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**RECORDS  
OF  
INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCHES  
  
SUNDERLAND METROPOLITAN BOROUGH**

## SUNDERLAND CIRCUIT

### Minutes

Circuit Committee Minutes	1877-1899
Quarterly Meeting Minutes	1877-1890
Circuit Minutes	1912-1935, 1935-1953, 1954-1964, 1964-1984, 1984-1998, 2007-2013
Examining and Education Committee	1878-1897
Ministers' Committee	1926-1958, 1959-84, 1984-2007, 2007-2013
Rough Minute book	1928-1936
Constitution and Standing Orders	1953, 2009
President's Visits correspondence	1981-1988
Reports	1977-1981
Centenary and Jubilee records	1927, 1977
Secretary's correspondence	1981-1988
Bethany Deed (PRO, MS copy)	

### Folders

Correspondence	pre-1977, 1977-78, 1979-80, 1981-84, 1985-88,
Reports, including financial summaries	1978-1979, 1980-81, 1982-83, 1984-85

### Financial Records

Accounts	1921-56, 1956-65
(see also sets of reports)	
Petty cash book	1982-1990
Receipt pads	1990-2006
Investment account book (cancelled)	1982-1988
Receipts from Connexional Treasurer	1989-2006
Auditors' reports	1981-1990
Treasurer's correspondence	1990-2007

### Miscellaneous

Statistical sheets	1901-1906
Eisteddfod	1948
Jubilee and Centenary events	1927/1977
President's Visits	1981-1988
Comments on Connexional Constitution	1986
Obituaries and letters of condolence	various
Education Committee; Plan Committee; Ministers	
Doctrines and Constitution	

### Ministry File

Regulations on candidates for ministry	1932
Revised regulations	1958
Correspondence re circuit/Connexional courses	various years

### Circuit Plans (sheet plans in map chest; booklet ones on shelf)

1877	Feb-May
1877	May-Aug
1879-80	Nov-Feb
1880	May-Jul
1880-1	Nov-Feb
1881- June 1948	complete run of plans, initially four monthly, later three monthly. Plans changed from sheet to booklet form thereafter.
1948	Jul-Sep
1949	Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Oct-Dec
1950	Apr-Jun
1951	Jul-Sep
1952	Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep
1953	Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep
1955	Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun
1956	Jul-Sep

1957	Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun
1958-9	Oct-Mar
1961	Jul-Sep
1962-76	complete run of quarterly plans
1977	Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep
1978	Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep
1980	Jan-Mar, July-Sep, Oct-Dec
1982	Jul-Sep
1994	Oct-Dec
1998	Oct-Dec
2003	Jul-Sep
2005	Oct-Dec
2011	Apr-Jun, Oct-Dec

### Printed Histories

Sunderland Circuit	The Christian Lay Churches and their Origins	1977	G. E. Milburn	
	Origins of Independent Methodism in Sunderland (dissertation)	1972	Ann Hodges	1
Boldon Colliery	A Short History to commemorate One Hundred Years of Boldon Colliery Independent Methodist Church	1985	Iris Ogilvie	1
Easington Lane	Jubilee Booklet	1931		1
	The Church History and its Ministers	1995	Harold Watson	1
Enfield Road, Seaham	Jubilee Booklet	1927	M.Tempest/W.Reay	1
	Foundation Commemoration	1956	D.Williams/J.S.Land	1
Hebburn	21st. Anniversary Celebrations	1988		1
Hetton-le-Hole	Centenary Handbook	1986		2
Robert Street	Centenary Leaflet	1981		1
Stanley St, Seaham	Centenary Booklet	1984		1
	Centenary Brochure	1984		1

## WARWICK STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, MONKWEARMOUTH

### Commenced 1882

### Closed and sold 2010

#### Legal Records

Place of worship certificates 1906, 1925  
Marriage Registration Certificate 1909

#### Church Records

Baptismal Register 1915-2009  
Minute Books 1882-85, 1888-1900, 1900-08, 1908-30, 1930-60  
Leaders' Meeting Minutes 1933-46  
Cash Books 1893-1905, 1910-15, 1932-62, 1991-97, 1997-2005, 2006-2011  
Financial statements 1902, 1935  
NCC returns 1907, 1912, 1913  
Rent Book 1889-98

Folder containing miscellaneous items,  
Including:

Caretaker's duties  
Sunday School extension appeal  
Correspondence  
Church Statistics 1911  
Youth club rules  
Financial statements  
Football club proposal  
Secretary's report 1893, 1906, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950

#### Sunday School Records

Cradle Roll 1953-1978  
Minute Books 1903-08, 1917-23, 1923-31, 1931-37, 1954-79  
Teachers' Plan of appointments (2) und.  
Cash Book 1966-96  
Decision Sunday book 1933-38  
Re-opening of Schoolroom 1953  
Folder containing: various years  
reports, agendas, correspondence  
Balance sheets

#### Sisterhood/WA Records

Minute Books 1913-27, 1927-49, 1949-69  
Cash books 1913-24, 1981-2010  
Register 1968-96  
Folder containing:  
Sisterhood reports 1914-20  
WA Circuit returns 1957-72, 1994  
Lists of branch secretaries und.  
for Sunderland Federation

#### Christian Endeavour Records

Sunderland CE Union Junior Committee 1901-18  
Junior CE Meeting book ?-1930, 1930-35, 1935-51  
Intermediate CE Meeting book 1934-38  
Senior CE Meeting books 1926-34, 1959-81  
Register 1960-63  
Folder containing records, various  
some pertaining to  
Sunderland CE Union

#### Memorials

Jabez A. Levy, 1940 (brass plaque)  
Margaret S. Embleton, 1952 (brass plaque)

#### Photographs

Jabez A. Levy  
Margaret S. Embleton

Three pictures: Margaret S. Embleton, Edward Embleton, Robert Embleton

**N. S. S. U. Diplomas** (in map chest)

Richard W. Bretell, 1950

Elsie Gatenby, 1959

**Bibles**

(1) Presented to church at its inception

(2) Presented to church by Sunday School, containing list of church presidents 1902-2010

## **BETHANY CHURCH, HEDWORTH TERRACE, SUNDERLAND**

Commenced 1877

Church building destroyed in air raid 1941

Most of the records of this church were lost as a result of the destruction of its premises.

### **Records remaining from pre-1941**

Extracts from Sunderland Daily Echo on PM secession, leading to formation of Christian Lay Churches, 1877

Original Deed of the Chapel

Annual return form 1892, giving statistics of the church

MS notes from church minutes 1887-1891

Financial statement and list of officers 1910

Petition to mortgage premises 1927

### **Correspondence 1949 concerning replacement of chapel**

Series of letters, mainly from J. Edwards, including reference to attempt to buy vacant Catholic Apostolic Church as replacement for Bethany.

Undated letter from J. Edwards to Town Clerk, seeking information on the Bethany site.

## **BETHANY MEMORIAL CHURCH, GLENEAGLES ROAD, GRINDON, SUNDERLAND**

Opened 1956

### **Opening**

Souvenir Programme of opening, 13<sup>th</sup> October 1956

Report of opening of Church, Sunderland Echo, 11<sup>th</sup> October 1956

Separate newspaper cutting on opening, und.

Report with photos from I.M. magazine

### **Correspondence**

Sunderland Circuit re Connexional loan	1967
From church on issues in Parliament	1969
Sunderland Circuit re Circuit loan	1970
Concerning problems in church	1978-9
Circuit assistance in dealing with problems in church	1981
Application to Catchgate Trust for financial assistance	1982
Concerning closure of Sunday School and Bethel Fellowship's use of premises	1986-87
Circuit arrangements with Faith Mission	1988
Invoices submitted to circuit with request for help	1992
Further invoices	2000