

# **BROADWOOD CHAPEL**

A history of Broadwoodwidge Chapel,  
Grinacombe  
1844 – 1900

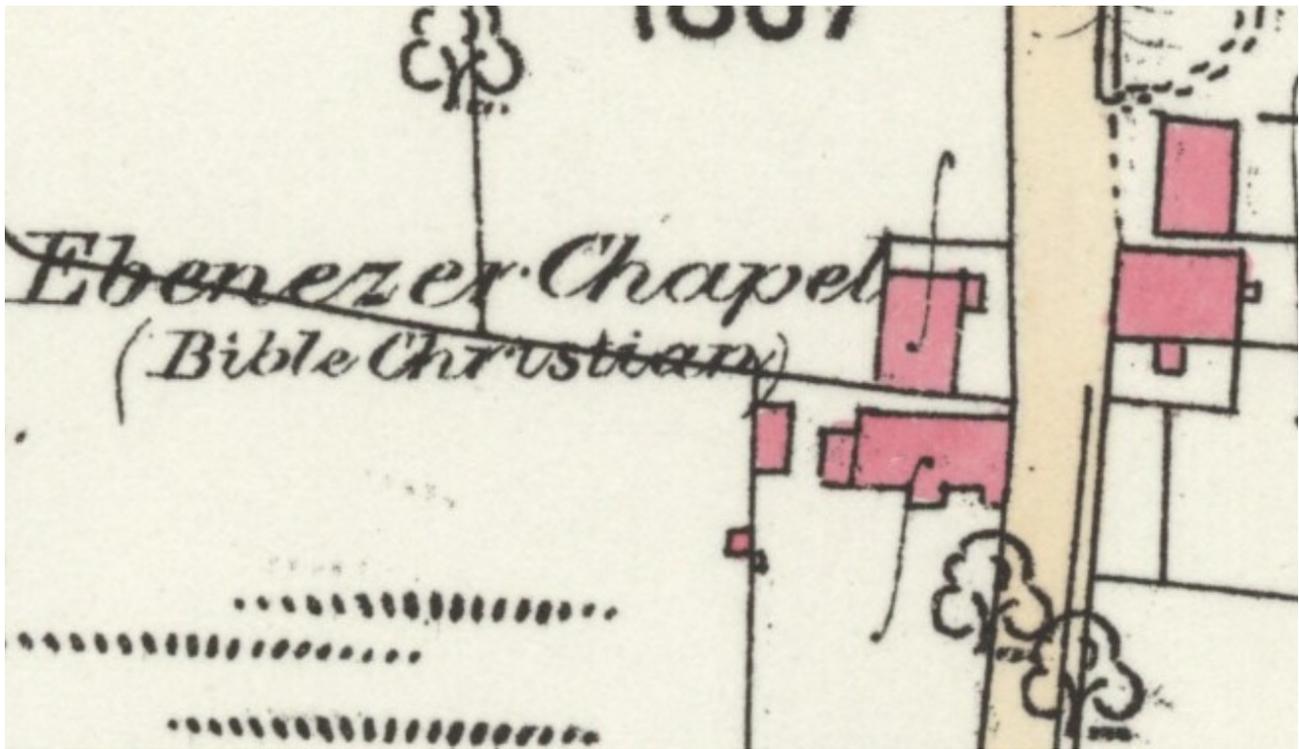
## **BACKGROUND OF THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT**

The Methodist Church grew out of a movement begun by John Wesley, an ordained Anglican clergyman in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. By the end of that century the infant church had separated from the Church of England. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century there were a number of breakaway movements from the main body of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, eg the Methodist New Connection (1797), Independent Methodists (c1811), the Bible Christians (c1815) and Wesleyan Reformers (c1849).

## BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



The Bible Christian Church was founded by William O'Bryan, a Wesleyan Methodist local preacher on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1815 in North Cornwall, with the first society, just 22 members, meeting at Lake Farm in Shebbear Devon and by 1820 missions had been established in Cornwall, Devon, the Channel Islands, Kent and the Isle of Wight largely due to the inspirational teachings of Mary Toms of Tintagel. By 1885 ministers were being sent to America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand



This is a map of the footprint of the first Grinacombe chapel, erected in 1844 on land purchased for £5 from Richard Northey, William Northcott and James Holloway. Members of the original society in 1844, named on the document agreeing to the lease of land for the purposes of building a chapel, include John Thorn , Joseph Squire, Robert and John Down, Henry Wood, John, Emmanuel and Arscott Northcott, Thomas Worden, John Brown, Thomas and Richard Smale, William Wooldridge, Joseph Major, James Adams, Hugh Horne and Thomas Badock.

We believe the chapel was built of local stone and red brick (the latter coming from Hennard Mill brickworks near Grinacombe which has now been submerged by Roadford Lake).

# **THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## **THE CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

In 1858 land opposite the Chapel was purchased for £4, we believe from the Lillycrap family, and a stable and Sunday school rooms were erected. A graveyard was also consecrated and at its heart stands a monument to John and Mary Ann Hall erected by their son in 1858, the year his father died.

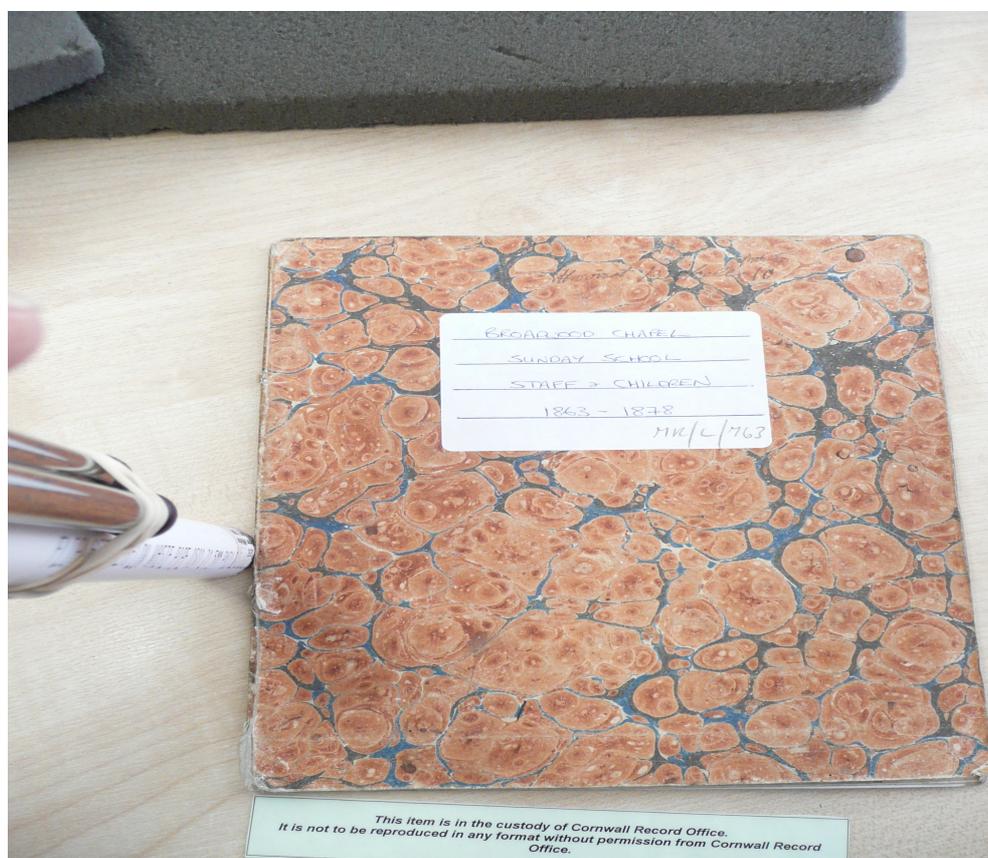


Note the wooden stable door which opened out to house the visiting preacher's horse and trap during services, and the cobbled flooring with square drainage hole.





**BROADWOODWIDGER CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL  
STAFF AND CHILDREN 1863 – 1874  
(Courtesy of Cornwall Records Office)**

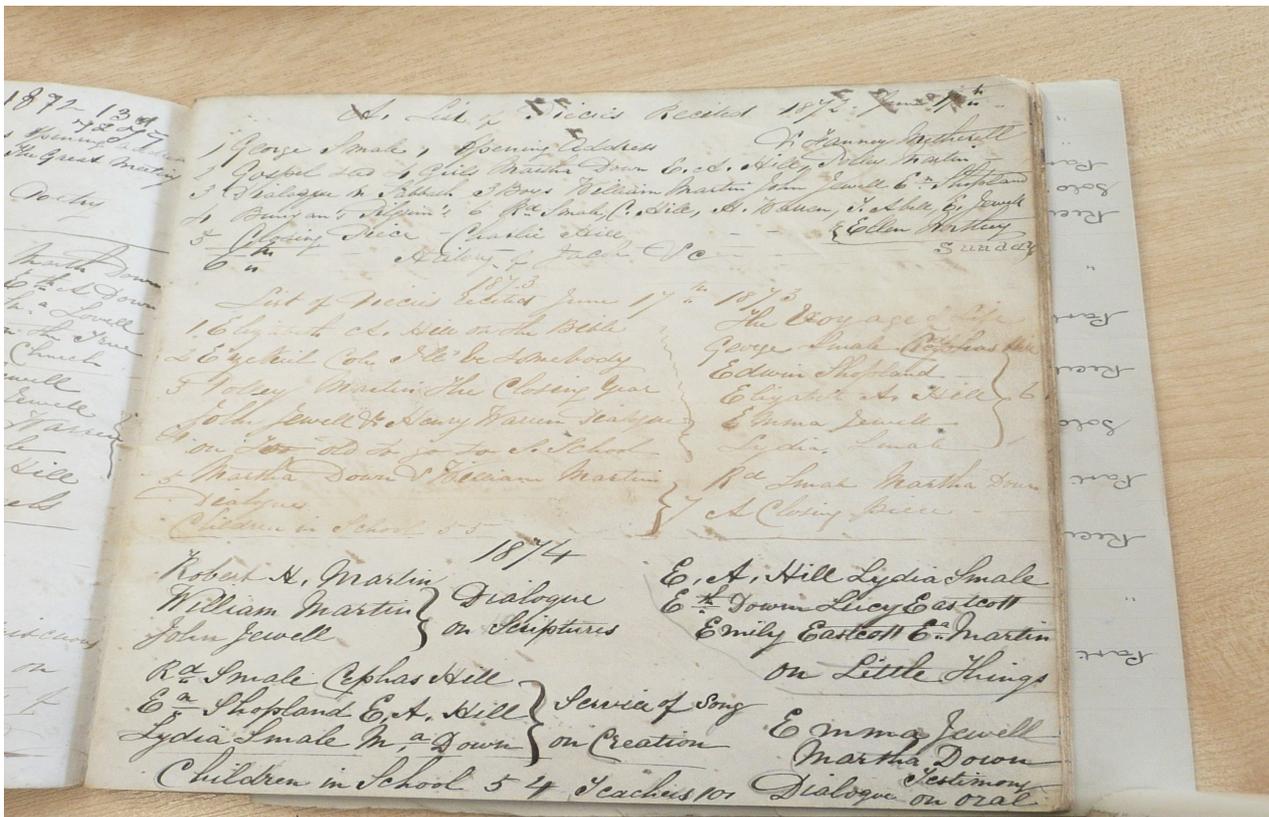


BROADWOOD CHAPEL  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
STAFF & CHILDREN  
1863 - 1874  
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**REGISTER OF THE BAPTISMS**  
 SOLEMNIZED BY THE  
**BIBLE CHRISTIAN MINISTERS**

IN THE  
*Lanmeston* **CIRCUIT.**

FROM *February 22<sup>nd</sup>* 1857.  
 To *November 2<sup>nd</sup>* 1862.

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NO.	CHILD'S NAME	PARENTS' NAMES	RESIDENCE		FATHER'S OCCUPATION	WHEN BAPTIZED	WHERE BAPTIZED	BY WHOM
			PARISH	COUNTY				
77	<i>Joseph</i>	<i>William &amp; Mary Hewer</i>	<i>St. Andrew</i>	<i>Cornwall</i>	<i>Lanmes</i>	<i>May 6<sup>th</sup> 1858</i>	<i>B. C. Chapel Lanmes</i>	<i>Henry Ellis</i>
80	<i>William</i>	<i>William &amp; Elizabeth Lanmes</i>	<i>St. Andrew</i>	<i>Cornwall</i>	<i>Lanmes</i>	<i>May 6<sup>th</sup> 1858</i>	<i>B. C. Chapel Lanmes</i>	<i>Henry Ellis</i>
81	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>William &amp; Elizabeth Lanmes</i>	<i>St. Andrew</i>	<i>Devon</i>	<i>Lanmes</i>	<i>May 16<sup>th</sup> 1858</i>	<i>B. C. Chapel Barnstaple</i>	<i>Henry Ellis</i>
82	<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>William &amp; Hannah Lanmes</i>	<i>St. Andrew</i>	<i>Devon</i>	<i>Lanmes</i>	<i>May 16<sup>th</sup> 1858</i>	<i>B. C. Chapel Barnstaple</i>	<i>Henry Ellis</i>
83	<i>John</i>	<i>William &amp; Mary Lanmes</i>	<i>St. Andrew</i>	<i>Devon</i>	<i>Miner</i>	<i>January 7<sup>th</sup> 1858</i>	<i>B. C. Chapel Lanmes</i>	<i>Henry Ellis</i>
84	<i>William</i>	<i>Thomas &amp; Jane Lanmes</i>	<i>St. Andrew</i>	<i>Cornwall</i>	<i>Miner</i>	<i>May 31<sup>st</sup> 1858</i>	<i>St. Andrew's Barnstaple</i>	<i>Henry Ellis</i>
85	<i>Richard</i>	<i>Thomas &amp; Jane Lanmes</i>	<i>St. Andrew</i>	<i>Cornwall</i>	<i>Miner</i>	<i>May 31<sup>st</sup> 1858</i>	<i>St. Andrew's Barnstaple</i>	<i>Henry Ellis</i>

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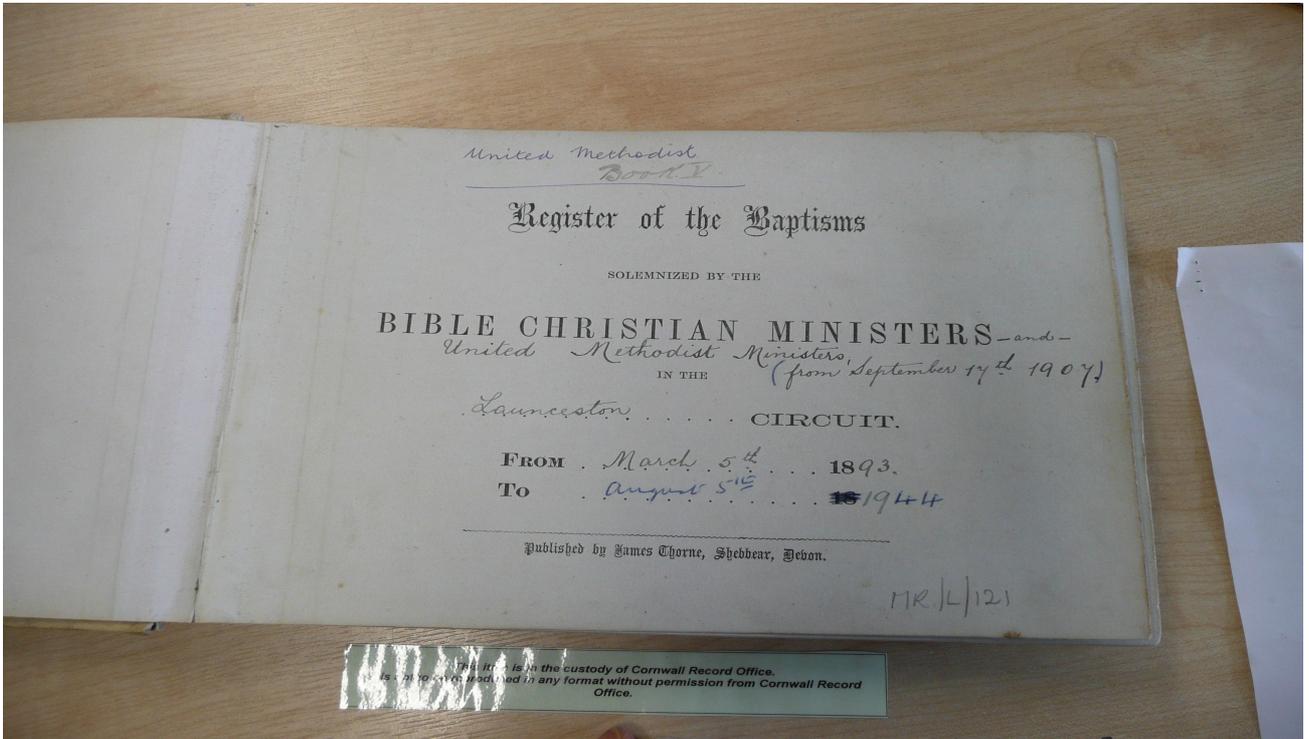
*From June Fifteenth* 1876

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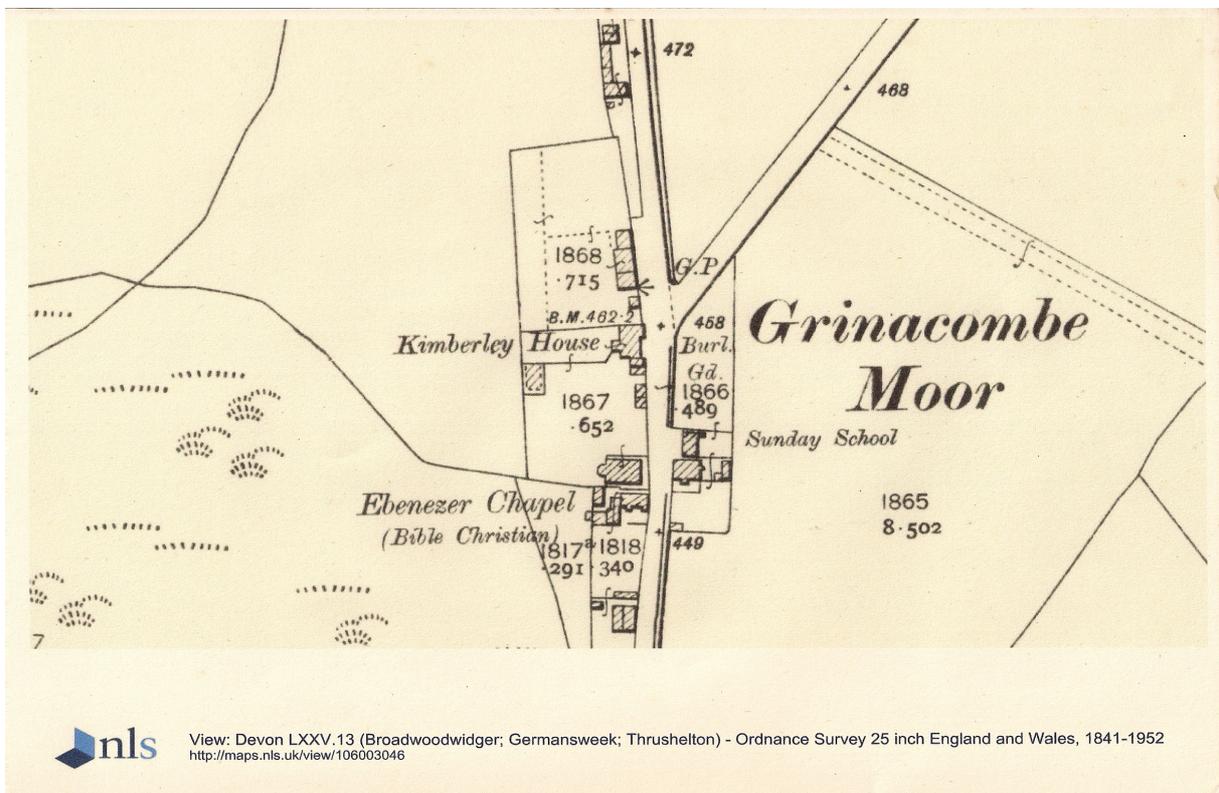


No.	CHILD'S NAME	PARENTS' NAMES	RESIDENCE		FATHER'S OCCUPATION	WHEN BAPTIZED	WHERE BAPTIZED	BY WHOM
			PARISH	COUNTY				
43	<i>Ernest Earl</i>	<i>John Beattie and Hannah Beattie</i>	<i>Launceston</i>	<i>Devon</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1894</i>	<i>Parents House</i>	<i>J. C. Searl</i>
44	<i>Edith Rimmer Lyle</i>	<i>William Rimmer &amp; Emma Ellen Denny</i>	<i>Launceston</i>	<i>Devon</i>	<i>Builder</i>	<i>Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1894</i>	<i>Parents House</i>	<i>J. C. Searl</i>
45	<i>Emily</i>	<i>John Thomas and Selma</i>	<i>Grandpont</i>	<i>Devon</i>	<i>Labourer</i>	<i>Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1894</i>	<i>Parents House</i>	<i>J. C. Searl</i>
46	<i>William Reginald</i>	<i>George &amp; Agnes Ann Small</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1894</i>	<i>Parents House</i>	<i>H. Searl</i>
47	<i>Ernest John</i>	<i>James Thomas &amp; Ann Thomas</i>	<i>St Giles in the West</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Labourer</i>	<i>Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1894</i>	<i>Grand Parents House</i>	<i>J. C. Searl</i>
48	<i>John Mary</i>	<i>John Henry &amp; Mary Jane Parker</i>	<i>St Giles in the West</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1894</i>	<i>Mr Davis to Parker Street</i>	<i>J. C. Searl</i>
49	<i>William Thomas</i>	<i>Frederick John &amp; Elizabeth Ann Stapland</i>	<i>Grandpont</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1894</i>	<i>Parents House</i>	<i>J. C. Searl</i>

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## THE NEW CHAPEL

By the 1890s it was realised that the original chapel was too small to accommodate the congregation. We know from registers that there were approximately 40 children and young people in the Sunday School as well as an active Band of Hope with about 100 members. A new chapel was needed and the trustees responsible for the new build in 1898 and named on the deeds were John and William Hill, Henry Jordan, Frederick, John, James, Samuel and William Shopland, George Smale, Charles Littlejohns, William Palmer, John Allen, William Hicks, James Metherel, William Henry, William Veale, William Worden, John Hamley, Richard and William Jasper, John Nosworthy, Emmanuel Pengelly, Richard and Claude Martin, Alfred Hole, William Lillycrapp, Richard and John Brimacombe and Samuel Cory



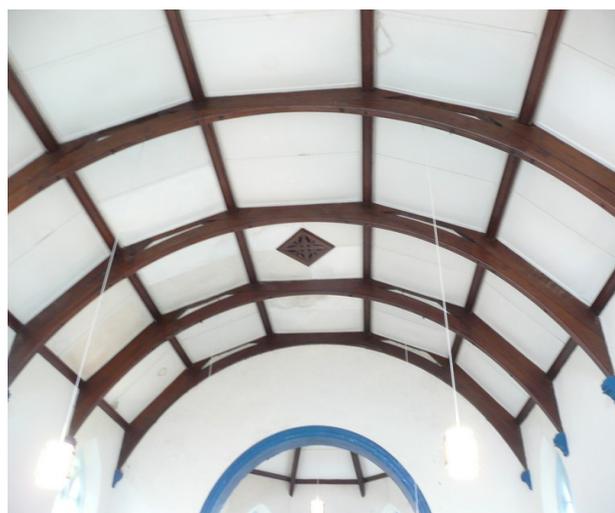




## A NOTE ON THE INTERIOR OF THE CHAPEL AT GRINACOMBE MOOR

We have been unable, so far, to identify the architects for the Grinacombe Chapel. The interior has the clean and restrained look of the Arts and Crafts movement while the shallow apse at the west end is reminiscent of some of early Methodist chapels where the communion space was set behind the pulpit in a shallow recess ensuring the primacy of the spoken Word of God from the pulpit itself. There is no evidence that this apse space was ever used for communion. It seems more likely to have housed musicians.

There is a perforated panel set into the ceiling that acted as a vent for the interior so that the fumes from the lighting system could escape. This is a piece of nineteenth century technology which was part of many late Victorian and Edwardian public buildings but which became redundant with the adoption of the fumeless light provided by the electric bulb





## **TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT UK 1847**

Originated as a mass movement to teach children the importance and principles of sobriety and teetotalism.

The Band of Hope (part of Victorian Social Reform programme) was a temperance organisation for working class children, founded in Leeds. All members took a pledge of total abstinence and were taught the “evils of drink”. Members were enrolled from the age of 6 and met once a week to listen to lectures and participate in activities.

By 1855 it went national and by 1935 the society had 3 million members. By the 1950s cultural values and the idea of signing the pledge was seen as eccentric. The society rebranded itself as “Hope UK” and is now involved in “Primary Prevention” with a remit to drug as well as drink abuse.

Below are some photographs taken of the treasurers book of the Bank of Hope. Note the references to the money spent on cakes, butter, milk, fruit and outings, very similar to sums spent at Rixon Cross chapel during the same decades.

1913-1921  
 1905-1921  
 1903-1914  
 1863-1878

Receipts		Disbursements	
	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
Balance in hand from 1905	1 12 10	Cake Bill	1 5 0
1906 Tea Money	8 0 0	Butter & Milk	0 7 0
Collections	0 10 9	Printing	0 6 0
Provisions Sold	0 4 8	Cream	0 8 0
	5 8 3	Sugar & Tea	0 4 0
		Warse Hire	0 4 6
£. s. d.		Beating water	0 2 0
5 8 3 Receipts		Musick	0 4 8
3 7 8 Disbursements		Given towards House Hire Debt	0 4 0
1 0 7 in hand		Given towards oil	0 8 4
		paid for printing	0 2 6
		Bledge Books	0 2 0
			3 7 8

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Broadwood, Band of Hope, 1905.  
 W. Temperance Society

*Treasurer's Book.*

1905.	Receipts.	L. S. D.
Apr. 24	Balance in Hand.	1. 8. 4.
	Taken at Sea, Tables.	2. 10. 0.
	Collections.	19. 2.
	Cake, Sold.	4. 11.
		<u>5. 2. 6</u>
	£. 5. 2	
	5. 2. 5	
	£. 9. 7	
	£. 9. 7	
	5. 2. 5	
	£. 9. 7	
	1. 12. 10	

*Disbursements*  
*in hand*

Disbursements.	L. S. D.
Cake, Bill.	1. 2. 3.
Butter	8. 8.
Milk	1. 2.
Printing	3. 9.
Cream	3. 0.
Sugar & Tea	4. 3.
Horse Hire.	4. 6.
Music	2. 0.
Heating Water.	2. 0.
Price Books	2. 0.
Treasurer's Book	1. 0.
Towards new Glass	10. 0.
Printing Bills	2. 6.
Music	2. 6.
	<u>3. 19. 7</u>

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Broadwood United Methodist  
 1914-1923  
 1913-1921  
 1905-1921

1913.  
*Receipts of Band of Hope.*

By Balance in Hand	1. 13. 9 <sup>2</sup>
Sea Money	2. 12. 3.
Collection	9. 0.
Given by Rechabites	
Towards Band	15. 0.
Provisions Sold	16. 10 <sup>3</sup> .
Received from Mrs. Shepland	7.
By Collection	5. 6 <sup>2</sup>
Total Receipts	6. 13. 0 <sup>2</sup>
Disbursements	5. 14. 2.
Balance in Hand	<u>1. 18. 10<sup>2</sup></u>

1913.  
*Disbursements of Band of Hope.*

Cake Bill.	2. 0. 6.
Printing Bills.	2. 6.
Butter	8. 8.
Cream	3. 9.
Paid for Bands.	2. 10. 0.
Tea & Sugar.	6. 4.
Milk	1. 0.
Pledge Book.	1. 5.
Total Disbursements	<u>5. 14. 2.</u>

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1914-1923  
 1913-1921  
 1905-1921  
 1903-1914

Receipts April 20<sup>th</sup>  
 For Band of Hope 19 0 8  
 Balance in hand 7 5 2  
 Tea Money 2 11 3  
 Collections 13 8  
 Provisions Sold 5 6 8  
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 Receipts 25 2  
 Disbursements 7 14 0  
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 In hand

Disbursements April 20<sup>th</sup>  
 For Band of Hope 19 0 8  
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 Cake Bill 1 9  
 Printing Bills 5  
 Butter & Milk 11 8  
 Cream 2  
 Tea & Sugar 3 4  
 Heating Water 2  
 Medals 4 9 1/2  
 Ribbon 1 10 1/2  
 Music 3 3  
 Repairing Clarinet 3 17 0  
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