

Primitive Methodist Chapels - Hatch & Tuckingmill



The Primitive Methodist Chapel at Tuckingmill

1872 Hatch is a small hamlet in the parish of West Tisbury, near Wardour Castle. Here the Primitive Methodists have successfully preached for 30 years, during which time they have had to conduct their services in cottages. Repeated efforts were made to secure a better place to worship in, but they were all fruitless till the end of 1871 or the beginning of 1872 when, through the kindness of V F Bennett Esq, a piece of land was secured on which to build a chapel. Plans and specifications were soon prepared, and the work let; and on Wednesday, April 17th, the memorial stone was laid by J R Rutter Esq, of Mere, amid the rejoicings of a large number of friends. On Thursday, July 18th, the little hamlet became the centre of a still larger circle of friends who came to be present at the chapel opening.

At three o'clock, a sermon was preached by the Rev J Richards, the newly appointed minister to the circuit, after which more than 350 persons sat down to a tea provided in a pleasantly situated meadow. Tea over, a large and influential meeting was held in the same meadow, ably presided over by Mr S P Yates, of Wilton; and excellent addresses were delivery by Mr J Best of Sturminster, the Reverends T King of Semley, J M White of Tisbury and J Richards. The Rev J Herridge read the report, which contained a long list of donors, from 6d to £10. The chapel will seat 100, and is greatly admired for its strength, neatness, and finish.

The entire cost, including lamps, matting, iron palisading, &c., will be about £210, towards which over £139 has been raised. A hearty vote of thanks to all who had in any way helped in the erection was moved by the Superintendent Minister and suitably seconded by his colleague, the Rev J Harper. This, with the Doxology and prayer, brought the auspicious day's services to a happy and successful close.

The opening services were continued on the following Sunday, when three sermons were preached, in the morning and evening, by the Rev J Herridge, and in the afternoon by Mr Williams of Salisbury, who supplied for the Rev J M White. The chapel was comfortably full in the morning and crowded in the afternoon and evening.
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1873 Hatch Primitive Methodist Chapel. On Sunday and Monday, the first anniversary of this beautiful little chapel was held. On the Sunday three very appropriate sermons were preached to large and attentive congregations by the Rev George Beale of Mere, morning and evening, and the Rev J M White BA of Tisbury, in the afternoon. On Monday an excellent tea was provided in a field near the chapel, kindly lent by Mr G Turner. About 170 sat down to well-furnished tables.

After tea a public meeting was held, presided over by the Rev J Richards of Hindon, in the unavoidable absence of Mr P S Yeates of Wilton. Stirring and practical addresses were delivered by the Revs E Hancock of Sturminster, C T Plank of Shaftesbury, J M White of Tisbury, T King of Semley, T Powell of Gillingham and Messrs J Bennett and J Best. The collections at each of the services were exceedingly good. The usual votes of thanks being passed and the Doxology sung, this interesting anniversary was brought to a successful close.
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1890 At the recent Primitive Methodist connexional examination, seven scholars from Tisbury and Hindon Schools competed. The result has just been forward to Rev J S Buckley. Kate Burridge has gained 87 marks thus taking the first prize (book value 7s 6d); Annie Davis 81 marks, second prize (book value 5s); Mary Crickmay 79; Frank Davis 75; Louisa Burridge 73; W Stainer 73; A Fish 70. Each competitor has been awarded a first class certificate, signed by the president of the conference. The results reflect credit on both teachers and scholars.
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Primitive Methodist Minister Moving On

The Rev G Fowler, of Gillingham, who is removing to another circuit, preached two sermons in the chapel on Sunday to large congregations.

Western Gazette Friday 20 June 1890

- 1896 A fatal accident to a man named as Frederick Lawrence, aged 65 years, a labourer in the employ of Mr Perrett, of Hatch, occurred on Saturday He leaves a widow and a grown up family and was till about four years since a resident of Fontmell Magna Dorset. Deceased and his wife were attendants at the Primitive Methodist Chapel at Hatch and with commendable thoughtfulness, a collection was made at the Tisbury Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday for the widow, who is in poor circumstances, amounting to about 31s 10d and this is being supplemented by voluntary donations through the care of Pastor Rev A Clarke. (part article only)
Western Gazette 16 October 1896
- 1898 Crowded congregations attended the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday on the occasion of the Harvest Festival services. The Rev J L Williams of Mere was the preacher. A tea and public meeting were held on Monday when addresses were delivered by several friends. The following amounts were realised: Sunday's collection £1 2s 4½d; taken at tea £1 4s 3d; Monday evening collection 31s 7d; goods sold £1 18s 7½d; Mrs Burrige's book £1 18s. Total £6 16s 10d.
Western Gazette 07 October 1898
- 1930 The Primitive Methodist Church anniversary was celebrated on Sunday and Monday. Excellent sermons were preached on Sunday by Mr W Rose and Mr E Blandford of Okeford Fitzpaine. In the afternoon a varied programme, given by Mr and Mrs Rose, Miss Rose and Mr Blandford, was greatly appreciated. The chairman was Mr E Plummer Davies. On Monday a public meeting was presided over by Mrs W Watkins of Winchester. The speakers were Mr H Didhum and the Rev W Little; the soloist was Miss Maidment and the organist Mr R Woods.
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