

Records of Thatcham Congregational (later United Reformed) Church, 1785-2005.  
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Introduction

An Independent prayer meeting started in the village in 1802, with premises registered for worship in 1803. A chapel was built in 1804, and a church body was formally constituted in 1811. Deacons were apparently first appointed in 1841. There were strong links with Bucklebury (D/N 41) and Woolhampton (D/N 38) chapels; the burial of the Revd John Morton, well-known minister at Bucklebury, was recorded in the Thatcham register, which also has many baptismal entries for Bucklebury worshippers.

The church joined the United Reformed Church in 1972.

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Summary

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION : church book, 1811-1886; church meeting minutes, 1811-1813, 1841-2002; annual reports, 1922-1977 (incomplete); church diaries, 1976, 1984-1985.

DEACONS : minutes, 1900-1972 (incomplete).

ELDERS : minutes, 1981-2002 (incomplete).

COMMITTEES : building committee minutes, 1902-1904, 1921; selection committee minutes, 1906-1907, 1918; finance committee minutes, 1935, 1937, 1960; triple jubilee minutes and papers, 1952-1955.

TREASURER : accounts, 1812-1900, 1955-1972; weekly offering accounts, 1867-1874; free will offering accounts, 1962-1967; statements of accounts, 1950-1997 (incomplete); auditor's comments and resignation, 1993.

PROPERTY RECORDS : copy deeds, 1804-1846; deeds of manses, 1785-1959; plans and elevations, 1904, 1959-1961; defects report, 1991; correspondence and papers relating to club building, 1960-1972; papers relating to manses, 1932-1934, 1958-1960; papers relating to 2 Church Lane, 1953-1982; papers relating to bequest, 1962-1965; photographs, 1980s; lists of trustees, 1840s-1867.

CHURCH ORGANISATIONS : Sunday School attendance register, 1872-1876 (incomplete); teachers' minutes, 1922-1933; accounts, 1849-1881; cradle roll registers, 1939-1984; wallchart, 1942-1959; and photograph album, 1968-1972; annual statements, 1961-1966; annual report, 1971.

Tract and Sick Friend Society minutes, 1849, 1855.

Sports Club : statements of accounts, 1960-1966.

Women's Own : minutes, 1924-1987 (incomplete); accounts, 1924-1970; statements of accounts, 1961-1974 (incomplete); registers of members, 1924-1975 (incomplete).

Girls' Club/Brigade : statements of accounts, 1961-1963; annual report, 1972.

Boys' Brigade : statements of accounts, 1961-1975; annual reports, 1965-1966.

Choir : statements of accounts, 1961-1965; annual report, 1965.

Social Circle : statements of accounts, 1961-1973; annual report, 1971.

Friendship Club : minutes, 1959-1994; registers of members, 1959-1993; statements of accounts, 1961-1964.

Youth Guild : statements of accounts, 1961-1965.

London Missionary Society : minutes, 1893, 1897; statement of accounts, 1961.

REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP : baptisms, 1807-1836, 1849-1880, 1945-1973; marriages, 1860-1880; deaths, 1819-1821, 1852-1857, 1864, 1871; burials, 1851-1871, 1944; membership, c.1811-2002.

SERVICE OF THE CHURCH : covenant, 1811; constitution, 2003.

MINISTER : agreements with ministers, 1873-1900; details of appointment, 1849-1881; pastorate profile, 1988.

CHARITIES : Matthew Henry Trust beneficiaries.

PUBLICATIONS : newsletter, 1992 (incomplete); history of church, 2005.

OTHER BODIES : British School managers or committee minutes, 1900-1919, 1952-1960; press cutting on history of school, 1912.

MISCELLANEOUS : notes on church history, n.d.

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- 1 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION
- 1/1 Church books
- 1/1/1 Church book. 1 vol 1811-1886  
(Indexed. Includes memorandum of the opening of the church in 1804, dated 1874; church covenant, 1811; church meeting minutes, including admission and dismissal of members, December 1811-September 1813, August 1841, May 1850-October 1886; lists of church members, 1820 (updated 1823), 1845, 1849, 1851, 1853, 1858, 1860, 1862, 1865-1871, 1874-1878, 1885, including occasional communicants, 1858, 1865-1871, and communicants, 1874; list of members admitted, 1843-1849; accounts, February 1812-March 1845; memoranda and copy correspondence relating to the death or resignation and appointment of pastors, 1849-1881; lists of trustees, 1840s, 1862, 1867; copy correspondence relating to the admission or dismissal of members, June 1850-August 1860 (entered between minutes for 1857 and 1858); memorandum of registration of chapel as a place of worship, 1861; transcript of extract of chapel trust deed (1804) and deeds of minister's house (1825), 1862; memoranda of marriages, November 1873 and April 1874; details of reopening services after enlargement of the chapel, 1874; memoir of the introduction of a prayer meeting to the village in 1802, copied in 1875; handbill and account of funeral of Mrs Sarah Barfield, 1877; and, at front, handbill relating to Thatcham British Schools, 1875; offprints of the *Newbury Weekly News* reporting church meetings, 1875-1876; and note on the ejection of a Puritan clergyman from Thatcham in 1663, 1879.)
- 1/2 Church meeting minutes
- [For church meeting minutes, 1811-1813, 1841-1886, *see* D/N 37/1/1/1.]
- 1/2/1 Minutes of church meetings, February 1887 - April 1919. 1 vol 1886-1921  
(Includes minutes of social meetings, January 1889 - May 1895, July 1908; of annual meetings relating to London Missionary Society, 1893, 1897; of annual meetings relating to British and Foreign Bible Society, 1895-1897; of annual church meetings, 1895, 1901, 1907, 1910; of annual missionary meetings, 1896, 1901, 1903; of general meeting of church and congregation to adopt the Twentieth Century Fund, May 1900; and of farewell meeting to Mr and Mrs Davis, October 1917. Also includes lists and registers of members, 1886, 1889, 1900-1914, 1918-1921.)
- 1/2/2 Minutes of church meetings, April 1919 - February 1954. 1 vol 1919-1957  
(Includes minutes of annual meetings, 1924-1928, 1930-1932, 1935-1936, 1939-1940, 1943-1953; register of members, 1922-1957; church rules, 1924, altered 1938; press cuttings, 1926-1939; and lists of deacons, 1927-1942, and trustees, 1929.)
- 1/2/3 Minutes of church meetings, April 1954 - November 1965. 1 vol 1954-1974  
(Includes minutes of annual meetings, 1955-1966, and of annual general meetings, 1965-1966; reports of church conferences, October 1965 - March 1966; rules, 1960; and register of members, November 1957 - November 1972, updated to 1974.)
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1	CHURCH ADMINISTRATION		
1/2	<u>Church meeting minutes</u> (cont.)		
1/2/4	Minutes of church meetings, April 1966 - September 1974. (Includes annual general meeting minutes, 1967-1974; minutes of group church meetings (including representatives from Bucklebury and Woolhampton Congregational Churches), June 1968, February-March 1970; and reports of church conferences, June 1966 - May 1967.)	1 vol	1966-1974
1/2/5	Minutes of church meetings, October 1974-November 1976. (Includes annual general meeting minutes, 1975-1976.)	1 file	1974-1976
1/2/6	Minutes of church meetings, February 1977-November 1978. (Includes annual general meeting minutes, 1977-1978.)	1 file	1977-1978 <b>Closed until 2009</b>
1/2/7	Minutes of church meetings, April 1979-December 1980. (Includes annual general meeting minutes, 1979-1980, and annual statement of accounts, 1980.)	1 file	1979-1980 <b>Closed until 2011</b>
1/2/8	Minutes of church meetings, April 1981-October 1982. (Includes annual general meeting minutes, 1981-1982, and annual statement of accounts, 1981.)	1 file	1981-1982 <b>Closed until 2013</b>
1/2/9	Minutes of church meetings, April 1983-September 1984, and agenda, October 1984. (Includes annual general meeting minutes, 1983-1984.)	1 file	1983-1984 <b>Closed until 2015</b>
1/2/10	Minutes of church meetings, April 1985-October 1986. (Includes annual general meeting minutes, 1985-1986, and annual statement of accounts, 1984.)	1 file	1985-1986 <b>Closed until 2017</b>
1/2/11	Minutes of church meetings, April 1987-December 1988. (Includes annual general meeting minutes, 1987-1988, and annual statement of accounts, 1987.)	1 file	1987-1988 <b>Closed until 2019</b>
1/2/12	Minutes of church meetings, including annual general meeting, 1989. (Includes annual statement of accounts, 1988.)	1 file	1989 <b>Closed until 2020</b>
1/2/13	Minutes of church meetings, including annual general meeting, 1990. (Includes annual statement of accounts, 1989.)	1 file	1990 <b>Closed until 2021</b>
1/2/14	Minutes of church meetings, including annual general meeting, 1991. (Includes annual statement of accounts, 1990.)	1 file	1991 <b>Closed until 2022</b>
1/2/15	Minutes of church meetings, including annual general meeting, 1992.	1 file	1992 <b>Closed until 2023</b>

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1	CHURCH ADMINISTRATION		
1/2	<u>Church meeting minutes</u> (cont.)		
1/2/16	Minutes of church meetings, including annual general meeting, 1993.	1 file	1993 <b>Closed until 2024</b>
1/2/17	Minutes of church meetings, including annual general meeting, 1994. (Includes annual statement of accounts, 1993.)	1 file	1994 <b>Closed until 2025</b>
1/2/18	Minutes of church meetings, including annual general meeting, 1995. (Includes constitution, 1995, and annual statement of accounts, 1994.)	1 file	1995 <b>Closed until 2026</b>
1/2/19	Minutes of church meetings, 1996. (Includes annual statement of accounts, 1995.)	1 file	1996 <b>Closed until 2027</b>
1/2/20	Minutes of church meetings, including annual general meeting, 1997. (Includes minutes of annual general meeting, 1996.)	1 file	1996-1997 <b>Closed until 2028</b>
1/2/21	Minutes of church meetings, including annual general meeting, 1998. (Includes annual statement of accounts, 1997.)	1 file	1998 <b>Closed until 2029</b>
1/2/22	Minutes of church meetings, including annual general meeting, 1999.	1 file	1999 <b>Closed until 2030</b>
1/2/23	Minutes of church meetings, 2000.	1 file	2000 <b>Closed until 2031</b>
1/2/24	Minutes of church meetings, including annual general meeting, 2001. (Includes annual general meeting minutes, 2000.)	1 file	2000-2001 <b>Closed until 2032</b>
1/2/25	Minutes of church meetings, 2002. (Includes transcript of trust deed of the British School site, 1846, minutes of project committee meeting, December 2002, and project newsletter no. 5, December 2002.)	1 file	2002 <b>Closed until 2033</b>
1/4	<u>Papers presented to church meetings</u>		
1/4/1/1-2	Annual report, 1970.	1 bdl	1971
1/4/2/1-7	Annual report.	1 bdl	1922
1/4/3/1-10	Annual reports, 1940-1942.	1 bdl	1941-1943
1/4/4/1-64	Annual reports, 1948-1957.	1 bdl	1949-1958

1	CHURCH ADMINISTRATION		
1/4	<u>Papers presented to church meetings</u> (cont.)		
1/4/5/1-56	Annual reports, 1958-1966.	1 bdl	1959-1967
1/4/6/1-31	Annual reports, 1967-1968, 1971-1976. (1969-1970 missing; for 1970, <i>see</i> D/N 37/1/4/1. 1971 report is described as being 1972.)	1 bdl	1968-1977
1/5	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
1/5/1	Church diary of bookings, events, etc.	1 vol	1976
1/5/2	Church diary of bookings, events, etc, compiled as pulpit announcements, July 1984-July 1985.	1 vol	1984-1985



2	DEACONS		
2/1	<u>Minutes</u>		
2/1/1	Minutes of deacons' meetings, May 1900 - February 1921. (Includes minutes of building committee, September 1902 - November 1904, and joint meeting of deacons and building committee, November 1921, and of selection committee meetings, May 1906 - March 1907, February-March 1918.)	1 vol	1900-1921
2/1/2	Minutes of deacons' meetings, May 1924 - September 1938. (Includes details of beneficiaries of Matthew Henry Trust, 1928-1929.)	1 vol	1924-1938
2/1/3	Minutes of deacons' meetings, September 1938 - June 1963. (Includes minutes of finance committee meeting, May 1960.)	1 vol	1938-1963
2/1/4	Minutes of deacons' meetings, July 1963 - May 1972. (Includes minutes of meetings of deacons of the group of churches, June 1964, September and November 1966.)	1 vol	1963-1972

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3	ELDERS		
3/1	<u>Minutes</u>		
3/1/1	Elders' meeting minutes, September 1981 - October 1984.	1 vol	1981-1984 <b>Closed until 2035</b>
	[Minutes, 1985-1990, appear to be missing.]		
3/1/2	Elders' meeting minutes.	1 file	1991 <b>Closed until 2042</b>
3/1/3	Elders' meeting minutes.	1 file	1992 <b>Closed until 2043</b>
3/1/4	Elders' meeting minutes.	1 file	1993 <b>Closed until 2044</b>
3/1/5	Elders' meeting minutes, January 1994-January 1995.	1 file	1994-1995 <b>Closed until 2046</b>
3/1/6	Elders' meeting minutes, January-December 1995.	1 file	1995 <b>Closed until 2046</b>
3/1/7	Elders' meeting minutes.	1 file	1996 <b>Closed until 2047</b>
3/1/8	Elders' meeting minutes.	1 file	1997 <b>Closed until 2048</b>
3/1/9	Elders' meeting minutes.	1 file	1998 <b>Closed until 2049</b>
3/1/10	Elders' meeting minutes.	1 file	1999 <b>Closed until 2050</b>
3/1/11	Elders' meeting minutes.	1 file	2000 <b>Closed until 2051</b>
3/1/12	Elders' meeting minutes.	1 file	2001 <b>Closed until 2052</b>
3/1/13	Elders' meeting minutes.	1 file	2002 <b>Closed until 2053</b>

## 4 COMMITTEES

4/1 Minutes

[For minutes of building committee, 1902-1904, 1921, and selection committee, 1906-1907, 1918, *see* D/N 37/2/1/1.]

4/1/1-2 Minutes of finance committee meetings, July 1935, May 1937. 1 bdl 1935-1937  
[Found loose in D/N 37/2/1/2.]

[For finance committee minutes, 1960, *see* D/N 37/2/1/3.]

4/1/2 Minutes of triple jubilee committee meetings, October 1952 - 1 bdl 1952-1955  
January 1955.  
[This committee was formed to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the church in 1954, by organising a series of events and the renovation and redecoration of the church. *See also* D/N 37/4/2/1.]

4/2 Miscellaneous

4/2/1-38 Correspondence, papers and reports of the triple jubilee committee. 1 bdl 1952-1955  
[For minutes, *see* D/N 37/4/1/2.]

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5	TREASURER		
5/1	<u>Accounts</u>		
	[For accounts, 1812-1845, <i>see</i> D/N 37/1/1/1.]		
5/1/1	Account ledger, August 1849-February 1865. (Includes Sunday School accounts, 1849-1865, accounts with minister, 1850-1865, ordinance fund [relating to communion] accounts, 1850-1865, including payment to "Wheeler for picking the lock of Ordinance Box", 1851, poor box fund accounts, 1851-1858, and miscellaneous, 1849-1865.)	1 vol	1849-1865
5/1/2	Account ledger, February 1865-April 1879. (Includes minister's salary and Sunday School accounts, 1865-1878, ordinance fund accounts, 1865-1879, and miscellaneous, 1865-1879.)	1 vol	1865-1879
5/1/3	General accounts, July 1878-April 1900. (Includes minister's salary accounts, 1878-1879, Sunday School accounts, 1878-1881, and ordinance fund accounts, 1878-1882.)  [Accounts, 1900-1922, appear to be missing. For 1922-1954 <i>see</i> D/N 37/5/1/10-12.]	1 vol	1878-1900
5/1/4	Accounts: receipts and payments, January 1955-December 1959.	1 vol	1955-1959
5/1/5	Accounts: receipts and payments, January 1960-May 1966.	1 vol	1960-1966
5/1/6	Accounts: receipts and payments, May 1966-September 1969.	1 vol	1966-1969
5/1/7	Accounts: receipts and payments, September 1969-December 1972.	1 vol	1969-1972
5/1/8	Weekly offering accounts, with names and amounts given, June 1867-May 1874. [The weekly offering was suspended in 1874 while the congregation worshipped in the schoolroom.]	1 vol	1867-1874
5/1/9	Free will offering accounts, January 1962-October 1967.	1 vol	1962-1967
5/1/10	Accounts: receipts and payments, November 1922-December 1943.	1 vol	1922-1943
5/1/11	Accounts: receipts and payments, January 1944-December 1949. (Includes, at end, rough accounts of ground rents, 1933-1956 [early entries probably compiled retrospectively], and accounts of Reconstruction Fund, December 1942-December 1945 [probably compiled retrospectively].)	1 vol	1944-1956
5/1/12	Accounts: receipts and payments, January 1950-November 1955.	1 vol	1950-1955

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5	TREASURER		
5/2	<u>Statements of accounts</u>		
5/2/1/1-4	Balance sheet and accompanying papers relating to the church bazaar. [Found loose in D/N 37/5/1/3.]  [For annual statements, 1980-1981, 1984, 1987-1990, 1993-1995, 1997, <i>see</i> D/N 37/1/2/7-8, 10-14, 17-19, 21.]	1 bdl	1899
5/2/2/1-9	Summary accounts, 1950-1955, 1956 (receipts only), 1960-1963, and kitchen and renovation fund balance sheet, 1956.	1 bdl	1951-1964
5/2/3/1-2	Financial report for the years 1966-1971. [Found loose in D/N 37/2/1/4.]	1 bdl	n.d. [1972]
5/2/4/1-11	Annual statements of accounts, 1960-1970.	1 bdl	1961-1971
5/2/5/1-9	Annual statements of accounts. (Years ending September 1901-October 1903, October 1911, October 1912, October 1914-October 1916. Also includes draft balance sheet of sale of work, November 1902.)	1 bdl	1901-1916
5/2/6/1-4	Annual statements of accounts, 1974-1977.	1 bdl	1975-1978
5/2/7	Statement of accounts of Triple Jubilee and Renovation Fund and Kitchen Fund.	1 doc	n.d. [c.1953]
5/3	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
5/3/1/1-2	Auditor's comments on the finance report, and letter of resignation.	1 bdl	1993 <b>Closed until 2024</b>

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6	PROPERTY RECORDS		
6/2	<u>Title deeds</u>		
	[For transcripts of deeds of chapel, 1804 (extract), and minister's house, 1825, <i>see</i> D/N 37/1/1/1. For transcript of deed of British School, 1846, <i>see</i> D/N 37/1/2/25.]		
6/2/1/1-15	Deeds and papers relating to the site of the manse, 13 Park Lane (formerly Back Lane), Thatcham [built c.1824-1825].	1 bdl	1785-1934
6/2/2/1-4	Conveyance of a messuage called Woodlawn, 39 Bath Road, Thatcham [used as the manse, 1934-1958], 1934, and associated papers. (Includes sale particulars, 1934.)	1 bdl	1934-1958
6/2/3	Abstract of title to Beverley House, 7 Bath Road, Thatcham, and adjoining land, 1958, annotated with memorandum of sale of part of the site to the church, 1959. [Relates to the site of the new manse at 26 Beverley Close, Thatcham.]	1 doc	1958-1959
6/3	<u>Fabric papers</u>		
6/3/1/1-2	Plans and elevations of proposed new schoolrooms to be added to the church, by Walter H Bell, architect of Newbury, with explanatory letter from Mr Bell.	1 bdl	1904
6/3/2/1-3	Copy agreement with Usher's Wiltshire Brewery concerning rights of light to windows in the church, with associated correspondence.	1 bdl	1935
6/3/3/1-26	Plans and correspondence concerning new cloakrooms at the British School and repairs to the church porch.	1 bdl	1959-1961
6/3/4/1-18	Correspondence and papers concerning a temporary club building at the rear of the British School, 1960-1961, 1971-1972.	1 bdl	1960-1972
6/3/5/1-3	Defects report on the church building, by S Revill, surveyor, with photocopy of rough plan of church site and circular letter requesting contributions to the Renovation Fund.	1 bdl	1991-1992 <b>Closed until 2023</b>
6/5	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
	[For lists of trustees, 1840s-1867, <i>see</i> D/N 37/1/1/1.]		
6/5/1/1-19	Correspondence with Charity Commission varying the trust on the sale of the manse, 13 Park Lane, Thatcham, and purchase of a new manse in Bath Road.	1 bdl	1932-1934
6/5/2	Sale particulars of a dwelling house called Woodlawn, 39 Bath Road, Thatcham, annotated with agreement to sell to the church trustees.	1 doc	1934
6/5/3/1-2	Agreement for caretaker to occupy 2 Church Lane, Thatcham, with list of duties.	1 bdl	1953

## 6 PROPERTY RECORDS

6/5 Miscellaneous (cont.)

6/5/4/1-22	Miscellaneous correspondence relating to property matters.	1 bdl	1953-1970
6/5/5/1-94	Correspondence and papers concerning the sale of 39 and 69 Bath Road, Thatcham, and the building of a new manse at 26 Beverley Close, Thatcham.	1 bdl	1958-1960
6/5/6	Specification and estimate for repair of organ.	1 doc	1960
6/5/7/1-11	Correspondence and papers concerning a bequest to the church by Godfrey Lay.	1 bdl	1962-1965
6/5/8/1-23	Correspondence and papers concerning 2 Church Lane, Thatcham [the caretaker's cottage], 1972-1975 with copy conveyance of 3 Church Lane, 1970.	1 bdl	1970-1975
6/5/9/1-130	Correspondence and papers concerning sale of 2 Church Lane.	1 bdl	1979-1982
6/5/10/1-18	Colour photographs and negatives of the church, exterior and interior, mostly showing damaged areas.	1 bdl	n.d. [early 1980s]

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7	CHURCH ORGANISATIONS		
7/1	<u>Sunday School</u>		
7/1/1	Sunday School attendance register, February 1872-October 1873, July 1875-October 1876.	1 vol	1872-1876
7/1/2	Minutes of teachers' meetings, October 1922-March 1933, with record of events. (Includes minutes of meeting of grading committee, December 1932.)  [Minutes, 1933-1961, appear to be missing. For 1961-1974, <i>see</i> D/N 37/7/1/11. For accounts, 1849-1881, <i>see</i> D/N 37/5/1/1-3.]	1 vol	1922-1933
7/1/3/1-6	Annual statements of accounts (described as treasurer's reports), 1960/1-1965/6.	1 bdl	1961-1966
7/1/4/1-2	Annual report.	1 bdl	n.d.[1971]
7/1/5	Cradle roll register, May 1939-October 1954, updated with details of visits to 1957.	1 vol	1939-1957
7/1/6	Cradle roll register, October 1954-January 1965, updated to 1968.	1 vol	1954-1968
7/1/7	Cradle roll register, January 1965-February 1974, updated to 1977.	1 vol	1965-1977
7/1/8	Cradle roll register, June 1974-July 1982, updated to 1984.	1 vol	1974-1984
7/1/9	Cradle roll wallchart.	1 doc	1942-1959
7/1/10	Cradle roll photograph album.	1 vol	1961-1972
7/1/11	Minutes of teachers' meetings, May 1961-July 1974 (described as Junior Church staff from 1967.) (Includes minutes of promotion meeting (listing children in each class), September 1967. Also includes, reversed, record of outings and special events, 1961-[1964].)	1 vol	1961-1974
7/2	<u>Tract Society</u>  [The Thatcham Independent Chapel Tract and Sick-Friend Society was formed in 1849 for the purposes of relieving the sick and distressed, and distributing religious tracts. In November 1849 the two were separated into separate societies.]		
7/2/1	Minutes of Tract and Sick-Friend Society meetings, August-November 1849, and of Tract Society meeting, December 1855.	1 vol	1849-1855
7/3	<u>Sports Club</u>		
7/3/1/1-7	Statements of accounts, 1959/60-1961/2, 1963/4-1965/6.	1 bdl	1960-1966



## 7 CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

7/4 Women's Own

[The Women's Own society was formed in 1924.]

7/4/1/1-10	Statements of accounts, 1960-1968, 1973/4.	1 bdl	1961-1974
7/4/2	Minutes and record of events, October 1924-December 1964.	1 vol	1924-1964
7/4/3	Minutes of general and committee meetings, and record of events, January 1965-November 1973.	1 vol	1965-1973
	[Minutes, 1974-1982, not deposited.]		
7/4/4	Minutes and record of events, January 1983-October 1987.	1 vol	1983-1987
7/4/5	Accounts, October 1924-October 1970.	1 vol	1924-1970
7/4/6	Register of members (attendance), October 1924-October 1931.	1 vol	1924-1931
7/4/7	Register of members (attendance), October 1931-October 1949.	1 vol	1931-1949
7/4/8	Register of members (attendance), October 1949-October 1953, November 1970-December 1975.	1 vol	1949-1975

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7	CHURCH ORGANISATIONS		
7/5	<u>Girls' Club/Brigade</u>		
7/5/1/1-3	Statements of accounts, 1960-1962.	1 bdl	1961-1963
7/5/2/1-2	Annual report.	1 bdl	1972
7/6	<u>Boys' Brigade</u>		
7/6/1/1-6	Statements of accounts, 1960/1-1964/5, 1973/4.	1 bdl	1961-1975
7/6/2/1-6	Annual reports : boys' brigade, 1964/5, and life boys [junior group amalgamated with boys' brigade, 1966], 1965/6.	1 bdl	1965-1966
7/7	<u>Choir</u>		
7/7/1/1-6	Statements of accounts, 1960/1-1963, 1965, and annual reports, 1965.	1 bdl	1961-1966
7/8	<u>Social Circle</u>		
7/8/1/1-11	Statements of accounts, 1960/1-1968, 1973, and annual report, 1971.	1 bdl	1961-1974
7/9	<u>Friendship Club</u>		
	[Thatcham Congregational Friendship Club was formed in 1959. It was a fellowship group for women.]		
7/9/1/1	Statements of accounts, 1960/1-1963.	1 bdl	1961-1964
7/9/2	Committee minutes, July 1959-May 1974. (Includes minutes of annual general meetings, 1960-1974; register of members (at front); and names and addresses of potential speakers (at end).)	1 vol	1959-1974
7/9/3	Committee minutes, September 1974-November 1994. (Includes minutes of annual general meetings, 1975-1994 (1990 missing); and (at front) registers of members, 1975, 1986, 1993.)	1 vol	1974-1994 <b>Closed until 2025</b>
7/10	<u>Youth Guild</u>		
7/10/1/1-8	Statements of accounts, 1960-1964.	1 bdl	1961-1965
7/11	<u>London Missionary Society collectors</u>		
7/11/1	Statement of accounts, 1960/1.	1 doc	1961
	[For minutes of annual meetings, 1893, 1897, <u>see</u> 1/2/1.]		

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- 8                      REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP
- 8/1                    Registers
- [Original register of baptisms, 1807-1830, and burials, 1819-1821, is held at the Public Record Office, but a microfilm copy is available here (MF 599).]
- 8/1/1                Register of baptisms, marriages and burials.                      1 vol    1836-1880  
 (Includes copy register of baptisms, February 1807 - October 1836, and register of baptisms, November 1849 - January 1869; and (reversed) death certificates, 1852-1857, 1864, 1871; copy register of deaths, January 1819 - October 1821; register of burials [at Newbury Cemetery and Bucklebury Independent Chapel burial ground], July 1851 - November 1871; copy register of marriages, June 1860 - September 1880, including a marriage at Castle Street Chapel, Reading, omitted from the proper register, June 1867; and register of baptisms (continued from front), July 1869 - September 1880.)  
 [Many entries relate to Bucklebury.]
- [Baptisms, 1880-1945, appear to be missing. For 1939-1945, *see* cradle roll, D/N 37/7/1/5. For the period 1945-1963 there appears to be no formal register; use D/N 37/8/1/2-3.]
- 8/1/2/1-8          Baptism certificate counterfoils, September 1945 - December 1963.    1 bdl    1945-1963
- 8/1/3                Baptism certificate counterfoils, July 1956 - April 1957.                      1 vol    1956-1957
- 8/1/4                Register of baptisms, March 1964 - May 1973, and of a burial, December 1944.                      1 vol    1944-1973
- 8/2                    Membership registers and lists
- [For admission of members, c.1811-2002, *see* D/N 37/1/1/1 and D/N 37/1/2/1-25 *passim*. For registers and lists, 1820-1823, 1845-1885, *see* D/N 37/1/1/1. For 1886-1921, *see* D/N 37/1/2/1. For 1922-1957, *see* D/N 37/1/2/2. For 1957-1972, *see* D/N 37/1/2/3.]
- 8/3                    Miscellaneous
- 8/3/1                Certificate of transfer of membership of Minnie Shepherd from Wycliffe Baptist Church, Reading.                      1 doc    1896

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9 SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

9/2 Orders of service

9/2/1 Order of service for the induction of the Revd Arthur Baker as 1 doc 1974  
pastor of Thatcham and Woolhampton United Reformed Churches.

9/3 Miscellaneous

[For church covenant, 1811, *see* D/N 37/1/1/1.]

9/3/1 Handbill advertising dedicatory services of the Revd John Stay as 1 doc 1918  
minister.

9/3/2 Church constitution. 1 doc 2003

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10	MINISTER		
	[For details of appointment of pastors, 1849-1881, <i>see</i> D/N 37/1/1/1.]		
10/1/1-4	Agreements with successive ministers, mostly relating to the occupation of the manse.	1 bdl	1873-1900
10/2	Pastorate profile.	1 doc	1988

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CHARITIES

[For details of beneficiaries of Matthew Henry Trust, 1928-1929, *see* D/N 37/2/1/2. This charity helped the poor with food, coal, milk etc. The church deacons were *ex officio* trustees. For later details, *see* D/N 37/3/1/1-13.]

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12	PUBLICATIONS		
12/1	<u>Magazines</u>		
12/1/1	Newsletter, July 1992.	1 file	1992
12/2	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
12/2/1	<i>Thatcham URC 200, 1804-2004</i> , by Roy B Tubb. (Privately published history of the church.)	1 vol	2005
12/2/2	Brochure advertising special events to be held at the church in 1936.	1 doc	1936

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13	OTHER BODIES		
13/1	<u>Thatcham British School</u>		
	[The British School was opened in 1847. From 1874 it was state-supported. After the establishment of a new Council School in Thatcham in 1913, staff and pupils transferred there. The terms of the trust were varied, and the school premises were used principally to generate income for the church. In the 1950s the school was used to accommodate overflow from Kennet Secondary School. For records of use by evacuees, 1939-1946, <i>see</i> C/ER 31-32. A new committee was formed in 1952 to organise bookings by outside groups. For handbill relating to the school, 1875, <i>see</i> D/N 37/1/1/1.]		
13/1/1	Minutes of British School committee meetings, April 1900 - January 1903, of annual meetings of subscribers, 1901-1902, of managers' meetings, May 1903 - February 1919, and of annual meetings of trustees and subscribers, 1904-1906, 1908-1909. (Includes agreement of trustees appointing the pastor and deacons of the church a committee to manage the new foundation, 1919, and copy order of the Board of Education establishing a new scheme, 1933.)	1 vol	1900-1933
13/1/2	Minutes of British School committee meetings, January 1952 - February 1960.	1 vol	1952-1960
13/1/3/1-5	Correspondence concerning estimates for repairs required to the building.	1 bdl	1958
13/1/4	Press cutting outlining the history of the school.	1 doc	1912



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14 MISCELLANEOUS

14/1/1-2 Brief notes on the history of the church.

1 bdl n.d. [late 19-  
early 20C]