

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFYDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 214 DBAP 11  
**Title:** ZION ENGLISH BAPTIST CHAPEL, PENTRE  
**Date(s)** 1865-1966  
**Level of description:** Fonds (level 2)  
  
**Extent:** 1 half-box; 0.01 cubic metres

**Name of creators** Zion English Baptist chapel, Pentre, Rhondda

### **Administrative/Biographical history**

Zion was established in 1865 as the first English Baptist church in the Rhondda valleys to answer the spiritual needs of English immigrants and Welsh 'English-only' immigrants (many from Montgomeryshire) employed largely in local coal-mines notably after the opening of Pentre, Bodringallt and Maendy collieries 1864-65 and Gelli colliery 1870. The church began in an old cart-shed in Forge Street, Pentre, but services were transferred to Pentre School, Pleasant View. The first meeting-house on the present site in Pleasant Street was completed in November 1868 but increasing numbers of communicants required the construction of a new chapel on the same site 1877-79. The chapel suffered financial and pastoral difficulties during the first 50 years of its history but growing numbers required an extension to the building in 1906. A history of the chapel was published in 1965: *Zion. A Hundred Years of Christian Witness in a New Town*, by David C Hughes and Eric Sandiford (DBAP11/1).

### **Scope and content**

#### **Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**

All records offered have been accepted and listed

#### **Conditions governing access**

Open access

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#### **Language/Scripts of material**

#### **Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Good condition

#### **Finding aids**

Detailed list available.

#### **Related units of description**

#### **Note**

**Date of descriptions**

June 2003

DBAP11/1	A history of Zion Chapel, Pentre, by D.C. Hughes and E. Sandiford [1 booklet; printed]	1865-1965
DBAP11/2	Registration of Zion Baptist Chapel as a place of worship [1 file of 2 pp, photocopy]	14 Mar 1882
DBAP11/3	Registration of Zion Baptist Chapel for the solemnisation of marriages [1 paper, photocopy]	25 Apr 1890
DBAP11/4	Registration of Zion Baptist Chapel, confirming earlier registration [1 paper, photocopy]	12 May 1954
DBAP11/5	Lease for 99 years for £1. 1s. yearly rent. Crawshay Bailey of Llanfoist, co Mon, esq and George Salisbury of Ystradyfodwg, labourer. of the Church farm, Ystradyfodwg [in margin: plan of property] [1 file of 8pp; photocopy]	27 Apr 1870
DBAP11/6	Mortgage The trustees of the Zion Baptist Chapel: Thomas Joseph of the Buttrills near Cardiff, colliery proprietor, Evan Davies of Ystrad, colliery proprietor, Idris Davies of Ystrad, surgeon, Richard Jones of Ton, grocer, Josiah Williams of Treorchy, grocer, David Morgan of Treorchy, builder, Thomas Ashton of Ton, blacksmith, Henry Evans of Ton, collier, Richard Hern of Ystrad, collier, Abraham Jones of Ton, collier, Thomas Phillips, solicitor and Evan Jones, contractor both of Aberdare The Church Farm, Ystradyfodwg  Also: assignment of mortgage from Thomas Phillips and Evan Jones to The Provident Permanent Building Society (18 Feb 1889)  [1 file of 5 pp: photocopies]	1 May 1884
DBAP11/7	Abstract of title [? 1888] reciting lease for 99 years from George Salisbury to the trustees of Zion Baptist Chapel [1 file of 3 pp: photocopy]	24 Jun 1878

DBAP11/8	Trust deed George Salisbury of Pleasant View, Ystradyfodwg, general dealer, David Morgan of The Stag Hotel, Treorchy, licensed victualler; Richard Jones of Church Road, Ton, grocer; Evan Davies of Primrose Hill, Ystrad Rhondda, gent; Henry Evans of 37 Maindy Road, Ton Pentre, miner; William Bees of Pleasant Street, Pentre, miner; Edward Wedge of Old Pentre Pit, platelayer; William John Hughes of 28 Bailey Street, Ton, signalman; Arthur Morgan Howell of 8 New Street, Ton Pentre, clerk; James Winston of 10 Pleasant View, Pentre, miner; Morris Rebb of Gelli Road, miner; Edwin Rees of 2 Ashrow Place, miner; William Taylor of Old Pentre Pit, Pentre, miner; William Brown of 56 Ystrad Road, miner; and Theodore James Click of Pleasant Street, Pentre, blacksmith The Church farm and Chapel [1 file of 6pp: photocopy]	1 Feb 1889
DBAP11/9	Abstract of title of the trustees of the will of the late Crawshay Bailey to freehold hereditaments, part of the Crawshay Bailey estate with marginal notes [1 file of 7pp; photocopy]	1962
DBAP11/10	Conveyance for £38 1. John Charles Clay of the Cottage, St Hilary, Cowbridge esq; John Crichton Parry De Winton of 4a Lion Street, Brecon borough, solicitor to 2. The trustees of Zion Baptist chapel: Ronald James Adams of 7 Roberts Street, Pentre, factory worker; Christopher Stanley Bees of 5 St Stephen's Avenue, Pentre, retired factory worker; William Alfred Bees of 22 Henry Street, Hopkinstown, Pontypridd, retired miner; John Devereaux of 137 Gelli Road, Gelli, Rhondda, retired miner; Harry Evans of 15 Ton Row, Ton Pentre, retired colliery clerk; Lewis Griffiths of 27 John Street, Pentre, grocery store worker; James Jones of 12 Bailey Street Ton Pentre, colliery winder; Thomas John Jones of 77 Bailey Street, Ton Pentre, retired colliery engineman; Sidney Martin of 28 Clara Street, Ton Pentre, colliery worker; Walter John Rees of 59 Bailey Street, Ton Pentre, retired civil servant; William Mathias of 28 Clara Street, Ton Pentre, retired miner; Gilbert Roach of 20 Llanfoist Street, Ton Pentre, colliery electrician; Alfred Rodgers of 43 Ystrad Road, Pentre, miner; Eric Sandiford of 21 Rich's Road, Cardiff, civil servant Land at Zion Chapel, Pentre [1 file 5 papers; photocopy]	3 Aug 1962
DBAP11/11,12	Memorandum giving names of trustees [1 paper and file of 3 papers; photocopies]	15 Jun 1919 and 28 Jan 1961

DBAP11/13

Letter concerning improvement grant to 6 Maindy Road, Ton  
Pentre, from W Noel Thomas, Town Clerk, to Walter John  
Rees, Secretary, Zion Baptist Chapel 16 Augusta Street, Ton  
Pentre

26 Jan 1966

[1 paper; photocopy]