

United Reformed

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Independents, Poedobaptists or Brownists were formed by Robert Browne (1550-1633) an Anglican clergyman in 1582.

George Whitfield headed the evangelical revival.

District union was formed in 1785 and the National Union in 1831.

The Congregational Union of England And Wales was formed in 1833 or 1904.

Beliefs: Only head of church is Jesus Christ, the church has no relation to the state, only statute is the bible. They reject Bishops and each congregation was independant and chose its own minister.

Presbyterians were formed by John Calvin in 1609, who gave it the form it retained. Ministry consists of Presbyters who all hold equal rank.

They split from the Church of England after failing to reform from within.
The union of Presbyterian churches was in 1876.

In 1972 the Congregationalists and Presbyterians united to form the United Reformed Church

Note in Victoria Road minutes, records kept at Above Bar Church Southampton

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Abercrombie Street

1863		63
1865	Zion Independent Chapel	75
1887	Zion Congregational Church	166
	Rev Grigg 1865	75
	Rev William Griggs 1887-1888	165,166

5 Amelia Street

See Baptist

Ashburton Road

1865	Commenced	9
1868	Opened as Christchurch Congregational Church	9
1868	Built Christchurch Congregational Hall	4
Dec 1868	Opened	4
1871	Converted to hall on opening of new church in Kent Road	9
1887	Congregational Church and Hall	166
1900-1918	Christchurch Sunday School	1
1903	[14688] additions	95
1941	Bombed	
1946	[805] 2-6 Ashburton Road Christchurch Congregational Church reinstated and converted to County Court; [805a] amendment to basement & ground floor plans	95
1946-1951	Used as County Court	9
1947	Hall restored and used as church	9
Sep 1999	Closed	9
Dec 1999	For Sale	
	Rev W Duxbury 1923	1
	Rev Fred Horrox 1928	1
	Rev William Boxall 1938	1

Bath Square

1838		89
1867	Bethel Chapel (Independent) seats 130	42

Bishop Street

1838		89
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80-82 Buckland Street / School Lane

1905	Congregational Mission Hall	1
1906	[16134] Mission Hall	95
1938	[30601] Additions to hall for Buckland Congregational Mission	95
1911-1964	Buckland Congregational Mission Hall	1
	Transferred to Sultan Road after compulsorily purchased	132
	Demolished	132

Commercial Road (Opposite Pearl Buildings)

	Site on lease from War office	136
1859	Landport Road, Presbyterian Iron Church seats 100	4,59
	Sat 600	210
1878	Rental to be paid for site to War Office	136
1880	Transferred to St Michaels Road. Site handed over to Sailors Orphanage	4
	Rev James Stewart 1859-1867	1,59,75
	Rev William Walton	1

Edinburgh Road Stanhope Road

See King Street

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5 Sep 1893	Land conveyed from Miss Sarah Robinson to Laphorn and others	133
10 Apr 1894	Deed of Exchange Laphorn to Secretary of State	133
29 Jul 1895	Mr Bevis' plans accepted, hall to seat 480, church 810, Building to be erected to gallery height and temporary roof fitted. Site £2,000, building £2,462. Builder Mr Dugan	133
30 Oct 1895	Foundation stone laid	133
1896	Built Congregational Church seats 560	1,14,37
1 Jun 1896	Conveyance Laphorn and others to Wells	133
14 Jun 1896	Opening service	133
14 Jun 1896	Opened architect Mr Bevis.	4,89
31 Aug 1896	Conveyed by Yeaxlee and Others to trust	133
1900-1901		1
31 Dec 1908	Meeting to consider completion of the building	133
30 Jul 1913	Mr Bevis asked to prepare bills of quantity	133
8 Mar 1922	Discussion on completion of building, church floor to be put in and electric light installed	133
10 Feb 1926	The architect to be asked for cost of completion	133
1928	[24670] additions to church for Rev Davies	95
1929	[25017] extension to church for Rev Davies	95
5 Jun 1929	Amended plans accepted	133
14 Oct 1929	Messrs Croad's tender of £5,200 accepted	133
17 Dec 1929	Mr Croad promised to finish top and pinacles of tower with cement. Tower 116 feet	133 4,89
1930	Organ dismantled when building enlarged. Was originally built by Messrs Binns of Liverpool about 80 years ago	133
25 Feb 1930	Two friends offered to pay for spire	133
18 Jun 1930	Reopened after completion by Mrs Sainsbury. Hall under church	133
31 Dec 1930	300 chairs gift of one friend, 100 by other friends	133
14 Dec 1953	Letter recommending that services be discontinued as only eight people attend	133
28 Apr 1954	For sale by auction, sold for £10,000 to Portsmouth Evening News Co, organ sold for £80	133
Jun 1954	Spire removed by Jno Croad, cost £175, more than building cost	133
11 Jan 1955	Monies from sale split, Cosham £2,000, Milton £2,000, Victoria Road £483, Paulsgrove £9,000 kept in trust for six months to avoid trust problems	133
?	Closed and monies raised used for church at Paulsgrove	133
1957		1
	Demolished	
	Rev John Davies 1896-1940	1
	Rev John Morris 1946-1948	1
	Rev Frederick Oliver 1951-1953	1
Green Row (Belgrave Street)		
	1838	89
	1887	Zion Hall, Juvenile Gospel Pioneers 1

High Street

Message called Redd-House lying near rampart fortifications between High Street on the north and Horn Court on the south and a message in St Thomas Street. One of them formerly called the Wheat Sheafe & Pidgeons lying in Oyster Street. Malthouse and barn late in the occupation of William Mudge, but late William Croke. Twelve acres at Home Close, Fratton, two acres named Butchers Gate at Green Lane, Froddington sixteen acres at Hambrook, ten acres at Hook Close, Froddington. The meeting house was erected on the site of the malthouse and is mentioned in the will of Mary Hicks, grandmother of the Spicer family at this time. It was for the

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	use of Protestant dissenters otherwise known as Presbyterians.	137
1717	Land provided for £200 by Thomas Ridge, Henry Stanyford, Robert Reynolds and Robert Heart	30
	Site formerly a malthouse	4
1717	Lease	137
1718	Built Presbyterian Church to seat 700 cost £978 4s 3d	5(8),14, 30,59,210
30 Mar 1719	Indentures of lease to trust	137
	1720 Became Unitarian	14,30
	1819 Became Unitarian	4,5(8),137
	1822 School rooms built and church restored cost £957 15s 6d	4,5(8), 59,137
	1822 Plaque over door Unitarian Chapel repaired	137
21 Dec 1826	Plan presented for improving the entrance to the chapel by enlarging the porch	137
18 Mar 1830	Stove to be purchased for heating the chapel during winter months	137
3 May 1835	Outside of chapel to be painted and windows cleaned	137
4 Aug 1839	It is desirable to light the chapel by gas, estimated cost £55	137
28 Feb 1841	Subscription to be opened on extending the vestry and schoolroom	137
2 Mar 1842	Mr Starks tender to build schoolroom accepted. £2 to be paid to Mr Aylen for his drawing. ≈£120 raised to date	137
5 Feb 1843	Meeting discussed holding services in girls schoolroom during repairs to the Chapel	137
21 May 1843	Chapel to be repaired, painted and cleaned	137
	1843 Restored	5(26)
21 Apr 1844	The girl's school has sustained heavy losses, with some of the most active and intelligent teachers removing to Van Diemens land.	137
21 Jan 1846	Committee to take steps for the erection of an organ, Mr Pilcher of London to advise	137
5 Feb 1846	Letter to be sent to Mr Greenham informing him that as an organ is being erected his services will no longer be required	137
8 Mar 1846	A ministers vestry has been erected and an organ costing £180 installed, donations for the organ have come from Jews, Churchmen, Catholics, Trinitarians and other dissenters	137
19 Mar 1849	Girl's sunday school to be heightened	137
12 Feb 1850	Boy's sunday school to be lit by gas	137
6 Feb 1851	Violincello formerly used in the singing seat to be presented to Mr Digby, junr	137
6 May 1852	Agreed to discontinue burning gas in the chapel after the 16th except in the pulpit and gallery	137
4 Aug 1852	Alterations to be made to pedal organ	137
14 May 1853	Estimate for redecorating chapel £45 3s	137
15 Jun 1853	Meetings to be held in St Thomas Street Baptist until redecorations are complete	137
21 Aug 1853	Reopened	137
15 Feb 1854	Lord Palmerstons notice re closure of chapel yard for burials received	137
8 Mar 1857	Report that chapel yard is now paved	137
30 Jun 1859	Exterior to be painted	137
18 Aug 1867	Boys schoolroom to be lit by gas	137
5 Mar 1868	New trust formed and monies handed over after a lengthy investigation by the Charity Commissioners	
9 Mar 1869	The three circular window frames to be replaced, centre window bricked up and interior redecorated cost estimated £90	137
21 May 1869	Mr Croad's tender of £48 accepted for replacing windows and repairs in the yard	137
8 Jun 1869	Meetings to be held in the Commissioners Hall, Landport while the building	

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	is closed. Ornamental glass in side windows to be removed and replaced	137
8 Aug 1869	Reopened, cost of repairs £143 6s 8d	137
6 Jan 1876	Report that organ had been enlarged and improved at a cost of £150 by Mr Hunter	137
23rd Apr 1880	Church to be redecorated estimated cost £57	137
6th May 1880	Four stained glass windows of the four gospel writers to be installed.	137
22nd Jul 1881	Mr Cogswell to look into the drainage of the premises following a complaint from the Corporation.	137
3rd Aug 1881	Mr Cogswell paid £42 15s 7d for drainage work.	137
5th Oct 1882	Meeting to consider the amalgamation of St Thomas Street and High Street chapels.	137
29th Oct 1882	Declined to amalgamate.	137
22nd Aug 1883	Church to be redecorated	137
5th Sep 1883	Tender of Mr Potts accepted £25	137
30th Jun 1889	Offer from Wood & Flower? to sell John Pounds house in St Marys Street for £60	137
30th Mar 1896	Old oak box pews to be replaced with banches and chapel renovated, Mr Bevis' tender of £95 13s accepted.	137
19th Apr 1896	Services to be held in the Lower Albert Hall.	137
17th May 1896	Old pulpit to be removed and replaced with a platform. Benches 12 pitch pine 22 feet long.	137
25th Mar 1897	Total cost of renovations £400. Ironwork at front of platform paid for and made by Samuel Foot.	137
24th Feb 1907	Proposed to consider amalgamation with St Thomas Street Chapel.	137
11th Mar 1908	The John Pounds Cottage Home which has been at 8 Netley Terrace for the past three years is moving to John Pounds House St Simons Road.	137
29th Jul 1918	Church to be renovated.	137
20th Jan 1919	Cost of renovations £258 19s 9d	137
11th Jul 1922	Queries on amalgamation with St Thomas Street Chapel	137
13th Dec 1922	Further discussions re amalgamation. The St Thomas trust is known as the Captain John Pearce Trust. The monies were safe guarded against being used for purposes than General Baptist. Should the chapel cease the money would be directed to other quarters.	137
June 1923	John Pound's house sold to Sir George Cousins for £50. He intends to present it to the corporation.	137
20th Nov 1927	Brass plaque fitted to pew used by John Pounds and his girls and boys.	137
1940	Seats 400	1
10 Jan 1941	Bombed	22
1948	Services held in Claremont Road meeting house and at 62 Kingston Crescent	1
24 Sep 1955	New foundation stone laid by Sir Adrian Boulton	Stone
8 Sep 1956	Opened by C.H.Pollard, president of Unitarian Church	137
1956	Built by Samuel Salter	137
1956	Rebuilt, architect Ernest Down, Bournemouth	22
1967	Bishop & Starr organ moved here from Poole	
2013	150 year old Bishop & Starr pipe organ Grade II listed	9
	Rev Dr Wren - buried in churchyard	166
	Rev Henry Hawkes 1859-1867	1,59,75
	Rev Thomas Timmins 1875	1
	Rev William Birks 1886-1891	1,166
	Rev G Cosens Prior 1892-1904	1
	Rev H Jefferson 1923	1
	Rev Arthur Lamsley 1928	1
	Rev H Randall-Jones 1934	1
	Rev G.Thompson 1936-1938	1
	Rev H Randall-Jones 1940	1
	Rev John Sturgess 1966-1967	1

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Rev Duncan Wilson 1973 1
Rev Martin Whitell 2013-2014

High Street

1642-1661 St Thomas used by Presbyterians after the Civil War 4

Kent Road

3 Nov 1870 Foundation stone laid 1,4,39
Cost £7,000 plus £600 for organ, seats 900 1,39
17 Jul 1871 Opened seats 650 4
18 Jul 1871 Opened 89
1934 Christchurch
1937 [29936] Ashburton Hall, Kent Road additions for
Christchurch Congregational 95
Apr 1941 Bombed met in St Judes Mission Room ?
1947 Meetings transferred to hall 9
1955 Demolished 9
Rev Henry Arkell 1875 1
Rev George Sandwell 1886-1888 1,165
Rev John Oates 1891-1896 1
Rev Robert Clegg 1899-1905 1
Rev John Wills 1911 1
Rev G Stanley 1917 1
Rev W Woods 1923 1
Rev Fred Horrox 1928-1934 1
Rev William Boxall 1937-1938 1
Rev Norman Jenkinson 1951 1

King Street (Portsea)

25 Feb 1805 First meeting of building committee 133
23 Jul 1805 Site purchased from Mr Watkins, cost not to exceed £1,500 133
2 Aug 1805 House in King Street to be let 133
7 Oct 1806 Mr Binstead appointed surveyor 133
2 Jul 1807 House to let in King Street 133
4 Sep 1810 New chapel to be 80 feet by 75 feet, plus vestry of 48 feet by 14 foot 9 inches 133
29 Jan 1811 Revised size 80 feet by 70 feet, 32 feet floor to ceiling 133
10 Jan 1812 Mr Lindegren to supply Riga Timber 133
31 Jan 1812 Elevation No 2 accepted 133
10 Mar 1812 Appointed following: James Absalom, carpenter; William Oliver & John King, bricklayers; Mr Munt, plasterer; Richard Smith, Mason; William Fukes, Blacksmith; Thomas Earwicker plumber, painter and glazer. Front to be white brick, exterior Flemish bond, interior Kings bond 133
27 Mar 1812 Foundation stone laid in south east corner by Rev John Griffin 133
Cost £10,855 18s 5d, seats 2,500 133
2 Sep 1812 Opened 51
7 Sep 1813 Opened 133
8 Sep 1813 Opened 133
1874 Largest Congregational Church in the south east of England 78
1889 Decided to close 89
8 Jan 1890 Minutes mention doing more to get a site 133
2 Jul 1980 Site in Edinburgh Road selected, would cost £2,300 133
28 Feb 1893 Part of ceiling fell down 133
8 Mar 1893 Report by John Croad, building considered unsafe. Meetings transferred to old site in Orange Street 133
12 Apr 1893 Mr Bevis, architect estimates that re-roofing will cost £575, decided to press

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	on with proposals for Edinburgh Road rather than spend money on King Street	133
19 Apr 1893	King Street site to be sold	133
26 Apr 1893	Decided to purchase Edinburgh Road site for £2,000	133
9 Oct 1894	Miss Sarah Robinson offered to sell site in Edinburgh Road, of the old Welcome Mission	133
26 Nov 1884	Mr Howell one of trustees bought Miss Robinsons site and offered the use of the mission hall	133
17 Dec 1894	Mr Bayers offer of £900 for King Street accepted	133
31 Dec 1894	Mr Howells offer declined	133
29 Jul 1895	Mr Bevis' plans for the new church accepted	133
1896	Transferred from Orange Street to Edinburgh Road Later used as Corset Factory	133
	Rev Thomas Cousins & Rev Robert Carpenter 1859	59
	Rev William Rose 1867	1
	Rev David Thomas 1875	1
	Rev William Lewis 1886-1888	1,165,166
	Rev J Davies 1891-1892	1
	Rev G Sadler 1894	1
62 Kingston Crescent		
1948	Temporary Unitarian Christian Church	1
Kingston Road		
Oct 1807	Congregational Sunday School started by some members from Orange Street	133
Jan 1808	Engaged a schoolroom belonging to Mr Hoffmeish over shop and premises now Mr Mills, Baker (1835)	133
Nov 1811	Society formed to build a chapel	133
Aug 1814	Worship removed from schoolroom to Mr Aylen's house. A piece of garden ground attached to this house belonging to the family of the late John Carter was purchased	133
27 Aug 1821	Boundary wall built	133
4 Sep 1821	Foundation stone laid by Rev Rowland Hill in south east corner	133
22 Apr 1822	Chapel opened by Rev Dr Bogue of Gosport. Pulpit from Orange Street	133
Dec 1834	Building of vestry and schoolroom commenced	133
20 Feb 1835	First meeting in new vestry	133
9 Mar 1835	Sunday School meeting in new rooms	133
19 Jul 1836	Galleries just completed	133
1 Nov 1850	Gallery for singers to be erected behind the pulpit and the front of the building brought out ten feet, commenced 3 Jun 1850. Builder William Brown, cost £293 2s 1 1/2d	133
1850	Enlarged cost £1,100, seats 600	59
Apr 1851	Chapel painted and name introduced to front, cost £28	133
Aug 1853	Chapel lighted up with gas by Mr Gillham cost £30 11s	133
28 Nov 1867	Resolved to buy piece of land at corner Kingston Road and Queens Road	133
28 Apr 1869	Old Chapel to be disposed of by auction	133
1873	Salvation Army meetings in former Congregational Chapel, 100' * 40', seats 600	161
7/12/1873	Opened	161
	Chapel sold and used as furniture warehouse by F Windsor	?
1898-1901	138 Kingston Road, R Windsor	1
c1890	Photo shows old chapel	
1890s	Penney & Clark auction house	?
1909	[17911] Kingston Road alterations to hall by Cook & Bamber	95
1909	[17976] Kingston Road alterations to hall by Cook & Bamber	95
1910	Redesigned and emerged as Shaftesbury Hall, cost £8,000	?

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Although photographic evidence shows that the Shaftsbury main walls are outside the line of the old chapel building
See Shaftsbury Cinema

Kingston Road/Queens Road

1866	Site on corner of Queens Road bought for £200	122
Aug 1868	Foundation stone laid for new church by John Kemp Welch	4
3 Dec 1868	Foundation stone laid by John Kemp Welch of Sopley Park, who contributed £100 to funds	133
	John Welch was a London merchant, wine merchant from Bath and owner of the Schweppes Company	www
1869	Rebuilt on the corner of Queens Road, cost £3,500 seats 900. One third of cost paid for by John Welch	1,4
24 Jun 1869	Opened	133
1882	Site bought for Sunday School cost £950	4
1886	Church renovated, infant school built cost £350	4,9
	Foundation stone of school laid by Mr W.T.Stead	122
1891	School rooms built at rear cost £2,519, seats 1,300	9,122
1903	Church renovated and reseated cost £2,000 new organ installed	122
1928	[24597] Additions for Trustees of Buckland Congregational Church	95
2 Oct 1929	Reopened after restoration, school rooms linked to church	89,122
1958	Entrance altered, glass screen fitted, organ overhauled	132
1970	School rooms rebuilt cost £16,400 opened by Lord Mayor, architect Lionel Cleverly	132
1976	Church ceiling renovated	132
	Organ overhauled £5,000	132
Jun 1997	Clock restored	9
Dec 2002	Organ renovated	
2014	New entrance and welcome space planned, £39,000 grant from Veolia	9
2015/6	Pews removed, balcony removed, café formed in vestibule and part of church, pulpit and organ removed, cost £500,000	9
	Rev Absalom Jones 1835-1863	59,132
	Rev H.Hastings 1864-1872	1,75,132
	Rev Henry Barron 1872-1879	132
	Rev E.Baimbridge 1879-1887	132
	Rev Walter Talbot 1887-1902	132
	Rev W.Miles 1903-1921	132
	Rev Henry Parnaby 1922-1935	132
	Rev William King 1936-1940	132
	Rev Frank Miller 1941-1944	132
	Rev George Dibden 1945-1954	132
	Rev Wallis Hayward 1956-1964	132
	Rev Roy Currie 1966-1971	1
	Rev Roy Currie 1965-1971	132
	Rev Derek Lindfield 1972-1975	132
	Rev Derek Lindfield 1976	1
	Rev G.Storey 1976	132
	Rev W Bahadur	
	Rev Cliff Bembridge 2015-2016	

136 Kingston Road

1885	Built	122
1886-1894	Buckland Congregational Bicentenary Sunday School	1,165,166
1898-1901	E. Curtiss House Furnishers	1
1907	Opened as Salvation Army Hall, Portsmouth 2	161
1908	Bowler & Blake	1

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1923	Salvation Army Hall	1
	Salvation Army moved to Powerscourt Road	161
1924	Used as queue room for Shaftsbury Cinema	41
1926	[23020] 136-138 Kingston Road extension to platform by H.J Cook	95
	Salvation Army	
	Capt & Lieut E Wright 1928	1
Lion Terrace		
1842	Queens Rooms built as concert hall	89
1850	Bought by Seaman & Marines Orphan School	89
25 Jan 1851	School opened	89
1856	Used by Presbyterians for services	4
1856	St Andrews Presbyterian Church founded by Scots who moved to work in Portsmouth Dockyard in Queens Rooms Lion Terrace which they rented	210
	Transferred to Commercial Road	
5 Margate Road		
pre 1851	Allens Field Congregational Sunday School	4
	Attached to Orange Street/King Street/Edinburgh Road	133
1887	Allen's Field Congregational Sunday School	165,166
1898-1905	Congregational Sunday School	1
1911-1918	Congregational Sunday School and Mission Hall, Allensfield	1
1936	Sunday School and Mission Hall	1
1938-1964	Seventh Day Adventists	1
1967-2014	Sikh, Guru Nanak Sar Gurdwara Temple	1
Milton Road		
	Met in cottage	4
1842	Built cost £300, seats 200	4,59, 74,76(3)
1861	Built Milton Congregational cost £300, seats 200	9
1861 or 1874	Built Milton Congregational cost £300, seats 200	1
1903	Extended by 1 bay towards Milton Road, cost £90	231
1911-1918	Milton Congregational Church	1
1920	Council to enter negotiations to buy the old chapel	95
1923	Old chapel to be bought for £650	95
1925	Old Milton Congregational Chapel rebuilt by Parks & Open Spaces Committee to be used as branch library	95
	Old church used as halls until 1925	
1925	Old church of 1861 opened as Portsmouth Town library	9,74
	Closed as library	
	Opened as Milton Village Community Centre	
2012	Community Centre extended	9
	Rev Theophilus Kendall 1875-1905	1
Milton Road		
1910	[18235] Chapel for Trustees of New Milton Congregational Chapel	95
1912	[19354] Milton Road Congregational Church for Trustees of Kendall Memorial Church	95
1913	Moved to Kendall Memorial Congregational cost £1,000 seats 350	9
	Named after Minister Theophilus Kendall, seats 300	1
	Temporary church	9
	This was an iron chapel north south on the site	
30 Apr 1913	Opened by Mayoress	231
1920	[20750] Milton Road temporary schoolroom for Trustees of Milton Congregational Church	95

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1927	[23866] Milton Road 2 WCs for trustees of Milton Church Hall	95
27 Apr 1941	Temporary church landmined, met in schoolrooms and Meon Road School	74
1950	[3846] Milton Road / Edgeware Road new church & school for Hampshire Congregational Union Inc	95
	In memory of Clair I.W Elliot, son of former pastor; Miss Winifred Barnes; Sisterhood - Mrs E.J Wallis, President, Mrs A.J Barnes; in memory of Ephraim England by A England; Alderman C Dye, Ex President of the Sunday School Union; Church Members and Friends by Rev E. (unreadable), Mr W.T Reeves, Superintendent for Scholars and Teachers	Stones
1955	Rebuilt as Milton Congregational cost £14,000 seats 250	1,9,74
12 Feb 1955	New church opened by Rev Andrew James	9
25 Jan 1990	Roof damaged in gale	
2010	Christchurch United Reformed	
2017		
	Rev W Elliott 1914-1918	1
	Rev Ernest Wallis 1923-1928	1
	Rev John Morris 1936-1951	1
	Rev Frederick Oliver 1953-1956	1
	Rev Howard Bryant 1964-1966	1
	Rev Leonard Wigg 1967-1971	1
	Rev Alan Thomasson 1973-1976	1

Milton Road

1923	[21525] Milton Road Sunday School by R.J Winnicott for Trustees of Milton Congregational Church	95
1924	[22133] Milton Road Sunday School for trustees of Congregational Church	95
4 Mar 1925	Foundation stones of new schoolrooms laid	
?	Schoolrooms built cost £2,818	89
1947-1951	[1418] Milton Road, timber hut as Sunday School & Church Hall for Rev J.H Morris; [1418a] amendment to siting	95

Orange Street (Between 52 & 53)

1754	Peodobaptist "The Tabernacle" 53 feet by 30 feet with no floor or ceiling	1,4,14
	Also used by Methodists	4,9,28
1762	"Old Church" founded by George Whitfield and his Ministers	133
1769	Founded	132
24 Sep 1772	New building to be 40 feet in breadth, 63 feet long and 22 feet from floor to ceiling, with a gallery on all four sides	133
2 Dec 1772	Accepted Mr Taylors estimate for building	133
	Met in Mr Wesley's Chapel and Mr Lanes' Chapel during rebuilding	133
10 Mar 1773	Gallery behind pulpit to be omitted due to complaints	133
1804	Sunday school formed	133
11 Aug 1806	Discussions on making of more room, unable to expand or enlarge on present site. A site is available, property of the late Mr Sheen 80 feet by 75 feet situate in King Street. Land now in possession of one of trustees	133
1814	Building converted into Sunday School and Almshouses	59,133
1887	Congregational Girls' Sunday School	165
1887	Sunday School and Almshouses	166
1893	In use as church after collapse at King Street	4
1894	Transferred to Edinburgh Road	89
1899-1936	Congregational Sunday School	1
29 May 1904	Centenary of Sunday School	133
29 Mar 1922	One of beams has cracked and is shored up	133
1924	[22011] WC to Sunday School for Vicar of Edinburgh Road Congregational Church	95

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1935 CPO issued Old Chapel, Sunday School Wallace Helyer & Rev John Davies 95

Peacock Lane / Penny Street

1662	Founded	22
1670	Presbyterian Chapel	1,59,210
1676	Presbyterian Chapel "The Golden Ball"	?
1676	First recorded baptism	137
1696	Presbyterian Chapel	4
1716	Demolished stone used to build High Street chapel, sold for £50 Oak panelling of gallery, six square pews and 1691 coat of arms taken to High Street	30 76(10), 137
1718	Transferred to High Street Site now part of Carters Brewery	? 137

Pembroke Street

1842	Congregational transferred to St Mary Street	4
1858		89

St Mary Street

1813	Congregational	5(8)
	Built by minister from Highbury College London	115
	Principal contributor Mr Thomas Wilson, treasurer of Highbury College	59
8 Jun 1841	Foundation stone laid by Mayor William Jones	89
1842	Built Highbury Chapel cost £5,000, seats 600. Cost defrayed by Rev Thomas Wilson of Highbury College	1,59
1863		63
1886	Highbury Street	1
1887	Highbury Street, Congregational Chapel	166
1891	Highbury Hall, Highbury Street	1
	Transferred to Kent Road	?
	Rev William Young 1859	59
	Rev E Dothie 1865	75
	Rev William Jones 1867	1
	Rev W Tidd Matson 1886-1887	1,166
	Rev George Flower 1891	1

St Michaels Road

	Site offered by War Office on 999 year lease for 1/- a year	210
31 Mar 1875	Resolved that site offered on lease by War Office for erection of a permanent church subject to 100 free sittings for troops be accepted	136
12 Jan 1876	Mr Thomas Arnold of 10 Basinghall St London appointed to be architect	136
9 Jun 1876	Colonel Lennox reported that the treasury would grant the first site on the same terms as the present lease	136
9 Aug 1876	Congregation prefer the site on the new road	136
20 Oct 1876	Preliminary specification, ground floor to seat 500, end gallery to be erected, provision made for side galleries, tower and spire not to be built. Columns to be cast iron	136
9 Nov 1876	Architects plans presented, church 47 feet by 68 feet 6 inches, hall 46 feet by 40 feet. To seat 814. Plan not accepted, seating revised to about 700	136
5 Dec 1876	Revised plans accepted	136
May 1878	Plans submitted by architect for church of Fareham brick with Bath stone dressings and Red Mansfield Stone. Fees £354 15s 6d	210
	Built by Messrs Light of Commercial Road for £6,349 14s 2d	210
9 Oct 1878	Foundation stone laid by Gainsford Bruce	136
9 Oct 1878	Foundation stone laid by Hon Sir Gainsford Bruce, Q.C.	1

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	Built St Andrews Presbyterian cost £6,000 seats 512, architect Thomas Arnold, spire never built. Organ bought for £225 scrap value from St Matthews Gosport	9
18 Apr 1879	Wrote to War Dept asking for extension of time for the use of the iron church in Commercial Road free of interest owing to the severity of the winter stopping the building of the new church	136
29 May 1879	War dept agreed to request extending date until 1880	136
19 Jul 1879	Report that Government gave free of charge a most desirable site, but with severe restrictions as to quality of building. Contract had been let to Mr Light at £5,954 and building is nearly ready for the roof	136
23 Jul 1879	Correspondence with War Dept to change lease conditions so that land could be mortgaged to raise money for building	136
3 Sep 1879	Tender for gas lighting £52 2s 6d from Mr Hume of London	136
8 Oct 1879	Price reduced to £48	136
9 Oct 1879	Foundation stone laid by Mr Gainsford Bruce	210
15 Oct 1879	Messrs Boyd & Forsythe's, of Portsea, offer to pay for the large round window at the front of the church to be glazed with stained glass in place of plain accepted	136
11 Dec 1879	Rev Samuel Thackrah of 5 Derby Terrace, Stamshaw applied for the price of the old iron church. Mr Houghton, architect of Palmerston Road to value the church	136
28 Jan 1880	Value of iron church £240	136
Apr 1880	Church completed	210
14 Jun 1880	Messr White Bros, stone masons of Commercial Road repaired and renovated the stone font free of charge	136
11 Aug 1880	Letter from Mr Manley offering £150 for iron church, committee replied that they were seeking better offer	136
17 Aug 1880	Mr Manleys offer accepted	136
2 Mar 1881	Reference to removal of iron railings from site of old church, left to Primitive Methodists to take first step	136
20 Jul 1881	First meeting in vestry of new church	136
22 Apr 1886	Opened	4
1891	Hunter organ bought, second hand from Mr Gordon Fowles for £150 Interior renovated, high centre pulpit removed, new side pulpit and stalls for choir from St Matthews, Gosport. Communion table given by Mr W.Fisher, Font by Mrs C McLean, pulpit frontal by Mrs Read. Organ from St Matthews installed - Norman and Beard, cost £200 donated by Mr & Mrs John McLean.	210
1901	[13874] additions by J Crockerell for Rev Halliday	95
1933	[27378] St Michaels Road alterations to manse by J Sainsbury for committee of St Andrews Presbyterian Church	95
1950	[3704] St Andrews Church, garage & lavatory, architect A.G Goodair	95
16 Nov 1960	£2,000 extension including kitchen, cloakrooms and meeting room opened by Rev W.P.S. Mackenzie	9
1976	Manse demolished Transferred to Victoria Road South	
1978	Church for sale	
1979	Used by Polytechnic	
1980	Church for sale	
Apr/May 1982	Demolished	
	Rev Andrew Halliday 1886-1911	1,165
	Rev Gilmour Neill 1914-1918	1
	Rev G Nicol 1923	1
	Rev Reginald Black 1928	1
	Rev Kenneth Keay 1934-1948	1
	Rev Maurice Smith 1951	1

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Rev Thomas Calvert 1953	1
Rev Fred Mason 1976	1

Stafford Road

2 Feb 1883	Meeting to consider erecting a Congregational Church in a new part of Southsea. Two possible sites, corner of Victoria Road 75 feet and Stafford Road 104 feet, owner Mr Jurd, cost £1,200. Corner of Elm Grove and St Peters Grove owner Mr Lawrence	133
20 Feb 1883	Resolved to buy Victoria Road site, building to be known as Victoria Road Congregational Church	133
27 Apr 1883	Mr Rake to be invited to discuss building	133
7 Jun 1883	Mr Rake presented two sketches	133
27 Jul 1883	Plans accepted	133
25 Oct 1883	Messr Waterlow to produce 3000 letters with Mr Rakes perspective view and 150 views only for £4 5s	133
17 Jan 1884	Mr Rake to draw up interior plans of school	133
22 Feb 1884	Mr W Wards tender of £680 for schoolrooms accepted	133
23 Jun 1884	American Organ bought for £20 18s	133
3 Oct 1884	Resolved to form a church from first Thursday in Nov	133
22 Nov 1887	7 foot high hoarding to be erected around vacant land and let at £12 per annum See also Victoria Road South	133

Stamshaw Road See Salvation Army

Sultan Road

1952/1953	Site sold by council for Church & Church Hall for £450	95
1954	[A*19857] Planning application for church hall	PCC
1956	Built Congregational church cost £14,500 seats 200 Replaces Zion Chapel	9
2005		
Jan 2006	IPCC Pentecostal Church	9
2007-2015	International Pentecostal Church of Christ	
2015	IPCC relocated to 70 The Ridings, renamed The Tabernacle Congregational Ministers Harold Collins 1958-1971 Rev Fred Mason 1973	1 1

Unicorn Road / Garrison View

	Originally met in a house	4
1842	Built Zion Congregational chapel cost £500 seats 300	1
1846	Built, cost £500	59
16 Feb 1869	Opened	89
1886-1887	56 Abercrombie Street/Unicorn Road (Closed)	1
1899	Organ installed	4
1900	Zion Chapel	1
1901-1918	Zion Church	1
Jun 1930	Reopened after restoration	89
1941	Bombed met at 32 Sultan Road, then Buckland Mission Hall Transferred to Sultan Road Rev H Schofield 1894 Rev W Bevan 1896-1900 Rev James Gittings 1901-1905 Rev Thomas Grant 1911-1928 M Carter 1934-1937	132 1 1 1 1 1

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Victoria Road South

	See Stafford Road	
1888	Iron Congregational Chapel	4,9
25 Apr 1888	Discussion about erecting iron church on vacant plot of land. The iron church now used at St Marys had been offered	133
2 May 1888	St Marys Iron church 105 feet by 27 feet, price would be £250 exclusive of taking down and re-erecting and will be available in about twelve months	133
2 Jan 1889	Iron building committee formed	133
3 Jul 1889	Purchase of St Marys' Iron church arranged	133
11 Oct 1889	Discussion re Mr G Fancy Brown's offer of an iron church. Recommend that Messrs Comptons and Faukes provide iron church providing that they meet us in same way as Mr Brown, by giving us £25, but we prefer what we have purchased to a new one	133
17 Nov 1889	Foundations of iron church to be laid	133
17 May 1893	Messrs Scammell & Gray's tender of £8 to repair church roof, repaint woodwork and tar fence accepted. Later meeting notes cost was only £3	133
25 Nov 1894	Agreed to purchase organ from Waterlooville Church for £20, cost of rebuilding £10-12. Dimensions 11 feet high by 7 feet by 5 foot 6 inches. Two manuals, 313 pipes	133
20 Feb 1895	Harmonium to be sold for not less than £10	133
22 Apr 1897	Mr Haywards tender of £17 to repair and repaint building accepted	133
1909	[17888] Victoria Road South application for church by Deacons	95
3 May 1911	Foundation stones laid by: Rev G.Felix Williams, pastor on behalf of the church; Councillor Charles Dye K.O.D. President of the Sunday School Union on behalf on the Sunday School; Mrs Morgan Richards (Ventnor)	Stones
1911	Built cost £4,500, seats 500 architect C.W Bevis	1,40
24 Apr 1944	Bomb damage	77,97
	Met in Victoria Road South Methodist	9
1950	[3674] Church Hall in Stafford Road for Victoria Road Congregational Church Council	95
1975	Spire removed	9
2007	Closed, meeting now at Milton Road	
2009-2010	Empty	
	Rev E Newman 1886-1887	1,166
	Rev A Bennett 1891-1894	1
	Rev J Watts 1896	1
	Rev J Davies 1897	1
	Rev William Daniel 1899-1904	1
	Rev G Williams 1911-1914	1
	Rev George Stanley 1915	1
	Rev John James 1917-1923	1
	Rev William Selley 1928	1
	Rev Ernest Bridger 1934-1940	1
	Rev Roy Clark 1951-1953	1
	Rev John Clarke 1958-1960	1
	Rev Dennis Spicer 1964-1967	1

27 Victoria Street

1 Nov 1851	First deeds of Site, transfer from Charles Scott & Trustees to Rev Cousins	133
1851	Sunday School	4
	Attached to King Street	133
1887	Sunday School and Chapel, branch of King Street	166
1898-1918	Victoria Street Sunday School	1
27 Apr 1921	Mortgage paid off	133
1923-1940	Victoria Street Sunday School	1

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1941	Damaged in blitz, repaired used as furniture store	133
1946-1971	A.W.White Furniture Warehouse	1
Wellington Street (North)		
1867	Zoar Chapel (Independent)	42
1874	Presbyterian	96
	Rev MacTaggaret 1867	1
Whites Row		
	See Baptist	
	Rev Thomas Davey 1859	59