

Chapels and churches

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ALBERT HALL – Chapters 51, **54**, 66, 73

This started life as a Temperance Hall. Building work started in 1873 and it opened in 1876. It served as a concert hall and venue for political rallies but, in 1902, it became a Wesleyan mission. In 1906, it was damaged by fire and rebuilt, reopening in 1909. It continued as a Methodist mission and concert hall until 1982 and, in 1987, it was purchased by Nottingham City Council. It was refurbished and linked to the adjacent Playhouse.

ALFORD ROAD METHODIST CHURCH – Chapter 29

A church in Sutton on Sea where Samuel **CIRKET'S** funeral service was held in 1939. It remains open. It started life as a Wesleyan chapel with the foundation stones being laid in 1909. The church was renovated in 2001 dividing up the building and adding disabled access.

ALFRETON Methodist Church – Chapter 69

The first Wesleyan church in Alfreton was built in 1809 in Chapel Street. But, the church moved to new premises in 1885 in High Street. Both these buildings have since been demolished. The current building was opened in 1983.

ANNESLEY WOODHOUSE Methodist Church – Chapters 38, **54**, 63, 69, 79

Currently, the Methodist church in Annesley Woodhouse is on Forest Road. There may have been other Methodist churches in Annesley Woodhouse. I have found reference to Annesley Main Street and Annesley Sherwood Street.

ARENA Church – Chapter 21

A large multi-campus church. Their campus in Mansfield occupies what was the **GRAND THEATRE**.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD – see **FULL GOSPEL**

BANNER CROSS METHODIST CHURCH – Chapter 54

I found an example of a "*faith tea*" at **BANNER CROSS METHODIST CHURCH** in **SHEFFIELD**.

BAPTIST TABERNACLE – Chapter 54

This church was in **KIRKBY** on Lowmoor Road. The church is now closed.

BEESTON Methodist Church – Chapter 79

The current church is in Chilwell Road and there is an excellent history of Methodist churches in Beeston on their website. The Chilwell Road chapel was originally Wesleyan and opened in 1902. In 2014, all the Methodist churches in Beeston joined together as one church. This included the Wollaton Road chapel which had originally been Primitive Methodist. A final service was held there on 19 May 2019 and the building was sold.

BENTINCK United Methodist Chapel – Chapter 38, **69**

I have not been able to find out many details of the Bentinck chapel but it appears that it was a United Methodist chapel originally. While I have not found a photograph of the building, I have found a picture of their Sunday School banner. It appears that this church may have operated from at least 1901 to 1967. It certainly appears that the church building no longer exists. From a 1969

map, it appears there was a chapel on Princess Street in Kirkby Bentinck opposite where the station was but neither seem to be present currently, based on a review of Google Streetview.

BETHABARA MORAVIAN Church – Background

A church in Jamaica, established in 1841. Cyril **EDWARDS** was Minister here from 1932 to 1945. For more details, see [here](#). I confess I don't know much about the Moravian church – so some details [here](#).

BETHEL METHODIST Church, Kirkby – Chapter 17

There was a **BETHEL METHODIST** Church in East Kirkby and I wonder if this was the **UNITED METHODIST** Free Church. Since 1949, it has been the **SPIRITUALIST** Church. The building still stands and is on the corner of Lowmoor Road and Portland Street.

BETHEL Primitive Methodist Chapel Nottingham Road Mansfield – see NOTTINGHAM ROAD

BETHESDA – see EAST SIDE

BOLINGEY Methodist Chapel – Chapters 66, 69

Mum and dad attended there when on holiday in Perranporth in 1955. It is about half a mile from Perranporth. Initially I could find no record of a Methodist church there but found an old chapel which is now flats through Google Streetview. It was a Wesleyan chapel and there is a detailed history available on the Cornish Story website. The larger of two chapels on the site was built in 1831. From 1967, the chapel was only used in the summer because of problems with the heating. It closed in 1978 and was converted to flats.

BOURNE Primitive Methodist Chapel in East Kirkby – Chapters 2, 8, 17, 31, 36, 38, 40, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 62, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 73, 75, 79, 85

This is the chapel to which the **PARKINS** belonged. It was named after Hugh **BOURNE** one of the founders of Primitive Methodism. More details [here](#). It was located on Lowmoor Road and I think was on the corner of Prospect Street. There is certainly a Methodist church in that location on the 1939 map of Kirkby that I have.



1939 map of Kirkby – the Methodist church that I believe was Bourne Methodist Chapel is highlighted by the red rectangle. All the area around Byron Street, Prospect Street, Unity Street was lost when the precinct, which itself was demolished in 2011, was built (sometime prior to 1969). I believe my father was born in Prospect Street. I recall visiting Kirkby once with him when I was relatively young, standing in a car park and him telling me that was where he had been born!

BOURNE Primitive Methodist Chapel Hucknall – see **CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH HUCKNALL**

BOWTHORPE ROAD Methodist Church – Chapter 79

Methodist Church in Norwich that is now the site for the **CHINESE METHODIST CHURCH**. In the early sixties, mum's Young Wives' group sometimes met with the group from **BOWTHORPE ROAD**.

THE BRIDGE – see **FOREST SIDE**

BRIDGE STREET EVANGELICAL METHODIST CHURCH - see **PILSLEY**

BRIDGE STREET Mansfield – Chapters 29, **54**, 69, 79

Now known as just Mansfield Methodist Church following a combination with the Big Barn Lane Methodist Church. They have a website, although that does not seem to have been updated since 2017, and a more up-to-date Facebook page. Jim and Renie were married here in June 1942 although, in later years, I think they attended the Baptist church in Mansfield.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL – Chapter 53

Roman Catholic cathedral. Grandma and grandad watched a service from here on television in April 1953.

BROOK STREET Sutton in Ashfield – see **ST JOHN'S**

BUCKFAST ABBEY – Chapter 66

Part of a Benedictine monastery that mum and dad visited in 1956 while on honeymoon in Torquay. The abbey was founded there in 1018 and a Savignac (Cistercian) abbey was built on the site of the current abbey in 1134. However, this was left in ruins in 1539 and later demolished. The site became a quarry and then a mansion house. The Benedictines purchased it in 1882 and refounded a monastery there. A new abbey church was built between 1907 and 1938.

BUCKFAST Methodist Church – Chapter 66

This is now situated within the complex of **BUCKFAST ABBEY**. It was built in 1881 so pre-dates the current abbey buildings. It was erected on what was the main road through the village but is now within the grounds of the abbey. The chapel is still active and was refurbished at the end of 2013. Although its membership is small, it hosts substantial numbers of visitors because of its location.

BUTLER'S HILL, HUCKNALL – see **EAST SIDE**

CAVENDISH STREET – see **EAST SIDE**

CENTENARY HALL Primitive Methodist Chapel – see **VICTORIA STREET**

CENTRAL HALL, YARMOUTH – Chapters **52**, 66, 69

This was **DENESIDE CENTRAL METHODIST HALL** and the church still exists although, in 1990, it merged with **MIDDLEGATE URC** and **COBHOLM METHODIST CHURCH** to form **CHRISTCHURCH**.

CENTRAL METHODIST BLACKPOOL – Chapters **52**, 69

This church was demolished in the 1970s although there is now a new **CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH**.

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH HUCKNALL – Chapter 54

At some point, there were as many as ten Methodist churches in **HUCKNALL** and there are now two. **TRINITY CHURCH** was opened in Baker Street in 1873. The current **CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH** is also on Baker Street and was formed by the amalgamation of the **BOURNE** Primitive Methodist Church on Watnall Road, **WESLEY CHAPEL** also on Watnall Road, **PAPPLEWICK** Methodist, the **PEVERIL STREET UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH** and **TRINITY**. A new building was constructed in 1989.

CHAPELFIELD ROAD Methodist Church – Chapter 79

Major Methodist Church in Norwich that continues to operate. According to its website, the church opened in July 1881. A new Sunday School was built in the 1950s and this forms the basis of today's premises. A new church centre was opened in 2001.

CHINESE METHODIST CHURCH – see **BOWTHORPE ROAD**

CHRISTCHURCH – see **CENTRAL HALL YARMOUTH**

CHURCH OF CHRIST Chapel, Mutton Hill – Chapter 69

This was on the corner of Shoulder of Mutton Hill and Nuncargate Street in Kirkby. Grandma was the speaker there at least once in 1959.

CLIFF COLLEGE – Chapters 63, 66, 69, 74

Cliff College provides theological education and training with a focus on mission and evangelism. Historically, it was a Methodist Lay Training College. It is the place mum went to when she attended Bible School in later life.

COBHOLM METHODIST CHURCH – see **CENTRAL HALL YARMOUTH**

COURT HEY METHODIST CHURCH – Chapter 38

Church established by Rev T **JOHNS MARTIN** in 1943.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL – Chapters 79, 84

Badly damaged in World War II, a new building was dedicated in the presence of the queen in 1962. Grandad watched part of this ceremony on television.

CROMER Parish Church – Chapters 79, 81

Anglican church in the north Norfolk village of Cromer. When grandma and grandad visited in the early sixties, they went to the top of the church. Grandad noted it was 165 feet high with 175 steps.

DENESIDE CENTRAL METHODIST HALL – see **CENTRAL HALL YARMOUTH**

DIAMOND AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH – see **TRINITY**

DIDSBURY COLLEGE – Chapter 54

This was originally a Wesleyan theological institution in Manchester. It was established in 1842. However, after the second world war, the building was sold. The building became **DIDSBURY COLLEGE** of Education and then part of Manchester Polytechnic and then Manchester Metropolitan University. However, it closed in 2014 and was re-developed for housing. In 1951, a new **DIDSBURY**

COLLEGE was established in Bristol and, in 1967, this amalgamated with **HEADINGLEY COLLEGE** to form **WESLEY COLLEGE**. This closed around 2011 and is now a care home. Mum mentions the college in 1953 as the address for Rev Brian **WHITE**.

DOVE GREEN METHODIST CHURCH – see **SELSTON**

DRAYTON METHODIST CHURCH – Chapters 76, 79

The church grandma attended once she had moved with grandad to the new bungalow in Drayton. She started a ladies' meeting at that chapel when she moved there, from October 1964.

DRIFFIELD PARISH CHURCH – Chapter 77

Venue for Jim and Marilyn **RANKIN'S** wedding in 1960.

EAKRING ROAD, MANSFIELD – Chapter 79

In grandad's diary, the name of the road is not very legible. The first two letters look like Ea. It appears there was a Primitive Methodist Chapel in Eakring Road in Mansfield

EAST KIRKBY BAPTIST CHURCH – see **FOREST STREET**

EAST SIDE – Chapter 69

BUTLER'S HILL refers to an area of Hucknall to the south and east of the town centre. Two former Methodist churches were located in this area as is one of the current churches. **BETHESDA** in Bestwood Road was a Methodist New Connexion church. The foundations were laid in 1875 and the chapel opened in 1876. The Primitive Methodists held meetings in Butler's Hill Boys' Schoolroom from 1878 to 1879 but a chapel was then opened in **CAVENDISH STREET**. These two churches merged in 1963. A new church was constructed in Bestwood Road and it is known as Hucknall **EAST SIDE**.

EBENEZER METHODIST CHURCH – Chapters 66, 69

In Guernsey. Apparently, this was established in 1815 and was the site of a tragedy in 1834 when 1,000 people were in the building and a stampede cause many deaths and injuries. The church closed in 1993 and then lay derelict before being redeveloped for housing in 2012.

ELIM – see **FOURSQUARE GOSPEL**

ENGLESEA BROOK Primitive Methodist Chapel – Background

An early Primitive Methodist chapel in Cheshire that now houses the Englesea Brook Museum of Primitive Methodism.

EPWORTH PRESS – Chapter 79

EPWORTH PRESS was a Methodist publisher. However, by 2010, it was losing large amounts of money. Apparently, it operated from the 17th century to the 21st century but the peak of its output was in the mid-twentieth century. Little has been published since 2008.

FOREST SIDE – Chapters 38, 54, 69

I have struggled to identify this chapel. The first issue is to establish where **FOREST SIDE** is. There seem to be several places by this name in Nottinghamshire but it seems it is referring to part of Sutton in Ashfield. There are certainly archives of a **FOREST SIDE** Methodist Church in Sutton between 1864 and 1969. I have come across photos of that chapel participating in Whit walks in Sutton. Perhaps most illuminating is information that **FOREST SIDE** was a branch chapel from the **REFORM STREET CHAPEL** established in Porter's Building (Mansfield Road) in 1856. Reference is made to churches in **FOREST SIDE** and Porter's Buildings in an article on the My Primitive Methodists

website. So I presume this chapel is now closed and that it was in the Eastfield Side/ Mansfield Road area of Sutton. However, I then found reference to a Primitive Methodist Chapel in Mansfield Road now being **ZION BAPTIST CHURCH** but the Baptist Church on Mansfield Road in Sutton now seems to be called **THE BRIDGE**.

FOREST STREET Baptist Church – Chapters 38, 52, 54, 79, 84

Baptist Church in Kirkby. Grandma went there in November 1962 to see a film show about the new **COVENTRY CATHEDRAL**. Miss D J **STYLES** from there read the lesson at a unified religious service at **KIRKBY** carnival in 1951. In her book(let), Edith **SEARSON** recalled going to the Sunday School Anniversary here. In February 1952, mum referred to going to a rally for NCHO at **EAST KIRKBY BAPTIST CHURCH** and I think that was the one in **FOREST STREET**.

FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH – Chapter 54

They were involved in the service in **KINGSWAY PARK** following the Whit walk in 1950. I am not sure of any details of this church or if it was linked in any way to the **FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**. The term foursquare was associated with the **ELIM PENTECOSTAL CHURCH** but I am not aware that there was an **ELIM** church in **KIRKBY** at that time.

FREE Church – see **UNITED METHODIST** Church

FULL GOSPEL Church – Chapters 64, 78, 79

Mentioned in relation to the pastor, Mr **PINCHBECK** and Annie **HOLMES** who attended there. This was an **ASSEMBLIES OF GOD** church and is now **KIRKBY COMMUNITY CHURCH**.

HARTLEY COLLEGE – Chapter 54

This was a theological college in Manchester for training of Primitive Methodist Ministers. It was established in 1881 and, in 1906, was renamed **HARTLEY COLLEGE**, in recognition of Sir William Pickles **HARTLEY**. In 1934, it merged with **VICTORIA PARK**, the training establishment of the United Methodist Free Church, to form **HARTLEY VICTORIA COLLEGE**. This closed in 2015. The building has retained the name of Hartley Hall and is currently home to Kassim Darwish Grammar School for Boys, an independent Islamic school, having previously been used by the Northern College of Music. Most of the ministers at **BOURNE** chapel trained at **HARTLEY COLLEGE**.

HARTLEY VICTORIA COLLEGE – see **HARTLEY COLLEGE**

HEADINGLEY COLLEGE – see **DISBURY COLLEGE**

HEARTSEASE LANE Methodist Church – Chapter 79

Active Methodist Church in Norwich.

HIGH STREET, LOWESTOFT – see **TRINITY**

THE HILL METHODIST CHURCH – Chapters 17, **54**, 68, 69, 77, 79

The first mention of this church in the diaries was in December 1947 when mum went there with Hazel **MUNNS** to hear the Messiah. However, the chapel was there before that. For example, it is shown on a 1939 map that I have. I wonder if grandad previously referred to this as **OLD KIRKBY** Primitive Methodist Chapel.

HUCKNALL – see **CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH HUCKNALL** – Chapter 54

HUTHWAITE Methodist Church – Chapters 38, **54**, 63, 68, 69, 79

There were at least two Methodist chapels in Huthwaite, one on Sherwood Street, which appears to still be operational, and another on Sutton Road but there had also been a Primitive Methodist chapel on New Fall Road.

ILKESTON Methodist Church – Chapter 79

The current **ILKESTON** Methodist Church appears to have two sites, one on Bath/Wilmot Street, called St Andrews, and one on Nottingham Road. There is a very detailed history of Primitive Methodist chapels in Ilkeston on the My Primitive Methodists website. Apparently, Bath Street had both a Primitive Methodist and a Wesleyan chapel. Both were demolished in the 1970s with a new church – St Andrew's – being formed. It appears there might have been quite a number of Methodist chapels in Ilkeston. The church on Nottingham Road appears to have an original part and a later part added in 1958.

KILBURNE/KILBURN WESLEYAN Chapel – Chapter 17

Among mum's papers was an order of service for a Sunday School Anniversary here in 1872. This chapel is located in Kilburne (now spelled Kilburn and also previously spelled as Kilbourne) in Derbyshire. Grandad's maternal grandparents originated from there. According to the Places of Worship Database the church was founded in 1891 and is still open. However, the date of founding may refer to the current building as that date is also visible on the church. National Archive records seem to start in 1887.

KIRKBY COMMUNITY CHURCH – see **FULL GOSPEL**

KIRKBY PARK Methodist Church – Chapters 17, 54, 63, 69, 79

It appears that this was originally a Primitive Methodist chapel and that it operated from 1905 to the 1970s. However, I have not found any photos of the chapel although there is a picture of their Sunday School banner on the My Primitive Methodists website. It seems that locally the chapel may have been referred to as "*The Park*" and that (at least initially) the chapel may have met in a tin structure on Vernon Road (see Chapter 20 of Gerald Lee's book "*Kirkby-in-Ashfield: Yesterday Remembered*"). The chapel is mentioned in Edith Searson's book(let) "*I Remember*" as she and her husband attended there from 1959 until 1975 when The Park amalgamated with **THE HILL METHODIST CHURCH**. She says, "*the year before Bourne closed, when it was known closure would be taking place, Ben and I were asked by The Park Church to go and assist them, when the time of closure came... We went as requested in 1959.*"

LIFESPRING Church – Chapter 17

A Pentecostal church with centres in Church Warsop and in New Ollerton. The latter centre is based in what was **NEW OLLERTON** Primitive Methodist Chapel.

LITTLE CHAPEL – Chapter 66

This is a tourist attraction in the Les Vauxbelets Valley, Saint Andrew, Guernsey. It was built in 1914 and measures 16 feet by 9 feet. The current version was the third attempt at building this.

LLANDUDNO Wesleyan Chapel – Chapter 17

Grandma and grandad went here in 1927 when on holiday in Llandudno. There are currently two English-speaking Methodist churches in Llandudno, St John's and St David's. Both were originally Wesleyan with St John's established in 1866 and St David's in 1897. I am not sure which of these chapels grandma and grandad attended but perhaps St John's seems more likely.

LOWESTOFT – see **TRINITY**

MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH – Chapter 17, **54**, 69, 79

I believe Jim and Renie attended a Baptist chapel in Mansfield. Although I don't know for sure, I assume it was Mansfield Baptist Church in Rosemary Street. This church was established in 1815 and has had three different buildings. Originally, the church was in Stockwell Gate and it moved to Rosemary Street in 1912. A new building was constructed and the old building demolished in 1974..

MANSFIELD VICTORIA STREET Primitive Methodist Chapel – see **VICTORIA STREET**

MIDDLEGATE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH – see **CENTRAL HALL YARMOUTH**

MILE CROSS Methodist Church – Chapters 54, 74, **79**, 80, 81

Methodist Church in Mile Cross, Norwich that we attended when we lived in Hellesdon.

MUSWELL HILL Methodist Church – Chapter 79

This church is mentioned as Reg **BEDFORD** was formerly the Minister there.

MUTTON HILL – see **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

NEW CROSS Methodist Church – Chapters **54**, 63, 66, 69, 79

This was originally a Primitive Methodist chapel. It is currently a community church, i.e. a joint venture between the Methodists and the Church of England.

NEWGATE LANE Methodist Church – Chapter 54

I have not found details of this chapel. Mum mentioned that she went there on 30 April 1950 after having had tea with Renie and Jim. So, I am assuming it is in **MANSFIELD**. But, I can't find any mention of a chapel or church on Newgate Lane. There is a Christian bookshop at 2 Newgate Lane and the building next to it (which is also 2 Newgate Lane and is now a martial arts and fitness centre) looks as if it could have been a chapel at some point. But, I really don't know! I have also assumed that it was a Methodist chapel but again I don't know. I heard from the bookshop and they have been there since 1970. They got the building from a butcher but they think it might have been a church before that. I also heard from Allan **BARHAM**, the Secretary of the Old **MANSFIELD** Society. By coincidence, he went to Sunday School at this chapel in the 1940s and 50s. He confirms it was where the martial arts place is now and that it was indeed a Methodist chapel.

NEW OLLERTON Sherwood Drive Primitive Methodist Chapel – Chapter 17

The Primitive Methodist Chapel in New Ollerton was on Sherwood Street. It opened in 1928 and closed in 1975 and was used as a factory shop by Courtaulds. Currently, it operates as **LIFESPING** church and centre. There is an operational Methodist Church in Ollerton on Forest Road. I don't know much about its origins but the building looks relatively.

NEWSTEAD Methodist Chapel – Chapters 38, **54**, 63, 69

Some details of the Newstead chapel are available but I have not located a photograph. It appears that the chapel has closed but I don't have details of when it closed or what happened to the building. According to Edith Searson's book(let) "*I Remember*", the chapel was called Bethel and I found some records of this.

NEWTON Methodist Chapel – Chapter **69**

There is an existing Methodist church in Newton. They have a Facebook page but the last entry dates from 2018. Originally, it seems this may have been a Primitive Methodist chapel.

NORWICH CATHEDRAL – Chapter 79

In fact, Norwich has two cathedrals, this one, the well-known Anglican one with the second highest spire in the country and the much less-known and newer **ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL**.

NORWICH SYNAGOGUE – Chapter 79

This was visited by mum's young wives' group in November 1962 although mum noted that this visit was poorly-attended.

NOTTINGHAM ROAD Mansfield Methodist Chapel(s) – Chapters 17, 79

There were two Methodist churches on Nottingham Road in Mansfield. In chapter 17, grandad was referring specifically to the Primitive Methodist Chapel known as Bethel. This is still operational. There was another Methodist Church (presumably Wesleyan?) on Nottingham Road. This was built in 1913 and is a listed building. As of 2019, it was unoccupied but with planning consent to convert to a bar and restaurant.

NUNCARGATE – Chapters 69, 79

The Methodist church in **NUNCARGATE** appears to have been a United Methodist Church (rather than Primitive Methodist or Wesleyan). The first chapel seems to have been built in 1878 with a new chapel in 1905.

OLD KIRKBY Methodist Chapel – Chapters 17, 63

I have struggled to find details of this chapel. The first issue is that it is not clear where he is referring to in terms of "*Old Kirkby*". Grandad does use this term in his diaries, e.g. in relation to different Whit Walks and he seems to distinguish between Old Kirkby on the one hand and East Kirkby on the other. I am presuming that he is referring to the western part of what is now Kirkby in Ashfield and might alternately be referred to as Kirkby Cross. There was a Wesleyan chapel in that area, on Chapel Street (that is now **KIRKBY CROSS SNOOKER HALL**). Grandad referred to attending the **OLD KIRKBY WESLEYAN** Sunday School Anniversary in June 1929 and this is probably where he went. However, he also referred to grandma taking the Primary Anniversary at **OLD KIRKBY PRIMIS** in August 1926. I am not entirely sure where this was but it could possibly refer to what is now **THE HILL METHODIST CHURCH**.

OLD KIRKBY Primitive Methodist Chapel – see **OLD KIRKBY** Methodist Chapel and possibly **THE HILL METHODIST CHURCH**.

OLD KIRKBY Wesleyan Chapel – see **OLD KIRKBY** Methodist Chapel

OLLERTON Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel – Chapter 17

Ollerton Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel was in Station Road. It opened in 1869 and probably closed in the 1950s. It is now a private house called "*The Chapel*". There was also a later Primitive Methodist Chapel in **NEW OLLERTON**.

OLLERTON Methodist Church – Chapter 17

There is a Methodist Church in Ollerton currently in Forest Road. New Ollerton.

OUTRAM STREET Methodist Church – Chapters 69, 79

This was a Wesleyan chapel in Sutton in Ashfield and it opened in 1883. It closed in 1975 to make way for a shopping centre. It appears that it was on the corner of Welbeck Street and, based on StreetView, it looks like there are new buildings there now. There was also an Anglican church on Outram Street but this closed in 2003 and was merged with **NEW CROSS** Methodist Church to form **NEW CROSS** Community Church.

PAPPLEWICK Methodist Church – see **CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH HUCKNALL**

PARK LANE Methodist Church – Chapter 79

This is the church we attended when we lived in College Road in the 1970s. Originally, from 1824, St Peter's Wesleyan chapel had been in the centre of Norwich in St Peter Mancroft parish where the Forum is now. In 1894, a second Wesleyan chapel opened on Park Lane. In September 1939, a new larger chapel was built adjacent to the Wesleyan chapel on Park Lane with the older chapel becoming the church hall and being largely rebuilt in the 1960s. However, in 2020, building work uncovered some of the old chapel. When the church closed, it merged with the **UNITED REFORMED CHURCH** in Jessop Road. Mum briefly attended here in around 2016 when she lived at Dell Rose Court. The building has been used by other churches, including the **RIVERS OF LIFE** church. It appears that St Peter's Park Lane will be demolished to make way for more housing.

PEVERIL STREET United Methodist Free Church – see **CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH HUCKNALL** – Chapter 54

PILSLEY Methodist Church – Chapter 79

There appear to be two places called Pilsley. Both are in Derbyshire. One is to the west of Chesterfield while the other is to the south. I have assumed it was the latter as this was much closer to Kirkby. There was a Primitive Methodist chapel here at some point but later a church on the same site was referred to as **BRIDGE STREET EVANGELICAL METHODIST CHURCH**. I thought I had found details on the Methodist Circuit website that this was still functional but it appears to be permanently closed.

CHURCH ON RISE PARK – Chapter 74

A church founded in the 1960s on a new estate in Nottingham.

REFORM STREET CHAPEL – see **FOREST SIDE**

RIVERS OF LIFE – see **PARK LANE**

ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL NORWICH – Background

The second of Norwich's cathedrals, located at the city end of Earlham and Unthank Roads. It is mock Gothic and is only just over 100 years old.

ROSEBERY ROAD Methodist Church – Chapter 79, 80

Methodist Church in the north of Norwich.

SALISBURY METHODIST CHURCH – Chapter 54

I found an example of a "*faith tea*" at **SALISBURY METHODIST CHURCH**.

SALVATION ARMY – Chapters 38, 52, 54, 79

Reference is made to their Nottingham band giving a concert at the Festival Hall in 1960. Grandma also sometimes went to special meetings at the **SALVATION ARMY** in Kirkby. In 1947, mum noted giving the play "*Stories of the Master*" at the **SALVATION ARMY**. In 1952, Captain **CARBY** offered prayers at a united religious service at **KIRKBY** carnival.

SELSTON CHAPEL – Chapter 54

There is currently a Methodist church in **SELSTON** in Chapel Road. This is now referred to as Dove Green Methodist Church. Apparently, previously this was known as "*Middle Chapel*" as it was

halfway between the Congregational and Primitive Methodist chapels in the village. There also was a Primitive Methodist Chapel. Rainbow Follies gave a concert in **SELSTON** here in 1954.

SHILDON Primitive Methodist Chapel – Chapter 62

Dorothy **LOFTHOUSE** got married in a Methodist church in Shildon but mum was not sure which one. On balance, I don't think it was this one.

SHILDON Wesley Methodist Church – Chapter 62

Dorothy **LOFTHOUSE** got married in a Methodist church in Shildon but mum was not sure which one. On balance, I think it was this one.

SOUTH NORMANTON ZION Methodist Church – Chapter 79

This was originally a Primitive Methodist chapel and the original entrance still has the words Primitive Methodist Zion Church. A new entrance was added in 2019.

SOUTHWELL Methodist Church – Chapter 79

This church is still operational. The original building dates to 1839 and is a listed building. An extension and new entrance were added in 1996.

SPIRITUALIST Church, East Kirkby – Chapter 17

There was a **BETHEL METHODIST** Church in East Kirkby and I wonder if this was the **UNITED METHODIST** Free Church. Since 1949, it has been the **SPIRITUALIST** Church. The building still stands and is on the corner of Lowmoor Road and Portland Street.

SPROWSTON Methodist Church – Chapter 79

Active Methodist Church in Norwich. Also known as **WROXHAM ROAD** Methodist Church. In the early sixties, mum's Young Wives' group sometimes met with the group from **SPROWSTON**.

STANTON HILL Baptist Church – Chapters 52, 54, 69

This church, just outside **SUTTON IN ASHFIELD**, may also be known as **VICTORIA STREET BAPTISTS**. The chapel is located within a triangle formed by Albert Street and Victoria Street. There is a church and also a Boys' Brigade Community Hall. While the church may still be operating, the website was last updated in 2016 and their Facebook page does not appear to be active. In addition, the building is, or was recently, up for sale.

STANTON HILL Methodist Church – Chapters 54, 63, 69, 79

There was a Primitive Methodist chapel in Albert Street in Stanton Hill. This was opened in 1908 and closed sometime after 1998. There was an earlier Primitive Methodist chapel in New Street from 1876. There is also reference to a chapel in Victoria Street but this may be the same place as the chapel was on the corner of Albert Street and Victoria Street. The chapel has been demolished and replaced with housing.

ST ANDREW'S – Chapter 52

Parish church in **EPWORTH** where Samuel **WESLEY**, the father of John and Charles **WESLEY**, was rector.

ST ANDREW'S – Chapter 54

Anglican church in **KIRKBY**. It closed in 1961. It was located on Marlborough Road on the corner of St Andrew's Street. The building still exists but has been converted into a house.

ST ANNE'S King's Road Primitive Methodist Chapel – Chapter 17

In 1928, grandma and grandad went on holiday to this Lancashire resort and they attended this chapel. The King's Road Primitive Methodist Chapel opened in 1911. In 1967, it amalgamated with the Drive Methodist Church and the building closed the following year. The building was demolished and the site was given over to housing.

ST CATHERINE'S – Chapters 54, 79

Anglican church in Mile Cross. In October 1963, the Young Wives gave a concert for the old people here. Ken **HODGES** went here when he visited in 1964 and 1965.

ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL – Chapter 53

Chapel in **WINDSOR** where the funeral of **KING GEORGE VI** was held.

ST JOHN'S Methodist Church, Sutton in Ashfield – Chapters 38, **54**, 63, 69, 79, 84

This church is still operational. Although its address is Titchfield Avenue it is on the corner of **BROOK STREET**.

ST JUDE'S Mapperley, Nottingham – Chapter 77

Les and Shirley **VRYENHOEF** got married here in July 1961.

ST LUKE'S – Chapter 79

Anglican church on Aylsham Road in Norwich. It was built originally before the first world war. But, the building was demolished and replaced with a modern building in 1985.

ST PAUL'S – Chapter 79

Anglican church in Hellesdon. Mum's young wives' group was involved with them and **BOWTHORPE ROAD** Methodist Church in the early sixties.

ST PETER'S – see **PARK LANE**

ST PETER'S – Chapter 52

Anglican church in **NOTTINGHAM**. Visible from **GRIFFIN AND SPALDING** department store.

ST THOMAS'S – Chapters 52, 54, 62, 77, 78, 79

One of the Anglican churches in Kirkby. There was a memorial service there for **KING GEORGE VI** in February 1952.

ST WILFRID'S – Chapters 47, 54, **62**, 65, 69, 79

One of the Anglican churches in Kirkby. Grandad's father Henry **PARKIN** had his funeral there in 1957. A service was held there for the funeral of **KING GEORGE VI** in February 1952.

SUTTON IN ASHFIELD Methodist Church – Chapters 54, 63

There were a number of Methodist churches in Sutton including **NEW CROSS** and **ST JOHN'S**, also known as **BROOK STREET**.

SWANWICK Methodist Church – Chapter 69

There is a Methodist church in Swanwick and its website has a history page. There was a Primitive Methodist society in Swanwick from as early as 1820. A chapel was built in 1880 on Pentrich Road but this closed in 1965. The building remains and is used as a pre-school. There was also a Wesleyan chapel from as early as 1835 and a permanent building was constructed on the High Street in 1846 which remains the main worship area of the current church although the main frontage of the

church is on Derby Road. However, in 1850, the chapel left the Wesleyans and joined the United Methodist Free Church.

TEMPLE METHODIST CHURCH – Chapter 52

Church in **YARMOUTH** that mum and dad attended when there on holiday in 1954. It was demolished in 1973

THORPE ROAD Methodist Church – Chapter 79

Former Methodist Church in Norwich. In the early sixties, mum's Young Wives' group sometimes met with the group from **THORPE ROAD**. The church closed in 1985 but the building is still standing.

TONNING STREET, LOWESTOFT – see **TRINITY**

TRINITY METHODIST HUCKNALL – see **CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH HUCKNALL**

TRINITY METHODIST, KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD – Chapters 8, 17, 54, 68, 69, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 84, 85, 86

Strictly, this term applies to the merged chapels of **BOURNE** Primitive Methodist and the Wesleyan chapel on **DIAMOND AVENUE** but sometimes it is used to apply only to the latter particularly after the merger was finalised. I have also included references to **KIRKBY WESLEYAN CHAPEL** here.

TRINITY METHODIST, LOWESTOFT – Chapter 79

We attended church when on holiday in **LOWESTOFT** in 1962. Mum did not specify which Methodist church we attended in **LOWESTOFT**. It would not have been the current **TRINITY** church as that only opened in 1970. It may have been the chapel that was on **HIGH STREET** at that time that was originally Wesleyan. However, there was another former Wesleyan chapel also open at that time in **TONNING STREET**.

UNITED METHODIST Church, Kirkby – Chapter 17

Grandad's diary refers to the **FREE** Church. This may refer to Kirkby's **UNITED METHODIST** Free Church. There was a United Methodist Chapel in East Kirkby in 1898. However, I have been unable to find more details. Separately, it does appear that there was a **BETHEL METHODIST** Church in East Kirkby and I wonder if this was the **UNITED METHODIST** Free Church. Since 1949, it has been the **SPIRITUALIST** Church. The building still stands and is on the corner of Lowmoor Road and Portland Street.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH JESSOP ROAD – see **PARK LANE**

VICTORIA PARK – see **HARTLEY COLLEGE**

VICTORIA STREET BAPTIST – see **STANTON HILL BAPTIST**

VICTORIA STREET Mansfield Primitive Methodist Chapel – Chapter 17

This chapel was referred to as **CENTENARY HALL**. It opened in 1910 and closed at the start of the 1950s. The building still stands and is used by the Salvation Army.

WATCHORN Memorial Primitive Methodist Chapel – Chapters 15, 17, 69

Grandad took his mother, Sarah **PARKIN**, to visit soon after it had been completed in 1929. The building in Alfreton is still standing and it appears to be an evangelical church and there is also a Christian school on the same site. The church is variously described as independent or an evangelical Methodist church. It appears to have its own circuit.

WELLINGTON CHURCH, GLASGOW – Chapter 53

The watchnight service on the BBC in 1952 was from this Church of Scotland church.

WESLEY CHAPEL, HUCKNALL – see **CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH HUCKNALL**

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, LONDON – Chapter 53

Chapel established by John **WESLEY** in 1778. The watchnight service from here was broadcast on the **BBC** in 1951.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL RIPLEY – Chapter 17

This is a dissenters chapel which local tradition identifies as the place where John Wesley preached when he visited **RIPLEY**. Grandad went there in 1922 with his brother-in-law, John **SMITH**.

WESLEY COLLEGE – see **DIDSBURY COLLEGE**

WESTMINSTER ABBEY – Chapters 53, 84, 86

Well-known London church, often used for weddings and other ceremonies. **PRINCESS ALEXANDRA** and Angus **OGILVY** married here in 1963. Mum watched a tour of the abbey with Richard **DIMBLEBY** in January 1952.

WILSTEAD Methodist Church – Background

The church where Alan and Nora **CIRKET** got married. Wilstead is in Bedfordshire about 5 miles from Bedford. The church is still functioning but in a new building that they moved into in the sixties. For more details see [here](#).

WOODFORD GREEN UNITED FREE CHURCH – Chapter 53

The harvest service from here was broadcast on television in September 1951.

WORKSOP PRIORY – Chapter 18

This remains a functioning church and was formerly a priory in Worksop.

WROXHAM ROAD Methodist Church – see **SPROWSTON** Methodist Church

WYMONDHAM ABBEY CHURCH – Chapter 81

Grandad visited the abbey church in Wymondham. It acts as the parish church for Wymondham.

WYVERN PLAYS – Chapter 79

Wyvern plays seek to “*present the Biblical and religious message sincerely, arrestingly and in a way that proves convincing to modern audiences*”. In 1961, the Young Wives performed a Wyvern play called “*Peace at Bethany*”.

YORK MINSTER – Chapters 84, 86

Well-known Anglican church in York. **The DUKE OF KENT** married Katharine **WORSLEY** here in 1961.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH – see **FOREST SIDE**