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**RECORDS
OF
INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCHES**

MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

SALFORD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

TRAFFORD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

MANCHESTER CIRCUIT

Circuit Records

Treasurer's Book 1879-1935

Files:

Minutes and reports 1963-75
Church reports 1981-83
D.Ward Missioner correspondence 1982
Notices of activities and events various
Historical notes on former churches: Lees St, Broadheath, Culcheth, Hanover St.

Circuit Plans

1815 Aug-Nov (parts missing)
1824 Jul-Dec
1825 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1828 Jan-Jun
1831 Jan-Jun
1882 Jul-Dec
1883 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1885 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1886 Jan-Jun
1891 Jul-Dec
1897 Jul-Dec
1901 Jul-Dec
1902 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1903 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1904 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1905 Jul-Dec
1931 Jul-Dec
1932 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1933 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1934 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1935 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1937 Jan-Jun
1943 Jul-Dec
1968 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1970 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1971 Jan-Jun
1975 Jan-Jun
1976 Jul-Dec
1977 Jul-Dec
1978 Jul-Dec
1981 Jul-Dec
1983 Jan-Jun
1984 Jul-Dec
1985 Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1986 Jul-Dec
1998 Jan-Jun

(Further early plans can be found in Pendleton scrapbooks – also a scrapbook of plans in Manchester Central Library, compiled by Wesleyan Methodist preacher, W.A. Bennett – includes several IM plans from 1860s.)

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, WELLINGTON ROAD

Commenced 1818 Church still continuing

Sunday School Minutes 1824-1857 (also cash book 1824-1857), 1870-1885

Memorial service sheets:

 Mr. G. Venables 1928

 Mr. C. Thornton 1940

Recognition Service programme

 for Mrs. Jean Tavener 1981

Extract from a history of Ashton-under-lyne

Cassette tape of the church's history

All other records held at the church

BLACKLEY INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, HOPKINSON ROAD

Opened 1906

Closed 1996

Building still in connexional ownership, leased by the Restoration Baptist Church

Golden Jubilee History 1956

Baptismal Register 1906-1980

Baptism certificate stubs 1927-1967

Box 1

Church Minutes 1906-1925, 1925-1949 (includes some photos),
1949-1964, 1964-1988, 1989-1996

Insurance correspondence 1991-1996

Tithe Redemption 1951-1996

Printer's blocks, photos of old and new chapels

Glass negatives, old and new chapels

Blackley and Crumpsall Guardian with photo and article on Golden Jubilee, 1956

Church maintenance details 1990-1996

Scroll of rose queens 1914-1956

List of rose queens 1914-1924, 1955-1962

Plans of second chapel

File on 'King's Place' Church which occupied Blackley Chapel 1996-2004

MS History of the church c. 1925

Letter re naming of Hopkinson Road

Extract from newspaper on Garden Fête 1921

Programmes of special events:

 Stonelaying 1921

 Opening 1922

 Opening of organ and
 Unveiling memorial 1950

 Bazaar 1954

 Diamond Jubilee 1966

 Closing service 1996

Mission Fund Appeal 1922

Observations on closure

Trustees' Records

Trustees' Minutes 1949-1996

Deeds of appointment of trustees 1931, 1956, 1978, 1992

Place of worship certificate 1909

Box 2

Correspondence 1986-1994, 1995-1996

Membership Register 1906-1983

Membership figures 1955-1982

Accounts (books) 1951-1964, 1951-1977, 1951-1971, 1972-1996

Analysis book 1984-1995

Balance sheets 1957-1975

Accounts (bundles) 1994, 1995, 1996

Bundle of bank books

Miscellaneous papers

Filing cabinet

Collection of photographs

In deeds' safe

Agreement on direction sign

Timber treatment survey report

Expired mortgages and agreements

Expired leases re land in Chain Road, Blackley

Agreement to sell and conveyances of land at Hopkinson Road

EBENEZER INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, MILL STREET, BRADFORD

Closed and demolished 1969?

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| Centenary History souvenir | 1965 |
| Appointments of new trustees | 1947, 1968 |
| Biography of William Oxley, from Free Gospel Magazine | 1898 |
| Marriage certificate of William Oxley and Lydia Denovan | 1864 |
| Family tree showing descendants of William Oxley and Lydia Denovan | |
| Centenary Anniversary Programme | 1965 |
| Correspondence re war memorial, with Photograph | |
| Correspondence re archives | |

All other records at Manchester Central Library (list enclosed)

FITZWARREN STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, SALFORD

Church closed and demolished 1987

File of correspondence re sale of premises

Sunday School bulletins

1948, 1949

Letter re air raid damage

1941

Letter re dedication of memorials

to H. Roberts and A. Crispe

1964

ROE GREEN INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

Greenleach Lane, Worsley

Commenced as a meeting place 1808.
First chapel opened 1855. Church continuing

Published Histories:

Roe Green Memorials, W. Brimelow, 1908
Roe Green Church (2nd.century), H. L. Tyldesley/l. Shaw, 2009

Minutes and Correspondence

Church Minutes 1855-1886, 1886-1900, 1902-1925, 1925-1948,
1948-1953, 1953-1962, 1962-1977, 1977-1987

Folder of Correspondence with Connexion
a) re demolition of Sunday School and rebuilding 1976-1977
b) pastor and trustees 1994-1996

Financial Records

Ledger 1855-1871
Miscellaneous bills folder
Subscription Books 1947-53,1949-53
(purpose undefined)

Other

Notice Books 1932-1937, 1945-1953
Plan Secretary's book 1953-1968
Visitation Record 1944-1952
Trustees' papers folder
Memorials folder (Richard Clarke, Frederick Appleton,
Mrs. Appleton) with death certificate for
Matthew Mullineux

Newsletters and Contact
Magazines 1956-1998 (several folders – incomplete run)

Chant Book undated
Supplementary Tunes Book undated

Sunday School

Sunday School Minutes 1863-1880, 1919-1926, 1929-1936, 1936-1945,
1966-1990, 1992-1995 (folder)
Sunday School Admissions 1872-1889
Sunday School Registers 1887-1911, 1911-1940, 1940-1943
Young Worshippers' League (card)
Newspaper cuttings folder
Scripture Exam cert. 1960
(H. L. Tyldesley)

Women's Auxiliary

Minutes and reports 1959-1995
Speakers' bookings 1958-1994
Registers (2)
Birthday book

Photographs full box

Mounted display items for historical display

All other records at church

MOUNT ZION INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, SINDSLEY
Later MOORSIDE INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

Commenced 1836

Relocated to Moorside 1891. Church still continuing.

Registers

Register of Members

1899-1916

List of members and sacrament attendance

1937-1963, 1964-1983

Minutes and correspondence

Church Minutes

1849-1891, 1891-1900, 1901-1921, 1921-1941,
1948-1964, 1963-1977

Correspondence re incident with church railings

1990

Financial Records

Accounts

1869-1924, 1911-1927, 1946-1948 (2),
1951-1961

Pew Rents

1906-1912

Connexional Annual Meeting
and Centenary Celebrations

1936

Sunday School Records

Teachers' Meetings

1849-1879

(with rules for teachers and scholars),

1879-1887

Agenda Book

1884-1887

Minutes

1887-1915, 1915-1920, 1921-1940

Register

1844-1871, 1899-1918, 1935-1936 and 1940-

1941

Primary Department register

1932-1934 and 1941-1942

Class Registers

1980-1983

Badminton Club

1941-1946

All other records kept at the church

STRETFORD INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

Commenced 1820

Closed 2002

Building now used by Trafford Christian Life Centre

Publications:

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| Memorials of Stretford IM Church | 1920 |
| Bound MS History of Church (text as in 'Memorials' above) | 1920 |
| 150 th . Anniversary Booklet | 1970 |
| 150 th . Anniversary Brochure | 1970 |

Registers

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| Baptisms & Burials Book 1 | 1839-68 |
| Baptisms & Burials Book 2 | 1867-1991 (baptisms), 1867-1959 (burials) |
| Death, Burial & Coroner's Certificates (one bundle, unchecked) | |
| Membership Registers | 1890-1917, 1921-62 |

Trustees

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|-------------------|-----------|
| Trustees' Minutes | 1936-2001 |
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Minutes and correspondence

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| Church Minutes | 1888-1902, 1903-15, 1916-32, 1932-52, 1952-68, 1968-88 |
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Financial Records

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| Accounts/Treasurer's Books: | 1876-1908, 1883-1909, 1886-1912, 1968-84, 1972-86, 1985-88 |
| Bank Books | 1879-80, 1888-99 |
| Financial Statements | 1901-1907, 1908-20 |
| Cash Book | 1898-1930 |
| Income | 1885-89 |
| Accounts | 1958-67 |
| Secretary's Books | 1876-1895, 1880-96 (cash books) |
| Collector's Books (debt extinction) | 1889 onwards (11 books) |
| Social Committee Expenses | 1961-71 |

Sunday School

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| Sunday School Minutes | 1915-30, 1930-46, 1946-57, 1957-82 |
| New School Committee Minutes | 1901-07 |

Women's Auxiliary

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| Minutes | 1969-96 |
| Registers | 1957-73 |
| Accounts | 1937-76 |
| Bank Books | 1929-36, 1937-47, 1961-64 |
| Cash Book | 1954-71 |

IMTAKS

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| Minutes | 1962-72 |
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Other

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| Special Events Committee | 1935-70 |
| Notices Book | 1937-43, 1943-46 |
| Presidents' Bible | 1879-2001 |
| Presentation Bible to Mrs. T. Robinson | 1902 |

Buildings

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|------------------------|------|
| Building Specification | 1879 |
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Printers' Blocks

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| Sunday School exterior | |
| Chapel interior | |

Memorial Plaques

John H. Brundritt
Ald. Sir Thomas Robinson
John H. Broughton
Margaret Moroney

Loose collections (in folders):

1. Photographs (miscellaneous)
Records of significant people
Biography of Dr. Joseph Robinson
Legacy of John Grange
MS History of Church for IM Magazine
Newspaper account of church history (undated)
2. Pictures of earlier chapel (photos and paintings)
3. Exhibition captions 1970?
4. Sunday School demolition 1978
5. Demolition of hall - scheme for new hall & Flats
Miscellaneous accounts and estimates for repair, c. 1977
6. Building of Sunday School - accounts 1902/3
Building of Chapel accounts 1879
Drawing showing position of memorial stones
7. Modification of Ground Lease 1897
Loan Certificate 1897
Ground rents purchase 1928
8. Early Insurances, 1838 onwards.
9. Theatre Licence
Handbills for concerts and socials
List of caretakers' duties
10. Indian Famine Appeal and Poster
11. Accounts and Balance sheets (various years 1929-2000)
Centenary Anniversary Accounts, 1920
Provident Sick and Burial society, two items, 1899, 1903
12. Agendas/Minutes 1970-90 (incomplete)
Correspondence - a few items, various years.
13. Trustees - correspondence and some minutes 1977-2001
14. Special services - handbills, etc.
15. Newsletters 1992-3, May 2000

Local History

Stretford Charter Celebration, 1933
(features some church members)
Trafford Narrowboat Commissioning Ceremony, 1992

Stored in map chest

Drawings of chapel, 1879 (very fragile and damaged)
Vestry extension schemes - alternative drawings
Window designs - alternatives
Pew rent diagram
Cradle Roll 1948-76

Framed Photographs

1. Young Females Choir, all in white, Mrs. M. Massey and Mr. G. W. Johnson in centre
2. Similar group, but not all in white.
3. Same as (2) but set in presentation frame - showing group to be prize-winning Choir 1921, all named.
4. Interior of Sunday School set out for a tea.
5. Group on chapel steps (names given in 'Memorials' booklet)
6. Daniel Davies, choirmaster 1877-1904. Lived 1847-1904.
7. Chapel Organ, to commemorate 34th. anniversary of William Owen as colleague organist, 1916.
8. Chapel Organ and choir pews, to commemorate 50th. anniversary of Sir Thomas Robinson as organist, 1878-1928,
9. John W. Hancock 1872-1920
10. William Davies 1814-1884, first scholar in the Sunday School 1820, choirmaster 1830-1877.

Artefacts

Two trowels used at stonelaying of chapel 1879

Two award trophy cups, in memory of William Hancock Aldcroft (undated) and Lucy Archer (1932)

EXCELSIOR INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, DUKINFIELD

Established 1919 closed 1988 (Building demolished)

Printed History

Excelsior Mission, Dukinfield, by Chris Norton 2008

Registers

Baptisms 1924-85

Trustees

Trustees' Book 1926-43

Minutes and correspondence

Minutes 1919-25

Correspondence re storm damage and closure 1988-89

Envelope of correspondence

Miscellaneous

Typescript history

Newspaper cuttings 1919-88

Collection of photographs

WEASTE MISSION, SALFORD (INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH)

Closed 1978 and demolished

Registers

Baptisms 1924-73

Minutes and correspondence

Church Minutes 1922-36

Correspondence re closure 1977-78

Financial Records

Treasurer's Books 1910-35, 1936-61

Cash Book 1962-1963

Cash Book 1962-1964

(also contains **Trustees' Minutes** 1976-1978)

Other

Sunday School star book 1962-1963

Photographs:

Church Interior (2)

Harvest (1)

Walking Day/Rose Queen (7)

VARLEY STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, MILES PLATTING

Building destroyed 1941 in World War 2 air raid and never rebuilt.

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| Baptisms | 1902-46 |
| Charity Commission transfer of trustees, placing church on Model Deed | 1908 |
| Mortgage | 1908 |
| Correspondence following air raid | 1941 and 1949 |
| Obituary notice of George Case (Methodist Recorder) | 1999 |

All other records lost in air raid.

SALEM INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, ELLOR STREET, PENDLETON

Demolished 1968

(from 1968 joined with Brighthouse Street to form Salem House Church. Closed 1987.)

Printed History: History of the Church and School 1855-1955

Registers

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|---------------------|---|
| Baptismal Registers | 1858-1887, 1858-1983 |
| Members' Register | 1884-1900, 1920-1935, 1948-1966 (Box 2) |
| Removal forms | 1896-1927 (Box 2) |

Trustees Records

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Trustees' Minutes | 1926-1948 (Box1) |
| Charity Commissioners | 1992 |
| Copy of Conveyance | 1864 |

Minutes and Correspondence

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|----------------|--|
| Church Minutes | 1864-1876, 1885-1893, 1893-1900, 1901-1910, 1910-1924, 1924-1945, 1945-1976, 1976-1987 (Box 1) |
| Copy letters | 1952-1953 |

Financial Records

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|-------------------|--|
| Church Accounts | 1862-1875, 1896-1898, 1922-1942, 1942-1956 |
| Poor Fund Account | 1862-1870 |
| Pew rents | 1898-1908 |

Sunday School records

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Minutes | 1867-1873, 1885-1895 |
| Rough Minutes | 1917-1931 |
| Register | 1863-1875, 1879-1885, 1895-1899 |
| Infant Register | 1885-1889 |
| Primary Register | 1935-1978 |
| Teachers' Register | 1886-1895 |
| Class Register, Geo. Steele | 1902 |
| Scholars' list | und. |
| Collections | 1969-1971 |
| Attendances | 1974-1975 |

Other records

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| President's reports | 1957-1975, with some earlier ones (incomplete) |
| Junior Choir Book | 1946-1950 |
| Men's Fellowship Minutes | 1931-1954, 1954-1965 |
| Decisions for the Lord | 1911-1926 |
| Party Book | 1916-1949 |
| Mutual Improvement Society | 1863-1868 |
| Magazine lists | 1939-1971 |
| IMTAKS Minutes | 1968 - ? |
| Social Club Minutes | 1934-1950 |
| Salem Players' Minutes | 1935-1938, 1938-1954 |
| Salem Players' Patrons (envelope) | |

Commemorative services

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| Anniversary posters | 1934-1936, 1938-1940 |
| Anniversary hymnsheets | 1925-1974 (some) |
| Jubilee celebrations | 1932 |
| Diamond Jubilee (Sunday School) | 1915 |
| Centenary celebrations (Sunday School) | 1955 |
| Opening of new church | 1968 |
| Children's day effort | 1928 |

Box 3

Salem House - Closure correspondence

Salem House - Final accounts

Special services leaflets

New organ

Church balance sheets

Trustees' memoranda and Charity Commission registration

Presidential reports (various years)

Reports 1962 including closure of Youth Club

Outings 1960, 1967, 1968

Stage licenses

Caretaker's duties

Redevelopment issues 1960s

Reports and accounts 1908

Folder containing

 Seating plan of Salem

 Sketch of Salem House

 Sketch of foundation stone, Salem House

 List of church officers 1885-1985

Anniversary posters

Some name/address lists

Whit week accounts (various years)

Miscellaneous reports

Miscellaneous correspondence

Miscellaneous events

Miscellaneous bills

Two scrapbooks containing posters, news cuttings, circuit plans and other memorabilia

Filing cabinet, computer room

Set of photographs of chapel and groups of people, including walking days and stonelaying of school building.

BRIGHOUSE STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, SALFORD

Demolished 1868. Joined with Salem Church, Pendleton, to form Salem House Independent Methodist Church.
Closed 1987

Baptismal Register 1898-1965

ASHTON-ON-MERSEY, Glebelands Road, Sale

Commenced 1905
Built 1934
Left Connexion 2000

Baptismal Register 1905-79 (in registers box)

Box 1 –Property:

Building drawings and plans 1934 and 1969
Insurance policies
Trustees' Minutes 1926-35
Trustees' Appointments 1961-76
Sale Free Church Council 1956-74

Box 2

Correspondence Files 1935-47, 1953-63, 1962-67, 1967-69, 1969, 1973-81, 1977-88, as King's Way 1994-2002

Box 3

Sunday School Minutes 1908-15/Church Minutes 1926-46 (one book)
Church Minutes 1947-58, 1958-63, 1963-65, 1966-74
Women's Auxiliary:
Register 1976-95
Accounts 1975-96
King's Way magazines 1994-97(5)
News Cuttings
Opening Ceremony programme 1934
Cradle Roll, und.

Box 4