Sep. 1821
 1p.
- /1/A/16 Henry Freeman of New Brompton, minister in 26 Jan. 1822
 respect of a dwelling house in Strood, the
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 occupied by Mr. James Fleming, gilder
 26 January 1822
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- /1/A/17 Henry Freeman of New Brompton, minister in 22 Mar. 1822
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 1822
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- /1/A/18 James Thorne of New Brompton, minister in 22 Mar. 1822
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 Alley, Strood, the property of a Mrs. Watts,
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 22 March 1822
 1p.
- 1/A/19 James Thorne of New Brompton, minister in 7 Aug. 1822
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 occupied by John Harrawell, labourer.
 7 August 1822
 1p.
- /1/A/20 James Thorne of New Brompton, minister in 7 Aug. 1822
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 House in Troy Town, Rochester, the property -
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 labourer 7 August 1822
 1p.

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- M5/1/A/21 Andrew Cory of New Brompton, minister in 14 Sep. 1822
 respect of a chapel called Bethel in
 Yielstead, Stockbury 11 September 1822
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- /1/A/22 William Lyle of Precincts of Archbishops 25 Jan. 1823
 Palace, minister in respect of a room in
 Sandling, Boxley, in possession of a Mr.
 Chaplin and Mr. Peters. 25 January, 1823
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- /1/A/23 James Ludlow, Andrew Cory and Leynard [?] 12 May 1823
 Taylor, in respect of a dwelling house in
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- /1/A/24 Richard Vickery of New Brompton, minister 18 Dec. 1824
 in respect of Mr. Thomas Moulding, Esq.'s
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- /1/A/25 Harry Major of New Brompton, minister in 31 Oct. 1829
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- /1/A/26 James Roberts of Gillingham, minister in 26 Sep. 1844
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- /1/A/27 Printed booklet Vol I No. 3 The Medway May 1932
Methodist 16pp 1 item
- /1/A/28 Printed booklet entitled The Medway Sep. 1933
Methodist Vol. II No. 7 Illus.
 1 item/16pp.

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ADDITIONAL RECORDS OF ST. WILLIAM'S METHODIST CHURCH,
VICTORIA ROAD, WALDESLADE, CHATHAM
1935 - 1988

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St. William's Methodist Church is now shared with the Church of
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M5/Ah/1/5 Baptism register
1 vol./92pp. used

1935 - 1988

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METHODIST BAPTISM REGISTER OF ST. DAVID'S
CHURCH CENTRE, LORDSWOOD, CHATHAM 1976 - 1984

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2/Ai/1/1 Baptism register
1 vol./c.40pp.

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April 1992

B Wesleyan Methodist Rochester Circuit 1815 - 1932

[see also (1/H/3/1)]

In 1899 the Circuit had one church at each of the following places: Rochester, New Brompton, Strood, Gillingham, Shorne, Hoo, Cliffe, Cooling and Halling (1/H/3/1/51)

M5/1/B/1	Quarterly Meeting	1799 - 1934
/1/B/1/1	Volume containing at one end minutes of resolutions passed at Quarterly Meetings 1799 - 1813 and at other end Circuit Treasurer's annual accounts 1799 - 1814. The latter section includes accounts of expenses for furnishing preachers' houses in 1806, in effect inventories. [See also (1/B/7/4)] 1 vol./c.80pp.	1799 - 1814
/1/B/1/2	Quarterly meeting minute book 1 vol./190pp. (DE.118)	1901 - 1915
/1/B/1/3	Bundle of circuit accounts comprising portion of disbound volume [missing] 4 items/22pp.	1834 - 1853
/1/B/1/4	Childrens fund account book [See (1/B/15) for removed enclosure] 1 vol./c.30pp. (DE.118)	1874 - 1885
1/B/1/5	Loose item removed from (1/B/1/4) comprising [draft [?]] letter from Rev. G.E. Polkingham to a Mr. Snoad detailing travelling expenses to Hungerford, Berks, and discussing family matters. 1 item (DE.118)	31 Jul. 1885
/1/B/1/6	Local preachers' meeting book 1 vol./c.80pp.	1814 - 1874
/1/B/1/7	Local preachers' Meeting minute book [see (1/B/1/8) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.80pp. (DE.118)	1874 - 1890

B Wesleyan Methodist Rochester Circuit 1815 - 1932Contd.

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| M5/1/B/1/8 | Loose items removed from (1/B/1/7) comprising letter from B.H. Trusker, Circuit Secretary, of 11, Star Hill Terrace, Rochester to the Secretary of Local Preachers' Meeting thanking them for their "kind and very valuable services" 29 March 1890 (1/B/1/7/1) and minutes of Committee Meeting 4 April 1891 (1/B/1/7/2). 1 bundle/2pp. (DE.118) | 1890 - 1891 |
| /1/B/1/9 | Local Preachers' Meeting minute book 1 vol./189pp. (DE.118) | 1905 - 1915 |
| /1/B/1/10 | Local Preachers' Quarterly Meeting minute book 1 vol./95pp. (DE.118) | 1927 - 1934 |
| /1/B/2 | Committees of the Quarterly Meeting | 1815 - 1976 |
| /1/B/2/1 | Account Book of Sub-Treasurer of Missionary local Committee for Rochester, Chatham, Strood and Frindsbury, based at Bethel Chapel, Rochester. 1 vol./c.80pp. | 1815 - 1851 |
| /1/B/2/2 | Loose minutes of a Quarterly Meeting committee appointed to secure a salary to a Mr. Russell, Circuit Missionary. Accompanying notes by Rev. R. Baldwin describe the provenance of these records and connect them with the formation of the local United Methodist Free Church, a breakaway from the Wesleyan Church in 1854, part of a Country-wide movement (1/B/2/3) 2pp. | 10 Oct. 1854,
1976 |
| /1/B/2/3 | MS notes by Rev. R. Baldwin relating to provenance of (1/B/2/2) 2pp. | 1976 |
| /1/B/2/4 | Circuit Committee minute book 1 vol./248pp. (DE.118) | 1931 - 1946 |
| /1/B/2/5 | Annual Circuit Trustees Meeting minute book [see (1/B/2/6) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.40pp. used (DE.118) | 1894 - 1923 |
| /1/B/2/6 | Loose items removed from (1/B/2/6) relating to Trusteeships. 1 bundle/5 items (DE.118) | 1922 - 1924 |

B Wesleyan Methodist Rochester Circuit 1815 - 1932Contd.

- M5/1/B/2/7 Teachers' and Committee's Quarterly Meeting 1908 - 1913
minute book. 1 vol./150pp. (DE.118)
- /1/B/3 Schedules 1919 - 1936
- /1/B/3/1 Circuit Trust property statistical summary 1919 - 1936
[See (1/B/3/2) for removed enclosure]
1 vol./c.20pp.
- /1/B/3/2 Printed form headed "enquiries to be made at 18 Feb. 1931
the Annual United Trustees' meeting" with
completed draft answers written in pencil.
[Removed from (1/B/3/2)] 1pp.
- /1/B/5 Registers 1817 - 1867
- /1/B/5/1 Register of members of Rochester Circuit 1817 - 1821
and constituent societies, viz. Hog Lane,
Rochester, Frindsbury and Upnor, Gravesend,
Cliffe Class, Shorne, Lower Rainham, Bush,
Brompton and Gillingham, together with records
of collections and school collections and
subscriptions,
Inc. names of society leaders and stewards.
1 vol./c.80pp.
- /1/B/5/2 Volume containing in first portion, register 1825 - 1836
of members of circuit arranged by society and
naming their leaders and officers 1832 - 1835.
Inc. Halstow.
7 In second portion, records of collections or
subscriptions to Kingswood School and various
other funds as named, providing names of payers,
together with various memoranda 1825 - 1836
Inc. memorandum relating to the secession of
a hundred members from the circuit c.1836 for
three stated reasons including, as the "most
grievous", an immodest assault made by Mr.
William Annetts upon Mrs. Ann Thompson near the
pump in Rochester and relating to the trial of
his case and its unsatisfactory outcome.
1 vol./c.40pp.

- B Wesleyan Methodist Rochester Circuit 1815 - 1932
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- M5/1/B/5/3 Baptism register covering Bethel and Salem churches and other churches inc. Shorne, Ebenezer Chapel, (Chatham), Cliffe and Strood [mutilated] 1 vol./c.30pp. 1840 - 1867
- /1/B/6 Miscellaneous 1806 - 1845
- /1/B/6/1 Volume containing roughly two-yearly lists of stocks of books purchased and deposited at towns in the Medway area intended for re-sale for libraries and education etc. giving book titles, authors and prices. 1 vol./c.20pp. used 1806 - 1845
- /1/B/7 Superintendent's & Circuit correspondence 1890 - 1932
This material relates to pastoral care and individual chapels and property
- /1/B/7/1 A.W. Ratcliffe & Temperance controversy
Letters to Rev. J. Drayton Thomas and Rev. Marquand, successive Superintendants, from Wesleyan Methodist Conference, local preachers of the circuit and A.W. Ratcliffe, concerning the removal of Ratcliffe's name from the Circuit Plan as a local preacher due to his traffic in intoxicating liquors, the constitutionality of his removal, Ratcliffe's formal complaints to Conference, opposition to Ratcliffe of local preachers and the general ethics involved locally and nationally. Inc. petition against Ratcliffe's inclusion in Plan from local preachers January 1898. Inc. Printed notice from Conference stating policy on role of Temperance in the Church 1899. Inc. Letter from Ratcliffe to Marquand asking for reinstatement 12 August 1899
1 bundle/9 items July 1897 - Dec. 1899
- /1/B/7/2 Education and Marriage Acts
Printed circulars from Wesleyan Training college, Westminster S.W. concerning Education Act 1902 and implications for Foundation Managers of Wesleyan schools and from Registrar General Marriage Acts 1898 & 1908 (Naval) 1898 - 1908
Inc. Medway Dist. Supt. Registrar's compliments card.
Inc. newscutting from a Wesleyan paper [?] containing articles on running Methodist schools
1 bundle/10 items. (DE.118)

B Wesleyan Methodist Rochester Circuit 1815 - 1932
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- M5/1/B/7/3 Irregular marriage, Strood May - June
 1907
 Correspondence between Rev. J. Westcomb of
 45 New Road, Rochester, W.B. Stothard of
 Fernleigh, Goddington Road, Strood, Registrar
 General, London and Rev. J. Scott Lidgett,
 Secretary of Committee of Privileges, Wesleyan
 Methodist Church, Bermondsey Settlement, London
 S.E., concerning an error made by Westcomb in
 performing a marriage and its rectification by
 civil marriage.
 1 bundle/11 items (DE.118)
- /1/B/7/4 Letter from G.R. Osborn of 8, Guest Road,
 Cambridge, Cambs. to Rev. W.H. Jackson Picken
 covering an early Wesleyan Rochester Circuit
 combined minute and account book 1799 - 1814
 (1/B/1/1) 1 item. (DE. 118) 8 Mar. 1901
- /1/B/7/5 Insurance and Trust matters 1921 - c.1930
 Printed matter and circulars from the Wesleyan
 Methodist Trust Assurance Co. Ltd. and others
 relating to Trust Deeds and schedules
 1 bundle/11 items (DE.118)
- /1/B/7/6 Wesleyan Chapel Committee 1895 - 1899
 Duplicate[?] application forms for enlargement
 of chapel premises [usually for erection of
 Sunday Schools], permission to sell Trust
 property, for modification of terms, for erection
 of schoolrooms and erection of
 Minister's house (New Brompton), relating to
 Strood, Rochester, Halling and New Brompton
 1 bundle/12 items (DE.118)
- /1/B/7/7 Wesleyan Chapel Committee c.1906 -
 c.1920
 Blank printed forms concerning permission
 to sell Trust properties, reduction or
 extinction of debt on Chapel Trust, permission
 to erect organ and permission for enlargement
 or alteration.
Inc. Stamped addressed envelope addressed to
 Rev. J.J. Leedall of 12 Stuart Road, Gillingham
 1 bundle/8 items (DE.118)

B Wesleyan Methodist Rochester Circuit 1815 - 1932Contd.

- M5/1/B/7/8 Creation of Chatham Central Mission 1898 - 1901
 Papers relative to the scheme for separating Old Brompton from the Rochester Circuit, comprising printed scheme as adopted by Hull Conference 1898, printed minutes of Chatham Commission 11 Dec. 1899 and circular from Wesleyan Chapel Committee, Manchester to W.H.J. Picken, Supt. of Rochester Circuit, covering Mission Deed 29 November 1901
 1 bundle/3 items (DE.118)
- /1/B/7/9 Beacon Road Mission, Chatham June 1929
 Letters from Rev. J.J. Leedal, Supt. and Frederick William Fry, Circuit Secretary to Rev. J.J. Leedal [sic.] concerning the connection of drainage to Corporation sewers.
Inc. Copy of letter from W. Hughes, Senior Sanitary Inspector, Public Health Dept., Town Hall, Chatham to F.W. Fry explaining Corporation's proposal. 1 bundle/2pp.
- /1/B/7/10 Frederick William Fry Apr. - Sep. 1929
 Draft minutes of Committee of Management of Beacon Road Wesleyan Mission, Chatham, 12 April 1929, and same for Circuit Quarterly Meeting of Rochester Wesleyan Methodist Circuit Local Preachers' Meeting 5 June 1929 with covering letter from F.W. Fry of 173 Barnsole Road, Gillingham to Rev. T.E. Thompson, explaining his work as officer of each.
 1 bundle/20 items (DE.118)
- 3/B/7/11 Wesleyan Chapel Committee - Cliffe 1906 - 1909
 Schedule relating to debt extinction 1906 and sanctioning and financing of Sunday School 1909 1 bundle/4 items (DE.118)
- /1/B/7/12 Repairs & Alterations to Cliffe Wesleyan Church 1907 - 1908
 Letters to Rev. J. Westcomb and Trustees of Cliffe Wesleyan Church concerning estimates for work to walls and choir seats.
Inc. forms from Wesleyan Chapel Committee for permission to build or granting funds
 1 bundle/9 items (DE.118)

- B Wesleyan Methodist Rochester Circuit 1815 - 1932
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- M5/1/B/7/13 Proposed Government Inspected and Grant 1901
Earning Wesleyan School, Cooling
Letter from Rev. Dr. D.J. Waller, Wesleyan Training College, Horsferry Road, Westminster to Rev. W.H. Jackson Picken, Star Hill, Rochester, rendering advice on how to proceed in establishing the Wesleyan School at Cooling on Board of Education terms and covering two enclosed printed Wesleyan Education Committee leaflets containing similar but more detailed guidance.
Inc. envelope inscribed to effect that scheme failed due to Cliffe Chapel scheme being in hand 1 bundle/4 items (DE.118)
- /1/B/7/14 Canterbury Street, Gillingham c.1891 - 1913
Correspondence firstly relating to appointment of new Trustees Aug. - Oct. 1910, secondly relating to proposals for purchase of land with cottages for school rooms or public hall and surrounding confusion, 1910 - 1913
Inc. MS table of population statistics for Gillingham, Grange, Lidsing, Chatham, Rochester, Strood, Maidstone and Sittingbourne drawn from census returns 1861 - 1891
1 bundle/19 items (DE.118)
- /1/B/7/15 Canterbury Street, Gillingham extension scheme c.1914
Hand-drawn and copy plans and elevations of Sunday School and social activities
4 items plus envelopes (DE.118)
- /1/B/7/16 Plant Insurance, Canterbury Street, Gillingham 18 June 1930
Reports of examination of heating plant and appliances at Wesleyan Chapel, Canterbury Street and Sunday School, Lock Street, by the Vulcan Boiler and General Insurance Co., King Street, Manchester, Lancs. 1 bundle/5 items (De.118)
- /1/B/7/18 Canterbury Street, Gillingham 1929 - 1931
Wesleyan Chapel Committee forms relating to provision of grant 1929 and similar for reduction of debt on Sunday School premises 1931
1 bundle/2 items (DE.118)

- B Wesleyan Methodist Rochester Circuit 1815 - 1932
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- M5/1/B/7/19 Canterbury Street, Gillingham grants Dec. 1931 -
Jan 1932
Circulars and letters from the Wesleyan Chapel Committee, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, Lancs., to Rev. Arthur J. Morton, 179, Nelson Road, Gillingham, concerning grants or covering payments for the chapel and Sunday School
1 bundle/4pp. (DE.118)
- 1/B/7/20 Schoolrooms and Halls 1890 - 1912
Wesleyan Chapel Committee forms relating to the provision of schoolrooms at Byron Road and Christmas Street, Gillingham 1890 - 1909 and correspondence relating to possible sale of Walderslade Wesleyan Mission Hall from James Fenner to the Wesleyan Circuit, 1912
1 bundle/13 items (DE.118)
- 1/B/7/21 Byron Road, New Brompton 1903 - 1932
Wesleyan Chapel Committee forms or circulars relating to permission to erect a chapel 1903, outlay and grant 1904 and alterations 1932
1 bundle/3 items (DE.118)
- /1/B/7/22 Rochester 1908 - 1911
Correspondence between circuit ministers and Wesleyan Chapel Committee, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, Lancs., concerning proposed lavatory and purchase of minister's house. 1 bundle/9 items (DE.118)
- /1/B/7/23 Policy concerning Bethel Chapel, Rochester 1914
in relation to Circuit and outlying areas
Correspondence between Rev. F.L. Wiseman of Home Mission Dept., Central Buildings, Westminster, and Rev. W. Keating of 45, New Road, Rochester, with minutes of their conversations, all concerning reforming the work area and administration of the Circuit and especially Bethel's part in it. Wiseman writes in respect of Bethel "your problem is certainly this old chapel with its historic associations & tender memories" (12 Feb. 1914)
1 bundle/30pp. (DE.118)

B Wesleyan Methodist Rochester Circuit 1815 - 1932
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M5/1/B/7/24 Bethel Chapel affairs, Rochester 1900 - c.1915

Papers comprising letters from John Hornabrook of Wesleyan Chapel Committee, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, Lancs., to Rev. W.A. Jackson Picken, Rochester, concerning Trustees' rights over headstones in the graveyard Sep. - Oct. 1900, forms and accounts relating to extinction of debt 1906 - 1908 and letter and memoranda from R.G. Lloyd of Goojerat Barracks Colchester, Essex, Hon. Secretary of Bethel Tennis Club to Rev. W. Keating, President, concerning dispute over new management and membership of re-formed club, 1915.
 1 bundle/4 items (DE.118)

/1/B/7/25 Strood Chapel, Frindsbury Hill 1897 - 1916

Papers comprising firstly letters from Apsley Kennette, Town Clerk of Rochester to Rev. J. Marquand, 17, Star Hill, Rochester negotiating for the purchase of a strip of land in Cliffe Road for street widening and paving, 1897 - 1898 and secondly Wesleyan Chapel Committee forms concerning chapel extension and schoolrooms 1903, sale of land 1908 and grants and loans 1908 - 1916.
Inc. plan of Wesleyan property, land adjoining Cliffe Road and adjacent premises
inc. Red Lion Public House
 1 bundle/17 items (DE.118)

/1/B/7/26 Strood 1909 - 1917

Promissory note for repayment of loan and interest for church and schools 1909 (cancelled 1912) and letters from Wesleyan Chapel Committee covering above note and cheque for grant to Rev. J.D. Paull of Rochester Circuit 1912, 1917
 1 bundle/3pp. (DE 118)

/1/B/7/27 Wainscott, Frindsbury and Walderslade 1907 - 1912

Letters, forms and bills received by Rev. J. Westcombe, 45, New Road, Rochester in connection with the purchase of land at Wainscott for school[?] 1907 - 1908, records of collections at Walderslade 1911 - 1912 and letter from James Fenner, Chatham Railway Station, contractor to Rev. [?] Keating offering Walderslade Mission Hall for sale after lapse of lease to Rev. R. Hall 10 October 1912 1 bundle/14 items (DE.118)

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M5/1/B/7/28 Report on proposed chapel, Wainscott Nov. 1922

MS report of a commission appointed by the local Preachers' Meeting "to explore the possibilities of re-commencing services at Wainscott" (Frindsbury), signed by Herbert Parkinson. 1p. plus envelope (DE.118)

C Bible Christian Church, Chatham Circuit 1822 - 1914

Chapels in this circuit included:

Gad's Hill, Gillingham

Bethesda, New Brompton

Station Road, Rainham

Union Street, Chatham

Luton Road, Luton

Stoke

Lower Halstow

Sheerness

The Bible Christians had their origin in Devon and it may be of interest that a James Thorne, a minister from Devon is frequently mentioned among the meeting house certificates in section (1/A). James Thorne is party to deeds at section (2/Bd/1/1-3)

1/C/1	Quarterly Meeting	1833 - 1908
1/C/1/1	Quarterly Meeting minute book combined with accounts. <u>Inc.</u> list of trustees and their parish of abode at rear. 1 vol/c.100pp.	1853 - 1877
1/C/1/2	Quarterly Meeting minute book combined with quarterly financial statements <u>Inc.</u> Local Preachers' Meeting minutes at rear 1vol./c.200pp.	1896 - 1908
1/C/1/3	Circuit treasurer's account book [See (1/C/1/4) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.70pp.	1833 - 1852

<u>C</u> <u>Bible Christian Chatham Circuit 1822 - 1914</u>		
<u>Contd.</u>		
M5/1/C/1/4	Loose items removed from (1/C/1/3) comprising notes and memoranda relating to burial formalities, fees and naming deceased persons buried in Union Street burial ground, Chatham. 1 bundle/8pp.	1830's - 1850's
1/C/1/5	Account book <u>Inc.</u> Preachers' Meeting minutes at rear 1887 - 1896 1 vol./c.180pp.	1877 - 1896
1/C/1/6	Two schedules of deeds to Gad's Hill chapel reciting from 1838, when owned by Thomas William Wood 2 items and envelope (DE.127)	1852, 1863
1/C/2	Quarterly Meeting Committees: Local Preachers' Meeting [See also (1/C/1/5 and 1/C/1/2)]	1822 - 1862
1/C/2/1	Local Preachers' minute book. [A note found with this volume indicates it was held at Bethesda Chapel School-room, Park Road, New Brompton, Gillingham] [See also M5/2/Bd] 1 vol./c. 40pp.	1822 - 1846
1/C/2/2	Preachers' Meeting minute book 1 vol./c.30pp.	1846 - 1862
1/C/5	Registers	1839 - 1914
1/C/5/1	Baptism register 1 vol./c.150pp.	1839 - 1870
1/C/5/2	Baptism register [See (1/C/5/3) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.100pp.	1869 - 1880
1/C/5/3	Loose baptism certificates removed from (1/C/5/2) for Walter Charles Barker 26 August 1874, (1/C/5/3/1), George Percy Taylor 19 January 1876, (1/C/5/3/2), George Alfred Brown 7 January 1877 (1/C/5/3/3), Jane Flora Hammond 13 May 1877, (1/C/5/3/4), William Charles Winch 11 October 1877, (1/C/5/3/5), Eliza Annie Barker 26 May 1878 (1/C/5/3/6) and Walter Ernest Field 4 November 1879 (1/C/5/3/7) 1 bundle/7 items	1874 - 1879

C	<u>Bible Christian Chatham Circuit 1822 - 1914</u> <u>Contd.</u>	
M5/1/C/5/4	Baptism register 1 vol./c.80pp.	1880 - 1888
1/C/5/5	Baptism register 1 vol./c.150pp.	1888 - 1914
D	<u>Primitive Methodist church, Gravesend and Chatham,</u> <u>Chatham, Gravesend and Sheerness Circuit</u> <u>1849 - 1934</u>	
<u>1/D/1</u>	Quarterly Meeting	1850 - 1934
1/D/1/1	Quarterly Meeting minute book <u>Inc.</u> Some accounts c.1850 <u>Inc.</u> minutes of Chatham Mission Committee 1854 - 1859 at rear 1 vol./c.120pp.	1850 - 1860
1/D/1/2	Quarterly Meeting minute book 1 vol./c.40pp.	1860 - 1863
1/D/1/3	Quarterly Meeting Minute book [meetings held at Chatham only] 1 vol./c. 120pp.	1863 - 1886
1/D/1/4	Quarterly Meeting minute book for local preachers 1 vol./c.100pp.	1886 - 1908
1/D/1/5	Quarterly Meeting minute book <u>Inc.</u> schedule of deeds 1876 - 1911, possibly relating to the Chatham church, at rear. 1 vol./c.100pp.	1909 - 1923
1/D/1/6	Quarterly Meeting minute book also containing Finance Committee minutes and local preachers' minutes. <u>Inc.</u> Pasted in letters received at rear. <u>Inc.</u> printed appeal for funds from the Trustees of the newly built chapel and school in Sheerness, addressed to the Quarterly Meeting, mentioning Sheerness' development as "a Sea Side Resort of great attractiveness". 1925 [See also (1/D/1/7) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./214pp.	1922 - 1926

D	<u>Primitive Methodist Church, Gravesend and Chatham, Chatham, Gravesend and Sheerness Circuit</u> <u>1849 - 1934</u>	
1/D/1/7	Loose items removed from (1/D/1/6) comprising letters received by officers of the Quarterly Meeting from various correspondents chiefly concerning Warden, Sheerness and Nelson Road, Gillingham churches <u>Inc.</u> print of Sheerness P.M. church and schools c. 1925 (1/D/1/7/4) 1 bundle/9pp.	c.1924 - 1927
1/D/1/8	Quarterly Meeting minute book After 1929 the minutes are stencil TS pasted in entries. [See (1/D/1/9) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.80pp.	1926 - 1932
1/D/1/9	Loose items removed from (1/D/1/8) comprising minutes of Finance Committee and return of churches' members. 2pp.	Mar. 1931
1/D/1/10	Quarterly Meeting minute book [this covers the societies at Darnley Road and Percy Street, Gravesend and Shorne] [see also (1/D/1/11) for removed enclosure] 1 vol./c.80pp.	1911 - 1923
1/D/1/11	Letter from George Wood [address not stated], trustee of Gravesend chapel, to Rev. J. Thomas Ridley, Superintendent Minister, Chatham, Gravesend and Sheerness circuit, resigning as trustee. [Removed from (1/D/1/10)] 1 item	20 Nov. 1922
1/D/1/12	Circuit Account Book [This item is useful in listing the Circuit's constituent societies of the period] 1 vol./c.80pp.	1850 - 1874
1/D/1/13	Quarterly Meeting and Finance Committee minute book 1 vol./c.40pp.	1932 - 1934
1/D/5	Registers	1849 - 1884 .

- E United Methodist Free Church and United Methodist Church, Rochester, Rochester, Chatham and Gillingham and Chatham and Gillingham Circuit 1852 - 1921
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| 1/E/1/3 | Letter removed from (1/E/1/2) from J. Garside of the U.M. Free Churches, Highbury Villa, Windsor Road, Oldham [Lancs?], Corresponding Secretary, to James Aspinall of Rochester, concerning sending a second man to his circuit
1p. | 21 Sep. 1871 |
| 1/E/1/4 | Circuit Quarterly Meeting minute book
<u>Inc.</u> Circuit Committee Meeting minutes 1870 - 1872 at front
<u>Inc.</u> Middle Street, Old Brompton Church Sunday School minutes 1868 at front.
[See (1/E/1/5) for removed enclosure] | 1870 - 1888 |
| 1/E/1/5 | Docket removed from (1/E/1/4) comprising dates with names of brothers alongside
1p. | 1884 - 1885 |
| 1/E/1/6 | Circuit Quarterly Meeting minute book
[See (1/E/1/7) for removed enclosure]
1 vol./c.120pp. | 1919 - 1931 |
| 1/E/1/7 | Draft minutes removed from (1/E/1/6)
1p. | 10 Apr. 1931 |
| 1/E/1/8 | Account Book
[See also (1/E/1/9) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.80pp. | 1867 - 1894 |
| 1/E/1/9 | Loose accounts removed from (1/E/1/9)
<u>Inc.</u> bill from Edwin Harris & Sons of 89 Eastgate, Rochester, general printers to a Mr. Coppins for preachers' plans 1891
(1/E/1/9/2)
1 bundle/3pp. | 1889 - 1892 |

United Methodist Free Church and United Methodist
Church, Rochester, Rochester, Chatham and Gillingham
and Chatham and Gillingham Circuit 1852 - 1921
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- 1/E/1/10 Circuit Trust property schedule 1930 - 1932
1 vol./6pp.
- 1/E/5 Registers 1852 - 1921
- 1/E/5/1 Baptism register 1852 - 1921
[N.B. this circuit is termed initially Chatham
1852 - 1862 and Rochester, St. Margaret's parish
1862 - 1921 irrespective of family's address]
[See (1/E/5/2) for removed enclosure]
1 vol.62pp. used
- 1/E/5/2 Loose items removed from (1/E/5/1) comprising c.1902
blank or part-completed United Methodist's Free
Churches baptism certificates, one referring to
an Amy Alice Tagg (1/E/5/2/1), another to the
surname Turner (1/E/5/2/2)
1 bundle/4pp.

Wesleyan Methodist (after 1932 Methodist) Chatham
Garrison and Naval port or Chatham Mission or
Central Hall circuit 1897 - 1966

Initially this Circuit's mission work was based on the Garrison Church, Old Brompton, The Wellcome Home for Soldiers and Seamen, Chatham, Central Hall, Chatham and Capstone Road, Chatham. The Mission and Circuit were founded by Rev. Richard Hall, see (1/F/6).

By the 1950's these had been supplemented by Mills Terrace, Union Street and Luton Road, Chatham, Walderslade and City Way, Rochester. Bethel Chapel, Rochester seems also to have transferred to this circuit between 1945 and 1951 (1/F/3/2) but from 1951 was apparently up for sale (1/F/7/9) Further records of Bethel Chapel may be found at (2/Db). By 1966 when the Central Hall circuit was merged with the Medway Towns to form the present Medway Towns Circuit, only three churches were transferred: Luton Road, Chatham, Walderslade, and City Way, Rochester. Central Hall was closed and sold in 1966.

The intended initial boundaries of the circuit are defined in (M5/1/B/7/8:1). It is apparent that the circuit was also intended to form part of the Rochester Wesleyan Circuit (M5/1/B) whose representatives were against the Mission being included in their circuit (M5/1/B/7/8:2) The Mission and its outposts must only have been in Rochester Circuit until about 1903 (M5/1/F/3/1, M5/1/f/4/1)

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Additional Records of the Methodist Church Medway
Towns Circuit - Societies 1860 - 1963

DE.146 deposited on permanent loan by Rev. R.L. Thomas,
Superintendent, Medway Towns Circuit, 6, Goddington
Road, Strood, 6 November 1991

For further information on Strood Methodist history,
see History of Strood, H. Smetham, 1899, pp. 253-260

F	<u>Wesleyan Methodist (after 1932 Methodist) Chatham Garrison and Naval Port or Chatham Mission or Central Hall Circuit 1897 - 1966 Contd.</u>	
1/F/1	Quarterly Meeting	1932 - 1966
1/F/1/1	Quarterly Meeting minutes [See (1/F/1/2) for removed enclosures] 1 binder/c.200pp.	1945 - 1966
1/F/1/2	Loose items removed from (1/F/1/1) comprising agenda, statements, balance sheets and schedules. <u>Inc.</u> Women's Work accounts 1 bundle/28pp.	1963 - 1966
1/F/1/3	Steward's account book 1 vol./41ff.	1951 - 1960
1/F/1/4	Circuit steward's account book [stamped "Chatham Methodist Mission" inside] 1 vol./24ff.	1960 - 1966
1/F/1/5	Account book for banking transactions [see 1/F/1/6) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./106pp.	1953 - 1957
1/F/1/6	Loose items removed from (1/F/1/5) comprising Circuit balance sheets and Chatham Mission Committee agenda 1 bundle/3pp.	1957
1/F/1/7	F.E. McQuitters ³ Bequest Papers concerning the above's bequest to Lock Street Sunday School, Gillingham and comprising correspondence between local and national Methodist officers with schedules and particulars 1 bundle/9 items	1932 - 1962
1/F/1/8	Mrs. Edith Bellis Bequest Correspondence between F.S. Pepper of Winch & Winch 5, New Road Avenue, Chatham, solicitors and the Secretary of the Garrison Circuit concerning Mrs. Bellis' gift of £150 to the Circuit 1 bundle/2pp.	Jan. - Feb. 1951

F Wesleyan Methodist (after 1932 Methodist) Chatham
Garrison and Naval Port or Chatham Mission or
Central Hall Circuit 1897 - 1966 Contd.

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| 1/F/1/9 | William J. Williamson Bequest

Correspondence between Argles & Court of 12 Mill Street, Maidstone, solicitors and Rev. W. Guy of 67 Maidstone Road, Chatham concerning means of payment of Williamson's separate bequests to Central Hall, City Way and Circuit
1 bundle/2pp. | March 1957 |
| 1/F/1/10 | Loose accounts relating to accounts of Mission Circuit and Union Street Methodist Church, Chatham, accounts with the Midland Bank and Co-op Bank comprising letters received and paying-in book stubs and statements etc.
1 bundle/7 items | 1946 - 1965 |
| 1/F/1/11 | Varied correspondence between officers of the Mission and Colin A. Roberts and others of 1 Central Buildings, Westminster, Middx., Home Mission Dept., concerning Trust accounts and Mission work
1 bundle/13 items | 1951 - 1965 |
| 1/F/1/12 | Copies of forms of application for grant from Connexial funds <u>inc.</u> sections explaining purpose of grant, interspersed with associated letters and loose accounts
1 bundle/17 items | 1955 - 1964 |
| 1/F/2 | Committees of the Quarterly Meeting | 1928 - 1966 |
| 1/F/2/1 | Chatham Mission Committee minute book
1 vol./c.80pp. | 1928 - 1942 |
| 1/F/2/2 | Committee Minutes
<u>Inc.</u> reference to Old Brompton Chapel being in a "disgraceful condition" and "undesirable happenings" taking place there.
11 Sep. 1951 p.129
[see (1/F/2/3) for removed enclosures]
1 binder/c.200pp. | 1942 - 1966 |
| 1/F/2/3 | Loose items removed from (1/F/2/2) comprising financial statements, balance sheets, memoranda and minute extracts
1 bundle/26pp. | 1964 - 1966 |

- F Wesleyan Methodist (after 1932 Methodist) Chatham
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Central Hall Circuit 1897 - 1966 Contd.
- 1/F/2/4 Meeting attendance book, Chatham Garrison and Naval Port Mission Committee 1957 - 1966
 1 vol./12pp. used
- 1/F/2/5 Correspondence between Rev. James R. Course, M.A. of 67 Maidstone Road, Chatham, Chatham Mission Committee and Rev. Colin A. Roberts of 1 Central Buildings, Westminster, Middx., Methodist Church Home Mission Dept., relating to the work of the Committee and its fruits including City Way, Rochester and discussing appointment of Rev. F.W. Thixton, Loughborough, Leics. to a local post.
 1 bundle/10pp. 1950
- 1/F/3 Circuit Schedules 1900 - 1966
- 1/F/3/1 Trust schedule book containing details relating to Trust property in the circuit giving location and description, date of acquisition of property, value, details of trustees, where deeds deposited, name of treasurer, income and expenditure.
 1 vol./c.20pp. 1900 - 1922
- 1/F/3/2 Circuit schedule book containing quarterly statistics relating to membership of the separate societies and their group activities. Inc. Central Hall, Garrison Church, Walderslade, Hards Town, Old Brompton, Rochester, Mills Terrace, Chatham, Luton Road, Union Street (both Chatham), City Way and Bethel, Rochester. [See (1/F/3/3) for removed enclosures]
 1 vol. c.20pp. 1909 - 1965
- 1/F/3/3 Loose items removed from (1/F/3/2) comprising schedule for meeting classes 1958 - 1966 (1/F/3/3/1-29), returns of membership 1955 - 1963 (1/F/3/3/30-36), circulars from The Methodist Church, 1, Central Buildings, Westminster, London to Superintendants of circuits 1961, 1964 (1/F/3/3/37-38), various lists of members (1/F/3/3/39-40), blank Central Hall Anniversary Fund remittance or donation slip with envelope (1/F/3/3/41-42) and printed pamphlet entitled The Methodist Church: Church Membership 1961 (1/F/3/3/43)
 1 bundle/43 items 1955 - 1966

F	<u>Wesleyan Methodist (after 1932 Methodist) Chatham Garrison and Naval Port or Chatham Mission or Central Hall Circuit 1897 - 1966 Contd.</u>	
1/F/3/4	Circuit Trust property statistical summary 1 vol./c.20pp.	1927 - 1948
1/F/3/5	Circuit Trust property schedule [See (1/F/3/6) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.20pp.	1944 - 1958
1/F/3/6	Loose letter removed from (1/F/3/5) from A. Hall, 32, Century Road, Rainham to a Mr. Harvey covering his sections Trust Schedules 1p.	c.1944 - c.1958
1/F/3/7	Circuit Trust property schedule 1 vol./c.20pp.	1950 - 1959
1/F/4	Circuit Plans & Directories	1906 - 1966
1/F/4/1	Printed booklet entitled <u>Third Year's Report,</u> <u>Chatham Wesleyan Mission Garrison Naval Port</u> illus. with group photographs, etc., 1905 - 1906, 12pp. (1/F/4/1/1) and letter from F.W. Clements, Managing Director of F.A. Clements (Chatham) Ltd., 399, High Street, Chatham, printers to industry, to Rev. J. Course of Central Hall, Chatham, covering the above 2 February, 1956 (1/F/4/1/2) 1 bundle/2 items	1906, 1956
1/F/4/2	Loose items removed from (2/BK/1/5) comprising printed <u>Plan and Directory</u> for Wesleyan Methodist Church, Rochester Circuit 4 Oct. - 31 Dec. 1925 (1/F/4/2/1), balance sheet c. 1928 (1/F/4/2/2), notes on keeping accounts by J.B. Farmer c.1947 (1/F/4/2/3) and black labelled chapel envelope (1/F/4/2/4) 1 bundle/4 items	1925 - 1947
1/F/4/3	Printed items comprising anniversary reports, Chatham Methodist Mission, Central Hall 1953 & 1959, Kent County Constabulary leaflet advising householders on security measures during absence (1/F/4/3/3) and stencil form of service for induction and welcome of new ministers (1/F/4/3/4) 1 bundle/4 items	1950's

F	<u>Wesleyan Methodist (after 1932 Methodist) Chatham Garrison and Naval Port or Chatham Mission or Central Hall Circuit 1897 - 1966 Contd.</u>	
1/F/4/4	Plans of services and directories two printed leaflets each 2pp. 1 bundle/2 items	1953, 1957
1/F/4/5	Two stencil leaflets comprising plans of services and directories of the Chatham Mission Mission 27 June - 19 September 1965 and 27 March - 19 June 1966 1 bundle/2 items	1965 - 1966
1/F/4-6	<u>Plan of services and directory</u> 1 item	Mar. - Jun. 1966
1/F/5	Registers	1964 - 1981
1/F/5/1	Book of counterfoils of baptism certificates for Central Hall 1964 - 1965 and Byron Road 1968 - 1981 1 vol./c.30pp.	1964 - 1981
1/F/6	Richard Hall and Circuit Mission Work	1900 - 1966
1/F/6/1	Minute book containing minutes of the Chatham Commission [to establish a Central Mission in Chatham] 1899 - 1904 and also of the Trustees of Chatham Central Mission 1901 - 1951, likewise for Trustees of King Street Mission 1949 - 1950, relating to the establishment and/or administration of those premises. Held at London, Central Hall and King Street 1 vol./c.80pp.	1899 - 1951
1/F/6/2	<u>Review of chaplaincy work for local Armed Forces</u> Copy material comprising letter from Methodist Circuit officials to Rev. H. Peverley Dodd of Central Buildings, Westminster covering detailed memorandum reviewing aspects of chaplaincy work comprising recruits, religious instruction, hospital work, Sunday Parade services, Sunday afternoon and evening work and administration, together with notes and comments. <u>Inc.</u> mention of implications for future of Garrison Church, Old Brompton 1 bundle/14 pp.	1937

- F Wesleyan Methodist (after 1932 Methodist) Chatham
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- 1/F/6/3 Work for the Armed Forces and disposal of premises 1942 - 1953
Correspondence between Circuit officers, The Methodist Church's Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force Board, Central Buildings, Westminster and Civil Engineer-in-Chief's Dept, H.M. Dockyard, Chatham, concerning services to the Forces inc. provision of cigarettes (1942), the use of a projector in the Far East (1945) and canteen operations, and the fate of the church premises and contents and Admiralty Dept. intentions regarding Old Brompton
1 folder/46pp.
- 1/F/6/4 Postcard photograph of Rev. Richard Hall, head and shoulders portrait, dressed in civilian attire including clerical collar, and light coloured hat with dark band c.1925
Studio: S.E. Willis, 67, High Street, Chatham 5½" x 3½"
- 1/F/6/5 Rev. Richard Hall O.B.E. Three quarter length photograph of upright figure in R.A.F. officer's uniform, clerical collar and shirt and wearing four medals, looking at camera. c.1925
Studio: not stated. 6½" x 4½"
- 1/F/6/6 In Memoriam card for Rev. Richard Hall O.B.E. Staff Chaplain (Wesleyan) R.A.F. (1864 - 1927) containing order of service 20 Oct. 1927
1 item
- 1/F/6/7 Bundle of miscellaneous material comprising map of Portsmouth Hants. taken from a Kelly's Directory c.1950, copy of survey plan of soil drainage at Central Hall 1961, In Memoriam card for Mrs. Richard Hall 1865 - 1958, House Mission meeting draft minutes c.1960, letter to a Mr. Gregson from Winifred Butchart of Watts Ward [St. Bartholomews Hospital, Rochester] thanking the Central Hall congregation for their note of sympathy c.1960 and stencil TS letter from Warmington & Co. [address not stated] to the District Valuer, Gordon House, 15, Star Hill, Rochester concerning sale of Central Hall 1966
1 bundle/7 items

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- 1/F/6/8 Black and white group photograph of four women and twelve men of a wide age span arranged in three rows looking towards camera. In the middle ground is a tall waggon bearing a placard advertising The "Welcome" Soldiers & Seamen's Homes, at Chatham, Sheerness and Gravesend, listing the refreshments on offer, possibly a mobile refreshments kiosk. At least three of the women subjects are seen in (1/F/6/9) possibly the subjects are a mixture of Methodist workers and their beneficiaries.
 Studio: not stated: labelled Willson on rear with other anonymous notes
 [reprint] 6" x 4½"
- 1/F/6/9 Black and white photograph of group of six people (possibly methodist workers) standing or sitting at small round table drinking tea and looking at camera, comprising two men, one bearded, sitting and four women, two wearing skirts and decorative blouses, a third wearing a broad lace collar and the fourth in a dark outfit. Parked between a brick wall in the background and the group is a four-wheeled high-sided wagon, bearing a placard advertising The "Wellcome" Soldiers' & Seamens' Homes as in (1/F/6/8)
 Studio not stated. Labelled Willson on rear.
 [Re-print] 6" x 4½"
- 1/F/6/10 Copy of black & white group photograph of 14 young servicemen, probably convalescent soldiers, kneeling and standing in two rows in front of marquee and facing camera, all dressed in peaked caps with white bands, overcoats, light coloured trousers and holding rifles with white slings. A banner in the background reads "The Wellcome Soldiers' Home" and in the right background are two posters advertising the Home's services.
 Studio: not stated [endorsed Willson]
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- F Wesleyan Methodist (after 1932 Methodist) Chatham
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- 1/F/6/11 Black and white group photograph of about 60 men and women ranging from youths to middle-aged, ranged in about 7 rows in a hall and facing camera. Two ministers are seated in middle foreground. The group is probably a society. Inscribed on rear "Mrs. Roberts, 5, Regent Road, Gillingham".
 Photographer: not stated. 6½" x 4½" c1950
- 1/F/6/12 Black and white group photograph of Guild Tramps Supper showing about 45 people ranging from about 20 - 65 in age group, and of both sexes, dressed informally and humourously and eating fish and chips from newspaper wrappings. They are sitting or standing in 6 rows and mostly facing camera with interior wall to rear.
 Studio: Chatham Observer 8" x 6" Nov. 1954
- 1/F/6/13 Notebook entitled dictionary containing lists of words divided into sections headed nouns, adjectives, things and verbs, each of which is sub-divided into subjects, usually with 2-3 columns/page
Inc. contents pages at front.
 1 vol./55pp. used early 20th century
- 1/F/7 Superintendent's correspondence on chapel property 1897 - 1966
- 1/F/7/1 Sale of Beacon Road, Chatham premises 1947 - 1949
 Correspondence chiefly between Rev. James R. Course and others inc. the Methodist Church authorities relating to the sale and purchaser of Beacon Road Chapel (Rev. Robert Leonard Travis of the Calvary Holiness Movement "one of the mushroom denominations which are springing up all too frequent in all too many places" according to Course, 1948)
 1 File/33pp.
- 1/F/7/2 Loose accounts chiefly comprising insurance policies and receipts in respect of Central Hall and Circuit chapels business.
Inc. copy of certificates of redemption of rent charge on property in Chatham (17 Nov. 1897).
 1 bundle/c.10 items 18 Nov. 1897

- F Wesleyan Methodist (after 1932 Methodist) Chatham
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- 1/F/7/3 Central Hall 1941 - 1966
 Papers relating to the fabric of Central Hall Hall and negotiations for sale to Chatham Borough Council in 1966, rating and valuation of Chatham Central Hall and other Circuit property 1956, 1962 - 1963 and drainage contract at Central Hall, concerning Derek Buckler and partners, 14 Manor Road, Chatham, architects 1961 - 1962.
Inc. drawings for proposed additional lavatory accommodation at Central Hall by C. Walter (J. Birch) of Maidstone, builder Oct. 1941 scale $\frac{1}{2}$ " : 1' 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 15"
 1 bundle/c.150pp.
- 1/F/7/4 Circuit fabric and Central Hall fabric. 1951 - 1966
 Papers comprising correspondence and insurance policies relating to insurance and maintenance of the boiler in Central Hall.
Inc. copy letter from W.E. Lewin [of Central Hall, Chatham] to Rev. Dr. L. Davison of 1, Central Buildings, Westminster acknowledging permission to auction Central Hall, 8 Feb. 1966
Inc. papers relating to insurance policies for Mills Terrace Chapel and Union Street Chapel, both Chatham and Bethel Chapel, Rochester 1954 - 1955
 1 bundle/145pp.
- 1/F/7/6 Sale of King Street, Chatham premises 1948 - 1957
 Papers chiefly comprising correspondence with Rev. J.R. Course concerning trusteeship and sale of Ragged School
 1 bundle/c.75pp.
- 1/F/7/7 Union Street Chatham 1941 - 1953
 Correspondence chiefly between Rev. James R. Course of The Manse, 67, Maidstone Road, Chatham (& Central Hall) and The Methodist Church nationally and War Damage Commission, Tunbridge Wells concerning repairs to War Damage Commission, and retention of iron railings (19 Nov. 1941)
 1 bundle/c.30pp.

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- 1/F/7/8 Disposal of Bethel Chapel, Rochester & contents c.1929 - 1956
 Correspondence between W.R. Haughton, Mission Treasurer, Rev. Wilfred Guy of Central Hall, other officers of the circuit and interested parties and their representatives concerning the fabric of the chapel building and its furniture and chapelkeeper's house at No. 1, St. Bartholomews Terrace.
Inc. particular discussions on disposal of organ and pews
 1 bundle/c.200pp.
- 1/F/7/9 Bethel Methodist Church, Rochester 1951 - 1954
 Correspondence relating to the sale of the above property at 344, High Street, Rochester
 1 bundle/c.20pp.
- 1/F/7/10 Bethel Chapel Burial Ground, 344 High Street, Rochester Jan - Nov 1962
 Correspondence between W.R. Haughton Esq. of 40, Lancet Lane, Loose on behalf of the Central Hall Stewards and Bassett & Boucher of 156, High Street, Rochester, solicitors and others concerning removal of interred remains in burial ground to make way for development by Kent Art Printers Ltd[?]
 1 bundle/11pp.
- 1/F/7/11 Premises at City Way, Rochester & King Street, Chatham 1949 - 1963
 Correspondence between Methodist officers and others inc. F.J.R. Mountain of 129, High Street, Rainham, solicitor relating to the sale of the ragged school at King Street, and preparations for a new church at City Way.
 1 bundle/c.100pp.
- 1/F/7/12 Methodist Church, City Way, Rochester 1963
 Copies of architect's drawings of above Derek Buckler & partners, 14, Manor Road, Chatham. Scales: $\frac{1}{2}$ " : 1', 28" x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ ";
 $\frac{1}{4}$ " : 1', & 19" x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 [See also (2/Dc)] 1 bundle/2 items

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Central Hall Circuit 1897 - 1966 contd.

- 1/F/7/13 Walderslade Methodist Church 1963 - 1965
- Papers relating to drainage, fencing and adjacent police housing, chiefly comprising letters from Derek Buckler & Partners of 14, Manor Road, Chatham, architects to Rev. J.E. Trevithick of Central Hall.
Inc. copy of drawings by E.T. Ashley Smith of Springfield, County Architect of 2 Police Houses and 2 garages at Princes Avenue 1963 various scales 37½" x 20½"
 1 bundle/14 items
- 1/F/7/14 Insurance 1941 - 1944
- Bundles of insurance policies for fire and War Damage to furniture, ancillary buildings and manses
Inc. Girls' Club 261, High Street, Chatham 1943 - 1944
Inc. premises in New Brompton
 1 folder/c.100pp.
- 1/F/7/15 Combined Finance 1950 - 1952
- Correspondence between Rev. F.W. Thixton of The Manse, Capstone Road, Chatham, Secretary of Chatham Mission Committee & Rev. James R. Course of 67, Maidstone Road, Chatham and E. Geoffrey Deale of the Methodist Insurance Co. Ltd., 51 Spring Gardens, Manchester 2, Lancs., manager and secretary, concerning Central Hall and Circuit premises
Inc. mention of use of Central Hall by the London Philharmonic Orchestra once a month attracting audiences of 1600 (26 November 1952)
 1 folder /c.50pp.
- 1/F/7/16 Utilities 1951 - 1953
- Papers relating to supply of water to Methodist Church & Schools, City Way, Rochester by Chatham & District Water Co. 1951 and printed report of same company for year to 31 December 1952
 1 bundle/6 items

G Chatham & Gravesend Circuit 1934

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| 1/G/3 | Circuit schedule | 1934 |
| 1/G/3/1 | Circuit Trust property statistical summary
Relating to property at Mills Terrace, Chatham,
Nelson Road, Gillingham, Wouldham, Walderslade,
Darnley Street, Gravesend and Shorne
1 vol./1p. used | 1934 |

H Medway Towns Circuit 1931 - 1985

This circuit was inaugurated in 1932 when the Methodist Church was formed nationally, and resulted from the merger of the local Wesleyan Methodist, Primitive Methodist and United Methodist Churches' local circuits, except for the old Wesleyan Methodist (after 1932 Methodist) Chatham Garrison Circuit. this last circuit was eventually merged with the Medway Towns Circuit in 1966 to form the present Medway Towns Circuit.

The following is a list of Medway Towns Circuit chapels and churches as in 1935

Canterbury Street, Gillingham
Byron Road, Gillingham
Bethel, Rochester
Strood
Christmas Street, Gillingham
Union Street, Chatham
Jubilee, Gillingham
St. Peter's, Gillingham
Gad's Hill, Gillingham
Luton Road, Chatham
Stoke
Station Road, Rainham
Hartlip
Ivy Street, Rainham
Lower Halstow
Lower Rainham
Yelstead
Magpie Hall Road, Chatham
Shorne Ridgeway
Nelson Road, Gillingham
Wouldham, Rochester
Cliffe, Rochester
Cooling, Rochester
Walderslade, Chatham
Hoo, Rochester
Beacon Road, Chatham

H	<u>Medway Towns Circuit 1931 - 1935 Contd.</u>	
1/H/1	Quarterly Meeting	1947 - 1961
1/H/1/1	Circuit Quarterly Meeting minute book [See (1/H/1/2) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.100pp.	1947 - 1960
1/H/1/2	Loose items removed from (1/H/1/1) comprising accounts of funds from societies and MS minutes 1 bundle/18pp.	1949 - c.1960
1/H/1/3	Account book 1 vol./104pp.	1957 - 1961
1/H/1/4	Minute book of the 12 Stuart Road Gillingham trust 1 vol./c.40pp. (DE.118)	1924 - 1947
1/H/1/5	Circuit Chapel Secretary's file containing notes, reports, circulars, balance sheets and correspondence relating to chapels' accounts and trusteeships etc. 1 folder/134pp.	1934 - 1952
1/H/1/6	South Eastern Electricity Board bill to Primitive Methodist Church, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham 1p.	4 Feb. 1955
1/H/1/7	Letter from A.W.A. Oliver, Lay Secretary, The Methodist Church, Dept. of the London Mission, Westminster to Rev. T.E. Deakin 179, Nelson Road, Gillingham, advising on investment of large legacy 1p.	23 Oct. 1964
1/H/3	Circuit Schedules	1934 - 1976
1/H/3/1	Folder containing lists of Church Trustees and schedules of deeds c.1955 - c.1976 <u>Inc.</u> printed Wesleyan Methodist Church, Rochester Circuit financial statement 1899 - 1900 1 folder/64pp. (DE.123)	1900 - 1976

- H Medway Towns Circuit 1931 - 1935 Contd.
- 1/H/3/2 Circuit Schedule book 1934 - 1974
 Chiefly comprising Quarterly schedules 1934 - 1974 (section 1), annual schedules 1935 - 1963 (section 2), subscriptions in support of Connexial funds 1934 - 1940 (section 3), public collections or assessments in support of Connexial funds 1934 - 1940 (section 4)
 [See (1/H/3/4) for removed enclosures]
 1 vol./c.250pp. used [DE.118]
- 1/H/3/3 Trust schedules for firstly ministers' houses secondly trustees, documents, leasehold property, insurances and general administration and thirdly Methodist trust properties
 1 bundle/358pp. 1953 - 1962
- 1/H/3/4 Loose items removed from (1/H/3/2) comprising Circuit and St. Paul's Section schedules for meeting classes and membership returns for Canterbury St. and Jubilee Churches, Gillingham
 1 bundle/4pp. (DE.118) 1960
- 1/H/3/5 Circuit Quarterly Plan 1966 and trainee Ministers 1955 - 1966
 Correspondence between Rev. T.E. Deakin of 179 Nelson Road, Gillingham and The Church Publishers of 27, Chapel Place, Ramsgate, concerning the preparation of the Circuit Quarterly Plan with copy agreement to publish, and between Deakin, the Methodist Church Local Preachers Dept. and others, with reports and memoranda, concerning local preachers "on trial".
Inc. references to the merger of the two circuits in September 1966
 1 folder/c.50pp. 1955 - 1966
- 1/H/4 Plans, Directories and Year Books 1935 - 1985
- 1/H/4/1 Printed booklet
Year Book and Blotter
Inc. drawing of Canterbury Street Methodist Church, Gillingham and photograph of front exterior of Bethel Methodist Church, High Street, Rochester
 1 vol./8pp. (DE.118)

H	<u>Medway Towns Circuit 1931 - 1935 Contd.</u>	
1/H/4/2	<u>Plans and Directories</u> 1 bundle/67 items	1940 - 1960 (gaps)
1/H/4/3	Year Book 1 vol./20pp. (DE.123)	1960 - 1961
1/H/4/4	Year Book Illustrated with reproductions of famous paintings of Biblical subjects 1 vol./10pp.	1955
1/H/4/5	Year Book Illustrated as (1/H/4/4) 1 vol./c.10pp.	1956
1/H/4/6	Year Book 1 vol./c.10pp.	1957 - 1958
1/H/4/7	Year Book 1 vol./c.10pp.	1958 - 1959
1/H/4/8	Year Book 1 vol./c.10pp.	1959 - 1960
1/H/4/9	Year Book 1 vol./c.10pp.	1960 - 1961
1/H/4/10	Medway Towns Circuit year books Five printed booklets each c.10pp. 1 bundle/5 vols.	1955 - 1960
1/H/4/11	Quarterly <u>Plans and directories</u> each c.16pp. 1 bundle/85 items	1961 - 1985
1/H/6	Miscellaneous	1931 - 1955
1/H/6	Gillingham Free Church Council	1922 - 1968
1/H/6/1	Gillingham Free Church Council account book <u>Inc.</u> contribution from Baptist Tabernacle and Congregational churches [See (1/H/6/2) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.60pp. used (DE.123)	1922 - 1968

- H Medway Towns Circuit 1931 - 1935 Contd.
- 1/H/6/2 Loose accounts removed from (1/H/6/1) 1962 - 1966
 comprising bank statements, returned cheque
 cheques, bills, receipts etc.
Inc. printed pamphlet entitled The Future
 of the Free Church Federal Council : Report,
 Discussions and Recommendations 1965 20pp.
Inc. letter from David Reid, Hon. treasurer
 of Shelter, 40, James Street, London W.1 to
 J.A. Dow, Treasurer of the Gillingham Free
 Church Federal Council, 195, Barnsole Road,
 Gillingham, thanking him for a donation, 1967
 1 bundle/c.70 items (DE.123)
- 1/H/6/3 Minute book of the 19th Medway [Scout 1931 - 1943
 Patrol] Court of Honour, Gillingham
 [See (1/H/6/4) for removed encs.]
 1 vol./c.50pp.
- 1/H/6/4 : Loose items removed from (1/H/6/3) c.1939 -
 comprising agendas and rough notes for or c.1944
 taken at meetings
 1 bundle/7pp.
- 1/H/6/5 Two printed leaflets entitled North Street Apr. & Jul.
Methodist News Notes 1p. each, the second 1955
 mentioning arrival of Rev. Thomas E. Deakin
 as new minister. [North Street, Guildford,
 Surrey]
 1 bundle/2 items
- 1/H/7 Superintendent's and Circuit Correspondence 1931 - 1981
 This material chiefly relates to chapel's fabric,
 disposal of property, individual chapels and
 proposed chapels, appointments and pastoral work
- 1/H/7/1 Chapel Affairs 1942 - 1966
 Correspondence between officers of the circuit, The
 Methodist Church Home Mission Dept., and Dept. for
 Chapel Affairs, Central Buildings, Westminster,
 other circuits in the S.E. and others, concerning
 financial contributions from chapels, trusteeships,
 chapel fabric and maintenance, use of premises and
 appointments
Inc. Circuit balance sheets 1951 - 1966
 1 bundle/290pp.

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Medway Towns Circuit 1931 - 1935 Contd.

- 1/H/7/2 Printed material and forms issued by the Methodist Church for local guidance and other documents concerning architecture, property, documents, deeds, with Trust Schedules and schedule of Manses Trust deeds throughout the Circuit. c.1948 -
c.1961
Inc. letter from Rev. E. Benson Perkins, general secretary of dept. for Chapel Affairs, Methodist Church, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, Lancs. to Rev. Percy C. Oliff of Chatham mentioning ex-Primitive Methodist chapel, Walderslade and ex-United Methodist Chapel, Union Street, Chatham and Model Deed. 24 March, 1948
1 bundle/c.40pp.
- 1/H/7/3 Sanction to the sale of Central Hall by Methodist Church dept. for Chapel Affairs 30 Mar. 1966
1p.
- 1/H/7/4 Copy of letter from Dr. Leslie Davison of Methodist Church home Mission Dept., Gen. Secretary, to Rev. Wilfred E. Lewin of Messrs. Warmington & Co., 19, Berkeley Street, London, concerning the sale of the Manse at 67, Maidstone Road, Chatham 14 Feb. 1966
1p.
- 1/H/7/5 Letter from P. Loveland of 40, First Avenue, [Gillingham] to a Mr. Hollands concerning Mills Terrace Church, Chatham Trustees c.1950
1p.
- 1/H/7/6 United Church of St. David's, Lordswood, Chatham
Bundle of papers comprising copies of architects drawings of proposed extension scheme, costings and letter from C.G. Lelliott of 23, York Road, Maidenhead, Berks., architect to Rev. H. Skinner, 67, South Avenue, Gillingham, discussing the accommodation and finance Dec. 1981
1 bundle/10 items (DE.123)

- H Medway Towns Circuit 1931 - 1935 Contd.
- 1/H/7/7 Property in Gillingham and Rainham 1953 - 1957
 Bundle of papers from Frank Hill, Town Clerk, Municipal Buildings, Gillingham and Thomas Boyd White, Albany House, 85, Duncan Road, Gillingham to Rev. W.R. Paradine Frost of 88, Rock Avenue, Gillingham concerning the compulsory purchase order on Gad's Hill and Waterside Lane 1956 - 1957 and sale of Ivy Street, Rainham chapel
 1 bundle/14 items (DE.123)
- 1/H/7/8 Premises at Canterbury Street, Gillingham c.1964
 Copies of official papers relating to the dismissal of an appeal by the trustees of the Methodist Church & Esso against Gillingham Borough Council's refusal to permit development by Esso on church land, by Sir Keith Joseph, Minister of Housing & Local Government 1964
 [see also (1/H/7/10)]
 1 bundle/8pp.
- 1/H/7/9 Proposed new Church & Hall, Christmas Street, Gillingham 1962 - 1964
 Correspondence between Rev. T.E. Deakin of 179, Nelson Road, Gillingham, Circuit Superintendant and others inc. Dr. Irvonwy Morgan, Gen. Secretary of the Methodist Church, Dept. of The London Mission, Westminster, Middx., concerning demolition of old premises, and new buildings and fittings.
 Deakin quotes Morgan as saying on a previous occasion "Deakin, this place must go, it belongs to yesterday!" (15 May, 1963)
 1 bundle/12pp.
- 1/H/7/10 St. Paul's Methodist church, Canterbury St. Gillingham 1964 - 1965
 Letters received by Thomas E. Deakin of 179 Nelson Road, Gillingham from W.E.R. Randall & Sons of 23, Railway Street, Chatham, surveyors concerning disposal of premises 1964 and from loss adjusters, organ builders and insurers concerning theft of organ pipes 1965, describing the history of the organ, built by Hunters c.1900
 [See also (1/H/7/8)]
 1 bundle/7pp.

- H Medway Towns Circuit 1931 - 1935 Contd.
- 1/H/7/11 Meeting Centre Scheme, Goudhurst Road, c.1954 - 1958
Eastcourt, Gillingham
- Correspondence between the Trustees of Eastcourt Methodist Church and Charles W.W. Thompson of 116, Borstal Road, Rochester, architect and J.W. Leech & Son Ltd., of 47, King Street, Rochester builders, relating to estimates for work on drainage and building of ladies' toilet at premises, and labour.
Inc. Thompson's drawing of ladies' toilet room 1957. Scale 8' :: 1" 16" x 12"
Inc. balance sheet for expenses in period 1950 - 1954
1 bundle/ 16 items
- 1/H/7/12 Prints of architects drawings dated May 1951 Dec. 1956
of proposed Methodist Church and Community Centre, Goudhurst Road, Gillingham, by C.W.W. Thompson F.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.C.S., Bank Chambers, Rochester. Scale 8' : 1"
2 sheets each 30" x 20"
- 1/H/7/13 McQuitters Fund 1931 - 1963
- Bundle of correspondence between Lock Street Wesleyan Sunday School, Gillingham, Henry Flint of 91, High Street, Gillingham, solicitor and Public Trustee Office, Kingsway, London 1930's and Rev. Wilfred J. Hill of Gillingham and Watson, Flint & Beaty of 8, Railway Street, Chatham, solicitors, 1950's concerning the administration of Frederick Edward McQuitters' legacy to Lock Street Sunday School
1 bundle/31pp.
- 1/H/7/14 Postcard from Paul B. Lang, Hon. Sec. The 21 Jan 1965
Joseph Rank Benevolent Trusts, Uplands, Ringley Park Avenue, Reigate, Surrey, to Rev. T.E. Deakin, acknowledging latter's letter regarding St. Peter's Methodist Church, Gillingham
1 item
- 1/H/7/15 Nelson Road Chapel, Gillingham - Organ 1958 - 1959
- Letters and promotional material from the Jennings Organ Co., Unity Works, Dartford following enquiries by Rev. W.J. Hill of 179, Nelson Road, Gillingham
1 bundle/20 items

H	<u>Medway Towns Circuit 1931 - 1935 Contd.</u>	
1/H/7/16	<u>Proposed Methodist Church, Parkwood, Rainham</u> Correspondence between Rev. T.E. Deakin of 179, Nelson Road, Gillingham and auctioneers and architects concerning preparations for a church site <u>Inc.</u> copy of plan of area lying between Bredhurst to the South and Rainham in the North relating to development area 6" : 1 mile and second larger scale plan of part of area 1 bundle/9 items	1964 - c.1966
1/H/7/17	<u>Rainham Methodist Church</u> Papers as (1/H/7/6) 1 bundle/5 items (DE.123)	Nov - Dec 1981
1/H/7/18	<u>Methodist Church, Yelstead</u> Papers relating to the Trusteeship of the above property 1 bundle/7 items (DE.118)	c.1933 - c.1960
1/H/7/19	<u>Circuit and Chapel Insurance Policies</u> Correspondence between Rev. T.E. Deakin of 179, Nelson Road, Gillingham, Rev. W.J. Hill of same address and the Methodist Insurance Co. Ltd., 51, Spring Gardens, Manchester, Lancs., concerning claims and renewal of premiums for chapel properties and contents 1 folder/226pp.	1954 - 1964
1/H/7/20	As (1/H/7/19) between Deakin and Methodist Insurance Co. 1 folder/127pp.	1963 - 1966
1/H/7/21	Boiler inspection reports undertaken by boiler engineers on behalf of the Methodist Insurance Co. Ltd., in respect of chapels' plant 1 bundle/116pp.	1957 - 1966

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Medway Towns Circuit 1931 - 1935 Contd.

1/H/7/22

Disposal of Methodist Church Property in Gillingham

Correspondence between Rev. Thomas E. Deakin 1962 - 1965
of 179, Nelson Road, Gillingham, Supt., and
others Inc. W.E.R. Randall & Sons, 23,
Railway Street, Chatham, surveyors etc., Wood,
McLellan & Williams, 17 New Road, Chatham,
solicitors, concerning the sale of premises
at Canterbury Street (Jubilee Church and Lock
Street school-rooms) and their development
and schemes.

Deakin is complimented by Rev. T. Harold Wood
of The Manse, 30, Manor Way, Beckenham who
writes "What a wonderful job you are doing in
the Medway Towns Circuit" 18 February, 1963
1 folder/c.200pp.

1/H/7/23

Copy letter from unsigned author to Rev. 31 Mar. 1951
Colin S. Roberts of 1, Central Buildings,
Westminster, Middx. concerning the appointment of
Anthony Barraclough as Chaplain to H.M.
Borstal Institute
1p.

1/H/7/24

Circuit Activities

Correspondence between Rev. J. Ingham of 1954 - 1972
179, Nelson Road, Gillingham and numerous
others chiefly relating to pastoral care,
prayer, remarriage of divorcees, police/ church
church relations, chapel affairs, trusts and
accounts and inc. printed matter and blank
forms. Inc. printed booklet "A History of
Hartlip Chapel" by R.A. Baldwin, 1961
(1/H/7/24/218) (DE.118)
[See (1/H/7/26) for removed enclosures]
1 bundle/218 items

1/H/7/25

Christian Churches Strategy in Medway Area

1970 - 1972

Papers relating to the preparation of an
inter-denominational policy in the Medway
area by the Rochester and Chatham Council of
Churches with the Gillingham Council of
Churches, comprising circulars, draft
working party report, recommendations
and proposed constitution (DE.118)
1 bundle/16 items

H Medway Towns Circuit 1931 - 1935 Contd.

1/H/7/26

Phonogram recording of "a personal message
from Lord Rank Senior Treasurer of the
Methodist Home Mission Department".
Inc. sleeve and printed wrapper entitled
£40,000 Challenge in aid of Home Mission
Dept. 1971 - 1972.
6½" diameter 2 sides 45 R.P.M.
[Removed from (1/H/7/24)]
3 items (DE.118)

c1971

Chatham and Area 1828 - 1967 Contd.

2/Ab/1	Society and Trustees 1904 - 1967	
2/Ab/1/1	Trustees' treasurer's account book 1 vol./c.80pp.	1927 - 1934
2/Ab/1/2	Trustees' treasurer's account book <u>Inc.</u> contributions from other circuit churches. [label reading "Lower Stoke" on front cover cancelled] 1 vol./c.100pp. (DE.123)	1935 - 1942
2/Ab/1/3	Cash book 1 vol./c.80pp.	1941 - 1961
2/Ab/1/4	Trust cash book 1 vol./144pp. used	1942 - 1956
2/Ab/1/5	Account book for Midland Bank current account 1 vol./105pp.	1961 - 1965
2/Ab/1/6	London S.E. District Trust property tabular schedule 1 item	1949
2/Ab/1/7	Loose accounts as (2/Ab/1/8) [Unused alphabetical marker cards removed] 1 bundle/313 items	1964 - 1965
2/Ab/1/8	Treasurer's loose accounts comprising receipted cheques, notes, receipts, bills etc., arranged in alphabetical order by first initial of company or personal name 1 bundle/c.200pp.	1965 - 1966
2/Ab/1/9	Loose accounts as (2/Ab/1/8) <u>inc.</u> insurance policies 1 folder/54 items	1966 - 1967
2/Ab/1/10	Finance Papers comprising correspondence relating to the Miss Sarah Furminger Bequest [originally left to Bethel Chapel, Rochester] 1958, staff, socials, Hungarian refugees 1956, Seamen's Mission, purchase of stationery and legacies of Miss C.M. Thomas 1958, Mrs. Hannah J. Hall, 1958, Miss Eliza Baldwin 1956, Emily Lucy Pluck 1955, Frances Ann Williamson 1955 and Ethel May Cole 1955 1 File/53pp.	1955 - 1959

A	<u>Chatham and Area 1828 - 1967 Contd</u>	
2/Ab/1/11	Papers comprising circulars from utilities and other companies concerning their services and account arrangements, notes and Chatham Mission Committee agenda 1 bundle/29 items	1963 - 1966
Ab/1/12	Treasurer's correspondence relating to hire of Central Hall, the Berry Trust for Chatham Mission and banking etc. 1 bundle/108pp.	1964 - 1966
2/Ab/1/13	Loose items removed from (2/Ab/1/14) chiefly comprising receipts and receipted bills 1 bundle/6pp.	1924 - 1926
2/Ab/1/14	Cash book recording collections taken, concert takings, and expenditure on utilities etc. [See (2/Ab/1/13) for removed enclosures 1 vol./135ff. used	1909 - 1926
2/Ab/1/15	Hire account book, containing details of event or hiring organisation, dates and sums received, together with running costs and overheads 1 vol./15ff.	1962 - 1966
2/Ab/1/16	Collection journal 1 vol./c.120pp.	1903 - 1920
Ab/1/17	Collection journal 1 vol./c.120pp.	1921 - 1936
Ab/1/18	Sunday collection journal 1 vol./c.100pp. used	1948 - 1966
2/Ab/1/19	Collection record book [See (2/Ab/1/20) for removed enclosures 1 vol./c.40pp.	Oct 1956 - Dec 1964
2/Ab/1/20	Loose list of takings removed from (2/Ab/1/19) 1p.	Qtrs. Dec. 1957 - Jun 1958
Ab/1/21	Collection record book Containing accounts of weekly offerings arranged in quarters. [See (2/Ab/1/22) for removed enclosure] 1 vol./c.10pp. used	Jan 1965 - Jun. 1966

A	<u>Chatham and Area 1828 - 1967 Contd.</u>	
2/Ab/1/22	Exercise book containing rough notes of takings removed from (2/Ab/1/21) 1 vol./c.40pp.	Aug. 1965 - July 1967
2/Ab/1/23	Baptism register [See (2/Ab/1/24 for removed enclosure) 1 vol./c.50pp.	1904 - 1941
2/Ab/1/24	Docket removed from (2/Ab/1/23) comprising note of baptism of Frederick Arthur Stanley Cozens 11 February 1912 1 item	c.1912
2/Ab/1/25	Baptism register 1 vol./c.25pp. used	1941 - 1966
2/Ab/1/26	Baptism certificate counterfoil book 1 vol./c.20pp.	1944 - 1947
2/Ab/1/27	Baptism certificate counterfoil book 1 vol./c.10pp.	1958 - 1960
2/Ab/1/28	<u>Proposed Memorial Hall & Schoolrooms, Central Hall, Chatham</u> Correspondence between Rev. A.W. Mason of Central Hall, G.E. Wallis & Sons Ltd., Maidstone, builders, Edward B. Lee, Town Clerk of Chatham, Methodist Church Church General Chapel Committee, Central Buildings, Manchester, Lancs., Gunton & Gunton, Empire House, St. Martin le Grand, London EC1, architects and others, concerning the extension of the Central Hall premises,. <u>Inc. plans, specifications and estimates</u> 1 folder/c.150pp.	1934 - 1936
2/Ab/1/29	Fabric of Central Hall Papers comprising correspondence, estimates, drawings and printed matter relating to maintenance and partly to Trustees meetings 1 File/96pp.	1929 - 1962

- A Chatham and Area 1828 - 1967 Contd.
- 2/Ab/4/3 Black and white group photograph of members, ministers and stewards of the Chatham Wesleyan Mission 5½" x 3½" 1914
- 2/Ab/4/4 Registration of marriages 1919 - 1952
Printed pamphlets and booklets for official use. Inc. blank marriage returns (2/Ab/4/4/1-5, 13, c.1920's)
1 file//14 items
- 2/Ab/4/5 Papers relating to the application of Brian R. Brooks for ministerial training, comprising relevant circulars for the H.Q. of the Methodist Church, reference for candidates and statement by candidate [N.B. Closed until 1 Jan. 2058]
1 bundle/11pp. 1955 - 1957
- 2/Ab/4/6 Central Hall Anniversary reports 1952, 1953, 1957, 1959, 1961 and 1962 1952 - 1961
Six printed leaflets each 8pp.
Front cover illustrated with photographs of Rev. John E. Trevithick, Rev. Kevin E. Green and Sister Mary
1 bundle/6 items
- 2/Ab/4/7 Printed leaflet entitled One Moment Please! relating to continued presence of Central Hall in Chatham and social change, written by Rev. John E. Trevithick. Two copies, each 2pp.
1 bundle/2 items 1965
- 2/Ab/7 Church in the Community 1935 - 1960
- 2/Ab/7/1 Printed booklet entitled Chatham Central Hall Methodist Church souvenir blotter, containing list of daily events at Central Hall, articles, messages and portraits of eminent local and national Methodists.
1 vol./10pp. 1935

- A Chatham and Area 1828 - 1967 Contd.
- Ab Central Hall, Chatham Contd.
- 2/Ab/7/2 Two newscuttings from the Chatham Observer 1946,]951
comprising firstly captioned photograph of
presentation of bouquet to Mrs J.H. Protherough
on occasion of Christmas Fayre, Central Hall,
Chatham on 11 December 1946, 13 December 1946
(2/Ab/7/2/1) and article and photographs
concerning the Central Hall Jubilee including
photograph of Mrs. Richard Hall, widow of
founder of Central Hall, on 14 October 1953,
16 October 1953 (2/Ab/7/2/2)
1 bundle/2 items
- 2/Ab/7/3 Black and white group photograph of Central 1949
Hall choir sitting on tiered seating on stage,
looking at negro gentleman standing at lectern
facing auditorium. A woman is sitting at piano
at left, a man in clerical garb is sitting in
front of piano centre-left and another man is
sitting at the right. The choir is half male,
half female and is dressed in smart casual attire.
Some architectural detail is visible at top.

Studio: The Fine Art Studio, Frindsbury Road,
Strood
[See (2/Ab/7/5) for enclosure 8" x 6"]
- 2/Ab/7/4 As (2/Ab/7/3) showing choir standing and
singing with two of the foreground figures in
different places
- 2/Ab/7/5 Invoice for photographs (2/Ab/7/3-4) 5 Oct. 1949
[Removed from (2/Ab/7/3)]
1p.
- 2/Ab/7/6 Printer's etched block bearing image of group c.1950
of men and women assembled around cross on
plinth and wearing various types of attire,
some in foreign dress and of foreign appearance
zinc on wood 1 item

- A Chatham and Area 1828 - 1967 Contd.
- Ab Central Hall, Chatham Contd.
- 2/Ab/7/7 In Memoriam card for Mrs. Richard Hall 1958
1865 - 1958
1 item/2pp.
- 2/Ab/7/8 Newscutting containing captioned photograph 22 March
of group of men and women including two men 1960
in clerical garb, standing behind a long table
on occasion of of Mock Mayor's Banquet held by
Men's Fellowship at Central Hall on 19 March
1 item
- 2/Ac John Street Church, Ordnance Place, Chatham 1861 - 1883
This society was United Methodist Free Church
- 2/Ac/1 Society 1861 - 1883
- 2/Ac/1/1 Baptism register 1861 - 1883
[See (2/Ac/1/2) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.20pp.
- 2/Ac/1/2 Loose items removed from (2/Ac/1/1) 1881
comprising baptism certificates of Rhoda Ruth
Smith 31 August (2/Ac/1/2/1), Al[ice?] Heppell
11 September (2/Ac/1/2/2) and Charles John Penny
21 December (2/Ac/1/2/3)
1 bundle/3 items
- 2/Ad Mills Terrace Church, Chatham 1854 - 1939
This society was Primitive Methodist until
1932 when it became Methodist Church
- 2/Ad/1 Society and Trustees 1854 - 1939
- 2/Ad/1/1 Trustees' minute book 1892-1912
1 vol./c.40pp.

- 2/Ad Mills Terrace Church, Chatham 1854 - 1939 Contd.
- 2/Ad/1/2 Account book for intended new chapel 1854 - 1855
Inc. at rear lists of collectors and their addresses and persons promising to pay subscriptions
Inc. money raising activities such as profits from tea meetings
 1 vol./c.20pp.
- 2/Ad/1/3 Trustees' account book 1898 - 1931
 [See (2/Ad/1/4) for removed enclosure]
 1 vol./130ff.
- 2/Ad/1/4 Receipt from T. Townley to J.W. Thomas for 31 Dec. 1930
 £23.11.9 to credit to Special Appeal account
 [Removed from (2/Ad/1/3)]
 1 item
- 2/Ad/1/5 Treasurer's [day] Book 1931 - 1939
 [See (2/Ad/1/6) for removed encs.]
 1 vol./c.50pp.
- 2/Ad/1/6 Loose items removed from (2/Ad/1/5) c.1934 -
 comprising accounts of income and expenditure c.1935
 1 bundle/14pp.
- 2/Ad/2 Leaders' Meeting 1919 - 1934
- 2/Ad/2/1 Leaders' Meeting minute book 1919 - 1934
Inc. names of those received at sacrament, who died, and who removed, at front.
Inc. Church Committee minutes at rear c.1924 - c.1925 [see (2/Ad/2/2) for removed enclosures]
 1 vol./c.80pp.
- 2/Ad/2/2 Loose items removed from (2/Ad/2/1)] 1930 - 1933
 comprising balance sheets or notes of annual income and expenditure
 1 bundle/6pp.

2/Ae	<u>Union Street Chapel, Chatham 1828 - 1958 Contd.</u>	
2/Ae/1/6	Trusteeship papers comprising memorandum as (2/Ag/1/3) 5 Aug. 1927 (2/Ae/1/6/1) form of consent to act as trustee 5 Aug. 1927 (2/Ae/1/6/2) letter from Rev. W.C. Jackson, United Methodist Church, Manchester to a Mr. Hodges covering (2/Ag/1/3 and 2/Ae/1/6/1) 19 Aug. 1927 (2/Ae/1/6/3) form of consent to act as Trustee dockets 1934 - 1944 (2/Ae/1/6/4-17) and letters to a Mr. Rumsey accepting or resigning Trusteeships 1943 (2/Ae/1/6/18-25) 1 bundle/25 items	1927 - 1944
2/Ae/1/7	List of Trustees as at 23 March 1944 with covering letter from William Walder, jun. of 57 Sturla Road, Chatham to a Rev. Oliff, also discussing the celebration of his father's 90th birthday 31 Dec. 1947, together with schedule of Trust papers, etc. 1 bundle/4pp.	1947
2/Ae/1/8	Society account book 1 vol./c.60pp.	1842 - 1873
2/Ae/1/9	Baptism register [See (2/Ae/1/10) for removed enclosure] 1 vol./11pp. used	1916 - 1953
2/Ae/1/10	Loose item removed from (2/Ae/1/9) comprising form of notification to minister of child's name for baptism, for Ronald John Maynard, born 22 Oct. 1950 1 item	c.1950
2/Ae/2	Elders' Meeting	1850 - 1880
2/Ae/2/1	Elders' Meeting minute book 1 vol./c.60pp.	1850 - 1880
2/Ae/2	Leaders' Meeting	1929 - 1948

- 2/Ae Union Street Chapel, Chatham 1828 - 1958 Contd.
- 2/Ae2/2 Leaders' and Trustees' meetings minute book 1929 - 1948
 [See (2/Ae/2/3) for removed enclosures]
 1 vol./c.120pp.
- 2/Ae/2/3 Loose items removed from (2/Ae/2/2) 1935 - 1937
 comprising correspondence between W.J. Hodges
 of Grasmere, Albany Road, Rochester and the
 Leaders' Meeting inc. W.R. Haughton,
 concerning Union Street's financial problems
 1 bundle/4pp.
- 2/Ae/4 Minister 1952
- 2/Ae/4/1 Printed notice advertising 123rd anniversary 1952
 services
 1p. 7½" x 5"
- 2/Af Beacon Road, Luton, Chatham, Methodist Mission
Hall 1925 - 1948
 Wesleyan Methodist Circuit until 1932 and Methodist
 church thereafter
 [See also (2/Bb/1/13)]
- 2/Af Society and Trustees 1925 - 1948
- 2/Af/1/1 Committee of Management minute book 1925 - 1934
 1 vol./c.70pp. used [DE.118]
- 2/Af/1/2 Trustees Minute book [mutilated] 1926 - 1948
 1 vol./c.30pp.
- 2/Ag Methodist Church, Luton Road, Luton, Chatham 1882 - 1942
 A Bible Christian church founded in 1885, the Society
 became United Methodist in 1907 and Methodist
 church in 1932
- 2/Ag/1 Society and Trustees 1882 - 1942
- 2/Ag/1/1 Trustees' treasurer's account book 1882 - 1942
 [See (2/Ag/1/2) for removed enclosures]
 1 vol/ .150pp.

- 2/Ag Methodist Church, Luton Road, Luton, Chatham
1882 - 1942 Contd.
- 2/Ag/1/2 Loose items removed from (2/Ag/1/1) 1907 - 1940
comprising papers related to the insurance
policy for church caretaker 1907, 1937
(2/Ag/1/2/2-6) and papers relating to the
repayment of a loan from the Methodist Church
General Chapel Committee , Manchester 1931,
1940 (2/Ag/1/2/7-10)
1 bundle/10 items
- 2/Ag/1/3 Memorandum of the choice and appointment 3 Aug. 1927
of new Trustees of the United Methodist
Church, Luton Road, Chatham, comprising list
of names, addresses and occupations of Trustees
1 item & 1 envelope
- 2/Ag/7 Church in the Community 20th Century
- 2/Ag/7/1 MS notes on the history and foundation of 20th Century
Luton Road Bible Christian Church 1885 and
Sunday Schoolroom 1902.
The notes may have been compiled by A.E. Hodges
and others.
1 bundle/18 items
- 2/Ah Walderslade Church, Chatham 1918 - 1968

Initially Primitive Methodist, this society
became Methodist Church in 1932
- 2/Ah/1 Society and Trustees 1918 - 1968
- 2/Ah/1/1 Trustees' minute book 1948 - 1968
[See (2/Ah/1/2) for removed enclosures] [1969]
1 vol./c.40pp. [DE.118]
- 2/Ah/1/2 Loose items removed from (2/Ah/1/1) c.1956 - 1968
comprising unsigned letter from 6, Polhill
Drive, Walderslade to a Paul concerning family
matters c.1956 and a TS press or other notice
signed by David Lapworth containing obituary
of Agnes Clara Barton, d. Sep. 1968 aged 99
1 bundle/2pp. [DE.118]

- 2/Ah/1/3 Walderslade Church, Chatham 1918 - 1968 Contd.
- 2/Ah/1/3 Secretary's account book relating to building purchase fund 1918 - 1920
Inc. memorandum at front concerning the founding and opening of the church 1918 - 1920
Inc. names and addresses of trustees
 [See (2/Ah/1/4) for removed enclosures]
 1 vol./c.10pp. used
- 2/Ah/1/4 Loose items removed from (2/Ah/1/3) 1920 - 1921
 comprising cheque drawn to Chatham Primitive Methodist Church for £10 1920 (2/Ah/1/4/1) and bill from S.L. Redford of 131 Nelson Road, Gillingham, builder and contractor to Rev. J.T. Ridley for steel chest and small wooden box 1921 (2/Ah/1/4/2)
 2pp.
- 2/B Gillingham and Area 1822 - 1985
- 2/Ba Arden Street, New Brompton, Gillingham 1887 - 1932
 This congregation apparently began in Cross Street Gillingham, q.v. and had moved to Arden Street by 1887. Originating as United Methodist Free Church, the congregation became United Methodist church in 1907. By about 1932 when they had become Methodist Church, they restarted as St. Paul's Methodist Church, Third Avenue. Gillingham.
- 2/Ba/1 Society and Trustees 1887 - 1932
- 2/Ba/1/1 Trustees' minute book 1912 - 1932
Inc. Bazaar Committee minutes at rear 1927 - 1928
 [See 2/Ba/1/2) for removed enclosure]
 1 vol./c.40pp.
- 2/Ba/1/2 List of streets in Gillingham area , c.1912 - c.1932
 apparently totalling number of houses per street and total population, possibly relating to chapel's catchment area, removed from (2/Ba/1/1)
 1p.

- 2/B Gillingham and Area 1822 - 1985 Contd.
- 2/Ba Arden Street, New Brompton, Gillingham 1887 - 1932 Contd.
1887 - 1932 Contd.
- 2/Ba/1/3 Trust account book 1911 - 1930
Inc. accounts for St. Paul's U.M. Church 1929 - 1930
1 vol./30pp.
- 2/Ba/1/4 Baptism register 1887 - 1896
1 vol./c.25pp.
- 2/Ba/1/5 Baptism register 1896 - 1905
1 vol./c.25pp.
- 2/Ba/1/6 Baptism register 1905 - 1928
1 vol./c.20pp.
- 2/Ba/2 Leaders' Meeting 1910 - 1930
- 2/Ba/2/1 Leaders' Meeting minute book 1910 - 1930
1 vol./c.110pp.
- 2/Bb Arden Street & Canterbury Street Wesleyan Methodist
Churches, New Brompton, Gillingham 1857 - 1967
- A Wesleyan Methodist Society began worshipping in the Bible Christian church in Park Road, Gillingham after 1815. They acquired their own church in Arden Street, Gillingham in 1850 but moved to Canterbury Street in 1882. In 1932 they became Methodist Church. The church was closed in 1964 and demolished in 1966
- 2/Bb/1 Society and Trustees 1857 - 1967
- 2/Bb/1/1 Minute book of the Trustees of the New Brompton Wesleyan Property (later Wesleyan Methodist Chapel) 1881 - 1895
1 vol./c.80pp.

- 2/Bb Arden Street & Canterbury Street Wesleyan Methodist Churches, New Brompton, Gillingham 1857 - 1967 contd.
- 2/Bb/1/2 Minute book of joint Trustees of Canterbury Street and Lock Street, Gillingham properties 1943 - 1952
[See (2/Bb/1/3) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.60pp. (DE.118)
- 2/Bb/1/3 Loose items removed from (2/Bb/1/2) relating to Canterbury and Lock Street affairs, inc. invitation card and printed order of service for dedication of Corner of Remembrance and Chapel of Youth 1950, balance sheet 1950, newscuttings No. 1 edition of The Herald of Canterbury Street Methodist Church Oct. 1950 1945 - 1951
1 bundle/10 items (DE.118)
- 2/Bb/1/4 Minute Book of the Lock Street and Canterbury Street Gillingham property Trusts 1911 - 1915
1 vol./c.20pp. used
- 2/Bb/1/5 Cash Book 1843 - 1856
[See (2/Bb/1/6) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.10pp. used (DE.118)
- 2/Bb/1/6 Loose items removed from (2/Bb/1/5) comprising receipts from gas co., tradesmen, parish and from recipients of interest. Inc. letter from Robert Gillespie of 7, Prospect Terrace, Isle of Man to unknown recipient possibly R. James, Briton Street, New Brompton, concerning postal delivery problems (1869) 1854 - 1870
1 bundle/12 items
- 2/Bb/1/7 Book containing weekly record of donations by envelope scheme to finance fund 1956 - 1963
[See (2/Bb/1/8) for removed enclosure]
1 vol./c.20pp. used

2/Bb	<u>Arden Street and Canterbury Street Wesleyan Methodist Churches, New Brompton, Gillingham 1857 - 1967 contd.</u>	
2/Bb/1/8	Notebook containing key to envelope scheme post 1963 [Removed from (2/Bb/1/7)] [closed until 1 January, 1994] 1 vol./4pp.	From 1963
2/Bb/1/9	Trustees' treasurer's account book 1 vol./c.100pp.	1946 - 1962
2/Bb/1/10	Poor Fund account book 1 vol./8pp.	1959 - 1967
2/Bb/1/11	Seat rent ledger containing name and address of seat holder, no. and seating capacity of pew and record of fees paid quarterly 1 vol./c.200pp.	1906 - 1934
2/Bb/1/12	Baptism register 1 vol./104pp. [DE.118]	1857 - 1884
2/Bb/1/13	Baptism register [Some entries relate to Beacon Mission, Chatham and Cooling, Hoo and Cliffe] 1 vol./c.50pp.	1884 - 1928
2/Bb/2	Leaders' Meeting	1952 - 1966
2/Bb/2/1	Minute Book of Leaders' and Society meetings [See (2/Bb/2/2) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./228pp. used	1952 - 1963
2/Bb/2/2	Loose items removed from (2/Bb/2/1) comprising balance sheets, minutes, agenda and correspondence 1 bundle/24 items	1957 - 1966

2/Bb	<u>Arden Street and Canterbury Street Wesleyan Methodist Churches, New Brompton, Gillingham 1857 - 1967 contd.</u>	
2/Bb/5	Sunday School	1883 - 1948
2/Bb/5/1	Sunday School Committee minute book 1 vol. [DE.118]	1883 - 1898
2/Bb/5/2	Cash Book of Sunday School, Wesleyan Methodist Church, New Brompton [See (2/Bb/5/3) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./126ppf.	1887 - 1948
2/Bb/5/3	Loose items removed from (2/Bb/5/2) comprising accounts and list of names 1 bundle/4pp.	before 1948
2/Bb/6	Choir	1906 - 1956
2/Bb/6/1	Minute Book (also containing cash accounts) of Wesleyan Choir [See (2/Bb/6/2) for removed enclosure] 1 vol./c.80pp.	1906 - 1956
2/Bb/6/2	Receipted bill from H.G. Croneen of 5-9 High Street, New Brompton, Gillingham for engraved fish eaters, removed from (2/Bb/6/1) 1p.	26 Sep. 1911
2/Bb/6	Wesleyan Day Schools, Arden Street	1871 - 1926
2/Bb/6/3	Minute Book of Trustees of Wesleyan Schools, Arden Street 1 vol./c.60pp. [DE.118]	1882 - 1915

- 2/Bb Arden Street and Canterbury Street Wesleyan Methodist Churches, New Brompton, Gillingham 1857 - 1967 Contd.
- 2/Bb/6/4 New Wesleyan Day School Building Fund 1871 - 1874
Committee minute book
[See (2/Bb/6/5) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.20pp. used [DE.118]
- 2/Bb/6/5 Loose items removed from (2/Bb/6/4) 1873 - 1926
comprising bills from Samuel Sageman of Trafalgar Road, New Brompton, builder 1873 (2/Bb/6/5/1-3), letters from Thomas Clark of Monkswell House, Horrabridge, Devon, to a Mr. Phipps, concerning school accounts and his family and work June-July 1875 (2/Bb/6/5/4-6), receipt from R.H. James & W. Barnard to the School Trustees for £150.00.0 for building new infants room 1886 (2/Bb/6/5/7) and letter from W.H. Thornton to a Mr. Leedal concerning latter's enquiry, 1926 (2/Bb/6/5/8)
1 bundle/8 items [DE.118]
- 2/Bb/6/6 Minute Book of Trustees of Wesleyan 1888 - 1909
Methodist Estate at Rock Avenue, New Brompton
1 vol./c.100pp. (DE.118)
- 2/Bb/6/7 Account book of Rock Avenue Extension Scheme 1902 - 1947
1 vol./112ff. used (DE.118)
- 2/Bc Bethany Chapel, Lower Briton Street, New Brompton, Gillingham 1850 - 1894
- This chapel appears to have been an off-shoot of the main Wesleyan Methodist churches at Manor Street, Old Brompton or Arden Street, New Brompton
- 2/Bc/1 Society and Trustees 1850 - 1894

- 2/Bc Bethany Chapel, Lower Briton Street, New Brompton, Gillingham 1850 - 1894 contd.
- 2/Bc/1/1 Trustees' minute book 1850 - 1879 at front 1850 - 1894
Inc. Circuit Quarterly Meeting 1 April 1850
 with Trust accounts 1851 - 1894 at rear
Inc. lists of Trustees at rear
 [See (2/Bc/1/2) for removed enclosure]
 1 vol./c.50pp. used [DE.118]
- 2/Bc/1/2 Receipt from Thomas Smith for £10 from a Mr. Avery 1 Dec. 1888
 1 p. [DE.118]
- 2/Bd Bethesda Chapel, Park Road (now Marlborough Road) New Brompton, Gillingham 1822 - 1867
- 2/Bd/1 Society and Trustees 1822 - 1840
- 2/Bd/1/1 Lease [of lease and release, release missing] 16 May 1822
 (i) Michael Lock of Brompton, gent.
 (ii) James Thorne of Gillingham, minister of the gospel
 Piece of land in Walnut Tree Meadow in Gillingham measuring 25' N.W. x 145' S.W. x 25' S.E. x 148' N.E.
 Consideration : 5/- 1 membrane
- 2/Bd/1/2 Memorandum of Agreement to Lease for one year 25 April 1838
 (i) James Thorne of Langtree, Devon,
 (ii) Alexander Sturgeon, shipwright
 George Taylor, baker
 John Cayley, joiner all of New Brompton
 Bethesda Chapel, New Brompton for £9 p.a.
 from 29 September 1837
 1p.

- 2/Bc Bethany Chapel, Lower Briton Street, New Brompton,
Gillingham 1850 - 1894 Contd.
- 2/Bd/1/3 Memorandum of Agreement to lease for one year c.1840
 (i) Francis Martin, dissenting minister,
 acting as agent for James Thorne, dissenting
 minister of Langtree, Devon
 (ii) Daniel Lake, of Brompton, gardener
 The house under Bethesda Chapel, New Brompton
 for £6 p.a. from 25 March 1840
 1p.
- 2/Bd/2 Leaders' Meeting 1850 - 1867
- 2/Bd/2/1 Class book (account book) 1850 - 1867
 Inc. at rear list of society members
 enrolled 1850 - 1860, Society Meeting minutes
 1853 - 1860 and various accounts 1853 - 1860
 1 vol./c.30pp.
- 2/Bd/5 Sunday School 1824 - 1835
- 2/Bd/5/1 Treasurer's cash book for Bethesda and
 Hartlip schools 1824 - 1835
 Inc. notes on parts of speech and syntax at
 rear
 1 vol./c.20pp. 6" x 3½"
- 2/Be Byron Road Methodist Church, Gillingham 1903 - 1981
 This congregation was established in about 1903
 as Wesleyan Methodist with a newly built church.
 They became Methodist Church in 1932. The
 church closed on 30 August 1981
- 2/Be/1 Society and Trustees 1903 - 1981
- 2/Be/1/1 Trustees' minute book 1931 - 1961
 1 vol / c.100pp.

2/Be	<u>Byron Road Methodist Church, Gillingham</u> <u>1903 - 1981 Contd.</u>	
2/Be/1/2	Church Council minute book [See (2/Be/1/3) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.100pp.	1975 - 1981
23/Be/1/3	Loose items removed from (2/Be/1/2) comprising lists of furniture and fittings of Byron Road Methodist church and details of their disposal 1 bundle/2 items	c.1981
2/Be/1/4	Trustees' treasurer's account book [See (2/Be/1/5) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.100pp.	1929 - 1953
2/Be/1/5	Balance sheets removed from (2/Be/1/4) 1 bundle/5pp.	1943 - 1948
2/Be/1/6	Trustees' Treasurer's account book 1 vol./c.100pp.	1954 - 1976
2/Be/1/7	Trustees' treasurer's account book. The receipts chiefly relate to hire of premises and payments relate to utilities and cleaning etc. [See (2/Be/1/8) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.100pp.	1976 - 1981
2/Be/1/8	Loose items removed from (2/Be/1/7) comprising property account balance sheets 1977 - 1980 (2/Be/1/8/1-3) and trust account balance sheets 1974 - 1977 (2/Be/1/8/4-6) 1 bundle/6pp.	1974 - 1980
2/Be/1/9	Society account book. The receipts chiefly relate to collections and expenditure relates chiefly to officers' expenses and costs of excursions 1 vol./c.120pp.	1907 - 1945

2/Be	<u>Byron Road Methodist Church, Gillingham</u> <u>1903 - 1981 contd.</u>	
2/Be/1/10	Society cash book 1 vol./c.80pp.	1923 - 1958
2/Be/1/11	Society Steward's account book 1 vol./c.30pp.	1915 - 1922
2/Be/1/12	Society account book 1 vol./c.100pp.	1941 - 1961
2/Be/1/13	Society account book 1 vol./15ff. used	1977 - 1981
2/Be/1/14	Collection journal 1 vol./c.50pp.	1904 - 1908
2/Be/1/15	Collection journal 1 vol./c.70pp.	1955 - 1967
2/Be/1/16	Collection journal [See (2/Be/1/17) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.60pp.	1967 - 1980
2/Be/1/17	Loose items removed from (2/Be/1/16) comprising seventieth anniversary newsletter/ circular from Rev. David J. Winwood 1974 (2/Be/1/17/1) and Women's Fellowship annual statement of accounts 1978 (2/Be/1/17/2) 1 bundle/2pp.	1974, 1978
2/Be/1/18	Book containing weekly record of donations by envelope scheme to finance fund 1 vol./c.100pp.	1963 - 1965
2/Be/1/19	As (2/Be/1/18)	1967 - 1969

2/Be	<u>Byron Road Methodist Church, Gillingham</u> <u>1903 - 1981 Contd.</u>	
2/Be/1/20	Book containing weekly record of donations by envelope scheme to finance fund 1 vol./c.100pp.	1969 - 1971
2/Be/1/21	Schedules of church contributions to the Methodist Home Mission fund <u>Inc.</u> annotated inventory of furnishings and artifacts to be disposed of, 1981 (2/Be/1/21/13) 1 bundle/13 items	1972 - 1981
2/Be/1/22	Baptism register [See also (1/F/5/1)] 1 vol./c.10pp. used	1963 - 1981
2/Be/1/23	Roll of architects' drawings of Byron Road Wesleyan Church Signed J.W. Nash & Son, Rochester Starched linen. 3 items 2 x 29½" x 20½", 1 x 19¼" x 15"	1903
2/Be/1/24	<u>Electric organ-blowing apparatus</u> Correspondence between A.J. Tipper Esq. of 54, Belmont Road, Gillingham and The Rockingham Engineering Co. of 34 Broad Green Ave., W. Croydon, Surrey, (formerly P.F. Williams & Co.), containing diagrams, photograph, schedules, specifications, catalogue and estimate, relating to the Company's successful tender for the equipment 1 bundle /20 items	June - July 1917
2/Be/2	Leaders' Meeting	1911 - 1972
2/Be/2/1	Leaders' Meeting minute book 1 vol./c.100pp.	1911 - 1922
2/Be/2/2	Leaders' Meeting minute book 1 vol./c.30pp.	1922 - 1926

2/Be/2/2	<u>Byron Road Methodist Church, Gillingham</u> <u>1903 - 1981 Contd.</u>	
2/Be/2/2	Leaders' Meeting minute book 1 vol./c.30pp.	1922 - 1926
2/Be/2/3	Leaders' Meeting minute book <u>Inc.</u> Finance Committee minutes 1930 - 1933 1 vol./c.80pp.	1927 - 1936
2/Be/2/4	Leaders' Meeting minute book 1 vol./c.50pp.	1936 - 1945
2/Be/2/5	Leaders' Meeting minute book 1 vol./100pp.	1945 - 1956
2/Be/2/6	Leaders' Meeting minute book [See (2/Be/2/7) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.80pp.	1956 - 1972
2/Be/2/7	Loose items removed from (2/Be/2/6) comprising loose minutes 1 bundle/6pp.	1972
2/Be/4	Minister	1961 - 1980
2/Be/4/1	Pulpit (or Sunday) Notices book 1 vol./c.200pp.	1965 - 1969
2/Be/4/2	Pulpit Notices Book [See (2/Be/4/3) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.180pp.	1969 - 1973
2/Be/4/3	Loose items removed from (2/Be/4/2) comprising Byron Road Methodist Church Springtime Dance ticket (2/Be/3/1) notice for Byron Road representatives to attend a Circuit Meeting 1973 (2/Be/4/3/2) and docket detailing takings of Women's fellowship jumble sale (2/Be/4/3/3) 1 bundle/3pp.	Early 1970's[?]

2/Be	<u>Byron Road Methodist Church, Gillingham</u> <u>1903 - 1981 Contd.</u>	
2/Be/4/4	Pulpit Notices book [See (2/Be/4/5) for removed enclosures 1 vol./c.170pp.	1973 - 1977
2/Be/4/5	Loose items removed from (2/Be/4/4) Pulpit Notices on docketts 1 bundle/3pp.	Mid 1970's
2/Be/4/6	Loose Pulpit Notices 1 bundle/c.75pp.	April 1977 - Dec. 1978
2/Be/4/7	Loose Pulpit Notices 1 bundle/c.100pp.	Jan 1979 - Dec. 1980
2/Be/4/8	Three printed leaflets entitled <u>Church</u> <u>Notes/The Minister's Letter</u> Sep. 1961, April/June 1962 & Sep. 1964 1 bundle/3 items	1961 - 1964
2/Be/4/9	Quarterly Church Notes comprising stencilled leaflets containing Minister's letters, articles and notices 1 bundle/12 items	July 1962 - Sept. 1965
2/Be/5	Sunday School	1936 - 1981
2/Be/5/1	Sunday School minute book 1 vol./152pp.	1936 - 1950
2/Be/5/2	Sunday School minute book [See (2/Be/5/3) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.60pp.	1950 - 1968

- 2/Be Byron Road Methodist Church, Gillingham
1903 - 1981 contd.
- 2/Be/5/3 Loose items removed from (2/Be/5/2) c.1948 -
comprising printed matter, notes, incoming c.1969
letters, draft minutes, lists of scholars,
circulars and booklists
1 bundle/46 items
- 2/Be/5/4 Sunday School account book 1944 - 1977
[See (2/Be/5/5) for removed enclosure]
1 vol./c.100pp.
- 2/Be/5/5 Printed leaflet advertising the Temperance 1974
Knowledge examination
[Removed from (2/Be/5/4)]
1 item
- 2/Be/5/6 Sunday School account book 1961 - 1981
1 vol./c.20pp. used
- 2/Be/7 Church in the Community 1981
- 2/Be/7/1 Printed item entitled News Magazine - c.1981
Souvenir Issue 1904 - 1981 containing
numerous articles on subjects associated
with the church's history
Inc. Photograph of church buildings at front
Inc. supplement sheets at rear
1 vol./66pp.
- 2/Bf Central Primitive Methodist Church, New Brompton,
Gillingham 1896 - 1935
- This Society worshipped at Gillingham Road until
about 1923, when they moved to new premises in
Nelson Road. In 1932 they became Methodist Church
- 2/Bf/1 Society and Trustees 1896 - 1935

- 2/Bf Central Primitive Methodist Church, New Brompton
Gillingham 1896 - 1935 contd.
- 2/Bf/1/1 Trustees' minute book 1898 - 1928
Inc. copies of correspondence and at rear schedules of deeds relating to property at Nelson Road, and Gillingham Road, New Brompton 1882 - 1923, together with lists of trustees and addresses, and with some information as to dates and death and places of burial
[See (2/Bf/1/2) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.100pp.
- 2/Bf/1/2 Loose items removed from (2/Bf/1/1) 1927 - 1928
comprising letters from Edward M. Scott of International Bible Students Association 1, Regent Road, Gillingham to Rev. J.T. Ridley concerning hiring Primitive Methodist Hall March 1927 (2/Bf/1/2/1-2) and letters from F.C. Boucher, Town Clerk of Gillingham to same addressee concerning requisitioning of schoolroom as a balloting station Feb. 1928 (2/Bf/1/2/3-4)
1 bundle/4pp.
- 2/Bf/1/3 Trustees' minute book 1923 - 1935
Inc. copies of correspondence between the Trustees and Leaders and others, chiefly re. hiring the hall
[See 2/Bf/1/4 for removed enclosure]
1 vol./206pp. used
- 2/Bf/1/4 Note removed from (2/Bf/1/3) concerning c.1931
heating of church to avoid bursting of pipes
1 item
- 2/Bf/1/5 Trustees' Meetings minute book 1929 - 1935
Inc. copies of correspondence between the Trustees and numerous individuals and organisations, chiefly relating to hire of premises
Inc. newscuttings at rear containing article relating to the Nelson Road church's debt c.1934
Inc. pasted in agreement with Post Office for installation of underground pipe and cable 1934
[See (2/Bf/1/6) for removed enclosure]
1 vol./c.60pp.

- 2/Bf Central Primitive Methodist Church, New Brompton
Gillingham 1896 - 1935 Contd.
- 2/Bf/1/6 note removed from (2/Bf/1/5) comprising 1930
terms of resolution regarding signing of
cheques
1 p.
- 2/Bf/1/7 Minute book of Church Officials and Trustees 1922 - 1923
appointed to build the new church in Nelson
Road, Gillingham
Inc. copies of correspondence at rear
1 vol./c.40pp.
- 2/Bf/1/8 Baptism register 1896 - 1935
1 vol./c.15pp. used
- 2/Bf/2 Leaders' Meeting 1914 - 1930
- 2/Bf/2/1 Leaders' Quarterly Meeting minute book 1914 - 1930
Inc. accounts
[See (2/Bf/2/2) for removed enclosure]
1 vol./c.100pp.
- 2/Bf/2/2 Preachers' plan, Christian Mission, Cross Nov. 1930
Street, Gillingham (noting officers of
congregation and times of services etc.)
removed from (2/Bf/2/1)
1p.
- 2/Bg Cross Street, New Brompton, Gillingham 1871 - 1887

This society was United Methodist Free Church and
moved to Arden Street, Gillingham in 1887, q.v.
- 2/Bg/1 Society 1871 - 1887
- 2/Bg/1/1 Baptism register 1871 - 1887
1 vol./c.20pp.

2/Bh Christmas Street, Gillingham Wesleyan Methodist Church, later St. Andrew's Methodist Church 1829 - 1981
1829 - 1981

This chapel constituted the principal Gillingham Wesleyan congregation, and early on was referred to as the "Gillingham Chapel" or "Wesleyan Chapel, Gillingham" (2/Bh/1/3)

The congregation had been founded in the eighteenth century and their original meeting place was rebuilt in the 1820's. The chapel became Methodist in 1932. In the 1960's, the nearby Gad's Hill, Gillingham church was closed and the congregations were merged. A new church was built on the Christmas Street site and renamed St. Andrews Methodist Church, opening in 1966. Item (2/Bh/1/6) in this section comes from the Gads Hill church, but was later taken over by St. Andrew's. [See also (2/Dg/1/1)]

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| 2/Bh/1 | Society and Trustees | 1829 - 1981 |
| 2/Bh/1/1 | Trustees' Minute book
[See (2/Bh/1/2) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./35pp. | 1887- 1916 |
| 2/Bh/1/2 | Loose items removed from (2/Bh/1/1) comprising letters received relating to staff appointments, Gilbert family headstones (March 1922), apologies for absence from Trustees' Meetings, tradesmen's estimate for work (1925), choir and organist, fabric of premises, memorial tablets, and loose accounts
1 bundle/c.30 items | c.1904 -
c.1935 |
| 2/Bh/1/3 | Trust Treasurer's account book 1841-1892
<u>Inc.</u> at rear accounts of sums borrowed 1829 - 1879
<u>Inc.</u> at front sewn-in memoranda concerning loans and chapel debt c.1885 - c.1892
[See also (2/Bh/1/4) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.100pp. | 1829 - 1892 |

- 2/Bh Christmas Street, Gillingham Wesleyan Methodist Church, later St. Andrew's Methodist Church
1828 - 1981 contd.
- 2/Bh/1/4 Loose items removed from pocket inside front cover of (2/Bh/1/3) comprising receipts issued to a Mr. Beeman of the chapel in respect of its debts 1876 (2/Bh/1/4/1-2), promisory note made out to William Tunstill and John Napier 1884 (2/Bh/1/4/3) and letter to N. [J?] Pope of the Wesleyan Chapel Committee, Manchester covering the promisory note 1892 (2/Bh/1/4/4)
1 bundle/4pp. 1876 - 1892
- 2/Bh/1/5 Treasurer's account book containing annual balances
1 vol./c.60pp. used 1894 - 1950
- 2/Bh/1/6 Trustees' treasurer's account book
1 vol./c.100pp. 1950 - 1969
- 2/Bh/1/7 Trustees' treasurer's account book for St. Andrew's church 1969 - 1978
N.B. first portion of volume relates to Bethel Methodist Church, High Street, Rochester 1948 - 1955 [See also (2/Db)]
1 vol./c.100pp. 1948 - 1978
- 2/Bh/1/8 Loose accounts chiefly comprising bank statements, bills, balance sheets and receipt and cheque book stubs
1 bundle/c.150 items 1969 - 1981
- 2/Bh/1/9 Grant of right to enter 19 Baron Close, Gillingham 9 April 1965
(i) Gillingham Corporation
(ii) Trustees of St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Gillingham
consideration 1/-
With accompanying letter and bill for legal costs from Rowland Newnes, Town Clerk, Gillingham to Rev. T.E. Deakin, 179 Nelson Road, Gillingham and envelope
1 bundle/4 items

- 2/Bh/1/10 St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Christmas Street,
Gillingham. 1888 - 1896
- Correspondence, plans and accounts relating to the rebuilding of the premises in the 1960's and earlier Wesleyan Methodist Trusteeship papers, together with papers relating to the disposal of Gad's Hill, Lower Woodlands Road and Waterside Lane premises in Gillingham, early 1960's.
- Inc. black and white photographs of interior including pews, balcony, organ pipes and vestry c.1957 (2/Bh/1/10/75-85)
- 1 folder/225 items
- 2/Bh/1/11 Methodist Church property, Gillingham and Rainham 1948 - 1960
- Correspondence between Rev. W.J. Hill, 88, Rock Avenue, Gillingham and Rev. George West of 179, Nelson Road, Gillingham and Gillingham Borough Council, solicitors, estate agents, tradesmen and others concerning the sale, use and repair of Methodist Church premises at Castlemaine Ave., Christmas Street, Waterside Lane, Gad's Hill, Lower Woodland's Road and Station Road, Rainham.
- Inc. papers relating to benefaction of Mrs. S.A. Ballard of 43, Lowfield Road, Gillingham
- 1 folder/133 items
- 2/Bh/1/12 Stencilled booklet entitled Bills of quantities for works required in the erection of a Methodist Church and Church Hall at Christmas Street, Gillingham, Kent for the St. Andrew's Methodist Church Trustees Aug. 1964
- 1 vol./95pp.
- 2/Bh/2 Leaders' Meeting 1960 - 1971
- 2/Bh/2/1 Leader's Meeting minute book 1960 - 1971
- 1 vol./c.60pp.

2/Bi	<u>High Street (Now Pier Road) Gillingham 1865 - 1895</u> United Methodist Free Church	
2/Bi/1	Society	1865 - 1895
2/Bi/1/1	Loose Duplicate baptism certificates removed from (2/Bi/1/2) 1 bundle/23pp.	1865 - 1891
2/Bi/1/2	Baptism register [See (2/Bi/1/1) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./7pp. used	1892 - 1895
2/Bj	<u>Manor Street Church, Old Brompton, Gillingham</u> <u>1857 - 1888</u> This church was built in 1788 on Brompton Garden, and enlarged in 1810. A detached Sunday School stood at the rear of the building. The Society was Wesleyan Methodist and survived the split with the Bible Christians, who worshipped in Park Road. (Marlborough Road from about 1820, see (2/Bd) but lapsed when the Wesleyan Methodist Garrison Circuit decided to operate in Old Brompton only from their Prospect Row premises. The church is now St. Paulinus Roman Catholic Church	
2/Bj/1	Society	1857 - 1888
2/Bj/1/1	Baptism register 1 vol./c.40pp.	1857 - 1888
2/Bj/1/2	Marriage register 1 vol./3pp. used	1879 - 1883
2/Bk	<u>Prospect Row Garrison Church, Old Brompton, Gillingham 1874 - 1953</u> This society was Wesleyan Methodist until 1932 and Methodist Church thereafter	
2/Bk/1	Society and Trustees	1874 - 1953

- 2/Bk Prospect Row Garrison Church, Old Brompton,
Gillingham 1874 - 1953 Contd.
- 2/Bk/1/1 Trustees' Meeting minute book 1919 - 1953
[See (2/Bk/1/2) for removed enclosures
1 vol./41ff. used
- 2/Bk/1/2 Loose items removed from (2/Bk/1/1) 1929 - 1947
comprising mostly draft minutes and one
balance sheet 1947 (2/Bk/1/2/7)
Inc. valuation Assessment Notice 1936
(2/Bk/1/2/6)
1 bundle/7pp.
- 2/Bk/1/3 Draft trustees' meeting minutes 5 March
1p. 1941
- 2/Bk/1/4 List of names and addresses of new Trustees 9 June
with envelope inscribed to Rev. W.J.E 1933
Piggott
1 bundle/2 items
- 2/Bk/1/5 Treasurer's account book 1925 - 1935
[See (1/F/4/2) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./116pp. used
- 2/Bk/1/6 Trustees' Treasurer's account book 1928 - 1950
[See (2/Bk/1/7) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.120pp.
- 2/Bk/1/7 Loose accounts removed from (2/Bk/1/6) 1938 - 1950
1 bundle/6 items
- 2/Bk/1/8 Baptism register 1874 - 1880
[See (2/Bk/1/9) for removed enclosure]
1 vol./16pp. used

2/Bk	<u>Prospect Row Garrison Church, Old Brompton, Gillingham 1874 - 1953 Contd.</u>	
2/Bk/1/9	Loose item removed from (2/Bk/1/8) comprising record of dates of birth and baptism of children of Sgt. Henry Crisp and his wife Elizabeth, of 4th Coy., R.E. 1p.	1872 - 1876
2/Bk/1/10	Baptism register 1 vol./c.50pp.	1888 - 1943
2/Bk/1/11	Baptism certificate counterfoil book [Contains only one full entry for John Harlech baptised at Prospect Row, Old Brompton (entry reads baptism[sic] 1935)] 1 vol./c.5pp. used	c.1935 - c.1938
2/Bk/1/12	<u>Administration of the church</u> Papers comprising agreement for the appointment of a chapel keeper (1927), specification for repairs done to the organs by F. Tinker & Son, 3, Leppoc Road, Clapham Park, London organ builders (1929), estimate for boiler work from Joseph Collis Ltd., 25-27 High Street, Strood, ironmongers (1934)* leaflet for order of service for coronation of King George VI & Queen Elizabeth (1937) and draft letters by J.P. Farmer[?] concerning church officers (c.1927 - c.1937) 1 bundle/6 items	1927 - 1937
2/Bk/2	Leaders' Meeting	1921 - 1938
2/Bk/2/1	Leaders' and Members' Meetings minute book [See (2/Bk/2/2) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.20pp. used	1921 - 1930

* The records of Joseph Collis Ltd., are on deposit
with this office (DE.113, DE.122)

- 2/Bk Prospect Row Garrison Church, Old Brompton,
Gillingham 1874 - 1953 Contd.
- 2/Bk/2/2 Loose items removed from (2/Bk/2/1) 1926 - 1927
comprising minutes of Debt Extinction
Committee
1 bundle/7pp.
- 2/Bk/2/3 Leaders' Meeting minute book 1931 - 1937
- 2/Bk/2/4 Society Roll Book containing names and c.1937 -
addresses of civilian members c.1938
[See (2/Bk/2/5) for removed enclosure]
1 vol./7pp. used
- 2/Bk/2/5 Loose item removed from (2/Bk/2/4) 1928
comprising TS list of Royal Naval and
military Society members
1p.
- 2/Bk/7 Church in the Community 1943
- 2/Bk/7/1 Bundle of blotting paper sheets bearing c.1943
Medway area retailers' advertisements
1 bundle/2 items
- 2/B1 St. Peter's Methodist Church, formerly Jubilee
church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1878 - 1985

This society had its origins in the Bible Christian congregation which met in Manor Street, Old Brompton, Gillingham about 1815. In about 1820/1821 they built their own church in Park Road, New Brompton (now Marlborough Road), also known as Bethesda Church, and worshipped there until 1887. This church was sold in that year, the year of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, and the society moved to new premises in Trafalgar Road, Gillingham, known as Jubilee church.

The Society became United Methodist in 1907 and Methodist church in 1932. In c.1964 the premises were rebuilt and renamed St. Peter's Methodist church

- 2/B1 St. Peter's Methodist Church, formerly Jubilee Church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1878 - 1985
- 2/B1/1 Society and Trustees 1882 - 1967
- 2/B1/1/1 Trustees' Meetings minute book 1930 - 1966
[See (2/B1/1/2) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.100p.
- 2/B1/1/2 Loose items removed from (2/B1/1/1) 1966
comprising list of names and addresses of trustees appointed on 8 August (2/B1/1/2/3) and letters received from users of the premises January (2/B1/1/2/1-2)
1 bundle/3pp.
- 2/B1/1/3 Trustees' Secretary's account book 1891 - 1896
Inc. index to contents at rear
[Mutilated]
1 vol./c.50pp.
- 2/B1/1/4 Trust account book 1912 - 1944
[See (2/B1/1/5) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./382pp.
- 2/B1/1/5 Loose items removed from (2/B1/1/4) 1928 - 1941
comprising Collector's lists, receipts, statements and note from Plewis family of 84, Priestfield Road, Gillingham [to Trustees?] expressing gratitude for condolences and flowers proffered in their bereavement December 1941 (2/B1/1/5/8)
1 bundle/9 items
- 2/B1/1/6 Trustees' account book 1945 - 1965
Inc. annual summaries at rear
1 vol./c.80pp.

3/B1	<u>St. Peter's Methodist Church, formerly Jubilee Church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1878 - 1985 Contd.</u>	
2/B1/1/7	Loose trust accounts relating to repayments of loans 1922 - 1945 (2/B1/1/7/1-7) and estimates for alterations and repairs, etc. 1948 - 1955 (2/B1/1/7/8-17) 1 bundle/17pp.	1922, 1942 -1955
2/B1/1/8	Society account book 1 vol./20ff. used	1906 - 1910
2/B1/1/9	Society account book [See (2/B1/1/10) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./171ff.	1909 - 1944
2/B1/1/10	Loose items removed from (2/B1/1/9) comprising Society and Trust annual balance sheets 1 bundle/3pp.	1931 - 1932
2/B1/1/11	Society account book 1 vol./46pp.	1945 - 1954
2/B1/1/12	Society or Financial Elders' cash book 1 vol./60pp. used	1902 - 1907
2/B1/1/13	Sunday collection journal 1 vol./c.20pp. used	1937 - 1940
2/B1/1/14	Book containing record of Sunday collections via envelope system 1 vol./c.80pp.	1933 - 1948
2/B1/1/15	Book containing record of Sunday collections via envelope system 1 vol./c.60pp.	1948 - 1963

- 2/B1 St. Peter's Methodist Church, formerly Jubilee Church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1878 - 1985 contd.
- 2/B1/1/16 Society Steward's account book and collection journal 1955 - 1963
1 vol./35ff.
- 2/B1/1/17 Chapel Steward's diary 1966
1 vol./c.60pp.
- 2/B1/1/18 Chapel Steward's diary 1967
1 vol./120pp.
- 2/B1/1/19 Book of counterfoils of baptism certificates 1935 - 1943
1 vol./c20pp.
- 2/B1/1/20 New church building account book, 1882 - 1890
comprising three small volumes glued cover-to-cover.
Inc. partial index to contents to front
Inc. inventory of preacher's residence, 50, Park Terrace, New Brompton at December 1882, arranged by room
[See (2/B1/1/21) for removed enclosures]
1 vol.(but see above)/c.200pp.
- 2/B1/1/21 Loose items removed from 2/B1/1/20) 1888 - 1890
comprising receipted bills from the Rochester Chatham and Strood Gas Light Co. to Bible Christian Mission or chapel and notes
Inc. similar receipt for Bethesda chapel 1888 (2/B1/1/21/9) [See also (2/Bd)]
1 bundle/10pp.

- 2/B1 St. Peter's Methodist Church, formerly Jubilee Church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1878 - 1985 contd.
- 2/B1/1/22 Alteration to Church premises c.1961 -
c.1963
Papers relating to the proposed partial demolition, alteration and adaptation of premises into a church centre, comprising provisional and final plans (2/B1/1/22/1-2), architects impressions of interior rooms, viz the small hall[?] (2/B1/1/22/3-4), lounge and bar areas (2/B1/1/22/5-6) and foyer (2/B1/1/22/7) (2/B1/1/22/7)
1 bundle/50 items
- 2/B1/1/23 St. Peter's (formerly Jubilee) Church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham
Correspondence, plans, drawings, accounts, estimates, specifications etc. for a new church and community or youth centre scheme initially for rebuilding, later for partial rebuilding and modification of premises 1962 - 1966
1 folder/193 items
- 2/B1/2 Leaders' Meeting 1878 - 1979
- 2/B1/2/1 Leaders' or Elders' Meeting minute book 1878 - 1886
1 vol./c.50pp.
- 2/B1/2/2 Elders' and Society Meetings minute book 1886 - 1898
1 vol./c.60pp.
- 2/B1/2/3 Leaders' Meeting minute book 1925 - 1933
Inc. register of attendances at rear
1 vol./c.100pp.
- 2/B1/2/4 Leaders' Meeting minute book 1934 - 1952
[See (2/B1/2/5) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.120pp.

- 2/B1/1/23 St. Peter's (formerly Jubilee) church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1962 - 1966 contd.
- 2/B1/2/5 Loose items removed from (2/B1/2/4) 1944 - 1953
comprising letters received, notes, draft minutes and balance sheet (1951)
Inc. name and address of R.A.F. Leading Aircraft Man stationed in Sudan 1944 (2/B1/2/5/1)
1 bundle/8 items
- 2/B1/2/6 Leaders' Meeting minute book 1952 - 1959
[See (2/B1/2/7) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.60pp.
- 2/B1/2/7 Loose items removed from (2/B1/2/6) chiefly 1953 - 1959
comprising minutes, correspondence and financial statements
Inc. Constitution of Jubilee Methodist Youth Club (2/B1/2/7/19) 1953 - 1959
1 bundle/21pp.
- 2/B1/2/8 Ring binder containing minutes of Leaders' Meetings 1959 - 1963 and Society Meetings 1960 - 1962 1959 - 1963
c.30pp.
- 2/B1/2/9 Leaders' Meetings minutes 1963 - 1966
[See removed enclosures (2/B1/2/10)]
1 ring binder/c. 50pp.
- 2/B1/2/10 Loose items removed from (2/B1/2/9) 1974 - 1979
comprising marriage certificate counterfoil book issued 1974 - 1975 and Circuit and Society notices c.1979
1 bundle/3 items
- 2/B1/4 Minister 1937 - 1985
- 2/B1/4/1 Pulpit notices 1937 - 1940
[See (2/B1/4/2) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.130pp.

- 2/B1/1/23 St. Peter's (formerly Jubile) Church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1962 - 1966 contd.
- 2/B1/4/2 Notes removed from (2/B1/4/1) 1937
2pp.
- 2/B1/4/3 Pulpit notices book 1940 - 1946
[See (2/B1/4/4) for removed enclosure]
1 vol./c.120pp.
- 2/B1/4/4 Pulpit notices book 1946 - 1951
[See (2/B1/4/5) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.120pp.
- 2/B1/4/5 Loose items removed from (2/B1/4/4) c.1946 -
comprising Circuit Steward's circulars, c.1951
including printed notice for self-denial week
1951 (2/B1/4/5/4) programme for musical concert
Lock Street schoolroom, Gillingham 1951
(2/B1/4/5/5) and notice for youth club film
show at Byron Road Methodist Church, Gillingham
c.1946 - c.1951 (2/B1/4/5/14)
1 bundle/18 items
- 2/B1/4/6 Pulpit notices 1951 - 1953
[See (2/B1/4/7) for removed enclosures]
1 vol /c.70pp.
- 2/B1/4/7 Loose items removed from (2/B1/4/6) early
comprising printed flyer advertising musical 1950's
concert at Eastcourt Methodist church, 1953
(2/B1/4/7/1), stencil advertising talk by
Rev. Canon D.R. Vicary on the consecration of
The Queen, Medway Council of Churches c.1953, (2/B1/4/7/3)
1 bundle/3 items
- 2/B1/4/8 Pulpit notices 1953 - 1957
1 vol./c.150pp.

- 2/B1/1/23 St. Peter's (formerly Jubilee) church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1962 - 1966 contd.
- 2/B1/4/9 Pulpit notices book 1957 - 1961
1 vol./c.150pp.
- 2/B1/4/10 Pulpit notices book 1961 - 1963
[See (2/B1/4/11) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.150pp.
- 2/B1/4/11 Loose items removed from (2/B1/4/10) comprising printed leaflet "A personal message to Society Stewards from the President of the Conference" 1953 (2/B1/4/11/1) and balance sheet March 1963 Quarterly Meeting, Medway Towns Circuit (2/B1/4/11/2)
1 bundle/2 items
- 2/B1/4/12 Weekly church notices 1983 - 1985
1 bundle/c.30pp.
- 2/B1/5 Sunday School 1888 - 1963
- 2/B1/5/1 Sunday School teachers' meetings minute book 1930 - 1955
business includes discussion of provision of Sunday School air raid shelter Nov. 1939
1 vol./c.150pp.
- 2/B1/5/2 Account book for building of Sunday School premises. A note at the rear states the final cost as £408.10.5½d. 1888 - 1889
- 2/B1/5/3 Sunday School receipted bills from local traders, etc. chiefly for stationery and transport to outings 1926 - 1932
c.150pp.
- 2/B1/5/4 Volume containing record of Sunday School collections, arranged by special services and boys and girls 1914 - 1931
See also (2/B1/5/5) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.100ff.

- 2/B1/1/23 St. Peter's (formerly Jubilee) church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1962 - 1966 Contd.
- 2/B1/5/5 Loose items removed from (2/B1/5/4) 1932
comprising printed leaflet advertising Great Young People's Peace Demonstration at Gillingham Park, held under the auspices of the League of Nations Union (2/B1/5/5/1) and correspondence concerning a bereavement in the Hales family of 107, Rock Avenue, Gillingham (2/B1/5/5/2-3) and other notes
5pp.
- 2/B1/5/6 Sunday School record book containing dates 1930
of engagement of teachers and class lists together with notes of collections and accounts
[See also (2/B1/5/7) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./26pp.
- 2/B1/5/7 Loose items removed from (2/B1/5/6) 1930
comprising list of names and addresses of individuals (2/B1/5/7/1), pupil statistics (2/B1/5/7/2-3) accounts (2/B1/5/7/4) and letters to a Mr. Southern concerning help rendered by the Sunday School in a "Sale of Work" (2/B1/5/7/5-6)
1 bundle/15pp.
- 2/B1/5/8 Sunday School primary dept. and attendance 1931
register
[Sunday School primary dept. record and attendance register
[See also (2/B1/5/9) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./46pp.
- 2/B1/5/9 Loose items removed from (2/B1/5/8) 1931 - 1932
comprising printed lessons list (2/B1/5/9/1) and MS lists of names and sums allocated
4pp.
- 2/B1/5/10 Sunday School Primary Dept. Record and 1932
attendance register
1 vol./46pp.

- 2/B1/1/23 St. Peter's (formerly Jubilee) church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1962 - 1966 Contd.
- 2/B1/5/11 Sunday School Register, Primary Dept. c.1930 - 1933
1 vol./46pp.
- 2/B1/5/12 Sunday School treasurer's book 1956 - 1963
1 vol./ c.50pp.
- 2/B1/5/13 Bundle of Sunday School intermediate registers 1960 - 1962
[See (2/B1/5/14) for removed enclosures]
19 vols./22pp. each
- 2/B1/5/14 Loose items removed from (2/B1/5/13) as follows: 1960 - 1962
- | <u>Loose items</u> | <u>Registers</u> |
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| 2/B1/5/14/1-2 | 2/B1/5/13/1 |
| 2/B1/5/14/3 | 2/B1/5/13/5 |
| 2/B1/5/14/4 | 2/B1/5/13/6 |
| 2/B1/5/14/5-9 | 2/B1/5/13/10 |
| 2/B1/5/14/10 | 2/B1/5/13/12 |
| 2/B1/5/14/11 | 2/B1/5/13/15 |
- Inc. hand written, coloured quotation from Acts 10, 36 (2/B1/5/14/10)
1 bundle
- 2/B1/6 Affiliated Organisations 1917 - 1973
- 2/B1/6 Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1917 - 1929
- 2/B1/6/1 Christian Endeavour Society Secretary's Book, containing meeting minutes and attendance records 1920 - 1926
[See (2/B1/6/2) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./78pp. used

- 2/B1/1/23 St. Peter's (formerly Jubilee) church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1962 - 1966 Contd.
- 2/B1/6/2 Loose items removed from (2/B1/6/1) 1919 - 1929
comprising draft reports by the secretary 1919 - 1925 (2/B1/6/2/1-25) and printed matter comprising Boy Scouts Assoc. recruiting leaflet 1929 (2/B1/6/2/26), ticket for organ recital by Mrs. A.F. Deighton at Jubilee United Methodist Church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1925 (2/B1/6/2/27) and Active Members Pledge forms c.1920's (2/B1/6/2/28-30)
1 bundle/30 items
- 2/B1/6/3 Christian Endeavour Society secretary's 1917 - 1922
notebook, chiefly containing people's names and date headings, but also noting various activities, outings and accounts
1 vol./c.60pp.
- 2/B1/6/4 Christian Endeavour Society secretary's 1922 - 1926
notebook inscribed by E.A. Trevithick, contents as (2/B1/6/3)
1 vol./c.60pp.
- 2/B1/6 Ladies Sunshine Hour c.1941 - 1973
- 2/B1/6/5 Minute book of Ladies Sunshine Hour, 1944 - 1971
including membership lists
[See (2/B1/6/6) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.80pp.
- 2/B1/6/6 Loose items removed from (2/B1/6/5) 1951 - 1973
comprising annual reports, minutes and agenda of meetings and blank Methodist Missionary Society remittance form, 1973 (2/B1/6/6/11)
1 bundle/11pp.
- 2/B1/6/7 Notes concerning cancellation of "The 1941 - 1945
Sunshine Hour" in view of expected end to the war. Found at May-June 1941
1p.

- 2/B1/1/23 St. Peter's (formerly Jubilee) church, Trafalgar Street, Gillingham 1962 - 1966 Contd.
- 2/B1/6 Bazaar Committee 1957 - 1961
- 2/B1/6/8 Bazaar Committee minute book 1957 - 1961
[See (2/B1/6/9) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.10pp. used
- 2/B1/6/9 Loose items removed from (2/B1/6/8) 1957 & 1959
comprising statement of account for takings and expenses
1 bundle/2pp.
- 2/B1/6/10 Notebook containing draft agenda, minutes, drawings and letter to the Mayor of Gillingham concerning Bazaar Committee business c.1959
[See (2/B1/6/11) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.50pp.
- 2/B1/6/11 Loose items removed from (2/B1/6/10) 1956 - 1961
relating to bazaars and functions
comprising notes, correspondence diagrams, accounts, circulars, service sheets and newscuttings
Inc. letter from secretary of Mayor of Gillingham accepting invitation to bazaar 1959
1 bundle/70 items
- 2/B1/6 St. Peter's Church Youth Council 1962 - 1966
- 2/B1/6/12 Minute book of St. Peter's Church Youth Council 1963 - 1963
[See (2/B1/6/13) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./10pp. used
- 2/B1/6/13 Loose items removed from (2/B1/6/12) 1962 - 1966
comprising minutes 16 May 1962, agenda 1963 - 1965, local youth reports to Circuit Youth Secretary 1963 - 1966 and subscription circulars from Medway Methodist Youth Council to local Youth Treasurer, c.1960's
1 bundle/12pp.

2/Bm	<u>Ivy Street Church, Rainham, Gillingham 1866 - 1973</u>	
	This congregation began as United Methodist Free Church after 1837, became United Methodist Church in 1907 and Methodist in 1932	
2/Bm/1	Society and Trustees	1866 - 1973
2/Bm/1/1	Trustees' minute book <u>Inc.</u> at rear details of Renovation Fund 1 vol./c.40pp.	1924 - 1952 1925
2/Bm/1/2	Trustees' minute book <u>Inc.</u> retrospective historical notes on the society made down to c. 1953 [See 9(2/Bm/1/3) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.10pp. used	1888 - 1912 [1953]
2/Bm/1/3	Loose items removed from (2/Bm/1/2) comprising minutes 28 April 1924 and correspondence between Mrs. E. Wilkins of 11, Tufton Road, Rainham and Ron Baldwin of 36, Stuart Road, Gillingham concerning a book about the Ivy Street Chapel, 1972 - 1973 (2/Bm/1/3/2-3) 1 bundle/3pp.	1924 - 1973
2/Bm/1/4	Trustees' account book 1 vol./c.100pp.	1899 - 1953
2/Bm/1/5	Loose accounts of the Trustees comprising receipts. An accompanying note by Ron Baldwin ascribes the enclosing book cover to C.W. Wilkins Ltd. of 77, Station Road, Rainham, ironmongers 1 bundle/c.40 items	1952 - 1953
2/Bm/1/6	Baptism register [See (2/Bm/1/7) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.20pp.	1866 - 1892

2/Bm	<u>Ivy Street Church, Rainham, Gillingham 1866 - 1973</u> <u>Contd.</u>	
2/Bm/1/7	Loose baptism certificates removed from (2/Bm/1/6) duplicating entries in the register 1 bundle/11 items	1868 - 1892
2/Bm/1/8	Baptism register [See (2/Bm/1/9) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.20pp.	1892 - 1945
2/Bm/1/9	Loose certificates removed from (2/Bm/1/8) for Winifred Kidney bapt. 6 April 1892, Annie Eva Packer bapt. 5 Nov. 1893 and Allan James Foster bapt. 7 Oct. 1945 1 bundle/3 items	1892 - 1945
2/Bm/1/10	Society account book 1 vol./c.12pp. used	1948 - 1953
2/Bm/2	Leaders' Meeting	1948 - 1952
2/Bm/2/1	Class Register 1 vol./c30pp. used	1948 - 1952
2/Bm/4	Minister	1868 - 1945
2/Bm/4/1	Sunday notice book 1 vol./c.80pp.	1933 - 1945
2/Bm/4/2	Printed book entitled <u>Book of Services for the the Use of the United Methodist Free Churches</u> Inscribed inside front cover "Frindsbury Free Methodist chapel" 1868 1 vol./c.100pp.	c.1868

- 2/Bm Ivy Street church, Rainham, Gillingham 1866 - 1973
Contd. M5
- 2/Bm/5 Sunday School 1934 - 1948
- 2/Bm/5/1 Sunday School account book 1934 - 1940,
[mutilated] 1946 - 1948
1 vol./c.20pp.
- 2/Bn Lower Rainham or Station Road Chapel Rainham,
Gillingham 1853 - 1962
- This congregation began as Bible Christian, became
United Methodist in 1907 and Methodist in 1932.
- 2/Bn/1 Society and Trustees 1853 - 1962
- 2/Bn/1/1 Trustees' Minute Book 1928 - 1962
Inc. Schedule of Trust Deeds 1841 - 1927
at front
[See (2/Bn/1/2) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.30pp. used
- 2/Bn/1/2 Loose letters to E. Kemp of Rainham, A.L.
Sullivan of Wigmore and Rev. T.E. Deakin of
179, New Road, Gillingham from solicitors
and others concerning Trust documents 1927
(2/Bn/1/2/1) and accounts 1962
[Removed from (2/Bn/1/1)]
1 bundle/8 items
- 2/Bn/1/3 Trustees' account book 1899 - 1944
[See (2/Bn/1/4) for removed enclosures
1 vol./107pp.
- 2/Bn/1/4 Loose items removed from (2/Bn/1/3)
comprising receipts, bills and insurance
policies 1900 - 1950
Inc. printed notice inviting attendance at
Jubilee celebration services 1900 - 1950
8½" x 5½"
1 bundle/c.40 items

C	<u>Sittingbourne Area 1854 - 1972</u>	
2/Ca	<u>Ebenezer Chapel (Lower) Halstow, Sittingbourne</u> <u>1854 - 1966</u>	
	This congregation was Bible Christian by 1854, became United Methodist Church in 1907 and Methodist Church in 1932	
2/Ca/1	Society and Trustees	1854 - 1961
2/Ca/1/1	Chapel Steward's account book Comprises accounts for various chapel loans 1854 - 1865 and seat rents 1857 - 1861 <u>Inc.</u> note at back on purchase of the chapel by the Trustees 1 vol./c.20pp.	1854 - 1861
2/Ca/1/2	Baptism register 1 vol./c.8pp.	1916 - 1924
2/Ca/4	Minister	1963 - 1966
2/Ca/4/1	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.60pp.	1963 - 1966
2/Cb	<u>Sheerness Bible Christian Church, Isle of Sheppey</u> <u>1854 - 1872</u>	
2/Cb/2	Elders' Meeting	1854 - 1872
2/Cb/2/1	Elders' Meeting minute book <u>Inc.</u> Society Meeting minutes at rear 1854 - 1862 [See (2/Cb/2/2) for removed enclosure] 1 vol./c.60pp.	1854 - 1972
2/Cb/2/2	Printed flysheet advertising <u>The Subject Testament</u> by William Foster FSAA, removed from (2/Cb/2/1)	c.1854 - c.1872
	1p.	

D Rochester and Area 1768 - 19862/Da First Rochester Wesleyan Chapel, High Street,
Rochester 1770 - 1811

The earliest chapel stood opposite the end of Five Bells Lane in Rochester High Street. It was opened in 1770 by John Wesley and was eventually sold to a Mr. Elliott for £1050 c.1810. In that year the congregation removed to new premises known as Bethel Chapel (2/Db) on St. Margaret's Banks, High Street, Rochester, just opposite their first premises

2/Da/1 Society and Trustees 1770 - 1811

2/Da/1/1 Trustees' and Society account book 1770 - 1811

N.B. this volume is labelled Brompton Chaple[sic] on the covers.

(Inc. accounts of subscriptions received for, and money spent on building of, the chapel at Brompton 1788 - 1789, in middle portion of volume.) [See (2/Bh)]

Inc. accounts for the building of the Wesleyan Chapel opposite 5 Bells Lane in Rochester High Street, together with memoranda and subscriptions 1770, at front.

Inc. purchase of chapel burial ground for £35, 6 February 1770

Inc. The Sacrament administered by John Wesley 16 December 1774, 28 Nov. 1777, 5 Nov. 1778, 3 Dec. 1779, 9 Jan., 24 Nov. & 7 Dec. 1780, 12 Dec. 1782, 17 Dec. 1784 and 23 Feb. 1786

Inc. reference to pews installed on Wesley's instructions Jan. 1778 and Wesley's gift of books 2 July 1778

Inc. Black Cloth for pulpit in mourning for Wesley 4 June 1791

1 vol./c.80pp.

2/Db Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street,
Rochester 1768 - 1957

This chapel was acquired in 1810 and replaced the chapel which had stood opposite since 1770. It was on the Wesleyan Methodist Rochester circuit until the inauguration at the Methodist Church nationally in 1932, when the Medway Towns Circuit acquired jurisdiction. In about 1945 however, the chapel transferred to the Chatham Central Hall Circuit, in which it remained until its sale in the 1950's. For further records of Bethel Chapel see (2/Dc/7/1) and (2/Bh/1/7)

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| 2/Db/1 | Society & Trustees | 1768 - 1957 |
| 2/Db/1/1 | Trustees' Minute Book
1 vol./c.50pp. | [1803]
1804 - 1855 |
| 2/Db/1/2 | Trustees' Minute Book
<u>Inc.</u> inventory of chapel possessions 1886 at
at rear
<u>Inc.</u> Choir Committee Minutes 1887 - 1890
also at rear
1 vol./c.40pp. | 1885 - 1894 |
| 2/Db/1/3 | Trustees' Minute Book
<u>Inc.</u> list of Trustees' names and addresses
at front
[See (2/Db/1/4) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.100pp. | 1895 - 1927 |
| 2/Db/1/4 | Loose items removed from (2/Db/1/3)
comprising printed leaflet on dry rot in
chapels and schools issued by the Wesleyan [?]
General Chapel Committee 1923 (2/Db/1/4/1),
estimates for repairing the church 1927
(2/Db/1/4/2-3), loose accounts 1928 - 1929
(2/Db/1/4/9), newscuttings on Bethel Church's
Centenary (2/Db/1/4/10) and blank collection
envelope (2/Db/1/4/11)
1 bundle/11 items | c.1923 - 1929 |

- 2/Db Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street,
Rochester 1768 - 1957 Contd.
- 2/Db/1/5 Trustees' Minute book 1928 - 1948
[See also (2/Db/1/6) for removed enclosure]
1 vol./c.90pp.
- 2/Db/1/6 Timetable and table of fares of Paris. Lyons
and Mediteranean Railway for Winter 1907 -
1908, removed from (2/Db/1/5) c.1907
1 item
- 2/Db/1/7 Loose Annual Trustees Meeting minutes 1949 - 1957
1949 - 1956 with shorthand notes, compliment
slip of Manager, Midland Bank, 70, High
Street, Rochester, Income Tax papers and
letter from Joint Liquidators of Chatham
and District Water Co. (1957) 1949 - 1957
1 bundle/14pp.
- 2/Db/1/8 Loose Trust accounts comprising receipts 1921 - 1940
for payments made by officers of Bethel Chapel
1 bundle/5pp.
- 2/Db/1/9 Trustees' treasurer's account book 1928 - 1948
1 vol./c.100pp.
- 2/Db/1 [For account book 1948 - 1955 see (2/Bh/1/7)]
- 2/Db/1/10 Steward's Account Book 1824 - 1851
Inc. list of preachers 1768 - 1851 at rear
[retrospective]
[See also (2/Db/1/19) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.100pp.
- 2/Db/1/11 Society account book 1788 - 1823
1 vol./c.100pp.

- 2/Db Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street,
Rochester 1768 - 1957 Contd.
- 2/Db/1/12 Society account book c.1831 - 1927
Inc.: pasted in sheets at front detailing
 pew rents in 1831, details of collections
 on anniversaries since the opening of the
 chapel (also noting preachers' names)
 1810 - 1857, accounts of the building of the
 chapel and preacher's house (1810 - 1812)
 1810 - 1855 and a plan of the chapel land,
 originally two estates, lying between New
 Road and St. Margaret's Banks (High Street),
 Rochester drawn in 1831
 N.B. some entries are retrospective
 [See also (2/Db/1/13) for removed enclosures]
 1 vol./c.140pp.
- 2/Db/1/13 Loose items removed from (2/Db/1/12) 1910
 comprising letters concerning financial
 matters from T.J. Church and Lilian H. Meyer
 of 29 John Street, Rochester executors of
 Thomas Huggins 7 March (2/Db/1/13/1) & E.T.
 Wetherill of 308 The Banks, High Street,
 Rochester, Extractor and Adaptor [dentist ?]
 to John T. Lyddon [officer of Bethel
 Society]
 1 bundle/2pp.
- 2/Db/1/14 Baptism register containing in first 1796 - 1856
 portion copy of two original letters
 transmitted to the Registrar General in 1837
 but with two additional baptisms 1844 - 1845
 and in second portion current baptisms
 1839 - 1856. Latter portion begins with an
 inserted printed copy of a Bill for the
Registration of Births (2 Will. N. Sess.
 1831 - 1832) 5 March 1832
 [See also (2/Db/1/15) for removed enclosure]
 1 vol./c.200pp.
- 2/Db/1/15 Note removed from (2/Db/1/14) concerning c.1846 - 1848
 alleged baptisms of Edith Mary Gillham born
 1846 and Joshua Robert Gillham born 1847[?],
 both born in Chatham
 1p.

- 2/Db Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street
Rochester 1768 - 1957 Contd.
- 2/Db/1/16 Burial register comprising firstly grave register with names of interred, secondly burial register and thirdly at rear register of family graves 1811 - 1879
- Inc. graveyard plan attached to frontispiece, also containing memorandum to effect that building of the church began in June 1810 and that it opened for worship Dec. 1810
- Inc. memoranda on verso of frontispiece concerning filling and covering up of two wells in the graveyard 1816
- 1 vol./c.25pp. used
- 2/Db/1/17 Volume containing sections describing the building and costs of the chapels in Rochester, Brompton, Gravesend, Gillingham and Frindsbury 1770 - 1813 (p.1.); listing subscribers to the building of Bethel Chapel Rochester (pp.2-4); listing [travelling] preachers 1768 - 1864 (pp.5-17) and a register of members of the societies of Bethel Chapel, Ordnance Place, Chatham and salem, providing date of admission, name, marital status, occupation, residence, name of leader and nature of withdrawal 1784 - c.1834 (pp. 25 - 99)
With alphabetical list of above members by initial of surname only, giving page ref. (pp.217 et seq.)
[N.B. this volume was written retrospectively and with additions]
- 1 vol./c.120pp. 1768 - 1864
- 2/Db/1/18 Notebook concerning inventory of artifacts and books contained in a book case given by Robert Streten to the Trustees of Bethel Chapel c.1900
- Inc. newscutting at front explaining the handover of the bookcase
- 1 vol./3pp. used

- 2/Db Bethel Chapel, St.Margaret's Banks, High Street,
Rochester 1768 - 1957 Contd.
- 2/Db/1/19 Correspondence between John Osborn of Rochester [?], [J?] Moore of Maidstone, surveyor and others [unknown] concerning the financial affairs and house of Rev. J.P. Mann of Rochester [incomplete and mutilated], with a docket bearing accounts of Hoo Class money and absentee tickets 1854 & c.1854
[Removed from (2/Db/1/10)]
1 bundle/3 items
- 2/Db/2 Leaders' Meeting 1831 - 1906
- 2/Db/2/1 Class Leaders' minute book 1845 - 1852 (at rear) also containing Class Leaders' accounts 1831 - - 1852 (at front) 1831 - 1861
Inc. memoranda recording purchasing communion service by subscription 1845 (rear) etc.
Inc. entries of three baptisms, one of which is not recorded in the baptism register for the same date (1857) (2/D/1/14), that of Thomas Frederick, son of Thomas and Emily Landen [or Sanden]
N.B. the cover is labelled to effect that volume is a baptism register
1 vol./c.40pp.
- 2/Db/2/2 Leaders' Meeting minute book 1879 - 1906
[See (2/Db/2/3) for removed enclosures
2 vol./c.100pp.
- 2/Db/2/3 Loose items removed from (2/Db/2/2) 1903, 1906
comprising letter from Apsley Kennette of the Guildhall, Rochester, Town Clerk of Rochester to W.J. Rogers of 4, St. Bartholomew's Terrace, Rochester concerning the opening hours of Eastgate House Museum clashing with Divine Service, 28 August 1903 (2/Db/2/3/1) and draft minutes 10 Jan. 1906 (2/Db/2/3/2)
1 bundle/2pp.

- 2/Db Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street,
Rochester 1768 - 1957 Contd.
- 2/Db/5 Sunday School 1857 - 1939
- 2/Db/5/1 Printed book entitled: before
History of Ancient and Modern Jerusalem by 1857
J. Kitto LL.D.
Inscribed at front to effect that this item
was prize to Sarah Ferminger "for good conduct
& regular attendance in the Morning and
Afternoon" 28 June 1857, at Bethel Sabbath
Schools
1 vol./192pp.
- 2/Db/5/2 Wesleyan Sunday School treasurer's book 1894 - 1939
Inc. Treats accounts at rear 1912 - 1930
1 vol./c.80pp.
- 2/Db/6 Mission Band 1885 - 1894
- 2/Db/6/1 Mission Band combined minute and account 1885 - 1893
book comprising minutes 1885 - 1893 [1894] [1894]
and accounts 1885 - 1888
[See (2/Db/6/2) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.60pp.
- 2/Db/6/2 Loose items removed from (2/Db/6/1) 1894
comprising minutes (2/Db/6/2/1) and
subscription list and balance sheet for
purchase of harmonium (2/Db/6/2/2)
1 bundle/2 items
- 2/Db/7 Church in the Community 1774 - 1951
- 2/Db/7/1 Printed book entitled:
The Book of Common Prayer
Labelled on front cover Eliz[abet]h Clarke 1783
and inscribed inside at front Elizabeth
Groombridge 1816.
[The latter was mother of W. Church whose family
were members of the Bethel congregation. Both
ladies may have been related]
1 vol.

- 2/Db/ Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street,
Rochester 1768 - 1957 Contd.
- 2/Db/7/2 Printed book entitled Pleasing Instructor c.1842
containing moral adages and axioms for the
young, anon
Inscribed at front "W[illia]m Church 1842"
1 vol./284pp. 2½" x 1½" x ½"
- 2/Db/7/3 Printed book entitled: The Union Tune after 1842
Book: A selection of tunes and chants
suitable for use in congregations and Sunday
Schools
Arranged by T. Clark and J.I. Cobbin
Front cover inscribed: William Church
1 vol./c.150pp.
- 2/Db/7/4 Book of music MSS inscribed at front c.1847
William Church February 1847 containing title
pieces of music with contents pages at front
1 vol./c.80pp.
- 2/Db/7/5 Printed book entitled A Collection of Hymns c.1854
by John Wesley
Inscribed on front inside cover "Master Davey"
[?] Furminger/his book given/to him/by/his
sister[?]/March 12 1854
1 vol./452pp. 3" x 2½" x ½"
- 2/Db/7/6 B & W photograph of interior of Bethel 1951
Wesleyan Chapel, Rochester looking from upper
level or gallery at rear down onto pulpit,
balustrade and organ. Historical notes
typed on rear
Photographer W. Glanville Mason 6" x 4"
- 2/Db/7/7 Photograph album containing studio portraits Late 19th
and visiting cards of individuals or groups, Century
presumed to be Wesleyan ministers and laity.
Inc. one print (2/Db/7/7/28). Most subjects are
unidentified and few dates are given.
Several subjects appear more than once.
[Contents as follows: (2/Db/7/8-36)]

2/Db Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street,
Rochester 1768 - 1957 Contd.

2/Db/7/8 W.H. Jackson Picken

Three quarter length view of bearded middle-aged man sitting, dressed in clerical garb and looking to left of camera. His left elbow is supported on a stone balustrade

Studio: Stuart Lancaster & Son, Chatham Intra, Rochester, and 32, High Street, Blue Town, Sheerness

Studio portrait

2/Db/7/9 Unidentified

Head and shoulders portrait of middle-aged bearded man dressed in clerical garb and wearing pinze-nez and looking at camera

Studio: Lambert, Weston & Son, Folkestone

Studio portrait

2/Db/7/10 Uncaptioned

Oval head and shoulders portrait of moustached young man in clerical garb looking to left of camera

Studio: Alfred Honey, Military Road, Chatham and 25, High Street, New Brompton

[See also (2/Db/7/33)]

Studio portrait

2/Db/7/11 Unidentified

Group portrait of five young and middle-aged men in clerical garb, the three eldest men sitting in front and and the two youngest standing in second row

Studio: A. Honey, 14, High Street, Chatham, High Street, Rochester and High Street, New Brompton

Studio portrait

- 2/Db Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street,
Rochester 1768 - 1957 contd.
- 2/Db/7/12 Unidentified
Three quarter length portrait of middle-aged bearded man sitting in armchair, looking to right of camera and resting left arm on decorative mantelpiece. He is wearing a frock coat and watch chain etc.
Studio; Hellis & Sons, Head Studios, 211/213, Regent Street, London W.
Visiting card
- 2/Db/7/13 Unidentified
Three quarter length view of young man with long sideburns dressed in clerical garb including frock coat, resting his left arm on arm of settee and looking a camera
Studio: Edward Banes, 96, Eastgate, Rochester and 3, High Street, Brompton
Visiting card
- 2/Db/7/14 Unidentified
Half-length view of middle-aged shovel-bearded man looking to right of camera
Studio: Frank Sands 5, Prospect Row, Old Brompton
Visiting card
- 2/Db/7/15 Unidentified
Head and shoulders view of middle-aged man with large sidebuns looking at camera
Studio: H.G. Gent, St. John's Hill, New Wandsworth, London S.W.
Visiting card
- 2/Db/7/16 D[?] Osborne
Three quarter length view of middle-aged figure sitting at table looking to right of camera
Studio: Appleton & Co., Horton Lane, Bradford, Yorks
Visiting card

- 2/Db Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street,
Rochester 1768 - 1957 Contd.
- 2/Db/7/17 Unidentified
Oval head and shoulders portrait of young man
with beard and moustache
Studio: Alfred Harman & Co., 79, High Street,
Peckham
Visiting card
- 2/Db/7/18 Unidentified
Half length view of young man with moustache and
wearing clerical garb, looking to left of
camera
Studio: A. Honey & Co. 114, High Street,
Chatham, High Street, Rochester and High Street,
New Brompton
Studio portrait
- 2/Db/7/19 "Gypsy" Smith
Head and shoulders portrait of middle-aged man
with moustache and tuft of hair on upper chin,
wearing jacket, white shirt and white neck tie,
and looking at camera
Studio: Bennett Clerk, 74 Darlington Street,
Wolverhampton, Staffs
Studio portrait
- 2/Db/7/20 Unidentified
Three quarter length view of middle-aged man
sitting in chair and looking to left of camera
Studio: T.E. Seed, Weston-Super-Mare,
Somerset
Visiting card
- 2/Db/7/21 Rev. W. Morley Punshon
Oval head and shoulders portrait of middle-aged
man looking to left of camera
Studio: not stated
Visiting card

2/Db Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street,
Rochester 1768 - 1957 Contd.

2/Db/7/22 Unidentified

Three quarter length view of bearded man aged about 40 sitting on table and looking to right of camera

Studio: Edward Banes, 96, Eastgate, Rochester and 3, High Street, Brompton

Visiting card

2/Db/7/23 Unidentified

Oval head and shoulders portrait of bearded middle-aged man looking to right of camera

Studio: W.&.J. Piggott, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

Visiting card

2/Db/7/24 Rev. E.E. Jenkins, President of the Wesleyan Conference

Half length view of ageing man sitting in chair and looking to left of camera

Studio: Not stated

Visiting card

2/Db/7/25 Unidentified

Oval head and shoulders portrait of bearded middle-aged man looking to right of camera

Studio: E. Banes, 3, High Street, Brompton

Visiting card

2/Db/7/26 Group of portraits of Revs. John Fletcher, Jabez Bunting D.D., Robert Newton D.D., John Wesley A.M., Richard Watson, John Mason and Charles Wesley M.A.

From unascribed portraitists

Visiting card size

2/DB Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street,
Rochester 1768 - 1957 Contd.

2/Db/7/27 Unidentified

Three quarter length view of young man sitting in ornately carved chair, resting right arm on table beside pen in stand and looking to left of camera

Studio: Appleton & Co. Horton Lane, Bradford, Yorks

Visiting card

2/Db/7/28 Unidentified

Head and shoulders view of bearded bespectacled young man wearing clerical garb, looking to left of camera

Studio: Jacques Moll, 35, High Street, Chatham

Visiting card

2/Db/7/29 Unidentified

Head and shoulders view of young moustached man wearing clerical garb and looking to left of camera

Studio: Gunn & Stuart, 162, Sloane Street, London S.W. and The Quadrant, Richmond, Surrey

Visiting card

2/Db/7/30 Rev. Charles H. Kelly

Head and shoulders view of ageing man with bushy eyebrows, sideburns, dressed in clerical garb and looking to right of camera

Studio: J.J. & S. Johnson, 33, Church Street, Sheffield, Yorks

Visiting card

2/Db Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street
Rochester 1768 - 1957 Contd.

2/Db/7/31 Unidentified Husband and wife

Group portrait showing three quarter length view of woman standing at left, wearing long dress with dark cuffs and collar, matching waistcoat, collar brooch and cap, resting her left hand on her seated husband's shoulder. The husband is bearded, has an avuncular expression and wears a frock coat. Both are looking to left of camera

Studio: J.J. Eastmead late Banes, Ye Olde Citie Studio, 96, Eastgate, Rochester

Studio portrait

2/Db/7/32 Rev. R. Hall

Three quarter length view of middle-aged bespectacled bearded man dressed in clerical garb sitting in chair and looking to left of camera

Studio: Alfred Honey, Military Road, Chatham & High Street, New Brompton

Studio portrait

2/Db/7/33 Rev. R. Hall

Head and shoulders portrait of middle-aged, bearded and bespectacled man, dressed in clerical garb and looking to left of camera

Studio: [T?] B. Latchmore, Hitchin, Herts

[See also (2/Db/77/10)]

Studio portrait

2/Db/7/34 As (2/Db/7/9)

2/Db/7/35 Rev. Edward Shelton

Three quarter length engraving of middle-aged bearded man sitting in chair, looking to right

Artist not stated

6" x 4½"

- 2/Db Bethel Chapel, St. Margaret's Banks, High Street,
Rochester 1768 - 1957 Contd.
- 2/Db/7/36 Group portrait
Three quarter length view of three young or middle-aged men dressed in clerical garb and looking at camera. The figure at left is leaning against a table and has crossed arms and can be identified with (2/Db/7/18). The central figure stands at rear, has his arms behind his back and can be identified with (2/Db/7/9 and possibly 2/Db/7/8) (W.H. Jackson Picken) and the right hand figure is sitting in a chair and can be identified with the left hand figure in (2/Db/7/11) and the husband in (2/Db/7/31)
Studio: A. Honey & Co., 114 High Street, Chatham, High Street, Rochester and 41, High Street, New Brompton
Studio portrait
- 2/Dc St. Lukes Methodist Church, City Way, Rochester
1880 - 1975
- 2/Dc/1 Society and Trustees 1951 - 1962
- 2/Dc/1/1 Society Meeting minute book 1951 - 1960
[See (2/Dc/2/3) for removed enclosure]
1 vol./c.20pp. used
- 2/Dc/1/2 Copy of drawings of proposed Methodist Church at City Way, Rochester by Derek Buckler & Partners dated 27 July 1962 c.1962
Scale 1/4" : 1" 39" x 26" (DE.118)
- 2/Dc/2 Leaders' Meeting 1951 - 1960
- 2/Dc/2/1 Leaders' Meeting minute book 1951 - 1960
1 vol./c.100pp.

2/De/ Cliffe - at - Hoo Church, Rochester 1906 - 1970
Contd. Contd.

2/De/1/3 Baptism register 1906 - 1970
 1 vol./31pp. used (DE.118)

2/De/5 Sunday School 1923 - 1946

2/De/5/1 Wesleyan Sunday School account book 1923 - 1946
 [See (2/De/5/2) for removed enclosures]
 1 vol./c.80pp. (DE.118)

2/De/5/2 Loose bills removed from (2/De/5/1) c.1935 -
 1 bundle/4 items (DE.118) 1945

Hoo Methodist Church, Bells Lane, Hoo St. Werburgh
1909 - 1986

The first building was erected in Stoke Road, Hoo by Methodist Christians in 1831. The second church and Sunday School were built in 1909. The church was relocated to Bells Lane in 1968.

The Society was Wesleyan Methodist until 1932 when it became Methodist Church

[See also (2/Bb/1/13)]

2/Df/1 The Society and the Trustees 1909 - 1984

2/Df/1/1 Trustees' Minute book 1913 - 1974
 1 vol./c.80pp. (DE.108)

2/Df/1/2 Trustees' minute book 1977 - 1983
 1 vol./c.30pp. used (DE.108)

2/Df/1/3 Building fund cash book 1961 - 1972
 1 vol./c.40pp. (DE.108)

- 2/Df Hoo Methodist church, Bells Lane, Hoo St. Werburgh
1909 - 1986 Contd.
- 2/Df/1/4 Building Fund 1966 - 1984
Loose accounts and correspondence, chiefly with Rev. James H.W. Ingham, minister, concerning planning and building the new church and subsequent additions
Inc. Letter from Ingham to a Mrs. Bean mentioning complaints about the new church, locally 25 Feb. 1969
Inc. newspaper cutting/photograph showing laying of foundation stone by S.H. Samuel and Rev. R. Smith 15 July 1967
Inc. bank paying-in and withdrawal book 1969
1 bundle/.142 items (DE.108)
- 2/Df/1/5 Bills of quantities for combined church and church centre at Bell's Lane, Hoo St. Werburgh April 1966
Stencil booklet
[See (2/Df/1/6) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./92pp.
- 2/Df/1/6 Loose items removed from (2/Df/1/5) 1960's
comprising copies of drawings of proposed buildings by L.S. Sharp of Rainham, architect (1965), printed leaflet for the official opening 1 June 1968 and two blank Methodist Insurance Co. Ltd. policy leaflets
1 bundle/6 items
- 2/Df/1/7 Opening of new Methodist Church, Bells Lane, Hoo St. Werburgh 1 June 1968 1968
Printed items comprising illustrated opening ceremony brochure (2/Df/1/7/1-2) and order of service (2/Df/1/7/3-4)
1 bundle/4 items (DE.108)
- 2/Df/1/8 Cash book 1964 - 1971
1 vol./c.20pp. (DE.108)

2/Df	<u>Hoo Methodist church, Bells Lane, Hoo St. Werburgh</u> <u>1909 - 1986 Contd.</u>	
2/Df/1/9	Cash book 1 vol./c.20pp. (DE.108)	1971 - 1973
2/Df/1/10	Trustees' treasurer's account book 1 vol./c.80pp. (DE.108)	1909 - 1974
2/Df/1/11	Trustees' treasurer's account book [see (2/Df/1/12) for removed enclosure] 1 vol./c.25pp. used (DE.108)	1972 - 1978
2/Df/1/12	Copy letter from A.R. Cleden, 10, Bells Lane, Hoo St. Werburgh, for the treasurer, to a Mr. Singleton, 1, Vidgeon Ave., Hoo St. Werburgh, Hon. Treasurer of Hoo Detachment British Red Cross covering account for hall hire [Removed from (2/Df/1/11)] 1p. (DE.108)	12 Feb. 1979
2/Df/1/13	Loose accounts comprising receipt stubs, receipts, Co-op paying-in book and balance sheets (Various funds) <u>Inc.</u> China Inland Mission receipt 1965 1 bundle/c.50 items (DE.108)	1965 - 1968
2/Df/1/14	Bundle of bank statements 5pp. (DE.108)	1966 - 1967
2/Df/1/15	Loose accounts comprising receipt stubs and receipted bills (church and building fund) 1 bundle/c.40 items (DE.108)	1970 - 1973
2/Df/1/16	Loose accounts comprising cheque book stubs bank statements and receipt stubs c.27 items <u>inc.</u> bundle of statements (DE.108)	1976 - 1980

2/Df	<u>Hoo Methodist church, Bells Lane, Hoo St. Werburgh, Rochester 1909 - 1986 Contd.</u>	
2/Df/1/17	Collection record book, arranged quarterly and by month 1 vol./c.60pp. (DE.108)	1945 - 1965
2/Df/2	Leaders' Meeting	1963 - 1974
2/Df/2/1	Leaders' minute book 1 vol./c.60pp. (DE.108)	1963 - 1974
2/Df/4	The Minister & Local Preachers	1919 - 1984
2/Df/4/1	Printed Circuit plans and directories for Wesleyan Methodist Church Oct. - Dec. 1919, United Methodist church July - Oct. 1922 and the Methodist church July - Sept. 1943, Oct. - Dec. 1956, Jan - March 1957, July - September c.1958 and February - May 1974 1 bundle/7 items (DE.108)	1919 - 1974 (large gaps)
2/Df/4/2	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.70pp. (DE.108)	1945 - 1957
2/Df/4/3	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.60pp. (DE.108)	1957 - 1963
2/Df/4/4	Pulpit notices 1 vol./c.70pp. (DE.108)	1963 - 1967
2/Df/4/5	Pulpit notices book [See (2/Df/4/6) for removed enclosure] 1 vol./c.30pp. used (DE.108)	1967 - 1968
2/Df/4/6	Loose item removed from (2/Df/4/5) comprising list of Church fellowship [?] meetings 1p. (DE.108)	c.1967 -c1968

2/Df	<u>Hoo Methodist Church, Bells Lane, Hoo St. Werburgh</u> <u>Rochester 1909 - 1986 Contd.</u>	
2/Df/4/7	Pulpit notices book [See (2/Df/4/8) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.80pp. (DE.108)	1968 - 1972
2/Df/4/8	Loose items removed from (2/Df/4/7) including papers relating to relief of world poverty c.1969 - c.1970 (2/Df/4/8/1-2) 1 bundle/6 items (DE.108)	c.1969 -c.1972
2/Df/4/9	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.40pp. (DE.108)	1972 - 1973
2/Df/4/10	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.20pp. (DE.108)	1973 - 1975
2/Df/4/11	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.40pp. (DE.108)	1975 - 1977
2/Df/4/12	Pulpit notices book 1 vol. (DE.108)	1977 - 1980
2/Df/4/13	Pulpit notices book [See (2/Df/4/14) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.40pp. (DE.108)	1980 - 1984
2/Df/4/14	Loose items removed from (2/Df/4/13) 1 bundle/2pp. (DE.108)	1983 - 1984
2/Df/5	Sunday School	1934 - 1986
2/Df/5/1	Sunday School minute book 1 vol./c.30pp. (DE.108)	1977 - 1982

- 2/Df Hoo Methodist church, Bells Lane, Hoo St. Werburgh
Rochester 1909 - 1986 Contd.
- 2/Df/5/2 Sunday School minute book 1982 - 1986
1 vol./c.50pp (DE.108)
- 2/Df/5/3 Sunday School attendance register 1934 - 1939
1 vol./c.30pp. (DE.108)
- 2/Df/5/4 Sunday School attendance register 1946 - 1952
1 vol./c.20pp. (DE.108)
- 2/Df/5/5 Sunday School attendance register 1960 - 1966
1 vol./c.30pp. (DE.108)
- 2/Df/5/6 Sunday School attendance register 1966 - 1971
1 vol./c.30pp. (DE.108)
- 2/Df/6 Methodist Missionary Society 1967 - 1971
- 2/Df/6/1 Methodist Missionary Society local church 1967 - 1971
account book
1 vol./2pp. used (DE.108)
- 2/Dg Stoke Methodist Church 1890 - 1940
- Stoke had a Bible Christian church by about 1877,
which in 1907 became United Methodist and finally
Methodist church in 1932
- 2/Dg/1 Society and Trustees 1890 - 1940
- 2/Dg/1/1 Trustees account book 1913 - 1940
Inc. Trustee Meeting Minutes 1916 - 1939
[See 2/Dg/1/2) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.60pp.

- 2/Dg Stoke Methodist Church 1890 - 1940 Contd.
- 2/Dg/1/2 Loose items removed from (2/Dg/1/1) 1939 - 1940
comprising receipts, bills, insurance papers
and alteration or enlargement account, etc.
1 bundle/11 items
- 2/Dg/1/3 Society and Trust account book 1926 - 1940
Inc. memorandum at rear concerning repair
work 1937
[see (2/Dg/1/4) for removed enclosures]
1 vol./c.70pp. used
- 2/Dg/1/4 Loose items removed from from 2/Dg/1/3) 1936 - 1939
comprising loose accounts, mostly receipted
bills and balance sheets
Inc. printed order of service for Remembrance
Sunday 1936
1 bundle/47pp.
- 2/Dg/1/5 Combined baptism marriage and burial 1902 - 1940, 1902 - 1940
register recording burials 1902 - 1940,
baptisms 1902 - 1938 and marriages 1902 -
1937
Inc. list of interments c.1890 - 1901
separately prior to main record
Inc. Record of collections in front and middle
portions of volume 1902 - 1935
Inc. record of noteworthy events in the
church's life 1902 - 1939, mentioning the
drowning, inquest and funeral of Herbert L.
Ayers, 22 June 1905, at rear of volume
[See (2/Dg/1/6) for removed enclosures]
[Mutilated] 1 vol./c.50pp.
- 2/Dg/1/6 Letter from Rev. Harold L. Birch of Westcott 7 March
Dorking, Surrey [to minister of Stoke Methodist [after] 1933
Church] requesting confirmation of baptism of
Diana Brenda Gale 22 October 1933 [removed
from (2/Dg/1/5)]
1p.

2/Dh	<u>Wouldham Methodist Chapel, Rochester 1943 - 1947</u>	
2/Dh/1	Society and Trustees	1943 - 1947
2/Dh/1/1	Trustees' minute book [See (2/Dh/1/2) for removed enclosure] 1 vol./18pp. used (DE.118)	1943 - 1947
2/Dh/1/2	Letter from Dept. of Chapel Affairs, The Methodist Church, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, Lancs. to Trustees of Wouldham Chapel covering official form of consent o sell chapel [not present], removed from (2/Dh/1/1) 1p. (DE.118)	28 May 1947
2/E	<u>Strood 1853 - 1868</u>	
2/Ea	<u>Strood Methodist church, Frindsbury Road, Strood 1853 - 1968</u> This congregation began as Wesleyan. Their last church was built in 1887 by J. Nash, architect and the Wesley Hall was added in 1898. The congregation became Methodist Church in 1932. The building plans for this church are contained in the Rochester City Archives (RCA/TC/BP/536)	
2/Ea/1	Society and Trustees	1853 - 1864
2/Ea/1/1	Trust minute book 1 vol./13pp. used (DE.118)	1853 - 1859
2/Ea/1/2	Trustees' minute book 1860 - 1861 chiefly consisting of accounts comprising donations and contributions 1853 - 1859 [See (2/Ea/1/3) for removed enclosures] 1 vol. (DE.118)	1853 - 1861
2/Ea/1/3	Two loose sheets of accounts removed from (2/Ea/1/2) 1 bundle/2 items (DE.118)	c.1860's
2/Ea/1/4	Trustees' minute book <u>Inc.</u> list of duties of caretaker of church schools at rear [See (2/Ea/1/5) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./c.100pp. (DE.118)	1884 - 1907

E	<u>Strood 1853 - 1968 Contd.</u>	
<u>2/Ea</u>	<u>Strood Methodist Church, Frinsbury Road, Strood</u> <u>1853 - 1968 contd.</u>	
2/Ea/1/5	Loose items removed from (2/Ea/1/4) comprising accounts of contributions 1895 and newscuttings concerning rating of Sunday Schools and Income Tax 1 bundle/3 items (DE.118)	c.1890's
2/Ea/1/6	Collection journal (weekly) 1 vol./c.80pp.	1921 - 1942
2/Ea/1/7	Collection journal (weekly) 1 vol./c.100pp.	1943 - 1964
2/Ea/1/8	Account book (Society) 1 vol./c.30pp. used (DE.123)	1941 - 1949
2/Ea/1/9	Society account book 1 vol./c.50pp. (DE.123)	1933 - 1939
2/Ea/1/10	Account book comprising weekly record of income from envelopes (collections) and loose cash, and items of expenditure <u>inc.</u> Circuit Plans 1 vol./c.80pp. (DE.123)	1954 - 1964
2/Ea/2	Leaders' Meeting	1933 - 1973
2/Ea/2/1	Leaders' Meeting minute book with annual Society meetings 1 vol./c.80pp. (DE.123)	1933 - 1942
2/Ea/2/2	Minute Book of Leaders' Meetings and annual society meetings 1 vol./c.60pp. (DE.123)	1954 - 1966

E	<u>Strood 1853 - 1968 Contd.</u>	
2/Ea	<u>Strood Methodist Church, Frindsbury Road, Strood</u> <u>1853 - 1968 Contd.</u>	
2/Ea/2/3	Loose-leaf ring binder containing at front Leaders' Meeting minutes 1966 - 1973 and at rear annual Society meeting minutes 1964 - 1973 1973 with newsletters and incoming letters 1 binder/c.150pp. (DE.123)	1964 - 1973
2/Ea/4	Minister and Local Preachers	1899 - 1968
2/Ea/4/1	Printed book entitled <u>Order of Administration</u> <u>of the Sacraments and Other Services Etc.</u> [mutilated] 1 vol./158pp.	1899
2/Ea/4/2	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.50pp.	1904 - 1905
2/Ea/4/3	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.100pp.	1907 - 1920
2/Ea/4/4	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.70pp.	1920 - 1921
2/Ea/4/5	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.40pp.	1929 - 1930
2/Ea/4/6	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.70pp.	1933 - 1935
2/Ea/4/7	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.70pp.	1935 - 1936
2/Ea/4/8	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.120pp.	1937 - 1941

E	<u>Strood 1853 - 1968 Contd.</u>	
2/Ea	<u>Strood Methodist Church, Frindsbury Road, Strood</u> <u>1853 - 1968 Contd.</u>	
2/Ea/4/9	Pulpit notices book [See (2/Ea/4/10) for removed enclosure] 1 vol./c.70pp.	1941 - 1942
2/Ea/4/10	Docket removed from (2/Ea/4/9) containing details of meetings and visits 1p.	c.1941 - c.1942
2/Ea/4/11	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.70pp.	1942 - 1944
2/Ea/4/12	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.200pp.	Aug. 1948 - July 1952
2/Ea/4/13	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.100pp.	July 1952 - June 1954
2/Ea/4/14	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.100pp.	June 1954 - June 1956
2/Ea/4/15	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.100pp.	June 1956 - May 1958
2/Ea/4/16	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.100pp.	May 1958 - May 1960
2/Ea/4/17	Pulpit notices book [See (2/Ea/4/18) for removed enclosure] 1 vol./c.100pp.	May 1960 - May 1962

E	<u>Strood 1853 - 1968 Contd.</u>	
2/Ea	<u>Strood Methodist Church, Frindsbury Road, Strood, 1853 - 1968 Contd.</u>	
2/Ea/4/18	Loose paper removed from (2/Ea/4/17) comprising note from R.M. Dean to preacher concerning Children's Group 1p.	c. Jan. - Feb. 1962
2/Ea/4/19	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.100pp.	May 1962 - April 1964
2/Ea/4/20	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.100pp.	Apr. 1964 - Mar. 1966
2/Ea/4/21	Pulpit notices book 1 vol./c.100pp.	Mar 1966 - Mar. 1968
F	<u>Unidentified Societies 1947 - 1951</u>	
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2/Fa/1/1	Cradle Roll 25½" x 19½" (excluding wooden struts)	1947 - 1951
2/Fb	<u>Unidentified Medway Towns society 1930 - 1933</u>	
2/Fb/1	<u>Society</u>	1930 - 1933
2/Fb/1/1	Loose accounts 1 bundle/6 items	1930 - 1933

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 - 2/Bf Nelson Road, (previously at Gillingham 1920 - 1934
Road) Gillingham
 - 2/Bk Garrison, Prospect Row, Old Brompton, Gillingham 1901 - 1948
 - 2/Db Bethel, High Street, Rochester 1904 - 1947

2/Db Wesleyan Methodist, Canterbury Street, Gillingham

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2/Db/1/15	Loose items removed from (2/Db/1/14) comprising memoranda, circulars and forms from the Registrar General, London, and Supt. Registrar, Chatham to ministers of the church, concerning marriage formalities, queries and registration of chapel 1 bundle/14 items	1902 - 1909
2/Bb/1/16	Marriage register [Previously N/MR/ 153a/6/2] 1 vol./25pp.	1910 - 1917
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2/Be/1/29	Marriage register [Previously N/MR 153E/5] 1 vol./10pp.	1955 - 1956
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2/Bf	<u>Central Primitive Methodist Church, New Brompton, Gillingham 1896 - 1935</u> This society worshipped at Gillingham Road until about 1923, when they moved to new premises in Nelson Road. In 1932 they became Methodist church	
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2/De/1/4	Trustees' Minute Book <u>Inc. list of treasurers of Cliffe, Cooling and Hoo chapels [?] c.1970 at front</u> [See (2/De/1/5) for removed enclosures] 1 vol./149pp.	1917 - 1973
2/De/1/5	Loose items removed from (2/De/1/4) comprising notes and loose minutes relating to appointment of Trustees, accounts and winding-up of Trust. 1 bundle/5pp.	c.1940's - 1970's
2/De/1/6	Marriage register 1 vol./25pp.	1972 - 1979
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