

Records of Newbury Methodist Circuit, 1934-1989.
(17 vols, 8 bdls, 8 docs)

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Introduction

The circuit's origins date back to June 1937 when the former Wesleyan Methodists and Primitive Methodists agreed to unite and pool resources. Local preachers had met together from September 1934; Quarterly Meetings were combined from June 1935 and minuted in the same volume, but received separate reports and statistics from the two district sections, Northbrook Street and Bartholomew Street, for a further two years. Likewise, the preaching plans remained as two sections in one publication until September 1937.

The number of chapels in the united circuit declined from 33 to 19, before amalgamation took place with Hungerford circuit in 1971 (thereafter *see* D/MC 13).

Although there are gaps among the circuit plans and directories, minutes, schedules and baptism registers are virtually complete throughout the circuit's existence.

Schedule of accessions

Acc. 1944 : 1A/1-3; 2A/1-2; 5A/1/2; 5A/2, 4; 9/2
(part)

Acc. 2369 : 5A/1/1; 5A/3; 5A/5/1-2
(part)

Acc. 4238 : 1D/1; 2F/1; 4A/1-3; 6A/1; 7A/1-2
(part)

Acc. 4975 : 3D/1-6; 9/3
(part)

Acc. 5123 : 5A/5/3
(part)

Acc. 5172 : 9/1
(part)

Acc. 5413 : 2C/1

Acc. 5653 : 1B/1; 2G/1-2
(part)

Acc. 8070 : 5A/6; 9/4

Summary

Circuit administration

Quarterly Meeting minutes, 1935-1971; Circuit accounts, 1957-1971 (incomplete); Quarterly and Circuit Meeting attendance book, 1969-1976; Finance and General Purposes Committee minutes, 1963-1971; Youth Council minutes, 1954-1989; Manse Committee minutes, 1966-1971; manse accounts, 1934-1967; manse trustees' meeting minutes, 1955-1957; ministerial fund accounts, 1936-1977; trust schedules, 1949-1969.

Preaching plans and directories

Plans and directories, 1935-1971 (very incomplete).

Local preachers

Minutes, 1952-1971.

Registration

Registers of baptisms, 1951-1977.

Miscellaneous

The Record circuit magazine, 1938 (copy, part only); article on Methodism in Berkshire villages, 1935.

Records in other collectionsCircuit records

Finance Committee minutes, 1937-1963	D/MC 7/2A/1
Wesley Guild and Youth Council minutes, 1935-1963	D/MC 7/2C/1
Local preachers' meeting minutes, 1934-1952	D/MC 7/6A/1
Baptisms, 1932-1952	D/MC 7/7A/3; D/MC 8/7A/4

Records of individual churches

Newbury Bartholomew Street	D/MS 2
Chieveley	D/MS 4
West Shefford	D/MS 5
Stroud Green	D/MS 15
Boxford	D/MS 21
Burnt Hill	D/MS 28
Chaddleworth	D/MS 31
Cold Ash	D/MS 34
Compton	D/MS 35
Curridge	D/MS 39
East Garston	D/MS 40
Hampstead Norreys	D/MS 42
Inkpen	D/MS 45
Leckhampstead Thicket	D/MS 46
Newbury City Mission	D/MS 50
Newbury Northbrook Street	D/MS 51
Stockcross	D/MS 71
Thatcham	D/MS 73
Wash Common	D/MS 78

Records in other collections

Records of individual churches (cont.)

Worlds End	D/MS 86
Kintbury	D/MS 88
Burghclere	D/MS 90
Kingsclere	D/MS 94
Plastow Green	D/MS 96
Ashford Hill	D/MS 102

2	<u>Circuit committees</u>		
2A	<u>Finance and Invitation/General Purposes</u>		
	[For Finance Committee minutes, 1937-1963, <i>see</i> D/MC 7/2A/1.]		
2A/1	Finance and [from 1966] General Purposes Committee minutes, concluding with minutes of the joint General Purposes Committees of Newbury and Hungerford circuits, 1971.	1 vol	1963-1971
2A/2	Finance and General Purposes sub-committee minutes, concerning the possible amalgamation of Newbury and Hungerford circuits.	1 doc	1969
2C	<u>Youth and Education</u>		
	[For Wesley Guild Council accounts, 1935-1944, and Youth Council accounts, 1944-63, <i>see</i> D/MC 7/2C/1.]		
2C/1	Youth Council minutes, including minutes of the Council's committee (until 1965 called General Purposes Committee) and sub-committees. [From 1971, Newbury and Hungerford circuit.]	1 vol	1954-1989 Closed until 2020
2F	<u>Manse</u>		
2F/1	Manse Committee minutes.	1 vol	1966-1971
2G	<u>Other</u>		
2G/1	Worn-out Ministers and Ministers' Widows Auxiliary Fund accounts. [From 1971, Newbury and Hungerford circuit.]	1 vol	1936-1974
2G/2	Ministerial Training Fund accounts. [From 1971, Newbury and Hungerford circuit.]	1 vol	1960-1977 Closed until 2008

3 **Trustees**3D Manses16 Chesterfield Road, Newbury

[The manse at 16 Chesterfield Road was purchased in 1934 and sold in 1976.]

3D/1 Trust accounts, July 1934-January 1959, and minutes of trustees' meetings, 1946-1957. 1 doc 1934-1959

3D/2 Trust accounts, January 1959-September 1967, and minutes of trustees' meetings, 1958-1967. 1 doc 1958-1967

3D/3/1-64 Bills and vouchers, and associated correspondence, relating to the manse. 1 bdl 1958-1965

[For later records, *see* D/MC 13.]

75 Craven Road and 5 Castle Grove, Newbury

[Epworth, the manse at 75 Craven Road, was sold in 1956. It was replaced by 5 Castle Grove.]

3D/4 Minutes of trustees' meetings. 1 bdl 1955-1967

3D/5 Trust accounts. 1 vol 1953-1966

3D/6/1-5 Bills and vouchers. 1 bdl 1966-1967

[For later records, *see* D/MC 13.]

4 **Circuit reports and schedules**

4A Reports and chapel, trust and school schedules

4A/1	Schedules of trust property.	1 vol	1949-1953
4A/2	Schedules of trust property.	1 vol	1954-1962
4A/3	Schedules of trust property.	1 vol	1963-1969

5 **Preaching plans/directories**5A Plans

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| 5A/1/1-2 | Plans and directories, for Northbrook Street section, March-June 1935, and Bartholomew Street section, April-June 1935. | 1 bdl | 1935 |
| 5A/2/1-2 | Plans and directories, December 1936-March 1937 and June-September 1937.
[Sections still separately planned but now in one booklet.] | 1 bdl | 1936-1937 |
| 5A/3/1-9 | Plans and directories, July-October 1938, October-December 1939, October-December 1940, October-December 1941, January-March 1943, January-June 1944, October 1944-January 1945, July-October 1946.
[Both sections fully amalgamated.] | 1 bdl | 1938-1946 |
| 5A/4 | Plan and directory, April-July 1956. | 1 doc | 1956 |
| 5A/5/1-3 | Plans and directories, February-April 1962, October 1965-January 1966, January-April 1971.

[For plan and directory, May-August 1968, <i>see</i> D/EX 880/5/1. For plans, 1964-1971, <i>see</i> D/EX 1250/9.] | 1 bdl | 1962-1971 |
| 5A/6 | Plan, November 1968-February 1969. | 1 doc | 1968 |

7 **Registration**7A **Baptisms**

[For baptisms, 1932-1952, *see* D/MC 7/7A/3 and D/MC 8/7A/4; *see also* D/MC 9/9/2.]

MF 10381	7A/1	Register of baptisms solemnized at Northbrook Street and other chapels of the former Newbury Wesleyan Methodist circuit, November 1951-June 1969 (occasional entries not in chronological order).	1 vol	1951-1969
MF 10382	7A/2	Register of baptisms solemnized at Bartholomew Street and other chapels of the former Newbury Primitive Methodist circuit, July 1952-April 1977.	1 vol	1952-1977

9	<u>Printed material/miscellaneous</u>		
9/1	Report of a circuit rally and music festival.	1 doc	n.d. [1934?]
9/2/1-2	Photocopy of <i>The Record</i> , the circuit magazine, September 1938 (incomplete : pages 1 and 9 only; includes baptisms, marriages and burials for the quarter).	1 bdl	1938
9/3	<i>Ministers' & Laymen's Handbook of Business in Methodist Circuit Meetings</i> , by Wesley F Swift (3rd edition). (Outlines the local organisation of the Methodist Church, at circuit and society level.)	1 vol	1948
9/4	Press cutting from <i>The Methodist Recorder</i> , 10 October 1935: article entitled 'Methodism in Berkshire Villages', by T Graham, on Newbury Circuit and its churches.	1 doc	1935

APPENDIX I

Concordance

The following records were previously catalogued as D/N :

<u>Old reference</u>	<u>New reference</u>
D/N 4/1/1	D/MC 9/1A/1
D/N 4/1/2	D/MC 9/1A/2
D/N 4/1/3	D/MC 9/1A/3
D/N 4/1/5	D/MC 9/2A/1
D/N 4/1/5a-b	D/MC 9/2A/2
D/N 4/1/7/16-17	D/MC 9/5A/1
D/N 4/1/7/18-19	D/MC 9/5A/2
D/N 4/1/7/20-30	D/MC 9/5A/3
D/N 4/1/7/31-32	D/MC 9/5A/5
D/N 4/1/9	D/MC 9/5A/4
D/N 4/1/20-21	D/MC 9/9/2