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Hertfordshire Methodist Chapels

Alphabetical list of chapels for which records have been received in the Record Office

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BARNET East High New	Brookside	NM1C NM1A NM1B
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BISHOP'S STORTFORD		NM9A
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BOXMOOR		NM3H
BURNT MILL (Essex)		NM9D
BUSHEY HEATH		NM7N
BUSHEY & OXHEY		NM7Q
CHESHUNT		NM10D
CHORLEY WOOD		NM7L
CROXLEY GREEN		NM7M
CUPID GREEN (Hemel Hempstead)		NM7H
DASSELLS (Braughing)		NM9G
FLAMSTEAD	Trowley Bottom	NM2G NM2K
GADDESSEN ROW		NM2J
GRAVELEY		NM4F

Hertfordshire Methodist Chapels (cont)

HARPENDEN	High Street	NM2B
	Batford	NM2D
	Southdown Road	NM2C
	Kinsbourne Green	NM2A
HATFIELD	Birchwood	NM5E
	Broadway	NM5D
	Oxlease	NM5F
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	Marlowes	NM3B
	Lower Marlow	NM3D
	Wesley	NM3F
	Bourne	NM3H
	Cupid Green	NM7H
HERTFORD		NM10A
HINXWORTH		NM11B
HITCHIN	Brand Street	NM4A
	Nightingale Road	NM4B
	Christchurch	NM4C
	Walsworth	NM4L
ICKLEFORD		NM4G
KIMPTON		NM2F
KINSBOURNE GREEN (Harpenden)		NM2A
KNEBWORTH		NM8A
LANGLEY, ABBOTS		NM7C
LANGLEY, KINGS		NM7G
LETCHWORTH	Broadway	NM4P
	Central	NM4Q
	North Avenue	NM4R
LEY HILL (Buckinghamshire)		NM3K
MARKYATE		NM2H
NASH MILLS		NM3G
OFFLEY		NM4H
PEGSDON		NM4I
PELHAM, FURNEUX		NM9H
PIRTON		NM4J
POTTERS BAR		NM1D
RADLETT		NM1E

Hertfordshire Methodist Chapels (cont)

REDBOURN		NM5G
RICKMANSWORTH	High Street Mill End	NM7E NM7F
SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex)		NM9F
ST ALBANS	Boundary Road Marlborough Road Hatfield Road	NM5B NM5A NM5J
SEWARDSTONE (Essex)		NM10E
SHEERING (Essex)		NM9E
SHENLEY		NM5H
SLEAPSHYDE		NM5C
STEVENAGE	Old Town Chells Broadwater	NM6A NM6B NM6C
STOTFOLD (Bedfordshire)	Brook Street High Street	NM4S NM4T
STUDHAM (Bedfordshire)		NM2L
TRING	Langdon Street	NM3J
TROWLEY BOTTOM (Flamstead)		NM2K
TWO WATERS		NM3A
WALKERN		NM4K
WALSWORTH (Hitchin)		NM4L
WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex)		NM10F
WARE		NM10B
WARESIDE		NM10C
WATFORD	North Queen's Road St Albans Road Vicarage Road Whippendell Road	NM7B NM7A & NM7J NM7I NM7D NM7K
WELWYN	Oaklands	NM8B
WESTON		NM4M

Hertfordshire Methodist Chapels (cont)

WHEATHAMPSTEAD

The Mill
The Folly

NM5I
NM2E

WHETSTONE (Middlesex)

NM1G

BARNET METHODIST CIRCUIT

NM1

Introduction

The New Barnet Circuit was formed in 1875 to include the churches at High Barnet, New Barnet and Whetstone in Middlesex. Prior to this date this area had formed part of the London Kentish Town Circuit. Potters Bar was added in 1882 from the St Albans Circuit (see NM5). Services were discontinued at Whetstone in 1885. Discussions were held in 1908-9 concerning the possible re-opening of a church here but no further action was taken (see NM1B/2).

In 1929 the Barnet Circuit was instituted comprising the churches of High Barnet, East Barnet, New Barnet and Potters Bar. A site for a church was purchased at Brookman's Park in December 1937. Services were held in a private house pending the start of building operations. However the decision to build was deferred and the site was ploughed up during the war. It was eventually sold in 1954.

The church at Radlett was transferred to Barnet from the St Albans Circuit in June 1960 (see NM1E). Borehamwood also formed part of the Barnet Circuit from 1955 until the church was closed in 1977 (see NM1F). New Barnet (see NM1B) was closed in 1963 when the congregation amalgamated with the church at East Barnet to form the New Brookside Methodist church (see NM1C).

In 1979 Radlett became a partnership church served jointly by the Methodists and the United Reformed Church. Methodist services are also held at the United Reformed churches of St Andrews, Radlett, and Freston Gardens, Cockfosters.

The Barnet Circuit forms part of the London North West District of the Methodist Church.

BARNET METHODIST CIRCUIT

NM1

- /1 Circuit Quarterly Meeting: 1 bdl Jun 1968 - Jun 1974
minutes, reports, agendas,
accounts and related
correspondence
[See also NM1/15-19]
- /2 Manse Trusts: trustees 1 bdl Aug 1967 - Aug 1975
minutes, accounts, reports
and related correspondence
- /3 Circuit Property Committee: 1 bdl Nov 1967 - Nov 1976
agendas, accounts of
connexional and trust funds
and related correspondence
[Until Nov 1974 named the
Circuit Chapel Committee]
- /4 Circuit General Purpose 1 bdl Jul 1969 - Apr 1975
Committee: agendas, accounts
and related correspondence
- /5 Circuit Schedule Book 1 vol 1894 - 1919
containing quarterly
schedules, June 1907-
Sept 1916; subscriptions
and public collections in
support of connexional
funds, 1907/8-1918/19;
list of stewards, 1910-
1913; list of trustees,
1894-1914 with altera-
tions to 1918; and list of
subscribers to Wesleyan
publications, 1912
- /6 Circuit Schedule Book 1 vol 1930 - 1975
containing quarterly
schedules, 1931-1940;
subscriptions in support
of connexional funds,
1930/31-1938/39 and other
miscellaneous collections,
1939-1975; list of trustees
of New Barnet chapel, 5 Jan
1934

BARNET METHODIST CIRCUIT

NM1

- /7 Circuit Records Book 1 vol 1968 - 1975
containing annual schedules,
1968-1974; miscellaneous
subscriptions and collec-
tions, 1968-1974; names of
stewards and officials,
1968-1975; details of trust
property, legacies and
invested funds
Enclosed: correspondence
concerning legacies and
funds, 1969-1974
- /8 Statistical summary of 1 vol 1915 - 1937
chapel and trust property
- /9 Return of accommodation 1 item 8 Jan 1932
- /10 Schedules, invitations and 1 bdl Mar 1968 - Mar 1975
correspondence concerning
appointments of ministers
- /11/1-11 Circuit Plans:
New Barnet Circuit 2 items Jul - Sep 1879
Jul - Sep 1924
Barnet Circuit 9 items Jan - Mar 1977
Jul - Sep 1978
Oct - Dec 1978
7 Jan - 1 Apr 1979
8 Apr - 1 Jul 1979
8 Jul - 30 Sep 1979
7 Oct - 30 Dec 1979
6 Jan - 30 Mar 1980
- [See also NM1/27 and NM1F/5]
- /12 Printed programme of 1 item 14 Feb 1929
circuit rally
- /13 Bundle of cuttings from 1 bdl 1879
the following newspapers:
1 The Watchman and
Wesleyan Advertiser,
25 Jun 1879
2 The Methodist, 27 Jun
1879
3 The Methodist Recorder,
27 Jun 1879
4 Barnet Press, Finchley
and Hendon News, and
Edgware Chronicle, 28
Jun 1879
5 The Times, 30 Jun 1879

BARNET METHODIST CIRCUIT

NM1

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|-----|---|---------|---------------------|
| /14 | Photograph (with key) of New Barnet Circuit Quarterly Meeting | 1 item | Jun 1903 |
| /15 | Quarterly meeting minutes | 1 vol | Mar 1881 - Sep 1907 |
| /16 | Quarterly meeting minutes | 1 vol | Dec 1907 - Sep 1932 |
| /17 | Quarterly meeting minutes | 1 vol | Dec 1932 - Mar 1947 |
| /18 | Quarterly meeting minutes | 1 vol | Jun 1947 - Jun 1957 |
| /19 | Quarterly meeting minutes | 1 vol | Sep 1957 - Jun 1972 |
| /20 | Local Preachers' minutes | 1 vol | Mar 1878 - Mar 1912 |
| /21 | Local Preachers' minutes | 1 vol | Jun 1912 - May 1946 |
| /22 | Circuit Steward's accounts | 1 vol | Sep 1875 - Jun 1914 |
| /23 | Circuit Steward's accounts
At end circuit manse
accounts: Epworth House
(High Barnet), 1926-1952,
New Barnet 1935-1952,
Potters Bar 1943-1952 and
Leicester House Manse
1926-1932
[See also NM1/24] | 1 vol | Sep 1914 - Dec 1953 |
| /24 | Epworth House trust
accounts | 1 vol | Dec 1927 - Aug 1974 |
| /25 | Agreement for erection of
house in Park Road, Barnet
by Edward Chubb, builder,
with letter concerning
estimate for work
[Found enclosed in NM1/24
above] | 2 items | Jun - Jul 1899 |
| /26 | Wesleyan Methodist Mission-
ary Society: centenary fund
accounts | 1 vol | Oct 1912 - Feb 1914 |

/27/1-83	Circuit plans	2 bdl	Jan 1953-Jan 1955 Jul 1955-Dec 1973
/28	Printed order of service for induction of Rev. Carus L Trevenna	1 item	29 Aug 1968
/29	Receipt and payment accounts	1 vol	1883 - 1939
/30	Minutes of Women's Work Committee	1 vol	May 1940-Feb 1964
/31	Minutes of Women's Work Committee including list of circuit representatives 1954-1973	1 vol	Oct 1964-Nov 1984
/32	Youth movement minutes	1 vol	Aug 1942-Jan 1950
/33	Insurance policies for circuit properties at High Barnet, Boreham Wood, Radlett, East Barnet and Potters Bar	1 file	1955-1975

High Barnet Methodist Church

NM1A

Services were being held at Hadley Green at least from August 1770 when a parcel of land and buildings were conveyed to John Wesley by the Shewell family. A church was erected in 1838 almost certainly occupying the same site as the earlier premises. This building was sold to the Baptist Church in 1890 and is still used by them. A new site was purchased in High Street Barnet and the present church opened on 16 March 1892.

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|----|--|--------|---------------------|
| /1 | Minutes of Building Committee, Jul 1890-Oct 1892; with accounts, 1891-1898 | 1 vol | 1890 - 1898 |
| /2 | Treasurer's book: Building Fund Account | 1 vol | Sep 1890 - Jan 1899 |
| /3 | Minutes of Trustees | 1 vol | Jun 1916 - Nov 1950 |
| /4 | Trust Treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Jan 1937 - Dec 1957 |
| /5 | Printed resolution concerning the retirement of F W McPherson from the post of Trust Treasurer | 1 item | Apr 1972 |
| /6 | High Barnet Trust: minutes, 1963-1973; accounts, 1967 and 1968; correspondence and reports concerning property and proposed redevelopment of Barnet High Street by London Borough of Barnet, including press cuttings and town centre plans
[See also NM1A/35-46] | 1 file | May 1963 - Mar 1973 |
| /7 | Minutes of Leaders' meetings | 1 vol | Jan 1877 - Mar 1897 |
| /8 | Minutes of Leaders' meetings

[For Leaders' minutes 1952-1975 see NM1A/25-26] | 1 vol | May 1897 - Nov 1913 |

High Barnet Methodist Church

NM1A

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|-----|---|-------|--|
| /9 | Account book of Society
Steward | 1 vol | Mar 1892 - Mar 1900 |
| /10 | Account book of Society
Steward
[See also NM1A/27-29] | 1 vol | Sep 1908 - Sep 1916 |
| /11 | High Barnet Wesley Guild
minutes | 1 vol | Nov 1897 (first meeting)
- Sep 1908 |
| /12 | Wesley Guild Devotional
Committee minutes
Enclosed: Printed booklet-
<u>The Wesley Guild, High
Barnet Branch, Winter
Programme, 1925-1926</u> | 1 vol | Apr 1907 - Sep 1925 |
| /13 | Collection Journal | 1 vol | Mar 1880 - Apr 1888 |
| /14 | Collection Journal
[See also NM1A/30] | 1 vol | Jan 1955 - Dec 1959 |
| /15 | Account book of Poor
Steward
Enclosed: receipts, 1957 | 1 vol | Jan 1892 - Dec 1957 |
| /16 | <u>The Monthly Messenger:</u>
magazine of High Barnet
Methodist Church contain-
ing serialised history
of the church | 5 | May - Oct 1966 |
| /17 | Miscellaneous printed
literature and correspon-
dence concerning Christian
Stewardship Campaign and
envelope schemes | 1 bdl | 1957 - 1960 |
| /18 | Miscellaneous material
collected for celebration
of 200th anniversary of
Methodism in High Barnet,
including: newspaper
cutting concerning opening | 1 bdl | 1890 - 1970 |

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High Barnet Methodist Church

NM1A

- /18 (cont) of Wyburn Hall, n.d.;
printed programme for
memorial stone laying of the
new Wesleyan Methodist Church
at High Barnet, 6 Oct 1890;
Barnet and its personalities
or its associations with
literature and life by
J Alford Davies, 1913
(annotated); printed
programme of opening and
dedication of memorial
porch, 21 May 1931; High
Barnet Methodist Church,
1891-1941 (2 copies);
A tribute to the Rev C C
Mayes, BA, 1875-1960;
typed thesis by Peter
Bibby, 1962, High Barnet
Methodist Church (2 copies);
typed transcript of part
of the indenture, 11 Aug
1770, conveying use of
premises at Hadley to
John Wesley, 14 Jan 1770;
correspondence and photo-
copies from the Methodist
Archives and Research
Centre concerning Barnet
history, 1970; three
copies of the Souvenir
Programme for the Two
Hundredth Anniversary of
Barnet Church, 1770-1970
- /19 Photograph: High Barnet 1 item 1965
 Methodist Church after
 morning service, 23 May
 1965
- /20 Photographs: 200th 1 bdl 1970
 anniversary of High
 Barnet Methodist Church
- /21 Photographs: High Barnet 1 bdl c.1970
 Church (2); silver trowel
 presented at memorial
 stone laying, 21 May 1891;
 unnamed ministers (3);
 also undated newspaper
 cuttings of Barnet
 scenes, early 20th
 century

High Barnet Methodist Church

NM1A

/22-23	High Barnet Section of the Methodist Missionary Society (Women's Work): committee minutes	2 vols	Oct 1933 - Feb 1953 Mar 1953 - Jan 1964
/24	High Barnet Methodist Missionary Society (Women's Work): list of committee members	1 vol	1945 - 1970
/25	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Sep 1952 - Oct 1960
/26	Minutes of Leaders' meetings, Nov 1960-Mar 1974; Church Council, Oct 1974-Feb 1975; and General Church meeting, 3 Mar 1975	1 vol	1960 - 1975
/27	Society Steward's accounts	1 vol	Dec 1883 - Dec 1891
/28	Society Steward's accounts	1 vol	Jun 1900 - Jun 1908
/29	Society Steward's accounts	1 vol	Jun 1932 - Dec 1938
/30	Collection Journal	1 vol	1960 - 1971
/31	Seat rent ledger	1 vol	1900 - 1914
/32	Seat rent ledger	1 vol	1915 - 1948
/33	Abstainers Roll	1 vol	1927 - 1931
/34	Pulpit Notices	1 vol	Jul 1970 - Dec 1971
/35	High Barnet Trust: correspondence and papers concerning trustees' meetings, maintenance of buildings, organ rebuilding, installation of new church lighting etc	1 file	1945 - 1963

High Barnet Methodist Church

NM1A

- /36 High Barnet Trust: corres- 1 file 1959 - 1969
pondence and papers concern-
ing annual trustees' meet-
ings with statements of
accounts
- /37 High Barnet Trust: corres- 1 file 1954 - 1966
pondence concerning main-
tenance of organ

[See also NM1A/35]
- /38 High Barnet Trust: corres- 1 file 1955 - 1963
pondence concerning main-
tenance and redecoration
of church hall
- /39 High Barnet Trust: corres- 1 file 1957 - 1962
pondence concerning
appointment of caretaker
- /40 High Barnet Trust: corres- 1 file 1960 - 1965
pondence and papers relat-
ing to annual trustees
meetings with plans of
alterations and extensions,
1960
- /41 High Barnet Trust: corres- 1 file 1958 - 1963
pondence and papers
concerning proposed sale
of church site and redevelop-
ment of Barnet High Street,
with plans, 1960
- /42 High Barnet Trust: corres- 1 file 1959 - 1963
pondence concerning
insurance
- /43 High Barnet Trust: corres- 1 file 1960 - 1961
pondence and papers con-
cerning renewal of trust
- /44-45 High Barnet Trust: corres- 2 files 1949 - 1964
pondence concerning main- 1962 - 1966
tenance of 111 High Street,
Barnet, and leasing of
premises

High Barnet Methodist Church

NM1A

- /46 High Barnet Trust: corres- 1 file 1976 - 1980
pondence, plans and accounts
concerning proposed recon-
struction scheme
- /47 Papers concerning Christian 1 file 1961 - 1964
Lifemanship Campaign with
printed reports of discuss-
ions between Church of
England and Methodists
concerning proposed union
of two churches

New Barnet Methodist Church, Station Road

Services were apparently first held in New Barnet in a shed at the corner of Lytton Road and Leicester Road. Premises were acquired in Station Road in 1860 and after various moves a new building on a corner site was erected between 1878-1880. This building was extended in 1892, and was used until its final closure in December 1962. The congregation amalgamated with the church at East Barnet to form the New Brookside Methodist Church (see NM1C).

A list of trustees of this chapel can be found in NM1/6 and a list of ministers 1875-1962 in NM1B/33.

/1	Minutes of trustees Enclosed: printed programme for laying foundation stone of new school chapel, 12 Jul 1873 [See also NM1B/12]	1 vol	30 Dec 1873 (first meeting) - 13 Jan 1891
/2	Minutes of sub-committee of enquiry appointed to consider establishment of a Wesleyan church at Whetstone or South Mimms. Enclosed: related correspondence 1908-9 and 1914	1 vol	Sep - Dec 1908
/3	Trust Treasurer's account book	1 vol	Jan 1915-Dec 1932
/4	Trust Treasurer's account book [See also NM1B/13-15]	1 vol	Jan 1933-Dec 1944
/5	Register of marriages	1 vol	Jul 1918-Dec 1936
/6	Register of marriages	1 vol	Dec 1936-Jul 1944
/7	Register of marriages	1 vol	Nov 1944-Jan 1948
/8	Register of marriages	1 vol	Mar 1948-Jun 1956
/9	Register of marriages	1 vol	Aug 1956-Jul 1960
/10	Register of marriages	1 vol	Jul 1960-Oct 1962
/11	Certificates of registration as a place of worship 13 Jun 1874 and 22 May 1880, and for the solemnization of marriages 12 Apr 1878 and 20 Oct 1880	4	1874 - 1880
/12	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jun 1891-Apr 1916
/13	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1945-Dec 1956
/14	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Dec 1956-Apr 1966
/15	Trust treasurer's statements of account	1 bdl	1956 - 1964
/16	Correspondence concerning bequest made by S J Capner, and closure of trust account with copy of final statement, 1965 [These papers were found inside NM1B/14. See also NM1B/23]	1 bdl	1958 - 1965

/17	Solicitor's bill of costs for purchase of land at New Barnet, 1871, receipts, vouchers, cancelled cheques, 1871-1875, and trust treasurer's account, 1874/5, with some correspondence concerning building operations	1 bdl	1871 - 1875
/18	Receipts, vouchers and cancelled cheques relating to erection of church	1 bdl	1879 - 1880
/19	Building fund account pass book: City Bank	1 vol	Jan 1879-Apr 1885
/20	Building fund account pass book: London and County Banking Co Ltd	1 vol	Jul 1890-Mar 1901
/21	Plans of additions and alterations to school rooms with specification of works	1 bdl	Mar - Jun 1892
/22	Accounts of alterations to school rooms	1 bdl	Feb - Aug 1892
/23	New Barnet Trust: acknowledgement as to bequest by A Dennis, 1903; Charity Commissioners' scheme Sarah Jane Capner bequest, 1924; trustees' guarantee with Barclays Bank, 1936; music and dancing licences, 1923 and 1945; trustees' resolution concerning oil painting "The Crucifixion" by C K Langstaff, 1958	1 bdl	1903 - 1958
/24	New Barnet Trust: correspondence and tenancy agreements concerning "Hillwood", 7 Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet	1 bdl	1939 - 1958
/25	New Barnet Trust: correspondence with Department of Chapel Affairs concerning proposed reconstruction scheme	1 bdl	1953 - 1955
/26	New Barnet Trust: correspondence and papers concerning renewal of trust, 1950-1951, and sale of premises, 1960-1965	1 file	1950 - 1965
/27	Finance committee minutes	1 vol	Nov 1954-Apr 1959
/28	Collection Journal	1 vol	Jan 1871-Nov 1881
/29	Collection Journal	1 vol	Jan 1882-Oct 1885
/30	Jubilee celebrations: posters, letters from well wishers, newspaper cuttings, printed hymn sheets for 50th Anniversary service and leaflets with notes concerning history of church	1 bdl	1924
/31	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Nov 1916-Oct 1936
/32	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1937-Jun 1954
/33	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jul 1954-Nov 1965

New Barnet Methodist Church, Station Road

/34	Society stewards' accounts	1 vol	Jun 1924-Dec 1943
/35-37	Pulpit notices	3 vols	1889 - 1896
/35	Oct 1889 - Jan 1893		
/36	Jan 1893 - Aug 1895		
/37	Aug 1895 - Jan 1896		
/38-43	Collection Journals	6 vols	1885 - 1946
/38	Oct 1885 - Feb 1897		
/39	Feb 1897 - Jan 1907		
/40	Jan 1907 - Oct 1911		
/41	Oct 1911 - Dec 1921		
/42	Dec 1921 - Oct 1931		
/43	Oct 1931 - Jul 1946		
/44	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Nov 1886-Mar 1902
/45	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	May 1902-Jan 1929
/46	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	May 1929-Feb 1939
/47	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Jul 1939-Feb 1956
/48	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Apr 1956-Nov 1962
/49	Minutes of Youth Committee	1 vol	Mar 1944-Mar 1947
/50	Minutes of Women's Work committee	1 vol	Nov 1936-Nov 1956
/51	Women's meeting receipt and payment accounts	1 vol	Nov 1958-Dec 1962
/52	Minutes of Band of Hope committee; at end reversed Band of Hope income and expenditure account 1879	1 vol	Nov 1888-Feb 1913
/53	Band of Hope: penny bank book	1 vol	Sep 1918-Dec 1919
/54	Band of Hope: penny bank book	1 vol	Jan 1920-Oct 1922
/55	Band of Hope: printed programme of annual festival	1	25 Apr 1904
/56	Sunday School: minutes of teachers meetings Oct 1879-Mar 1887; thereafter reports of annual meetings and anniversary treats from the <i>Barnet Press</i> are pasted in together with printed anniversary programmes and lesson plans	1 vol	1879 - 1891

New Barnet Methodist Church, Station Road

/57	Sunday School: minutes of teachers' meetings	1 vol	Jul 1899-Oct 1911
/58	Minutes of Sunday School Council	1 vol	Dec 1911-May 1919
/59	Minutes of Sunday School Council	1 vol	Oct 1919-Jul 1924
/60	Minutes of Sunday School Council	1 vol	Oct 1924-Sep 1933
/61	Sunday School: desk notices	1 vol	Apr 1919-Oct 1920
/62	Sunday School: admission book	1 vol	Jan 1873-May 1920
/63	Sunday School: summary of attendances	1 vol	1893 - 1900
/64	Sunday School: summary of attendances	1 vol	Jan 1926-Dec 1935
/65	Sunday School: summary of attendances	1 vol	Mar 1936-Dec 1940
/66	Sunday School teachers register of attendance	1 vol	Jun 1925-Dec 1935
/67	Sunday School: roll of scholars and attendance register [names of scholars given]	1 vol	1934 - 1935
/68	Sunday school: miscellaneous papers including printed programme for Sunday School sports 1902, and scholars admission certificates 1926-1933	1 bdl	1902 - 1940

Brookside Methodist Church, Cat Hill, East Barnet

Services were held in the Gospel Mission Hall, Jackson Road, East Barnet from 1893. This building continued to be used by the church until 1928. The site at Cat Hill was given to the church in 1914 by Mr William Jackson. An iron room, the gift of Miss Wyburn, was transferred to the site from Hadley Manor a year later. This building was opened on 4 December 1915 and modernised and extended in the 1920s. The Jackson Road Mission Hall was sold in 1928 and the proceeds used for the erection of a new church on the Cat Hill site. The foundation stone was laid on 24 July 1930 and the building opened in November of the same year. In 1962 this church was extensively rebuilt and amalgamated with the congregation from New Barnet (see NM1B) to form the New Brookside Methodist Church.

/1	Minutes of trustees (East Barnet)	1 vol	1914 - 1934
/2	Minutes of trustees (East Barnet)	1 vol	1935 - 1960
/3	Memorandum of choice and appointment of new trustees, 13 Nov 1936, with forms of resignation of former trustees and related correspondence	1 bdl	1936
/4	Printed circular letter concerning raising of funds for new church, 1930; programme and order of service for foundation stone laying, 24 Jul 1930	3	1930
/5	Minutes of meetings of representatives from New Barnet and East Barnet churches concerning amalgamation, 1962, and minutes of site meetings relating to building operations, 1966-1967	1 file	1962 - 1967
/6	Minutes of building committee	1 file	1964 - 1968
/7	Plans and related correspondence concerning specification of works and tenders	1 file	1963 - 1968
/8	Correspondence concerning grant from Department of Education and Science	1 file	1964 - 1965
/9	Church register of members	1 vol	1963 - 1967
/10	Printed programme of service of thanksgiving and dedication on opening of the New Brookside Methodist Church	2	18 Nov 1967
/11	<i>The Barnet Methodist Story - The New Brookside Methodist Church, 1967:</i> printed history	2	1967
/12	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Dec 1915-Dec 1940
/13	Trustees: Building Society deposit account book	1 vol	Jan 1934-Feb 1968

Brookside Methodist Church, Cat Hill, East Barnet

/14	Trustees: Barclays Bank deposit account book	1 vol	Jun 1959-Jul 1960
/15	Pulpit notices	1 vol	Sep 1961-Sep 1963
/16	Collection Journal	1 vol	Sep 1956-Oct 1968
/17	Collection Journal	1 vol	Oct 1968-Dec 1971
/18-21	Vestry Cash books	4 vols	1963 - 1970
/22	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Jan 1936-Feb 1942
/23	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Sep 1942-Jun 1950
/24	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Sep 1950-Nov 1957
/25	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Feb 1958-Nov 1962
/26	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Nov 1962-Jan 1970
/27	Minutes of Foreign Missionary Committee	1 vol	Apr 1932-Oct 1967
/28	Minutes of Youth Club Committee Youth Club accounts and newspaper cuttings concerning club activities enclosed	1 vol	Feb 1962-Sep 1967
/29	Young Wives Fellowship cash book	1 vol	Sep 1955-Oct 1961
30-31	Young Wives Fellowship: subscription accounts	2 vols	1971 - 1983

St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, Potters Bar

Potters Bar now forms part of Hertfordshire but before 1965 was included in the Middlesex parish of South Mimms. By 1800 services were being held in premises at Barnet Side. A church at South Mimms appeared on the Luton Circuit Plan for 1813-14. However, from 1827 references can be found to "Mimms" in the records of the St Albans Circuit (ref NM5).

From 1880 a barn at Darkes Farm was used for services until a church built in the Hatfield Road was opened on 13 August 1883. Discussions were held in 1908 concerning the establishment of a further church at South Mimms but nothing appears to have come of this (see NM1B/2).

St John's, Baker Street, was erected in 1941 and the former Hatfield Road premises sold.

Potters Bar has formed part of the Barnet Circuit since 1882.

/1	Trust treasurer's account book. Volume also includes final statement of account of sale of premises in Hatfield Road, Aug 1941, and building accounts, 1932-1933	1 vol	Jan 1892-Feb 1942
/2	Trustees' minutes	1 vol	Jul 1929-Aug 1941
/3	Trustees' minutes	1 vol	Oct 1951-May 1956
/4	Trustees' minutes	1 vol	Sep 1960-Jun 1976
/5	Chapel Stewards accounts	1 vol	Jan 1931-Dec 1940
/6	Stonelaying and Building Committee minutes	1 vol	Aug 1939-Feb 1941
/7	Leaders' Meeting minutes	1 vol	Dec 1943-Oct 1952
/8	Leaders' Meeting minutes	1 vol	Dec 1952-Sep 1961
/9	Leaders' Meeting minutes [includes Annual Society minutes, Jan 1969-Jan 1970]	1 vol	Nov 1961-Nov 1969
/10	Leaders' Meeting minutes	1 vol	Jun 1970-Feb 1974
/11	Church Council minutes	1 vol	Aug 1974-Feb 1986
/12	Manse Trust Committee minutes	1 vol	Jun 1958-Sep 1971
/13	Property Committee minutes	1 vol	Jan 1975-Oct 1993
/14	Trust and Society accounts, financial statements and associated papers	1 file	1939 - Aug 1963
/15	Trust accounts, Mar 1941-Jan 1942, building fund accounts and papers, Feb 1941-Apr 1948, bazaar accounts, Apr 1939, and other financial papers	1 file	Apr 1939-Apr 1948

St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, Potters Bar

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| /16 | Society accounts, 1967-1975, Gift Day accounts, 1970-1975, and appointments to church council and committees, Mar 1974 | 1 file | 1967 - 1975 |
| /17 | Miscellaneous correspondence and papers, including papers concerning the transfer of the Trust from old to new church, 1941, and survey of condition of 88 Hatfield Road, 1943 | 1 file | Mar 1941-Feb 1949 |
| /18 | Miscellaneous correspondence and papers including papers concerning the renewal of the Trust, 1957-1958, and refusal of planning permission for church extension, 1965 | 1 file | Oct 1957-Jul 1975 |
| /19 | Correspondence and papers mainly concerning 88 Hatfield Road and also 67 Baker Street, the church extension, and outside users of the church. [88 Hatfield Road was the old manse, 67 Baker Street the new manse] | 1 file | Aug 1932-Apr 1956 |
| /20 | Correspondence and papers concerning 90 Hatfield Road and 67 Baker Street, and letter concerning the Church Anniversary, 1943 | 1 file | Feb 1943-Aug 1947 |
| /21 | Correspondence and papers concerning 88 and 90 Hatfield Road and 67 Baker Street and draft terms of appointment for caretaker, May 1944 | 1 file | Oct 1943-Jan 1950 |
| /22 | Miscellaneous correspondence and papers, mainly concerning the new church building | 1 bdl | Aug 1939-Oct 1946 |
| /23 | Miscellaneous correspondence and papers, mainly concerning property, buildings maintenance and insurance matters | 1 file | Jul 1955-Nov 1975 |
| /24 | Miscellaneous Property Committee papers, including papers concerning appointments of organist and choir master and membership of the Church Council and committees, 19790-1980 | 1 file | [c1978]-Nov 1980 |
| /25 | Estimates for erection of new church building | 1 bdl | Jul 1939 |
| /26 | Miscellaneous correspondence and papers, mainly concerning building projects and financial matters | 1 bdl | Dec 1939-Nov 1952 |

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- /27 Miscellaneous correspondence and papers, including papers concerning the construction of the new church, 1940, and the Church Hall and class room, 1952-1954 1 file Feb 1940-May 1961
- /28 Miscellaneous correspondence and papers, including papers concerning the erection of the Church Hall and compliance of same with entertainment licensing regulations 1 file Nov 1948-May 1962
- /29 Correspondence and papers concerning proposed church extensions and alterations, including minutes and reports of the Building Committee, 1959 1 file Sep 1956-Dec 1965
- /30 Correspondence and papers concerning interest free loans from church members to Trustees 1 file Jan 1959-Jan 1961
- /31 Correspondence and papers concerning Mrs Agnes Dyson's bequest to the church 1 bdl Jul 1959-Jan 1960
- /32 Miscellaneous correspondence and papers including papers concerning the organ, outside use of church premises, invitations to ministers to attend anniversaries and a copy of the quinquennial inspection report on the church 1 file Dec 1957-Oct 1971
- /33 Miscellaneous Sunday School papers including song book c1908, and plays, orders of service for anniversaries, 1956-1985, class lists, 1961-1964, and blank forms of admission to Junior Church 1 bdl [c1908], May 1956-Jun 1985
- /34 Miscellaneous Sunday School papers including orders of service for anniversaries, 1973-1977, papers concerning the annual bible contest, and statements of accounts, 1976-1984 1 bdl Jun 1958 - [c.mid 1980s]
- /35 Copies of Church Newsletter, 1959, and magazine, *The Flame*, 1965-1970 1 bdl 1959, 1965 - 1970
- /36 Transcript history of the Potters Bar branch of Toc H, 1929-1965 1 item nd [c1960s]
- /37 Newspaper cutting concerning induction of new minister, the Revd William Motion 1 item Sep 1964

St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, Potters Bar

/38 Correspondence concerning proposed 1 item nd [c1976],
appointment of the Revd Robert White Jan 1976
as minister

Radlett Methodist Church, Station Road

NM1E

A group of Methodists were meeting at Radlett in the house of William Martin, a master blacksmith and local preacher by 1864. The congregation, however, seems to have dispersed by 1873. An iron chapel was finally erected on a freehold site in Station Road in 1902. The present church was opened on 5 January 1938. This building remains a Methodist trust property but since 1979 has been shared by the United Reformed Church under a partnership deed.

Radlett formed part of the St Albans Circuit until June 1960 (see NM5).

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| /1 | Trustees' minutes | 1 vol | May 1931 - Jul 1955 |
| | [See also NM1E/16-19] | | |
| /2 | Trust treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Jan 1935 - Dec 1954 |
| | [See also NM1E/20] | | |
| /3 | Account book: building fund | 1 vol | Apr 1936 - Feb 1941 |
| /4 | Correspondence and accounts concerning new church building, Feb 1938, with treasurer's report, Jan 1938, and final statement of account, May 1938 | 1 bdl | Jan - May 1938 |
| /5 | Contractors' receipts for work done on church building; with correspondence and accounts relating to the installation of audio equipment, 1940 | 1 bdl | Jul 1937 - May 1940 |
| | [See also NM1E/22-24] | | |
| /6 | Minutes of the Cross Path Houses Trust (from 9 Oct 1958 known as the Radlett Methodist Church Manse Trust) | 1 vol | Apr 1958 - Mar 1960 |
| /7 | Correspondence relating to business of the Cross Path Houses Trust, 1948-1959; and maintenance of church building, 1937-1956 | 1 bdl | 1937 - 1959 |
| | [See also NM1E/9 and 26] | | |

Radlett Methodist Church, Station Road

NM1E

- /8 Correspondence and miscellaneous papers concerning church bazaars including minutes of bazaar committees, 1954-1961; trustees' correspondence concerning use of organ and hall, repairs, insurance, funds and church heating, 1951-1962
Enclosed: specification for repairs and redecoration of church, Sep 1962 including architects' drawing of alterations to sanctuary, Aug 1962 1 file 1951 - 1962
- /9 Correspondence and papers concerning the sale of 37 Crosspath, Radlett 1 file Sep 1977 - Mar 1980
[See also NM1E/6, 7 and 26]
- /10 Minutes of Leaders' meetings
Enclosed: printed appeal leaflet, Jun 1936 for funds for new building, and letter, 5 Nov 1937, concerning supply agreement with St Albans Gas Company 1 vol Feb 1933 - Jun 1947
- /11 Poor fund account book 1 vol 1934 - 1961
- /12 Vestry cash book: envelope system 1 vol Dec 1950 - Dec 1952
- /13 Collection journal 1 vol Nov 1958 - Jul 1971
- /14/1-15 Architects' plans, sections and elevations of proposed Methodist church, Station Road, Radlett 15 Mar 1936 - Feb 1937
- /15 Certificates of registration for religious worship, 11 Feb 1902, and the solemnization of marriages, 10 Oct 1905 2 1902; 1905

Radlett Methodist Church, Station Road

NM1E

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| /16 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Nov 1901 - Feb 1918 |
| /17 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Feb 1919 - Jan 1931 |
| /18 | Minutes of trustees, Feb 1956-May 1977 and minutes of Property Committee, Oct 1977 | 1 vol | 1956 - 1977 |
| /19 | Minutes: joint meetings of leaders, trustees and youth council, 1974; church family committee, 1974; church council, 1974-1975; and general church meeting, 1975 | 1 vol | 1974 - 1975 |
| /20 | Trust treasurer's accounts including a list of subscribers to new chapel fund | 1 vol | Sep 1902 - Dec 1914 |
| /21 | Mortgage for purchase of site in Station Road, 2 Jul 1897; correspondence concerning abstract of title, 1899-1900; application for permission to erect chapel, May 1902 | 1 bdl | 1897 - 1902 |
| /22 | Specification of works for erection of church | 1 vol | Mar 1937 |
| /23 | Correspondence and papers concerning building fund, erection of church and grants | 1 file | 1936 - 1940 |
| /24 | Radlett Trust: correspondence concerning maintenance of buildings including report of Quinquennial inspection, Jul 1969 | 1 file | 1962 - 1979 |

Radlett Methodist Church, Station Road

NM1E

- /25 Insurance policy for church 1 item 1975 - 1979
buildings and contents with
renewal notices
- /26 Crosspath Houses Trust: 1 bdl 1941 - 1942
correspondence concerning
purchase of property
- /27 Minutes of church meetings 1 file 1976 - 1980
concerning Radlett Method-
ist and United Reformed
Church partnership
constitution, 1977-1979;
drafts of constitution,
1979; statements of
accounts, 1976-1979;
annual report of Radlett
United Free Church, Dec
1980

Trinity Methodist Church, Croxdale Road, Boreham Wood NM1F

A group of Methodists were meeting in Boreham Wood by 1949 at first in private homes. As numbers grew several temporary venues for services were obtained including Laing and Sons recreational hut in Manor Way, a canteen in Catterick Way and the Infants School in Furzehill Road. The minister from High Barnet normally led the services.

A site for a new church in Croxdale Road was purchased from the London County Council and the foundation stone was laid on 14 May 1955. While building work was in progress after September 1955 services, and a Sunday School, run in cooperation with the Anglican church, were held in a temporary hut erected on the site. The new church, designed by Paul Mauger & Partners of Welwyn Garden City, was formally opened on 11 February 1956. Alterations and extensions planned in 1964 were never carried out.

The building was closed in 1976 and the premises sold the following year to the Jewish church.

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| /1 | Minutes of trustees
Enclosed: list of names and
addresses of trustees, 1971
and 1972 | 1 vol | Nov 1952-Mar 1977 |
| /2 | Minutes of local trustees | 1 vol | Nov 1954-Jun 1972 |
| /3 | Minutes of Leaders' meetings
[See also NM1F/8] | 1 vol | Mar 1961-Nov 1973 |
| /4 | Minutes of Church Council:
successor to Leaders'
meetings in NM1F/3 above | 1 vol | Jun 1974-Sep 1975 |
| /5 | Correspondence concerning
accounts and miscellaneous
matters including repairs
to building, closure and
sale of church property.
Also includes Barnet
circuit plans for Jul-Sep
1975 and Oct-Dec 1975 | 1 file | 1969 - 1977 |
| /6 | Register of marriages | 1 vol | Jan 1959-Aug 1974 |
| /7 | Register of marriages
[3 entries only] | 1 vol | Feb 1975-Oct 1975 |

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- /8 Minutes of Leaders' meetings 1 vol Jun 1957-Nov 1960
- /9 Newspaper cuttings concerning laying of foundation stones, 1955, with printed programme; building accounts, 1955-6; trust correspondence and plans concerning alterations and extensions, 1960-1965
[See also NM1F/28,36-38] 1 file 1955 - 1965
- /10 Boreham Wood Trust: correspondence concerning maintenance and sale of church premises to the Jewish church with trust accounts, 1967-1977, and plans and elevations of new manse and church hall, 1965 1 file 1965 - 1977
- /11 Certificates of registration for solemnization of marriages 2 Sep 1958
- /12 Memoranda of choice and appointment of new trustees 2 1962; 1971
- /13 Society accounts including separate accounts for collections and postage 1 vol May 1953-Dec 1955
- /14 Society and trust accounts 1 vol Jan 1954-Aug 1963
- /15 Trust treasurer's accounts including annual summaries 1960/61 - 1974/75 1 vol Oct 1961-Aug 1975
- /16 Society accounts 1 vol Sep 1963-Aug 1974
- /17 Trust and general accounts 1 vol Sep 1974-Nov 1976

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| /18 | Annual statements of accounts with some correspondence concerning final sale of church and settlement of bills
[See also NM1F/28] | 1 bdl | 1961/62 - 1975/76 |
| /19 | Vestry cash book | 1 vol | Jan 1960-Dec 1961 |
| /20 | Vestry cash book | 1 vol | Jul 1969-Apr 1973 |
| /21 | Collection Journal | 1 vol | Dec 1968-Dec 1975 |
| /22 | Correspondence and related papers concerning covenants | 1 bdl | 1966 - 1974 |
| /23 | Organisation accounts:
Sunday School, Youth Clubs,
Women's Friendly Circle,
Poor Steward's Money | 1 vol | May 1961-Aug 1964 |
| /24 | Accounts of anniversary celebrations | 1 bdl | May 1964 |
| /25 | Correspondence concerning foundation of society in Boreham Wood and decision to erect new church | 1 file | 1949 - 1955 |
| /26 | Correspondence concerning purchase of site and contractors' accounts | 1 file | 1955 - 1957 |
| /27 | Correspondence with Midland Bank and Architects Paul Mauger and Partners, Welwyn Garden City concerning finance, contractors, furnishing and fittings | 1 file | 1954 - 1957 |
| /28 | Building accounts with related correspondence, 1957 and copies of trust accounts 1953/54 - 1962/63 | 1 file | 1953 - 1963 |

Trinity Methodist Church, Croxdale Road, Boreham Wood

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- /29 Estimate and bill of Quantities for erection of church, Jan 1955 with approved plans by Architects Paul Mauger and Partners Apr-Aug 1954 comprising sketch design, block and site plan, elevations, sections and floor plans. 1 file 1954 - 1955
- /30 Site plan of London County Council Housing Estate, Boreham Wood showing proposed site to be set aside for church 1 item Apr 1951
- /31 Correspondence concerning erection of temporary hut for church use, proposed erection of Jewish church on adjacent site, erection of boundary fence and general correspondence with architects 1 file 1954 - 1958
- /32 Correspondence concerning furniture and fittings 1 file 1955 - 1958
- /33 Correspondence concerning insurance, and maintenance of church including copy of Electricity Supply Regulations 1937 1 file 1956 - 1960
- /34 Boreham Wood Trust "File No 3": correspondence with architects concerning maintenance of building, general correspondence concerning insurance and letting of hall with some agenda for trustees' meeting 1 file 1956 - 1967
- /35 Boreham Wood Trust "File No 4": contents as in NM1F/34 1 file 1967 - 1974

- /36 Boreham Wood Trust: sketch plan of proposed manse, and extension to church hall (Architect Gordon Spence, Radlett) with correspondence and report 1964-1965; general correspondence concerning boiler installation and maintenance, 1958-1962 1 bdl 1958 - 1965
- /37-38 Correspondence and papers concerning arrangements for stone laying, opening service and dedication, including newspaper cuttings and orders of service 2 files 1953 - 1956
- /39 Correspondence concerning acquisition of flat for Deaconess with inventory, and agreement with London County Council for lease of flat, Sep 1956 1 file 1956
- /40 Printed Orders of Service: induction of Sister Hazel Potter as Deaconess, 5 Sept 1956 and induction of minister Rev Derek H A Davidson, 4 Sept 1969 2 1956; 1969
- /41 Correspondence and papers concerning hire of hall including agreements, 1964 and 1965 with Croxdale Play Group and Hertfordshire Association for Welfare of the Handicapped; also correspondence concerning fire precautions including copy of Fire Precautions Act, 1971 1 file 1964 - 1972

WHETSTONE METHODIST CHURCH

-- DEC 1989

Prior to 1875 Whetstone formed part of the London Kentish Town Circuit. Services were discontinued in 1885. Discussions were held in 1908-9 concerning the possible re-opening of a church at Whetstone but no further action was taken (see NM1B/2).

/1 Collection Journal

1 vol Apr 1881-Mar 1885

HARPENDEN METHODIST CIRCUIT

Introduction

Wesleyan Methodists were meeting in Harpenden at least from 1792 and in Markyate from 1808. The impetus for Methodist preaching in this area emanated from Luton and both Wesleyan and Primitive societies were connected with a circuit based on that town. Before Methodist Union the Luton circuits included societies as far removed as Flamstead, Redbourn, Kimpton, St Albans and Stevenage. In 1933 a new circuit centred on Hitchin was formed (see NM4) and the resulting much reduced Luton Circuit included the Hertfordshire chapels at Harpenden (High Street and Southdown Road), Kinsbourne Green, Batford, The Folly (Wheathampstead), Kimpton, Hexton, Lilley, Cockernhoe, Bendish, Markyate, Gaddesden Row, Flamstead, Trowley Botton, Redbourn and St Albans. A completely new circuit based on Harpenden was formed in 1942 to include the following: High Street and Southdown Road, Harpenden, Kinsbourne Green, Batford, The Folly (Wheathampstead), Kimpton, Markyate, Gaddesden Row, Flamstead, Trowley Bottom and Studham (Bedfordshire). The two societies at Flamstead and Trowley Bottom amalgamated in 1958 and a new church was opened at Trowley Hill in 1960 (see NM2G and NM2K). A second church at Wheathampstead known as The Hill was associated with the St Albans circuit from 1838 until its closure in 1939. What records survive of this church are listed under that circuit (see NM5I).

The Bedfordshire Record Office at County Hall, Bedford holds records of the Luton Methodist Circuit many of which relate to individual churches in Hertfordshire.

The Harpenden Circuit now forms part of the London North West District of the Methodist Church.

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Placement list after introduction
Harpenden

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HARPENDEN METHODIST CIRCUIT

1 Quarterly Meeting

- /1 Minutes 1 vol Sep 1942-Sep 1948
- /2 Minutes 1 vol Dec 1948-Dec 1959
- /3 Minutes 1 vol Mar 1960-Dec 1965
- /4 Agenda, minutes and papers 1 vol Mar 1965-Mar 1974
- /5 Agenda, minutes and papers 1 file Jun 1974-Sep 1979
From Sep 1974 known as circuit meeting
[see also NM2/3/1]

2 Committee Minutes

- /1 Finance and General Purposes Committee 1 vol Nov 1948-Jul 1961
- /2 General Purposes Committee: minutes and papers including report concerning future development of Circuit, May 1972 1 file Feb 1971-Dec 1979
- /3 Local Preachers Committee 1 vol Sep 1942-Aug 1950
- /4 Local Preachers Committee 1 file Jun 1958-Jun 1973
- /5 Overseas Missionary Committee, renamed Women's Work Committee from Oct 1962 1 vol Sep 1942-Sep 1967
- /6 Youth Council 1 vol May 1966-Jun 1970

3 Circuit Papers

- /1 General papers and correspondence concerning circuit finance and administration including report on proposal to establish separate Harpenden Circuit, 1937 and agenda for Quarterly meetings, 1943-1944 1 file 1935 - 1972
- /2 Printed programmes and papers concerning organisation of circuit bazaars including minutes of Bazaar committee, 1968 1 bdl 1952 - 1968
- /3 Orders of service for Circuit Rallies 1 bdl 1950 - 1956; 1964 - 1967; 1978
- /4 Programme for Circuit Party 1 item Jun 1955

HARPENDEN METHODIST CIRCUIT

3 Circuit Papers (cont)

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| /5 | Programmes and reports concerning worship, youth and mission activities | 1 bdl | 1964 - 1975 |
| /6 | Orders of service for inductions of new ministers | 1 bdl | 1973 - 1983 |

4 Circuit Plans and Directories

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| /1 | Luton and Hitchin Wesleyan Circuit: Hertfordshire Chapels at Markyate, Harpenden, Flamstead, Hexton, Lilley, Offley, Cockernhoe, Aley Green and Chaul End (Caddington), Kimpton, Gaddesden Row, Kinsbourne Green, Ickleford, Whitwell, Hitchin, Stevenage, Walkern and Pirton [photocopy only] | 1 item | 1862 |
| /2 | Luton Wesleyan Circuit: Hertfordshire Chapels at Markyate, Harpenden, Flamstead, Hexton, Lilley, Cockernhoe, Aley Green and Chaul End [transferred to Bedfordshire 1897], Kimpton, Gaddesden Row, Kinsbourne Green and Round Green [photocopy only] | 1 item | 1877 |
| /3 | Chapel Street Wesleyan Circuit, Luton: Hertfordshire Chapels at Markyate, Harpenden, Flamstead, Gaddesden Row, Kinsbourne Green and Cold Harbour (Batford) | 1 bdl | Apr 1897-Jan 1898;
Apr - Jul 1898;
Jan - Apr 1904;
Oct 1904-Apr 1905;
Oct 1906-Jan 1907 |
| | [For preaching plan Luton Chapel Street Circuit, 1886 see NM2B/4/2] | | |
| /4 | Chapel Street Wesleyan Circuit, Luton: Hertfordshire Chapels at Markyate, Harpenden, Flamstead, Gaddesden Row, Kinsbourne Green and Batford | 1 bdl | Jan 1927-Dec 1932;
Apr - Oct 1933 |
| /5 | Luton and Dunstable Primitive Circuit: Hertfordshire Chapels at Trowley Bottom, Bendish, Harpenden (Southdown Road), Redbourn and St Albans | 1 item | Jul - Oct 1933 |
| /6 | Luton Circuit: Hertfordshire Chapels at Harpenden (High Street and Southdown Road), Kinsbourne Green, Batford, The Folly (Wheathampstead), Kimpton, Hexton, Lilley, Cockernhoe, Bendish, Markyate, Gaddesden Row, Flamstead, Trowley Bottom, Redbourn and St Albans | 1 bdl | Oct 1933-Apr 1934;
Jul - Oct 1934;
Jan - Apr 1935;
Jul 1935-Oct 1937;
Jan 1938-Oct 1942 |

HARPENDEN METHODIST CIRCUIT

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4 Circuit Plans and Directories (cont)

/7	Harpenden Circuit: High Street, Southdown Road, Kinsbourne Green, Batford, The Folly, Kimpton, Markyate, Gaddesden Row, Flamstead, Trowley Bottom and Studham (Bedfordshire)	1 bdl	Oct 1942-Oct 1957
/8	Harpenden Circuit	1 bdl	Nov 1957-Oct 1962; May 1963 - Apr 1964; Aug 1964 - Oct 1965
/9	Harpenden Circuit	1 bdl	Oct 1966 - Oct 1976
/10	Harpenden Circuit	1 bdl	Nov 1976 - Oct 1978
/11	Harpenden Circuit	1 bdl	Nov 1978 - Oct 1984; Nov 1985 - Apr 1986
/12	Circuit Directories	1 bdl	Sep 1979-Aug 1985

5 Miscellaneous

/1	Chapel Street Circuit, Luton: Blotter, Calendar and Year Book	1 vol	1929 - 1931
/2	Chapel Street Wesleyan Church Luton: Renovation Fund appeal leaflet	1 item	1931
/3	<i>Impact</i> : history of Luton Methodism 1750-1962 by G Fletcher	1 vol	1962

Kinsbourne Green Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

In May 1820 the house of Matthew Luck at Kinsbourne Green was registered as a place of worship for Methodists. Eight years later it appeared on the Luton Circuit plan. Not until 1856 was a small plot of land acquired and the first chapel built. Regular services were held until the 1890s when under increasing difficulties the church had to close for a year. However a new hall was built in 1931 and extended twenty years later when the original church was demolished.

/1	Register of marriages [4 entries only]	1 vol	Mar 1937-Jun 1939
/2	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1899-Dec 1939
/3	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1940-Nov 1976
/4	Correspondence and papers concerning trust accounts	1 bdl	1941 - 1946
/5	Annual balance sheets	1 bdl	1954 - 1973
/6	Correspondence and papers concerning enfranchisement of church property, 1898, extensions and erection of school hall, 1931 including building account, 1931 and agreement for lease of school room to Hertfordshire County Council, 1939	1 bdl	1898 - 1939
/7-8	Specifications and contract for extensions to school hall for use as a chapel and demolition of old chapel including plan of proposals, 1948	2 bdls	1948 - 1949
/9	Plans and elevations for alterations [G H Herring, Architect, Harpenden]	1 file	1948 - 1951
/10	Plans and elevations of proposed alterations	6	1948 - 1949
/11	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Jul 1952-May 1967
/12	Minutes of Leaders meetings and from Oct 1973 Church Council [see also NM2A/13]	1 vol	Sep 1967-Sep 1981
/13	Minutes of annual church meetings 1951-1977 and 1979-1980 together with minutes of Church Council meetings May 1978 - Mar 1979 additional to NM2A/12	1 vol	Feb 1951-Mar 1980
/14	Sunday School accounts	1 vol	1850 - 1898
/15	Leaflet advertising Sunday School Festival	1 item	May 1965
/16	Photographs of Flower Festival	1 bdl	1978

Kinsbourne Green Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

/17 Programme of 125th anniversary 1 bdl 1981
celebrations with newspaper cutting
Harpden Advertiser Jul 1981

Harpenden High Street Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

Methodists were meeting in Harpenden at least from 1792 when the house of Thomas Robinson was registered for worship. This house, it is believed, formed one of a row of small cottages later known as Chapel Row on West Common, Harpenden. It was connected with the Luton Circuit from 1808 and was used for worship until the first chapel was built in Leyton Road in 1839. Chapel Row was demolished about 1902. This first chapel soon became too small and no other site being available land adjoining was purchased. A larger chapel completely replacing the old one was opened in 1886. A better organ was installed and stained glass windows added during the 1890s.

In 1922 the chapel trustees purchased the White House and its land in the High Street, Harpenden. The house was demolished but not until 1929 was work begun on the new chapel after innumerable fund raising efforts. This building, to a design by Allan Brace, was opened in 1930. The Leyton Road chapel was sold in 1935 after being used for a short period as a cinema [see NM2B/4/5].

The separate Harpenden Circuit was formed in 1942 and the High Street Church became its leading society with a Superintendent Minister. The work at High Street greatly expanded and the building underwent various internal alterations as a result, the Sunday School accommodation becoming particularly cramped. After further long and determined fund raising activities a separate building, erected on land at the rear of the church, was opened in 1975 solely for Sunday School and Youth work.

1 Registers

/1	Baptisms	1 vol	Jun 1875-Sep 1941
/2	Baptisms	1 vol	Nov 1941-Oct 1960
/3	Marriages	1 vol	Apr 1890-Nov 1913
/4	Marriages	1 vol	Apr 1914-Jul 1933
/5	Marriages	1 vol	Aug 1933-Apr 1940

2 Trustees: minutes

/1	Minutes of trustees including list of trustees concerned with erection of first chapel	1 vol	Dec 1838-Dec 1839
/2	Minutes of a committee formed to oversee the extinction of the chapel debt. At end accounts of contributions	1 vol	Jul 1872-Nov 1873
/3	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1904-Aug 1921
/4	Minutes of trustees including lists of trustees, Aug 1921 and Mar 1924	1 vol	Aug 1921-Oct 1931
/5	Minutes of trustees including list of trustees, Feb 1953	1 vol	Feb 1932-Jan 1959

Harpenden High Street Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

- 2 Trustees: minutes (cont)
- /6 Minutes of trustees, Feb 1959-May 1972 1 vol 1959 - 1974
and minutes of property committee,
Jul 1972-Oct 1974 [Annual statements
of account are pasted in]
- /7 Minutes of annual finance committee 1 vol Feb 1917-Oct 1966
[Trustees and Leaders]
- /8 Minutes of annual finance committee 1 vol Oct 1967-Nov 1971
- 3 Trustees: accounts
- [see also NM2B/2/2 and 6]
- /1 Trust treasurer's accounts, 1884-1903; 1 vol 1884 - 1913
at end choir fund accounts, 1899-1913
together with balance sheet of new
organ fund, 1894/5
- /2 Trust treasurer's accounts 1 vol Jan 1904-Dec 1924
- /3 Papers formerly enclosed in NM2B/3/2: 1 bdl 1905 - 1937
List of trustees, 1911; printed balance
sheet of trust fund, 1905; agreement for
appointment of organist, Feb 1921;
'subscription list for alterations to
church, Oct 1910; duties of caretaker, 1898;
agreement 1908 for adjoining landowner to
erect gates on chapel property; account of
money raised at sale of work, 1913;
summaries of trust income and expenditure
1917-1937; statement of new church fund
accounts, 1934-1937; report on church
acoustics, 1934; statement of account
concerning purchase of the White House,
Harpenden, 1922; printed appeal leaflet,
1928 containing architects drawing and plan
of proposed new church, Harpenden High
Street
- /4 Trust treasurer's accounts 1 vol Jan 1925-Dec 1945
- /5 Trust treasurer's accounts 1 vol Jan 1946-Aug 1964
- /6 Trust treasurer's accounts 1 vol Sep 1964-Aug 1972
- /7 Annual summaries of trust income and 1 file 1931 - 1965
expenditure with general church
financial statements
- /8 Annual schedules of trust income and 1 file 1947 - 1964
expenditure

Harpenden High Street Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

3	<u>Trustees: accounts</u> (cont)		
/9	New Church Fund accounts including accounts for purchase of the White House; fund raising activities; architect's fees; stone laying ceremony; furniture and equipment; organ fund	1 vol	1921 - 1940
/10	Accounts of 50 scheme - to raise money for building fund	1 vol	1927 - 1931
/11	Building fund accounts	1 vol	1931 - 1937
/12	Accounts of donations to building fund, 1931-1939 and accounts of covenanted gifts to church generally, 1942-1961	1 vol	1931 - 1961
4	<u>Trustees Papers</u>		
/1	Certificates of registration as a place of worship and for the solemnization of marriages	1 bdl	1846 - 1890
/2	Items placed under foundation stone of Leyton Road church, 17 Aug 1886 and removed when the stone was moved to High Street 14 Sep 1929: poster advertising stone laying ceremony, Aug 1886; <i>Herts Advertiser</i> , 14 Aug 1886; <i>Methodist Recorder</i> , 13 Aug 1886; <i>The Daily News</i> , 17 Aug 1886; preaching plan Luton Chapel Street Circuit, 1886; and list of ministers and officers of Harpenden church, Aug 1886	1 bdl	1886
/3	Printed report and statement of building fund accounts	1 item	1888
/4	Correspondence with Chapel Committee concerning purchase of additional land, 1883 and 1907, including plan 1906 and request for permission to sell the Leyton Road site, 1927	1 bdl	1883 - 1927
/5	Copies of leases of former church in Leyton Road for use as a cinema with related correspondence	1 bdl	1932 - 1933
/6	Plan of the White House, Harpenden High Street purchased as site for new church, 1921; correspondence and papers concerning proposed architectural competition for design for new church, 1925; and accounts of building fund, 1936-1937	1 bdl	1921 - 1937

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4 <u>Trustees Papers</u> (cont)			
/7	Plan of site of new church Harpenden High Street	1 item	Dec 1923
/8	Correspondence with architect Alan Brace, 19 St Mary Abbots Terrace, Kensington concerning new church building	1 bdl	1927 - 1931
/9	Correspondence, accounts and papers concerning erection of new church	1 file	1929 - 1944
/10	Accounts of new church building fund with related correspondence and list of subscribers, 1931	1 file	1926 - 1943
/11	Miscellaneous correspondence concerning purchase of the White House, 1922; electricity supply to new church, 1930; sale of pianos, 1931; and supply of suitable stone for new church building, 1924	1 bdl	1922 - 1930
/12	List of tenders for erection of new church	1 item	1929
/13	Order of service for stone-laying ceremony, list of those present and illustrated newspaper cuttings; with correspondence, 1973 concerning the supposed existence of a movie film taken at the stone-laying ceremony.	1 bdl	1929; 1973
/14	Order of service for opening and consecration of new church with invitation cards, printed description of the memorial east window and illustrated newspaper cuttings	1 bdl	1930
/15	Printed appeal leaflets for subscriptions to the new church fund with correspondence concerning proposals for extinction of debt	1 bdl	1924 - 1948
/16	Specifications, estimates and plans for erection of organ	1 bdl	1930 - 1932
/17	Specifications, plans and related correspondence concerning erection of caretaker's cottage	1 bdl	1939 - 1941
/18-19	Correspondence concerning applications for the post of chapel keeper	2 bdls	1943 - 1957

Harpenden High Street Methodist Church (Wesleyan)4 Trustees Papers (cont)

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| /20 | Correspondence concerning northern boundary of church property and proposed exchange of land, 1952-1960; with sale particulars and plan, 1951 of the Brewery House, 29 High Street and retail premises, 30-32 High Street, Harpenden | 1 bdl | 1951 - 1960 |
| | [see also NM2B/4/21-22] | | |
| /21 | Correspondence concerning boundaries of church property and negotiations concerning exchange of land | 1 bdl | 1959 - 1964 |
| /22 | Correspondence concerning boundaries of church property and proposed development at rear of church | 1 bdl | 1961 - 1976 |
| /23 | Correspondence and estimates concerning redecoration of church and other maintenance work | 1 bdl | 1939 |
| /24 | Report to trustees concerning church heating | 1 bdl | 1946 |
| /25 | General trust correspondence including some letters concerning proposed extension of youth work | 1 bdl | 1936 - 1944 |
| /26 | Report by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research concerning the condition of the church stonework | 1 item | 1943 |
| /27 | Correspondence concerning major repairs to fabric of church including stonework | 1 bdl | 1945 - 1960 |
| /28 | General correspondence concerning memorial tablet and window (Burgin), choir robes, church insurance and rates; with report on general repairs required, 1954 and undated list of trustees | 1 bdl | 1945 - 1959 |
| /29 | General correspondence concerning church heating, redecoration, property boundary and proposed scout hut | 1 bdl | 1957 - 1969 |
| /30 | Correspondence concerning repairs to boiler | 1 bdl | 1947 - 1960 |
| /31 | Specification and tender for new central heating system | 1 item | 1969 |

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4	<u>Trustees Papers</u> (cont)		
/32	Proposed colour scheme for redecoration	1 item	1962
/33	Correspondence concerning installation of amplifier system	1 bdl	1950 - 1960
/34	Correspondence concerning rewiring	1 bdl	1964
/35	General correspondence concerning maintenance of church and minor repair work	1 bdl	1958 - 1969
/36	General correspondence concerning provision of additional lighting and redecoration with plans of proposed new choir vestry	1 bdl	1961 - 1968
/37	Ground plan and elevation of proposed Youth Centre	1 item	1973
/38	Programme and order of service for opening ceremony of new church hall [Youth Centre] with manuscript of opening speech made by Mrs Gladys Brigham	1 bdl	1975
/39	Ground plans of church [dated 1970; retraced 1976] by K A Williams, 87 Victoria Street, St Albans, architect	3	1976
/40	Printed leaflet advertising Grand Auction in aid of building fund	1 item	1976
/41	Copy of a conveyance of two cottages at Pimlico, Harpenden by Thomas Irons of Billinghamurst, Sussex to William Chubb, Frederick Pearce and Albert Gregory, all of Harpenden for use as a Mission Room [This building, known as the United Mission, was run by trustees from the Congregational, Primitive Methodist and Wesleyan Methodist Churches. It closed shortly after the First World War and the building let to the Brethren in 1933]	1 item	Jul 1908
5	<u>Leaders: minutes</u>		
/1	Leaders and annual society meetings	1 vol	Dec 1891-Sep 1919
/2	Leaders and annual society meetings	1 vol	Oct 1919-Sep 1941
/3	Leaders and annual society meetings	1 vol	Dec 1941-Jan 1966

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5	<u>Leaders: minutes (cont)</u>		
/4	Leaders and annual society meetings and Church Council from Jun 1972	1 vol	Feb 1966-Jul 1974
/5	Minutes, reports and papers of Pastoral and Community Service working parties, Fellowship and Social Committee with papers concerning restructuring of church meetings and working parties, 1970-1971	1 file	1969 - 1971
6	<u>Leaders: accounts</u>		
/1-4	Society Steward's accounts	4 vols	1902 - 1928
	/1 Mar 1902 - Dec 1906		
	/2 Mar 1907 - Mar 1912		
	/3 Jun 1912 - Jun 1920		
	/4 Sep 1920 - Sep 1928		
/5-10	Collection Journals	6 vols	1927 - 1979
	/5 Jan 1927 - Dec 1942		
	/6 Jan 1943 - Sep 1948		
	/7 Sep 1948 - Mar 1953		
	/8 Mar 1953 - Nov 1957		
	/9 Nov 1957 - Feb 1969		
	/10 Mar 1969 - Nov 1979		
/11	Society accounts: including collections, pew rents, choir, sunday school, missions, poor fund, Wesley Guild and donations from church funds	1 vol	1923 - 1947
/12	Society accounts [as NM2B/6/11]	1 vol	1944 - 1972
/13	Accounts of poor fund	1 vol	1962 - 1970
/14	Society income and expenditure accounts: class money, pew rents, poor fund, collections etc	1 vol	1950 - 1961
/15	Society accounts [as NM2B/6/14]	1 vol	1962 - 1972
/16	Summary book of society revenue and expenditure	1vol	1947 - 1973
/17	Cash book	1 vol	1973 - 1980

Harpenden High Street Methodist Church (Wesleyan)7 Leaders: miscellaneous papers

/1-12	Lists of church members	12 vols	1944 - 1981
/1	1944		
/2-3	1955 (2)		
/4-5	1961 (2)		
/6	1966		
/7	1970		
/8	1971/72		
/9	1974/75		
/10	1978		
/11	1981		
/12	1981 [with changes to 1982]		
/13-15	Correspondence and papers concerning stewardship renewal	3 files	1969 - 1979
/13	1969		
/14	1975		
/15	1979		
/16	Harpenden Christian Council: minutes of executive committee with report concerning area stewardship, Dec 1967 and orders of service for united services of praise held at High Street Methodist Church, 1961 and 1983	1 file	1961 - 1983
/17	Miscellaneous papers including printed leaflets and booklets concerning church services and activities, christian commitment, family weekends, nursery school and scout group	1 file	1945; 1956 - 1983
/18	Church Plan containing list of preachers and leaders of Sunshine Brigade	1 item	1931
/19	Church seating plan with note of seats reserved for Brown family	1 item	n.d. [prior 1932]

8 Sunday School: minutes and registers

/1	Volume containing lists of scholars and attendance register, 1861-1866; accounts of clothing club, 1867-1880 and of collections and class tickets, 1862-1874	1 vol	1861 - 1880
/2	Register of officers, teachers and scholars	1 vol	1918
/3	Minutes of Sunday School Council	1 vol	Nov 1912-Oct 1929

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8	<u>Sunday School: minutes and registers (cont)</u>		
/4	Minutes of Sunday School Council renamed Junior Church Council from Feb 1939	1 vol	Jan 1930-Sep 1940
/5	Minutes of Junior Church Council	1 vol	Nov 1940-Sep 1952
/6	Minutes of Junior Church Council renamed Junior Church Committee from Feb 1959	1 vol	Feb 1953-Oct 1963
/7	Minutes of Junior Church Committee	1 file	Feb 1964-Apr 1973
/8	Minutes of Youth Council	1 vol	Apr 1959-Apr 1969
/9	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Apr 1943-Nov 1948
/10	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Jul 1949-Nov 1965
/11	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 bdl	Sep 1979-Sep 1981
9	<u>Sunday School: accounts and other papers</u>		
/1	Accounts	1 vol	Jan 1952-Sep 1981
/2	Annual statements of account	1 bdl	1953 - 1981
/3	Form of service of dedication for Sunday School workers	1 item	n.d.
/4	Orders of service and hymn sheets for Sunday School Anniversaries	1 bdl	1927 - 1980
/5	Orders of service for Promotion Sunday	1 bdl	1964 - 1983
/6	Hymn sheet and form of service to be used in Sunday Schools in celebration of Methodist Union	2	Sep - Oct 1932
/7	<i>The Junior Broadcast</i>	2	Sep 1947
/8	Junior Church Magazine	1 bdl	1974
/9	Report to Leaders meeting concerning Junior Church Recruitment campaign	1 item	Dec 1971
/10	Programme of children's concert in aid of Band of Hope	1 item	Mar 1908
/11	Souvenir invitation to gathering of old scholars and friends to celebrate retirement of Mr Henry Salisbury, 47 years the Sunday School Superintendent	2	Mar 1911

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9	<u>Sunday School: accounts and other papers (cont)</u>		
/12-13	Harpenden Young People's Sunday Social: Song Books	2	n.d. [c.1930]
/14	Photographs of Sunday School activities	5	c.1923 - 1925
/15	Photographs of Sunday School activities	7	1968
10	<u>Wesley Guild</u>		
/1	Minutes	1 vol	Oct 1907-Mar 1956
/2	Minutes	1 vol	Apr 1956 - Apr 1962
/3	Minutes of Look Out committee	1 vol	Jun 1923-Nov 1927
/4	Accounts	1 vol	Oct 1934-Apr 1962
/5	Membership cards and syllabuses	1 bdl	1946/47 - 1961/62
/6	Orders of service and programmes for Guild activities	1 bdl	1928 - 1957
/7	Correspondence concerning closure of Guild	1 bdl	1962
11	<u>Women's Missionary Society Committee</u>		
/1	Minutes	1 vol	Jun 1915-Jun 1945
/2	Minutes	1 vol	Feb 1946-Nov 1960
/3	Minutes of Ladies Circle	1 vol	Nov 1933-Feb 1969
12	<u>Choir</u>		
/1-3	Minutes of choir committee	3 vols	1929 - 1971
/1	Apr 1929 - Feb 1941		
/2	Mar 1941 - Jan 1951		
/3	Mar 1951 - Oct 1971		
/4	Choir practice and service attendance registers	10 vols	1926 - 1975
/4	Jan 1926 - Mar 1928		
/5	Apr 1928 - Jun 1930		
/6	Jan 1937 - Mar 1941		
/7	Oct 1946 - Mar 1948		
/8	Jan 1951 - Sep 1954		
/9	Oct 1954 - Jun 1960		

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12 Choir (cont)

- /10 Jul 1960 - Apr 1964
- /11 May 1964 - Mar 1968
- /12 Apr 1968 - Dec 1971
- /13 Jan 1972 - Feb 1975

- /14 Sheets giving average attendances 1 bdl Apr 1961-Dec 1963
- /15 Choir rules 2 nd [c1926]
- /16 Music lists 1 bdl 1937 - 1983
- /17 Programmes and orders of service for choir concerts and recitals including Christmas services 1 bdl 1909 - 1985
- /18 Programmes and illustrated brochure concerning visits of Chancel Choir, First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, USA to Harpenden 1 bdl 1974; 1980
- /19 Certificate of affiliation to the Royal School of Church Music and correspondence and papers concerning the Williams School of Church Music, The Bourne, Harpenden with programme for inaugural service, May 1971 1 bdl 1971 - 1979
- /20 Miscellaneous papers concerning history of choir, outings and annual suppers with photographs of choir, 1896, 1952 and 1968 1 bdl 1896; 1952 - 1977
- /21 Posters advertising performances, open days and other events organised by the Williams School of Church Music 1 roll 1971 - 1983

13 Miscellaneous

- /1-6 Church Notices [incomplete] 6 bdls 1963 - 1984
 - /1 Dec 1963 - Jan 1968
 - /2 Jan 1968 - Dec 1970
 - /3 Jan 1971 - Jul 1974
 - /4 Aug 1974 - Sep 1977
 - /5 Sep 1977 - Aug 1980
 - /6 Sep 1980 - Sep 1984

 - /7-10 *The Broadcast* [incomplete] 4 bdls 1928 - 1985
 - /7 1928 - 1949
 - /8 1950 - Mar 1970
 - /9 Jun 1970 - Sep 1978
 - /10 Dec 1978 - Dec 1985
- [For the *Junior Broadcast* see NM2B/9/7]

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13 <u>Miscellaneous</u> (cont)			
/11	Orders of service and other papers concerning services broadcast from Harpenden Methodist church	1 file	1949; 1968; 1975; 1979
/12	Souvenir of selected quotations printed to raise funds at bazaar	1 item	May 1907
/13	Printed tribute to the Rev. Charles Claud Mayes (1875-1960)	1 vol	1960
/14	Guide for visitors to Harpenden Methodist Church: various editions	1 bdl	1951 - 1972
/15	Poster advertising church bazaar	1 item	n.d.
/16	Order of Service: unveiling war memorial tablet	1 item	Apr 1920
/17	Order of Service: dedication of new organ	1 item	Oct 1932
/18	Order of Service: united service held at the Baa-Lamb Trees, Harpenden Common to celebrate Royal Silver Jubilee	1 item	May 1935
/19	Order of Service: unveiling and dedication of Harpenden War Memorial	1 item	Nov 1949
/20	Orders of Service: church anniversaries and festivals	1 bdl	1931 - 1970
/21	Order of Service: intercession and and rededication for the United Nations	1 item	Oct 1955
/22	Orders of Service	1 bdl	1951 - 1983
/23	Methodist Church Ticket of Membership: G E Gillham	1 item	Dec 1960
/24	Lists of ministers and officers of High Street Church from 1935	1 bdl	1973
/25	Notes of sermons preached by Rev. F B Clogg kept by E Cant	1 vol	1918
/26	The Methodist Players: newsletters and programmes	1 bdl	1965 - 1978
/27	Correspondence, orders of service, newspaper cuttings and other papers concerning golden jubilee celebrations	1 bdl	1980
/28	Papers and orders of services for Christian Unity	1 bdl	1964 - 1985

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/29	Order of service: institution and induction of the Rector of Harpenden	1 item	Jul 1964
/30	Order of service: consecration of Church of All Saints, Harpenden	1 item	May 1965
/31	Bedford and Northampton Synod: programme and luncheon menu for Synod held in Harpenden	2	Sep 1931
/32	Photographs of first chapel in Leyton Road together with line drawing mounted on back of part of Luton Circuit plan c.1928	3	n.d.
/33	Photographs of former church in Leyton Road [built 1886] with list of stone layers	2	n.d.
/34	Photograph of the White House, High Street, Harpenden in process of demolition to make way for new church	1 item	1929
/35	Photographs of stonelaying ceremony and interior of new church, High Street, Harpenden	1 bdl	1930
/36	Photograph of interior of High Street Church	1 item	n.d.
/37	Photographs of ministers: S Yelland Richards; John J Ingram; William H Bright; A Stanley Bishop; Charles G Danbury; J Crowlesmith and Mrs Crowlesmith	1 bdl	c.1897 - 1925
/38	Photograph of bazaar	1 item	c.1946
/39	Photographs of exhibition	6	1973
/40	Photographs of organ	3	1983
/41	Photograph album of those connected with church serving in H M Forces	1 vol	1940
/42	Newspaper cuttings book kept by Elsie Cant containing news items concerning Methodist events and personalities and local incidents	1 vol	c.1896 - 1913
/43	Miscellaneous newspaper cuttings [content as in NM2B/13/42]	1 bdl	1929 - 1983
/44	Colour transparency of Christmas crib	1 item	1972

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13	<u>Miscellaneous</u> (cont)		
/45	Notes by Mr L M Harrod on history of Circuit churches and Harpenden in general	1 file	n.d.
/46	<i>An Historical Note on Bygone Harpenden</i>	1 vol	1924
/47	<i>The Story of Harpenden: a short local history</i> [Harpenden W.E.A]	1 vol	1952
/48	<i>A guide to Harpenden and the Social Services</i>	1 item	1955
/49	Printing Block: Leyton Road Church built 1886 [from a drawing by E Hasseldine]	1 item	n.d.
/50	Printer's blocks for booklet: <i>An Illustrated Short History of Methodism in Harpenden</i> [a copy of this book by Henry Owen Williams is available in the Record Office Search Room]	5	1930

Southdown Methodist Church, Harpenden (Primitive)

Primitive Methodists from Luton were conducting open-air services in the Bowling Alley area of Harpenden, now known as Southdown, by the mid 1800s. They gradually confined themselves to one small cottage in Grove Road which was used as a Mission Hall until the first chapel was opened in 1865 on a site in Wheathampstead Road (later Southdown Road). A small room was added to the back of the chapel in 1888 for use as a Sunday School. Major alterations to the chapel were undertaken in 1898-1899 and a new school hall was built on the opposite side of the road on land leased from Charles Bennet Lawes. The chapel was registered for marriages in 1905. Much needed income was obtained during the First World War from the army who used the Sunday School hall as barracks. The freehold of the land on which the Sunday School was built was purchased from the Lawes family in 1909 and further adjoining plots were obtained during the 1930s. A new Primary Department was built in 1954. Various alterations were made to the chapel building in 1959 but by the 1960s it was clear that an extensive modernisation programme was required. On 9 May 1970 the completely refurbished building was re-dedicated and ten years later new church halls were opened.

/1	Minutes of annual Society meetings and one meeting of the finance committee dated Feb 1938	1 vol	Feb 1935-Jan 1942
/2	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Nov 1933-Feb 1942
/3	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Jun 1942-Mar 1962
/4	Society Steward's accounts	1 vol	1934 - 1951
/5	Church Magazine	1 bdl	Oct 1967-Jan 1971
/6	Pen and ink drawing of church	1 item	c.1919
/7-9	Plans and elevations of proposed alterations to church and Sunday School [G W Herring architect, Harpenden]	3 bdls	1950 - 1954
/10	Illustrated brochure containing Order of Service for re-dedication of church and short history	2	May 1970
/11	Order of Service for opening and dedication of new church halls	1 item	Sep 1980

Batford Methodist Church, Harpenden (Wesleyan)

Open air services were being held by 1884 at the west end of Bowers Heath Lane, retreating in the winter months to the home of Mr and Mrs Josiah Smart of Cold Harbour. A Sunday School was also held nearby at the cottage of Mr Robert Drury. The meetings proved so successful that this accommodation soon became inadequate. A piece of ground was purchased next to Mr Drury's cottage and a corrugated iron room was erected shortly afterwards. By 1900 it was obvious that this building was too small and a piece of land was purchased on the Batford Mill estate [Lower Luton Road] where housing development was scheduled. The new chapel, to designs by Messrs Anscombe and Franklin, was opened on 25 January 1905. The old building was sold for £25. An extension at the back of the Chapel was opened in 1922 for use as a School Hall. During the Second World War the building was used as a canteen for H M Forces but was very badly damaged by an incendiary bomb in May 1941. Further extensions adding substantially to the Chapel's accommodation were opened in March 1952.

/1	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1899-Feb 1927
/2	Minutes of trustees From 1969 annual statements of account are pasted in with report, 1975 concerning drainage problems at chapel	1 vol	Feb 1928-Oct 1975
/3	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1939-Aug 1972
/4	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Aug 1972-Aug 1977
/5	Plan of proposed new chapel, Jun '1904 [Anscombe & Franklin, Architects Luton]; and plan of new school hall, c.1922; with related correspondence.	1 bdl	1904 - 1922
/6	Correspondence concerning appointment of trustees	1 bdl	1946 - 1947
/7	Memorandum of choice and appointment of new trustees	1 item	Apr 1960
/8-9	General trust correspondence concerning appointment of trustees, accounts and building maintenance with plans and papers concerning church extensions, 1970-1975 [architect William F Clarke, Harpenden] and sale of property Acre View, Lower Luton Road, Harpenden, 1972	2 files	1968 - 1976
/10	Society Steward's accounts	1 vol	Sep 1916-Mar 1938
/11-12	Society Steward: accounts of collections and ticket money	2 vols	Jun 1929-Jun 1937; Sep 1937-Dec 1939

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/13-17	Society Steward's accounts	5 vols	1938 - 1981
/13	Jan 1938 - Jan 1939		
/14	Jan 1939 - Dec 1949		
/15	Jan 1950 - Sep 1959		
/16	Oct 1959 - Dec 1972		
/17	Jan 1973 - Aug 1981		
/18	Society Steward: cash book	1 vol	Jan 1960-Nov 1974
/19	Collection Journal	1 vol	Aug 1933-Apr 1956
/20	Collection Journal	1 vol	May 1956-Mar 1968
/21	Collection Journal	1 vol	Mar 1968-Sep 1980
/22	Minutes of Annual Society and Leaders meetings	1 vol	Feb 1937-Aug 1947
/23	Minutes of Annual Society and Leaders meetings	1 vol	Dec 1947-Dec 1958
/24	Minutes of Annual Society and Leaders meetings; Church Council from Oct 1973	1 vol	Jan 1959-Mar 1976
/25	Sunday School accounts	1 vol	Oct 1884-Feb 1944
/26	Minutes of Youth Council	1 vol	Jul 1948-Feb 1967
/27	Papers formerly enclosed in NM2D/26: Methodist Youth Department circulars; report: "Methodism and the Scout Movement"; correspondence and papers concerning Youth Club meetings; syllabus for Circuit Youth Festival, Oct 1967; attendance figures for Junior Church, 1974	1 bdl	1967 - 1974

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The Folly Methodist Church, Wheathampstead (Wesleyan)

Wheathampstead was listed on the Luton Circuit Plan of 1813-14 but very little is known of the activities in the area after this date. A chapel was built in 1887. Extensive alterations were made to the building in 1928 with the addition of a vestry and school room. A larger school hall was opened in 1938.

/1	Minutes of chapel committee, Jan 1896 - Dec 1907 and trustees Mar 1908 (1st meeting) - Jun 1937	1 vol	1896 - 1937
/2	Minutes of trustees; at end list of trustees 1948	1 vol	Jul 1937- Nov 1964
/3	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jun 1928-Dec 1938
/4	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1939-Aug 1968
/5	Correspondence and papers concerning proposed extensions to chapel including new vestry and school room	1 bdl	1928
/6	Minutes of annual society and leaders meetings	1 vol	Dec 1934-Nov 1960
/7	Minutes of annual society and leaders meetings	1 vol	Jan 1961-Dec 1968
/8	Programme and hymn sheet for carol service	1 bdl	Dec 1970

Kimpton Methodist Chapel (Wesleyan)

Methodists have been meeting in Kimpton since 1841 probably with the help of visiting preachers from Luton. A small chapel was opened in 1845 which was completely rebuilt in 1870. The cottages adjoining the chapel also belonged to the trustees. In 1892 the tenants were given notice to quit and plans were put in hand to convert the cottages into Sunday School accommodation. Extensive alterations were made in 1907 with the addition of a new school room, a vestry and new seating for the chapel. Electric lighting was installed in 1930. Special services were held in 1941 to commemorate 100 years of Methodism in Kimpton and again in 1970 one hundred years after the erection of the second chapel which is still in use.

/1	Minutes of trustees [meetings very intermittent]; at end reversed society accounts, 1845-1847	1 vol	Mar 1845-Nov 1961
/2	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1963-Nov 1976
/3	Correspondence with Methodist Chapel Committee concerning erection of new chapel, 1870 and organ, 1899; and appointment of trustees, 1912	1 bdl	1870 - 1912
/4	Minutes of annual society and leaders meetings	1 vol	Jan 1905-Nov 1965
/5	Minutes of annual society and leaders meetings; Church Council from Oct 1973	1 vol	Nov 1966-Feb 1978
/6-8	Minutes of Sunday School teachers meetings	3 vols	1870 - 1957
/6	Dec 1870 - Mar 1903		
/7	Apr 1906 - Mar 1938		
/8	Jan 1939 - Jan 1957		
/9	Cutting from <i>Methodist Recorder</i> with article concerning centenary celebrations	1 item	May 1970
/10	Programme for Christmas service	1 item	Dec 1978

Flamstead Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

Methodists were meeting in Flamstead by 1836 as the place appeared on a Luton Circuit plan of that year. A large room was certified for worship in December 1841 and a chapel was in use by 1846. By the 1920s the society was experiencing great difficulties with the structure of the building and major repairs were put in hand. Electric light was installed in 1934. At the end of the Second World War it was clear that the building needed radical alteration. The Sunday School was particularly short of accommodation and as a temporary measure two classrooms were partitioned off under the gallery inside the church. The former Primitive chapel at Trowley Bottom (see NM2K) amalgamated with the Flamstead society of 1958. A new church on a completely new site at Trowley Hill was opened on 21 May 1960.

Bedfordshire Record Office holds a volume of Society Steward's accounts, 1845-1882 relating to this church (Ref. MB410)

/1	Baptism register	1 vol	Jun 1861-Jul 1959
/2	Minutes of trustees, Jan 1898-Feb 1906 and at end reversed trust accounts, 1896-1944	1 vol	1896 - 1944
/3	Minutes of trustees with list of trustees, 1908 at beginning of book	1 vol	Nov 1906-Jan 1959
/4	Papers and correspondence concerning chapel renovations	1 bdl	1927 - 1929
/5	Collection Journal	1 vol	May 1950-Dec 1959
/6	Accounts of building fund for Sunday School	1 vol	1945 - 1953
/7	Order of Service: stonelaying for new church	1 item	Oct 1959
/8	Order of Service: dedication of new church	1 item	May 1960

Markyate Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

Markyate was listed on the Luton circuit plan as early as 1808 and a chapel certainly existed here by 1846. A new chapel was opened in 1859 on adjoining land and the old building continued to be used as a Sunday School. Correspondence covering the period 1845-1863 concerning the enfranchisement of the chapel property is held in the Record Office under reference 81124 - 81133. A special fund was started in 1909, the chapel jubilee year, for the complete renovation of the exterior of the building. The chapel was licensed for marriages in 1919. By the 1930s the existing school room was proving inadequate but plans for development were shelved until after the Second World War. Then as funds were still in rather short supply the church gallery was converted into an extra school room as a temporary measure. Extensions to the rear of the chapel were opened on 2 September 1967.

A Primitive Methodist society also flourished in Markyate for a time - a chapel built in 1868 was closed and sold in 1907.

/1	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jun 1899-Mar 1946
/2	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jun 1946-Nov 1976
/3	Trust accounts	1 vol	1956 - 1960
/4	Correspondence and papers concerning purchase of additional land for proposed extension	1 bdl	1919 - 1930
/5	Notice giving details of re-dedication service for refurbished church	1 item	Jul [c.1920]

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Gaddesden Row Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

Services were being held in Great Gaddesden by 1842 and a chapel was erected in 1845.

/1 Financial statement

1 item 1968

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Trowley Bottom Methodist Church, Flamstead (Primitive)

A Primitive Methodist Chapel existed at Trowley Bottom at least from 1875. In 1958 it amalgamated with the former Wesleyan society in Flamstead (see NM2G). A new church on a completely new site at Trowley Hill was opened on 21 May 1960.

Bedfordshire Record Office holds a trust treasurer's account book, 1875-1927 and other papers relating to this church (ref. MB831-2)

- /1 Minutes of trustees Jan 1920-Jan 1921 and Feb 1938 with trust accounts 1921-1960 1 vol 1920 - 1960
- /2 Papers concerning sale of land 1 bdl 1934 - 1937
- /3 Correspondence and papers concerning purchase of nissen hut for chapel extension and gift of land 1 bdl 1947 - 1950

Studham Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

Services were being held in Studham from around 1825 sometimes in members' homes or very often in the open air. In 1859 Mr George Barnard offered a building formerly used as a workshop if money could be found to provide pews and a pulpit. A Sunday School was started and very soon the little chapel was no longer large enough. Mr Barnard stepped in again and offered a piece of his own freehold land on which to build a chapel. The new building was opened for worship on 25 June 1861 built entirely by voluntary help. The land on which the chapel now stood was purchased from Mr George Barnard in 1898. All debts were cleared by 1906 and a small extension was added two years later. In October 1925 two stained glass windows were unveiled to the memory of Mr George Barnard (who died December 1913) and his ^{son} Mr John Barnard (died April 1923). Work was begun on a completely new chapel and Sunday School in 1965 to a design by H W Shaw of Dunstable.

Bedfordshire Record Office holds a subscription and account book, 1865-1866 relating to this chapel (Ref. MB440)

/1	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1914-Oct 1948
/2	Trust accounts	1 vol	1898 - 1965
/3	Papers concerning purchase of chapel, 1898 and subsequent repayment of loans	1 bdl	1898 - 1929
/4	Account of money raised for memorial windows and heating apparatus	1 item	1927
/5	Post Office Savings Bank: account book for chapel building fund	1 vol	1946 - 1963
/6	Accounts, correspondence and papers concerning rebuilding of chapel	1 bdl	1960 - 1968
/7	Order of service: stonelaying for new church	1 item	Oct 1965
/8	Illustrated programme of centenary celebrations containing short history of church	1 item	1961

HIGHFIELD METHODIST CHAPEL, HARPENDEN

[At one time this Church was known as the Barnados Chapel and the Highfield School Chapel. The Chapel closed in 1986.]

[Accession 2186]

1	Duplicate marriage register	1 vol	Jan 1934-Mar 1957
2	Duplicate marriage register	1 vol	Sep 1957-Aug 1966
3	Duplicate marriage register	1 vol	Oct 1966-Sep 1978
4	Duplicate marriage register [This register was officially closed in 1986]	1 vol	Jul 1979-Aug 1985

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD AND BERKHAMSTED METHODIST CIRCUIT

Introduction

A preaching place at "Hempstead" appeared on the Luton Wesleyan circuit plan as early as 1813/14. A chapel existed in Redbourn Street, Hemel Hempstead in 1836 (see microfilm of baptism register 1836-7, PC26/1). At this date Hemel Hempstead formed part of the St Albans Circuit (see NM5). A separate Wesleyan Circuit based on Hemel Hempstead was formed in 1886 out of the St Albans Circuit to include the chapels at Hemel Hempstead, Nash Mills, Two Waters, Cowper Road Berkhamsted, Kings Langley and Abbots Langley. These chapels, however, remained independent only until 1904 when they became part of the larger Watford and Rickmansworth Circuit (see NM7). A chapel at Cupid Green was opened in 1940 (see NM7H). The rapid growth of Hemel Hempstead New Town necessitated the building of new churches: Wesley opened in 1956 (see NM3F) and Bourne opened in 1959 to replace the older church at Boxmoor (see NM3H). The former Wesleyan chapel at Cowper Road, Berkhamsted closed in 1956 (see NM3C) and Cupid Green in 1955.

A new Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted Circuit was formed in 1957 to include the chapels at Hemel Hempstead (at this date Marlowes and Wesley), Two Waters, Boxmoor and Nash Mills from the Watford Circuit, together with the former Primitive chapels at Berkhamsted, Ley Hill and Tring from the Chesham Circuit. Kings Langley and Abbots Langley formerly part of the older Hemel Hempstead Circuit remained in the Watford Circuit and documents relating to these two churches can be found listed under NM7. The church at Cupid Green became part of the Hemel Hempstead Circuit in 1961 when it was renovated and once more opened for worship. However, the records held by the Record Office have been kept together and are listed under the Watford Circuit whose church it originally had been (see NM7H).

The Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted Circuit now forms part of the London North West District of the Methodist Church.

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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD AND BERKHAMSTED METHODIST CIRCUIT

Berkhamsted Primitive Methodist Circuit
(Berkhamsted, Boxmoor, Ley Hill and Tring)

NM3/1	Circuit accounts	1 vol	Jan 1934-Dec 1951
NM3/2	Circuit accounts	1 vol	Mar 1952-Jun 1959
NM3/3	Manse trust: treasurer's account	1 vol	1915-1924; 1943-1959
NM3/4	Inventory of furniture in manse 32 Kings Road, Berkhamsted	1 item	Jun 1941
NM3/5-11	Membership roll books	7 vols	1935-1960
	/5 Berkhamsted, Boxmoor and Ley Hill, 1935/36		
	/6 Berkhamsted, Boxmoor and Ley Hill, 1936/37		
	/7 Berkhamsted High Street, Tring, 1936/37		
	/8 Berkhamsted, Boxmoor, Ley Hill, Tring, 1947/48		
	/9 Berkhamsted, Boxmoor, Ley Hill, Tring, 1948/49		
	/10 Tring, Ley Hill, Berkhamsted High Street, 1956		
	/11 Berkhamsted, Tring, Ley Hill, 1960		

Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted Circuit

NM3/12	Minutes of circuit manse trustees	1 vol	Oct 1965-Nov 1976
NM3/13	Quarterly meeting minutes and agenda	1 file	Sep 1968-Sep 1973
NM3/14	Minutes and agenda of circuit meetings including General Purposes Committee, and Circuit Missions Committee	1 file	Nov 1972-Jun 1977

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NM3/24-26	General circuit correspondence	3 files	1975-1978
NM3/27	Correspondence and papers concerning manse 32 Kings Road, Berkhamsted and its sale in 1967	1 bdl	1928-1967
NM3/38	Correspondence concerning the sale of the manse at Hemel Hempstead in 1932 and the prospect of buying a new manse [The address of neither manse is given]	1 bdl	1933-1934
NM3/28	Correspondence and papers concerning manse 35 Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead and its sale in 1976	1 bdl	1934-1976
NM3/29	Papers concerning sale of manse 111 Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead	1 bdl	1966
NM3/30	Manse in Barnacres Road, Hemel Hempstead: cancelled mortgage deed	1 item	1968
NM3/31-32	Papers concerning circuit manses including plans of alterations to 32 Finch Road, Berkhamsted	2 files	1973-1974
NM3/33	Structural report and valuation of manse at 23 Spring Lane, Hemel Hempstead	1 item	1976
NM3/34	Structural report and valuation of house at 41 Warners End Road, Hemel Hempstead and papers concerning proposed purchase of property	1 bdl	1976
NM3/35	Circuit plans (Marlowes and Wesley Hemel Hempstead, Bourne, Cupid Green, Two Waters, Nash Mills, Berkhamsted, Ley Hill and Tring)	7	Nov 1973-Jan 1974; May 1974-Jan 1975; May 1975-Oct 1975; Feb-Apr 1976

Two Waters Chapel, Hemel Hempstead (Wesleyan)

A Wesleyan chapel at Two Waters had been acquired by the St Albans Circuit in 1846 (see NM5). It was rebuilt in 1867 and permission given to the trustees by the newly formed Hemel Hempstead Circuit to purchase additional land in 1887. The chapel was enlarged in 1889 by the addition of a vestry. This building soon became too small for the needs of the congregation and after prolonged fund raising activities a new church erected on adjacent land was opened on 5 February 1908. The old church continued to be used as a Sunday School until 1930 when it was declared to be unsafe. A new Sunday School hall was opened on 31 October 1931.

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| /1 | Trustees minutes, 27 May 1868 - 6 Nov 1895
At back reversed: minutes of the chapel committee directly concerned with building operations, Aug 1867-Mar 1868 and Aug-Nov 1889
[See also NM3A/16-19] | 1 vol | 1867 - 1895 |
| /2 | Trustees account
Enclosed: correspondence, 1927, concerning insurance of chapel and organ | 1 vol | 1915 - 1949 |
| /3 | Minutes of leaders' meetings; from 30 Aug 1973 known as the Church Council
[See also NM3A/32-34] | 1 vol | Jan 1968-Dec 1976 |
| /4 | Finance committee minutes
[Committee dissolved Sep 1975] | 1 vol | Mar 1934-Oct 1973 |
| /5 | Collection journal (Hemel Hempstead Circuit) | 1 vol | Mar 1900-Jul 1904 |
| /6 | Collection journal (Watford Circuit) | 1 vol | Apr 1926-Dec 1937 |
| /7 | Collection journal (Watford No.1 Circuit) | 1 vol | Jan 1938-Dec 1949 |
| /8 | Wesley Guild minutes | 1 vol | Apr 1934-Apr 1964 |
| /9 | Wesley Guild accounts | 1 vol | 1933/4 - 1964/5 |
| /10 | Sunday School teachers' minutes | 1 vol | Feb 1912-Jan 1930 |
| /11 | Sunday School teachers' minutes | 1 vol | Apr 1930-Apr 1950 |
| /12 | Sunday School teachers' minutes; from 14 Nov 1955 known as Sunday School Council | 1 vol | May 1950-Sep 1963 |
| /13 | Printed <i>Model Deed for The Methodist Church</i> | 1 item | 1933 |
| /14 | <i>Order of Administration of the Sacraments and Other Services</i> | 1 vol | 1899 |
| /15 | Memoranda of choice and appointment of new trustees | 1 bdl | 1902 - 1965 |

Two Waters Chapel, Hemel Hempstead (Wesleyan)

/16	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Dec 1895-Jun 1907
/17	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jul 1907-Jan 1931
/18	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Mar 1931-Feb 1956
/19	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	May 1956-Nov 1975
/20	Building accounts for new church	1 vol	1901 - 1912
/21	Papers concerning repayment of loans raised for building projects, 1869, 1893 and 1908-1912; correspondence concerning deeds of church property and grants for new schoolroom 1929-1933	1 file	1869 - 1933
/22	Specification for installation of electric light, 1927; plan of proposed schoolroom by architects Moore, Smith and Colbeck, 1929; correspondence concerning erection of school hall, sale of old chapel, and general correspondence concerning use of hall and building maintenance, 1929-1946	1 file	1927 - 1946
/23	General correspondence concerning building maintenance, organ tuning, extensions to school hall with plan dated 1955	1 file	1948 - 1955
/24-27	General correspondence concerning maintenance of heating boiler, oil supplies and rewiring work	4 files	1951 - 1974
/28-30	General correspondence concerning building maintenance, redecoration, insurance, refurbishment of church organ [NM3A/29] and proposed letting of school hall for light industrial use [NM3A/30]	3 files	1956 - 1976
/31	Correspondence concerning letting of school hall, proposed closure of church and redevelopment of site within the Apsley Improvement Area	1 file	1970 - 1975
/32	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Dec 1930-Jan 1949
/33	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Feb 1949-Nov 1967
/34	Minutes of Church Council	1 bdl	Mar - Sep 1977
/35	Correspondence and papers put before the Leaders meetings including Poor Fund accounts for 1940-1947 [found inside NM3A/32]	1 bdl	1932 - 1947

Two Waters Chapel, Hemel Hempstead (Wesleyan)

/36	Society Steward's accounts	1 vol	1908 - 1914
/37	Souvenir programmes for Stone Laying Ceremony, 27 Jun 1931 and Opening Ceremony, 31 Oct 1931 of new Sunday School Hall	1 bdl	1931
/38	Photograph of stone laying	1 item	1931
/39	<i>The History of Wesleyan Methodism at Two Waters</i>	1 vol	1908
/40	Programme of Golden Jubilee Celebrations with short history of church	1 item	1958

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Marlowes Chapel, Hemel Hempstead (Wesleyan)

A Wesleyan chapel in Queen Street (now known as Queensway), Hemel Hempstead had been erected before 1868. In 1885 a plot of land was purchased in Marlowes and a new chapel opened on this site in November 1890. The former Queen Street premises were sold for £200. A centenary history of the Marlowes Church 1890-1990 compiled by Harry Kingham is available in the Record Office Search Room.

Trustees: minutes

NM3B/1	Minutes of New Chapel Building Fund Committee	1 vol	Mar 1882-Mar 1885
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Trustees: accounts

NM3B/53	Trust treasurer's accounts [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2000]	1 vol	Jan 1941-Aug 1969
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NM3B/61	Trust treasurer's accounts [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2011]	1 vol	Sep 1969-Aug 1980
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NM3B/54	Miscellaneous invoices [including for maintenance of the Church Organ and roof repairs at the church. ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2001]	1 bdl	1961 - 1970
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NM3B/55	Miscellaneous invoices and associated correspondence [including for maintenance of the church organ and roof and window repairs at the church. ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2003]	1 bdl	1958 - 1972
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Trustees: papers

NM3B/2	Papers concerning church property and the appointment of trustees	1 bdl	1885 - 1890
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NM3B/3	Appointment of authorised person for the solemnization of marriages		Jul 1969
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NM3B/56	Church renovation fund appeal leaflet and associated papers [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2000]	4 items	1969
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Marlowes Chapel, Hemel Hempstead (Wesleyan)Leaders: minutes

- NM3B/4 Minutes of leaders' meetings, Sep 1970 - Sep 1970-Jun 1979
Oct 1973 and Church Council thereafter
1 vol
- NM3B/5 Miscellaneous papers found enclosed 1972 - 1979
in NM3B/4 including financial statements
and report dated 1973 concerning
restructuring of churches 1 bdl

Leaders: accounts

- NM3B/62 Collection Journal Sep 1963-Sep 1975
[ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL
2006] 1 vol
- NM3B/63 Collection Journal Sep 1975-Sep 1982
[ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL
2013] 1 vol

Leaders: miscellaneous papers

- NM3B/7 Class book, showing lists of members 1916 - 1919
and the amounts of ticket money paid
1 vol
- NM3B/8 Typewritten transcript of members [20th cent]
taken from NM3B/7 above
- NM3B/9 Letter concerning the provenance [20th cent]
of NM3B/7 above

[Items NM3B/8-9 were found in the cover of
NM3B/7]

Sunday School: accounts and other papers

- NM3B/6 Sunday School Scholar's tablet showing Sep 1907
the lesson for the day, Acts 9:32-43
and Numbers 21:1-9, questions about
the lesson and the catechism on the
law of God 2 items

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Marlowes Chapel, Hemel Hempstead (Wesleyan)

Miscellaneous

NM3B/57	Circuit plans and directories, Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted Circuit, 1962, 1969, 1970, 1994-95 [<u>see also</u> NM3B/40-42]	1962 - 1996 9 items
NM3B/58	Christmas Fayre programme and associated papers [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 1999]	nd [c1968] 3 items
NM3B/59	Christmas Bazaar programme and associated papers [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2000]	1969 2 items
NM3B/60	Sponsored walk entrants' sheets [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2000]	1969 1 bdl
NM3B/10	Order of Service for service held at at Marlowes Methodist Church in June 1988 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the conversion of John and Charles Wesley	Jun 1988
	[Items NM3B/13-52 all concern the Centenary of the Church in 1990 and were found in one bundle together]	
NM3B/13	Copy of the Centenary logo	1990
NM3B/14	Leaflets listing the events taking place during the centenary year	1990 2 items
NM3B/15	Handbill and programme for the Centenary Celebration in music and song	Oct 1990 2 items
NM3B/16	Leaflets concerning the "Festival of the Talents", the Harvest Festival celebration	1991 3 items
M3B/17	Notices concerning "Profiles of the Passion", an Easter celebration by Marlowes Methodist Church and the Easter Day notices	Apr 1990 2 items

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Marlowes Chapel, Hemel Hempstead (Wesleyan)

Miscellaneous (cont)

NM3B/18	Handbills advertising events taking place during the Centenary year	1990
	7 items	
NM3B/19	Order of service and other leaflet concerning the celebration of the stone laying	Apr 1990
	2 items	
NM3B/20	Orders of service for the Centenary Service, the "Living Church" service, "Social Responsibility Sunday", "Advent Sunday", the nativity and carol service, Pentecost Sunday and the Carol Concert in January 1991	1990 - 1991
	7 items	
NM3B/21	Handbills advertising the Centenary celebrations, services and the Centenary re-union	1990
	7 items	
NM3B/22	Audio cassette of the service of rededication and the Centenary Service	Nov 1990
NM3B/23	Audio cassette of the Remembrance Service and "The Living Church" an anthology devised by Peter and Sheila Mann	Nov 1990
NM3B/24	Audio cassette of an organ recital by Gordon Whittard	Nov 1990
NM3B/25	Press cutting from <i>The Methodist Recorder</i> about the Centenary programme	Feb 1990
NM3B/26	Press cutting from <i>The Hemel Hempstead Express</i> about the "Quiz the Preachers" session held as part of the Centenary year	Jun 1990
NM3B/27	Letter from Reginald and Barbara Green congratulating the church on its Centenary with a handbill for the 1956 Christmas carol service attached	1956; 1990
	2 items	
NM3B/28-39	Newsletters produced during the Centenary year	Jan - Dec 1990
	12 items	

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Marlowes Chapel, Hemel Hempstead (Wesleyan)

Miscellaneous (cont)

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| NM3B/12 | Leaflet explaining about the "Hooray Henry" celebration, commemorating Henry VIII's 500th birthday, held in Hemel Hempstead | 1991 |
| NM3B/11 | Colour photographs of the town centre churches stall at the "Hooray Henry" celebration in Hemel Hempstead | 1991 |
- 3 items

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Marlowes Chapel, Hemel Hempstead (Wesleyan)

Miscellaneous (cont)

NM3B/40	Circuit plan	Jan - Apr 1990
NM3B/41	Circuit plan	May - Aug 1990
NM3B/42	Circuit plan	Sep - Dec 1990
NM3B/43	Leaflets about Cross Points - an inter denominational holiday club	1990
	3 items	
NM3B/44	Photocopy of a handbill asking for subscribers to help build the new chapel [c1890]	[20th cent]
NM3B/45	Photograph of the interior of the church prior to 1926 showing the gas lighting	[pre-1926]
NM3B/46	Photocopy of a photograph of Marlowes looking north probably in the late 1930s, showing the Baptist Church, the Methodist Church and the spire of St Mary's	[c1930]
NM3B/47	Colour photographs of the exterior of the Methodist Church taken by Eamon O'Reilley	1989
	2 items	
NM3B/48	Black and white photographs of the interior and exterior of the church taken by Colin Benfield	1989
	3 items	
NM3B/49	Colour photographs of the Harvest Festival display, the Centenary Reunion and the Centenary Display	1990
	39 items	
NM3B/50	Colour photographs of the church notice board posters	1990
	18 items	
NM3B/51	Negatives of the photographs of the Centenary Reunion and the notice board posters	1990
	2 items	
NM3B/52	A History of Marlowes Methodist Church, 1890-1990	1990
	1 vol	

Berkhamsted, Cowper Road (Wesleyan)

A society of Wesleyan Methodists were meeting in Berkhamsted as early as 1837. About 1840 they purchased Egerton House and met there together with a newly formed Temperance Society until 1846. In 1848, land was bought in Highfield Road for the erection of a new chapel but was used only for a short period as in 1856 it was sold to the Strict Baptists. Services were then held in rented rooms and it was not until October 1886 that an iron chapel moved from Hemel Hempstead was opened in Cowper Road. This building was later enlarged by the addition of a school and vestry. It was finally closed in 1956 and the congregation amalgamated with those attending Berkhamsted High Street [see NM3E]

/1	Marriage register	1 vol	Aug 1900-Aug 1952
/2	Baptism register	1 vol	Nov 1910-Oct 1955
/3	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jul 1841-Jan 1843
/4	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Oct 1886-Dec 1928
/5	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1929-May 1956
/6	Petty cash book	1 vol	1841 - 1842
/7	Chapel accounts	1 vol	May 1841-Jul 1846; Oct 1886-Sep 1901
/8	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Dec 1937-Aug 1957
/9	Accounts, correspondence and papers concerning erection of chapel	1 bdl	1841 - 1844
/10	Correspondence and papers concerning loans for erection of new chapel and schoolroom	1 bdl	1885 - 1890
/11	Papers concerning gift of an organ	1 bdl	1926
/12	Correspondence with Charity Commissioners concerning bequest under will of William Newman of Berkhamsted, Sep 1892 [see also NM3E/23]	1 bdl	1894 - 1904
/13	Correspondence concerning rating of church premises	1 bdl	1955
/14	Minutes of leaders' meetings	1 vol	Aug 1931-May 1956
/15	Minutes of Sunday School Council	1 vol	Feb 1938-Apr 1956
/16	Sunday School accounts	1 vol	Mar 1939-Mar 1956
/17	Collection Journal	1 vol	Aug 1941-Oct 1953
/18	Collection Journal	1 vol	Oct 1953-Aug 1956

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NM3D

Lower Marlow, Hemel Hempstead (Primitive)

This chapel is clearly marked on the first edition Ordnance Survey map (1878) in Albion Place off Lower Marlow. However no other records seem to have survived and nothing further is known about its history.

/1 Insurance policy on chapel building 1 item 1875
[Royal Fire and Life Insurance Company]

Primitive Methodists first met in a rented room in Castle Street, Berkhamsted. They moved to a new church building in the High Street in 1867 which had to be enlarged thirty years later. The congregation from the former Wesleyan chapel in Cowper Road joined High Street in 1956 (see NM3C]. This church was finally closed in 1976 and a new building in Shrublands Road, Berkhamsted was occupied jointly with the Anglicans to be known as All Saints, Berkhamsted. The former Methodist church was to be sold for conversion to offices.

/1	Certificate for the solemnization of marriages	1 item	Dec 1888
/2	Certificate of appointment of authorised person for the solemnization of marriages	1 item	May 1973
/3	Memoranda of choice and appointment of new trustees with related correspondence	1 bdl	1892 - 1965
/4	Minutes of Trustees	1 vol	Jan 1936-Jul 1957
/5	Minutes of Trustees	1 vol	Jul 1957-Oct 1977
/6	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1901-Dec 1920
/7	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1921-Dec 1941
/8	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1942-Dec 1956
/9	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1947-Aug 1971
/10	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Sep 1971-Aug 1977
/11	Trust treasurer: bank pass book	1 vol	Dec 1961-Dec 1980
/12	Trust treasurer: annual financial statements	1 bdl	1970/71 - 1976/77
/13	Draft trust accounts, 1957-1959; building and extension fund, 1958-1968; organ fund, 1968-1970	1 vol	1957 - 1970
/14	Papers and correspondence concerning rebuilding of organ and repayment of loans for building schemes [found enclosed in NM3E/13]	1 bdl	1965 - 1969
/15	Plans, correspondence and papers concerning alterations and extensions to church	1 bdl	1959 - 1964
/16	Correspondence concerning rating of church premises	1 bdl	1955; 1958
/17	Minutes of Finance Committee, Aug 1973-Jun 1974; reports, accounts and papers concerning Anglican/Methodist joint church rebuilding project, 1970-1973	1 file	1970 - 1974

Berkhamsted High Street (Primitive)

/18	Minutes of Leaders and Annual Society meetings	1 vol	Apr 1963-Mar 1969
/19	Minutes and agenda: Leaders and Church Council meetings	1 file	May 1970-Feb 1974
/20	Minutes of Visitation, Pastoral and Membership Committee	1 vol	Dec 1963-Jun 1972
/21	Minutes of Methodist Guild	1 vol	Jul 1954-Apr 1963
/22	Minister's bank pass book	1 vol	Oct 1909-Jan 1939
/23	Correspondence with Charity Commissioners concerning bequest under will of William Newman of Berkhamsted, Sep 1892 [See also NM3C/12]	1 bdl	1932
/24	Annual reports	3	1970 - 1972
/25	Centenary leaflet with short history of church and menu for centenary dinner	2	Oct 1967

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This church in Bennetts End Road, Hemel Hempstead was opened in 1956 on a site purchased from the Development Corporation. It was closed in 1980 and the building sold to the Seventh Day Adventists.

/1	Memoranda of choice and appointment of trustees	1 bdl	1958 - 1965
/2	Certificate of registration as a place of worship	1 item	Jul 1957
/3	Certificate of registration for the solemnization of marriages	1 item	Sep 1960
/4	Trust accounts 1956-1981 and building fund accounts 1956-1959 [for minutes of Trustees see NM3F/22]	1 vol	1956 - 1981
/5-7	Correspondence and papers concerning acquisition of site and erection of new church including plans: architects Ley, Colbeck and Partners, Bishopsgate	3 files	1953-1958
/8	Trustees general correspondence	1 file	1957 - 1982
/9-10	Correspondence concerning closure of church and subsequent sale to the Seventh-Day Adventists	2 files	1979 - 1981
/11	Order of service for laying of foundation stone by The Viscountess Davidson, M.P. and photographs of event	1 bdl	Sep 1955
/12	Order of service of opening and dedication of new church with photographs	1 bdl	Jul 1956
/13	Minutes of Leaders meetings, Feb 1957-Sep 1971 and Church Council Dec 1971 - May 1972	1 vol	1957 - 1972
/14	Minutes of Church Council	1 vol	Sep 1972-Jan 1982
/15	Leaders and Church Council correspondence	1 file	1970 - 1980
/16	Women's Hour: minutes	1 vol	Jan 1958-Jan 1963
/17	Women's Hour: accounts	1 vol	Nov 1950-Jan 1968
/18	Minutes of Regnal Circle	1 vol	Apr 1963-Jun 1964
/19	Minutes of Sunday School Council	1 vol	Jan 1958-Sep 1979
/20	Sunday School: admission register and record	1 vol	1962 - 1979

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Wesley Methodist Church, Hemel Hempstead

NM3F

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| /21 | Minutes of Youth Council including annual reports, 1961-1968 | 1 vol | Nov 1961 (first meeting)-Mar 1971 |
| /22 | Minutes of trustees; volume also includes accounts 1974-1976 | 1 vol | Jul 1955-Sep 1976 |

A church had existed near Belswain's Lane, Nash Mills since 1839. An adjoining cottage was converted into a school and vestry in 1901. By the 1930's this building was too small for the needs of the Sunday School. Four adjoining cottages and land were purchased from John Dickinson and Co. Ltd. in 1939 and a new church hall designed by Smee and Houchin was erected shortly after the Second World War. All of this property was conveyed to the Hemel Hempstead Development Corporation in 1953 in exchange for a new site in the recently developed Barnacres Road. A new church on this site was opened on 8 January 1955 and a new church hall on 26 February 1972.

/1	Memoranda of choice and appointment of new trustees	1 bdl	1929 - 1975
/2	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1926-Jul 1948
/3	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1949-Sep 1976
/4	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1938-Aug 1977
/5	Building fund accounts, Jan 1938 - May 1975; accounts with the Methodist Central Finance Board, Dec 1964-Oct 1976; and accounts of the choir and organ fund, Nov 1968-Mar 1973	1 vol	1938 - 1976
/6	Correspondence and papers concerning enfranchisement of church property, 1871; list of title deeds 1838-1871; grant application, 1889; conversion of house into school room and vestry, 1901-1903; purchase of land in Belswains Lane from John Dickinson & Co Ltd. 1938-1939 and subsequent building operations, 1941-1946	1 bdl	1871 - 1946
/7	Correspondence and papers concerning exchange of church site with land owned by Hemel Hempstead Development Corporation including plan, grant applications and subsequent erection of new church in Barnacres Road, Nash Mills	1 bdl	1949 - 1957
/8	Trustees general correspondence concerning new church and hall	1 file	1953 - 1971
/9	Proposed plans of new church premises: architects Houchin, Harrison and Stevens, 9 Great James Street, Bedford Row	1 bdl	1951 - 1952
/10-11	Correspondence, accounts and papers concerning erection of new church hall and its subsequent use by play group and other organisations. [NM3G/10 also contains order of service for opening 26 Feb 1972]	2 files	1966 - 1974

Nash Mills (Wesleyan)

/12	Plans (proposed and as built) of new church hall	1 bdl	1966; 1968; 1971
/13	Builder's specification for new church hall	2	1970
/14	Articles of agreement for erection of church hall and certificates of completion	1 file	1971
/15	Correspondence and papers concerning erection of new church hall including copy plans	1 file	1970 - 1971
/16	Order of service for stonelaying ceremony of new church Barnacres Road, Nash Mills	2	8 May 1954
/17	Order of service for opening and dedication of new church	2	8 Jan 1955
/18	Sunday School accounts	1 vol	1883 - 1975
/19	Book of hymns for Sunday School anniversary services	1 item	20 May 1900
/20	Order of service for morning family worship	1 item	n.d.

Bourne Methodist Church, Hemel Hempstead

Hertfordshire Trade Directories record that a Wesleyan chapel existed in Cowper Road, Boxmoor as early as 1855. A new chapel was erected in 1943. However, with the growth of Hemel Hempstead New Town it was felt that a church was needed in a more central position. Consequently this church was sold in 1959 and the proceeds devoted to a new development in Northridge Way, Hemel Hempstead to be known as the Bourne Methodist Church.

/1	Abstract of title of the British Land Company to premises at Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead including plans	1 item	1868
/2	Papers concerning grants for erection of chapel and subsequent repayment	1 bdl	1943 - 1945
/3	Cancelled promissory note	1 item	1958
/4	Department for Chapel Affairs: sanction for the sale of Boxmoor Chapel	1 item	Jul 1959
/5	Memorandum of choice and appointment of trustees with related correspondence	1 bdl	1966 - 1967

Langdon Street Chapel, Tring (Primitive)

The chapel in Langdon Street, Tring was opened in 1870. It was advertised for sale in 1973 and the Methodists now worship at St Martha's a joint Anglican/Methodist Church Hall opened in 1975 behind Tring parish church.

/1	Memorandums of choice and appointment of trustees and related correspondence	1 bdl	1895 - 1973
/2	Certificate of registration as a place of religious worship	1 item	Mar 1932
/3	Building agreement, plan and specification concerning erection of school room with related correspondence	1 bdl	1952 - 1953
/4	Insurance policy on chapel property	1 item	Jun 1955
/5	Minutes of trustees and leaders meetings	1 vol	Feb 1939-Oct 1966
/6-7	Collection journals	2 vols	Oct 1931-Jun 1941; Jul 1941-Dec 1953
/8	Society steward's accounts	1 vol	Dec 1935-Jan 1968

Ley Hill, Chesham, Buckinghamshire (Primitive)

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A chapel had been erected here by 1894. The freehold of the property was purchased from Mr J Ausden in 1914. Further alterations were made to the building in 1976.

/1	Minutes of trustees [See also NM3K/11]	1 vol	Oct 1957-Oct 1976
/2	Trust Treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Sep 1957-Jul 1963
/3	Trust Treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Sep 1963-Mar 1977
/4	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Jan 1958-Oct 1972
/5	Chapel Secretary's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1922-Dec 1954
/6	Chapel Secretary's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1955-Aug 1974
/7	Society funds: balance sheets	1 bdl	1960/1 - 1967/8
/8	Collection Journal	1 vol	Sep 1916-May 1927
/9	Collection Journal	1 vol	Jun 1927-Aug 1937
/10	Accounts of collections	1 vol	Dec 1938-Aug 1977
/11	Minutes of Sunday School teachers meetings, Jan 1894-Jan 1938 and annual meetings of trustees Feb 1900-Jul 1957	1 vol	1894 - 1957
/12	Miscellaneous papers including solicitor's bill for conveyance of chapel premises, 1914 and correspondence concerning water supply, 1936	1 bdl	1914 - 1936

Introduction

Hitchin Primitive Methodist Circuit

The Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Primitive Methodist Mission was formed in 1916 by the amalgamation of the Letchworth and Hitchin Stations and the Biggleswade Branch. It included Biggleswade, Arlesey St John [see NM4N], Shillington, Meppershall and Brook Street Stotfold [see NM4S], Bedfordshire and Hitchin Nightingale Road [see NM4B], Letchworth Broadway [see NM4P] and Benington [see NM4E], Hertfordshire. Primitive societies at Baldock, Ashwell and Lidlington had been associated with the Hitchin Station prior to 1916. The Lidlington chapel originally established in 1863 was closed in 1906. The Ashwell chapel was closed in 1903 and Baldock in 1916.

The small society forming at Knebworth was included on the Primitive preaching plan as well as the Wesleyan plan from 1930 [see NM8A].

For information as to the later history of these churches see the notes relating to the Hitchin Wesleyan Methodist Circuit below.

Hitchin Wesleyan Methodist Circuit

Wesleyan societies were established at Stevenage, Hinxworth, Baldock, Ashwell, Weston and Hitchin before 1800 and were associated with the St Neots Circuit. On the formation of the Biggleswade Circuit in 1810 these churches were transferred. By 1838 this circuit, now renamed Biggleswade and Hitchin Circuit included the Hertfordshire societies at Hitchin, Baldock, Weston, Stevenage, Ashwell, Hinxworth, Newnham, Norton, Pirton, Walkern, Ickleford, Royston, Graveley and Codicote.

A Wesleyan Methodist circuit centred on Hitchin was first formed in 1842 and included the churches at Brand Street Hitchin, Stevenage, Weston, Walkern, Pirton, Ickleford and Codicote, Hertfordshire and Christchurch Arlesey, Bedfordshire. The society at Codicote appears to have died out shortly after 1845.

The chapels at Baldock, Ashwell, Hinxworth, Newnham and Norton remained with the Biggleswade circuit. Graveley appears to have transferred to the St Neots Circuit. A small amount of material from the chapels at Ashwell and Hinxworth has been deposited in the Record Office [see NM11B and NM11C]. The records of the St Neots and Biggleswade circuits are held at the Bedfordshire Record Office, County Hall, Bedford MK42 9AP and contain considerable information concerning individual societies. The chapel at Royston later became connected with the Cambridge circuit, the records of which are now deposited at the Cambridgeshire Record Office, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP.

During the period 1854 - 1864 the Hitchin Circuit churches listed above were associated with the Luton Circuit. Records of this circuit are also held at the Bedfordshire Record Office.

A completely separate Hitchin Circuit with its own ministers was again instituted in 1864. The societies at Offley and Pegsdon were transferred to it from the Luton Circuit and in 1891 Graveley from the Biggleswade Circuit. Knebworth was also included on the Hitchin Wesleyan Circuit plan from 1930 [see NM8A].

Letchworth Wesleyan Methodist Circuit

A separate circuit centred on Letchworth was formed in 1918 to include the two societies at Central and Norton Mission.

Methodist Union 1933

New circuits were formed as follows:-

LETCHWORTH to include Letchworth Central, Broadway and Norton Mission, and Weston, Hertfordshire together with Stotfold Brook Street, Bedfordshire.

HITCHIN to include Brand Street and Nightingale Road Hitchin, Stevenage, Walkern, Pirton, Ickleford, Pegsdon, Offley, Graveley, Benington and Knebworth, Hertfordshire and Christchurch and St John Arlesey, Bedfordshire.

The former Wesleyan chapels at Baldock, Ashwell, Hinxworth and Stotfold High Street remained part of the Biggleswade Circuit which was also to include the Primitive society at Meppershall formerly part of the Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Primitive Methodist Mission. A further church at Shillington, Bedfordshire also part of the Primitive Methodist Mission was transferred to the Luton Circuit.

The church at Broadway, Letchworth was closed in 1937 [see NM4P] and the members amalgamated with the Central Church [see NM4Q]. Knebworth formed part of the Hitchin Circuit until 1946 when it was transferred to the newly formed Stevenage and Knebworth Methodist Mission [see NM8A]. The church at Walsworth was added in 1954 [see NM4L]. The two formerly separate congregations at Arlesey, Christchurch and St John were amalgamated in 1961 [see NM4D]. The church at Graveley closed the same year [see NM4F] and at Pegsdon in 1970 [see NM4I]. The Methodist churches at Brand Street and Nightingale Road, Hitchin and the Congregational church at Queen Street amalgamated in 1969 to form the new shared church of Christchurch, Hitchin [see NM4A,B and C].

The modern Hitchin and Letchworth Circuit was formed in 1970 to consist of the churches at Christchurch Hitchin, Benington, Offley, Weston, Walsworth, Stotfold Brook Street, Central and North Avenue Letchworth, Arlesey, Walkern, and Pirton together

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With Steeple Morden, Ashwell, Baldock, Hinxworth and High Street Stotfold transferred from the Biggleswade Circuit.

In September 1993 the Hitchin and Letchworth Circuit was combined with the Stevenage Circuit to form a new North Hertfordshire Circuit. The records of the North Hertfordshire Circuit are listed separately (see NM12), but the records of the old individual chapels of the Hitchin and Letchworth Circuit after September 1993 will continue to be listed under NM4 A-V.

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HITCHIN AND LETCHWORTH CIRCUITHitchin Primitive Methodist Circuit

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| /1 | Quarterly Meeting minutes:
Biggleswade Branch
[Biggleswade, Arlesey St John,
Shillington and Meppershall] | 1 vol | Sep 1911-May 1916 |
| /2 | Quarterly Meeting minutes:
Hitchin Station [Hitchin
Nightingale Road, Benington,
Letchworth and Brook Street,
Stotfold] | 1 vol | Jun 1904-Dec 1912 |
| /3 | Quarterly Meeting minutes:
Hitchin Station, Mar 1913-Jun 1916,
Herts and Beds Mission, Jun 1916-
Sep 1920
Volume includes Circuit Finance
Committee minutes Aug 1916, Nov 1916
and Sep 1917 | 1 vol | Mar 1913-Sep 1920 |
| /4 | Quarterly Meeting minutes:
Herts and Beds Mission | 1 vol | Dec 1920-Sep 1929 |
| /5 | Quarterly Meeting minutes:
Herts and Beds Mission | 1 vol | Dec 1929-Jul 1933 |
| /6 | Record of trust estates, 1880-1933,
giving brief details of properties
and names and addresses of trustees | 1 vol | c.1926 with
additions to 1933 |
| /7 | Hitchin Station Missionary accounts
[Hitchin, Baldock, Brook Street
Stotfold, Benington]
After 1916 includes whole of Herts
and Beds Mission circuit
[Broadway Letchworth, Nightingale
Road, Hitchin, Biggleswade, Brook
Street Stotfold, Benington, Arlesey
St John, Shillington, Meppershall] | 1 vol | 1910 - 1927 |
| /7A | Biggleswade Station quarterly
accounts of collections and numbers
of members [Biggleswade, Arlesey St
John and Shillington] | 1 vol | 1908 - 1916 |
| /8 | Herts and Beds Mission Station cash
book of Missionary returns and
orphanage returns (includes Knebworth
from 1930) | 1 vol | 1927 - 1932 |
| /9 | Herts and Beds Mission: Sunday
School Committee account book | 1 vol | 1931 - 1933 |

Enclosed: receipts, 1931-1932

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| /10 | Herts and Beds Mission Circuit
Temperance Schedule | 1 vol | 1933 |
| | Enclosed: local returns of temperance
work for Arlesey St John, Benington,
Hitchin Nightingale Road, Stotfold,
Letchworth, Shillington and Biggleswade | | |
| /11 | Circuit (Wesleyan) Baptism register:
baptisms performed at Baldock,
Stotfold, Arlesey, Ashwell,
Benington, Biggleswade, Northill,
Litlington, Shillington, Barley and
Melbourn (Cambs)
[see also NM4/52-54] | 1 vol | Aug 1876-Oct 1901,
Dec 1905-Jul 1917 |
| /12 | Circuit plans | 2 | Jan - Apr 1923,
Jul - Sep 1923 |
| /13 | Printed deed of union and model
deed (Primitive Methodist Conference,
Middlesborough, Jun 1932) | 1 item | Jun 1932 |

Hitchin Wesleyan Methodist Circuit and Hitchin Circuit from 19332

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| /14 | Quarterly Meeting minutes | 1 vol | Sep 1869-Jun 1891 |
| /15 | Quarterly Meeting minutes | 1 vol | Sep 1906-Jun 1921 |
| /16 | Quarterly Meeting minutes:
from Sep 1932 known as the Hitchin
Methodist Circuit | 1 vol | Sep 1921-Jun 1934 |
| /17 | Quarterly Meeting minutes | 1 vol | Sep 1934-Dec 1945 |
| /18 | Quarterly Meeting minutes
[see also NM4/97] | 1 vol | Mar 1946-Jun 1959 |
| /19 | Agenda for Quarterly Meetings
[see also NM4/20 below] | 1 file | Sep 1951-Jun 1960 |
| /20 | Quarterly meeting papers including
correspondence, accounts of overseas
missions, youth reports, and agenda,
1960-1961 | 1 file | 1956 - 1961 |
| /21 | Quarterly Meeting accounts | 1 vol | Oct 1842-Jun 1863 |
| /22 | Quarterly Meeting accounts | 1 vol | Sep 1864-Dec 1928 |
| /23 | Circuit Trustees minutes: known as
Circuit Chapel committee, from
6 Dec 1967 | 1 vol | Mar 1928-Dec 1967 |

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- /24 Papers concerning circuit trusts including correspondence, trust schedules, agenda for annual trustees meetings 1 file 1954 - 1960
- /25-27 Statistical Summaries of chapels and other trust properties. These volumes give dates chapels were built, the cost of the building when known, annual income and expenditure including debts and liabilities 3 vols 1864 - 1883;
1884 - 1902;
1922 - 1941
- [NM4/25 includes particulars relating to Wesleyan Trust property in the Luton and Hitchin circuit, 1862]
- /28 Register of deeds 1 vol 1930 - 1955
- /29 Returns under quinquennial inspection of Methodist Church and School property [Brand Street and Nightingale Road, Walsworth, Hitchin, Arlesey, Pirton, Offley, Ickleford, Benington, Pegsdon (Shillington)] 1 bdl 1966
- /30 Annual trust schedules containing abstracts of chapel trustees' accounts returned annually to Circuit Superintendant 1 bdl 1927 - 1937
- /31 Trust schedules 1 bdl 1938 - 1941
- /32 Trust schedules 1 bdl 1942 - 1948
- /33 Trust schedules 1 bdl 1949 - 1953
- /34 Trust schedules 1 bdl 1954 - 1957
- /35 Trust schedules [see also NM4/99-101] 1 bdl 1958 - 1960
- /36 Trust schedules including printed explanatory notes concerning Methodist Church Funds Act, 1960 1 bdl 1961
- /37 Hitchin Circuit Book: containing quarterly schedules of numbers of members, names of leaders, names of trustees, 1856 and 1861, names of stewards and subscribers to Wesleyan periodicals 1 vol Sep 1842-Jun 1864

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/38	Quarterly Schedule Book containing names of leaders, numbers of members, amounts of donations, subscriptions and public collections, names and addresses of trustees and subscribers to Wesleyan periodicals	1 vol	Sep 1864-Dec 1873
/39	Circuit Schedule book	1 vol	Mar 1874-Dec 1889
/40	Circuit Schedule book	1 vol	Mar 1890-Jun 1909
/41	Circuit Schedule book	1 vol	Sep 1909-Sep 1929
/42	Circuit Schedule book	1 vol	Dec 1929-Mar 1936
/43	Circuit Schedule book	1 vol	Mar 1937-Dec 1946
/44	Circuit Schedule book [see also NM4/102]	1 vol	Mar 1947-Dec 1952
/45	Methodist Union Fellowship Committee minutes	1 vol	Nov 1929-Mar 1933
/46	General Purposes Committee minutes	1 vol	Aug 1951-Feb 1959
/47	General Purposes Committee minutes [see also NM4/98]	1 vol	Jul 1959-Nov 1965
/48	Twentieth Century Fund: circuit register of subscribers	1 vol	1899 - 1900
/49-50	Twentieth Century Fund: Secretary's cash receipt books	2 vols	1899; 1900
/51	Manse Reserve Fund: deposit account pass book [Lloyds bank]	1 vol	Dec 1950-Nov 1966
/52	Circuit baptism register. Before 1842 baptisms performed at Hitchin, Stevenage, Royston [one entry only], Ashwell, Pirton, Baldock, Norton, St Ippollitts, Ickleford, Little Wymondley, Walkern, Hertfordshire; Arlesey, Clifton, Biggleswade, Beeston, Stotfold and Girtford, Bedfordshire and Morden, Cambridgeshire	1 vol	Sep 1838-Mar 1861
/53	Circuit baptism register	1 vol	Apr 1861-Feb 1881
/54	Circuit baptism register [Note on front cover that Pirton and Stevenage chapels kept their own separate registers during this period]	1 vol	Dec 1880-Aug 1920

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- /55 Finance Act 1910 (Duties on land values): printed forms of provisional valuations on Wesleyan chapels and properties at Ickleford, Graveley, Hitchin, Arlesey and Pegsdon, (Shillington) 1 file 1915
- /56-57 Hitchin Manses, Grove Road and Chiltern Road; accounts and papers concerning bills, repairs, furniture, installation of electricity etc. 2 files 1935 - 1940; 1935 - 1945
- /58 General correspondence concerning ministers' visits, repairs to manses, circuit rallies, assessments, appointment of circuit ministers and preparation of circuit plans 1 file Sep 1933-Oct 1956
- /59-60 Receipts, invoices and related correspondence concerning general financial matters 2 files 1934 - 1948; 1937 - 1946
- /61 Circuit accounts, balance sheets and related correspondence 1 file 1957 - 1962
- /62-63 Circuit returns giving names and addresses of class leaders, ministers, lay members of synod and local preachers 2 bdl 1932 - 1944; 1948 - 1970
- /64 Correspondence concerning requisitioning of Hitchin and Stevenage Methodist church halls for education of evacuated children and civil defence purposes 1 bdl 1939 - 1953
- /65 Miscellaneous papers including undated lists of fire insurances on circuit buildings and furnishings and fittings of Stevenage and Graveley chapels; account and list of converts of Richmond College Hitchin Crusade, 1949; undated account of F W Bracey Memorial Clock Fund; brief specification for a Methodist church hall and drawings by J C Prestwich and sons, architects; notes, 1960, concerning church activities and completion of Walsworth New Church Hall, made for Rev. B K Atkinson, circuit superintendent minister; correspondence concerning Stevenage mission, 1946 1 bdl c.1946 - 1960
- /66 Correspondence with the Mission Department concerning lay pastors and applications for grants; with Hitchin Circuit reports on missionary activity 1 file 1952 - 1961

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- /67 Applications for grants from 1 bdl 1958 - 1962
connexional funds
- /68 Miscellaneous papers including 1 file 1951 - 1960
correspondence with Home Mission
Department concerning the appointment
and ministry of lay pastors, 1953-
1960; trust accounts and general
correspondence concerning missionary
society at Brand Street, Hitchin,
1952-1954; correspondence and papers
concerning site and development of
church at Walsworth, 1951-1954;
correspondence concerning purchase
of Arlesey manse and formation of
trust, 1954; correspondence and
papers concerning garden party at
Brand Street, Hitchin, 1953 and
May Fair, 1954
- /69 Register of members: 1 vol c 1917 - 1921
Graveley, Weston, Walkern,
Stevenage, Offley, Pegsdon,
Ickleford, Pirton, Arlesey
Christchurch and Hitchin Brand
Street

Membership Roll Books

- /70-76 Hitchin Brand Street and Arlesey 7 vols 1939 - 1950
Christchurch and St John
- /70 1939
- /71 1940
- /72 1941 - 1942
- /73 1942 - 1943
- /74 1943 - 1944
- /75 1944 - 1947
- /76 1948 - 1950
- /77 Hitchin Brand Street 1 vol 1951
- /78 Benington, Walkern, Graveley, 1 vol 1948 - 1951
Offley, Arlesey Christchurch and
St John
- /79 Hitchin Brand Street, Benington, 1 vol 1952 - 1958
Walkern, Offley, Graveley, Ickleford,
Arlesey Christchurch and St John

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- /80-83 Hitchin Brand Street, Benington, Walkern, Graveley 4 vols 1957 - 1961
- /80 1957 - 1958
- /81 1958 - 1959
- /82 1959 - 1960
- /83 1960 - 1961
- /84 Hitchin Brand Street and Arlesey visiting list 1 vol n.d.
- Enclosed: printed visiting cards of Rev C T Gilwhite
- /85 Hitchin circuit plan 1 item 1845
- [A plan dated 1852-3 is held by Bedfordshire Record Office]
- /86-90 Hitchin circuit plans 5 bdls 1936 - 1970
- /86 Apr 1936 - Dec 1944
- /87 Oct 1947 - Dec 1950
- /88 Apr 1953 - Jul 1960
- /89 Jul 1960 - Jul 1969
- /90 Apr - Jul 1970
- /91 Letter to Joseph Beldam, jnr., 2 Garden Court, Temple from Lord Tenterden, Russel Square thanking Beldam for a copy of the summary of laws relating to Protestant dissenters 1 item 22 Feb 1828
- [Charles Abbott, first Lord Tenterden (1762-1832), Lord Chief Justice, a protestant and opposer of the Catholic Relief Bill, 1832: see *Dictionary of National Biography*]
- /92 Printed "proceeding of the committee appointed by the conference to enquire into the eligibility of a plan for the settlement of Methodist Chapels, with a correct copy of the Model Deed" 1 vol 1832
- Endorsed: Biggleswade and Hitchin Circuit
- /93 Printed *Wesleyan Methodist Chapel Model Deed* 1 vol 1892

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/94	Bill to constitute and incorporate trustees for Methodist Church purposes 2 and 3 Geo VI; with printed form of conveyance of freehold ground and directions for appointment of new trustees	1 bdl	1938 - 1939
/95	Miscellaneous papers including circulars, 1948-1963, concerning offerings and the rural travel fund; local preachers' department annual letters 1962-1963; memorandums on Town and Country Planning Act, 1947; papers concerning inter-circuit film liaison, 1962	1 bdl	c 1947 - 1963
/96	Hitchin Circuit Youth Council: copy of club leaders' training course	1 item	n.d.
/97	Quarterly meeting minutes	1 vol	Sep 1959-Jun 1970
/98	Minutes of Finance and General Purposes committee	1 vol	Jul 1966-Jul 1969
/99	Annual trust schedules	1 vol	1942 - 1961
/100	Annual trust schedules [see also NM4/122]	1 vol	1962 - 1966
/101	Chapel returns from which trust schedules are compiled [found in NM4/100]	1 bdl	1965 - 1966
/102	Circuit Records Book giving numbers of members, names of trustees and details of Methodist trust property	1 vol	1964 - 1970
/103	Draft lease and counterpart of 53 Stanmore Road, Stevenage for use as manse [found in NM4/97]	2	1946

Letchworth Circuit 1918 - 1970

/104	Quarterly meeting minutes	1 vol	Sep 1918-Mar 1929
/105	Quarterly meeting minutes	1 vol	Jun 1929-Jun 1933
/106	Quarterly meeting minutes	1 vol	Sep 1933-Mar 1941
/107	Quarterly meeting minutes	1 vol	Jun 1941-Sep 1953
/108	Quarterly meeting minutes	1 vol	Dec 1953-Sep 1965

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NM4/109	Quarterly meeting minutes also including minutes of General Purposes Committee	1 vol	Nov 1965-Jun 1970
NM4/110	Minutes of Local Preachers meetings [See NM4/163 under Hitchin and Letchworth circuit for minutes for 1944-1970]	1 vol	Mar 1924-Mar 1944
NM4/111	Minutes of United Trustees meetings	1 vol	Apr 1924-Dec 1966
NM4/112	Minutes of manse trustees meetings	1 vol	Mar 1961-Feb 1973
NM4/147	Minutes of Overseas Missions Committee	1 vol	Feb 1961-May 1970
NM4/113	Circuit Steward's accounts	1 vol	Sep 1933-Dec 1956
NM4/119	Circuit Steward's accounts	1 vol	Mar 1957-Sep 1966
NM4/120	Circuit Steward's accounts	1 vol	Dec 1966-Aug 1970
NM4/114	Annual trust schedules	1 vol	Feb 1924-Mar 1946
NM4/115	Annual trust schedules	1 vol	Mar 1947-1970
NM4/116	Trust schedules, returns, accounts and related correspondence	1 bdl	1943-1967
NM4/117	Circuit schedule book giving numbers of members, amounts of collections, and names of trustees	1 vol	1932-1971
NM4/118	Circuit plans	2	Nov 1968-Jan 1969; May 1970-Aug 1970

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NM4/121	Quarterly Meeting and General Purposes Committee minutes (Jun 1970-Jun 1973) and Circuit Meeting minutes (Sep 1973-Feb 1984)	1 vol	Jun 1970-Feb 1984
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NM4/122	Quarterly Meeting papers including agenda, some correspondence and reports	1 file	1970-1984
NM4/163	Minutes of Local Preachers' Meetings [Letchworth Circuit only to June 1970. Indexed] [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2018]	1 vol	Jun 1944-Feb 1987
NM4/164	Minutes of Local Preachers' Meetings [Including Stevenage from September 1992] [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2024]	1 vol	May 1987-Apr 1993
NM4/123	Minutes of Circuit Manse Committee	1 vol	Oct 1972-Mar 1975
NM4/148	Minutes of Ministries Committee	1 vol	Jun 1974-Feb 1993
NM4/149	Minutes of Annual Circuit Chapel Committee [Hitchin Circuit up to 1970, Hitchin and Letchworth Circuit thereafter]	1 vol	Dec 1968-Nov 1983
NM4/150	Minutes of Circuit Property Committee	1 vol	Nov 1984-Nov 1992
NM4/151	Circuit Property Secretary's general correspondence	1 file	Sep 1977-Mar 1993
NM4/152/1-17	Annual Property Schedules	17 bdl	1977-1993
NM4/153/1-9	Quinquennial Premises Inspection Reports [Covering the chapels at Arlesey, Baldock, Benington, Christchurch at Hitchin, Letchworth, Pirton and Steeple Morden and the Manse at Letchworth]	1 bdl	1985-1993
NM4/154	Minutes of Overseas Missions Committee [Hitchin Circuit up to 1970, Hitchin and Letchworth	1 vol	Jun 1963-Jun 1984

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NM4/155	Minutes and papers of Home and Overseas Missions Committee	1 file	Jan 1985-c1988
NM4/156	Attendance book of Home and Overseas Missions Committee	1 vol	Jan 1973-Jan 1987
NM4/157	Home Mission Colour Slide Series No 1 with information leaflet; copies of hymn "People Matter", a copy of music for concert item for project to provide a water pump, 1981	1 bdl	1981; nd [20th cent]
NM4/158	Minutes and papers of Division of Social Responsibility Committee	1 bdl	Apr 1983-Jan 1989
NM4/159	Minutes and papers of Division of Social Responsibility Committee	1 bdl	Jan 1989-Feb 1993
NM4/160	Minutes of the Women's Work Committee [later renamed 'Network']	1 vol	Jul 1970-Oct 1992
NM4/161	Accounts and other financial papers of Women's Work Committee [later 'Network']	1 bdl	1981-Feb 1994
NM4/162	Minutes and papers of the Youth Council, 1970-1974, and the Education and Youth Committee, 1975-1992	1 bdl	Oct 1970-Jun 1992
NM4/124	Annual trust schedules: Hitchin Circuit 1962-1970, Hitchin and Letchworth Circuit thereafter	1 file	1962-1973
NM4/125/1-3	Annual trust schedules, accounts and papers	3 bdls	1974-1976
NM4/126	Circuit accounts: Letchworth Circuit 1962-Sep 1970, Hitchin and Letchworth Circuit thereafter	1 vol	Dec 1963-May 1981

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Hitchin and Letchworth Circuit (cont)

NM4/127	Circuit accounts: Letchworth Circuit up to 1970, Hitchin and Letchworth Circuit thereafter; furnishing and removals, 1963-1971; rent account 1970-1971; special cash account, 1964-1968; loan account, 1964-1966; stewardship campaign, 1970-1971	1 vol	1963-1971
NM4/131	Order of service for united three circuits celebration [Biggleswade; Hitchin and Letchworth; Stevenage] held at Hinxworth in honour of the 350th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley	1	Jul 1988
NM4/128	Circuit plans and directory	1 bdl	Sep-Dec 1970; Mar 1971-Mar 1976 Apr 1977-Dec 1978
NM4/129	Circuit plans and directory	1 bdl	Jan 1979-Mar 1984
NM4/130	Circuit plans and directory	1 bdl	Apr 1984-1992
NM4/132	Circuit plan	1	Oct-Dec 1978
NM4/133-139	Circuit plans	7	Aug 1991-Feb 1993

Brand Street Methodist Church, Hitchin (Wesleyan)

NM4A

[see also NM4/52 and /68 - /84]

Wesleyan Methodists had met in Hitchin since before 1800 probably in members' homes. (see NM4A/1)

A plot of land in Brand Street (formerly known as Pound Lane) Hitchin together with some dilapidated maltings was purchased in 1830. The buildings were converted into a chapel which was used until 1834 when a new church was erected. Much of the cost of rebuilding was provided by Mr Thomas Ward, a Hitchin tanner who also gave a manse and a burial ground on the other side of the street

In 1870 the church was enlarged and partially rebuilt. It was closed in 1969 on the amalgamation of the Brand Street and Nightingale Road Methodist churches with the Queen Street Congregational Church to form the new Christchurch Hitchin (see NM4C)

A microfilm of a baptism register for the Hitchin Wesleyan chapel, 1835 - 7 is held by the record office (Ref.PC 26/2)

- /1 Printed certificate of registration of a house in Tilehouse Street, Hitchin occupied by William Thorndick as a place of religious worship 1 item 6 Nov 1828
- /2 Declaration by William Thorndick of Hitchin that a Wesleyan chapel in Pound Lane (Brand Street) Hitchin is to be used as a place of religious worship 1 item 23 Jan 1830
- /3 Volume containing trustees minutes, Nov 1852 - Apr 1855, and trust accounts, 1863-1865 with at end reversed "Wesleyan New Chapel Account Book", July 1834 - Dec 1873 1 vol 1834 - 1873

Brand Street Methodist Church, Hitchin (Wesleyan)

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|-----|--|--------|---------------------------------------|
| /4 | Volume containing trustees minutes concerning scheme for improvement of chapel, Nov 1869-Jan 1871 (printed programme of opening services Dec 1870-Jan 1871 is pasted in), and minutes of Leaders' meetings Nov 1882-Sep 1908 | 1 vol | 1869 - 1908 |
| /5 | Minutes of Trustees | 1 vol | Mar 1893 - Feb 1915 |
| /6 | Trust treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Jan 1895 - Dec 1920 |
| /7 | Draft trust treasurer's accounts. At end list of trustees 1937 | 1 vol | Jan 1921 - Dec 1956 |
| /8 | Trust treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Jan 1928 - Dec 1958 |
| /9 | Trust accounts and general correspondence concerning maintenance of church property, lettings, appointment of caretaker etc. | 1 file | Dec 1921 - Nov 1936 |
| /10 | Finance committee minutes | 1 vol | Jan 1963 - May 1969
(last meeting) |
| /11 | Minutes of Leaders' meetings with a list of ministers' names, 1869 - 1929

[For earlier minutes see NM4A/4 above] | 1 vol | Jan 1909 - Dec 1929 |
| /12 | Minutes of Leaders' meetings | 1 vol | Aug 1962 - Jun 1969 |

Brand Street Methodist Church, Hitchin (Wesleyan)

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- /13 Papers concerning Leaders' meetings including correspondence, circulars, agendas, 1956-1960, and account of poor fund, 1959 1 file 1949 - 1961
- /14 Account book of weekly offerings; at end accounts of special collections, Apr 1889-Sep 1902 including annual circuit meetings, chapel anniversary and other special services 1 vol Dec 1888 - Feb 1899
- /15 Church accounts: collections, and payments for stationery, expenses etc. 1 vol Sep 1944 - Aug 1954
- /16 Church accounts 1 vol Nov 1958 - Jul 1969
- /17 Church account: receipts, invoices and related correspondence 1 file 1937 - 1951
- /18 Church account: receipts, invoices and related correspondence 1 file 1951 - 1963
- /19 Vestry cash book of envelope system 1 vol Jan 1959 - Apr 1963
- /20 Minutes of Pleasant Sunday Afternoon committee 1 vol Nov 1899 - Jun 1903
- /21-24 Minutes of Sunday School Council 4 vols 1912 - 1969
- /21 May 1912-Feb 1927
- /22 Jun 1927-Jan 1953
- /23 Oct 1953-Jul 1967
- /24 Oct 1967-Feb 1969

Brand Street Methodist Church, Hitchin (Wesleyan)

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| /25 | Sunday School treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Feb 1876 - Jan 1917 |
| /26 | Sunday School cash book with accounts of collections, general fund, missionary and charitable donations, expenses, for outings, parties etc. | 1 vol | Oct 1964 - Jul 1966 |
| /27 | Sunday School treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Jan 1939 - Mar 1970 |
| /28 | Ladies Sewing Meeting accounts with list of members, 1887 | 1 vol | Sep 1887 - Mar 1898 |
| /29 | Minutes of meetings concerning sale and fete arrangements | 1 vol | Jul 1949 |
| /30 | Correspondence with "Radio-Aid Ltd" concerning installation of deaf aid equipment in church, its maintenance and insurance etc. | 1 file | 1939 - 1953 |
| /31 | Youth Club: correspondence concerning club weekends, visiting preachers etc. including typed copy of rules and lists of members of girls and boys brigade | 1 file | 1959 - 1960 |
| /32 | Photograph: Brand Street Chapel | 1 item | c 1870 |
| /33 | <u>The Story of Methodism at Hitchin</u> by R L Hine | 1 item | 1934 |

Brand Street Methodist Church, Hitchin (Wesleyan)

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| /34 | Souvenir programme of centenary bazaar, Oct 1934; includes some historical notes concerning chapel | 1 item | 1934 |
| /35 | Order of administration of the Lord's Supper and Baptism with forms of marriage and burial services and ordination of ministers | 1 vol | 1865 |
| /36 | Newspapers: <u>Hertfordshire Express</u> , 5, 12 & 19 May 1934 and <u>Hertfordshire Pictorial</u> 1, 8 & 15 May 1934 containing articles concerning centenary celebrations | 1 bdl | 1934 |
| /37 | Newspaper cutting from <u>Hertfordshire Express and Hitchin Gazette</u> with article concerning unification of Brand Street and Nightingale Road Methodist churches with Queen Street Congregational church | 1 item | 6 May 1966 |
| /38 | Marriage register | 1 vol | Sep 1870-Jul 1891 |
| /39 | Trust treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Jan 1959-Jan 1973 |
| /40 | Trustees correspondence concerning investments and final sale of Brand Street and Nightingale Road premises | 1 file | 1965 - 1975 |
| /41 | Organ fund: stock dividend receipts and bank passbook | 1 bdl | 1945 - 1970 |

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Nightingale Road Methodist Church, Hitchin (Primitive) NM4B

A Primitive Methodist society was formed in Hitchin in 1898, meetings first being held in the homes of members. The church in Nightingale Road was erected in 1900 on land purchased from Hitchin Gas Company and was further extended in 1921. In 1922 the church was licensed for the solemnisation of marriages and in the following year a house for the minister was erected at the back of the building.

The premises were purchased by the neighbouring Roman Catholic Church in 1969 on the amalgamation of the Brand Street and Nightingale Road Methodist congregations with the Queen Street Congregational Church (see NM4C).

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| /1 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Feb 1946 - Sep 1963 |
| /2 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Oct 1963 - May 1970 |
| | Enclosed: trust account
annual statements, 1964/5;
1965/6 and 1966/7 | | |
| /3 | Volume containing trust
treasurer's accounts,
Jan 1939-Aug 1961 and
Society accounts Sep 1961-
Apr 1970 | 1 vol | Jan 1939 - Apr 1970 |
| | Enclosed: some correspond-
ence, electricity, gas and
water bills, 1968-1969 | | |
| /4 | Trust treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Sep 1961 - May 1970 |
| /5 | Chapel trustees: general
correspondence concerning
repairs to chapel and
manse, tuning of organ etc. | 1 file | 1938; 1950 - 1965 |

Nightingale Road Methodist Church, Hitchin (Primitive)

NM4B

/6 Minutes of Leaders' meetings 1 vol Aug 1932 - May 1969
(final meeting)

Enclosed: minutes of joint meeting of Brand Street and Nightingale Road leaders concerning unification, and resolution and revised draft of proposals for constitution of a united church

/7 Mens Fellowship meeting minutes 1 vol Nov 1962 (first meeting)
- Sep 1966

/8 Young Wives Group accounts and register of subscriptions 1 vol Oct 1961 - Mar 1967

Enclosed: statements of accounts 1962/3 - 1966/7

Christchurch, Bedford Road, Hitchin

This church in Elmside, Hitchin was opened in June 1969. The premises are shared by the congregations of the former Methodist churches at Brand Street [NM4A], and Nightingale Road [NM4B] Hitchin and the Queen Street Congregational church.

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| /1 | Correspondence and papers concerning free loans for the building fund | 1 bdl | 1969 - 1970 |
| /2-3 | Plans and correspondence concerning new church and buildings. Architects: Highet & Phillips, Guildford | 2 files | 1965 - 1970 |

Christchurch, Arlesey (Wesleyan)

A Wesleyan chapel had been erected in Arlesey in 1851 and a Primitive chapel (St John) in 1875 [see NM4N]. The two societies existed side by side until they were united in 1961. It was proposed to retain only one building and St John's chapel became the village youth and community centre. Christchurch itself became redundant in 1980 on the erection of a new Methodist church and hall.

Trustees: minutes

NM4D/6	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1926-Mar 1961
NM4D/8	Minutes of organ fund committee	1 vol	Feb 1947-Mar 1950
NM4D/20	Minutes of the church renovation committee	1 vol	Nov 1949-Mar 1953
NM4D/21	Minutes of the church renovation committee	1 vol	Mar 1953-Oct 1960

Trustees: accounts

NM4D/1	Trust treasurer's accounts. At end reversed: accounts of seat rents, 1883-1915	1 vol	Jan 1882-Dec 1924
NM4D/13	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	1957-1976

Trustees: papers

NM4D/2	Correspondence concerning cottages in High Street, Arlesey owned by trustees of Wesleyan Society and proposal to demolish them	1 bdl	1932
NM4D/7	Trustees correspondence concerning general maintenance of chapel and organ, and letting of school room	1 file	1939-1950
NM4D/9	Correspondence concerning organ fund	1 file	1946-1950
NM4D/3	Correspondence concerning purchase of manse at 78, Church Lane, Arlesey and formation of trust [see also NM4/68]	1 file	Jan 1954-Sep 1957

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NM4D

Christchurch, Arlesey (Westleyan)

Sunday School: minutes

NM4D/24	Teachers' meeting minutes	1 vol	Apr 1932-Jan 1956
NM4D/25	Teachers' meeting minutes	1 bdl	Jan 1956-Mar 1960

Boys' Brigade

NM4D/12	Minutes of 1st Arlesey Company Boys Brigade	1 vol	1958-1968
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Miscellaneous

NM4D/19	Order of service for opening and dedication of new Methodist church	1 item	May 1981
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Benington Methodist Church (Primitive)

NM4E

A Primitive Methodist Society formed in Benington in 1847, at first meeting in members homes. The first building to be used by the congregation was a thatched barn at Hebing End licensed as a place of meeting for religious worship in 1850. Not until 1862 was the first chapel erected on the present site. A schoolroom was added in 1898 and the whole church rebuilt in 1933.

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| /1 | Collection journal and Society Steward's record | 1 vol | Mar 1941 - Sep 1953 |
| /2 | Specification of proposed new chapel with correspondence concerning the registration for solemnization of marriages and loans for building works; also printed leaflet concerning centenary celebrations Mar-Sep 1947 | 1 bdl | 1933; 1947 |

Graveley Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

NM4F

Graveley formed part of the Biggleswade circuit until 1891 when it was transferred to Hitchin. A new chapel was erected in 1873 and closed in 1961. It still stands and is now in industrial use.

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| /1 | Volume containing trust treasurer's accounts and balance sheets, Jan 1908-Dec 1931 and minutes of trustees meetings, 1922-1923, 1926-1931 | 1 vol | 1908 - 1931 |
| /2 | Correspondence and papers concerning payment of tithe redemption annuities | 1 bdl | 1937 - 1938 |
| /3 | Correspondence and papers concerning closure and sale of chapel | 1 bdl | 1961 |

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NM4G

Ickleford Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

A Methodist Society at Ickleford formed part of the Biggleswade Circuit before 1838. A new chapel in Arlesey Road was erected in 1850. It was closed in 1978 and sold in 1979.

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| /1 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Feb 1937-Feb 1944 |
| /2 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Feb 1953-Oct 1977 |
| /3 | Correspondence concerning maintenance of chapel, appointment of trustees and final sale | 1 file | 1970 - 1980 |
| /4 | Certificate of registration as place of worship | 1 item | Mar 1854 |
| /5 | Register of baptisms with note at front "for Baptisms prior to 1933 see Brand Street book"
[see also NM4/52-54] | 1 vol | Sep 1938-Feb 1977 |

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Offley Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

A chapel at Offley was first erected in 1844 and formed part of the Luton circuit until 1864 when it was transferred to Hitchin. The chapel was rebuilt in 1887. The chapel is now closed. [See D/ELg T36 for conveyance of site, 1887]

Registers

NM4H/2	Register of baptisms	1 vol	Jan 1957-Aug 1970
NM4H/3	Register of marriages	1 vol	Jul 1945-Jun 1971

Trustees: accounts and papers

NM4H/1	Receipts, invoices and related papers concerning maintenance of chapel	1 file	Sep 1930-Feb 1952
NM4H/5	Miscellaneous papers [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2017]	1 bdl	Dec 1971-Feb 1986
NR4H/4	Papers and plans concerning the sale of the chapel	14	Sep 1985-Feb 1986
NR4H/6	Sale particulars relating to the sale of the chapel [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2017]	3	1986

Leaders: minutes

NM4H/7	Draft minutes of the Church Council Meeting [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2008]	1	Oct 1977
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Leaders: Papers

NM4H/8	Society schedule [ACCESS RESTRICTED RESTRICTED UNTIL 2003]	1	Dec 1972
NM4H/9	Membership Roll [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2116]	1	nd [c1970s/80s]

Pegsdon Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

Methodist services were being held in Pegsdon from 1839. The first chapel was erected in 1844 on land belonging to a local farmer Mr George Godfrey and formed part of the Luton Circuit. The chapel was transferred to the Hitchin Circuit in 1864. It was closed in 1970.

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| /1 | Volume containing trust treasurer's accounts, Dec 1847- Dec 1962, chapel building account, 1852, and Sunday school account Feb 1875-Mar 1876 | 1 vol | 1847 - 1962 |
| | Enclosed: solicitor's bill Sep-Oct 1842 concerning conveyance of site at Pegsdon in trust for chapel | | |
| /2 | Society steward's accounts of class money, ticket money and quarterly collections | 1 vol | Mar 1845-Dec 1876 |
| /3 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Nov 1963-Aug 1975 |
| /4 | Correspondence and papers concerning closure and sale of chapel | 1 file | 1970 - 1975 |

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Pirton Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

NM4J

A Methodist Society at Pirton was established by 1838 and formed part of the Biggleswade Circuit. The Present church was erected in 1907 with substantial additions made in 1963.

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| /1 | Receipts, invoices and related correspondence concerning erection of chapel, Jan 1906-Jun 1912, and war damage to organ, Dec 1944 - Oct 1950 | 1 file | 1906 - 1950 |
| /2 | Papers, accounts and related correspondence concerning settlement of claim with War Damage Commission | 1 bdl | 1945 - 1951 |
| /3 | Correspondence and papers concerning rebuilding and enlarging organ and re-dedication service | 1 vol | Apr 1950 - Mar 1960 |

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Walkern Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

NM4K

A Methodist Society at Walkern had been established before 1838 and formed part of the Biggleswade Circuit. A chapel was erected in 1857. This building was sold in 1963. The congregation now shares the premises of the Walkern United Reformed Church.

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| /1 | Volume containing trust accounts, 1857 - 1894, subscriptions to building fund and building account, Oct 1856 - May 1858. | 1 vol | 1856 - 1894 |
| | Pasted in front: Wesleyan chapel committee official sanction for erection of chapel at Walkern, 8 Jun 1857 | | |
| /2 | Trustees minutes | 1 vol | Jan 1953-Oct 1961 |
| /3 | Society steward's accounts | 1 vol | Dec 1854-Jun 1882 |
| /4 | Correspondence and papers concerning sale of Walkern chapel | 1 bdl | 1961 - 1963 |

St Faith, Walsworth

The development of this area of the town of Hitchin began in earnest after the second world war. In 1950 the Free Church Council started a Sunday School in a hut owned by the Tenants Association. Land in Willian Road was given for the erection of a church and schools in 1952 and the building was officially opened on 30 August 1958. The last services were held in this church on 31 August 1976 and the property sold a short time afterwards to the Provident Mutual Insurance Company. The congregation moved to the Anglican church of St Faith Walsworth which was redesigned for use as a shared church served by a team ministry.

Two volumes of Methodist pulpit notices have been deposited in the Record Office by the team vicar [see D/P53B 29/1-2]

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| /1 | File containing accounts of bazaar and May Fair, 1954 held in aid of funds; correspondence concerning acquisition of new site and building fund with plan and architect's drawing of church hall; programmes for opening service, 30 Aug 1958 and photograph of foundation stone laying ceremony 17 May 1958 | 1 file | May 1954-Dec 1961 |
| | [see also NM4/65 and 68] | | |
| /2 | Building fund accounts and related correspondence | 1 bdl | 1961 - 1963 |
| /3 | Register of baptisms | 1 vol | Sep 1958-Jan 1977 |
| /4 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Apr 1953-Nov 1976 |
| /5 | Correspondence concerning building fund, opening of church, furnishings and fund raising events | 1 file | 1958 - 1960 |

Weston Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

A Wesleyan Methodist society at Weston was established by 1803 as part of the St Neots Circuit. It was transferred to the newly constituted Biggleswade Circuit in 1810. A new chapel was erected in 1862.

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| /1 | Volume containing resolution,
6 May 1861 by trustees to erect
new chapel and minutes of
committee for building chapel,
11 Jun 1861 | 1 vol | May - Jun 1861 |
| /2-3 | Certificates of registration
as a place of worship | 2 | Mar 1854;
Dec 1899 |
| /4 | Certificate of registration
for the solemnization of
marriages | 1 item | Dec 1899 |

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NM4N

St John, Arlesey (Primitive)

The church was built in 1875. It became redundant in 1961 when the congregation united with Christchurch, Arlesey [see NM4D]. St John then became the village youth and community centre.

/1 Collection Journal

1 vol 1948 - 1969

Broadway Methodist Church, Letchworth (Primitive)

This church in Broadway, Letchworth was opened in 1914 on a site leased from First Garden City Ltd. In 1926 urgent repairs to the building were necessary after part of the roof collapsed. Re-opening services were held on 22 June 1927. The freehold of the church site was purchased that same year. It was closed in 1937 and the members amalgamated with the society at Central [see NM4Q]. The premises were at first let to the Hertfordshire County Council for educational purposes. The County Council purchased the buildings in 1950 and later demolished them. The site now forms part of North Herts College.

/1	Certificate of registration as a place of worship	1 item	2 Dec 1914
/2	Certificate of registration for the solemnization of marriages	1 item	7 Aug 1916
/3	Minutes of church committee	1 vol	Feb 1924-Jan 1927
/4	Minutes of trustees: at end reversed minutes of church meetings Jan 1927-Nov 1936	1 vol	Nov 1926-Aug 1938
/5	Memorandums of choice and appointment of new trustees	2	Dec 1926; Sep 1937
/6	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1927-Jan 1938
/7	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Aug 1925-Aug 1937

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Letchworth Central Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

A public meeting was held at the Food Reform Restaurant, Letchworth on 14 September 1909 and inaugural services at the Pixmore Institute in October of the same year. A cottage at Birds Hill leased for use as a "Wesley Institute" was officially opened by Mrs Ebenezer Howard on 7 March 1910. Sunday services continued to be held in the Pixmore Institute until the church in Norton Way was opened in September 1914. Extensions to the Sunday Schools were completed in 1955.

On the closure of the former Primitive chapel at Broadway in 1937 [see NM4P] the members amalgamated with the society at Central. The organ from the Broadway premises was transferred to Central at this time.

Trustees: appointments and attendance

NM4Q/1	Memoranda of choice and appointment of new trustees with trustees' declaration of adoption of New Model Deed, 1937	5	1928-1969
NM4Q/4	Register of trustees and their attendance at meetings	1 vol	1963-1976

Trustees: minutes

[For minutes of building committee, 1909, see NM4Q/7]

NM4Q/2	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Dec 1928-Nov 1952
NM4Q/2A	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Dec 1952-Feb 1965
NM4Q/3	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jun 1965-Nov 1976

Trustees: accounts

NM4Q/5	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1917-Jan 1942
NM4Q/6	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1942-Dec 1959
NM4Q/39	Trust treasurer's accounts [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2007]	1 vol	Sep 1968-Sep 1976

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Letchworth Central Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

Trustees: papers (cont)

NM4Q/22	Plans of proposed alterations to School Hall	3	1971
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Leaders: minutes

NM4Q/7	Volume containing report on the public meeting 14 Sep 1909, minutes of building committee Sep-Nov 1909 and minutes of Leaders' meetings Dec 1909-Sep 1925	1 vol	Sep 1909-Sep 1925
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NM4Q/8	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Sep 1925-Mar 1942
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NM4Q/9	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Jun 1942-Feb 1955
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NM4Q/42	Minutes and papers of the Church Council [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2020]	1 file	Oct 1981-Oct 1989
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NM4Q/27	Papers concerning Finance Committee including notes of meetings and balance sheets	1 bdl	1956-1957
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NM4Q/43	Minutes and papers of the Finance Committee [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2016]	1 file	Jan 1976-Sep 1985
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NM4Q/44-46	Minutes, correspondence and papers of the Family Committee [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2015]	3 bdls	Oct 1973-Oct 1984
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NM4Q/47	Minutes, correspondence and papers of the Family Committee [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2018]	1 bdl	Feb 1985-Dec 1987
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NM4Q/48	Minutes, correspondence and papers of the Family Committee [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2020]	1 file	Jan 1988-Dec 1989
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Letchworth Central Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

Leaders: accounts (cont)

NM4Q/13	Collection Journal	1 vol	Apr 1932-Oct 1937
NM4Q/14	Collection Journal	1 vol	Oct 1936-Feb 1955
NM4Q/15	Collection Journal	1 vol	Feb 1955-Dec 1960
NM4Q/16	Collection Journal	1 vol	Jan 1961-Oct 1971

Leaders: miscellaneous papers

NM4Q/20	Pulpit notices	1 vol	Dec 1942-Oct 1944
NM4Q/21	Pulpit notices	1 vol	Oct 1960-Oct 1964
NM4Q/33	Correspondence with Hertfordshire County Council concerning grants for youth work	1 bdl	1956-1960
NM4Q/57	Papers concerning the 'Force 4' Renewal in Faith Project [For 'Force 4 Fund' accounts <u>see</u> NM4Q/56] [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2021]	1 bdl	c1987-1990

Sunday School: minutes

NM4Q/19	Minutes of Sunday School Council	1 vol	Apr 1933-Mar 1943
NM4Q/36	Minutes of Sunday School committee [from 1970 Junior Church Council]	1 vol	Oct 1961-May 1981

Sunday School: accounts

NM4Q/58	Sunday School accounts [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2008]	1 vol	May 1957-Nov 1977
NM4Q/59	Bank book, bank statements and receipts relating to the Junior Church accounts [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2008]	1 bdl	Aug 1973-Jan 1977

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Letchworth Central Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

Miscellaneous (cont)

NM4Q/38	Order of service: 75th anniversary services and menu for celebration dinner	2	Jun 1989
NM4Q/60	Programmes for 77th, 78th and 80th Anniversary Weekend celebrations [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2025]	3	Jun 1991-Jun 1992; Jun 1994
NM4Q/61	Order of service for the Circuit Service held at Letchworth Central Methodist Church, May 1993 [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2024]	1	May 1993

Letchworth North Avenue (Wesleyan)

On 26 April 1803 the Methodists certified the house of Thomas Street as a place of worship in Norton. This society became associated with the Biggleswade circuit. Records of this Circuit are held at the Bedfordshire Record Office, County Hall, Bedford MK42 9AP where further references to the society at Norton may be found. Some early baptisms are recorded in the Hitchin Circuit baptism register NM4/52.

This early society may well have died out before the end of the nineteenth century. The name of Norton is next associated with the Methodist movement shortly before 1909 in the early years of the Garden City. The Norton Mission was begun at this period apparently under the auspices of the Letchworth Free Church to bring Methodist teaching to the growing new town of Letchworth. There appears to have been some difference of opinion with the Free Church as they refused to supply pulpits and in 1910 withdrew from any further responsibility for the Mission. The Central Wesleyan Church then agreed to supply preachers provided the Norton members take full responsibility for any building work they may undertake [see NM4Q]. A small site at the junction of Cashio Lane and Norton Way was purchased from the Central church in 1912 and a wooden building erected. A new mission hall was opened in North Avenue in October 1914 and the church soon became known as North Avenue. This building was extended in 1924. The present church was completed in 1934 as a memorial to the parents of Gipsy Smith. During the Second World War the hall was leased to Hertfordshire County Council for use as a day school.

/1	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1914-Jul 1928
/2	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Sep 1928-Feb 1934
/3	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Nov 1934-Sep 1971
/4	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Oct 1971-Jul 1977
/5	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Dec 1922-Dec 1934
/6	Accounts of building fund	1 vol	Nov 1932-Jan 1938
/7	Papers concerning building fund including correspondence, accounts and receipts [found enclosed in NM4R/6]	1 bdl	1935 - 1938

Letchworth North Avenue (Weslevan)

/8	Agreement between trustees and Hertfordshire County Council for lease of hall for use as day school for evacuee children with related correspondence	1 bdl	1939 - 1951
/9	Lists of trustees with correspondence concerning retirement and reappointments	1 bdl	1949 - 1972
/10	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Jun 1909-Sep 1923
/11	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Oct 1923-Jan 1932
/12	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Mar 1932-Jan 1939
/13	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Jan 1939-Dec 1949
/14	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Apr 1950-Aug 1954
/15	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Nov 1954-Dec 1959
/16	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Feb 1960-Jun 1967
/17	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Sep 1967-Nov 1974
/18	Society accounts	1 vol	Feb 1934-Jun 1970
/19	Notice book	1 vol	Jan 1922-Dec 1923
/20	<u>Nornues</u> : church magazine	1 bdl	Jul 1980; Apr 1982-Jul 1986

Brook Street Methodist Church, Stotfold (Primitive)

A small group of Primitive Methodists had first met in Stotfold as early as 1845. Their first chapel was erected in Chapel Yard in 1848. The new chapel in Brook Street was built in 1869 and a Sunday School in 1909. This building was closed for public worship in May 1973 and the members amalgamated with the former Wesleyan church in High Street Stotfold. The organ from Brook Street was transferred to Arlesey and the chapel demolished for housing development.

During the early period of its existence it appears that this chapel was associated with Biggleswade Methodist circuit. Further records relating to this chapel may be available at the Bedfordshire Record Office, County Hall, Bedford MK42 9AP where Biggleswade circuit records are held (see DDE91 and 94).

/1	Minutes of chapel committee and trustees	1 vol	Jul 1908-Feb 1954
/2	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1955-Jul 1975
/3	Centenary Celebration Service Sheet	1	Oct 1969

NM4T

Stotfold High Street Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

In 1786 a building in the tenure of William Bennet and owned by William Bristow was licensed for the use of the Wesleyan Methodists in Stotfold. The first chapel was built in 1824 and shortly afterwards enlarged with the addition of a gallery. The present chapel in the High Street was built in 1869 and redesigned inside in 1969. Further alterations were made in 1983. The congregation from the former Primitive Methodist church at Brook Street, Stotfold amalgamated with High Street in 1973. The church in Brook Street was demolished (see NM4S).

Until 1970 this church formed part of the Biggleswade Methodist Circuit. Further records may be available at the Bedfordshire Record Office, County Hall, Bedford MK42 9AP where Biggleswade circuit records are held (see DDE91 and 94).

/1	Plans of proposed alterations (Architect: Norman V Hyde, Hitchin)	2	1968
/2	Order of service for re-dedication of church as part of the centenary celebrations together with centenary leaflets and short history of church	1 bdl	1969
/8	Centenary celebrations service sheet	1	Nov 1969
/3	Plans of proposed extension and internal modifications (Architects: Daniel and Lelliott, Maidenhead, Berkshire)	14	Jan - May 1983
/4	Correspondence, accounts and papers concerning alterations	1 file	1983 - 1984
/5	Treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Mar 1916-Nov 1962
/6	Collection accounts	1 vol	Jan 1966-Jun 1978
/7	Envelope collections cash book	1 vol	Oct 1967-Oct 1971
[For item NM4T/8 see under NM4T/2 above]			
	Pulpit notice books	7 vols	1976 - 1982
/9	Mar 1976 - Mar 1977		
/10	Mar 1977 - Mar 1978		
/11	May 1978 - May 1979		
/12	May 1979 - May 1980		
/13	May 1980 - May 1981		
/14	May 1981 - Jun 1982		
/15	Jun 1982		

[Items NM4T/5-15 were all part of accession 2732 and added to the list]

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The first chapel to be built in Park Street, Baldock was financed by Miss Harvey of Hinxworth at the end of the eighteenth century. It was extensively repaired in 1831 and now exists as two cottages. The present church in Whitehorse Street was erected in 1853 and a school room added in 1864. It was renovated for the centenary in 1953 and extensively remodelled in 1983.

Until 1970 this church formed part of the Biggleswade Methodist Circuit. Further records may be available at the Bedfordshire Record Office, County Hall, Bedford MK42 9AP where Biggleswade Circuit records are held (see DDE91 and 94).

/1	Illustrated booklet containing centenary history of church	1 vol	1953
/2	Minutes of Sisterhood committee	1 vol	Aug 1977-Jan 1985
/3	Sisterhood Cookery Book	3	n.d.
/4	Report on the condition of the church and proposals for remodelling (Architects: Daniel and Lelliott, Maidenhead, Berkshire)	2	Sep 1981
/5-8	Plans of existing church and proposed alterations with related accounts and correspondence	4 bdls	1980 - 1984
/9	Specification for alterations and repairs (Architects: Daniel and Lelliott, Maidenhead, Berkshire)	1 vol	Jan 1983
/10-11	Correspondence concerning building alterations	2 files	1980 - 1984
/12	Correspondence concerning bequest to church under will of James John Hamilton, deceased	1 bdl	1973

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HENLOW METHODIST CHURCH (BEDS)

/1 Service sheet for the stonelaying 1 Oct 1967
at the new church

ST ALBANS METHODIST CIRCUIT

NM5

Introduction

A St Albans Wesleyan Circuit was first formed in 1824 and included the chapels at Watford, St Albans, Bovington, Sarratt, Flaunden and Rickmansworth. By 1870 the circuit had grown to include St Albans, Watford, Hemel Hempstead, Redbourn, Nash Mills, Two Waters, Shenley, Wheathampstead, Bovington, Sleafs Hyde, Abbots Langley, Kings Langley, Hatfield and Potters Bar.

A separate Watford circuit was created in 1872 (see NM7), and the chapels at Hemel Hempstead, Nash Mills, Two Waters, Berkhamsted, Kings Langley and Abbots Langley were formed into the Hemel Hempstead circuit in 1886 (see NM3). Potters Bar was transferred to the Barnet circuit in 1882 (see NM1 and NM1D). Therefore in 1886 the St Albans circuit consisted of only St Albans, Redbourn, Shenley, Wheathampstead, Hatfield and Sleafs Hyde. A chapel in Hatfield Road, St Albans was established in 1898 and a former Primitive Methodist chapel in Boundary Road, St Albans was transferred to the St Albans Circuit from the Luton Circuit in 1934 (see NM5B). New chapels were also erected in Hatfield, at Birchwood Avenue in 1938 and Oxlease in 1961 (see NM5E and 5F). The chapel at Wheathampstead was closed in 1939 (see NM5I).

The Methodist societies at Welwyn Garden City and Warren Way, Digswell also formed part of this Circuit for a short period (see NM8).

The St Albans Circuit now forms part of the London North West District of the Methodist church.

Primitive Methodists

A Primitive Methodist chapel existed in Sopwell Lane, St Albans by 1868 and at this date the chapel formed part of the Watford Primitive Circuit (see NM7/1). This chapel was sold in November 1875 when the society was offered the use of the former Independent chapel in Dagnall Street, St Albans (Ref. Urwick p. 206).

In 1877 the Primitive societies at St Albans and Redbourn split away from the Watford Circuit to become known as the St Albans Mission. The chapel at Redbourn transferred to the Luton Circuit in 1887.

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ST ALBANS METHODIST CIRCUIT

Quarterly Meeting: minutes

[See Quarterly Meeting: papers
NM5/62 for draft minutes, 1972-1978]

NM5/1	Quarterly Meeting minutes	1 vol	Oct 1839-Mar 1855
NM5/2	Quarterly Meeting minutes	1 vol	Jun 1875-Dec 1889
NM5/3	Quarterly Meeting minutes	1 vol	Mar 1890-Jun 1919
NM5/4	Quarterly Meeting minutes	1 vol	Sep 1919-Sep 1939
NM5/5	Quarterly Meeting minutes	1 vol	Dec 1939-Jun 1952
NM5/6	Quarterly Meeting minutes	1 vol	Sep 1952-Dec 1960

Quarterly Meeting: papers

NM5/7	Quarterly Meeting papers: correspondence and press cuttings concerning proposed Hatfield New Town Community Centre	1 bdl	Feb-Jun 1958
NM5/62	Quarterly Meeting: draft minutes and associated papers, Mar 1972-Mar 1978 and report on Methodism in St Albans, May 1970 [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2009]	1 file	May 1970-Mar 1978

Circuit Schedules

NM5/27	Circuit Schedule Book containing numbers of members; accounts of annual subscriptions and public collections; subscriptions and donations; subscribers to magazines; names of stewards and trustees	1 vol	Sep 1839-Jun 1845
NM5/28	Circuit Schedule Book	1 vol	Sep 1845-Jun 1857
NM5/29	Circuit Schedule Book	1 vol	Sep 1857-Mar 1870
NM5/30	Circuit Schedule Book	1 vol	Jun 1870-Dec 1888

ST ALBANS METHODIST CIRCUITCircuit Schedules (cont)

NM5/31	Circuit Schedule Book	1 vol	Mar 1889-Sep 1906
NM5/32	Circuit Schedule Book	1 vol	Dec 1906-Mar 1919
NM5/33	Circuit Schedule Book	1 vol	Jun 1919-Mar 1932
NM5/34	Circuit Schedule Book containing quarterly schedules, 1932-1941; annual schedule 1934/5; accounts of subscriptions, 1940/1 and public collections, 1932-1941; names of trustees	1 vol	Mar 1932-Mar 1941
NM5/35	Circuit Schedule Book containing quarterly schedules, Mar 1942-Mar 1951 with note that none were recorded between Mar 1951 and Jun 1956; annual schedules, 1944-1958; subscriptions, 1942-1947; public collections, 1941/2-1946/7; miscellaneous subscriptions, 1950-1954; names of trustees	1 vol	1942-1958
NM5/36	Circuit Schedule Book containing accounts of miscellaneous subscriptions and collections only [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 1999]	1 vol	1951-1968

Circuit Steward's Accounts

NM5/8	Circuit steward's accounts and lists of members	1 vol	1825-1837
NM5/9	Circuit steward's accounts	1 vol	Mar 1842-Jun 1858
NM5/10	Circuit steward's accounts	1 vol	Dec 1877-Sep 1901
NM5/11	Circuit steward's accounts	1 vol	Dec 1901-Mar 1924
NM5/12	Circuit steward's account: bank pass book (Westminster Bank Ltd)	1 vol	Feb 1931-Sep 1932

ST ALBANS METHODIST CIRCUITCircuit Registers

NM5/41	Baptism register: Watford, Hemel Hempstead, Bushey, Abbots Langley, Sarrat, Flaunden, St Albans, Rickmansworth	1 vol	May 1815-Nov 1837
NM5/42	Baptism register: Redbourn, St Albans, Childwick Green, Watford, London Colney, Hunton Bridge, Smugg Oak, Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead, Lemsford Mills, Shenley, Park Street, Abbots Langley, Nash Mills	1 vol	Nov 1839-Jul 1870
NM5/43	Baptism register: St Albans, Hemel Hempstead, Watford, Redbourn, Rickmansworth and Chesham Bucks [also contains an entry for a baptism at Benington, 26 Jan 1862]	1 vol	Dec 1846-Jan 1887

Local Preachers' Meeting

NM5/20	Local Preachers' Meeting minutes; volume also includes minutes of meetings Jan, Mar and Jun 1866 omitted from later volume, NM5/21 below	1 vol	Oct 1839-Jan 1854
NM5/21	Local Preachers' Meeting minutes; at centre one page of circuit account with the Mission House covering the period Nov 1855-Jan 1856	1 vol	Sep 1854-Jun 1871
NM5/22	Local Preachers' Meeting minutes	1 vol	Oct 1871-Jun 1894
NM5/23	Local Preachers' Meeting minutes	1 vol	Sep 1894-Jun 1906

Missionary Society/Overseas Mission

[The Methodist Missionary Society was renamed as the Overseas Mission in 1975]

NM5/25	Foreign Mission accounts	1 vol	1854-1877
NM5/26	Foreign Mission account bank pass book (Westminster Bank Ltd)	1 vol	Feb 1931-Sep 1939

ST ALBANS METHODIST CIRCUITMissionary Society/Overseas Mission (cont)

NM5/66	Copy schedules of contributions to the Methodist Missionary Society/Overseas Mission Fund [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2008]	1 file	1943-1977
NM5/67	Account book of contributions to the Methodist Missionary Society	1 vol	1934-1947
NM5/68	Account book of contributions to the Methodist Missionary Society	1 vol	1945-1952
NM5/69	Account book of contributions to the Methodist Missionary Society	1 vol	1953-1959
NM5/70	Account book of contributions to the Methodist Missionary Society	1 vol	1960-1964
NM5/71	Account book of contributions to the Methodist Missionary Society [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2002]	1 vol	1965-1971
NM5/72	Account book of contributions to the Methodist Missionary Society: Women's Work	1 vol	1950-1959
NM5/73	Account book of contributions to the Methodist Missionary Society: Women's Work [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2001]	1 vol	1960-1970

Sunday School Schedules

NM5/37	Sunday School schedule containing names of schools, numbers of teachers and scholars, and average attendances	1 vol	1868-1874
NM5/38	Sunday School schedule	1 vol	1876-1879
NM5/39	Sunday School schedule	1 vol	1888-1892
NM5/40	Sunday School schedule	1 vol	1893-1899

ST ALBANS METHODIST CIRCUITChurch Property

NM5/14	Chapel trust schedules containing date of acquisition and value of chapels and other church properties, names of Trustees, whereabouts of deeds, and details of income and expenditure on the properties	1 vol	Apr 1860-Mar 1879
NM5/15	Chapel trust schedules	1 vol	Mar 1880-Apr 1899
NM5/57	Chapel trust schedules	1 vol	Mar 1900-Mar 1918
NM5/58	Chapel trust schedules	1 vol	Mar 1919-Mar 1941
NM5/59	Chapel trust schedules	1 vol	Mar 1942-Dec 1960
NM5/60	Chapel trust schedules [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2011]	1 vol	Nov 1962-1980
NM5/61	Chapel trust schedules and annual returns [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2002]	1 bdl	1960-1971
NM5/13	Trustees' treasurer's accounts: St Albans, Sleaps Hyde and Shenley chapels	1 vol	May 1848-Feb 1865
NM5/16	Bundle containing balance sheets of circuit minister's house ("Kingswood", 18 Ridgmont Road, St Albans) furnishing account, May 1912-Apr 1914; account book of furnishing account, Mar 1898-Feb 1924 with receipts and invoices, 1920-1928	1 bdl	1898-1928
NM5/17	Minutes of trustees of the circuit minister's house (Feb 1960 "Kingswood" sold and new manse purchased at 36, Harpenden Road)	1 vol	Feb 1932-Feb 1960
NM5/63	Minutes of manse trustees	1 vol	Dec 1954-Nov 1960
NM5/64	Correspondence and papers concerning circuit manses [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2005]	1 bdl	1953-1974
NM5/65	Correspondence and papers concerning sale of manse in Ridgmont Road, St Albans and purchase of manse in Harpenden Road	1 bdl	1959

ST ALBANS METHODIST CIRCUITChurch Property (cont)

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| NM5/18 | Trustees' concerning and other papers concerning Shenley chapel war damage claim, 1940-1947; purchase of site for minister's house and church, Ludwick Way, Welwyn Garden City, 1944-1947 including plans of new church and site; The Mallory Players, St Albans, 1944-1946; letting of Marlborough Road premises, St Albans to County Council, 1946 with church financial statements, 1938-1944; sale of Primitive chapel, Redbourn, 1939-1947 | 1 bdl | 1938-1947 |
| NM5/19 | War damage insurance receipts: Shenley, Radlett, Birchwood, North Common Redbourn, and Hatfield Road, Boundary Road and Marlborough Road, St Albans | 1 bdl | 1941-1944 |

Circuit plans and directories

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| NM5/44 | Circuit plans | 1 bdl | Apr-Jun 1897;
Jan 1901-Oct 1908;
Apr 1909-Oct 1912;
Jan-Apr 1913;
Apr-Jul 1914;
Oct-Dec 1915;
Jan-Apr 1916;
Jul-Oct 1917;
Oct 1917-Jan 1918 |
| NM5/45 | Circuit plans | 1 bdl | Jul 1918-Jul 1920;
Jul-Dec 1921;
Apr 1922-Mar 1929 |
| NM5/46 | Circuit plans | 1 bdl | Jul-Oct 1929;
Apr 1930-Jun 1933;
Dec 1935-Sep 1937;
Apr-Dec 1938;
Apr-Jul 1939;
Sep-Dec 1940;
Nov 1944-Aug 1945;
Oct 1945-Dec 1946;
Apr-Jul 1947;
Oct 1947-Jul 1948;
Oct 1948-Jan 1949 |

ST ALBANS METHODIST CIRCUITCircuit plans and directories (cont)

NM5/46 (cont)	Circuit plans		Apr 1954-Oct 1966 [gaps]
NM5/47	Circuit plans	5	Jul-Sep 1933; Jan-Mar 1934; Jul-Sep 1934; Apr-Jun 1935; Oct-Dec 1935
NM5/48	Circuit plans	1 bdl	Nov 1966-Jan 1978; Mar 1978-Aug 1988

Miscellaneous

NM5/49	Alphabetical lists of candidates for Wesleyan ministry	1 vol	1868-1883
NM5/50	Quarterly tickets: Junior Society Class	2	Mar & Sep 1928
NM5/51	<i>The Sunday Service of the Methodists; with other occasional services</i> ; London, John Mason, 14 City Road	1 vol	1834
NM5/52	Hymn Sheets including hymns for rallies of of Young Methodists and hymns for stonelayings and opening services	4	nd
NM5/53	Printing blocks; portraits and churches (Hatfield, Wheathampstead and Radlett chapels; portraits and other chapels unidentified)	18	nd
NM5/54	Bank pass book: Westleyan Chapel Renovation fund (chapel unidentified), Messrs E C Smith, Marten & Co, St Albans	1 vol	Oct 1894-1896
NM5/55	Bank pass book: Wesleyan Church House account, Aug 1919-Apr 1920 and Chapel renovation account, Apr 1920-Aug 1932 (chapel unidentified), Westminster Bank Ltd, St Albans	1 vol	1919-1932

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ST ALBANS METHODIST CIRCUITMiscellaneous (cont)

NM5/56	Bank pass book: Wesleyan church account (church unidentified) Westminster Bank Ltd, St Albans	1 vol	Jan 1921-Dec 1926
NM5/24	Minutes of committee of "The Heath" Youth Centre, Boundary Road, St Albans	1 vol	Feb 1942-Feb 1948

Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans

John Wesley notes in his *Journal* of four visits made by him to St Albans, in 1748, 1759, 1771 and 1782. It does not appear that he ever preached there. Two places for Methodist worship in St Albans were registered at the end of the eighteenth century - the dwelling house of David Kidd, baker in January 1793 and a barn on the premises of Charles Kentish, baker in March 1794. A church was in use in Dagnall Lane by 1825 (see microfilm of baptism register 1825-1837 PC26/2). These premises were sold in 1898 to the printers Gibbs and Bamforth and became the printing works of the *Herts Advertiser*. A new church erected on a site in Marlborough Road was opened in June 1898.

/1	Minutes of trustees [see also NM5A/14-15 and 26]	1 vol	Jan 1913-Nov 1934
/2	Bank pass book of Mr Chant and Mr Rose, trust treasurers (Barclays)	1 vol	Aug 1913-Aug 1921
/3	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1928-Dec 1945
/4	Trust accounts including financial statements and balance sheets, 1930, 1932-1940 [see also NM5/13]	1 vol	Mar 1928-Jan 1941
/5	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Sep 1927-Mar 1942
/6	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Jun 1942-Jan 1952
/7	Minutes of Leaders' meetings and annual Society meetings [see also NM5A/46]	1 vol	Feb 1952-Mar 1958
/8	Minutes of Methodist Guild	1 vol	Mar 1946-Apr 1967 (last meeting)
/9	Collection Journal	1 vol	Jan 1923-Apr 1933
/10	Collection Journal	1 vol	Apr 1933-May 1943
/11	Collection Journal	1 vol	May 1943-Dec 1957
/12	Register of members	1 vol	1900 - 1921
/13	Register of members	1 vol	c.1940 - 1948
/14	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1935-Feb 1958
/15	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	May 1958-Oct 1974
/16	Women's meeting minutes	1 vol	Nov 1909-Feb 1932
/17	Women's meeting minutes	1 vol	Apr 1932-Feb 1970
/18	Minutes of Sisterhood Meetings	1 vol	Feb 1971-Feb 1976
/19	Women's meeting and Sisterhood attendance register	1 vol	1952 - 1976

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/20	Pulpit notices	1 vol	Apr 1956-Mar 1958
/21	Pulpit notices	1 vol	Mar 1958-Feb 1960
/22	Pulpit notices	1 vol	Jul 1976-Oct 1978
/23	Jubilee Year Souvenir Programme	1 item	1948
/24	Stewardship HANdbook: <i>A Caring Church</i> ; with photographs of building and various church activities	1 vol	Feb 1962
/25	Notes compiled by Mary Bolton of her memories of church members and events, c.1920 onwards	1 vol	1985
/26	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1898-Nov 1912
/27	Minutes of manse trustees	1 vol	May 1900-Jan 1931
/28	Photocopies of documents held by the Methodist Church Property Division relating to Dagnall Street and Marlborough Road trusts	1 bdl	1840 - 1922
/29	Accounts and papers concerning renovation of Dagnall Street church	1 bdl	1895
/30	Papers concerning erection of new church building in Marlborough Road including printed programmes for laying of memorial stones and opening services	1 bdl	1897 - 1898
/31-32	Correspondence and papers concerning renovation of church buildings including reports, plans and tenders for necessary work	2 files	1983 - 1986
/33	Correspondence and papers concerning provision of ramp for disabled persons	1 bdl	1981
/34	Society accounts	1 vol	Jan 1921-Mar 1928
/35	Membership roll	1 vol	1969 - 1978
/36	Membership roll	1 vol	1979 - 1983
/37	Draft and amended membership lists	1 bdl	1980 - 1981
/38-41	Minutes of Sunday School Council	4 vols	1921 - 1986
	/38 Dec 1921 - Feb 1939		
	/39 Mar 1939 - Feb 1949		
	/40 Sep 1949 - Feb 1971		
	/41 Sep 1971 - Feb 1986		

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/42	Junior Church: reports, correspondence and printed papers including attendance registers 1969-1973	1 bdl	1963-1974
/43	Minutes of Youth Council	1 vol	Feb 1946-Mar 1960
/44	Souvenir programme of Jubilee celebrations	4	1948
/45-46	<i>The Marlborough Round</i> : church magazine	2 bdls	Dec 1978-Aug 1983; Sep 1983-Aug 1988
/47	Minutes of Leaders meetings and from Oct 1974 Church Council	1 vol	Jun 1965-Apr 1985
/48	Minutes of Ladies Committee meetings; from Mar 1975 known as the Marlborough Ladies Club	1 vol	May 1963-Feb 1977

Boundary Road Methodist Church, St Albans (Primitive)

A Primitive Methodist congregation had formed in St Albans by 1907 as part of the Luton Circuit. The foundation stone of the chapel in Boundary Road was laid on 27 March 1909, and the building opened on 1 July 1909, and further enlarged in 1924. It was transferred from Luton to the St Albans Circuit in September 1934. The church was closed in July 1987 and the property sold.

Trustees: minutes

NM5B/1 Minutes of trustees 1 vol Aug 1908-Nov 1928

Trustees: accounts

NM5B/2 Trust treasurer's accounts 1 vol Jan 1939-Jun 1953

Trustees: papers

NM5B/11 Correspondence and papers concerning sale of church property including plans and photographs [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2018] 1 file 1987

NM5B/12 Surveyor's report on church and ancillary building [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2018] 1 vol Jan 1987

NM5B/13 Sale particulars of church property 1 item 1987

Leaders' Meeting/Church Council: minutes

[Under a restructuring of the Methodist Church the Leaders' Meeting was in 1974 replaced by the Church Council Meeting]

NM5B/3 Minutes of Leaders' meetings 1 vol Sep 1924-Mar 1954

NM5B/4 Minutes of Leaders' meeting and annual Society meetings 1 vol May 1954-Dec 1961

NM5B/6 Minutes of Leaders' meetings to Feb 1974; Church Council thereafter [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2013] 1 vol Nov 1961-Feb 1982

NM5B/7 Minutes of Church Council [Enclosed: printed order of service for closing service held 5 Jul 1987] [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2018] 1 vol May 1982-Jul 1987

Leaders' Meeting/ Church Council: accounts

NM5B/8 Society accounts [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2018] 1 vol Sep 1974-Sep 1987

NM5B/5 Collection Journal (Luton 2 Circuit: St Albans Station) 1 vol Jun 1907-Mar 1918

NM5B/10 Collection Journal [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2018] 1 vol Feb 1978-Jul 1987

Boundary Road Methodist Church, St Albans (Primitive)Women's Meeting: minutes

[This meeting was known as "Women's Own". After the closure of the Church in 1987 the meeting continued for a number of years as the Bernard's Heath Women's Fellowship]

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| NM5B/14 | Minutes of Women's Meeting (known as "Womens Own") | 1 vol | May 1920-Jan 1967 |
| NM5B/15 | Minutes of Women's Meeting (known as "Womans Own" to 1987, thereafter as the "Bernards Health Women's Fellowship")
[ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2022] | 1 vol | Jan 1968-Mar 1991 |

Women's Meeting: accounts

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| NM5B/16 | Account Book [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2022] | 1 vol | Jan 1980-Jun 1991 |
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Miscellaneous

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| NM5B/9 | Visitors' Book [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2017] | 1 vol | 1968 - 1986 |
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Sleapshyde Methodist Church

A society had been established here by 1839 and a chapel erected very shortly afterwards. It was enlarged in 1870 and a further room erected in 1904. A site for a new chapel at the junction of Sleaps Hyde Lane and Station Road was given to the church by Mr Ernest Stevens in 1936. However, throughout the Second World War the Society found it increasingly difficult to raise funds for this scheme. The site was eventually sold in 1953 and the money used to renovate and enlarge the existing building on to recently acquired adjacent land.

/1	Minutes of Leadsers' meetings	1 vol	Jan 1953-Feb 1965
/2	Minutes of Leaders' meetings [see also NM5/13]	1 vol	Sep 1965-Dec 1970
/3	Minutes of trustees including short history of the chapel from 1839	1 vol	Feb 1907-Jan 1954

The Broadway Methodist Church, Hatfield

NM5D

A Methodist congregation had formed in Hatfield by the 1830's. For nearly forty years the only building available to them for worship was the stable of a public house. Lord Salisbury at first refused to offer land for a chapel and great difficulties were encountered in their efforts to obtain a site for purchase. The foundation stone on the Broadway site was laid on 29 May 1889 and the chapel opened the following October. The Broadway premises were sold in 1938 and the congregation transferred to the new chapel on the Birchwood Estate, Hatfield (see NM5E)

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| /1-2 | Certificates of registration of chapel for religious worship | 2 | 1 Nov 1889;
2 Sep 1908 |
| /3 | Certificate of registration of chapel for solemnization of marriages | 1 item | 9 Sep 1908 |
| /4 | Minutes of trustees also containing lists of trustees Mar 1909 and Jan 1935, and final balance sheet of building fund account, 1891 | 1 vol | Feb 1888-Feb 1938 |
| /5 | Trust treasurer's accounts
At end: annual balance sheets
Dec 1891 - Dec 1895 | 1 vol | Oct 1888-Jan 1929 |
| */6 | Bundle containing: application for permission to erect chapel with related correspondence and papers, 1888-9; solicitor's bill concerning purchase of property, 1887-9; estimates, tenders, receipts and accounts for building work, 1889-1895 and 1903-6; papers concerning application to Wesleyan Chapel Committee for grant to reduce debt, 1902-3; estimate and related papers concerning installation of heating, 1907; Inland Revenue valuation forms, 1910; declarations of trustees wishing to be discharged, 1909 and 1931; schedule of deeds,
29 May 1937 | 1 bdl | 1888 - 1937 |

* original bundle

The Broadway Methodist Church, Hatfield

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| * /7 | Bills and estimates for repairs to chapel and miscellaneous receipts | 1 bd1 | 1920 - 1927 |
| /8-10 | Hatfield chapel account: bank pass books (London County and Westminster Bank) | 3 | Jan 1903-Oct 1918;
Jan 1919-Feb 1922;
Feb 1922-Sep 1932 |
| /11 | Hatfield Methodist school hall: architect's plan showing suggested alterations to kitchen | 1 item | 5 Jun 1917 |
- [see also NM5E/1]

Birchwood Avenue Methodist Church, Hatfield

NM5E

A site for a chapel on the Birchwood Estate, Hatfield was purchased in 1936. The foundation stone was laid on 20 November 1937 and the chapel opened the following year. On the sale of The Broadway premises the congregation moved to Birchwood (see NM5D).

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| * /1 | Bundle containing papers concerning sale of old chapel, 1937; grant application forms and related correspondence, and accounts of building fund, 1935-1938; architect's plans of site and building, 1937 - 1938 | 1 bdl | 1935 - 1938 |
| | [see also NM5E/16] | | |
| /2 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Jun 1950-Oct 1976 |
| /3 | Minutes of Leaders' meetings, Mar 1953-Mar 1963, and annual society meetings, Jan 1955 - Oct 1962 | 1 vol | 1953 - 1963 |
| /4 | Minutes of Leaders' meetings | 1 vol | Mar 1963-Mar 1974 |
| /5 | Minutes of fê [^] te committee | 1 vol | 1953 - 1957 |
| /6 | Minutes of Sisterhood meetings | 1 vol | Jan 1948-Nov 1958 |

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Birchwood Avenue Methodist Church, Hatfield

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| /7-15 | Pulpit notice books | 9 vols | 1952 - 1976 |
| 7 | 2 Mar 1952-1 Mar 1953 | | |
| 8 | 8 Mar 1953-14 Mar 1954 | | |
| 9 | 21 Mar 1954-13 Mar 1955 | | |
| 10 | 31 Mar 1957-30 Mar 1958 | | |
| 11 | 24 Apr 1960-23 Apr 1961 | | |
| 12 | 13 May 1962-29 May 1966 | | |
| 13 | 19 Jun 1966-12 Jul 1970 | | |
| 14 | 19 Jul 1970-1 Sep 1974 | | |
| 15 | 1 Sep 1974-22 Feb 1976 | | |
| /16 | Architect's plans and elevations
(Elcock and Sutcliffe, 60 Strand,
London W C 2) of proposed church
and school, and site plan,
Birchwood Avenue | 7 | Oct 1936-Mar 1937 |

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OXLEASE METHODIST CHURCH, HATFIELD **NM5F**

[The growth of Hatfield New Town caused a growth in numbers of Methodist congregations. A site was purchased at Oxlease in May 1961 and a permanent building erected soon after.]

NM5F/1	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Feb 1969 - Feb 1974
NM5F/5	Minutes of Church Council	1 vol	Jun 1974 - Feb 1982
NM5F/2	Minutes of Ladies' Circuit	1 vol	Mar 1958 - Jul 1971
NM5F/3	Pulpit notice book	1 vol	May 1967 - Feb 1977
NM5F/4	Papers concerning building of Church and Manse including plans of manse, 1964		1952 - 1964
		1 file	

North Common Methodist Church Redbourn

A place for Methodist worship was first registered in Redbourn in August 1798 consisting of the dwelling house of Sarah Law. The first Wesleyan chapel here was opened on 20 October 1836 and registered in March 1837. This building remains today in industrial use. A new church with a schoolroom underneath was erected in 1876 on a site thirty yards away from the old church. This building was further enlarged in 1882 and is still used for Methodist worship today.

Primitive Methodists also worshipped in Redbourn at a chapel at East Common. In 1868 this society formed part of the Watford Primitive Methodist Church (see NM7/1). However East Common, Redbourn and the primitive chapel in St Albans were formed into a separate circuit in 1877 (see NM5) and further transferred, this time to the Luton Circuit in 1887. At Methodist Union in 1932 it was proposed that the two chapels in Redbourn should unite but members did not agree and amalgamation did not occur until 1939. During the Second World War the East Common church was let to industrial users. However in 1946 it was sold to the Open Brethren and once again used for worship. It was later demolished and a house now stands on the site.

Trustees: minutes

NM5G/1	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Mar 1882-Jan 1929
NM5G/2	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Oct 1929-Mar 1962

Trustees: accounts

[See also Trustees: papers NM5G/27-28]

NM5G/6	Trust treasurer's accounts; with annual summaries, 1910-1921	1 vol	Mar 1909-Dec 1924
NM5G/7	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1925-Apr 1939
NM5G/8	Trust treasurer's accounts: at end separate accounts of Organ Fund, 1958-1963 and Fabric Fund, 1957-1963	1 vol	Jan 1946-Aug 1963
NM5G/26	Trust treasurer's accounts for the Trust Fund, Organ Fund, Fabric Fund and Legacy Account [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2010]	1 vol	Sep 1963-Aug 1979
NM5G/19	Receipts, bills and related correspondence concerning maintenance and insurance of the church	1 bdl	1930 - 1938
NM5G/10	Seat rent ledger	1 vol	Apr 1904-Dec 1916
NM5G/11	Seat rent ledger	1 vol	1925 - 1935

Trustees: papers

NM5G/27	Correspondence, copy accounts and other papers concerning the purchase of a new organ for the Church [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2012]	1 file	Nov 1979-Jun 1981
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North Common Methodist Church RedbournTrustees: papers (cont)

NM5G/28	Correspondence, copy invoices and other papers concerning the re-building of the Church Extension [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2021]	1 file	Feb 1989-May 1990
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Leaders' Meeting/Church Council: minutes

[The Leaders' Meeting was replaced by the Church Council Meeting in 1974]

NM5G/3	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Dec 1922-May 1950
NM5G/4	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	Mar 1963-Sep 1966
NM5G/5	Minutes of Leaders' meetings, Nov 1966-Feb 1974; Church Council, May 1974-Jun 1981 [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2012]	1 vol	Nov 1966-Jun 1981

Leaders' Meeting/Church Council: accounts

NM5G/29	Society Steward's Account Book [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2009]	1 vol	Sep 1968-Aug 1978
NM5G/30	Society Steward's Account Book [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2018]	1 vol	Aug 1978-Aug 1987
NM5G/9	Poor Steward's cash book	1 vol	Aug 1893-Feb 1956
NM5G/12	Collection Journal	1 vol	Apr 1899-Jun 1907
NM5G/13	Collection Journal	1 vol	Jun 1907-Dec 1918
NM5G/14	Collection Journal	1 vol	Jan 1919-Oct 1927
NM5G/31	Collection Journal [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2020]	1 vol	Sep 1974-Jun 1989

Committees: minutes

NM5G/32	Family and Pastoral Committee Minute Book [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2019]	1 vol	Nov 1974-Sep 1988
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North Common Methodist Church RedbournSunday School: minutes

NM5G/15	Minutes of Sunday School teachers' meetings	1 vol	Sep 1900-Dec 1938
NM5G/16	Sunday School Council minutes	1 vol	Jul 1939-Nov 1964
NM5G/21	Sunday School Council minutes [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2012]	1 vol	Oct 1965-Sep 1981

Sunday School: accounts

NM5G/22	Sunday School Accounts [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2009]	1 vol	Jan 1940-Sep 1978
NM5G/23	Sunday School Accounts [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2018]	1 vol	Oct 1978-Sep 1987
NM5G/24	Sunday School Collection Journal [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2014]	1 vol	Jan 1953-Sep 1983
NM5G/25/1-2	Sunday School Bank Account Book and sundry receipts [ACCESS RESTRICTED UNTIL 2016]	2 bdls	Aug 1976-Feb 1985

Band of Hope

NM5G/17	Band of Hope minutes	1 vol	Sep 1917-Sep 1930
NM5G/18	Band of Hope: printed subscription list and balance sheet	1 item	1929

Miscellaneous

NM5G/20	<i>Redbourn Methodist Church 1876-1976</i> : printed history of church by Roy Craske	1 item	1976
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The Methodist Chapel in Shenley was purchased in 1839 for £155. The building was originally the parish workhouse. It was renovated and extended in 1888-9 and in 1949 remodelled externally to plans prepared by the architects Mauger and May. The building was registered in 1956 for the solemnization of marriages.

As well as the church the Shenley trust also owned four cottages: nos. 90, 92 and 94 London Road, Shenley and Chapel Cottage to the rear of the church building. No.90 London Road was sold in 1969 and the remainder in 1977.

/1	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	May 1871-Jan 1878
/2	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1881-Nov 1934
/3	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1909-Dec 1943
/4	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Sep 1952-Mar 1962
/5	Trust account: bank pass book (Barclays)	1 vol	Mar 1912-Jun 1924
/6	Trust account: bank pass book (Westminster Bank Ltd)	1 vol	Jun 1924-Sep 1932
	[see also NM5/13]		
/7	Collection journal	1 vol	May 1915-Dec 1939
/8	Class book	1 vol	1908 - 1911
/9-10	Pulpit notice books	2 vols	1950 - 1960
	/9 2 Jul 1950 - 1 Jun 1958		
	/10 8 Jun 1958 - 31 Jan 1960		
/11	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1935-Jun 1972
/12	Minutes of trustees to Feb 1977 and first meeting of Church Council Nov 1977	1 vol	Oct 1972-Nov 1977
/13	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Sep 1951-May 1968
/14	Church accounts	1 vol	Jan 1944-Dec 1956
/15	Collection journal	1 vol	Aug 1965-Dec 1977

The Hill Methodist Church, Wheathampstead

NM5I

This church at The Hill, Wheathampstead was acquired by the St Albans Circuit in 1838. Difficulties were experienced in its early years through its situation on the top of a steep hill. The membership steadily declined after the foundation of a church at the Folly, Wheathampstead by the Luton Circuit in 1887. The premises were eventually sold in 1939 and remain standing today in industrial use. The Folly chapel continued in use and now forms part of the Harpenden Circuit (see NM2).

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| /1 | Memorandum of appointment
of new trustees | 1 item | 26 Apr 1907 |
| /2 | Correspondence and related
papers concerning sale of
chapel | 1 bdl | 1939 |

Hatfield Road, Methodist Church, St Albans

An iron chapel was erected in Hatfield Road, St Albans in 1898. Only four years later the accommodation afforded by this iron building was considered inadequate for the membership. A fund was started and a new building, erected on a different site, was opened in 1905. This church was enlarged in 1910 and underwent considerable renovation and rebuilding in 1928.

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| /1-4 | Minutes of Leaders' and annual society meetings | 4 vols | 1918 - 1972 |
| /1 | Nov 1918 - Oct 1936 | | |
| /2 | Jan 1937 - Dec 1947 | | |
| /3 | Mar 1948 - Nov 1955 | | |
| /4 | Mar 1956 - Mar 1972 | | |
| /5 | Correspondence and papers concerning Leaders' meetings including some draft minutes, agenda and accounts | 1 bdl | 1951 - 1974 |
| /6 | Women's Fellowship Committee minutes, 1947-1973 and minutes of combined meetings of Women's Fellowship and Women's Work committees, 1974-1978 | 1 vol | Jan 1947-Aug 1978 |
| /7 | Women's Fellowship annual meeting minutes, 1945-1972 and minutes of annual meeting of combined Women's Fellowship and Women's work, 1973 | 1 vol | Feb 1945-May 1973 |
| /8 | Women's work committee minutes, 1950-1967 with minutes of annual meetings, 1954-1966at end reversed | 1 vol | Jan 1950-Jun 1967 |
| /9 | Men's League of Service: minutes
Enclosed: M.L.S. membership card | 1 vol | May 1970-Oct 1979 |
| /10 | Men's League of Service: Cash book | 1 vol | 1976 - 1979 |
| /11 | Minutes of envelope committee | 1 vol | Oct 1929-Feb 1939 |
| /12 | Minutes of bazaar committee | 1 vol | May - Nov 1935 |
| /13-14 | Sunday school admission registers | 2 vols | 1898 - 1928 |
| /13 | Jul 1898 - Nov 1910 | | |
| /14 | Sep 1910 - Feb 1928 | | |
| /15 | Church account book including accounts for building fund 1902-1930, Sunday School 1937-1939 and war memorial fund 1921-2 | 1 vol | 1902 - 1939 |

Hatfield Road, Methodist Church, St Albans

/16	Bank pass book (Westminster Bank Ltd) renovation account	1 vol	Aug 1928-Mar 1936
/17	Bank pass book (Westminster Bank Ltd)	1 vol	Oct 1930-Jun 1937
/18-19	Accounts and papers concerning new building	2 bdls	1924 - 1930
/20	Steward's accounts	1 vol	May 1929-Dec 1939
/21	Accounts of poor fund collections	1 vol	1906 - 1935
/22	Pleasant Sunday Afternoon accounts	1 vol	Oct 1920-Feb 1938
/23	Pleasant Sunday Afternoon accounts	1 vol	Oct 1937-Jun 1938
/24	Accounts of organ fund	1 vol	1928 - 1936
/25	Bazaar accounts	1 vol	1932 - 1934
/26	Annual statements of accounts	1 bdl	1945 - 1947
/27-35	Collection Journals	9 vols	1898 - 1946
	/27 Mar 1898 - Mar 1906		
	/28 Mar 1906 - Feb 1911		
	/29 Mar 1911 - Nov 1915		
	/30 Nov 1915 - Aug 1920		
	/31 Aug 1920 - May 1924		
	/32 May 1924 - Nov 1929		
	/33 Nov 1929 - Mar 1935		
	/34 Mar 1935 - Jun 1940		
	/35 Jun 1940 - Apr 1946		
/36	Account of residual estate of Mr John Henry Simmons, deceased [church a beneficiary]	1 item	Dec 1948
/37-41	Pulpit notices	5 vols	1942 - 1954
	/37 Dec 1942 - Oct 1946		
	/38 Oct 1946 - Jul 1950		
	/39 Jul 1950 - Jun 1952		
	/40 Jun 1952 - Jun 1953		
	/41 Jun 1953 - Jun 1954		
/42	<i>Order of Administration of The Sacraments and Other Services:</i> Presented to Hatfield Road Wesleyan Church by Mrs A B Walker	1 vol	1884

Hatfield Road, Methodist Church, St Albans

/43	<i>Order of Administration of The Sacraments and Other Services</i>	1 vol	n.d.
/44	Unidentified volume labelled "Cell Barnes"	1 vol	n.d.
/45	<i>Golden Jubilee 1979: A History</i> by Frank Ferneyhough	1 vol	1979
/46	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1949-Sep 1984
/47-53	Sunday School: minutes of teachers and from Jan 1926 Sunday School Council	7 vols	1898 - 1962
/47	Dec 1898 - Jun 1907		
/48	Sep 1907 - Jan 1917		
/49	Mar 1917 - Mar 1925		
/50	May 1925 - May 1931		
/51	Oct 1931 - Nov 1938		
/52	Feb 1939 - Nov 1945		
/53	Mar 1946 - Jan 1962		
/54-55	Sunday School: minutes of teachers	2 vols	1969 - 1976
/54	Jul 1969 - Jul 1973		
/55	Oct 1973 - Jun 1976		
/56	Youth Fellowship Attendance Register [found inside NM5/55]	1 vol	1978 - 1979
/57	Minutes of the Wesley Guild	1 vol	Sep 1913-Mar 1935
/58	Minutes of the Wesley Guild	1 vol	Mar 1936-Apr 1954
/59	Minutes of the Wesley Guild Trustees Meetings	1 vol	Jul 1914-Jan 1949
/60	Minutes of the Wesley Guild Executive and Annual General Meetings	1 vol	Mar 1940-Mar 1957

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Introduction

John Wesley notes in his *Journal* of 29 November 1790 that he preached in Stevenage at "Mrs Parker's". The first chapel was built shortly afterwards (see NM6A). By 1793 the society at Stevenage was attached to the St Neots Circuit. In 1810 on the formation of the Biggleswade Circuit Stevenage was transferred and remained part of that circuit until 1842. Surviving records of these two circuits are now held at the Bedfordshire Record Office, County Hall, Bedford, MK42 9AP.

Stevenage changed circuits once more, this time in 1842, to the newly constituted Hitchin Circuit. The society remained part of this circuit for more than 100 years (see NM4).

The growth of the New Town of Stevenage during the 1940s caused concern for the provision of Methodist teaching in the area. As early as 1946 a scheme was outlined for the formation of a Stevenage Mission separate from the Hitchin Circuit to include the Stevenage and Knebworth societies. The Mission was also to include the societies at Oaklands (Welwyn), Digswell and Burnham Green and from June 1960 Welwyn Garden City.

In 1969 a separate circuit centred on Welwyn Garden City was formed to include the churches at Welwyn Garden City, Knebworth, Oaklands and Digswell (see NM8). Records of the Knebworth and Oaklands societies are listed under that circuit (see NM8A and NM8B).

The Stevenage Methodist Team Ministry as it was renamed in 1969 comprised the churches of Stevenage Old Town (see NM6A), St Paul Broadwater, St John Chells [closed June 1985] and Pin Green Free Church.

In September 1993 the Stevenage Ministry and the Hitchin and Letchworth Circuit were combined to form a new North Hertfordshire Circuit. The records of the North Hertfordshire Circuit are listed separately (see NM12), but the records of the chapels of the old Stevenage Methodist Circuit after September 1993 will continue to be listed under NM6A-C.

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Circuit Quarterly Meeting

NM6/18	Minute Book [Stevenage and Knebworth Methodist Mission]	1 vol	Sep 1946 - Mar 1950
NM6/31	Minute Book [Also includes minutes of annual meeting of the Circuit Property Committee, 1978-1985]	1 vol	Jun 1978 - Jun 1986
NM6/32	Minute Book [Also includes minutes of the General Purposes Committee, formerly the Circuit Management, Policy and Personnel Group, 1985-1992]	1 file	Sep 1986 - Mar 1993

Committees

[For Minutes of the Circuit Property Committee, 1978-1985, see NM6/31 and for the General Purposes Committee, formerly the Circuit Management, Policy and Personnel Group, 1985-1992, see NM6/32]

NM6/1	Mobile Mission executive committee minutes, 4 Jun 1951-31 Aug 1953 with accounts, May 1951-Jan 1955	1 vol	1951 - 1955
NM6/21	Minutes of worship team meetings Oct 1971-Sep 1975 [renamed Preachers Meeting from Dec 1975]	1 vol	Oct 1971 - Oct 1986
NM6/22	Minutes of circuit manse trustees [For earlier minutes see NM6C/2]	1 vol	Jul 1971- Nov 1976

Church Finance

NM6/23	Accounts: manse trust treasurer	1 vol	Dec 1953 - Mar 1977
NM6/24	Accounts: circuit steward	1 vol	1946 - 1950
NM6/25	Accounts: circuit steward and manse [see also NM6C/2]	1 vol	Aug 1954 - Oct 1956
NM6/26	Accounts: circuit steward and manse	1 vol	Oct 1956 - Aug 1959
NM6/27	Accounts: circuit receipt and expenditure	1 vol	Dec 1956 - Jun 1959
NM6/28	Accounts: circuit receipt and expenditure	1 vol	Jul 1959 - Jan 1961

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| NM6/29 | Accounts: connexional funds | 1 vol | Oct 1971 - Aug 1980 |
| NM6/30 | Accounts: Methodist Home Mission Fund
[Stevenage and Welwyn Garden City Circuit] | 1 vol | 1966/7 - 1968/9 |

Church Property

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|--------|---|-------|-------------|
| NM6/2 | Property owner's liability policy No. 98254 (Methodist Insurance Co Ltd) concerning village hall, Clay End near Walkern, used for Methodist Chapel and Sunday school | | 31 Aug 1954 |
| NM6/3 | Property owner's liability policy No. 98255 (Methodist Insurance Co Ltd) concerning Methodist society meeting in Burnham Green Baptist Chapel. [Endorsement, 25 Oct 1955 states that policy now applies to Burnham Green village hall now used for Methodist church and Sunday school] | | 31 Aug 1954 |
| NM6/19 | Circuit Property Schedules | 1 vol | 1947 - 1966 |
| NM6/20 | Circuit Property Schedules | 1 vol | 1970 - 1979 |

Membership

[Membership records under 30 years old are not available for public inspection]

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| NM6/33 | Church Roll Books
[Stevenage churches only] | 10 vols | c1960 - Oct 1976 |
| NM6/34 | Church Roll Book | 1 vol | Aug 1982 - c1984 |
| NM6/12 | Community Roll containing names and addresses of Methodist members | 1 item | Dec 1972 |

Circuit Plans and Directories

[For 1894-5 Hitchin Circuit Plan and a number of other duplicate plans see NM6/51]

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| NM6/35 | Circuit Plan [Hitchin Circuit] | 1 item | Jul 1903 |
| NM6/36 | Circuit Plans [Hitchin Circuit] | 1 bdl | Jul 1910 - Nov 1921 |
| NM6/37 | Circuit Plans [Hitchin Circuit] | 1 bdl | Feb 1922 - Jul 1946 |

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NM6/38	Circuit Plans and Directory [Stevenage and Knebworth Circuit]	1 bdl	Oct 1946 - Oct 1955
NM6/16-17	Circuit Plans [Stevenage and Knebworth Circuit]	2 items	Apr 1948 - Jul 1948
NM6/4	Circuit Plan [Stevenage and Knebworth Circuit]	1 item	1953
NM6/39	Circuit Plans and Directory [Stevenage and Knebworth Circuit]	1 bdl	Mar 1956 - Oct 1960
NM6/40	Circuit Plans and Directory [Stevenage and Welwyn Garden City Circuit]	1 bdl	Jan 1961 - Oct 1965
NM6/41	Circuit Plans and Directory [Stevenage and Welwyn Garden City Circuit]	1 bdl	Jan 1966 - Jun 1971
NM6/5	Circuit Plan [Stevenage and Welwyn Garden City Circuit]		Sep 1970
NM6/42	Circuit Plans [Stevenage Methodist Team Ministry]	1 bdl	Sep 1971 - Nov 1979
NM6/6	Circuit Plans [Stevenage Methodist Team Ministry]	2 items	Sep - Dec 1974; Aug - Oct 1978
NM6/43	Circuit Plans [Stevenage Methodist Team Ministry. Includes newsletter, 1981-1982]	1 bdl	Feb 1980 - Dec 1982
NM6/44	Circuit Plans and Newsletter	1 bdl	Mar 1983 - Jun 1993
NM6/10	Handbook and Directory [Stevenage Methodist Team Ministry]		1971 - 1972
NM6/11	Handbook and Directory [Stevenage Methodist Team Ministry]		1975 - 1976
NM6/45	Handbook and Directory [Stevenage Methodist Team Ministry, with manuscript revisions for 1979-1980 edition]		1975 - 1976

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Circuit Plans and Directories (cont)

NM6/46	Handbook and Directory [Stevenage Methodist Team Ministry]	1982 - 1983
NM6/47	Circuit Plan [Baldock Primitive Methodists' Circuit]	1875
NM6/48	Circuit Plan [Baldock Primitive Methodists' Circuit and Biggleswade Branch] 1 bdl	1898 - 1903
NM6/49	Circuit Plan [Herts and Beds Primitive Methodists' Mission]	Jul 1933
NM6/50	Circuit Plan [Biggleswade Circuit]	Apr 1941

Miscellaneous

[NM6/51-53 were compiled in February 1987 and NM6/54 in 1992 by the Reverend David J Curran as a historical record of the Methodist Church in Stevenage.]

NM6/51	Miscellaneous papers, handbills, leaflets, newspaper cuttings, historical notes and illustrations concerning the history of Stevenage Methodist Circuit from 1782-1946. [Includes circuit plans for Hitchin Circuit, 1894-5, 1917 and 1942; Herts and Beds Primitive Methodists' Mission, 1933; Stevenage and Knebworth Circuit, 1950; Stevenage and Welwyn Garden City Circuit, 1961; and Stevenage Methodist Team Ministry, 1978 and 1985-6. Also copies of newspapers: <i>The Christian World</i> , 24 Jan 1868; <i>The North Herts and South Beds Journal</i> , 15 Sep 1876; <i>Hertfordshire Express</i> , 19 Feb 1887, 4 Nov 1916, and 15 Mar 1930; <i>The Hertford Record</i> , (a "religious and temperance paper"), 26 Feb 1887, and <i>Hertfordshire Pictorial</i> , 8 May 1934] 1 file	1782 - 1986
NM6/52	Miscellaneous papers, handbills, leaflets, newspaper cuttings, historical notes and illustrations concerning the history of Stevenage Methodist Circuit and High Street Methodist Church, Stevenage, from 1946-1986. [Includes architects' plans of High Street Methodist Church's Sunday School, 1947-1950, and proposed new church hall, 1959] 1 file	1944 - 1992

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Miscellaneous (cont)

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| NM6/53 | Miscellaneous papers, handbills, leaflets, newspaper cuttings, historical notes and illustrations concerning the history of St Paul's Methodist Church, Broadwater, St John's and St Hughes Methodist Churches, Chells, and All Saints' Methodist Church, Pin Green. [Includes architects' plans of St Paul's Sunday School, 1948 and 1952, and church hall, 1953 and 1956; of St John's Church, c.1958, and of All Saints' Church and Community Centre, 1971]
1 file | 1948 - 1992 |
| NM6/54 | Miscellaneous papers, handbills, leaflets, newspaper cuttings, historical notes and illustrations concerning the history of Stevenage Methodist Circuit and High Street Methodist Church, Stevenage from 1986 to 1993. [Includes Circuit plan for Stevenage Methodist Team Ministry, 1993; Circuit newsletters, 1987-1992; and membership lists for High Street Church, 1990 and 1992. See also NM6/55]
1 file | c1979 - 1993 |
| NM6/55 | Five audio cassettes [removed from NM6/55]
/1 Recording of Wesley's "Hymns Sing In" at Stevenage, c.1980s
/2 Recording of church service at St Hugh and St John's Church, Nov 1992
/3 Recordings of interviews with members of the Kadoma Methodist Circuit in Zimbabwe and church choirs from that circuit, c.1980s
/4 Recordings of church services and choirs of the Kadoma Methodist Circuit, Zimbabwe, c.1980s
/5 Recordings of various talks on religious themes, including a talk about the Kadoma Methodist Circuit in Zimbabwe prepared by that Circuit, 1987
5 items | nd [c.1980s], 1992 |
| NM6/7 | Stevenage New Town: street index | Apr 1954 |
| NM6/8 | <i>Hertfordshire Pictorial</i> : supplement "The Stevenage Story" | Mar 1955 |
| NM6/9 | <i>Stevenage Methodist Team Ministry: the first steps 1969-1971</i> | 1971 |
| NM6/14 | <i>Wesleyan Methodism in Stevenage</i> : history pamphlet | Oct 1927 |
| NM6/15 | Printed pamphlet containing essay by John Brewster, Wesleyan minister of Newbury, Berkshire on the church proverb "Where God has his Church, the Devil will have his Chapel". | 21 Dec 1875 |

High Street Methodist Church, Stevenage Old Town NM6A

The first chapel erected in Stevenage was built in the 1790's. It was financed by a lady called Miss Harvey who was also responsible for the Methodist chapels at Hinxworth and Baldock. This building was used until 1876 when it was sold to Mr. Shelford of Stevenage. It later became the Electricity show-rooms and is now a branch library. The new chapel at the south end of the High Street was opened on 23 November 1876. It has been altered and enlarged at various dates since that time.

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| /1 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Mar 1874-Nov 1879 |
| /2 | Bundle containing bill of quantities for proposed Wesleyan chapel, 1875; line drawings of various interior decorative features and ground plan; treasurer's notes concerning sums expended on chapel 1874 - 1876; correspondence with Wesleyan Chapel Committee concerning erection of chapel, trust deed and loan, 1875-1879; memorandum of agreement, 6 July 1876 between trustees and George Moules Bates of Stevenage, builder; accounts and receipts from Mr. Bates, builder, 1875-1877; account of sale of old chapel, Oct 1876; account, 1876 with George Ayres of Stevenage, grocer and draper for fittings; receipt 1877 for engraved trowels for opening ceremony | 1 bdl | 1874 - 1879 |
| /3 | Accounts, correspondence and papers concerning payment of debt of building chapel including grants from Wesleyan Chapel Fund, Manchester | 1 bdl | 1879 - 1884 |
| /4 | Trust treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Dec 1906-Dec 1932 |

High Street Methodist Church, Stevenage Old Town

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| /5 | Trust accounts, including accounts of seat rents, 1922-1924 | 1 vol | Mar 1914-Mar 1941 |
| /6 | Society steward's account book concerning ticket money and collections | 1 vol | Mar 1911-Dec 1918 |
| /7 | Choir meeting minutes | 1 vol | May 1915-Mar 1937 |
| /8 | Sewing meeting accounts | 1 vol | Jan 1918-Sep 1934 |
| /9 | Sunday school attendance register | 1 vol | Jul 1867-Dec 1869 |
| /10 | Sunday school treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Jun 1914-Sep 1942 |
| /11-12 | Stevenage Unemployment Relief Fund: collector's accounts, Letchmore Road District

Enclosed: letters from Stevenage Urban District Council, 1932-1941 announcing their intention to make a collection | 2 vols | 1932 - 1939 |
| /13 | Photograph: Stevenage new chapel stone laying ceremony | 1 item | 1876 |
| /14 | Printed leaflet giving details of times of services.
Photograph of church on cover | 1 item | n.d. |
| /15 | Newspaper cutting with article concerning Henry Trigg of Stevenage | 1 item | n.d. |

High Street Methodist Church, Stevenage Old Town

/16	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1913-Jun 1947
/17	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jun 1947-Mar 1956
/18	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	May 1956-Apr 1963
/19	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	May 1963-Nov 1976
/20	Trust Treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1933-Dec 1958
/21	Correspondence and plans relating to erection of wooden hut as temporary accommodation for Sunday School	1 bdl	1946 - 1961
/22	Building and renovation fund accounts	1 vol	1961 - 1967
/23	Bill of quantities for erection of new church hall	1 vol	Jul 1961
/24	Building contract	1	1961
/25	New church hall: final building account	1 file	May 1963
/26	Proposals and general correspondence concerning erection of new church hall	1 bdl	1959-1965
/27	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Jun 1950-May 1959
/28	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Sep 1959-Sep 1969
/29	Minutes of special effort committee	1 vol	Aug 1956-Sep 1965
/30	Minutes of Sunday School Council	1 vol	Nov 1927-Sep 1937
/31	Minutes of Sunday School Council	1 vol	Nov 1937-Feb 1955
/32	Minutes of Junior Guild	1 vol	Jan 1926-Jul 1934
/33	Cradle Roll	1 vol	1928 - 1973
/34	Sunday School Picture stamps	1 vol	n.d.
/35	Youth Club Management committee minutes	1 vol	Jul 1959-Dec 1967
/36	Youth Club accounts	1 vol	Nov 1959-Sep 1967
/37	Youth Club subscription accounts	1 vol	Apr 1961-Dec 1967
/38	Sisterhood accounts	1 vol	1942 - 1961
/39	Poor fund accounts	1 vol	1942 - 1974
/40	Poor fund accounts	1 vol	1975 - 1976
/41	Vestry cash book	1 vol	1974 - 1977

St John's Methodist Church, Chells, Stevenage

The Reverend J C Bamber, minister of St Paul's Broadwater held his first meeting in a school hall in the Chells area of Stevenage in October 1960. Later that year he moved into a recently completed house in Chells Way. Services were then held in a bedroom of this house until the new purpose-built church in Chells Way was opened on 12 December 1964. St Hugh's Anglican Church also in Chells Way was opened in 1965 and from its very beginning worked closely with the Methodist Church. A joint newsletter representing both churches was circulated for many years [see NM6B/9].

The Methodist church was closed in 1985 and the building sold to Hertfordshire County Council for use as a day centre.

/1	Marriage register	1 vol	Dec 1969-Mar 1975
/2	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	1963-Nov 1984
/3	Trust Treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Oct 1958-Apr 1980
/4	Minutes of Leaders' meetings	1 vol	May 1961-Oct 1968
/5	Minutes of annual society meetings	1 vol	Mar 1961-Sep 1966
/6	Collection Journal	1 vol	Feb 1961-Sep 1973
/7	Society Accounts	1 vol	1972/73 - 1979/80
/8	Society Accounts	1 vol	1979/80 - 1983/84
/9	Miscellaneous items including orders of service, press cuttings, newsletters, photographs, plan of site Oct 1960 and short history of the church	1 file	1962 - 1972

St Paul's Methodist Church, Broadwater, Stevenage

A meeting was held in August 1948 to appoint trustees for the development of a church and Sunday School at Broadwater. Initially a garage was converted for use as a Sunday School. Stevenage Development Corporation offered a site off the Hertford Road and a wooden hut was purchased and erected for use as a church. This was extended in 1953 by the addition of a second hut. A site for a permanent church was acquired adjacent to Broadwater Crescent and Turpin's Rise and the foundation stone was laid on 10 April 1954. This new church designed by Paul Mauger and Partners was officially opened on 21 May 1955. The building was registered for the solemnization of marriages in 1958. Further alterations were made in 1969 to provide an additional school room. A manse, 53 Stanmore Road, Stevenage purchased in 1953 was sold in 1970.

/1	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Aug 1948-Feb 1954
/2	Minutes of trustees St Pauls Broadwater, Jul 1953-Mar 1958; minutes of circuit manse trust Jul 1953-Jul 1971 [See also NM6/22-25]	1 vol	1953 - 1971
/3	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1959-Nov 1973
/4	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Dec 1974-Nov 1976
/5	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Aug 1948-Jan 1956
/6	Trust treasurer's accounts (new church)	1 vol	Oct 1953-Aug 1971
/7	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Sep 1971-May 1976
/8	Bill of quantities, architects plans concerning building of church and subsequent extensions and alterations	1 bdl	1953 - 1955; 1965
/9	Sunday School: scholars roll	1 vol	1956 - 1957
/10	Sunday School: scholars roll	1 vol	1958
/11	Sunday School accounts	1 vol	1947 - 1956
/12	Sunday School accounts	1 vol	1959 - 1969

WATFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

NM7

Introduction

Watford Primitive Methodist Circuit

Watford Primitive Methodists were worshipping in a room in Hedges Yard, High Street by 1840. A chapel was in use in Carey Place, Watford by 1865 [see NM7J]. The circuit also included chapels at Croxley Green [see NM7M], Letchmore Heath [see NM7P], Bushey [see NM7N], Redbourn [see NM5G] and St Albans. In 1877 the chapels at Redbourn and St Albans formed themselves into a separate Primitive Methodist circuit. For later details concerning chapels in these two places see NM5. By 1893 the Watford circuit included the chapels at St Albans Road and Queen's Road Watford, Bushey Heath, Croxley Green, Aldenham and Chorleywood. A further church in Whippendell Road, Watford was opened in 1903, [see NM7I-P]. For a short period from 1897 this circuit also included Northwood and Ruislip, Middlesex. In 1901 a separate Harrow Mission was formed and the Northwood and Ruislip churches were removed from the Watford plan.

On the union of the Methodist churches in 1933 the Primitive churches were constituted a separate circuit named Watford (No 2). Not until 1947 were the former Primitive and Wesleyan (Watford No 1 circuit) churches united as one circuit. See below for further details.

Watford Wesleyan Methodist Circuit

A Wesleyan Society was first formed in Watford in 1808. Services were held in the Market Place then later in a room in Hedges Yard, High Street. In 1813 Watford formed part of the Luton Circuit. Records of this Circuit are now held by Bedfordshire Record Office, County Hall, Bedford MK42 9AP. A chapel was erected in Water Lane in 1814 and a second chapel opened in 1838 in Farthing Lane. By this date Watford was included in the St Albans Circuit [see NM5]. The Farthing Lane chapel was closed in 1868 on the opening of the chapel in Queen's Road [see NM7A].

Watford Wesleyan Methodist Circuit (cont)

A separate Watford circuit was formed in 1872 and as well as Watford and Rickmansworth also included the societies at Pinner, Eastcote and Harefield in Middlesex transferred from the Uxbridge circuit. In 1904 this circuit was amalgamated with the Hemel Hempstead circuit to include Watford (churches now existed in Queen's Road, Vicarage Road and St Albans Road, Watford and Villiers Road, New Bushey), Rickmansworth, Harefield, Pinner, Eastcote, Heronsgate, Hemel Hempstead, Nash Mills, Two Waters, Berkhamsted, Kings Langley and Abbots Langley. The section including Heronsgate, Northwood, Eastcote, Pinner, Harefield and Rickmansworth was transferred to the Harrow circuit in 1922.

On the union of the Methodist churches in 1933 the Watford Wesleyan churches remained as a separate circuit known as Watford (No 1) consisting of Queen's Road, Vicarage Road and Harebreaks (formerly known as St Albans Road) Watford, Bushey and Oxhey (formerly Villiers Road, New Bushey), Hemel Hempstead, Nash Mills, Two Waters, Berkhamsted, Cupid Green, Kings Langley and Abbots Langley. The Watford Primitive churches St Albans Road and Whippendell Road, Watford, Bushey Heath, Croxley Green, Aldenham and Chorleywood forming Watford (No 2) circuit. Not until 1947 were the two circuits amalgamated, with the addition of Rickmansworth and Harefield from the Harrow circuit to form a new Watford circuit.

The Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted circuit was formed in 1957 and the following chapels from the Watford circuit were transferred to it: Hemel Hempstead (Marlowes and Wesley), Two Waters, Boxmoor (opened 1953) and Nash Mills [see NM3].

The church at Springwell Avenue, Mill End, Rickmansworth was transferred to the Watford circuit from Chalfont and Chesham in 1958. It was closed in 1964 on the opening of the new church in Berry Lane, Rickmansworth. Harefield was transferred to Uxbridge circuit in 1958. The church at Cupid Green was closed in 1955 and at Chorleywood in 1969. A church at Carpenders Park, Watford in Prestwick Road was opened in 1953 and Queen's Road, Watford closed in 1966.

The Watford circuit now includes the churches at Whippendell Road, Vicarage Road, Harebreaks and Carpenders Park, Watford, Bushey and Oxhey, Bushey Heath, Rickmansworth (Berry Lane and High Street), Croxley Green, Abbots Langley and Kings Langley.

The Watford circuit now forms part of the London North West District of the Methodist Church

WATFORD METHODIST CIRCUITWatford Primitive Methodist Circuit to 1932 and
Watford (No 2) Circuit 1932 - 1947

/1	Quarterly Meeting minutes	1 vol	Jul 1868-Jun 1890
/2	Quarterly Meeting minutes End of volume contains lists of trustees of Ruislip Common and Northwood chapels, Middlesex, 1897	1 vol	Sep 1890-Jun 1902
/3	Quarterly Meeting minutes	1 vol	Sep 1902-Mar 1916
/4	Summaries of chapel and trust property, giving dates when property acquired and details of annual income and expenditure	1 vol	1933 - 1947
/5	Local Preachers' Meeting minutes Enclosed: returns relating to local preachers, 1946 and 1947, and circulars from Methodist Church Local Preachers Department	1 vol	Feb 1933-Jun 1947
/6	Quarterly guides and plans	6	1939 - 1947
	/1 Jul - Oct 1933		
	/2 Apr - Jun 1936		
	/3 Jul - Sep 1944		
	/4 Apr - Jun 1946		
	/5 Apr - Jun 1947		
	/6 Jul - Sep 1947		

Watford Primitive Methodist Circuit to 1932 and
Watford (no.2) Circuit 1932-1947

/69	Quarterly Meeting minutes	1 vol	May 1916-Dec 1928
/70	Quarterly Meeting minutes	1 vol	Mar 1929-Jun 1943
/71	Minutes of Quarterly Meeting and Finance Committee Enclosed: some correspondence concerning amalgamation of circuits, 1947	1 vol	Sep 1943-Jun 1947
/72	Circuit Steward's accounts	1 vol	Dec 1945-Aug 1947
/73	Manse Trustees' minutes Enclosed: inventory, 1945	1 vol	Jun 1943-Mar 1956
/83	Quarterly accounts	1 vol	1892 - 1911
/84	Circuit Steward's accounts (supplement)	1 vol	1925 - 1942

WATFORD METHODIST CIRCUITWatford Wesleyan Methodist Circuit to 1932,
Watford (No 1) Circuit 1932 - 1947 and
Watford United Circuit to date

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| /7 | Quarterly Meeting minutes | 1 vol | Sep 1947-Jun 1957 |
| /8 | Quarterly Meeting papers including agenda and accounts, 1962-1966, reports to District Home Missions Committee, 1962 and 1965, and architects' plan of alterations to Queen's Road church, 1956 | 1 bdl | 1956 - 1966 |
| /9 | Watford Society steward's accounts (St Albans Circuit) | 1 vol | Jan 1828-Mar 1844 |
| /10 | Circuit Steward's accounts | 1 vol | Jun 1885-Mar 1909 |
| /11 | Circuit Steward's accounts | 1 vol | Jun 1909-Sep 1931 |
| /12 | Circuit Steward's accounts | 1 vol | Dec 1931-Jun 1954 |
| /13 | Circuit Steward's accounts
This volume also includes Manses Capital Account, Dec 1956-Jun 1961 relating to 9 Park Avenue, Watford and 34 Nightingale Road, Rickmansworth | 1 vol | Dec 1957-Mar 1961 |
| | [see also NM7/74-76] | | |
| /14 | Circuit income and expenditure accounts including children's fund, plans and magazines, Hemel Hempstead House, North Watford House, McCullagh Memorial Fund, rates, circuit scheme 1930, North Watford manse furnishing account, and Local Preachers Mutual Aid Association | 1 vol | 1929 - 1939 |
| /15 | Circuit income and expenditure accounts including furnishing, manses, plans and magazines, and rates | 1 vol | Dec 1939-Jun 1946 |
| /16 | Circuit income and expenditure accounts including manse loans, furnishing and decorating, plans and magazines, and rates | 1 vol | Dec 1939-Mar 1952 |
| /17 | Circuit income and expenditure accounts including furnishing and decorating, Hemel Hempstead development scheme, manses, Circuit Extension Fund, plans and magazines, rates, sale of 37 Marlborough Road, Watford and purchase of 9 Park Avenue | 1 vol | Jun 1952-Dec 1957 |
| | [see also NM7/77-78] | | |

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- /18 Harwoods Trust: correspondence and papers relating to purchase of site, proposals for building, application to sell and account of sale, 1932 with correspondence concerning making up of Whippendell Road 1 bdl 1910 - 1932
[see also NM7D/2 and NM7K/2]
- /19 Correspondence and papers concerning renewal of circuit trusts and appointment of trustees (Queen's Road, Vicarage Road, Watford and Bushey Minister's House Trust) 1 file 1928 - 1930
- /20 Correspondence and papers concerning Methodist union and amalgamation of Watford (No 1 and No 2) and Berkhamsted Circuits 1 file 1932
[see also NM7/23]
- /21 Correspondence and papers concerning reservation of site for a church on Bushey Hall Farm Estate, proposed gift and appointment of trustees, with undated plan of estate 1 file 1937 - 1942
- /22 Correspondence and papers concerning extension schemes (Nash Mills, Abbots Langley and Bushey), emergency use of church premises and draft application to sell chapel and land at Vicarage Road, Watford, 1938 1 file 1938 - 1940
- /23 Correspondence and papers concerning amalgamation of Watford No 1 and No 2 circuits with part of Harrow circuit 1 bdl 1946 - 1947
- /24 Schedules for circuit return concerning class leaders, 1941 and ministers, 1942; claims for educational allowances for minister's children 1940-1942; account of circuit contributions to mission funds, 1942 1 bdl 1940 - 1942
- /25 Correspondence and papers concerning insurance policies on circuit property 1 file 1960 - 1966
- /26-27 Schedules of deeds and documents in circuit safe at Queens Road, Watford 2 vols May 1905 and Aug 1916

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/28	Schedules of deeds in circuit safe concerning 33 Bushey Mill Lane, Watford (manse) and property at Kings Langley with related correspondence	1 bdl	1930
/29	Register of deeds	1 vol	c.1935 - 1951
/30	Lists of deeds in circuit safe, Queen's Road, Watford; minutes of sub-committee concerning separation of Uxbridge from Rickmansworth, 22 Nov 1877; list of deeds Hemel Hempstead circuit, 19 Mar 1887; plan of circuit boundaries c 1877	1 bdl	1877 - 1934
/31	Minutes of the Watford Circuit Scheme committee concerning sale of the old St Albans Road site and development of the new site at Harebreaks [see also NM7B]	1 vol	Jun 1926-Sep 1927
/32-33	Bank Pass Books: Wesleyan Circuit Scheme	2	Apr 1925-Oct 1927; Oct 1927-Dec 1927
/34	Minute Book: Finance committee, Jul 1930-Oct 1960 and Circuit Development committee Feb 1948-Feb 1961	1 vol	1930 - 1961
/35	Furnishing account cash book	1 vol	Sep 1908-Jan 1940
/36	Marlborough Road Manse account book Sep 1944-Oct 1955. Enclosed: receipts, cancelled cheques and bank statements, 1953-1956	1 vol	Sep 1944-1956
/37	Circuit Ministerial Invitation Committee minutes. Volume also includes minutes of committee to nominate circuit stewards, 20 January 1958	1 vol	Jan 1958-Feb 1961
/38	Circuit Schedule Book containing numbers of members, accounts of public collections and subscriptions, names of stewards, trustees and subscribers to Wesleyan periodicals	1 vol	Sep 1872-Jun 1886
/39	Circuit Schedule Book	1 vol	Dec 1895-Mar 1905
/40	Circuit Schedule Book	1 vol	Jun 1905-Jun 1917
/41	Circuit Schedule Book	1 vol	Sep 1917-Jun 1927
/42	Circuit Schedule Book	1 vol	Dec 1927-Mar 1942

WATFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

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| /43 | Papers concerning circuit trusts including lists of trustees of Marlowes Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Berkhamsted Cowper Road, St Albans Road and Queen's Road Watford, Two Waters, Boxmoor, Aldenham, Bushey Heath, Chorleywood, Rickmansworth, Nash Mills, the Longley Trust (premises in Grosvenor Road, Watford) and the Clifford Trust (premises in Oxford Street Watford), with agenda for circuit trustees' meetings and lists of annual trustees' meetings for audit of accounts
[These papers were found enclosed with NM7/42] | 1 bdl | 1951 - 1954 |
| /44 | Circuit Schedule Book

[see also NM7/79] | 1 vol | Sep 1942-Mar 1957 |
| /45 | Sunday School Schedule containing names of schools, numbers of teachers and scholars, and average attendances | 1 vol | 1910 - 1914 |
| /46 | Sunday School Schedule
Enclosed: Circuit and Sunday School Council balance sheets 1912-1915 | 1 vol | 1912 - 1919 |
| /47 | Sunday School Schedule | 1 vol | 1920 - 1923 |
| /48 | Sunday School Schedule | 1 vol | 1924 - 1928 |
| /49 | Sunday School Schedule | 1 vol | 1929 - 1932 |
| /50 | Sunday School Schedule | 1 vol | 1934 - 1937 |
| /51 | Sunday School Schedule | 1 vol | 1938 - 1939 |
| /52 | Sunday School Annual reports | 1 bdl | 1921 - 1926 |
| /53 | Papers concerning circuit Sunday Schools including schedules, 1924-1939, annual reports, 1937 and 1939 and lists of officers | 1 file | 1924 - 1939 |
| /54 | Annual reports of the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Department | 5 | 1923 - 1927 |
| /55 | Correspondence with the Sunday School Council concerning provision of bibles and hymn books at Nash Mills | 1 bdl | 1925 - 1926 |

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/56	Circuit Sunday School Council minutes, Feb 1928-Apr 1943. Volume also includes accounts of contributions from individual schools to Council, 1929-1944	1 vol	1928 - 1944
/57	Correspondence and papers concerning Council meetings with receipts for contributions to funds [These items were found enclosed with NM7/56]	1 bdl	1923 - 1944
/86	Circuit plan and directory	1	Apr - Jul 1906
/58	Circuit plans and directories (printed quarterly) Jan - Apr 1907 Jul 1907 - Apr 1908 Jul 1908 - Oct 1909 Jan - Apr 1910 Oct 1910 - Jan 1911	11	1907 - 1911
/59	Circuit plans and directories	24	Jul 1941-Jul 1947
/60	Circuit plans and directories	34	Oct 1947-Jan 1956
/87	Watford Wesleyan Methodist Circuit Monthly	1	Jun 1906
/61	Monthly Circuit Magazines May 1946 - Sep 1948 Nov 1948 - Jul 1949 Sep 1949 Nov 1949 - Feb 1950 Mar 1950 - Jul 1950 Sep 1950 - Jan 1951 Mar 1951 - Jul 1951 Nov 1951 Jan 1952 - Mar 1952 Jun 1952 - Feb 1953 Apr 1953 - Aug 1953 Oct 1953 Dec 1953 - Feb 1954 May 1954 - Dec 1955	100	1946 - 1955
/62	Quarterly magazines with plan and directory	37	Jan 1956-Mar 1965

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/63	Circuit plan	1 item	Oct - Dec 1978
/64	Methodist Soldiers Home, Watford: visitor's book containing names, addresses and ranks of servicemen	1 vol	1914 - 1918
/65	Photographs of stone-laying ceremony and church members: unidentified	7	n.d.
/66	<i>Marriage Act, 1949: Regulations and Instructions for Authorised Persons</i> (HMSO)	1 item	1952
/67	<i>The Coming of Christianity to Watford</i> - Cyril J Davey	1 item	Mar 1951
/68	Graph showing number of cases of measles and german measles notified between Jan 1916 and Feb 1917. Military cases are shown in red and civilian in blue [Provenance unknown]	1 item	1916 - 1917
/69-73	see Watford No 2 circuit after NM7/6		
/74	Circuit Steward's accounts	1 vol	Jun 1961-Sep 1968
/75	Circuit Steward's accounts	1 vol	Dec 1968-Mar 1973
/76	Circuit Steward's accounts	1 vol	Jun 1973-Dec 1978
/77	Circuit income and expenditure accounts including manse and furnishing accounts	1 vol	Sep 1954-Jun 1964
/78	Circuit income and expenditure accounts	1 vol	Sep 1964-Sep 1974
/79	Circuit Schedule Book	1 vol	Jun 1957-Jun 1974
/80	Minutes of Clifford Trust (26-28 Oxford Street, Watford: sold 1983)	1 vol	1904 - 1983
/81	Clifford Trust accounts	1 vol	Aug 1904-Aug 1974
/82	Clifford Trust accounts	1 vol	Oct 1974-Apr 1983
/83-84	see Watford No 2 circuit after NM7/6		
/85	Papers concerning sale of manse in Bath Street, Hemel Hempstead	1 bdl	1932 - 1934

[For items NM7/86 see above NM7/58 and for item NM7/87
see above NM7/61]

Queen's Road Methodist Church, Watford (Wesleyan)

NM7A

The first Wesleyan chapel to be built in Queen's Road, Watford was opened on 16 December 1869. This replaced a chapel in Farthing Lane, Watford opened in 1838. The foundation stone of a new church was laid 30 May 1888 and consecrated on 16 January 1889. It was found that major structural repairs were required to the building by the 1960's and the church was finally closed in 1966. The site was sold and the buildings demolished for re-development. The congregation amalgamated with Whippendell Road. (see NM7K)

/1	Marriage register	1 vol	Feb 1903 - Apr 1909
/2	Marriage register	1 vol	May 1909 - Dec 1913
/3	Marriage register	1 vol	Apr 1914 - Apr 1919
/4	Marriage register	1 vol	Jul 1919 - Sep 1923
/5	Marriage register	1 vol	Sep 1923 - Mar 1932
/6	Marriage register	1 vol	Mar 1932 - Mar 1937
/7	Marriage register	1 vol	Jul 1937 - Sep 1947
/8	Marriage register	1 vol	Sep 1947 - Apr 1966
/9	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Mar 1869 - Oct 1889
/10	Minutes of trustees Enclosed: printed list of donations and sub- scriptions towards new Wesleyan church, Dec 1888	1 vol	Jan 1890 - Sep 1909
/11	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Nov 1909 - Oct 1933

Queen's Road Methodist Church, Watford (Wesleyan)

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| /12 | Trust treasurer's cash book including accounts of bazaars June 1922 and May 1924, electric organ fund, Mar - Nov 1922, sale of work, Jun 1914 and renovations 1911 - 1916 | 1 vol | Feb 1884 - Jul 1916 |
| /13 | Trust treasurer's accounts, Feb 1900 - Dec 1920 with annual summaries, 1899 - 1920 | 1 vol | 1899 - 1920 |
| /14 | Trust treasurer's accounts with annual summaries 1922-1932 | 1 vol | Jan 1921 - Dec 1933 |
| /15 | Trust treasurer's accounts with annual summaries 1933-1950 | 1 vol | Dec 1933 - Dec 1951 |
| /16 | Minutes of finance committee including accounts of Church Fund Envelope Scheme | 1 vol | Nov 1920 - Jan 1958 |
| /17 | Minutes of Longley Almshouses Trust (5 - 9 Grosvenor Road, Watford) including trust financial statements | 1 vol | Jul 1932 (first meeting) - Jan 1960 |
| /18 | Longley Trust: correspondence concerning installation of electricity and residents' affairs, with invoices and receipts for repairs, rates etc. | 1 bdl | 1948 |

- /19 Applications for permission 1 bdl 1830 - 1925
to erect chapel, May 1881 and
Feb 1888; builders' account
of new chapel, May 1889;
correspondence concerning
erection of electricity
transformer box near church
and specification for in-
stallation of electricity
in church, 1921; architects'
elevations, floor plan and
sections, 1924 and plan of
heating chamber, 1925; printed
Wesleyan model deed, 1830;
printed notice advertising
services for promotion of
Christian Union in Watford and
Bushey, Aug 1843
- /20 Alterations and extensions: 1 bdl 1924 - 1926
accounts of subscriptions,
correspondence concerning
fund raising activities and
grants; with builders'
statements of accounts,
vouchers, receipts and
balance sheets
- /21 Insurance policies covering 2 Mar 1926
bazaar goods: fire and
burglary, London Guarantee
and Accident Company Ltd.
[see also NM7A/38]
- /22 Wesleyan Manse, 1 Derby Road, 1 bdl 1955 - 1960
Watford: correspondence
concerning sale and rights
of light affecting sub-
sequent redevelopment of
site, with plans

- /23 Site plan of church and architects' drawings of proposed alterations, with specifications of works, Nov 1956
1 bdl 1956
[see also NM7/8]
- /24 Report on structural condition of church, May 1961; correspondence concerning purchase of alternative site (Cassiobury Drive and Stratford Road, Watford) planning permission, and plans of proposed redevelopment on Queen's Road site; architects' plans and elevations, 1963
1 bdl 1961 - 1964
- /25 Correspondence concerning sale of Queen's Road site, with schedule of deeds, 1867 - 1961
1 bdl 1946 - 1966
- /26 Society Steward's accounts
1 vol Dec 1876 - Sep 1891
- /27 Seat rent ledger
1 vol 1909 - 1916
- /28 Minutes of leaders' meetings
1 vol Sep 1882 - Aug 1892
- /29 Minutes of leaders' meetings
1 vol Sep 1892 - Mar 1901
- /30 Minutes of leaders' meetings
1 vol Jul 1911 - Sep 1934
- /31 Minutes of leaders' meetings
Enclosed: report concerning Conference Call to the Societies, 8 Mar 1950
1 vol Dec 1934 - Dec 1953

[See also NM7A/33]

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| /32 | Minutes of leaders' meetings | 1 vol | Mar 1954 - Apr 1966 |
| /33 | Minutes of meetings of leaders, trustees and members of Local Youth Council convened to consider Conference Call to each Society | 1 vol | Oct - Nov 1949 |
| /34 | Minutes of Sunday School teachers' meetings including annual balance sheets | 1 vol | Mar 1866 - Dec 1876 |
| /35 | Sunday School register | 1 vol | Mar 1882 - Dec 1891 |
| /36 | Young Men's Fellowship: <u>A short account of the work now carried on among the Young Men of Watford</u> | 1 item | 1924 |
| /37 | Programme of opening services of new Sunday School buildings | 1 item | 19 Sep 1925 |
| /38 | Guide to Oriental Market | 1 item | Mar 1926 |
| /39 | Queen's Road: Jubilee Souvenir booklet | 1 item | 1939 |
| /40 | Queen's Road Diamond Jubilee: printed programme of events, with correspondence concerning gifts and letters from well wishers | 1 bdl | 1949 |
| /41 | Photographs: interior of church and rolls of honour for both world wars | 3 | n.d. |
| /42 | Printer's blocks: exterior of church and roll of honour, 1914 - 1918 war | 3 | n.d. |

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Queen's Road Methodist Church, Watford (Wesleyan)

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| /43 | Trust treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Jan 1951-Jan 1967 |
| /44 | Manse account:
12 Cassiobury Park Avenue,
Watford | 1 vol | Feb 1956-Aug 1966 |
| /45 | <u>Queen's Road, Watford
Wesleyan Church. "Coming
of Age":</u> printed souvenir
booklet containing brief
notes on the history of
methodism in Watford | 1 item | 1910 - 1911 |

North Watford Methodist Church, (Wesleyan)

NM7B

A Wesleyan society in North Watford was first formed in 1898 when services were held in the Co-operative Hall. In June 1900 iron and materials were purchased for the erection of a church at Callow Land at the corner of St Albans Road and Regent Street. Opening services were held on 24 October 1900. This was replaced in 1928 by the church and school at Harebreaks. Harebreaks was renamed North Watford in 1971 on its amalgamation with the former Primitive church in St Albans Road, Watford (see NM7I). Renovations and alterations were carried out in 1975 with the addition of a large extension known as Unity Hall

/1	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Mar 1897 - Feb 1960
/2	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Mar 1960 - Mar 1977
/3	Agreement for erection of iron chapel at Callow Land, Watford and related correspondence	1 bdl	Jul - Oct 1900
/4	Minutes of church fund committee; from Apr 1931 known as the finance committee	1 vol	Oct 1921 - Apr 1954
/5	Bank pass book: Watford Wesleyan Church No 2 account (Westminster Bank Ltd)	1 vol	Dec 1927 - Feb 1930
/6	Accounts of new church fund	1 vol	Apr - Oct 1928
/7	Accounts of subscriptions to building fund, Sep 1922 - Dec 1927 and accounts for building Harebreaks Dec 1927 - Oct 1929	1 vol	1922 - 1929

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- /8 Correspondence and papers concerning accounts of new church building and lists of subscribers to building fund 1 file 1927 - 1930
- /9 Accounts of subscriptions to building fund and correspondence concerning purchase of organ 1 file 1928
- /10 Bills, receipts and certificates relating to new building 1 file 1927 - 1929
- /11 Correspondence concerning purchase of new site, rebuilding, and sale of former St Albans Road (Callow Land) site and copy conveyance of new site by Watford Corporation to trustees, 1926, with plan 1 file 1924 - 1928
- /12 Accounts and lists of donations, 1927; building labour accounts, 1928; correspondence and papers concerning foundation stone laying ceremony, 28 Sep 1927 including newspaper cuttings and programme; contract for sale of old St Albans Road (Callow Land) church and land, 1928; correspondence and papers concerning new church foundations, 1928 1 file 1927 - 1928
- /13 Papers concerning opening ceremony 23 Sep 1928 including newspaper cuttings, souvenir brochure and programme of dedication service 1 file 1928

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| /14 | Correspondence and papers concerning rebuilding of church hall, 1969, with plans, 1972 - 1973 | 1 bdl | 1969 - 1973 |
| /15 | Plans of proposed alterations and extensions to church hall, 1968 - 1974 with related correspondence, 1967 - 1974 | 1 bdl | 1967 - 1974 |
| /16 | Plans of proposed alterations to entrance screen | 2 | n.d. |
| /17 | Minutes of leaders' meetings | 1 vol | Nov 1900 - Jul 1934 |
| /18 | Minutes of leaders' meetings | 1 vol | Dec 1934 - Jun 1946 |
| /19 | Minutes of St Albans Road/Harebreaks Steering Committee and papers concerning proposed amalgamation of two churches | 1 file | 1969 - 1971 |
| /20 | Society Steward's accounts | 1 vol | Mar 1958 - Aug 1974 |
| /21 | Envelope system: vestry cash book | 1 vol | Sep 1927 - Sep 1929 |
| /22 | Envelope system: accounts | 1 bdl | Mar 1959 - Nov 1961 |
| /23 | Envelope collection accounts | 1 vol | Mar 1963 - Mar 1971 |
| /24 | Envelope collection accounts | 1 vol | Apr 1971 - May 1976 |
| /25 | Collection Journal | 1 vol | May 1914 - May 1922 |
| /26 | Collection Journal | 1 vol | May 1922 - Mar 1929 |

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/27	Accounts of collections	1 bdl	Sep 1949 - Dec 1957
/28	Minutes of Wesley Guild	1 vol	Apr 1922 - Apr 1938
/29	Minutes of Wesley Guild	1 vol	Apr 1938 - Aug 1945
/30	Minutes of Wesley Guild	1 vol	Apr 1946 - Apr 1967
/31	Wesley Guild attendance register	1 vol	1927 - 1952
/32	Wesley Guild: membership cards, syllabus and programmes of events	1 bdl	1947 - 1970
/33	Overseas Missions committee minutes	1 vol	Jun 1944 - May 1953
/34	Overseas Missions committee minutes	1 vol	Mar 1954 - Sep 1969
/35	Names and addresses of Sunday school pupils	1 vol	c1889 - 1900
/36	Class book containing names and addresses of members and their attendance	1 vol	1959 - 1971
/37	Band of Hope pledge book	1 vol	1903 - 1909
/38	Band of Hope pledge book; Sunday School officers and children	1 vol	1919
/39	Pulpit notices	1 vol	Mar 1970 - Apr 1974

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- /40 Golden Jubilee souvenir 1 item 1978
brochure
- /41 Programme of Flower Festival 1 item Jun 1979
- /42 Printer's block: 1 item n d.
Harebreaks church

Abbots Langley Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

NM7C

By 1872 Methodists in Abbots Langley were meeting together for worship in members' houses. A parcel of land with a shed overlooking Kitters Green was purchased in 1878. The shed was used for worship until 1881 when a permanent church was erected. At this period Abbots Langley formed part of the St Albans circuit (see NM5). In 1886 it was transferred to the newly formed Hemel Hempstead circuit (see NM3). The church was transferred to the Watford circuit in 1904. It was extensively renovated in 1962.

/1	Minutes of building committee, Aug 1878 - Nov 1885 and trust treasurer's accounts Dec 1881 - Mar 1892	1 vol	1878 - 1892
	[see also NM7C/6-7]		
/2	Accounts of donations to building fund	1 vol	1878 - 1879
/3	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1879 - Mar 1892
/4	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1900 - Feb 1937
/5	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1938 - Mar 1977
/6	Trust treasurer's accounts, apr 1881 - Mar 1948 with accounts of seat rents, Mar 1881-Dec 1915 at end	1 vol	1881 - 1948
/7	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1931 - Dec 1949 .
/8	Builders' tenders for erection of chapel	1 bdl	Oct 1880

Abbots Langley Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

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| /9 | Balance sheet of renovation scheme | 1 item | n.d. [c 1887] |
| /10 | Rough drawings of alterations to choir seats and estimates for work | 1 bdl | 1928 |
| /11 | Correspondence concerning grants for alterations | 1 bdl | 1938 - 1940 |
| /12 | Architects' plans and elevations of additions and alterations | 5 | 1939 |
| /13 | Correspondence concerning building and finance with plans of alternative schemes; press cuttings concerning opening of church, 1963 and sanction for sale of land at Abbots Langley, Dec 1965 | 1 file | 1949 - 1965 |
| /14 | Bills and receipts for building works, 1962 - 1965 with architects' account, 1962 - 1964 | 1 bdl | 1962 - 1965 |
| /15 | Printed leaflet concerning proposed St Albans Circuit Sunday School Union, 1873; printed notice of Christmas Bazaar, Dec 1879; printed report of St Albans circuit committee concerning proposed division of circuit, 21 Mar 1886; accounts of bazaar held 1 Aug 1887; printed objects and rules of Abbots Langley Young People's Christian Association established Nov 1892; programme of Sacred Concert, 18 Mar 1896; correspondence concerning trust property boundaries, 1920 - 1926 with plan; annual chapel | 1 bdl | 1873 - 1951 |

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reports, 1923 and 1928;
report to renovation council
and trustees, 30 Nov 1927;
trustees' report, 1927;
report made to trustees
concerning state of trust
14 Feb 1928; trust account,
1930; correspondence and
papers concerning trust and
appointment of new trustees,
with lists, 1939 - 1942;
rules of Abbots Langley
Methodist Youth Club, Oct 1951;
two visiting cards with
photograph of church (undated);
unidentified accounts and papers

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| /16 | Correspondence concerning
use of school room for
education of evacuated
children | 1 bdl | 1940 - 1945 |
| /17 | Class book containing
names of members,
directions for class
leaders, accounts of
ticket money, Sep 1878 -
Dec 1882, and rules of
the Methodist Society

Enclosed: two quarterly
class tickets, Jun 1882
and Sep 1882 | 1 vol | 1878 - 1882 |
| /18 | Minutes of leaders'
meetings | 1 vol | Jan 1900 - Feb 1939 |
| /19 | Minutes of leaders'
meetings | 1 vol | Mar 1939 - Aug 1956 |
| /20 | Society steward's accounts | 1 vol | Mar 1879 - Jun 1886 |
| /21 | Society steward's accounts | 1 vol | Apr 1896 - Dec 1897 |

Abbots Langley Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

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| /22 | Collection journal | 1 vol | Dec 1933 - Feb 1948 |
| /23 | Collection journal | 1 vol | Mar 1942 - Dec 1952 |
| /24 | Collection journal | 1 vol | Jan 1953 - Dec 1963 |
| /25 | Envelope collection register | 1 vol | Jul 1961 - Mar 1973 |
| /26 | Poor steward's accounts | 1 vol | Dec 1881 - Nov 1894 |
| /27 | Minutes of Wesley Guild, Sep 1921 (first meeting) - Sep 1933 with Guild accounts 1921 - 1930 | 1 vol | 1921 - 1933 |
| /28 | Minutes of Wesley Guild | 1 vol | Feb 1934 - Sep 1939 |
| /29 | Minutes of teachers' meetings, Jul 1907 - Dec 1930 and Sunday School accounts Feb 1906 - Dec 1930 | 1 vol | 1906 - 1930 |
| | [see also NM7C/35] | | |
| /30 | Sunday School: minutes of council meetings | 1 vol | Feb 1931 - Jul 1948 |
| /31 | Sunday School annual reports with balance sheets | 1 bdl | 1910; 1918 - 1930 |
| /32 | Sunday School attendance register | 1 vol | Jan 1879 - Dec 1890 |
| /33 | List of Sunday School scholars | 1 item | Jan 1879 - Apr 1891 |

Abbots Langley Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

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| /34 | Sunday School class
register of attendance
and marks | 1 vol | Jan - Dec 1898 |
| /35 | Sunday School accounts | 1 vol | Jan 1931 - Nov 1941 |
| /36-37 | Fete programmes | 2 | 15 Jun 1935;
26 Jun 1937 |
| /38-39 | Order of service:
stone laying ceremony
for new hall | 2 | 14 Apr 1962 |
| /40-41 | Order of service:
dedication of font
and organ | 2 | 31 May 1969 |
| /42-43 | Church Centenary
souvenir brochure | 2 | 1978 |
| /44 | Cassette tape recording
made at centenary service | 1 item | 16 Jul 1978 |
| /45-46 | Stubs of baptism
certificates giving
names of children,
addresses, dates of
birth and date baptised | 2 | 1947 - 1954;
1955 - 1961 |

Vicarage Road Methodist Church, Watford (Wesleyan)

NM7D

A site for a church in Vicarage Road, Watford was purchased from the Earl of Essex in 1890. The church was opened in August 1893 as a mission chapel under the jurisdiction of Queen's Road (see NM7A). It became a separate church in 1898.

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| /1 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Aug 1892 - Feb 1940 |
| /2 | Correspondence and papers concerning proposed purchase by trustees of a new chapel site on the Harwood's Estate
[see also NM7K/2] | 1 bdl | 1907 |
| /3 | Bundle containing trust accounts, 1916 - 1926 with statement 1939/40 and general correspondence, 1915 - 1940
[... NM7D/2 and 3 were found enclosed with NM7D/1] | 1 bdl | 1915 - 1940 |
| /4 | Trust treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Jan 1927 - Dec 1940 |
| /5 | Minutes of leaders' meetings | 1 vol | Sep 1898 - Jan 1938 |
| /6 | Collection journal | 1 vol | Jun 1925 - Feb 1936 |

NM7E

High Street Methodist Church, Rickmansworth (Wesleyan)

A Wesleyan Society had formed in Rickmansworth by 1824 as part of the St Albans circuit (see NM5). At first services were held in various locations, a cottage at Bankside Downs, Chorley Wood Road, Blakett's Farm, Heronsgate and later a house in the High Street are known to have been used. A permanent church had certainly been erected in the High Street by 1841. After a disastrous fire in 1865 the church was completely rebuilt to the design of a Mr Pearson. An adjoining site was purchased in 1925 for the erection of new church hall and school room. This building, opened in 1931, became known as the Cloisters Hall.

From 1854 until 1872 Rickmansworth formed part of the Uxbridge circuit. It then became part of the newly constituted Watford circuit. However in 1922 it was transferred to the Harrow circuit until again in 1947 it became part of the larger Watford circuit. A resident Minister was accommodated from this date at a newly purchased manse 34 Nightingale Road, Rickmansworth.

/1	Trustees' correspondence and related papers concerning insurance, maintenance, repairs and legacies	1 file	1949 - 1960
/2	Trustees' correspondence and related papers concerning letting of Cloisters Hall, Rickmansworth	1 file	1951 - 1960
/3	Trustees' correspondence and related papers concerning installation of central heating in church and hall, repairs and investments	1 file	1958 - 1961
/4	Papers concerning Restoration fund including correspondence relating to donations and repairs	1 file	1958 - 1961
/5	File containing treasurer's reports, statements of accounts, invoices and related correspondence	1 file	1959 - 1962
/6	Rickmansworth Trust: loan account with Midland Bank Ltd for purchase of manse	1 vol	Nov 1947 - May 1960
/7	Minutes of finance committee	1 vol	Dec 1924 - Feb 1944
/8	Petty cash book	1 vol	1960 - 1963

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High Street Methodist Church, Rickmansworth

/9	Minutes of trustees: volume includes trust accounts, 1888-1898 Enclosed: correspondence concerning appointment of chapel keeper and organist, 1896-1899	1 vol	Nov 1865 - Jan 1872; Jul 1882 - Apr 1899
/10	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Mar 1900 - Dec 1924
/11	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1925 - Feb 1947
/12	Minutes of trustees: annual financial statements are pasted in	1 vol	Mar 1947 - May 1955
/13	Cash book: including sums paid by chapel keeper and accounts of seat rents	1 vol	May 1866 - Dec 1890
/14	Lists of trustees and accounts of seat rents	1 vol	1887 - 1891
/15	Sale particulars of freehold cottages and garden ground in Rickmansworth; the land apparently purchased for the church	1	16 Dec 1836
/16	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Sep 1895 - Jul 1924
/17	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Oct 1924 - 9 May 1940
/18	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	31 May 1940- Sep 1949
/19	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Dec 1949 - Mar 1957
/20	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Jun 1957 - Sep 1970
/21	Minutes of Leaders meetings	1 vol	Dec 1970 - Mar 1974
/22	Minutes of Mental Improvement Society with register of attendance and treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Oct 1881 - Feb 1887
/23	Minutes of Women's Fellowship Enclosed: printed constitution	1 vol	Nov 1948 - Jun 1981

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High Street Methodist Church, Rickmansworth

/24	Minutes of Women's Work committee	1 vol	Nov 1955 - Jun 1967
/25	Sunday School: minutes of teachers and committee known as Sunday School Council from May 1912	1 vol	1895 - May 1917
/26	Sunday School: minutes of Council, renamed Committee in Jan 1945	1 vol	Jan 1927 - Jul 1949
/27	Sunday School: summary of attendances	1 vol	Oct 1966 - Sep 1971
/28	Pulpit Notices	1 vol	Aug 1965 - Nov 1966
/29	Watford Circuit Magazine containing article on history of Rickmansworth Chapel	1	Jan 1919

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Berry Lane Methodist Church,
Mill End, Rickmansworth (Wesleyan)

NM7F

Services were being conducted in Mill End in 1905 and until 1910 this society formed part of the Watford circuit.

In 1958 Mill End transferred back to Watford from the Chalfont and Chesham circuit. The church was at this date in Springwell Avenue. It was closed in 1964 on the opening of the new church in Berry Lane.

/1 Correspondence and related papers concerning purchase of site in Berry Lane and building of church with architects' plans and elevations, Jan 1962 1 file 1957 - 1962

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Kings Langley Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

NM7G

A Wesleyan Methodist congregation had formed in Kings Langley by 1866. At this date it was attached to the St Albans circuit (see NM5). In 1886 it became part of the newly constituted Hemel Hempstead circuit (see NM3) until 1904 when it was transferred to Watford. The chapel was rebuilt in 1935.

/1 Correspondence concerning grant and bequest to chapel, and appointment of supernumary minister 1 file 1939 - 1942

Cupid Green Methodist Church
St Agnell's Lane, Hemel Hempstead

This church was opened in 1940 and formed part of the Watford No.1 circuit. It was closed in 1955 but the building continued to be used as a Youth Centre. Under the aegis of the Hemel Hempstead Circuit (see NM3) it was renovated in 1961 and once more used for worship. A temporary wooden building was added a year later for use as a Sunday School. This was replaced in 1979 by a more permanent structure. The church was registered for the solemnization of marriages in October 1963.

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| /1 | Correspondence and related papers concerning gift of site, erection and opening of chapel with undated architects' plan and elevations | 1 file | 1939 - 1941 |
| /2 | Memoranda of choice and appointment of trustees | 1 bdl | Jul 1966 |
| /3 | Trust treasurer's accounts | 1 vol | Apr 1940-May 1976 |
| /4 | Plans and correspondence concerning erection of church hall and its subsequent use and papers concerning purchase of additional land | 1 file | 1961 - 1979 |

St Albans Road Methodist Church, Watford (Primitive) NM7I

A site was purchased by the Watford Primitive Methodists in St Albans Road in 1890 and an iron chapel was erected the following year. The foundation stones of a permanent church were laid in June 1897 and the building formally opened in May 1898. A new church hall was erected in 1960.

In 1971 this church was closed and sold to the Elim Trust Corporation. The congregation amalgamated with the former Wesleyan church at Harebreaks, Watford (see NM7B).

/1	Marriage register	1 vol	Jul 1927 - Dec 1935
/2	Marriage register	1 vol	Oct 1936 - Dec 1943
/3	Marriage register	1 vol	Jun 1944 - Apr 1949
/4	Marriage register	1 vol	Jun 1949 - Jan 1970
/5	Minutes of trustees with lists of trustees, 1921, 1926 and 1929	1 vol	Jan 1913 - Aug 1936
/6	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1937 - Jan 1958
/7	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Mar 1958 - Oct 1972 (final meeting)
/8	Volume containing names and addresses of members and trustees; abridged balance sheets, 1964-1970; accounts of box openings, 1970-1971; details of supplies, anniversaries, donations etc	1 vol	c.1964 - 1971

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- /9 Trustees' correspondence concerning church heating, insurance, piano tuning, bank account 1 bdl 1959 - 1972
[These papers were found enclosed inside NM7I/8]
- /10 Appointment of trustees, 1954 - 1964; sanction for sale of St Albans Road church and premises with copy of conveyance from trustees to the Elim Trust Corporation, 1972 1 bdl 1954 - 1964; 1972
- /11 Correspondence concerning proposed scheme for new church hall with architect's plans and specification of works, Mar 1940 1 file 1938 - 1940
- /12 Architects' plans and elevations of church hall 5 1939 - 1940
- /13 Architects' plans and elevations: alternative schemes for church hall 9 1940; 1955
- /14 Architect's plans and elevations: alternative schemes for church hall 3 1955 - 1957
- /15 Correspondence with architect concerning alterations to school hall with plan, 1959 1 bdl 1955 - 1963
- /16 Correspondence concerning alterations to school hall with plans, 1958-1959 1 bdl 1958 - 1960

St Albans Road Methodist Church, Watford (Primitive) NM7I

/17	Letter and plan concerning rebuilding of boundary wall	2	Apr - May 1961
/18	Correspondence with solicitors concerning sale of premises	1 bdl	Jun - Aug 1972
/19	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1949 - Dec 1970
/20	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan - Sep 1971
/21	Trust balance sheets	1 file	1962/63 - 1969/70
/22	Trustees correspondence concerning festivals, lettings, maintenance etc. with accounts of box openings and trust balance sheet, 1970/71	1 file	1970 - 1971
/23	Poor stewards accounts	1 vol	Jan 1939 - Dec 1968
/24	Minutes of leaders' meetings	1 vol	Aug 1953 - Sep 1966
/25	Minutes of leaders' meetings, Nov 1966-Jun 1971 with minutes of combined meetings of St Albans Road and Harebreaks leaders, Jul - Aug 1971	1 vol	Nov 1966 - Aug 1971
/26	Minutes of Women's Bright Hour committee	1 vol	Dec 1935 - 6 Nov 1947
/27	Minutes of Women's Bright Hour committee	1 vol	13 Nov 1947 - Jul 1959

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- /28 Minutes of Women's Bright Hour committee 1 vol Nov 1959 - Jul 1971
- /29 Minutes of teachers' meetings 1 vol Apr 1945 - Sep 1959
Enclosed: Sunday School financial statements, 1956 - 1958
- /30 Minutes of teachers' meetings 1 vol Nov 1959 - Sep 1970
- /31 Sunday School accounts 1 vol Jan 1937 - Dec 1971
- /32 Sunday School Liability Policy: Primitive Methodist Fire, Life and Accident Insurance Company No.S.179 1 1 item Nov 1918
- /33 Members' Roll Book 1 vol 1962 - 1971
- /34 Minutes of Youth Club committee with accounts and bank statements 1968 - 1969 1 bdl Jul 1963 - Oct 1968
- /35 Local Youth reports, 1961 - 1969 and Youth Directory, 1970 1 bdl 1961 - 1969
- /36 Pulpit notices 1 vol Feb - Mar 1971
- /37 Order of service: Jubilee celebrations 1 item 23 May 1948
- /38 Jubilee souvenir booklet 1 item 1948

St Albans Road Methodist Church, Watford (Primitive)

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| /39 | Order of service:
Diamond Jubilee
anniversary service | 2 | May 1958 |
| /40-41 | Diamond Jubilee
souvenir booklet | 2 | 1958 |
| /42 | Order of service on
occasion of opening
new church hall | 1 item | 3 Dec 1960 |
| /43-44 | Photographs: St Albans Road
Church 1897, and opening
ceremony of new church hall,
1960 | 2 | 1897; 1960 |

Queen's Road Methodist Church, Watford ((Primitive)) NM7J

The first Primitive chapel in Carey Place, Watford was sold in 1885 on the erection of the church in Queen's Road. This church was closed in 1941 and the congregation transferred to the recently rebuilt church at Whippendell Road, Watford. The records of the Whippendell Road church listed under NM7K contain several items relating to Queen's Road.

- /1 Certificate of Registry of building for solemnization of marriages: Primitive Methodist chapel at Carey Place, Watford 1 item 1 Jun 1880
- /2 Certificate for Queen's Road chapel as a meeting place for Religious Worship 1 item 19 Dec 1885
- /3 Register of Marriages 1 vol 1939 - 1941
- /4 Insurance policy on house and contents 37, Marlborough Road: Primitive Methodist Insurance Company policy No. 9054 1 item 8 Sep 1905
- /5 Fire insurance policy on 37 Marlborough Road, Watford: Primitive Methodist Insurance Company policy No. 11479 1 item 22 Dec 1919
- /6 Sunday School Liability policy: Primitive Methodist Insurance Company policy No. S1790 1 item 7 Nov 1918

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/7	Minutes of trustees, Nov 1883-Oct 1904 with at end reversed trust treasurer's accounts, 1894-1903	1 vol	1883 - 1904
/8	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1911-Apr 1936
/9	Minutes of trustees' and leaders' meetings	1 vol	Nov 1932-Jun 1942
/10	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Oct 1930-Jan 1942
/11	Mortgage of chapel and premises	1 item	18 May 1886
/12-13	Correspondence and papers concerning sale of chapel	2 bdls	1941 - 1942

Whippendell Road Methodist Church, Watford (Primitive) NM7K

The Harwood's Farm Estate in Watford was sold for development at the turn of the nineteenth century. The Primitive Methodists purchased two cottages 113 and 115 Harwoods Road on this estate and regular services were held at number 115 from April 1901. Adjacent land was purchased for building and the road re-named Whippendell. The foundation stone of the new chapel was laid in March 1903 and the building opened in June of the same year. The chapel was wholly rebuilt in 1937 and the congregation amalgamated with the older Queen's Road society (see NM7J). The cottages in Whippendell Road were finally sold in 1957. This church was again extensively rebuilt in 1966 when the former Wesleyan church in Queen's Road, Watford was closed and the congregations united (see NM7A).

- /1 Minutes of members' meetings, Jun 1907 - Aug 1910; minutes of trustees meetings concerning amalgamation with Queen's Road Primitive church, Oct 1910 - Jan 1918; minutes of church meetings with trustees, Aug 1918 - Mar 1926 1 vol 1907 - 1926
- /2 Memorandum of agreement for building new chapel, Mar 1903; correspondence concerning building fund and building plans, 1902-1919 with accounts of building fund, 1910 - 1914; correspondence concerning Wesleyan Harwoods site and proposed development in conjunction with the Primitive Methodists, 1926-1933. 1 file 1903 - 1933
- [see also NM7D/2]

Whippendell Road Methodist Church, Watford (Primitive) NM7K

- /3 Correspondence concerning 1 file 1931 - 1940
building plans and estimates,
building fund and grants,
trust, sale of Queen's Road
church, 1931 - 1936;
correspondence concerning
interior decoration and
accounts for completed
church, 1938 - 1940
- /4 Correspondence concerning 1 file 1935 - 1936
building fund, tenders and
plans; correspondence with
Post Office concerning
erection of telephone kiosk
in church grounds; application
to Methodist church Committee
to erect chapel, 18 Dec 1935;
application for grant,
specification and surveyor's
report, 1936
- /5 Architects' plans and 4 1924 - 1935
elevations of alternative
schemes and revised
designs for church and
schools
- /6 Architects' plans and 3 1937
designs for foundation
stones and boundary fence
- /7 Correspondence concerning 1 file 1957 - 1965
sale of cottages 113 and
115, Harwoods Road, 1957;
correspondence with plans
of alterations and additions
to church and hall, 1964;
correspondence concerning
proposed amalgamation with
the former Wesleyan church
at Queen's Road, 1965
[see also NM7A]

Whippendell Road Methodist Church, Watford (Primitive)

NM7K

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| /8 | Sunday School Liability
Policy: Primitive
Methodist Insurance
Company policy No.S1793 | 1 itme | 7 Oct 1918 |
| /9 | Collection Journal and
Society Steward's
record Queen's Road Mar
1937 - Dec 1941 and
Whippendell Road, Sep
1946 - Dec 1953 | 1 vol | 1937 - 1953 |
| /10 | Minutes of Wesley Guild:
annual general, and
executive committee
meetings | 1 vol | Nov 1949 - Oct 1960 |
| /11 | Souvenir programme of
stone-laying ceremony | 1 item | 10 Jul 1937 |
| /12 | New Methodist church
Whippendell Road:
souvenir programme of
opening ceremony and
services | 1 item | 19 Mar 1938 |
| /13 | Souvenir handbook:
Golden Jubilee, 1903-1953 | 5 | 1953 |
| /14-16 | Photographs: Board of
trustees, 1953;
Rev W Norcross and Mrs
Norcross; Rev J B Hardy | 3 | 1953 |
| /17-19 | Printer's blocks:
photographs as in
NM7K/14-16 | 3 | 1953 |

Whippendell Road Methodist Church, Watford (Primitive)

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| /20-25 | Printer's blocks:
artist's impression of
exterior and interior
of new chapel with
examples of printing | 5 | 1937 |
| /26-27 | Printer's block:
exterior of chapel,
with examples of
printing | 1 | n.d. |

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Whippendell Road Methodist Church, Watford (Primitive) MN7K

/28	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Aug 1922-Jan 1935
/29	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Oct 1935-Feb 1946
/30	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Aug 1946-Oct 1958
/31	Minutes of finance committee	1 vol	Sep 1954-Nov 1960
/32	Papers concerning circuit income and expenditure with annual statements of accounts of Whippendell Road 1953-1959	1 bdl	1953 - 1959
/33	Church accounts: trust, circuit and Sunday School	1 vol	Jan 1928-Dec 1946
/34	Society steward's accounts	1 vol	May 1919-Dec 1959
/35	Collection Journal	1 vol	Sep 1923-May 1934
/36	Collection Journal	1 vol	Jun 1934-Dec 1940
/37	Wesley Guild Cash Book	1 vol	Oct 1959-Oct 1963
/38	Accounts with Architects, George Baines & Son for rebuilding church; with correspondence concerning loans 1938, and final account, 1943	1 bdl	1937 - 1943
/39	Correspondence concerning conveyance of small piece of land to Borough of Watford, with plan and draft conveyance 1936	1 bdl	1936 - 1938

Chorleywood Methodist Church (Primitive)

NM7L

A site was purchased by the Primitive Methodists at Chorleywood in 1892. The church was closed in 1969.

/1	Baptism register	1 vol	Jul 1948 - Jul 1963
/2	Marriage register (one entry only)	1 vol	28 Dec 1957
/3	Minutes of the Chapel Committee, Feb 1921 - Feb 1925; minutes of trustees, Feb 1948 - Mar 1965; annual statements of account, 1921 - 1965; accounts of donations and trust efforts to raise funds, Jun 1920 - Sep 1923	1 vol	1921 - 1965
/4	Income and expenditure accounts	1 vol	Sep 1967 - Nov 1969
/5	Minutes of leaders' meetings Enclosed: annual society accounts 1960 - 1961 and 1963 - 1965	1 vol	Nov 1957 - Nov 1967
/6	Insurance policy on chapel and contents: Primitive Methodist Insurance Company policy No 11,700	1 item	28 May 1920
/7	Sunday School Liability, policy: Methodist Insurance Company policy No S3032	1 item	2 Mar 1934

Services were first held in Croxley Green from 1866 at the home of a Mr Pierce. A site for a chapel in New Road was purchased a year later and the building opened on 16 February 1868. It was rebuilt with the addition of a Sunday School Room in 1893. An organ was installed in 1942. A new church hall built largely by the members themselves was opened in January 1968 as part of the centenary celebrations.

/1	Chapel trustees and the Primitive Methodist Chapel Aid Association Ltd: Mortgage to secure £440	1 item	9 Apr 1896
/2	Insurance policy on chapel and contents: Primitive Methodist Insurance Company policy No. 10,205	1 item	16 Jan 1911
/3	Sunday School Liability policy: Primitive Methodist Insurance Company policy No. S1794	1 item	7 Nov 1918
/4-5	Insurance policies on chapel and contents: Primitive Methodist Insurance Company	1	1892 - 1893
/6	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Jan 1939-Jul 1957
/7	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jan 1905-Jan 1917
/8	Subscription accounts. At end record of "Ernest J Chivers Journeys" through Bedfordshire, 1878	1 vol	1873; 1878
/9	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Nov 1932-Aug 1944
/10	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Nov 1944-Mar 1952
/11	Minutes of leaders meetings	1 vol	Feb 1962-Jun 1970
/12	Minutes of leaders meetings and Church Council from May 1974	1 vol	Sep 1970-Feb 1979
/13	Minutes of annual church meetings	1 vol	Nov 1946-Mar 1987
/14	Baptism register	1 vol	Aug 1948-Aug 1962
/15	Collection Journal	1 vol	Dec 1920-Jun 1930
/16	Collection Journal	1 vol	Dec 1940-Aug 1951
/17	Collection Journal	1 vol	Aug 1951-Oct 1963
/18	Collection Journal	1 vol	Oct 1963-Apr 1976
/19	Envelope scheme register	1 vol	1954 - 1962
/20	Papers concerning centenary celebrations including minutes and reports of organising committee and souvenir brochure	1 bdl	1967 - 1968

New Road Methodist Church, Croxley Green (Primitive)

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/21	Papers concerning erection of new church hall and its subsequent maintenance and use including plans of hall, 1966-1967 and plan of alterations made to existing building, 1954	1 file	1954; 1965-1971
/22	Papers concerning family weekend	1 file	Mar 1978
/23	Annual reports	1 file	1969 - 1986
/24	1st Croxley Green Company The Boys' Brigade: cash book	1 vol	Oct 1942-Apr 1952

Bushey Heath Methodist Church (Primitive)

NM7N

A Primitive Methodist chapel first opened in 1852 at the foot of Clay Hill, Bushey. The building later became a theatre for Sir Hubert Herkomer and a film studio. An iron chapel erected in The Rutts, Bushey Heath on land purchased from a Mr Taylor of Stanmore was formally opened on 24 June 1883. This building still stands and is at present used by the Girl Guides Association. A new site in the High Road was offered to the connection in 1888 and a new chapel opened here in 1891. By 1961 this building was considered too uneconomical to repair. It was demolished in 1967 and the site redeveloped as shops. Services were continued in a prefabricated iron building while the new church was being erected on the site of 69 High Road, Bushey Heath. The modern church now known as St Andrew was opened on 14 September 1968.

A History of the Methodist Church on Bushey Heath 1883-1983
by John M Wood is available in the record office search room

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| /1 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Apr 1930 - Nov 1962 |
| /2 | Insurance policy on chapel and contents:
Primitive Methodist Insurance Company policy No 6090 | 1 item | 13 Jun 1891 |
| /3 | Insurance policy on dwelling house "Hazeldean", London Road, Bushey Heath:
Primitive Methodist Insurance Company policy No 7921 | 1 item | 23 Mar 1900 |
| /4 | Sunday School Liability Policy: Primitive Methodist Insurance Company policy No S1792 | 1 item | 7 Nov 1911 |
| /5 | Counterpart lease of "Heathlands", Bushey Heath by trustees to Mrs Emily Gibbon for 21 years at £26 p.a. | 1 item | 27 Nov 1908 |

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Aldenham Methodist Church (Primitive)

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A small society of Primitive Methodists were meeting in Aldenham from September 1870. However it was not until December 1874 that they were able to rent an iron mission room at Letchmore Heath. This building was purchased in 1885 by Henry Hucks Gibbs for use as a social club so the Methodists were unable to use it again. They resorted to meeting on Letchmore Heath and in the blacksmith's forge when the weather was inclement. Frederick William Thellusson, 5th Baron Rendlesham leased to the society a small plot of land at Four Want Ways, Aldenham in 1886. The foundation stone of a permanent chapel was laid in April the following year and the building was opened for worship on 3 June 1887. The society purchased the freehold of this land in 1959. However falling numbers led to services being suspended in 1965 and the building was leased to the Scout Association. It was finally sold in 1983 for conversion into a private house.

- /1 Insurance policy on chapel and contents: Primitive Methodist Insurance Company policy no. 5441 1 item 10 Nov 1887
- /2 Minutes of trustees 1 vol 1951-1979
- /3 Trust treasurer's accounts, 1937-1982 with annual summaries, 1922-1942 and 1950 at end. Pasted at front newspaper cutting Apr 1937 concerning Jubilee celebrations 1 vol 1922-1982
- /4 Typed copy lease of land at Four Want Ways, Aldenham by Lord Rendlesham to trustees 1 item 1 Feb 1886
- /5 Appeal letter by Rev. Joseph Dinnick for funds to erect new chapel 1 item 1886
- /6 Poster advertising foundation stone laying ceremony 1 item Apr 1887
- /7 Mounted photograph of stone laying ceremony with notes concerning the history of the chapel 1 item Apr 1887

Aldenham Methodist Church (Primitive)

NM7P

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| /8 | Typed extracts from Circuit Minutes relating to Aldenham and copies of articles which appeared in the <u>Watford Observer</u> concerning opening of chapel | 1 item | 1870-1888 |
| /9 | Photocopy of portion of Ordnance Survey map scale 25 ins to 1 mile showing position of chapel at Four Want Ways | 1 item | 1939 |
| /10 | Typed copy of the diary of Mr Charles Jones (1907-1957) for many years society steward, containing his reminiscences of events in the life of the church at Aldenham | 1 vol | 1956 |
| /11
/1-4 | Photographs: foundation stone laying ceremony, 1887; exterior of church, 1956; Ministers and members on occasion of purchase of freehold of church, 1959 | 4 | 1887-1959 |
| /12
/1-2 | Printed brochure concerning gift day and Spring Fair | 2 | Apr 1959 |
| /13 | Cutting from <u>The Methodist Recorder</u> concerning purchase of church freehold | 1 item | 7 May 1959 |
| /14 | Correspondence concerning lease of church premises to Scouts and final sale | 1 bdl | 1967-1983 |

Bushey and Oxhey Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

From 1875 a group of Methodists were meeting for worship in an outbuilding of the Wheatsheaf Public House, Bushey and then later at Oxhey Place Farm. In 1885 an iron church in Villiers Road formerly used by the Plymouth Brethren became available. It was purchased by the Methodists who held their first service there in May 1886. A Sunday School was formed almost immediately which gradually grew in numbers. A new church was soon needed and a site at the junction of King Edward Road and London Road, Bushey was acquired in 1903. Fund raising activities began immediately. The new church designed by C Bell, Withers and Meredith was consecrated on 24 May 1905 and the organ in May 1906. The old iron building was re-erected beside the new church for use as a schoolroom. Houses were later built on the Villiers Road site by local builders. The church was renamed the Bushey and Oxhey Methodist Church in 1928. An extension known as the Galahad Room was opened in November 1930 to provide accommodation for the Sunday School and weekday meetings and the iron building finally demolished in 1963 to make way for a new Sunday School Hall. The church was renovated and remodelled internally in 1981-2 during which period services were held in the School Hall. Centenary celebrations were held in 1986. A short history of the Methodist Church in Bushey can be found in NM7Q/55.

/1	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1887 (first meeting) - Feb 1919
/2	Minutes of trustees including minutes of war memorial committee May - Jun 1919	1 vol	May 1919-Mar 1927
/3	Minutes of trustees	1 vol	Feb 1928-Mar 1951
/4	Minutes of Leaders Meetings Aug 1956- Nov 1962 together with minutes of joint trustees and leaders meeting 7 Sep 1960 and minutes of annual society meetings Jan 1961-Feb 1972	1 vol	1956 - 1972
/5	Joint Leaders and Trustees meetings: minutes and reports	1 file	Mar 1963-Dec 1966
/6	Joint Leaders and Trustees meetings: minutes and reports	1 file	Mar 1967-Dec 1973
/7	Leaders and Trustees meetings: attendance register	1 vol	Jun 1968-Jan 1973
/8-9	Leaders and Trustees: general correspondence, accounts, lists of members	2 files	1963 - 1973
/10	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Jun 1905-Dec 1924
/11	Trust treasurer's accounts	1 vol	Feb 1924-Mar 1940

Bushey and Oxhey Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

/12	Specification for new church (C Bell, Withers and Meredith, A.R.I.B.A.)	1 vol	c.1903
/13	Building fund accounts including lists of donors [see also NM7Q/14 and 46]	1 vol	Jan 1903-Dec 1915
/14	Building fund balance sheets [found enclosed in NM7Q/13]	1 bdl	1905
/15	Photocopy of conveyance of church site in Villiers Road, Bushey by Trustees to Levi and Harold Cartwright, builders	1 bdl	[11 Apr 1906]
/16	Correspondence and other papers concerning erection of new church hall	1 bdl	1960 - 1962
/17	Plans and elevations of new church hall. Architects: P W Dawney & Carpenter, 131 Victoria Street, London SW 1	1 bdl	1960 - 1962
/18	Orders of service of dedication of new church hall with specimen invitation card	4	19 October 1963
/19	Pulpit notices	1 vol	Apr 1945-Feb 1949
/20	Pulpit notices	1 vol	Feb 1949-Jan 1953
/21	Pulpit notices	1 vol	Feb 1953-Feb 1957
/22	Account book: seat rents, 1905-1937; bazaars, 1935-1936; caretakers wages, 1928-1937; church fund, 1937; petty cash, 1936-1937; class money, 1928- 1937	1 vol	1905 - 1937
/23	Seat rent ledger	1 vol	1905 - 1910
/24	Collection journal	1 vol	Oct 1942-May 1951
/25	Collection journal	1 vol	Jun 1951-Jul 1973
/26-30	Vestry cash books	5 vols	Mar 1939-Jul 1951
/31	Papers concerning administration of Church Office	1 file	1963
/32	Wednesday Club: income and expenditure accounts	1 vol	Sep 1954-Apr 1975
/33	Wednesday Club: accounts and correspondence	1 bdl	1972 - 1973

Bushey and Oxhey Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

/34	Minutes of Sunday School Council	1 vol	Dec 1926-May 1970
/35	Minutes of Sunday School Leaders meetings	1 vol	Nov 1966-Dec 1973
/36	Correspondence and papers concerning Sunday School Leaders meetings including minutes Jul 1974 and Jun 1978	1 bdl	1973 - 1978
/37	Young Disciples Roll	1 vol	1928 - 1956
/38	Disciples roll	1 vol	c.1960 - 1966
/39	Minutes of Youth Council	1 vol	Nov 1943 (first meeting) - Mar 1955
/40	Minutes of Youth Council	1 vol	Feb 1961-Mar 1973
/41	Youth Council accounts	1 vol	May 1944-Jan 1971
/42	Youth Council: reports and list of members	1 bdl	1962-1969
/43	Minutes of Youth Club committee	1 bdl	Sep 1972-Mar 1978
/44-45	Newspaper cuttings, photographs and printed items concerning Youth Club activities	2 files	1966 - 1977
/46	Printed programmes and orders of service for concerts and bazaars organised to raise funds for new church, including first appeal letter May 1903 with list of donations	1 bdl	1903 - 1922
/47	Photocopy of booklet <i>Circuit Celebrities Caricatured</i> drawn by local artist Dudley Ward and sold at Empire Bazaar to raise funds for church	1 vol	1909
/48	Printed programmes of concerts held to raise money for organ fund and choir	1 bdl	1905 - 1906
/49	Orders of service: opening and dedication of new organ	2	Jun 1906
/50	Printed programme and newspaper cutting concerning opening of Galahad Room	1 bdl	1929 - 1930
/51	Certificates awarded to Bushey and Oxhey Church members at Young Methodists Eisteddfod	9	1943 - 1945

Bushey and Oxhey Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

/52	Programme for At Home Diamond Jubilee celebrations	1	May 1965
/53	Printed order of service for re-opening and dedication of the church	2	Jul 1982
/54	<i>The Story of Methodism in Bushey and Oxhey: Diamond Jubilee Souvenir</i>	3	May 1946
/55	<i>Bushey and Oxhey : 100 Years of Methodism</i>	2	1986
/56	Unbound copies of <i>100 Years of Methodism</i>	1 bdl	1986
/57	Page proofs and printers plates used in the production of <i>100 Years of Methodism</i>	1 bdl	1986
/58	Newspaper cuttings concerning book and centenary celebrations	2	1986
/59	Photographs: Sunday School teachers and pupils; outings to Bricket Wood; old chapel Villiers Road; Wheatsheaf Public House, Bushey Arches; opening ceremony of new church in London Road, 1906	1 bdl	c.1890 - 1920
/60	Photographs - Circuit ministers and church officers including Arthur Trewin, Trust Treasurer, Henry Trewin, Circuit Steward, W Gregory, Watford Lay Evangelist and R J Caffall, Circuit Steward	1 bdl	c.1905 - 1986
/61	Printed Orders of Service for appointed readers	3	n.d.
/62	<i>Rules and Regulations under the Marriage act, 1898</i>	1 vol	1909
/63	<i>The Ministers' and Laymen's Handbook of Business in Methodist Circuit Meetings</i> by Wesley F Swift	1 vol	1951

Carpenders Park and South Oxhey Methodist Church

From 1945 a society was meeting in the Carpenders Park area of Watford. Services and a Sunday School were held in a variety of locations including a Junior School for a short time. A site for a church in Prestwick Road was purchased from the London County Council in 1951 and the new building opened in 1953.

A fire at this church in 1988 severely damaged the documents listed below so that great care must be exercised in handling them.

/1	Stubs from baptism certificates	1 vol	c.1976 - 1979
/2	Annual statements of account	1 bdl	1945 - 1954
/3	Receipt and expenditure accounts	1 vol	Jan 1949-Mar 1953
/4	Society steward's accounts	1 bdl	Jan 1953-Feb 1963
/5	Papers concerning rebuilding of church	1 bdl	1952 - 1955
/6	Papers concerning Silver Jubilee celebrations	1 bdl	1978

WELWYN GARDEN CITY METHODIST CIRCUIT

NM8

Introduction

A Methodist Society at Welwyn Garden City was formed in 1943 and at first services were held in the Community Centre. A site was purchased in Ludwick Way in 1946 and a church opened in 1950. The present church designed by Paul v Mauger and David Sutcliffe is a much larger building opened in 1957. At this period Welwyn Garden City formed part of the St Albans circuit (see NM5). The Digswell Lodge Methodist Society holding services in the Vineyard Community Hall was formed in 1959, also under the St Albans circuit.

A Methodist church and hall had previously opened in Warren Way, Digswell and together with the societies at Oaklands and Knebworth formed part of the Stevenage circuit until 1969 (see NM6). Welwyn Garden City was transferred to the Stevenage circuit in 1960.

A separate Welwyn Garden City circuit was formed in 1969 to include Welwyn Garden City, Knebworth, Digswell (Warren Way), Oaklands and Vineyard (Digswell). Records relating to the societies at Knebworth and Oaklands (Welwyn) have been received in the Record Office, (see NM8A and 8B).

The Welwyn Garden City circuit forms part of the London North West District of the Methodist Church.

WELWYN GARDEN CITY METHODIST CIRCUIT

NM8

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Circuit plan: Ludwick
Way (Welwyn Garden City)
Knebworth, Digswell,
Oaklands and Vineyard

1 item Oct - Dec 1978

Knebworth Methodist Church

NM8A

A Methodist Society was formed in Knebworth in 1927. Services were at first held in the mission room in Gun Road. A site was purchased from the London North Eastern Railway on North Road in 1934, and a temporary building erected soon after. This was reconstructed as a permanent church in 1965.

From 1930 until 1946 Knebworth formed part of the Hitchin circuit (see NM4). It was then included in the Stevenage and Knebworth Methodist Mission (see NM6) until being transferred to the Welwyn Garden City circuit in 1969.

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| /1 | Trustees' correspondence concerning purchase of land, conveyance, names of trustees, and design of proposed building | 1 file | 1933 - 1937 |
| /2 | Minutes of local committee, Apr - Sep 1930 concerning proposed Methodist church at Knebworth including minutes of joint meetings with Synod Commission and District Union Committee and Minutes of Leaders' Meetings Oct 1930-Mar 1932 | 1 vol | 1930 - 1935 |
| /3 | Annual reports of Knebworth Methodist church
[These items were found enclosed inside NM8A/2] | 1 bdl | 1930 - 1935 |
| /4 | Minutes of Leaders' meetings
[see also NM8A/2] | 1 vol | May 1932 - Nov 1945 |

Knebworth Methodist Church

NM8A

- /5 Church accounts: income and expenditure and separate accounts for poor fund, May 1932 - Jan 1939; Leaders' account, Jan 1938 - Dec 1939; Sunday School account, Jan 1932 - Dec 1939; account with Chapel Aid Association, Apr 1933 - Jan 1938; site purchase, Mar 1934 - Dec 1935; building account, Feb 1935- Dec 1939 1 vol 1932 - 1939
- /6 Pulpit notice book 1 vol Nov 1936 - Apr 1937
- /7 Knebworth, The Story of our Village: local history pamphlet published by Knebworth branch of the Workers' Educational Association 1 item 1953

Oaklands Methodist Church, Welwyn

NM8B

Free Church services were being held at Oaklands from December 1940. In November 1942 the society took a lease of a property known as "Castle Stores". Not until the early 1950's did the society become part of the Methodist church and was attached to the Stevenage and Knebworth Methodist Mission (see NM6). It was transferred to the Welwyn Garden City circuit on its formation in 1969.

/1 Minutes of committee and congregation general meetings 1 vol Apr 1941 - Mar 1946

BISHOP'S STORTFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

NM9

Introduction

John Wesley visited Bishop's Stortford in March 1775 but did not preach there. Until 1885 Bishop's Stortford formed part of the Bishop's Stortford and Hertford circuit (see NM10). At this date a separate Bishop's Stortford circuit was formed which in 1887 amalgamated with the Saffron Walden Wesleyan circuit to form the North West Essex Mission. The Mission included the chapels at Bishop's Stortford, Saffron Walden, Harlow, Hoddesdon, Burnt Hill, Braughing, Little Chesterford, Arkesden, Berden and Sheering. From 1902-12 the Mission was again amalgamated with the Hertford churches to form the much larger London and Hertford Mission circuit. For information relating to this circuit see NM10/11 - 19. In 1912 the North West Essex Mission was again constituted a separate circuit, the chapel at Hoddesdon remaining part of the newly formed Waltham Abbey and Hertford circuit (see NM10). The chapel at Sheering was closed in 1918 (see NM9 E) and Sawbridgeworth formed part of the Mission from 1926 until its closure in 1938. In 1939 the Mission was amalgamated with the former Primitive Methodist churches of the Saffron Walden circuit (Saffron Walden, Chrishall, Clavering, Hempstead, Ickleton, Langley (Essex), Furneux Pelham, Manuden and Dassells) to form the Bishop's Stortford circuit. Berden was closed in 1942, Burnt Hill was transferred to the Harlow Mission circuit in 1953 and Dassells and Furneux Pelham closed at the same period.

The circuit now includes Bishop's Stortford, Stanstead, Braughing, Saffron Walden, Chrishall, Clavering, Arkesden, Langley and Ickleton and forms part of the London North East District of the Methodist church.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

NM9

North West Essex Mission (Wesleyan)

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| /1 | Chapel trust schedules giving dates properties acquired, their value, yearly income and expenditure | 1 vol | Mar 1926-Mar 1939 |
| /2 | Local preachers' meeting minutes: Saffron Walden circuit, 1885 -1887, North West Essex Mission, 1887 - 1912, Waltham Abbey and Hertford Circuit, 1912 onwards | 1 vol | Sep 1885-Mar 1917 |
| /3 | Local preachers' meeting minutes | 1 vol | Dec 1921-Mar 1926 |
| /4 | Local preachers' meeting minutes | 1 vol | Jun 1926-Nov 1937 |
| /5 | Returns of information relating to local preachers | 3 | Mar 1937-Mar 1939 |
| /6 | Circuit schedule book: North West Essex Mission 1898-1902, London and Hertfordshire Mission (Bishop's Stortford Section), 1902-1907, North West Essex Mission, 1912 onwards. This volume contains names of stewards and trustees, accounts of subscriptions and names of subscribers to Wesleyan periodicals | 1 vol | Jun 1898-Sep 1907;
Sep 1912-Dec 1920 |
| /7 | Register of members removal to other circuits
[see also NM9/24] | 1 vol | 1889 - 1898 |

BISHOP'S STORTFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

NM9

Saffron Walden Circuit (Primitive)

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| /8 | Quarterly meeting minutes | 1 vol | Mar 1932-Jun 1939 |
| /9 | Baptism register | 1 vol | 1846 - 1861 |
| /10 | Baptism register | 1 vol | 1860 - 1876 |
| /11 | Baptism register | 1 vol | 1866 - 1908 |
| /12 | Notes of a meeting to discuss union of Saffron Walden and Bishop's Stortford circuits with financial statement comparing the two circuits | 1 bdl | Oct 1933 |
| /13 | Photocopy of circuit plan (Saffron Walden, Chrishall, Clavering, Hempstead, Ickleton, Langley, Elmdon, Stanstead, Anstey, Furneux Pelham, Manuden, Dassells and Duddenhoe End) | 1 item | 1889 |
| /14-15 | Circuit plans (Saffron Walden, Chrishall, Clavering, Hempstead, Ickleton, Langley, Stanstead, Furneux Pelham, Manuden, Dassells and Duddenhoe End) | 2 | 1933 and 1935 |

Bishop's Stortford Circuit (from 1939)

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| /16 | Quarterly meeting minutes | 1 vol | Sep 1939-Jun 1951 |
| /17 | Typed minutes of quarterly meeting, Mar 1977 with agenda, Jun 1977 | 1 bdl | 1977 |

BISHOP'S STORTFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

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- /18 Chapel trust schedules giving dates properties acquired, their value and yearly income and expenditure; at end return of endowments, 1948-1953 (Saffron Walden circuit, 1934 - Mar 1939; Bishop's Stortford circuit thereafter) 1 vol Mar 1934-Mar 1955
- /19 Methodist trust schedules showing state of individual chapel trust current accounts 1 bdl 1954 - 1957
- /20 Returns of information relating to local preachers 1 bdl Mar 1940-Dec 1956
- /21-22 Financial statements: London Missions and Home Missions 2 1975/1976;
1976/1977
- /23 Circuit schedule book giving numbers of members and amounts of subscriptions to connexional funds 1 vol Jun 1942-Mar 1949;
Dec 1952-Mar 1957
- /14 Register of members (North West Essex Mission and Bishop's Stortford circuit) 1 vol 1928 - 1951
- /25-33 Circuit plans (Bishop's Stortford, Stanstead, Braughing, Saffron Walden, Chrishall, Clavering, Arkesden, Langley and Ickleton; 1975 includes Little Chesterford) 9 Oct - Dec 1975;
Jan - Jun 1978;
Jan - Mar 1980
- /34 Women's Fellowship London N.E. District Newsletter No 6 1 item Spring 1976
- /35 Primitive Methodist Church class tickets (chapel unidentified) 5 Nov 1924 and Feb 1925

South Street Methodist Church, Bishop's Stortford (Wesleyan) NM9A

The first Methodist services were held in 1823 under a tree at the Causeway, Bishop's Stortford. A year later a seed warehouse in Church Street was purchased and converted into a chapel. The first minister was appointed in 1828 and the first chapel was erected in South Street, Bishop's Stortford shortly afterwards. This was rebuilt in 1864. In 1902 this chapel was sold and a year later a new chapel was opened on a different site in South Street.

Until 1885 Bishop's Stortford formed part of the Bishop's Stortford and Hertford circuit. The records of this circuit in which much information is to be found concerning individual chapels have been catalogued under NM10. These include baptism registers, 1838 - 1885 containing Bishop's Stortford entries (Ref: NM10/9-10). A microfilm of an earlier register, 1827 - 1837 held by the Public Record Office is also available here (Ref: PC26/1).

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| /1 | Minutes of trustees | 1 vol | Feb 1894-Jul 1904 |
| /2 | Minutes of trustees (those up to 1904 are duplicates of NM9A/1). Pasted in front printed handbill advertising opening service of new chapel, 3 Jun 1903 | 1 vol | Jul 1900-May 1950 |
| /3 | Trustees' correspondence concerning repair of organ | 1 bdl | 1950 - 1951 |
| /4 | Trust treasurer's accounts, Jan 1922 - Dec 1949 with annual summaries, 1922 - 1945 | 1 vol | 1922 - 1949 |
| /5 | Minutes of Leaders' meetings | 1 vol | Jan 1888-Jan 1922 |
| /6 | Minutes of Leaders' meetings | 1 vol | Jan 1922-Jan 1937 |

South Street Methodist Church, Bishop's Stortford (Wesleyan) MN9A

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| /7 | Methodist Missionary Society,
Women's Work Department:
minutes of committee | 1 vol | Mar 1937-Sep 1959 |
| /8 | Collection Journal | 1 vol | Jul 1926-Jul 1939 |
| /9-11 | Photographs of old and new
chapels | 3 | c 1902 - 3 |
| /12 | Subscription list for funds
for new chapel | 1 item | 1901 |
| /13 | Church monthly newsletters | 1 bdl | Feb 1976-Jun 1976;
Sep 1976;Nov 1976;
Jan 1977-Jun 1977 |
| /14-16 | Annual church reports and
accounts | 3 | 1974 - 1976 |
| /17 | <u>With You in Mind</u> : illustrated
booklet concerning work of the
Bishop's Stortford Methodist
Church | 1 item | 1973 |
| /18 | Church Notices | 1 bdl | Feb 1976-Jun 1977 |
| /19 | Printed order of service for
united service of Bishop's
Stortford circuit and St.
Michael's and Water Lane
United Reformed Churches held
at Bishop's Stortford Methodist
Church | 1 item | 20 Mar 1977 |
| /20-21 | Women's Guild of Fellowship:
photograph of Golden Jubilee
party and congratulatory card
from Girls' Brigade | 2 | May 1976 |

Arkesden Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

NM9B

Methodists at Arkesden first worshipped in a barn at Wood Hall lent to the connection in 1886. A small chapel was erected at a later date.

- /1 Minutes of trustees, 1 vol 1905 - 1956
Feb 1942 - Jul 1956
[Volume also contains minutes of trustees of Berden chapel, Jan 1905 - Feb 1942 and Little Chesterford, Feb 1935 - Feb 1940]
- /2 Trust treasurer's accounts; 1 vol Jun 1887-Dec 1903
at end separate accounts for chapel anniversaries 1896 and 1897

Berden Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

NM9C

A Methodist congregation was worshipping in Berden from 1837. At this date it formed part of the Bishop's Stortford and Hertford circuit (see NML0). The original chapel in Berden was apparently demolished in 1907, and a new chapel, erected on a different site, was opened on 6 December 1908. This building was closed and sold in 1942.

/1 Society steward's accounts 1 vol 1910 - 1934;
1940 - 1942
[Minutes of trustees, Jan
1905 - Feb 1942 can be
found in NM9B/1]

Burnt Mill Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

NM9D

This chapel was erected in 1887 at that date forming part of the North West Essex Mission. Burnt Mill was then included in the newly created Bishop's Stortford circuit in 1939. In 1953 it was transferred to the Harlow Mission Circuit.

/1 A Collection of Hymns, for 1 vol 1885
the use of the people called
Methodists, Rev John Wesley, M A:
presented by trustees to Mrs
Arthur Ashwell on occasion of
laying memorial stones 11 Apr
1887

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Sheering Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

NM9E

As a preaching place Sheering was first served by the Bishop's Stortford and Hertford circuit in 1852 (see NM10). A chapel was erected here in 1886 and closed in 1918.

/1 Minutes of trustees

1 vol Feb 1893-Jul 1918

Saffron Walden Methodist Church (Primitive)

NM9F

"Walden" formed part of the Bishop's Stortford and Hertford circuit in 1831 (see NM10). A Wesleyan chapel was certainly built by 1865 which became part of the North West Essex Mission in 1887.

A Primitive Methodist chapel was also erected in Castle Hill, Saffron Walden in 1868 and formed part of the Saffron Walden Primitive Methodist circuit. This chapel was closed in December 1937 and the premises sold in 1939. The proceeds of the sale were allocated to the trustees of the Saffron Walden Common Hill charity.

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| /1 | Minutes of trustees' meeting, 28 Jun 1938 sanctioning closure of chapel; also minutes of trustees of Saffron Walden (Common Hill) Charity, Sep 1942 - Feb 1947 | 1 vol | 1938 - 1947 |
| /2 | Charity accounts
[Found enclosed with NM9F/1] | 1 bd1 | 1942 - 1948 |

Dassells Chapel, Braughing (Primitive)

NM9G

Dassells chapel, Braughing was opened in 1868 and formed part of the Saffron Walden Primitive Methodist circuit. The chapel was sold in the 1950's.

/1 Trust treasurer's accounts, 1 vol 1877 - 1950
Mar 1877 - Jan 1950; at end
reversed minutes of trustees
meetings, 14 Jan 1878, 3 Mar
1879 and 18 Jan 1892, minutes
of chapel committee, 20 Jan
1913 and minutes of special
meeting to nominate new
trustees, 25 May 1914

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Furneux Pelham Methodist Church (Primitive)

NM9H

A Primitive Methodist chapel was opened at Furneux Pelham in 1873 and formed part of the Saffron Walden Primitive Methodist circuit. The chapel was closed in the 1950's.

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| /1 | Trust treasurer's accounts;
at end reversed minutes of
trustees' meetings, Apr-
May 1929 and Feb 1930 | 1 vol | 1908 - 1949 |
| /2 | Receipts and bills
[Enclosed with NM9H/1] | 1 bd1 | 1937 - 1947 |