

# INDEPENDENT METHODIST ARCHIVES

## WIGAN AND LEIGH MATERIAL

A list of all archive  
material relating to  
Independent Methodist Churches  
past and present  
in Wigan Metropolitan Borough

further information can be found in the bound volumes of  
the Independent Methodist Magazines and Year Books  
and the Biographical Index to them.  
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WIGAN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

<u>Church</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Author</u>
<b>LEIGH CIRCUIT</b>			
	Brief History	1921	
Astley	Golden Jubilee Booklet	1981	
Atherton	Centenary Booklet	1976	
Leigh, The Avenue	Golden Jubilee Booklet	1927	J. Naylor E. E. Naylor
Golborne	Newspaper article	1890	
	Typescript History	und.	
Leigh, Kirkhall Lane	Opening Services	1983	
	Independent Methodism in West Leigh (dissertation)	1994	L. Gunner
Leigh, Mill Lane	MS account of origins		
Lowton	Empire Bazaar Booklet (includes historical summary)	1912	J. Hesford
<b>WIGAN CIRCUIT</b>			
Bryn	History	1947	J.Murray/B.Green
	A Short History	2005	N. Benson
Stubshaw Cross	Opening of New Building (includes short history)	1981	W. D. Tunstall
New Springs	Centenary Booklet	1958	
Hindley	Centenary	2001	L. Kearsley
Platt Bridge	Jubilee Celebrations	1916	
Westwood	Centenary Booklet	1969	E. Robinson
Bethel, Newtown	Centenary History	1980	B. Dykes
	Short History	2005	N. Benson
Pemberton	Centenary Booklet	1972	
	Souvenir of new building	1934	
Dicconson Lane	150 years MS History	2009	H. Robinson
Greenough Street	Centenary History	1930	
	Reconstruction Appeal	1940	

## WIGAN CIRCUIT RECORDS

### Annual and Half-Yearly Meeting Meetings

#### Booklets of agendas, reports, accounts and statistics

Annual Meetings (May)	Half Yearly Meetings (November)
	1897
1898	
	1900
1906	1906
1907	
1911	1911
1912	
1913	1913
1914	
	1915
1916	1916
1917	1917
1918	1918
1919	1919
1920	1920
1921	1921
1922	1922
1923	
1925	
	1927
1938	
1939	
1941	
	1942
	1946
1949	
1950	1950
1951	1951
1952	
1953	1953
	1955

Thereafter, the above records were kept in the form of duplicated sheets, with accounts recorded separately.

There are intermittent records only from 1959-1987. Thereafter there are Annual Meeting agendas and reports for the following years

1988  
1989  
1991  
1993  
1994  
1995  
1997  
1998  
1999  
2000  
2001  
2002  
2003  
2004  
2005

	2006
	2007
	2008
	2009
Circuit Minutes (books)	1871-84 1884-92 1893-1902 1903-21 1922-23 1923-36 1936-50 1951-66 1966-74 1974-81 1981-85 1985-94
(folders)	1994-97 1998-2003 2004-2007
<b>Young People's Records</b>	
Young People's Committee Minutes	1963-68 1969-73 1973-78
Young People's accounts	1967-84
<b>Ministers' Records</b>	
Ministers' Meeting Minutes	1986-2003
<b>Publications</b>	
Publications Committee Minutes	1970-1998 (3 booklets)
Magazine Circulation	1963-97
Magazine Accounts	1957-68
Magazine Reports	1962-96
<b>Finance Records</b>	
Account Sheets	1959-85
Bank Books/statements folder	miscellaneous
<b>Women's Auxiliary</b>	
Minutes	1958-64, 1964-69, 1973-76
Agendas	1954, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963
Resumes of work done	1953-4, 1956-7, 1957-8, 1958-9, 1959-60, 1961-62, 1962-63
Membership Statistics	1941-1976
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Secretary's Notebook	1920-22
Scrap Books of events	1983-87, 1987-89, 1989-95, 1995-2008
Carol Service programmes (folder)	1995 onwards
President's Visit	2009
Miscellaneous events (folder)	und.,
Paper: A new church?	2001
Folder of Methodist and IM records, Wigan and Leigh	und.
<b>Circuit Newsletters</b>	
	1959 (October only)
	1960 (November only)
	1961 (March-December)
	1962 (except April)
	1963 (except October)

1964  
 1965  
 1966  
 1967  
 1968  
 1969  
 1970  
 1971  
 1972 (change of format),  
 1973  
 1974  
 1975  
 1976  
 1977  
 1978  
 1979  
 1980  
 1981  
 1982  
 1983  
 1984 (January missing),  
 1985  
 1986 – whole year missing  
 1987  
 1988 (July/August missing)  
 1989  
 1990  
 1991 (October to December missing)  
 1992  
 1993  
 1994  
 1995  
 1996 (February missing)  
 1997  
 1998 (December missing)  
 1999  
 2000  
 2001 (Jan to July)  
 2002 (July only)

### **Plans of Preachers' Appointments**

1872	Jul-Dec
1883	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1884	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1885	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1886	Jan-Jun
1939	Jan-Jun
1952-57	complete run of six-monthly plans
1958	Jul-Dec
1959	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1960	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1961	Jul-Dec
1962	Jul-Dec
1963	Jul-Dec
1964-99	complete run of six-monthly plans except Jan-Jun 1970
2000	Jan-Jun
2004	Jan-Jun

## LEIGH CIRCUIT RECORDS

(This Circuit was formed in 1919 out of Warrington Circuit. Earlier records of these churches can be found in the Warrington Circuit Minute Books from 1866-1919, also in the Archives at the Resource Centre.)

### Minutes and Correspondence

Circuit Minutes	1919-30 (including brief history of circuit origin), 1930-41, 1941-60, 1960-85
Circuit Meeting agendas	1967-73
Register of Attendance at Meetings	1950-76
Young People's Co. Minutes	1938-54

### Financial Records

Accounts	1919-48, 1921-57, 1934-64
Balance sheets	1960-81 (incomplete)
Postage Expenses Book	1930-74
Receipt Book	1976
Women's Auxiliary Account Book	1935-83
Overseas Missions Accounts	1971-77
Circuit Newsletters	1992-98 (incomplete)
Skeleton Plans	1978
Sports Day	1985
Poster, President's Visit	2002
List of church representatives, YP representatives and treasurers	

### Plans of Preachers' Appointments

1951	Jul-Dec
1952	Jan-Jun
1953	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1954	Jan-Jun
1955	Jan-Jun
1956-64	complete run of six-monthly plans
1965	Jan-Jun
1966-69	complete run of six-monthly plans
1970	Jul-Dec
1971-73	complete run of six-monthly plans
1974	Jan-Jun
1977	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1978	Jan-Jun
1979	Jul-Dec
1981	Jan-Jun
1982	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1983	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1984	Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec
1985	Jan-Jun
(publication of plans discontinued)	

## **BRYN, Downall Green Road**

Church continuing – other records either in Wigan Archives or at the church.

### **Printed History**

History of Bryn I.M. Church, 1947 – E. Green  
History from origins to present day 2005 – N. Benson

### **Registers**

Membership List 1885 (very fragile)  
Communion attendance books 1914-48, 1949-70  
Membership Certificates

### **Trustees' Records and Legal Documents**

Lists of trustees  
Trustees 1963  
Place of worship certificate 1897  
Certificate for registration of marriages 1903  
Letter from Will Price re trustees 1904

### **Church Minutes, Correspondence, etc.**

Church Minutes 1949-63, 1963-72, 1972-75, 1975-80  
Correspondence with building contractor 1887  
Correspondence re subsidence 1912  
Correspondence re Arnold Woodcock bequest 1987

### **Financial Records**

Account Books 1949-63, 1910-47, 1885-96  
Cash/Offertory Books 1951-82 (Sunday School 1970-75)  
Receipts, accounts, estimates etc.

### **Sunday School Records**

Sunday School Minutes 1945-60  
Sunday School Registers 1886, 1887, 1888  
Prize List 1909  
100th birthday card from Downall Green Sunday School 1980  
Anniversary Poster 1925  
Anniversary Programme 1947

### **Miscellaneous**

Printer's blocks:  
(1) Church exterior  
(2) Church interior  
(3) Church leaders - undated (also a printed copy)

List of founding officers and members  
List of members and their occupations und.  
List of members in H.M. Forces 1942  
List of organists 1880 to date  
Centenary Celebrations Cards 1980  
Miscellaneous photographs  
Significant events calendar 1894-1977  
Wigan Observer, June 20th, 1885 1885  
(found under foundations)  
Statistics 1831  
Funeral Order of service – Ephraim Hodkinson 2013  
Duties of caretaker  
Newspaper cuttings re recovery of items at church re-building  
Summary of records in Wigan Archives



**DOWNALL GREEN, Victoria Road**

Church continuing – all other records at church

**Miscellaneous**

Anniversary Programme

1963

Magazine Cuttings on chapel redevelopment

1987

## **STUBSHAW CROSS, Bolton Road**

Church continuing – all other records at church

### **Printed History**

Opening of New Building 1981

### **Miscellaneous**

President's visit, Eileen Tyson 1981

Minister's Induction, Alan Harrison 1986

Let's Face it Together: IM Church, St. Thomas's and St. Luke's und.

**NEW SPRINGS, Wigan Road**  
(Closed 1984 and building demolished)

**History:**

Centenary History 1958  
(several copies)

**Registers**

Membership Registers 1882-93, 1893-1912, 1912-26, 1942-83  
Baptismal Registers 1862-1903, 1903-84  
Marriage Registers 1913-32, 1932-48, 1949-84

**Church Minutes and Correspondence, etc.**

Church Minutes 1860-71, 1873-83\*  
1883-88, 1888-99, 1899-1904, 1904-13,  
1948-59, 1981-84

**Financial Records**

Account Books 1860-74, 1893-1910  
Balance Sheets 1956-7, 1958-9  
Cash/Offertory Books

**Sunday School Records**

Sunday School Minutes 1858-70, 1870-1874, 1874-1897, 1897-1905,  
1939-49, 1949-53  
Sunday School Registers 1861-1883, 1874-76, 1885, 1889-1918,  
1892-1915, 1893-1923, 1897-1912, 1919,  
1920-22, 1924-27, 1928-30, 1934-39,  
1940-45, 1945-52, 1972-79

**Church Groups**

Band of Hope Minutes 1872-87  
Men's Bible Class: Sick, Accident & Dividing Soc. 1905-8  
Clothing Club book 1868-1950  
Library Register 1879-83, 1884-92

**Miscellaneous**

Doctrines & Rules with brief MS History and details of cottage purchase 1910  
Jubilee Bazaar Programme 1909 (3 copies)  
Souvenir of Opening of New Organ 1951  
Anniversary Poster 1944  
Anniversary Programmes various years 1960-75  
Photographs: Church Exterior, Church interior, first meeting place

\*The minutes for these years are recorded in a baptismal register for 1862-73, the entries of which have been transferred into the baptismal register for 1862-1903.

## **HINDLEY, Argyle Street**

Church continuing – all other records at Church.

### **History**

Centenary Booklet (poem) 2001

### **Registers**

Membership Register 1902-49

### **Church Minutes and Correspondence, etc.**

Church Minutes 1901-10, 1910-19, 1919-23, 1923-28,  
1934-37, 1967-87, 1988-92

Correspondence on establishment of church 1904/5

### **Financial Records**

Accounts 1944-62, 1949-63

### **Sunday School records**

Sunday School Minutes 1928-31, 1948-53, 1953-62, 1962-77

Sunday School Registers (2) undated

Dedication of Sunday School building Programme 1959

### **Church Groups**

Women's Auxiliary Register 1928-89

Women's Auxiliary Minutes 1962-95

Women's Auxiliary Cash Books 1964-75, 1976-91

Women's Auxiliary Bank Book 1963-72

Women's Auxiliary receipts 1971

### **Miscellaneous**

Funeral service orders:

Isaiah Stott 1952

Frank Johnson 1998

Ministers' Induction Programme

Rita Halliwell 1965

Campaign Handbill und.

Extracts from IM Magazine on church origins 1902-05

Collection of posters and handbills from special services

Purchase of land and re-sale 1955-1993

**PLATT BRIDGE, Liverpool Road  
(formerly LOW GREEN)**

Church established 1866

Closed 2011

**Printed History**

Jubilee Celebrations: A Brief History 1916

**Registers**

Baptismal Register 1905-2011  
Marriage Registers 1934-2011 (at Wigan History shop)  
Membership Register 1928-45

**Trustees Records**

Minute Book 1903-14, 1921-62  
Appointment of trustees 1904  
Agreement on building of wall by church neighbour 1910  
Marriage registration certificate 1934

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Minute Book 1932-39  
Correspondence and some bills for organ 1908

**Women's Auxiliary**

Anniversary programme 1964  
Autograph and donations book 1967

**United Demonstrations Meeting**

Minute Book 1953-64  
File of correspondence

**Miscellaneous**

Notices Book 1961-65  
MS Notes on centenary 1966?  
Sunday School Anniversary service sheet 1912  
CE Anniversary notice 1965  
Certificate of Junior Membership und  
Certificate of Membership, Robert Walker 1946  
Platt Bridge Free Churches United Service 1964  
Bazaar balance sheet und  
Oil painting of Low Green Chapel und

## **SPRING VIEW, Hope Street, Ince**

Church continuing – all other records at Church

### **Financial Records**

Account Books	1946-78, 1978-82, 1983-84
Receipts	1983-85

### **Miscellaneous**

Anniversary Handbills	1918, 1995
Mission Handbill	1897
Minister's Induction Programme: F. Everett	1986
Sunday School Building closure with photos	2002

**WESTWOOD, James Street, Ince**

Church continuing – all other records at church

**Printed History**

Centenary Booklet 1979

**Miscellaneous**

Anniversary Leaflet 1973

**INCE, Keble Street**

Church continuing – all other records at church

**Miscellaneous**

Missions leaflet

1974

Funeral service, Jack Hurst

2003



## LAMBERHEAD GREEN, Loch Street

### Registers

Baptismal Registers	1885-1948 (later records at church)
Marriage Registers	1984-1991 (certificate stubs)

### Trustees' Records

Trustees' Minutes	1962-68, 1968-72
Trustees' Lists	1947, 1960, 1990
Church extension plans	1986
Transfer of hall to IMAI	1990
Building of toilet block	1952

### Church Minutes and Correspondence, etc.

Church Minutes	1922-41, 1941-50, 1954-62, 1972-89, 1898-2009
Weekly notice books	1986-99 (1995 missing)
Correspondence re Evangelical Alliance and trusteeship	1990

### Financial Records

Accounts	1896-1952, 1952-64, 1964-85
Weekly record Book	1935-63
Bank statements	1997-99
Subscriptions book (purpose unclear)	1970-84
Publication accounts	1933-62

### Other committee minutes

Property Committee	1959-66
Social Committee	1938-54, 1954-55
United Processions of witness	1953-63
Forward Movement	1960-70

### Sunday School Records

Sunday School Minutes	1900-17, 1917 (single sheet) 1953-57, 1957-61, 1961-75, 1976-86
Sunday School Anniversary Programmes	1911, 1914, 1918, 1919, 1921, 1926, 1928-31, 1965-81
Sunday School Record	1989-1902
Sunday School Register	1965-89
Primary Register	1972-82
Statistics	1964-90
Accounts	1969-84
Prize Book	1961-75
NSSU returns	1914-18
Letter	1915
Anniversary donations	1971-85

### Church Groups

Young Men's Society Minute Book	1956-69
Men's Fellowship accounts	1962-67
Men's Bible Class Minutes	1930-57
Men's Bible Class accounts	1937-55
Women's Auxiliary:	
Minutes	1941-65, 1965-79, 1980-92
Accounts	1949-65, 1976-90
Silver Chain and Benevolent Fund	1969-92
Register	1969-91
Excursion Fund	1973-82
Choir accounts	1889-1953, 1967-88
Choir events	1984-95
Choir Festival certificates	1946, 1948

**Overseas Missions**

JMA Collection book 1978-91  
List of collection boxes and amounts 1913-14

**Church News Letters**

1979-82 complete  
1983 (Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec)  
1987 (Oct-Dec)  
1988 complete  
1989-99 complete  
2000-04 complete

**Miscellaneous**

Boiler survey 1958  
Special events service sheets and invitations various  
Outreach responses 1987  
Certificate for MF Events Day 1991  
Reel to reel tape of Dedication service 1967  
Bible presented to Mrs. H. Peel 1969  
Historical notes, including memoirs of George Moss (folder) various  
Organ records  
Organ Centenary leaflet und.  
Photos of extension during building 1986-87  
Collection of general photos  
Loop system installation 1992  
List of members 1996  
MS lists of members various  
'Send a cow' appeal: photo and letter 2002  
Prayer circle (Telephone)

## **NEWTOWN, Bethel, Victoria Street**

Church continuing – all other records at church

### **Miscellaneous**

Centenary Celebrations Programme	1980
Flower Festival Programme	1980
Pantomime Programme: Sleeping Beauty	1936
Brass Concert Ticket	1971
'Bethel Times'	1994 (2 issues)
Funeral Order of Service – Roy Silley	1999
News Cutting – J. R. Johnson I.M. President	
Photographs of new organ	

**PEMBERTON – Mount Zion, Ormskirk Road**

Church continuing – all other records at church

**Miscellaneous**

Souvenir Year book of the Building of the new Church	1934
Anniversary Poster	1905
Dedication service for communion table and framed portrait of Ald. & Mrs. Thomas Taylor.	
History cuttings from IM Magazine	

## DICCONSON LANE, Westhoughton

### Church Registers.

Birth Records.	1862 – 1907.
Baptismal Register.	1907 – 2011.
Members Register.	1864 – 1964.
Book of Remembrance.	

### Church Minutes.

Womens Auxillary Minute Book.	1947 – 1981.
Sunday School Minute Book.	1908 – 1913.
Sunday School Minute book.	1914 – 1925.
Sunday School Minute Book.	1925 – 1929.
Sunday School Minute Book.	1930.
Sunday School Minute Book.	1929 – 1962.
Church Minute Book.	1914 – 1935.
Church Minute Book.	1935 – 1982.
Church Address Book.	

### Finance records.

Treasurers Cash Book.	1913 – 1933.
Accounts Book.	1936 – 1970.

### History

Handwritten History by Hilda Robinson	2008
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### Miscellaneous

Biographical Article – James Bond (from Westhoughton Review 1897)	1897
Funeral order of service – Harry Mawdesley	2007
Newsletter,	May 2006
Centenary Celebrations report	
Anniversary Programmes	1958 (centenary) 1987 1996 2008 (150 <sup>th</sup> ).
	2012.
Organ dedication programme.	
Set of photographs	
Set of photographs	1988.
Framed photograph, Harvest Festival.	2004.
Framed photograph, Harvest 2004, floral display in memory of Jessica Gregory	2004.
Framed photograph, Thomas Boardman.	
Framed photograph.	
Framed photograph, Richard Bond.	
Framed photograph, Ann Boardman.	
Framed photograph, Joseph Boardman.	
Baptism certificates.	
Authorized person certificate.	1988



## **WIGAN**, Greenough (formerly Greenough Street)

Church closed 2002. Original Premises destroyed in World War 2 air raid, so many early records were lost. Later premises now used by Greenough Christian Fellowship. Some records in Wigan Archives.

### **History:**

Centenary History	1930
Historical account (typescript)	1940-50

### **Registers**

Baptismal Registers	1893-1999
Marriage certificate stubs	1984-91

### **Church Minutes and Correspondence**

Church Minutes	1927-36, 1937-46, 1946-53,
Correspondence bundle re new premises	1953-63, 1963-89

### **Financial Records**

Account Books	1951-60, 1966-82
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### **Sunday School Records**

Sunday School Library catalogue	undated
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### **Miscellaneous**

Building Specifications	1880
Building Specifications	1980
Drawings of new premises	
Sermon notes of John Lee,	c. 1903-05
Folder of special service sheets and news cuttings	various
Folder of papers re car park lease	
Folder of papers re organ	
Choir Minutes and Register	
Collection of photographs	
Memorial Service leaflet for T. Worthington	1921
Funeral Programme for Albert I. Winnard	1963
Miscellaneous papers	

## **WIGAN, Kendal Street**

### **Opened 1898**

### **Closed 2008**

#### **Registers**

Baptismal Register

1898-1995

#### **Church Minutes and Correspondence, etc.**

Church Minutes

1965-75, 1975-77, 1978-83, 1984-90,  
1998-2004

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

1977-84

#### **Financial Records**

Accounts

1957-90, 1991-2004

Magazine subscription Book

1955-87

Church and school collections book

1941-88, 1998-2004

#### **Miscellaneous**

Preachers' Plan

1993-2007

Book of hymns for opening service

1911

Minister's Recognition Service for Sydney Tickle

1976

Black and white photograph of chapel and school buildings

Framed colour painting of chapel interior

Centenary year programme

1998

Tenancy Agreement

2005

Newspaper cutting on future of building

2011



## **ASTLEY, Manchester Road**

Commenced 1931

Church continuing – all other records at church

### **History**

Handwritten summary of events in church's history 1986

### **Trustees' Records and Legal Documents**

Transcript of Deeds 1922

Plan of Land

Tithe Redemption papers

Mortgage papers

List of surviving trustees 1964, 1981

Miscellaneous papers

Trustees' Meetings and Correspondence 1966-2012

Trustees' Minutes 1979-2003, 2004-2010

### **Church Minutes and Correspondence, etc.**

Church Minutes 1933-48, 1955-65, 1983-88, 1988-95 (folder)

Minutes and reports 1988-95

Elders' Minutes 1978-84, 1984-88, 1988-92, 1992-95,

1995-96, 1999-2003, 2004-2010

Elders' Minutes combined with correspondence 1997-99, 2002-03, 2003-04

Elders' Correspondence 1986-96, 1997-99

Duplicated minutes and AGM reports 1983-87

Miscellaneous correspondence folder

### **Financial Records**

Account Books 1949-72, 1972-78, 1979-82, 1982-90,  
1991-98

### **Miscellaneous**

Handbills and Service orders

Newspaper and magazine cuttings

Old insurance and boiler documents

Ministers' certificates – H. O. Preston (with photo)

Photo: Seedcorn Group

Vision and Strategy Documents:

Freemasonry paper

Calvary Road Music Group

Church Newsletters 1992-95

## **ATHERTON, Mealhouse Lane**

Church Continuing – other records at church or in Wigan Archives

### **Miscellaneous**

Summary of records in Wigan Archives

Centenary Booklet, 1976

Centenary Celebration Programme 1976

Historical article from Leigh Journal, April 8, 1976

Flower Festival programme 1982

## **GOLBORNE, High Street**

(Closed 1987 - buildings used for industrial purposes)

### **Histories**

Typescript history with reminiscences of members (undated)

Account of Centenary Celebrations

Feature in 'The Chronicle'

1890.

### **Registers**

Baptismal Registers

1884-1985

Marriage Registers

1924-41, 1942-63, 1964-80

(with receipts for two completed books)

Membership Registers

1890-1914, 1935-67

### **Trustees' Records and Legal Documents**

Trustees' Minutes

1911, 1943, 1973 (appointments of trustees)

Agreement between trustees and Lancashire County Council

1929

Indenture

1870

Indenture

1914

Indenture (charity commission)

1924

Place of worship certificates

1873, 1924

Certificate for Registration of Marriages

1874

### **Church Minutes, Correspondence, etc.**

Church Minutes

1911-25, 1947-87

Correspondence Files

1983-88

Various orders of service

1880-1950

Letter to W. Cartridge as authorised person for marriages.

### **Financial Records**

Account Books

1920-31, 1934-48, 1980-88

Cash/Offertory Books

1862-1931, 1963-87, 1932-84

Sacramental collections

1972-87

### **Sunday School records**

Sunday School Registers

1906-10

### **Church Groups**

Women's Auxiliary Minutes

1965-86

Women's Auxiliary Accounts

1959-86, 1984-87, 1957-87

### **Miscellaneous**

Architect's plan for proposed alterations

1949

Specifications for alterations

1929

Literature re organ

1937

Obituary notice re Jack Ratcliffe

undated

Report on possible community use.

1988

## **LEIGH, The Avenue**

(Church closed 1980 - chapel used by Congregational Church; school used as day nursery)

### **Printed History**

Golden Jubilee Booklet 1927  
by J. Naylor and Miss E. E. Naylor  
(two copies)

### **Registers**

Baptismal Registers 1878-1976  
Membership Registers 1923, 1931-80

### **Trustees Records**

Trustees' Minutes 1899-1978

### **Church Minutes, Correspondence etc.**

Church Meeting 1887-1900, 1900-1916, 1917-1938,  
1937-1951, 1969-1983  
Elders' Meeting Minutes 1903-09, 1910-18, 1918-27, 1927-41,  
1942-52, 1952-59, 1959-66  
Sub-Committee Minutes (Annual Meeting 1934)  
Correspondence Files 1982-85  
Correspondence re closure and sale  
Holt Trust Fund correspondence 1977-78  
Church Engagement Books 1936-68  
Order of Services 1907-08

### **Financial records**

Account Books 1894-1899, 1900-02,  
Treasurer's Book 1895-1918,  
Bank Book 1890-1908  
Cash/Offertory Books 1925-37, 1937-50, 1950-61, 1961-74  
Class pence book 1901

### **Sunday School records**

Sunday School Minutes 1907-17  
Sunday School Registers 1901, 1951, 1957, plus ten small books  
Sunday School Accounts 1899-1919, 1944-?  
Sunday School Record 1930-31  
Superintendent's Register 1904-07, 1950-51  
Cradle Roll 1910-26

### **Church Groups**

Young Men's Fellowship Minutes 1920-40  
Band of Hope Minutes 1901-28  
Band of Hope Registers (2) Pledge Book 1920-31  
Christian Endeavour Minutes 1910-27  
Christian Endeavour Registers ?-1930

### **Miscellaneous**

Invitation 1907  
Banquet Menu 1907  
Printer's block

## **LEIGH, Bright Street (Kirkhall Lane from 1983) Leigh**

Bright Street demolished 1983 when Kirkhall Lane was built  
Church continuing – all other records at the church

### **History**

Independent Methodism in West Leigh 1902-4  
by Lorraine Gunner (typescript)

### **Registers**

Membership Registers 1907-29

### **Trustees Records**

Memorandum of appointment of trustees 1915

### **Church Minutes, Correspondence etc.**

Church Minutes 1940-59

Letter from R. Jackson about condition of Bright Street premises 1978.

### **Financial Records**

Account Books 1902-06,

Receipt books for building fund, Bank book 1905

### **Sunday School Records**

Sunday School Minutes 1938-69

Sunday School Registers: Admission Register and cards 1903

Sunday School Rules 1 copy

Junior CE Minute Book 1921-30

### **Church Groups**

Church attendance for Young Worshippers 1930-37

Certificate of attendance at YW

Membership cards for YW

Letters to parents about YW

### **Miscellaneous**

Hints for the Home. (fundraising item)

Programme of stonelaying ceremony, Bright Street. 1905

Invitation Card to opening and dedication of Kirkhall Lane 1983

Programme for opening of Kirkhall Lane.

Tape of opening of Kirkhall Lane 1983.

**LEIGH, Mill Lane, Bedford**

Church continuing – all other records at church

**History**

MS Account of Church History by Mrs. Elsie Simm (undated)

Newsletter 1998

## **LOWTON, Newton Road**

Church continuing – all other records at church

### **Printed History**

Empire Bazaar Booklet

1912, by J. Hesford

### **Miscellaneous**

Service Sheet

1881

Reminiscences of a nonagenarian

1929

Minister's Recognition Service for Philip Bickerton,

1967

Alpha Course leaflet

Newspaper cuttings on Bill Hampson's campaigning work and appointment as a Freeman of the Borough of Wigan

**TYLDESLEY, Primrose Street**

Church continuing – all other records at church

**Miscellaneous**

Newspaper report of wedding of Geoffrey and Margaret Mort (und.)

Outreach letter

1965



