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Avening

Baptist

Avening Baptist Chapel

There was allegedly a Baptist Chapel in Avening in the early 1700s however no record of this has been found other than a short note in the records of the Shortwood Baptist Church. This chapel was built in 1805 by former members of the Shortwood Baptist Church in Nailsworth. The chapel saw only occasional preaching until 1818 when the congregation had grown enough to warrant regular preaching and the church separated from Shortwood. By 1851 there was a congregation of 120. Revd Webley was minister at the chapel between 1826 and 1863. The chapel was part of the Stroud District Free Church Council. In 1972 the church had no settled minister and only 10 members. The church had closed by the year 2000, when an application for change of use was made.

**No registers for Avening Baptist Church have been deposited.
However the following items may be of interest.**

Other Records

Minutes	D5717/1/1	Deacons' meetings 1927-35 then church council meetings 1935-52
History	D2827/2/1	Kings Stanley Baptist Church Book - notes (at end reversed) include a history of Avening Baptist Church
	RR293.17GS	Free churchman. Includes historical notes on Avening chapel, 1826-1904

Other Sources to try

Related Collections	See D5717 for full list of records
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Bisley

Baptist

Eastcombe Baptist Chapel, Bisley (Baptist)

The Baptist Chapel in Eastcombe was built in 1801; however non-conformists have met there since 1742. The chapel was built under the control of Thomas Williams. Henry Hawkins, a later minister registered a building for worship in Tunley and other surrounding parishes in 1817. In 1823 Hawkins moved to help found the [Stroud Baptist Church](#). In 1851 the chapel had a congregation of over 400 people. A new chapel was built in 1876. By 1972 the congregation had fallen to around 12 and the minister was only part time. (Taken from the VCH vol. XI pg. 37)

For a history of the church up to 1900 see: <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/GLS/Eastcombe/ebc-notes.html>.

The following table contains the references to registers of Eastcombe Baptist Church.
There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms/ Births	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1797-1824				MF1261	

Other Sources to try

Related Collections See also GPS/47/80 Photograph of Eastcombe Baptist Chapel deacons
See also D2490/1 Deeds Eastcombe Baptist Chapel 1728-1800

Transcripts See <http://genuki.org.uk/big/eng/GLS/Eastcombe/> for transcripts of Marriages 1837-1952 and Burials 1806-1970.

Congregational

France Lynch Congregational Church, Bisley (Congregational/Presbyterian)

The France Lynch Meeting was founded in 1662. A Presbyterian meeting house in Chalford was granted a licence in 1696. By 1735 there were 70 Presbyterians in the area, presumably attending the France Lynch Meeting. In the 1770s the church was independent. In 1819 Thomas Jones, who had been the minister for 38 years, retired. The Old Vestry was partly demolished and a new chapel was built on Chalford Hill. The old vestry was used as a school but demolished in 1879. By 1851 the congregation of the meeting had grown to 350 people. 120 years later there were only 6 members of the congregation and no minister. The church closed after 1975 and sold in 1986.

The following table contains the references to registers of France Lynch Congregational Church. There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1782		1785		MF1269	
1786-1837		1790-1837		MF1269	
			1819		D5269/2/1
			1824-1858		D5269/2/1
1858-1925	1859-1925	1858-1924	1860-1935		D5269/2/2

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Other Records

Church Books	D5269/2/1	Includes: appointment of deacons, 1836-49; expulsions, 1836-55.
	D5269/2/2	Includes: collections and accounts, 1869, 1880-1902; list of pastors (1728)-1915; church meeting minutes, 1858-73, 1880-1915; certification of The Old Vestry as a place of meeting for religious worship, 1860
Minutes	D5269/3/1/	Church Meetings 1915-1959
	D5269/3/2/	Deacon's Meetings 1916-1975 (See also the Church Books)(
History	VCH	See Volume 11 of the Victoria County History of Gloucestershire
	D5269/2/2	Contains a history of the church 1662-1889

Other Sources to try

Related Collections	See also D7188/3/1 - Minutes of joint committee with the Chalford Baptist Church, 1902-1903
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Methodist

Bisley Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

A Methodist chapel was built at Bisley in 1796. The chapel was in the Stroud Methodist Circuit. By 1851 the chapel congregation was around 50. A new chapel was built on High Street in 1863. In 1972 the congregation had dropped to 9. The church was closed by 2012. It is now a private dwelling.

The following table contains the references to registers of Bisley Methodist Church.
There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Transcript Reference	Original Register
1811-1848*				MF1251	GAL/J3/51251GS	
			1791- 1824*		GAL/J3/51251GS	
1849-1928*	1849-1863*				GAL/J3/51232GS	
		1849*				D3187/1/3/2
		1851*				D3187/1/3/3

*These are records for the whole Stroud Circuit and not just this chapel.

Other Records

Accounts D3187/2/23/1 Stewards' cash book

Other Sources to try

Books/Pamphlets Photograph of High Street, Bisley, showing the Methodist chapel, 1967 (SR20/52370.35GS)

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Custom Scrubbs, Bisley (Primitive Methodist/United Methodist)

A house was first registered as a place of worship in Custom Scrubbs in 1828. The Primitive Methodist Chapel was built in 1840. By 1851 it had a congregation of 40. The chapel was no longer used by 1912.

The following table contains the references of registers relating to Custom Scrubbs. There is also a list of other sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1829-1949*					D3187/1/4/1*

*Covers the Stroudwater Circuit of Primitive Methodists. Does not specify the church where the baptism took place.

Oakridge Lynch Methodist Chapel, Bisley (Wesleyan Methodist)

Methodist meetings were held at Oakridge Lynch from around 1742. William Jenkins, a minister on the Gloucester Methodist circuit preached at open air meetings. Private houses were used for meetings. A chapel was built in 1797 and enlarged in 1836. The congregation was around 130 in 1851. The whole church was rebuilt in 1874. Over the next 100 years numbers attended the church fell, reaching 13 in 1933. By 1972 the congregation numbered 20 adults and 22 children attended the Sunday school. The church was closed by 2008 and as it was sold in that year. It has now been converted to a private dwelling.

The following table contains the references to registers of Oakridge Lynch Chapel.

There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Transcript Reference	Original Register
1811-1848*				MF1251	GAL/J3/51251GS	
			1791- 1824*		GAL/J3/51251GS	
1849-1928*	1849-1863*				GAL/J3/51232GS	
		1849*				D3187/1/3/2
		1851*				D3187/1/3/3
			1833			D3931/2/11/10

*These are records for the whole Stroud Circuit and not just this chapel.

Other Records

Minutes	D3931/2/11/1	Trustees minutes 1901-1977
	D3931/2/11/7	Trustees accounts and minutes 1841-1880
Memorial Inscriptions	D5102/13	1982-1985 [includes photos and plan]
History	D3931/2/11/9	Cutting from Gloucester County Advertiser on history of the chapel, 1936
	D3931/2/11/10	Centenary pamphlet, 1974

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Roman Catholic

St Mary of the Angels, Bisley (Roman Catholic)

St Mary of the Angels opened in 1931. It was closely associated with the Raymond-Barker family. The chapel is served from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches	Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud
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Cainscross

None

Chalford

Baptist

Chalford Tabernacle (Baptist)

Meetings of Baptists in Chalford began around 1740. In 1746, with the help of **Tetbury Baptist Church** they purchased two cottages on Coppice Hill, where the church was first registered. It was known as Coppice Chapel. Nathaniel Overbury was the first Pastor, but he soon moved on to Cirencester. The church grew popular and in 1805 it was decided to improve and enlarge to old cottages. The collapse of the wool trade in the mid-19th century left many locals in poverty and a lot left the area or emigrated. Church numbers fell so low, the chapel was almost closed in 1847 but the situation improved and numbers recovered in the 1860s. In 1868 a new burial ground was purchased on the other side of the Coppice. A new chapel was built in 1874, and was known as Chalford Tabernacle. The church population suffered between the World Wars. By 1960 the pastor was only part time and the congregation was shrinking. In the 1970s the chapel was closed but reopened in the 1990s. The church celebrated its 250th anniversary in 1997.

The following table contains the references to registers of Chalford Baptist Church.

There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Communicants Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
			1917-1919		D7188/1/1

Other Records

Minutes	D7188/4/	Includes Church and Deacons' Meetings. See catalogue for full list.
Sunday School	D7188/8/	Includes Class Register 1849-1876 and Pupil Records 1872-1876
History	R69.13GS	On Coppice Hill, 1997 (written to celebrate Chalford Baptist Church's 250th anniversary)

Other Sources to try

Related Collections See also D5249 (Tetbury Baptist Church)

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Methodist

Chalford Hill (Primitive Methodist/United Methodist)

The Chapel at Chalford Hill was built in 1823. In 1844 as a building described as the “Primitive Methodist meeting house, with the burial ground” in Chalford was put up for sale. This may not have gone through or this may be a different meeting house. By 1851 it had a congregation of 65. After the merger of the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodists in 1932 the chapel continued as a United Methodist Chapel. After the closure of the **Ebenezer Chapel, Chalford** (formerly Wesleyan) in 1963, Chalford Hill became the Methodist Chapel for the Chalford area. In 1972 there was a congregation of 45. The chapel became more popular in the 1970s and 1980s due to the increase in population in the area and the rise in new families.

The following table contains the references of registers relating to Chalford Hill.

There is also a list of other sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1829-1949*					D3187/1/4/1*

*Covers the Stroudwater Circuit of Primitive Methodists. Does not specify the church where the baptism took place.

Other Records

Minutes	D3187/1/3/	Stroud & Cirencester Methodist Circuit, various 1933-1978
Accounts	D3187	Uncatalogued: *treasurer's cash book, 1924-1977; *trust treasurer's account book 1965-1977; *collections books 1970-1976; *treasurer's notebook 1979-1980; *savings books 1959-1970, 1970-1977; *receipt book 1975-1981; *financial statements 1976-1977, 1977-1978; *papers relating to the Benevolent Fund 1970-1979; *papers relating to the property fund 1968-1981
History	VCH	Victoria County History of Gloucestershire Volume 11

Other Sources to try

Related Collections	See also DC23/563 Extension and re-roofing of Chalford Hill Methodist Church 1986
	See the records of Stroud Circuit (after 1933) D3187/1/3/

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Chalford Ebenezer Chapel (Wesleyan Methodist)

The Ebenezer chapel in Chalford began around 1797. Initially the group attended open air sermons and then met in a house on Chalford Hill. The chapel was built in 1814. By the 1850s there were between 100 and 150 people attending the church. A new chapel was built on Marle Hill in 1859. The new chapel included a schoolroom. The chapel became part of the new united Methodist circuit in 1933. In 1962 the chapel was closed and sold. The **Chalford Hill Chapel** became the main Methodist church in the area.

The following table contains the references to registers of the Chalford Ebenezer Chapel. There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Transcript Reference	Original Register
1811-1848*				MF1251	GAL/J3/51251GS	
			1791- 1824*		GAL/J3/51251GS	
1849-1928*	1849-1863*				GAL/J3/51232GS	
		1849*				D3187/1/3/2
		1851*				D3187/1/3/3

*These are records for the whole Stroud Circuit and not just this chapel.

Other Records

Minutes	D3187/2/18/	Leaders' meeting minutes 1899-1962
Accounts	D3187/2/18/3	Account book, 1840-1860
	D3187/2/18/4	Trustees' accounts 1926-1962
Sunday School	D3390/	Sunday School minutes 1866-1910 and registers 1866-1949
History	D3390/9	History of the Chalford Wesleyan (Ebenezer) Methodist Chapel by F. T. Hammond, 1976

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Plymouth Brethren

Chalford Mission Hall (Plymouth Brethren)

The Mission Hall or Chapel on High Street, Chalford was built around 1882. It was used for worship until the late 1970s. It was converted into a single dwelling in 1983. The building is now known as the Old Mission Hall.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Planning

Planning application for change of use from place of worship to dwelling, Former Mission Room, High Street, Chalford. Approved. Application No. S.14145, 1983 (DC7/149)

Browns Hill Brethren Chapel, Chalford (Plymouth Brethren)

The tin tabernacle was built on Browns Hill around 1901. The building is still there, and is painted green. The building is no longer used for worship. By the 1970s, it was marked on the Ordnance Survey map as a Hall.

No records deposited.

Roman Catholic

St Mary of the Angels, Templewood, Brownhill, Chalford, (Roman Catholic)

Templewood was set up in 1927 by two nurses to treat the mentally ill. A chapel was opened in 1937 to serve the home and the local community. It was served from Stroud. In 1946 a Lancaster bomber hit the home causing a large fire, however the chapel remained undamaged. The chapel was used for services up until 2006. The building was listed in 2008.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud

Seventh Day Adventist

Seventh Day Adventists Chapel, Chalford

This chapel was built in 1952. It is located on High Street, Chalford.

No records deposited.

Swedenborgian

Swedenborgian Chapel (Church of the New Jerusalem)

A chapel as erected next to the house of Samuel Hook in 1845. By 1851 there were around 35 members of the congregation. It is now known when the group stopped meeting, however it is thought to have been in the 1850s.

No records deposited.

Horsley

Methodist

Downend, Horsley (Wesleyan Methodist)

Not to be confused with the chapel at Downend, Mangotsfield in South Gloucestershire.

The Methodist chapel at Downend was built in 1820. By 1851 the congregation numbered around 200 people. The chapel was in the Dursley circuit until 1864. From this date it was in the Stonehouse circuit. The chapel went out of use around 1919. Most of the congregation moved to the chapel in Nailsworth.

The following table contains the references to registers of Downend Chapel.

There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Transcript Reference	Original Register
1824-1837				MF1243		
1844-1899						D3187/2/7/1

Other Records

Deeds	D6435/2	1824
School Records	D3187/1/2/15	Schedule of Wesleyan day schools, 1876 Gives details of members attending, names of teachers, grants etc

Kings Stanley

Baptist

Kings Stanley Baptist Church

It is understood that Baptists began meeting in Kings Stanley around 1640. By 1715 there were 150 people in the congregation. Their first chapel was built in Coombe Lane and was established with a minister by 1773. A new chapel was built in 1824 on Broad Street, Middle Yard, where the chapel still stands. Despite falling numbers, the church has managed to stay open, with the support of neighbouring Baptist Churches. Kings Stanley Baptist Church had a role in the establishment of the following Baptist Churches: **Shortwood** (1715), **Stroud** (1824), **Nupend (See Eastington)** (1832) and **Woodchester** (1833). The church is also linked with the **Stonehouse Baptist Church**.

The following table contains the references to registers of Kings Stanley Baptist Church. There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1805-1837*					D2827/1/1
		1874-1956^			D2827/1/2
	1899-1901				D2827/1/2
	1908				D2827/1/2
		1899-1908			D2827/1/2
			1879		D2827/2/1
			1880-1898		D2827/1/3

*Retrospective register of births compiled in 1837.

^Certificates of Registry of Death for burial. This is not a register of burials, but it is implied that funerals took place at the Church.

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Other Records

Church Books	D2827/2/1	Includes Church Meeting minutes, 1818-1879, Church Roll 1879
Minutes	D2827/3/1-3, 5-7	Church Meetings Minutes 1879-1980
	D2827/3/4, 8-12	Deacons Meetings Minutes 1900-1980. See catalogue for full list.
Sunday School Records	D2827/6/	Includes minutes 1893-1902 and attendance register 1891-1894. See catalogue for full list.
History	Website	A history of the church can be found at http://ksbc.org.uk/?page_id=67 (June 2012)

Other Sources to try

Related Collections	See D7382/5/11 for Correspondence about the possibility of sharing a minister with Painswick Baptist chapel, 1980
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Methodist

Kings Stanley Chapel (Primitive Methodist)

A Primitive Methodist Chapel was built on Broad Street, Kings Stanley in 1861. The land for the chapel was bought in 1860 by the trustees from Worthy Sealy. It was in the Stroudwater circuit in 1881. When the Primitive and Wesleyan Methodists merged in 1933, Kings Stanley became part of the Stroud and Cirencester circuit. The chapel was closed in 1958. It is now a guest house.

The following table contains the references of registers relating to Kings Stanley PM Chapel. There is also a list of other sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1829-1949*					D3187/1/4/1*

*Covers the Stroudwater Circuit of Primitive Methodists. Does not specify the church where the baptism took place.

Other Records

Minutes	D3187/2/19/	Trustees minutes 1903-1957
Deeds	D8003	Includes abstracts of title back to 1860 and photograph negatives of the chapel

Other Sources to try

Books/Pamphlets	(Hyett) C15.53GS	Appeal for funds for: chapel and organ debt, chapel and school cleaning, painting and repairs, c. 1896
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Selsley or Stanley End Chapel, Kings Stanley (Primitive Methodist)

A Primitive Methodist Chapel was built in Selsley around 1863. The building was certified for marriages on 14th December 1863. In 1933 it became part of the united Methodist church and was on the Stroud and Cirencester Circuit. At this time there were 15 names on the church roll. Numbers continued to fall as members passed away or moved out of the area. Eventually in 1965, with only 4 members, the decision was made to sell the chapel. A compulsory purchase was made by the County Council in 1968 and the chapel was demolished. Some items were transferred to Stroud Castle Street Methodist Chapel and the money from the sale was given to Cashes Green for repairs.

The following table contains the references of registers relating to Selsley Chapel.
There is also a list of other sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1829-1949*					D3187/1/4/1*

*Covers the Stroudwater Circuit of Primitive Methodists. Does not specify the church where the baptism took place.

Other Records

Minutes	D3187/2/26/1	Trustees' meeting minutes, 1933-1969
Accounts	D3187/2/26/2-3	Trust fund cash books, 1924-1969
Deeds	D8003	Includes an abstract of title for the plot of land used by the chapel later (dated 1849).

Stanley End Meeting, Selsley, Kings Stanley (Wesleyan Methodist)

A Wesleyan Methodist meeting was held at Stanley End between 1828 and 1837. It is likely that the meeting was linked with the chapel at Leonard Stanley.

The following table contains the references to registers of Stanley End Meeting.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Transcript Reference	Original Register
1828-1837*				MF1251	GAL/J3/51251GS	

*These are records for the whole Stroud Circuit and not just this chapel.

Presbyterian

Kings Stanley Presbyterians (or Anabaptists)

Presbyterians first registered a place of worship in 1672. It is thought that they met at Stanley Court or Court Farm. In 1735 there were 1735 independents living within the parish of Kings Stanley. Meetings were not regular and they were sometimes known as Anabaptists. In 1795 a house was registered for worship by 'Anabaptists and Housekeepers'. It is possible the same group were the Calvinists worshipping in the parish in 1825. It is not known what happened to this group.

No records deposited.

Leonard Stanley

Methodist

Leonard Stanley Methodist Chapel (Wesleyan)

A chapel was first built at Leonard Stanley in 1810. However a meeting appeared on the Stroud Methodist Circuit between 1791 and 1799. The chapel was, however, part of the Dursley circuit. In 1864 it was transferred to the Stonehouse circuit, but reverted back to the Dursley circuit upon the merger of the two circuits in 1936. Around 1851 the chapel had a congregation between 150 and 200 people. A schoolroom was added in the 1840s. Cooperation with Church of England Parish Church (St Swithuns) started in late 1980s and discussions of sharing the Parish church began in 1989. The last service held at the chapel was Easter Sunday, April 11th, 1993. The chapel was sold in 1994. A Joint Council was set up to run the parish church as a shared building.

The following table contains the references to registers of Leonard Stanley Methodist Chapel. There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1839-1900					D3187/2/11/1
			1936-1940*		D3187/1/1/6
			1954*		D3187/1/1/7
			1963-1964*		D3187/1/1/8
			1989		D3187/2/11/16

*These records relate to the whole Dursley circuit and not just this chapel.

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Other Records

Minutes	D3187/2/11/2	Leaders' and Stewards' Meeting minutes 1892-1917
	D3187/2/11/11	Quarterly Leaders Meetings Minutes, 1971-1991
	D3187/2/11/12	Church Council Meetings Minutes, 1992-2005
	D3187/2/11/13	Trustees Minutes book 1894-1977
Subscriptions	D3187/2/11/22-23	Subscription Books, 1973-1974
Sunday School	D3187/2/11/26	Teachers Meetings Minute Book, 1920-1952
	D3187/1/2/15	Schedule of Wesleyan day schools, including Leonard Stanley, 1876
	D3187	Sunday school teachers' roll book, 1917-1927

Minchinhampton

Baptist

Minchinhampton Baptist Church

Baptists in Minchinhampton are thought to have first met in 1699 at Giles Mason's house as Forwood. In 1728 another meeting place was registered at St Chloe. In 1735 there were 17 Baptists living within the parish, however they probably attended the **Shortwood Baptist Church**. In 1765 Benjamin Francis, the minister at Shortwood, began a new meeting house, which was served by Shortwood. The popularity of this chapel dwindled but in 1824 a new separate church was formed. 10 years later the chapel moved to the south side of Tetbury Street, on land given by David Ricardo. By 1851 the church had congregations of around 150-200. In 1882 the church became known as Particular Baptists. In 1973 there were 68 members of the church.

**No registers for Minchinhampton Baptist Church have been deposited.
However the following items may be of interest.**

Other Records

History	VCH Vol. XI	See Minchinhampton: non-conformity
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Other Sources to try

Related Collections	See D11612 Photographs 1976-1977 See also Q/SR/1765/D Application for licence for Baptist meeting house, Minchinhampton, 1765
Books/Pamphlets	RF205.5GS Baptist chapel in Minchinhampton, scheme sealed 19th January 1912 D11612 'Recollections of Minchinhampton Baptist Church' [also including Childhood Memories of Living in The Institute] by Iris Dyer, c.2009

Latter Day Saints

Minchinhampton Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormon)

A group of around 30 Mormons met in Minchinhampton. It is not known how long this congregation lasted or when it started.

No records deposited.

Methodist

Wall's Quarry, Minchinhampton (Primitive Methodist)

This chapel was built in 1838. It was a popular chapel, having around 100 people in its congregation by 1851. The chapel was there in around 1884 but had disappeared by the time of the 1902 Ordnance Survey Map.

The following table contains the references of registers relating to Wall's Quarry.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1829-1949*					D3187/1/4/1*

*Covers the Stroudwater Circuit of Primitive Methodists. Does not specify the church where the baptism took place.

Box, Minchinhampton (Wesleyan Methodist)

A short lived Wesleyan Methodist meeting was started in Box in 1806. It was linked with the chapel at Littleworth. 3 years later it had merged with the Stroud meeting. A meeting started again in the 1842. But this only lasted one year.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches Stroud Wesleyan Methodist Church (Castle Street) or chapels in Minchinhampton

Littleworth Wesleyan Chapel, Minchinhampton/Amberley (Methodist)

The chapel at Littleworth was built in 1790, however it is likely that there were meetings before this date. It began in the Stroud Methodist circuit, however by 1838 it was in the Dursley circuit. When the Stonehouse circuit was created in 1864 Littleworth moved to that circuit. It reverted back to the Dursley circuit in 1936. In 1851 there was a congregation of around 170; however membership was likely to be closer to 75. This had shrunk to 27 in 1933, and 18 in 1945. By 1973 the congregation was only 12. The final service was held at the chapel on 16th September, 1990 – the 200th anniversary of the chapel. Since 1990, the Methodist congregation have shared Holy Trinity Church, Amberley. The Littleworth hall is still used by both churches.

The following table contains the references to registers of Littleworth Chapel.

There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Transcript Reference	Original Register
1814-1837				MF1244		
1811-1848*				MF1251	GAL/J3/51251GS	
			1791- 1824*		GAL/J3/51251GS	
1849-1928*	1849-1863*				GAL/J3/51232GS	
		1849*				D3187/1/3/2
		1851*				D3187/1/3/3
1923-1967						D3187/2/20/1
	1935-1967					D3569/5/1

*These are records for the whole Stroud Circuit and not just this chapel.

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Other Records

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Minutes	D3187/2/20/7	Trustees' meeting minutes, 1896-1977
Accounts	D3187/2/20/9-11	Stewards Accounts, 1862-1915
	D3187/2/20/12	Chapel treasurer's cash book, 1870-1957
	D3187/2/20/13	Trustees' accounts, 1930-1976
Sunday School	D3187/2/20/2-4	Sunday School Attendance registers, 1854-1884
	D3187/2/20/5-6	Sunday School monthly book registers, 1839-1885
Other Sources to try		
Books/Pamphlets	Forth in thy name: the story of Amberley (Littleworth) Methodist Church, c.1990 (R15.5GS)	

Quaker/Society of Friends

Minchinhampton Meeting House (Society of Friends/Quakers)

A meeting house was built in the parish by Daniel Fowler in 1731. Four years later it is recorded that there were 40 members of the meeting. By 1746 the market house was registered as a meeting place. Although a Quaker population remained in the parish, the meeting is thought to have ended in the 18th century.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches Nailsworth Meeting House

Roman Catholic

St Thomas More and St John Fisher, Box, Minchinhampton (Roman Catholic)

Roman Catholics established a place of worship in Box in 1930. A chapel was built in 1936 on Hampton Green. The chapel was served from Woodchester. The chapel is believed to have closed after 1973.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches Church of the Annunciation, Woodchester.

Nailsworth

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Baptist

Nailsworth Tabernacle (Baptist)

In 1864 there was a disagreement at the **Shortwood Baptist Church** over the new minister. As a result, part of the congregation split away and formed another church. 4 years later they built a chapel on Bristol Road, which became known as the Nailsworth Tabernacle. The church was troubled by disagreements, lack of funds and short tenures of pastors. The fortunes of the church picked up in 1902 but this did not last. The church rejoined Shortwood in 1910 and the chapel building was sold to the Wesleyan Methodists.

**There are no registers for the Nailsworth Tabernacle deposited.
However, the following sources might be of interest.**

Other Records

Church Books	D2424/17	Includes minutes and an account of how the church was formed, 1866-1910
History	R210.18GS	Nailsworth tabernacle church, 1949

Other Sources to try

Related Collections	See also the records of Shortwood Baptist Church.	
Books/Pamphlets	Charity called the Baptist tabernacle and manse, Nailsworth, scheme (for power to sell) sealed 3rd March 1911 (RF210.1GS)	

Shortwood Baptist Church, Nailsworth

Around 1705 a group broke away from the **Forest Green Congregational Church**. They began by attending the Kings Stanley Baptist Church, but two years later services were being held in Nailsworth under the Kings Stanley minister. In 1715 a chapel was built and by 1735 300 Baptists were said to be living in Horsley. The chapel was served by visiting ministers until 1737. The church continued to grow in the late 18th century under Benjamin Francis and by 1799 had a congregation of 241, including groups in surrounding parishes. By the 1820s Shortwood was said to be “the largest Baptist meeting in England”. Notable ministers of this time include William Winterbotham (1804-1829) and T F Newman (1832-1864). A large number of manufacturers from the local area attended the church as well as many of their workers. A new chapel was built in 1837. One year earlier the church purchased the Nailsworth Preaching Room, Numbers suffered in the 1830s due to high numbers of emigration, between 1838 and 1840 approximately 80 members of the congregation emigrated to Australia. Despite this by 1851 the congregation had grown to 1000. In 1864 there was dispute of the appointment of a new minister and a group left the church, eventually forming the **Nailsworth Tabernacle**. The church was forced to move to another church in 1881 on Newmarket Road due to growing numbers. In 1910 the Nailsworth Tabernacle group rejoined the church. In 1967 the church reunited with the **Forest Green Congregation Church** and formed **Christ Church, Nailsworth**. Both churches continued to perform ceremonies until 1972 when the refurbished Baptist chapel on Newmarket Road became Christ Church’s permanent home.

The following table contains the references to registers of Shortwood Baptist Church.

There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms (*Births)	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1749-1787*				MF1261	
1787-1806*				MF1246	
			1716-1837		D2424/2
			1716-1866		D2424/3
			1832-1836		D2424/5
			1848		D2424/4

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Baptisms (*Births)	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
			1851-1859		D2424/6
			1832-1859 [@]		D2424/7
			1880		D2424/7
1785-1859					D2424/8
		1807-1971 [^]			GAL/K3/52902 [^]

[^]This is transcript and is available on the open shelves, the original is uncatalogued.

[@]Based on D2424/4-6. Contains dates of death of members 1832-1859, also includes dates of dismissals (moved away), removals (moved to another denomination), exclusions and emigration

Other Records

Church Books	(References)	(Information documents are likely to contain, inc covering dates)
Minutes	D2424	Uncatalogued. Please ask a member of staff.
Transcripts	RR210.40GS	Shortwood Baptist church register from 1715 (Transcript of D2424/2 and D2424/3)
History	D2424/12 P223 MI 8	Histories of the Baptist Church, Shortwood (2 printed, 1820, 1837, 1 manuscript 1847) F T Smyth, 'Chronicles of Shortwood 1705-1916' (Bristol, 1916)

Other Sources to try

Related Collections See also D2698/2/ for the papers of Rev. Thomas Newman. See catalogue for full list.
See D2595 for related papers. See catalogue for full list.
D1347 Accn. 11493 uncatalogued: Shortwood Baptist Church - Appointment of new trustees 1946
See S223/3 for records of Shortwood Baptist Hall Infants' School

Congregational

Forest Green Congregational Church, Nailsworth

Also known as Lower Forest Green, not to be confused with Upper Forest Green Congregational Chapel

The first congregational church at Forest Green was built in 1687, but had roots in the community in 1662 when William Tray was ejected from Oddington parish church. It seems that the first minister was John Fox, who was a Presbyterian, and in 1689 the church was known as both Independent and Presbyterian. In 1715 450 people attended services. A number of families from neighbouring parishes, including Avening and Horsley, attended the church in Forest Green. The Sunday School began in 1773, pre-dated the Robert Raikes movement by a few years. In 1821 the congregation split over the decision to move to new premises closer to Nailsworth. A new chapel was built in Lower Forest Green and most of the congregation moved to the new site. However a breakaway group remained at Upper Forest Green and formed what became the Upper Forest Green Congregational Chapel. They built a new church close to the old one, which was on the site of the burial ground. Due to this split the congregation numbers decreased. Numbers continued to struggle through the mid-19th century and by 1867 there were only 87 members. The next 50 years were quite prosperous and by 1910 the numbers had risen to 103. However this fell again after WW2 when there were only 63 members at the time of the church's 300th anniversary. The Lower and Upper Congregational Churches reunited in 1916 and in 1967 the Congregationalists joined with the Baptist Church at Shortwood to form Christ Church, United Reformed Church

The following table contains the references to registers of the Forest Green Chapel.

There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1776-1785				MF1258	
1785-1799				MF1292	
1800-1815				MF1258	
1817-1837				MF1292	
		1786-1817			D2595/5
1845-1876		1849-1850	1845-1949		D2595/1
	1934-1940				D2595/6/1

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Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
	1940-1947				D2595/6/2
	1947-1958				D2595/6/3
	1959-1967				D2595/6/4
	1967-1971				D2595/6/5

Other Records

Church Books	D2595/1	Contains: historical account of church, c.1870; misc. posters relating to ordination services, etc., 19th cent.; extracts from church meeting minutes, 1847-62
Minutes	D2595/2-4	Minutes of church and deacons' meetings 1921-1959. See catalogue for list.
Memorial Inscriptions	GAL/K3/47212/GS D2424 Box 91009	Forest Green Old Independent Graveyard, Star Hill, Nailsworth, 1987 Sorted by grave number, with a names index at front.
History	P223 MI 10	Short History of Forest Green Congregational Church, Nailsworth, 1662-1962

Other Sources to try

Related Collections	See also D2595 and D2424
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Upper Forest Green Chapel, Nailsworth (Congregational)

The Upper Forest Green Chapel began in 1821 when a group broke away from the **Forest Green Congregational Chapel**. The group disagreed with moving to new premises closer to Nailsworth. Although they remained in the original chapel, within a year a new building was required. The chapel was congregational or independent. By 1851 there were 160 members. In 1916 the church reunited with the Forest Green Chapel

The following table contains the references to registers of Upper Forest Green Chapel.
There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1822-1837				MF1247	

Other Sources to try

Related Collections See also D2424 and D2595

Methodist

Nailsworth Methodist Church (Wesleyan)

Nailsworth Methodist church began in 1911 in the Tabernacle on Bristol Road. This building was previously used by a splinter group from the Shortwood Baptist Church. From 1933, the church was in the Stroud and Cirencester circuit. The Nailsworth congregation now shares premises with Christ Church Ecumenical Church, Nailsworth - see [Christ Church, Nailsworth \(United Reformed Church\)](#).

The following table contains the references to registers of Nailsworth Methodist Church. There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Transcript Reference	Original Register
1911-1928*					GAL/J3/51232GS	
1927-1955						D3187/2/22/1

*These are records for the whole Stroud Circuit and not just this chapel.

Other Records

Minutes	D3187/2/22/2	Trustees' meeting minutes, 1911-1977
	D3187/2/22/3	Leaders' meeting minutes, 1958-1973

Other Sources to try

Related Collections See also D3187/2/22 for a full list of records.

Plymouth Brethren

Brethren Meeting House, Nailsworth (Plymouth Brethren)

A meeting house was built around 1841. The majority of the new members of the meeting were former Baptists. By 1851 the Brethren had a congregation of between 40 and 50. The meeting continued until the 1930s. The location of the meeting house is not shown on Ordnance Survey maps.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches Nailsworth Baptist Church

Quaker/Society of Friends

Nailsworth Society of Friends Meeting House (Quakers)

The Society of Friends began to gain members in the Nailsworth area around 1655. A barn was first used as a meeting house in 1680. By 1735 there were 170 Quakers in the nearby parishes of Avening and Horsley, presumably attending the Nailsworth meeting. A meeting was held at Bisley for a short period after 1739. Attempts to establish a separate meeting at Bisley were rejected in 1753. The meeting boomed in the 18th century; however it was struggling by the mid-19th century. By 1851 there were only 6 members of the meeting. A notable Quaker in the Nailsworth area was Anthony Fewster, a local mill owner. The meeting recovered in the 20th century, growing to 20-30 members by 1973.

The following table contains the references to registers of the Nailsworth Meetings.

There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Births	Marriages	Burials	Member Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
PREPARATIVE MEETINGS (Nailsworth and Painswick)					
		1833-1849			D1340/C7/R1
		1838			D1340/C7/R2
PREPARATIVE MEETINGS (Nailsworth)					
		1848-1864			D1340/C5/R1
MONTHLY MEETINGS (Nailsworth)					
			1812-1837		D1340/B1/Z2
			1837-1853		D1340/B1/Z3
MONTHLY MEETINGS (Gloucester & Nailsworth)					
1865-1870					D1340/B4/R1

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Births	Marriages	Burials	Member Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
		1872-1881			D1340/B4/R2
1870-1877					D1340/B4/R3
1877-1897					D1340/B4/R4
1897-1905					D1340/B4/R5
1905-1909					D1340/B4/R6
			1899-1962		D1340/B4/Z2
QUARTERLY MEETINGS (Gloucestershire)					
1642-1837					D1340/A1/R1
	1656-1836				D1340/A1/R2
		1655-1837			D1340/A1/R3
1647-1750	1658-1704	1658-1756			D1340/A1/R4
		1865-1908			D1340/A1/R5
	1838-1958				D1340/A1/R6

Other Records

For more information on how meetings were organised see D1340 collection level description.

Minutes	D1340/A1/M/	Quarterly Minutes (Gloucestershire) 1670-1868
	D1340/B1/M/	Monthly Minutes (Gloucester & Nailsworth) 1803-1993 with gaps
	D1340/B4/M/	Monthly Minutes (Nailsworth) 1668-1854
Account of Sufferings	D1340/B1/A3	1793-1854

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Other Sources to try

Related Collections There are many collections in the Archives relating to Quaker Families and Business. Try searching the catalogue for Quaker*.

D1548/7 Records of Nailsworth monthly meetings (part of the records of Anthony Fewster)

Books/Pamphlets

B607/50065GS - Quaker meeting houses of Britain

R210.7Gs - Records from Nailsworth, (Journal of the Friends Historical Society, 37, 1940, p. 31-7)

JV4.12GS - Quaker meeting houses, 1670-1850, (Architectural review, April, 1946, p. 99-116)

Roman Catholic

Nailsworth Mission (Roman Catholic)

Masses were held at the Conservative Club. It was served from Woodchester.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches Church of the Annunciation, Woodchester

United Reformed Church

Christ Church, Nailsworth (United Reformed Church)

Christ Church Nailsworth was formed in 1967 when the Lower Forest Green Congregational Church and the Shortwood Baptist Church merged. The Chapel was officially called Christ Church Upper Chapel. To begin with services took place at both chapels. But in 1972 the congregation moved into the refurbished Shortwood Baptist Church on Newmarket Road. In the same year the church joined the United Reformed Church. A year later there were 147 members of the congregation and the Forest Green chapels were demolished. The church is now known as an Ecumenical Church, with Methodists using the premises as well.

**No registers for Christ Church have been deposited.
However the following items may be of interest.**

Other Records

Minutes	D2595*	deacons' minutes, 1967-1973; church meeting minutes, 1967-1973; minutes 1973-2000
Accounts	D2595*	accounts, 1962-1975; minister's reports and copy accounts, 1979-1988;
Correspondence	D2595*	church rooms correspondence and plans, 1991-1995; correspondence and papers about charities and properties, 1970-1988

Other Sources to try

Related Collections See also D2424

*The Christ Church records in this collection are uncatalogued. If you would like to view these records please ask a member of staff for more information or email us at archives@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Randwick

Methodist

Randwick Methodist Chapel (Wesleyan)

A Wesleyan Sunday school was built in Randwick in 1804. The school was founded by William Knee. He also became minister shortly after the new chapel was built in 1807. Most of the chapel was rebuilt in 1824. The chapel was in the Stroud Circuit of the Methodist Church. By 1851 around 200 people attended services at the chapel. The chapel was registered for marriages in 1891. The chapel was closed and sold in 1988. It is now used as a private house.

The following table contains the references to registers of Randwick Methodist Chapel.
There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Transcript Reference	Original Register
1811-1848*				MF1251	GAL/J3/51251GS	
			1809-1824*		GAL/J3/51251GS	
1849-1928*	1849-1863*				GAL/J3/51232GS	
		1849*				D3187/1/3/2
		1851*				D3187/1/3/3

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Other Records

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Minutes	D3187/2/25/1	Trustees' meeting minutes, 1898-1934
Sunday School	D2770/2/1/	Sunday School journal 1827-1846, accounts 1829-1928, admission registers 1839-1929, attendance registers 1819-1941. See catalogue for full references.
Memorial Inscriptions	GAL/K3/47212GS	Monumental inscriptions in the graveyard of Randwick Methodist Chapel, 1982
	GAL/K3/52149GS	Memorial Inscriptions at the former Methodist Chapel, Randwick, c.2000
	D10009/101	Survey of memorial inscriptions for Randwick Methodist Chapel 1982-1999 (Includes newspaper cuttings, correspondence, plan)
Other Sources to try		
Related Collections	See also D2770, D3187/2/25. For planning records after the sale, see DC49/108, DC49/18, DC49/132	
Books/Pamphlets	Hymns and anthems to be sung by the children belonging to the Sunday School at Randwick chapel, on Sunday 23rd of September, 1821, when two sermons will be preached by the Rev. James Blackett (RF246.1GS)	
	"An account of the life and labours of the late Mr. William Knee of Randwick" (D4693/13)	

Randwick Primitive Methodist Chapel

The Primitive Methodist Chapel in Randwick was built in 1836. In 1851 it had a congregation of around 40 people. The chapel was affiliated to the Countess of Huntingdon Connexion but was a Primitive Methodist Chapel. It was in the Stroudwater circuit in 1881. It had links to the **Ebley Congregational Chapel**. In 1901 the chapel was put out of use by the new Primitive Methodist Chapel at **Cashes Green**. The chapel located on the bend of The Lane, opposite the school, and appears Randwick on the 1923 edition of the Ordnance Survey Map marked as "Church Room". This building has the date 1834 carved into the wall. The building is marked on earlier OS maps; however it is not noted as being a chapel. In 1974 it is marked as **Pentecostal Hall**. This building is now a private home.

The following table contains the references of registers relating to Randwick Primitive Methodist Chapel. There is also a list of other sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1829-1949*					D3187/1/4/1*

*Covers the Stroudwater Circuit of Primitive Methodists. Does not specify the church where the baptism took place.

Other Records

Deeds

D3187/1/3/21

Westrip Chapel, Randwick (Countess of Huntingdon/Primitive Methodist)

A chapel is shown on the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey Map in Westrip (south of Randwick). It is thought that this chapel could be the Randwick Primitive Methodist Chapel. The building was called a Mission Room by the 1902 edition. The building has now been demolished and there is now a home on the site.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches	Randwick Primitive Methodist Church
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Pentecostal

Randwick Pentecostal Chapel

A Pentecostal Group met in the former Primitive Methodist Chapel in the 1960s.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches

Randwick Primitive Methodist Church

Roman Catholic

St Benedict's Chapel, More Hall, Randwick (Roman Catholic)

More Hall was the residence of Father Sharpe. Worship was originally held in an old converted Dovecot. A chapel was built in 1927. Sharpe died in 1932 and left the Hall to the nuns of Clifton Downs Convent for use as a nursing home or other religious purpose. By 1934 the Hall was used by the Sisters of the Temple as a convent and home. The chapel was also used by a local congregation.

**No records for More Hall have been deposited.
However the following items may be of interest.**

Sources to try

Books/Pamphlets	Sharpe Papers: More Hall, Prinknash Abbey, and Father Sharpe (RR246.2GS) More Hall magazine (B204/14032GS* B204/18302GS* B204/18303GS)
History	Catholic post-reformation missions and parishes in Gloucestershire Vol. 4 (B146/31840.4GS)

Rodborough

Congregational

Rodborough Tabernacle (Calvinist Methodist/Congregational)

The tabernacle began as a society of the followers of George Whitefield in the area. Around 1766 Thomas Adams, their leader built a chapel which became the Rodborough Tabernacle. Adams became the first pastor until his death in 1770. The church was the main place of worship for Whitefieldians in Gloucestershire and grew quite large. Further premises were registered in Rodborough, Bagpath and Rooksmoor between 1797 and 1822. In 1837 the church was enlarged to cope with growing membership numbers. By 1851 around 450 people attended the church and Sunday school. In the late 19th century the church became formally Congregational. By 1898 there were 140 members and 300 scholars in the Sunday school. In 1973 the church became part of the United Reformed Church and had 120 members. The Little Chapel opposite the main church is a former coach house converted in the early 20th century.

The Tabernacle helped establish the Kingscourt School in 1837 – See S372/2.

**The following table contains the references to registers of Rodborough Tabernacle.
There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.**

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1762-1819				MF1246	
1762-1837	1823-1837			MF1250	
1837-1901	1838-1926	1837-1970			D4248/1/3
1909-1972					D4248/1/3
	1926-1929				D4248/1/8
	1930-1944				D4248/1/9

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Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
	1945-1965				D4248/1/10
	1965-1974				D4248/1/11
	1974-1979				D4248/1/12
	1980-1981				D4248/1/13
	1982-1983				D4248/1/14
	1983-1985				D4248/1/15
	1985-1989				D4248/1/16
	1929-1951*				D4248/1/17*
			1867-1969		D4248/2/1

*Marriages in the Little Chapel

Other Records

Church Books	D4248/3/1	Includes Church Meeting minutes, 1836-1902, detailed memoranda on all aspects of church affairs, and historical notes. Related documents, pamphlets and newspaper cuttings are pasted into the book. At front: historical sketch of Rodborough Tabernacle (1860); note of new trust deed, 1861
Minutes	D4248/4/1/	Church Meetings 1906-1975
	D4248/4/2/	Deacon's Meetings 1878-1973
Memorial Inscriptions	D4248/1/3	Pre-1837 Burials: c.1765-1836
History	VCH	See volume 11 of the Victoria County History of Gloucestershire.
	D4248/13/	Various historical pamphlets and notes about the church.

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Other Sources to try

Related Collections See D4248 for full list of items.
 See D3517 for Statements of Accounts 1904-1905

Books/Pamphlets Rodborough Tabernacle Roll of Honour (R251.12GS)

Methodist

Butterrow, Rodborough (Primitive Methodist/United Methodist)

The Butterrow Chapel was built in 1856. The chapel was located in the V of the junction between Rodorough Lane and Butterrow Lane. In 1933 the church became part of the Stroud and Cirencester United Methodist Circuit. At this time the congregation was only 5. By 1973 numbers had grown to 12. The church is now closed and has been converted into a house.

The following table contains the references of registers relating to Butterrow.
There is also a list of other sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Attendance Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1856-1949*					D3187/1/4/1*
1955-1972					D3187 Acc 8646
			1958-1965		D3187 Acc 8646

*Covers the Stroudwater Circuit of Primitive Methodists. Does not specify the church where the baptism took place.

Other Records

Minutes	D3187	Trustees Minutes 1934-1974
Accounts	D3187 Acc 8646	1944-1999
Images	D3187 Acc 13106.2	Watercolour painting of the church, 1899

See also D3187 Accessions 7441 and 10309

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None

Stonehouse

Baptist

Stonehouse Baptist Church/Gospel Mission Hall (Undenominational/Baptist)

This church began as a meeting at Plough Farm on Woodcock lane around 1890. A 'Tin Tabernacle' was built on Woodcock lane five years later. Originally this church was known as the Gospel Mission Hall and was undenominational, although members were allegedly baptised at **Brimscombe Baptist chapel**. A prominent leader amongst the group was a Miss Abbott. In 1961 the building was given to the Baptist Union and became the Stonehouse Baptist Mission Church under the control of **Kings Stanley Baptist Church**. In 1970 a new building was opened on Gloucester Road, with a congregation of around 20 with a Sunday school of around 40.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches See also **Queen's Road Chapel, Stonehouse (Baptist), Kings Stanley Baptist Church**.

Related Documents

Queen's Road Chapel, Stonehouse (Baptist)

The Baptist Chapel on Queen's Road is not directly related to the other, later Baptist Chapel. This group first met around 1905 and built their chapel soon after on Queen's Road. According to the 1910 Kelly's Directory of Gloucestershire the chapel sat 200 person. Around 20 years later the church split over the choice of pastor, which eventually caused the chapel to close. The chapel was sold by auction in December 1920.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches	See <u>Stonehouse Baptist Church</u>
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Related Documents	D2299/2422 Correspondence relating to the sale of Baptist Church, Stonehouse, 1920
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Congregational

Stonehouse Congregational Church

A group of worshippers from the Ebley Congregational Church began meeting at a house at Haywardsend in 1802. In 1809 they moved to a malt house in Stonehouse and built a Chapel in 1811. A new chapel was built on the west side of High Street in 1823. Four years later, yet another new building was erected nearby. Burials took place from around 1833 in the adjoining yard. By 1851 the church had around a 300 strong congregation. A quarter of the membership worked in the cloth industry. The church closed in 1965.

The following table contains the references to registers of Stonehouse Congregational Church. There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1824-1840				MF1250	
1854-1896	1875-1880	1835-1920	1827-1887		D2144/1
	1918-1940				D2144/15/1
	1940-1958				D2144/15/2
	1958-1964				D2144/15/3

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Other Records

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Communion Registers	D2144/9	Communion attendance register 1875-1889
	D2144/10	Communion attendance register 1921-1943
Minutes	D2144/1-5	Church Meeting minutes 1854-1960
Sunday School	D2144/13	Admission Book 1849-1856
History	VCH	
	D2144/1	Contains a detailed historical account of the church, 1827-1912
Other Sources to try		
Related Collections	See also D5811 – includes correspondence, papers on the history of the church and photographs 1908-c.1970	

Methodist

Cashes Green, Stonehouse (Primitive Methodist/United Methodist)

The Methodist chapel at Cashes Green was built in 1901. In 1933 it joined the United Methodist Circuit of Stroud and Cirencester. The church is now part of the Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit.

**The following table contains the references of registers relating to Cashes Green.
There is also a list of other sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.**

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1901-1949*					D3187/1/4/1*

*Covers the Stroudwater Circuit of Primitive Methodists. Does not specify the church where the baptism took place.

Other Records

Minutes	D3187/2/17/1	Leaders' meeting minutes 1954-1972
	D3187/2/17/2	Trustees' meeting minutes 1968-1972

Stonehouse Methodist Chapels (Wesleyan)

A group of Methodists first met in Stonehouse around 1825. By the 1880s they had erected an iron chapel in Ryeford. By the turn of the century this chapel had been replaced by one on Regents Street, close to the Subscription rooms. A chapel was built in 1911 on the grounds of Wycliffe College on High Street. The chapel was used by both the school and the local community. The chapel was almost destroyed by a fire in 1939, but it was rebuilt in the 1950s. In 1961 a new chapel was built on the corner of Park Road and Elms Road.

The following table contains the references to registers of Stonehouse Methodist Chapels. There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
	1914-1945				D3569/8/1
			1954*		D3187/1/1/7
			1963-1964*		D3187/1/1/8

*These records relate to the whole Dursley circuit and not just this chapel.

Other Records

Minutes	D3187/2/12/1	Trustees' Meeting minutes, 1893-1917
	D3187/2/12/2	Leaders' Meeting minutes, 1932-1952
Memorial Inscriptions	GAL/K3/48936GS	Stonehouse Methodist graveyard, 1999

Other Sources to try

Related Collections	See D3187/2/12 for a full list of records. Please note that there are also some uncatalogued items in this collection.	
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Pentecostal

Bethel Church, Stonehouse (Pentecostal)

A Bethel Church was established around 1895 in a tin tabernacle on Regent Street. This mission church held 'healing missions' in the 1960s. The Bethel Church is now on Bath Road. This building was probably built in the 1960s or 1970s. It is presumed that these two churches were one and the same.

No records deposited.

Plymouth Brethren

Brethren Chapel, Stonehouse (Plymouth Brethren)

The chapel was built around 1882. It is shown on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1884. The chapel closed before 1902. By 1920 the building was demolished.

No records deposited.

Roman Catholic

St Joseph, Stonehouse (Roman Catholic)

In 1894 St Peter's Mission was set up on the High Street, Stonehouse, which was served from Stroud. By the 1950s Mass was being held at the Subscription rooms on Regent Street. Fundraising for a chapel began in the 1950s and finally a new church was built in 1965. Stonehouse continued to be served from Stroud until 1973 when it became a separate parish. The Fransalians were entrusted with the parish remaining until 1989 when the Parish had its first diocesan priest.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Pamphlet	St Joseph's, Stonehouse (RR289.15GS)
	Extract from 'News and Journal', 10 June 1976 giving an account of the success of St Joseph's church fete in Stonehouse (D8296/5/10)

Stroud

Baptist

Lansdown Baptist Church (Stroud)

The Lansdown Baptist Church was formed when Walter Soper left the Stroud Baptist Church in 1894. He moved to form a new church at the old Unitarian Church in Lansdown (see [Stroud Unitarian Chapel](#)). 39 of those on the Stroud Baptist Church's membership left to Lansdown, 30 of those members were women. Later the membership numbers peaked at 100. Soper left the church in 1900 and it began to go downhill. Over the next 7 years they had 3 ministers and the church eventually closed in 1907. 25 members rejoined the Stroud Baptist church.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Documents	D5412/III/102 Stroud: rent charges on premises in Lansdown, including the Lansdown Baptist Church, and in Slad Road and Locking Hill 1856-1962
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Related Churches	<u>Stroud Baptist Church</u>
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Paganhill Baptist Church (AKA Farmhill Baptist Church), Stroud

This church began as a mission from the **Stroud Baptist Church**. A mission is believed to have begun around 1837. The first known chapel was at the premises of the old congregational church on what is now Ruscombe Road, opposite from Upfield House. A new chapel was built in 1965 just off Farmhill Lane and north of Mathews Way. At this time the church was linked to **Painswick Baptist Church**. In 1969 it became independent and all 19 of the new members were from the Stroud Baptist Church. In 1973 the church had 46 members. The Church now appears to be called Farmhill Baptist Church; this name was probably used from c.1965 when the new building was opened.

**No registers for Paganhill / Farmhill Baptist Church have been deposited.
However the following items may be of interest.**

Other Records

History	VCH vol. X	See Stroud Section
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Other Sources to try

Related Items	See also D7089 Stroud Baptist Church, D7382 Painswick Baptist Church. D7942/536 Farmhill Baptist church: photographs of exterior view c.1965
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Stroud Baptist Church

Baptists were in the Stroudwater area from around 1715. A group first met in the house of a Mrs Clutterbuck, who was associated with the **Kings Stanley Baptist Church**. However the first permanent place of worship in Stroud was in a Chapel in John Street in 1824. The minister at this time was a Henry Hawkins. In 1831 Rev. William Yates was involved with the setting up of **Painswick Baptist Church**. The congregation steadily grew with 326 members in 1842 and by 1851 the over 500 people were said to attend the church. Due to economic difficulties in the area, the congregation did suffer as many people left the area. In 1843 13 members emigrated, and by 1859 185 members had left the Stroud area. A Burial ground was purchased on London Road in 1844. Henry Hawkins was the 4th person to be buried there. The congregation continued to fall from 422 in 1864 to 261 in 1874. Despite this the chapel was altered and extended in 1879. During the 1880s and 1890s there were several ministers who did not stay for long. In 1894 Rev. Walter Soper defected from the church and set up a new Baptist Church – **The Lansdown Baptist Church**. 39 members went with him, however after Soper left in 1900 and a series of 3 ministers in the next 7 years, the church failed in 1907. 25 members rejoined John Street from Lansdown. New School rooms were built in 1900. Numbers dropped after WW1 but picked up during the inter war period, peaking at 246 members in 1939. By 1971 this had shrunk to 100.

The church ran many missions to outlying villages, one such mission was that in Paganhill. Established c.1837, the mission became the **Paganhill Baptist Church** in 1969.

The following table contains the references to registers of Stroud Baptist Church.
There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms (*Births only)	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1828-1837				MF1244	
		1844-1914			D7089/1/1
			1879-1888		D7089/1/3
			1889-1931		D7089/1/4
			1932-1962		D7089/1/2

Other Records

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Minutes	D7089/2/	Includes Church Meetings 1824-1963 and Deacons Meetings 1906-1964. See catalogue for full list.
Sunday School Records	D7089/6/	Includes admissions book 1900-1971 (D7089/6/10) and minutes of teachers meetings 1866-1957
History	RR293.33GS	Desirable object: the story of the first one hundred and fifty years of Stroud Baptist Church (1824-1874)
	R293.358GS	Harmony in discord: a church at the crossroads, Stroud Baptist Church 1968-1994
Other Sources to try		
Related Collections	For related churches see the <u>Lansdown Baptist Church</u> and <u>Paganhill Baptist Church</u> See also <u>Kings Stanley Baptist Church</u> and <u>Painswick Baptist Church</u>	
Books/Pamphlets	SRprints/283.46GS, photograph (c.1973)	

Church of Christ Scientist

First Church of Christ Scientist, Stroud

This church was established around 1922 in London Road. 10 years later they moved to the former Temperance Hall on the South East side of Lansdown.

**No registers for First Church of Christ Scientist have been deposited.
However the following items may be of interest.**

Other Records

Minutes	D9380	1910-1983 (Uncatalogued – 2 boxes)
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Other Sources to try

Related Collections	D7964 Album of news cuttings etc, compiled by a member of the church as education correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, 1930s-1960s	
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Congregational

Ebley Congregational Church, Stroud

Congregationalists began meeting in a barn at Ebley in the late 18th century. The barn was replaced by a church and manse in 1798 and enlarged 3 years later. The church joined the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion but remained affiliated to the Congregational Union. The yard next to the church was used for burials from around 1812. In 1826 Benjamin Parsons became the minister the congregation was small and the building was in disrepair. Parsons built up the congregation, the church building and restored the finances of the church. He died in 1855, when the congregation was claimed to be around 450. The chapel was rebuilt in 1881. The church is now known as Ebley Chapel.

The following table contains the references to registers of Ebley Congregational Church. There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1798-1837				MF1246	
		1821-1863			D2538/1/1
1862-1895					D2538/1/2
1937-1948		1937-1948			D2538/1/3
			1952-1959		D2538/1/4
	1938-1941				D2538/1/11
	1942-1954				D2538/1/12
	1954-1963				D2538/1/13
	1963-1968				D2538/1/14

Other Records

Minutes	D2538/2/1-4, 13	Church Meetings 1903-1965. See catalogue for full list.
	D2538/2/5-11	Deacon's Meetings 1895-1961. See catalogue for full list.

Memorial Inscriptions	D2538/1/7-9	List of persons buried in Ebley Chapel Burial ground with plan of part of ground 1876
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Sunday School	D2538/4	Includes admission register 1863-1888, attendance registers 1827-1828, 1887-1890.
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History	RR121.3GS	Ebley Chapel 1798-1998
	VCH	Victoria County History of Gloucestershire, Vol.10

Other Sources to try

Books/Pamphlets	B347/51409GS: Rev. Benjamin Parsons 1797-1855	
	D8905: 'The Greatness of the British Empire traced to its sources' by Rev Benjamin Parsons of Ebley Chapel and founder of Ebley School	

Old Chapel Congregational Church, Stroud

The church had its beginnings in a barn in Silver Street. By 1689 they had moved to a house owned by Robert Viner. The congregation then moved on to a Meeting House in Chapel Street around 1705. There were 100 members by 1735, but this dropped to 52 in 1742. In the early 1800s the church adopted the Congregational System and began to grow in number. The chapel was enlarged in 1813 and the membership had grown to around 210 in 1835. The **Bedford Street Chapel** was built in 1835 to cope with the growing numbers. Two years later when the new chapel opened, Bedford Street broke away from the Old Chapel forming a new church. In 1851 The Old Chapel had around 100 members. The church reunited with the congregation of Bedford Street in 1970 to form the **Stroud Congregational Church**. The new church meets at Bedford Street and the Old Chapel was sold to the Stroud Urban District Council.

The following table contains the references to registers of the Old Congregational Chapel. There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1712-1845		1786-1887			D2569/1/1
1712-1750		1720-1729		MF1270	
1749-1837		1753-1837		MF1256	
1817-1837				MF1250	
1957-1970	1957-1970	1957-1970			D2569/1/4
			1838		D2569/2/1
			1903		D2569/2/2
			1822-1915		D2569/1/3

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Other Records

Minutes	D2569/2/	1838-1970 - see catalogue for full list of references.
Memorial Inscriptions	GAL/K3/47212GS	Old Chapel Graveyard, Stroud c. 1996
	RR293.124GS	Stones removed from Old Chapel Burial Ground, Stroud to Stroud Cemetery 1983
History	VCH	Victoria County History of Gloucestershire, Vol.10

Other Sources to try

Related Collections	See also <u>Stroud Bedford Street Congregational Chapel</u>
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Bedford Street Congregational Church, Stroud

The Bedford Street chapel was planned as a new home for the Old Congregational Chapel. However when the new chapel opened in 1837 it formed a new church under Rev Burder. 80 members followed him from the Old Chapel. The Chapel was briefly called the Union Chapel as the street it was on was going to be called Union Street. This was changed at the last minute to Bedford Street after the local MP John Russell, who was the third son of the Duke of Bedford. By 1880 there were 173 regular members and 75 described as “doubtful”. The membership reached a peak in 1892 at 253. During some bad weather in the winter of February 1895, the schoolroom was used as a Soup Kitchen for local families. During WW1 it was used as a canteen for the Australian Flying Corps who were based at Minchinhampton. The Church was not registered as a place for marriages until 1933. The church reunited with the congregation of the Old Chapel in 1970 to form the **Stroud Congregational Church** at the Bedford Street Chapel.

**The following table contains the references to registers of the Bedford Street Church.
There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.**

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1838-1873		1839-1873	1837-1913		D2537/2/1
			1837-1885		D2537/1/1
			1950		D2537/1/3
	1934-1941				D2537/1/4
	1941-1949				D2537/1/5
	1950-1958				D2537/1/6
	1959-1967				D2537/1/7
	1967-1976				D2537/1/8
	1976-1982				D2537/1/9
	1983-1990				D2537/1/10

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Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
	1990-1998				D2537/1/11

Other Records

Church Books	D2537/2/1	Includes: a) Historical notes of Old Chapel and New (Bedford Street) Chapel b) Minutes of Church building committee meetings 1835-1837 c) Minutes of Church meetings 1837-1920, including copy correspondence, newspaper cuttings etc.
Minutes	D2537/2/	Deacon's Meetings 1869-1979 - see Catalogue for full list of references.
History	D2537/5/2	"The Bedford Street Register" - a centenary history of the Bedford Street Chapel 1937

Other Sources to try

Related Collections	See also <u>Old Chapel Congregational Church, Stroud</u> D8188/2/1 Plans of Bedford Street Chapel 1879
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Stroud Congregational Church

The Church was formed in 1970 when the congregation of the Old Chapel merged with that of the Bedford Street Church. The combined church uses the Bedford Street Premises.

See **Bedford Street Congregational Church** for records.

Latter Day Saints

Stroud Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints (Mormon)

The Church of the Latter Day Saints took over a Godolphine House in the 1950s. The building was demolished in 1958 and a new church was built. The church is located on the south side of Nelson Street.

No records deposited.

Methodist

Callowell, Stroud (Wesleyan Methodist)

A meeting place at Callowell is mentioned on a Preaching plan in 1830. It is mentioned again on the circuit plan between 1839 and midsummer 1841. It is likely that this was not a chapel, but that a small group met in a house.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches See also Castle Street Chapel, Stroud.

Ebley Methodist Mission, Stroud (Wesleyan)

It appears that there was a Methodist meeting place at Ebley as early as 1788 and it appears on the Gloucestershire circuit plan from 1796, and the Stroud circuit from 1797 to 1802. There is no further mention of a meeting at Ebley until 1881, when it reappears for 1 year. This latter meeting is likely to have been an ill fated mission.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches See also chapels in Stroud and Stonehouse.

Castle Street Methodist Church, Stroud (Wesleyan)

A Methodist chapel in Stroud was built in 1763 on Acre Street. John Wesley visited the chapel every March from 1765 to 1791. The chapel was enlarged in 1796 and had congregations of 300-400 in 1851. Before this time many people attended both the Methodist church services on a Sunday as well as the Parish Church. In 1876 a new chapel was built on Castle Street. The old chapel was used by the Salvation Army since 1891. In 1941 the chapel merged with the old Primitive Methodist Chapel on **Parliament Street**, which closed in that year. In 1971 the chapel had a congregation of around 80. The chapel was closed in the late 1970s and converted into flats in the 1980s. The Methodist church in Stroud now shares premises with St Albans Church of England church on Parliament Street.

The following table contains the references to registers of Stroud Methodist Chapel.

There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Transcript Reference	Original Register
1813-1837				MF1251		
1811-1848*				MF1251	GAL/J3/51251GS	
			1791- 1824*		GAL/J3/51251GS	
1849-1928*	1849-1863*				GAL/J3/51232GS	
		1849*				D3187/1/3/2
		1851*				D3187/1/3/3
	1854-1863					D3187/2/28/1

*These are records for the whole Stroud Circuit and not just this chapel.

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Other Records

Minutes	D3187/2/28/2-6	Trustees' meetings minutes. See catalogue for full list.
	D3187/2/28/8-10	Leader's meetings minutes. See catalogue for full list.
History	RR293.86GS	Stroud Methodist church, a short history of Methodism in Stroud, 1976

Other Sources to try

Related Items	Deeds of Stroud Wesleyan Chapel, 1864-1879 (D6414/2)	
	Architect's Drawings 1870-1871 (D4335/13)	
	Valuation 1964-1968 (D1405/2/622)	
	For Joint Church Council minutes with St Alban's see P397 VE 2/11	

Primitive Methodist Chapel, Parliament Street, Stroud

Primitive Methodists had been meeting in Stroud from around 1825. They built a chapel on Parliament Street by 1837. The congregation numbered 200 by 1851, but the chapel could seat around 500. After the merger of the Primitive and Wesleyan Methodists, Parliament Street was closed in 1941. The majority of the congregation moved to the Castle Street chapel but others attended chapels outside Stroud, such as Selsley or Brimscombe.

The following table contains the references of registers relating to the Parliament Street Chapel. There is also a list of other sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1829-1949*					D3187/1/4/1*

*Covers the Stroudwater Circuit of Primitive Methodists. Does not specify the church where the baptism took place.

Other Records

Minutes	D3187/2/29/1	Trustees' meeting minutes 1927-1947
Accounts	D3187/2/29/2	Cash book, 1875-1925

Other Sources to try

Deeds	Mortgage, 1837, D3187/1/3/21
Books/Pamphlets	(Hyett) E2.5(20)GS An appeal in aid of the Primitive Methodist chapel and schoolroom, Parliament Street, Stroud

Stroud St Albans (Methodist)

Stroud St Alban's was originally a Church of England church. However the Methodists closed their chapel on Castle Street in the late 1970s and now on Parliament Street.

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**No registers for Stroud St Albans's have been deposited.
However the following items may be of interest.**

Other Sources to try

Related Items

For Joint Church Council minutes with St Alban's see P397 VE 2/11

Plymouth Brethren

Acre Street Gospel Hall, Stroud (Plymouth Brethren)

These meeting rooms first opened in 1852. The Hall appears to still be open in 2010; however it is not listed on the Plymouth Brethren website (2014).

No records deposited.

Brethren Chapel, Bath Street, Stroud (Plymouth Brethren)

A Brethren Meeting Room was opened on the North end of Bath Street around 1882. This is shown as a chapel on the 1885 Town Plan with seating for 30 people. By the time of the 2nd edition of the Ordnance Survey map (1902), the chapel is no longer marked. It can be assumed that the chapel went out of use between 1885 and 1902.

No records deposited.

Brethren Meeting Rooms, Lansdown, Stroud (Plymouth Brethren)

It is not known when these meeting rooms opened.

No records deposited.

Quakers/Society of Friends

Stroud Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

A meeting of the Society of Friends is held at various places in Stroud. There is no purpose built meeting house. The records suggest that this meeting began in the 1970s.

**No registers for the Stroud Meeting have been deposited.
However the following items may be of interest.**

Other Records

Minutes	D1340/Box 90406	Stroud Preparative Meeting 1979-1981, 1982-1987, 1988-1998 (Accession 12574)
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Other Sources to try

Related Collections	See also
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Books/Pamphlets

Roman Catholic

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud (Roman Catholic)

The Stroud Roman Catholic church was opened in 1857. Before this time, the closest church was a **Woodchester**. A Catholic school was opened around 1850 on London Road and this was used for Sunday Mass, served by Woodchester. A convent was added to the church in 1862. This was largely funded by William Leigh, who owned Woodchester Mansion. The convent was nearly demolished in 1978 but permission was refused and it is now listed. In 1972 the church had a congregation of around 750.

**No records for the Church of the Immaculate Conception have been deposited.
However the following items may be of interest.**

Other Sources to try

Related Collections	Records relating to the Convent: D10886, DC20/181 (Refused planning demolition request), K1269/3/1 (Change of use), Photograph of the convent c. 1916 (GPS/320/125)
	Records relating to the School: D320/11

Unitarian

Lansdown Unitarian Chapel, Stroud

A chapel was built around 1876 on the south side of Lansdown. The Unitarians used the building for less than 20 years. It is possible that they had links with the chapels in Gloucester, Cheltenham or Cirencester. After 1894 a Baptist group used the chapel for a short while. By 1922 it was used as a cinema, and then by the Liberal Association. It was also used as a Ballroom and dance studio. The building has now been converted into flats.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches Gloucester, Cheltenham or Cirencester Unitarian chapels.

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Methodist

Brimscombe Methodist Church, Minchinhampton (Wesleyan)

A prayer meeting at Brimscombe began in 1794 at a private house. The class was originally linked with the chapel at Littleworth. The chapel was built in 1804 and was in the Stroud Wesleyan Methodist Circuit. By 1851 the congregation was around 190. By 1973 adult membership had dropped to 45. The church is located on Brimscombe Hill, just south of the bridge over the railway line.

The following table contains the references to registers of Brimscombe Methodist Chapel. There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Transcript Reference	Original Register
1811-1848*				MF1251	GAL/J3/51251GS	
			1791-1824*		GAL/J3/51251GS	
1849-1928*	1849-1863*				GAL/J3/51232GS	
		1849*				D3187/1/3/2
		1851*				D3187/1/3/3

*These are records for the whole Stroud Circuit and not just this chapel.

Other Records

Minutes	D3187/2/16/1-2	Leaders' meeting minutes, 1907-1941
	D3187/2/16/3	Trustees Minutes, 1967-1977
Accounts	D3187/2/16/4	Account book, 1834-1841
	D3187/2/16/5	Pew Rents 1831-1833
Sunday School	D3187/1/3/21	Rents payable to Brimscombe chapel, 1863

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Brimscombe Primitive Methodist Chapel, Thrupp

A Primitive Methodist chapel was built in Brimscombe in 1838. The chapel was close to the Wesleyan place of worship. By 1851 there were over 100 people in the congregation. The chapel closed in the mid 1890s.

The references of registers relating to Brimscombe Primitive Methodist Chapel are listed below

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1829-1949*					D3187/1/4/1*

*Covers the Stroudwater Circuit of Primitive Methodists. Does not specify the church where the baptism took place.

Thrupp Meeting (Wesleyan)

A meeting at Thrupp was mentioned in the circuit records from 1791. In 1795 the meeting joined with the meeting at Brimscombe. It was briefly revived in the 19th Century but this did not last long.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Related Churches See Brimscombe Methodist Church.

Plymouth Brethren

Brethren Mission Chapel, Thrupp/Brimscombe (Plymouth Brethren)

The chapel opened around 1897. It is not known when the chapel closed, but a planning applications imply that the building was demolished by 1985.

No records deposited.

Other Sources to try

Planning

Outline application for residential development after demolition of existing building at the mission chapel, Brimscombe, Thrupp. Outline permission given. Application No. S.14699, 1985 (DC23/478)

Conversion of chapel to workshop, store, offices, and garage at Brimscombe mission chapel, Thrupp. Permission given. App No S.14699/D, 1989 (DC54/41)

Uplands

None

Whiteshill

None

Woodchester

Baptist

Woodchester Baptist Church

This church was built in 1825. Before this services had been held in private rooms by the minister from Kings Stanley Baptist Church. Peter King, one of the founders, was the brother of Mary Clutterbuck, who helped establish the Stroud Baptist Chapel. The church remained under the control of King's Stanley until 1833, although baptisms continued there for a number of years. In 1869 there were 65 members on the church roll. In 1920 the church shared a minister with the **Nupend Chapel, Eastcombe**. The church closed 1981 and is now a residential dwelling.

The following table contains the references to registers of Woodchester Baptist Church.
There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
			1833-1848		D5249/2/1
			1881-1910		D5249/2/1
			1919-1944		D5249/2/1
			1969-1979		D5249/2/1
	1968-1974				D5249/2/1
		1969-1976			D5249/2/1

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Other Records

Church Books	D5249/2/1	1833-1981, Giving details of its history since 1822; entries include summaries of meetings, details of membership, transcripts of correspondence and other memoranda about significant events
Minutes	D5249/2/2	Church meetings 1942-1953 and deacons' meetings 1952-3
	D5249/2/3	Church and deacons' meetings 1969-1984
Memorial Inscriptions	GAL/K3/47212GS	Woodchester Baptist Chapel, 1986
History	D5249/2/12	A short history of Woodchester Baptist Church 1825-1925, see also D5249/2/1 above

Other Sources to try

Related Items	D4373/9/20	Poster: two sermons on Nonconformity, Baptist Chapel, Woodchester, 1870
	D7089/5/2	Correspondence regarding the link with Stroud Baptist Chapel, 1926

Roman Catholic

Church of the Annunciation, Woodchester Priory (Roman Catholic)

Catholicism in the Woodchester area began when William Leigh bought the Woodchester Manor. He was a converted Roman Catholic and sought to establish a Catholic community in the area. The Church at Woodchester was opened in 1849. Originally Leigh had asked the Passionists to serve at the church, but they decided to move on in 1850. The Church was then taken over by the Dominicans. The monastery was added in 1853. This was demolished in 1970. The church offered Mass at Box (Minchinhampton), Nailsworth and Avening. There was also a mission at Sharpness.

The following table contains the references to registers of the Church of the Annunciation. There is also a list of other major sources relating to the church, which may be of interest.

Baptisms	Marriages	Burials	Church Roll	Microfilm Reference	Original Register
1846-1850					D6145/PP/1/1
1850-1859					D6145/PP/1/2
1859-1870					D6145/PP/1/3
1871-1920					D6145/PP/1/4
	1852-1950				D6145/PP/1/6
		1857-1911			D6145/PP/1/7
		1911-1963			D6145/PP/1/8

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Other Records

Church Notice Books	D6145/PP/2/	1867-1963. See catalogue for full list
Minutes	D6145/PC/1/1	Minutes of parish council meetings, 1968-1972
Register of Graves	D6145/PP/3/5	1910-1928
	D6145/PP/3/6	1930-c.1967
Indexes	R348.29GS	Baptisms and confirmations, 1846-1859

Other Sources to try

Related Collections	D6598 Leigh family of Woodchester Park; D2258 Letters about building a Catholic chapel at Woodchester Park 1846; S375/1 Woodchester: St Dominic's Roman Catholic Primary School	
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