

Plymouth Brethren

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Founded by John Walker, taken over in 1828 by John Nelson Darby a former Church of England clergyman.

Founded by John Nelson Darby (1800-1882) a minister of the protestant church of Ireland and Edward Cronin, a Roman Catholic in 1827. John Darby settled in Plymouth giving the movement it's popular name.

Split into several groups:

Exclusives, Open, Kellyites, Newtonites and Bethesda

Services consist of bread, wine and readings

Beliefs: No organisation, no pastors since they believe in direct contact with God, Bible is literally accurate, baptism at 13 plus, second coming, all existing churches to be rejected, women not to speak at meetings, keep separate so as to be pure.

Bethesda: Objects House to house visitation for instruction in spiritual truth, circulation of scriptures and tracts, to hold mission and cottage services, relief of the poor and sick, occasional teas for poor persons. Evangelical and unsectarian.

Open Brethren: Meetings open to all Christians

Closed or Exclusive Brethren: Added new rules in 1965 designed to prevent saints, members, from having any contact with sinners, non-members. Members sharing homes with non-members to be expelled, members must declare bank balance, unmarried members, single or widowed, must marry as soon as possible within the sect, no radio, television, books, newspapers, visits to places of entertainment, cafes etc., no windows in meeting places.

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Bethesda Mission

Incorporates Portsea Town Mission established in 1856	166
1920	Objected to Town Council resolution to allow game to be played in public parks on Sundays between 2pm and 6pm 95
46 Copnor Road	
1897	[11346] Planning application, Builder G Scammell, for G.H Fison 95
1897	Built Stone
1899-1905	Copnor Road, Bethesda Mission Hall 1
1906	Copnor Road 192
1909	[17752] additions for Bethesda Building Committee 95
1911-1928	46 Copnor Road, Bethesda Mission Hall 1
1929	Copnor Road 192
1945	[204] 4 Station Road hall for Youth Movement for Miss Keys 95
1934-1976	46 Copnor Road, Bethesda Mission Hall 1
1987	Gable blown out in storm
1988	Refronted
1996	Reroofed
2001	Closed
Dec 2001	Used by some former members of London Road Baptist Church as Grace Baptist Church, independent, evangelical Sold to Grace Baptist Church
2016	
Diamond Street	
1881	28-30 Diamond Street, Mission Hall 165
1886	28-30 Diamond Street, Mission Hall 1
1887	28-30 Diamond Street, Mission Hall 166
1888	30-32 Diamond Street (sic), The Mission Hall 165
1891-1897	28-30 Diamond Street, Mission Hall 1
1898	[11732] Classrooms, owner G.H.Fison, builder G.Scammell 95
1898-1905	28-30 Diamond Street, Mission Hall 1
1911-1960	28-30 Diamond Street, Bethesda Mission Hall 1 Demolished
Little Southsea Street	
	See Methodist
Saint Johns Road	
1872	Built Stone Louisa and her missionaries ?
1886	1 Commons Street/St Johns Road, Bethesda Mission Hall 1
1887	1 Commons Street, Bethesda Mission Hall 166
1888	1 Commons Street, Bethesda Mission Hall 165
1891-1976	Common Street/St Johns Road, Bethesda Mission Hall 1
1896	[10868] Classrooms for G.H Fison 95
18 Sep 1983	Last service 9 Demolished Monies from sale going to Lovedean and Copnor
Silver Street	
1881	29 Silver Street, Mission Hall 165
1887	29 Silver Street, Mission Class room 166
1888	29 Silver Street, The Mission Class Room 165

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1890	27-29 Silver Street, Mission Class room	1
1891-1897	29 Silver Street, Mission Class Room	1
1898	Mission Room owner G.H.Fison, builder G. Scammell	95
1898-1900	29 Silver Street, Mission Classrooms	1
1901-1914	27-29 Silver Street, Mission Classrooms	1
1917-1923	27-31 Silver Street, Bethesda Mission Classrooms	1
1928	[24685] Silver Street additions by W Curran for trustees of Bethesda Mission	95
1928-1958	29-31 Silver Street, Bethesda Mission Classrooms	1
1957	Sold to St Judes	
1960-1976	Silver Street, south side, St Judes Church House	1
1977-1993	St Judes Youth Centre	
1992-2016	St Judes Nursery	
59 Stone Street	See under Terraces, The Rest, Almshouse	
Union Place/Common Street		
1897-1976	Mission class room	1
Winchester Road		
1886	48-50 Winchester Road, Bethesda Mission Hall	1
1887	Built	Stone
1887	48-50 Winchester Road, Bethesda Mission	166
1888	48-50 Winchester Road, Bethesda Mission Hall	165
1891-1976	48-50 Winchester Road, Bethesda Mission Hall	1
1988	Demolished	

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Ebenezar Assembly of Open Brethren

101 Crasswell Street

1900-1902 Ebenezer Mission Hall 1

Great Southsea Street

See Baptist

Inglis Road

See Non-denominational

Jacobs Street / Crasswell Street

1923-1934 Ebenezar Assembly Hall 1

King Street, Southsea / The Avenue

1891-1896 Southsea Mission Hall 1
1897-1905 King Street Hall 1
1906-1940 Ebenezar Mission Hall, iron 1,9
1939 [31212] Additions to hall for Ebenezer Mission Hall Committee 95
Bombed transferred to St Pauls Road 9
1951 CPO for site 95

122 King Street, Southsea

1897-1901 King Street Hall Sunday School 1
Later Furniture Store

42 St Pauls Road

See Anglican, St Pauls Mission Room

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Open Brethren

135 Copnor Road

1921	[20902] Copnor Road / Chichester Road Mission Hall for Mission Authorities	95
1923	land 77 feet by 18 feet to be added to highway at 10s per foot frontage	95
1923-1932	Elim Mission Hall (Not Foursquare)	1,192
1933-1976	Copnor Gospel Hall	1
2014	Copnor Gospel Hall	

Eastney Road

See Methodist

Garfield Road

1939	[30918] Hall for Excelsior Girls Club	95
1946-1971	Garfield Road Mission Hall	
1978	Used as builders store Demolished	PCC

Inglis Road

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Unknowns

72 Blackfriars Road

1899-1905 Mission Hall 1

28 Brookfield Road

See Anglican

Bush Street East

1891 Bush Street, before 1, Plymouth Brethren Mission Room 1
1892 Bush Street, before 1, Plymouth Brethren Meeting Room 1
1894-1905 Bush Street, before 1, Plymouth Brethren Assembly Room 1
1908 Southsea Assembly Rooms 110
1911-1940 Bush Street, before 1, Plymouth Brethren Assembly Room 1
1940 Southsea Assembly Rooms 110

4 Butcher Street

1894 St Georges House, Bretheren 1

Chandos Street

1874 Chandos Street Rooms 96

Commercial Road

1878 Assembly Room 59
1890 Assembly Room 1

Commercial Road

St James Hall, Brethren, see Charlotte Street in Music Halls 1

Hanover Street

1897-1899 Between 39 and 40, Plymouth Brethren Meeting Room 1

Hay Street

1859 Assembly Room 59
1878 Assembly Room 59

Hellyer Road

1933 [27085] Hellyer Road mission hall by Stark & Howes 95
1934-1976 Hellyer Road, before 2, Hellyer Road Room, Plymouth Brethren 1
1987-2014 Gymnasium

115 Highland Road

1908 Eastney Rooms 192
1911-1928 Eastney Gospel Room 1
1934 Shopfront for H Cass 95
1936-1956 Garage/Store for Parks and Pickfords 1
1958-2016 McCullum timber merchants 1

90 Middle Street

See Middle Street in Schools

243 New Road

1917-1918 Brethren's Meeting Room 1

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Unknown

North Street (between 49 & 50)

	Earlier Lampard's Brewery	
1881	Gospel Hall	1
1886	Gospel Hall	1
1887	Gospel Hall Plymouth Brethren	1
1888	Gospel Mission Hall	
1890-1899	Gospel Hall	1
1900-1901	Salvation Army Barracks	1
1905-1911	St Johns Sunday School, Willing Memorial Hall, between 49 and 50 North Street	1
1918	St Johns Sunday School, Willing Memorial Hall, 47-48 North Street	1
1923-1928	Willing Memorial Hall cost £4,000, 47 North Street	1
1936-1940	Removal warehouse	1

146 Queen Street

1892	The Brethren's Gospel Hall	1
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83 St Georges Square

1881	Assembly Room and Brethren Mission Hall	165
1887	Assembly Rooms and The Brethren's Mission Hall	166
1890	Assembly Room and Brethren Mission Hall	1

18-20 Somers Road

1886	Gospel Hall	1
1887	Gospel Hall Plymouth Brethren	166
1890	Gospel Hall Plymouth Brethren	1

Yorke Street

See Methodist