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**RECORDS  
OF  
INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCHES**

**BURNLEY DISTRICT  
PENDLE DISTRICT  
ROSSENDALE DISTRICT**

## COLNE AND NELSON CIRCUIT

### Circuit Records

Minute Books	1868-73, 1873-87, 1887-1921, 1921-1949, 1950-78, 1985-2000
Minutes (folder, incomplete)	1998-2005
I and O Minutes	1930-68, 1968-83
Accounts Book	1908-49
Cash Book	1908-41 (on shelf, not in box), 1941-56, 1956-72
Treasurer's Book	1906-61, 1961-72
Finance Committee Minutes	1896-1945, 1981-1994
Correspondence Book	1930-39
President's Bible	1963-1998

### Overseas Missions

Minutes	1981-1992
Correspondence	2001-2003

### Ministers' Records

Minutes of Education/Ministers' Committee (see also relevant folders below)	1895-1924, 1924-1948, 1948, 1981-1992
Correspondence	1996-2004

### Circuit Magazines

1916 (Aug)
1918 (Apr)
1935 (Feb)
1937 (Feb)
1951 (Jan-Dec)
1952 (Jan-Dec)
1953 (Jan-Dec)
1954 (Jan-Dec)
1957 (Sep, Nov, Dec)
1958 (Jan, Feb, Mar, May, Jun, Dec)
1959 (all except Jan, Dec)
1960 (all except Mar)
1961 (Jan-Dec)
1962 (all except Nov)
1963 (Apr-Dec)
1964 (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Sep, Nov)
1965 (Jan, May, Oct, Dec)
1966 (Feb, Apr, May, Aug, Sep)
1967 (Feb, Aug, Nov, Dec)
1968 (Jan, Mar, Apr, May, Jul, Sep, Oct, Nov)
1969 (Apr, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec)
1970 (Jan, Aug, Nov, Dec)
1971 (Feb, Mar, Apr, Sep, Oct, Nov)
New format from 1972 – A5 booklet
1972 (Jun)
1973 (Jan, Mar)
1976 (Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Sep, Nov/Dec)
1977 (all except Apr)
1978 (all except Jun, Nov)
1979 (all except Sep)
1980 (all except Oct, Nov)
1981 (Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Sep, Oct, Dec)
New format –A4 duplicated from Mar 1982
1982 (Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec)
1983 (all except Nov)
1984 (Jan-Oct)
1985 (Mar, May, Jun)

1992 (Mar, Apr, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov)  
1993 (Jan, Apr, May, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Dec)  
1994 (May, Jun, Sep [booklet], Oct, Dec)  
New format – booklet from Mar 1995  
1995 (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Jul, Sep, Oct)  
1996 (Jan, Feb, Mar, May, Jun, Sep, Nov)  
1997 (Mar, May, Nov)

### **Women's Auxiliary**

Minutes	1986-94, 1995-2001
Treasurer's Book	1956-2001
Secretary's expenses book	1966-1984
Roll Call	1981-2001
Branch secretaries' addresses	und.

### **Folders:**

Circuit Events/Action Committee reports	1962
I & O Questionnaires	1930-31
Statistics (various)	1914-81
Statements of accounts (various)	1921-81
Revised Ministers' Appointments scheme	1936
Ministers' Correspondence	1980-81
Miscellaneous correspondence	

### **Colne and Nelson Circuit Plans**

1867-8 Nov-Jan  
1868 May-Jul, Aug-Oct  
1868-9 Nov-Jan  
1869 Jan-April, May-Jul, Aug-Oct  
1878 April-June  
1881 Jul-Sep  
1886 Jul-Sep  
1887 Jan-Mar  
1888 Jul-Sep, Oct-Dec  
1895 Jul-Sep  
1897 Jan-Mar  
1899 Oct-Dec  
1907 Jul-Sep  
1908 Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun  
1910 Jan-Mar  
1913 Apr-June (part missing)  
1914 Apr-Jun  
1914-1974 – complete run of six-monthly plans  
1975 Jul-Dec  
1978 Jan-June, Jul-Sep  
1979 Jan-June, Jul-Sep  
1980 Jan-June, Jul-Sep  
1981 Jan-June, Jul-Sep  
1983 Jan-June  
1984 Jan-June, Jul-Sep  
1988 Jan-Jun

### **Circuit Newsletters (monthly)**

1916 Aug  
1935 Feb  
1937 Feb  
1951 Jan-Dec complete  
1952 Jan-Dec complete

1953 Jan-Dec complete  
 1954 Jan-Dec complete  
 1956 Jan  
 1957 Sep, Nov, Dec  
 1958 Jan, Feb, Mar, May, June, Dec  
 1959 Feb-Dec complete  
 1960 Jan, Feb, Apr-Dec complete  
 1961 Jan-Dec complete  
 1962 Jan-Oct complete, Dec  
 1963 Apr-Dec complete  
 1964 Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Sep, Nov  
 1965 Jan, May, Oct, Dec  
 1966 Feb, Apr, May, July, Aug, Sep  
 1967 Feb, June, Aug, Nov, Dec  
 1968 Jan, Mar, Apr, May, Jul, Sep, Oct, Nov  
 1969 Apr, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec  
 1970 Jan, Aug, Sep, Nov, Dec  
 1971 Feb, Mar, Apr, Sep, Oct, Nov  
 1972 Jun  
 1973 Jan, Feb, Mar  
 1976 Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Sep, Dec  
 1977 Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec  
 1978 Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jul, Sep, Oct, Dec  
 1979 Jan-Aug complete, Oct-Dec complete  
 1980 Jan-Sep complete, Dec  
 1981 Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Sep, Oct, Dec  
 1982 Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec  
 1983 Jan-Oct complete, Dec  
 1984 Jan-Oct complete  
 1985 Mar, May, June  
 1992 Mar, Apr, Jun, July, Aug, Sep, Nov  
 1993 Jan, Apr, May, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Dec  
 1994 May, Jun, Jul, Sep (Link) Oct, Nov, Dec  
 1995 Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Jul, Sep, Oct (Link from March onwards)  
 1996 Jan, Feb, Mar, May, June, Sep, Nov  
 1997 Mar, May, Nov

#### **Folders:**

##### (1) Circuit Events

Circuit Social programmes – 1899, 1902, 1905, 1910, 1914, 1915, 1916 (2), 1917, 1918 (2), 1937, 1938

Music Festival – 1922

Youth Festivals – 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959 (note that this was resumed in 1956 after Music Festival 34 years earlier)

Great United Mission 1900 (2 copies)

Visit of Connexional Evangelist, J. W. Davenport (und.)

Public Meeting with collection for £5000 fund (und)

Action Committee report 1962

##### (2) Revised Ministers' Appointments' Scheme 1936

##### (3) Statements of Accounts misc. years 1921-81

##### (4) Statistics (various years) 1914-81; folder of statistics and church reports 1991-2004

##### (5) I and O Questionnaires 1930, 1933

##### (6) Correspondence re Trawden Church

##### (7) Presidents' Visits 1998-2004

(8) Miscellaneous correspondence (i) earlier years (ii) 1990-2005

## **BARNOLDSWICK INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH**

Founded 1840

Folder of photographs, memorabilia and typescript history

Church rule book

Newsletters

Sept. 1972, Mar. 1973, Sept. 1992

MS notes on church history – B. Crossley

Transfer of membership book

1902-1931

Christian Endeavour Minutes

1951

Framed programme Band of Hope

1887

Framed programme for Sunday School Festival

1887

Miscellaneous papers

Miscellaneous correspondence

All other records housed at the church

**BETHEL INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, COLNE**  
(also known as **PRIMET BRIDGE**)

Accounts	1942, 1943, 1946, 1947
J. Diggins Recognition Service	1987
Photocopy, Colne & Nelson Times (Account of Church Jubilee)	1907, Jan 11
Anniversary Celebrations Souvenir Booklet	1982
Small posters	various dates
Obituary of Frank Binns	
Obituary of Wallace Hartley	
Funeral programme, Wallace Hartley	
Article on Wallace Hartley (Lancashire Life?)	
Boat Trip Notice	1914
Poem by J. Crabtree	

All other records housed at the church

## **BLUCHER STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, COLNE**

### **Registers**

Baptismal register	1896-1968
Membership Register	1896-1930
Sunday School Register	1915-23

### **Other**

Band of Hope records	1907-1916
Trustees' Minutes	1928
Walking Day photograph	1951
Obituary of James T. Ambler	
Harvest notices	1920, 1925



## ROBINSON STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, BURNLEY

Closed 1982

### Registers

Baptismal Register 1891-1981

### Minutes

Church Minutes 1904-15, 1931-82

### Other

Solicitor's account	1892
Charity Commission scheme	1930 (2 copies)
Letter of resignation of Mrs. Rebecca Pilling as minister	1977
Balance Sheet	n.d.
Photograph of Pierrot Troupe	
Two letters	
Concert Rubber Stamp	

## **BARKERHOUSE ROAD INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, NELSON**

Closed 1956

### **Registers**

Baptismal Register 1879-1956

### **Minutes and Correspondence**

Church Minutes 1891-94, 1931-56

Church Committee Minutes 1903-12

Institute Committee Minutes 1913-46

Correspondence and Miscellaneous papers folder

### **Financial Records**

Accounts 1906-17, 1906-32

Income and Expenditure Book 1906-57

Balance Sheets 1905-12, 1914-32, 1934

### **Building Records**

Printer's block of church buildings

Charity Commissioners' Scheme 1919

Charity Commissioners' approval of church sale 1958

Drawing of building plans

### **Other**

Superintendents Plan 1926

Cuttings from Nelson Leader 1918

re Jubilee Celebrations

Hymnsheet – Reopening Services 1885

Harvest Festival Sheet 1896

School Sermons Sheets 1912, n.d.

Fancy Dress Carnival 1936

Musical Service 1896

Opening of New Organ 1890

Annual Tea-Party 1896

## HASLINGDEN INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

Closed 1969 – premises used for industrial purposes

### **Register**

Baptismal Register

1852-1969

Baptismal certificates book

1901-49, 1849-69

### **Minutes and correspondence**

Church Minutes

1892-1903, 1925-29,

Band of Hope Minutes

1906-17

Correspondence file

### **Financial records**

Account Book

1907-16, 1904-30

**MOUNT PLEASANT INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, HALIFAX ROAD, BRIERFIELD**

**Closed 1938 – premises now used by another church**

**Registers**

Baptismal Register	1882-1926
Membership Register	1882-1905

**Minutes and correspondence**

Church Minutes	1872-1886, 1887-1895, 1895-1904
Band of Hope Minutes	1879-1905
General Correspondence file	
Correspondence re closure	1938

**Other**

Papers relating to building specifications	
Concert party leaflet	1905

## **EVERY STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, NELSON**

Closed 1937 – premises now used for industrial purposes

### **Registers**

Members' Register 1904-31

### **Minutes and correspondence**

Church Minutes 1903-36  
Church Committee Minutes 1900-1912, 1913-37  
Trustees' Minutes 1898-1901

### **Financial records**

Church Accounts 1901-37 (2 copies)  
Grand Bazaar 1923  
Site plan and agreement with Town Council 1898  
Stonelaying programme 1899 (3 copies)  
Duties of School Keeper  
Letter from T. Worthington with newspaper cutting

**BARROWFORD INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH (PASTURE LANE)**

Closed c. 1963 and demolished

Church Minutes	1906-19, 1924-37
Record of Deeds	
Marriage Certificate	1902
Notice re reopening of school	1951
Balance sheets	1943-45, 1947-8

**TRAWDEN INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Lane House Lane, Trawden**

Closed c2000 - sold as private dwelling

**Registers**

Sunday School Registers 1899-1904, 1902-11, 1905-10, 1933

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Church Minutes 1899-1905  
Sunday School Minutes 1904-14, 1924  
Correspondence concerning missing deeds 1978

**Accounts**

Secretary's cash book 1905-1926  
Cash book 1907, 1908, 1909-12  
Accounts 1881-1895

**Other**

Band of Hope Programme Book 1907-1914  
Folders:  
Statistics, etc.  
Accounts  
Church Organ  
Correspondence  
Jubilee Celebration programme 1932  
New Cutting on closure 2003  
Articles on Trawden Zion 50 Choir 1998  
Estate Agent's sale brochures 2003

## SALEM INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, NELSON

Commenced 1852

Merged with Bradshaw Street Church, 1985. New chapel built at Netherfield Road. Salem premises subsequently demolished.

### Printed Books

Golden Jubilee Booklet	1902
Centenary Booklet	1952
Souvenir book of poems	1904
Salem and Every Street	
Grand bazaar	1923

### Registers

Marriages	1975-1981, 1981-1985
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### Minutes and Correspondence

Church Minutes	1871-1876, 1891-1898, 1900-1908 (church meetings), 1900-1908 (church committee), 1908-1938, 1947-1955, 1956-1967
Sunday School Minutes	1902-1926, 1926-1956
Correspondence	1918-1926
Building Committee	1928-1929
Class Meetings Committee	1900-1904
Members in armed services	1939-1945
Inventory of deed box	1952
Correspondence re Bradshaw Street Church with Buckingham Palace	1980

### Finance Records

Trustees and Finance Co.	1926-1930
Finance Committee	1943-1970
Cash Book	1914-1971
Cash Book	1926-1952
Loans	1917-1927
Loans Register (2)	1927-1965
Receipts and Payments	1917-1940
Comforts Co. Accounts	1940-1950
Money borrowed	1903-1927
Seat rent collections	1921-1944
Bazaar Minutes	1922-1923
Bazaar bank books (4)	1922-1923
Bazaar books (4)	1902-1903
Balance sheet	1947

### Folders and envelopes

Service sheets	various years
Newspaper cuttings	various years
Reports	1914, 1918
Annual Meeting accounts	1920
List of trustees' duties (from trust deed)	1891
Building of school	1927
F. Blackburn, debtor	
Caretaker's employment	1921
Organ/music licences	
Misc. property matters	
Mortgages/building fund	
Church sale details	



Hire of premises (including Education Authority)  
 Miscellaneous accounts  
 Promissory notes  
 Valuation certificates  
 and Place of Worship/marriage certificates  
 Purchase of ground rents  
 Re Burtons  
 Building drawings  
 Typescript of history  
 Miscellaneous  
 (including 1891 Trustees' list and various membership matters)  
 Correspondence re demolition  
 of Salem Chapel 1985  
 Appointment of trustees of new chapel 1991

**Other**

Two large scrapbooks  
 Three large photos of  
     Centenary celebrations 1952  
 Set of photos in filing cabinet  
 Typescript account of WA Jubilee, undated

Continuing records housed at Nelson Independent Methodist Church, Netherfield Road

**NELSON INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, NETHERFIELD ROAD**

**Opened 1985**

'Signpost' Church Magazine:

1991 – December  
1992 - April, May  
1994 - June, July, August, September  
1995 – March, April, July, September, October  
1996 – February, March, April, May, June,  
September, November  
1997 – March, April, May, November  
2004 – June

Dedication service programme

1985

All other records housed at the church

**BLACKO INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, near Nelson  
(previously known as Browbottom)**

**Church began c1853. Chapel built 1868.**

**Closed and premises sold 2014**

**Baptism and Cradle Roll**

Baptismal registers  
Cradle Rolls

1854-1910, 1911-1997(incomplete)  
1923-1933, 1933-2014

**Church Minutes**

1867-1889, 1898-1922\*, 1922-73, 1973-89

**Trustees' Records**

Minutes  
Memoranda of Appointments  
Correspondence (folder)

1873-1954  
1889, 1907 (Placed on IM Model Deed), 1926, 1986,  
1995, 2000, 2010  
misc.

**Restoration Fund**

Appeal leaflet with picture of collapsed roof  
Receipt booklets naming donors to appeal  
Church roof appeal (folder)

1951  
1951-52 (seven booklets)  
1953

**Church Library**

Accounts  
Minutes (in above church minute book\*)

1872-1883  
1872-1893

**Sunday School**

Cradle Rolls (framed)  
Printed rule book  
Minutes  
Accounts  
Registers

und.-1933, 1933-2014  
1873  
1853-1858, 1861-1875, 1875-1896  
1866-1893, 1943-1967  
1854-1861, 1862-1864, 1868-1875, 1877-1882,  
1875-1883, 1885-1887, 1888-1897, 1926-1940  
1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991-92  
1869-1886  
1919-1937  
1898-1942, 1955-1969  
1930-1971

Class Registers  
Teachers' Register  
Adult class  
Cash books  
Accounts

**Choir and Organ Records**

Minutes and attendance book  
Choir pieces  
Correspondence re organ renovation  
John Barrowclough music

1909-1916  
und.  
1952  
1918

**Miscellaneous**

Jubilee Record Book  
Tuesday evening class register  
Pew rent books  
Pew rent reminder book  
Membership Roll  
Notice book  
Statistical reports to Colne & Nelson Circuit  
Special events (folder)  
Lists of addresses (folder) – with members' register  
Folder of old receipts and correspondence

1918  
1883-1889  
1866-1892, 1893-1926, 1929-1951  
unused  
1883-2005  
c.1983  
1946-1966  
1890-1894 and 1916, 1904-1915

**Financial records**

Cash book

1867-1892, 1872-1897, 1894-1967, 1903-1958,  
1906-1962, 1906-1983, 1951-1953, 1977-1978,

Bank books	1996
Cheques record	1908-1927, 1927-1940, 1951-1953, 1963-1967
Deposit record	1951-1955
Summary financial statements	1951-1954
Account bundles	1997-2010, 2012
Legacies	2008-2013
Insurances	1993-2011

**Photographic Records**

Roof collapse	1951
Queen's Certificate	1914
Photos folder	misc
Boiler house plans	