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**RECORDS  
OF  
INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCHES**

**MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH**

**SALFORD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH**

**TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH**

**TRAFFORD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH**

## **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?

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 (2 <sup>nd</sup> .century), H. L. Tyldesley/l. Shaw, 2009
Church Minutes	1855-1886, 1886-1900, 1902-1925, 1925-1948, 1948-1953, 1953-1962, 1962-1977, 1977-1987
Notice Books	1932-1937, 1945-1953
Plan Secretary's book	1953-1968
Ledger	1855-1871
Miscellaneous bills	folder
Visitation Record	1944-1952
Trustees' papers	folder
Memorials	folder (Richard Clarke, Frederick Appleton, Mrs. Appleton) with death certificate for Matthew Mullineux
Subscription Books (purpose undefined)	1947-53, 1949-53
Newsletters and Contact Magazines	1956-1998 (several folders – incomplete run)
Chant Book	undated
Supplementary Tunes Book	undated
<b>Sunday School</b>	
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. (H. L. Tyldesley)	1960
<b>Women's Auxiliary</b>	
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.

Church Minutes	1849-1891, 1891-1900, 1901-1921, 1921-1941, 1948-1964, 1963-1977
Accounts	1869-1924, 1911-1927, 1946-1948 (2), 1951-1961
Pew Rents	1906-1912
Register of Members	1899-1916
List of members and sacrament attendance	1937-1963, 1964-1983

Connexional Annual Meeting and Centenary Celebrations	1936
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**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:

Memorials of Stretford IM Church	1920
150 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary Booklet	1970
150 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary Brochure	1970

### Manuscript Records

Baptisms & Burials Book 1	1839-68
Baptisms & Burials Book 2	1867-1991 (baptisms), 1867-1959 (burials)
Death, Burial & Coroner's Certificates	(one bundle, unchecked)
Church Minutes	1888-1902, 1903-15, 1916-32, 1932-52, 1952-68, 1968-88
Trustees' Minutes	1936-2001
Membership Registers	1890-1917, 1921-62
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
Special Events Committee	1935-70
Sunday School Minutes	1915-30, 1930-46, 1946-57, 1957-82
New School Committee Minutes	1901-07
Notices Book	1937-43, 1943-46
Bound MS History of Church (text as in 'Memorials' above)	1920
Presidents' Bible	1879-2001
Presentation Bible to Mrs. T. Robinson	1902

### Women's Auxiliary

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

### IMTAKS

Minutes	1962-72
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### Buildings

Building Specification	1879
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### Printers' Blocks

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 34<sup>th</sup>. anniversary of William Owen as colleague organist, 1916.
8. Chapel Organ and choir pews, to commemorate 50<sup>th</sup>. 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

Minutes 1919-25

Trustees' Book 1926-43

Baptisms 1924-85

Typescript history

Newspaper cuttings 1919-88

Envelope of correspondence

Collection of photographs

## **WEASTE MISSION, SALFORD (INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH)**

Closed 1978

Baptisms	1924-73
Minutes	1922-36
Treasurer's Books	1910-35, 1936-61
Photographs:	
Church Interior (2)	
Harvest (1)	
Walking Day/Rose Queen (7)	
Cash Book	1962-1963
Cash Book	1962-1964
(also contains Trustees' Minutes 1976-1978)	
Sunday School star book	1962-1963

## **VARLEY STREET INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, MILES PLATTING**

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

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

### **Kept in Archive room**

Baptismal Registers 1858-1887, 1858-1983  
Two scrapbooks containing posters, news cuttings, circuit plans and other memorabilia

### **Box 1**

Church Minutes 1864-1876, 1885-1893, 1893-1900, 1901-1910, 1910-1924, 1924-1945,  
1945-1976, 1976-1987  
Trustees' Minutes 1926-1948  
Church Accounts 1862-1875, 1896-1898, 1922-1942, 1942-1956  
Charity Commissioners 1992

### **Box 2**

Members' Register 1884-1900, 1920-1935, 1948-1966  
Removal forms 1896-1927

### **Sunday School records**

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**

Pew rents 1898-1908  
President's reports 1957-1975, with some earlier ones (incomplete)  
Junior Choir Book 1946-1950  
Men's Fellowship Minutes 1931-1954, 1954-1965  
Poor Fund Account 1862-1870  
Decisions for the Lord 1911-1926  
Copy of Conveyance 1864  
Party Book 1916-1949  
Mutual Improvement Society 1863-1868  
Magazine lists 1939-1971  
Copy letters 1952-1953  
IMTAKS Minutes 1968 - ?  
Social Club Minutes 1934-1950  
Salem Players' Minutes 1935-1938, 1938-1954  
Salem Players' Patrons (envelope)

### **Commemorative services**

Anniversary posters 1934-1936, 1938-1940  
Anniversary hymnsheets 1925-1974 (some)  
Jubilee celebrations 1932  
Diamond Jubilee 1915  
(Sunday School)

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

### **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