

Records of Stroud Green Primitive Methodist Church, 1900-1986.  
(12 vols, 11 bdls, 5 docs)

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### **Introduction**

A Methodist chapel was built and opened in Stroud Green in 1874, the society forming part of the Newbury Primitive Methodist Circuit. As part of its centenary celebrations, a booklet was produced in 1974 which gives an outline of the society's history (as well as very informative pages on each aspect of Methodist organisation and ministry). A copy can be consulted in the Record Office Library.

Amalgamation with the society of Newbury Bartholomew Street occurred in 1967, when Bart Street Church was scheduled for demolition as unsafe (*see* D/MS 2). With a continuing decline in membership, however, efforts were later concentrated on Northbrook Street, and Stroud Green closed c.1990 (*see* D/EX 1366/1/2-4 for sale particulars of the chapel).

Few records have survived or been deposited from Stroud Green. Further information may be found in circuit records (D/MC 8, D/MC 9 and D/MC 13), but there is virtually nothing for the early years.

Schedule of accessions

Acc. 1944 : 1A/1  
(part)

Acc. 2369 : 8/1-2; 8/3/1-3, 5-12; 8/4  
(part)

Acc. 2938 : 7B/1-4; 7C/1  
(part)

Acc. 4975 : 2B/1  
(part)

Acc. 5652 : 1C/1; 3D/1-4; 7A/1-3; 7B/5-7; 7C/2  
(part)

Acc. 8074 : 1A/2; 8/3/4; 8/5-7

**Summary**

Society administration

Trustees' meeting minutes, 1934-1935, 1953-1977; leaders' meeting minutes, 1942-1967; annual meeting minutes, 1942-1962 (incomplete); trust accounts, 1971-1972; statement of poor fund accounts, 1974; certificate for solemnisation of marriages, 1943.

Church organisations

Junior Methodist Guild minutes, 1945-1948, and annual reports, 1945-1947.

Sunday School and Sunday Institute

Attendance registers, 1958-1990; lists of scholars, 1966-1986; correspondence and miscellaneous papers, 1952-1986.

Printed material/Miscellaneous

Newsletters, 1971-1974; photograph of ministers, 1971; photograph of church, n.d. [c.1960s]; centenary year handbook and visitors' book, 1974.

Records in other collections

Circuit records.	D/MC 8-9, 13
Trustees' minutes, 1968-1972.	D/MS 2/1A/4
Leaders' meeting and annual society minutes, 1971-1973.	D/MS 2/2A/5
Benevolent or Poor Fund accounts, 1971-1974.	D/MS 2/2B/5
Women's Own minutes, 1973-1983.	D/MS 2/3A/1

<b>1</b>	<b><u>Trustees</u></b>			
1A	<u>Trustees' meeting minutes</u>			
1A/1	Trustees' meeting minutes, October 1934-May 1935 and September 1953-October 1963, with appointment of new trustees, 1953. (Includes leaders' meeting minutes, May 1942-November 1963, and annual meeting minutes, 1942-1951, 1956, 1958, 1960-1962, with rough jottings of accounts, mostly undated [1950s?].)	1 vol	1934-1963	
1A/2	Trustees' meeting minutes, October 1964-April 1977, with appointment of new trustees, 1972. (Includes leaders' meeting minutes, June 1964-May 1967; and (in centre of volume after a number of blank pages) accounts, September 1971-January 1972.)	1 vol	1964-1977 <b>Closed until 2008</b>	
1B	<u>Trust accounts</u>  [For accounts, 1971-1972, <i>see</i> D/MS 15/1A/2.]			
1C	<u>Chapel property</u>			
1C/1	Certificate of church building for solemnisation of marriages.	1 doc	1943	

- 2            **Leaders and society stewards/Church Council**
- 2A           Leaders' meeting/Church Council minutes  
  
              [For leaders' meeting minutes, 1942-1967, *see* D/MS 15/1A/1-2. For 1967-1973, *see* D/MS 2/2A/5.]
- 2B           Accounts  
  
              [For rough accounts, c.1950s, *see* D/MS 15/1A/1.]
- 2B/1        Audited statement of poor fund accounts.                    1 doc    1974

**3**      **Church organisations**3A      Women's groups

[For Women's Own minutes, *see* D/MS 2/3A/2.]

3D      Youth organisations

3D/1	Minutes of meetings of Stroud Green Junior Methodist Guild, January 1945-April 1946.	1 vol	1945-1946
3D/2	Minutes of meetings of Stroud Green Junior Methodist Guild, April 1946-March 1947.	1 vol	1946-1947
3D/3	Minutes of meetings of Stroud Green Junior Methodist Guild, March 1947-July 1948.	1 vol	1947-1948
3D/4/1-3	Annual reports of Junior Guild, 1945-1947. [Found loose in D/MS 15/3D/1-3; removed for better preservation.]	1 bdl	[1946-1948]

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<b>7</b>	<b><u>Sunday School and Sunday Institute</u></b>		
7A	<u>Sunday School minutes and accounts</u>		
7A/1	Minutes of teachers' meetings.	1 vol	1955-1967
7A/2	Sunday School cash accounts, January 1900-March 1967. (Includes, at end, Clothing Club summary accounts, 1902-1903, organ fund accounts, 1900, and accounts relating to teas, 1900-1901.)  [Following the amalgamation of Stroud Green society with that of Newbury Bartholomew Street (D/MS 2) in 1967, the combined Sunday Schools of the two churches were renamed South Newbury Junior Church.]	1 vol	1900-1967
7A/3	Junior Church accounts (joint with Bartholomew Street), March 1967-August 1978.	1 vol	1967-1978 <b>Closed until 2009</b>
7B	<u>Registers and cradle rolls</u>		
7B/1	Attendance register, primary department (scholars and teachers).	1 vol	1958-1967
7B/2	Attendance register, junior and senior departments (scholars), 1967-1972, of the South Newbury Methodist Junior Church [formed by the amalgamation in 1967 of Stroud Green and Newbury Bartholomew Street Sunday Schools]; preceded by a single list of scholars and record of subscriptions, 1962.	1 vol	1962-1972
7B/3/1-43	Lists of scholars, 1966-1971, and admission forms and details of new scholars [dates of birth 1956-1969], n.d. [c.1970-1972?] [Formerly loose in D/MS 15/7B/2 above.]	1 bdl	1969-c.1972
7B/4/1-11	Attendance registers (scholars).	1 bdl	1966-1972
7B/5	Attendance register, June 1966-October 1975.	1 vol	1966-1975



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<b>7</b>	<b><u>Sunday School and Sunday Institute</u></b> (cont.)		
7B	<u>Registers and cradle rolls</u> (cont.)		
7B/6/1-22	Attendance registers, October 1974-September 1990.	1 bdl	1974-1990 <b>Closed until 2021</b>
7B/7/1-14	Lists of scholars (arranged by class), 1971-1978, 1981-1986.	1 bdl	1971-1986 <b>Closed until 2017</b>
7C	<u>Other Sunday School records</u>		
7C/1/1-3	Invitation to and orders of Junior Church services.	1 bdl	1972
7C/2/1-535	Sunday School correspondence and miscellaneous papers. (Includes orders of service for anniversary days.)	1 bdl	1952-1986 <b>Closed until 2017</b>

<b>8</b>	<b><u>Printed material/Miscellaneous</u></b>		
8/1/1-32	Newsletters, June 1971-August 1972 [for both Stroud Green and the former Bartholomew Street society : <i>see</i> D/MS 2 section 8 for earlier issues.]	1 bdl	1971-1972
8/2/1-36	Newsletters, September 1972-December 1973.	1 bdl	1972-1973
8/3/1-12	Newsletters, centenary series, January-December 1974.	1 bdl	1974
8/4	Photograph of the Revd A Vivian Bassett welcoming the Revd F Leslie Henry as new minister.	1 doc	1971
8/5	Photograph of the church.	1 doc	n.d.[c.1960s]
8/6	Centenary year handbook.	1 doc	1974
8/7	Centenary year visitors' book. (Includes photographs and press cuttings relating to special events.)	1 vol	1974

## APPENDIX I

Concordance

The following documents were previously catalogued as D/N 4/3

<u>Old Reference</u>	<u>New reference</u>
D/N 4/3/1	D/MS 15/1A/1
D/N 4/3/2	D/MS 15/7B/1
D/N 4/3/3	D/MS 15/7B/2
D/N 4/3/4	D/MS 15/7B/3
D/N 4/3/5	D/MS 15/7B/4
D/N 4/3/6	D/MS 15/7C/1
D/N 4/3/23/3-4	D/MS 15/8/1-4