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THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, GILWERN

In 1972 the former Congregational Church in England and Wales joined with the former Presbyterian Church of England to form the United Reformed Church. The former Gilwern Congregational thereafter became the URC, Gilwern. The present church was opened in 1886. Before that services were held in a schoolroom adjoining the Lion Inn from 1852.

For history see D 2838.27

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| D 2838.1 | Church meeting minute book
used for deacons' meetings
1943-48

at back: list of caretaker's
duties c.1930s and notes on
origins of church pieces such
as pulpit bible, new organ
communion service | 1907-1948 |
| D 2838.2 | Church meetings minute book
1944-1956 | 1944-1956 |
| D 2838.3 | Deacons' meetings minute book

at front: lists of deacons
serving at various dates 1948-
1977 | 1948-1977 |
| D 2838.4 | Account book

including Gilwern incidental
expense fund and ministry
collections

[opening pages are in Welsh] | 1874-1881 |
| D 2838.5 | Treasurer's account book

with (loose) receipt and
expenditure abstract 1890 and
abstract of sunday school
account 1893 | 1885-1893 |
| D 2838.6 | Receipts and expenditure book

at back: list of ministers who
officiated at the chapel
anniversaries 1886-1910 | 1893-1910 |
| D 2838.7 | Account book | 1911-1927 |
| D 2838.8 | Monthly contributions book | 1889-1896 |

D 2838.9	Offertory record book	1970-1971
D 2838.10	Offertory record book	1971-1973
D 2838.11	Church engagements diary 1967-1968	1967-1968
D 2838.12	Church engagements diary 1968-1969	1968-1969
D 2838.13	Church engagements diary 1974-1975	1974-1975
D 2838.14	Annual statistical returns made to Rev. B. Williams, Swansea of the Congregational Church and Home Missionary Society (South Wales)	1880-1884
	details include attendance, membership and accounts	
	[1 paper]	
D 2838.15	Letters to W.J. Morgan concerning church accounts and trust deeds	1883-1890
	[5 papers]	
D 2838.16	Abstracts of accounts 1886 and 1896	1886-1896
	[2 papers]	
D.2838.17	Application for grant aid from Congregational Church-aid & Home Missionary Society, South Wales	1886-1889
	information given includes details of formation of church, buildings and description of district	
	[1 bundle]	
D 2838.18	South Wales English Congregational Union notice of annual meeting	1901
D 2838.19	Account of J. Morgan with Gilwern Sunday school	1906
	[notebook, one page only used]	

D 2838.20	Specifications for repairs to the Church with correspondence 1908, 1937 and 1947 [1 bundle]	1908-1947
D 2838.21	Land tax provisional valuation	1915
D 2838.22	Correspondence with Revd. Lewis H. Davies, Barnstable re his appointment as pastor, the dispute over his stipend and difficulties finding accommodation for him [1 bundle]	1924-1928
D 2838.23	Draft notes of speech by church secretary n.d. c.1945 includes outline of church history	c.1945
D 2838.24	Letter from Congregational Church Gilwern recommending Mr. G. Mortimer Neads (? to bible college) as a suitable candidate for the Christian Ministry (? on leaving the army) 26 Jan 1946	1946
D 2838.25	Register of baptisms, marriages and burials 1946-1985	1946-1985
D 2838.26	Programme of Centenary Celebrations 1852-1952, 7 Nov 1952	1952
D 2838.27	Edgar C. Powell, <u>The Charm of the Vale and the Chapel in the Valley</u> (1986) a compilation of historical pieces concerning the area and more specifically the church (photocopy)	1986
D 2838.28	Programme of Ordination of Julian Paul Thomas and his induction to the United Reformed Church Pastorate of Gilwern and Llangynidr	1988

PHOTOCOPIES

(The following were all enveloped together)

D 2838.29

1886 Dec 21

CONVEYANCE
(with plan)

1. William James Morgan of Hope House, Govilon, accountant
2. John Morgan Jones of Clydach co. Brecon, minister of the Gospel, John William of Aberclydach House in the same county gent., Benjamin Pritchard of Gilwern, bootmaker, Rees Thomas of Commercial Stores, Gilwern, licensed victualler, the said W.J.M. (1), William Jones of Ty Mawr Lodge, co. Brecon, gardener, James Edwin Watkins of Gilwern, grocer, Thomas Davies of the same place, stonemason, James Meredith of the same place, coalminer and William Saunders of Wenallt Farm co. Brecon, farmer (Trustees)

parcel of land with the chapel school house and other buildings non erected and standing thereon situate at Gilwern co. Brecon and bounded on the north side by a garden of (1) on the south side by a private dwelling used as a police station the property of the late Thomas Price on the east side by the turnpike road leading from Abergavenny to Brynmawr and on the west side by a lane called Donkey's Lane (as per a plan at the foot of these presents)

Consideration: £10

Annual rent: £1

D 2838.30

1922 June 12

APPONTMENT OF
NEW TRUSTEES

1. John Morgan Jones of Grosvenor House, Gilwern par. Llanelly co. Brecon, Congregational minister
2. J.M.J.(1) and James Edwin Watkins of Hatherleigh, Gilwern, grocer and William Saunders of Coda House, Walterstone co. Hereford, retired farmer
3. John Davies of Danybont, Gilwern, gardener, John Edwin Flowers of the Common, Gilwern, retired police officer, Charles Jones of Grove House, Common, Gilwern, railway plate layer, Wilfred Powell of Pentwyn Clydach, Gilwern, coal miner, Edwin Rufus Morgan of Pentwyn Clydach, sanitary inspector and Edward Locker of Gilwern, grocer (trustees)

Note of enrollment in Supreme Court of Judicature 6 July 1922

D 2838.31	<p>Congregational church form of procedure approved by the Church Meeting on 29 Sept 1943 to act as guidance in carrying out the working of the church according to established Congregational principles</p>	1943
D 2838.32	<p>Memorial College Brecon receipt of documents from trustees of Gilwern Congregational Church per Rev. Edgar C. Powell for deposit in college safe 30 July 1954; the documents being a Conveyance 1886, Appointment of trustees 1922 and 1953</p>	1954
D 2838.33	<p>Letters to Rev. Edgar C. Powell from A. Gordon Jenkins, solicitor, Crickhowell, re dispute over chapel wall</p> <p>[2 papers]</p>	1958
D 2838.34	<p>Fire insurance policy in the Avon Insurance Company Ltd. 27 March 1957</p> <p>With endorsements 1963 and 1968</p> <p>[2 copies]</p>	1957
D 2838.35	<p>Letter to Rev. Edgar C. Powell from Messrs. Hutchinson & Morris, solicitors of Neath re appointment of 'the incorporated union as joint trustee' and requesting the church's title deeds and details of trustees</p> <p>with plan showing manse</p>	1966
D 2838.36	<p>Memorandum of choice and appointment of new trustees 8 Nov 1953</p>	1953
D 2838.37	<p>Memorandum of choice and appointment of new trustees c. 1960</p>	c. 1960
D 2838.38	<p>Home insurance policy in The Congregational Insurance Company Ltd. 29 Oct. 1971</p> <p>[2 copies]</p>	1971

D 2838.39

Minutes of deacons' meeting
29 Nov. 1971

1971-1972

with agenda for deacons'
meeting 31 Jan. 1971; letter
to Rev. E.C. Powell from the
Congregational Church in South
Wales and Monmouthshire re
trusteeship 17 Jan. 1972 and
resolutions of Church
Meeting re appointment of
trustees 1972

PRINTED MATERIAL

D 2838.40

J. Glyndawr Harris, The United
Reformed Church in Wales: its
Heritage and Formation (April
1984)

1984

D 2838.41

Rev. W. John Samuel, These
Sixty Years: a Brief Survey of
the History of the South Wales
English Congregational Union
(Cardiff c. 1959)

1959

with South Wales English
Congregational Union Diamond
Jubilee Celebrations programme
17 Sept. 1959