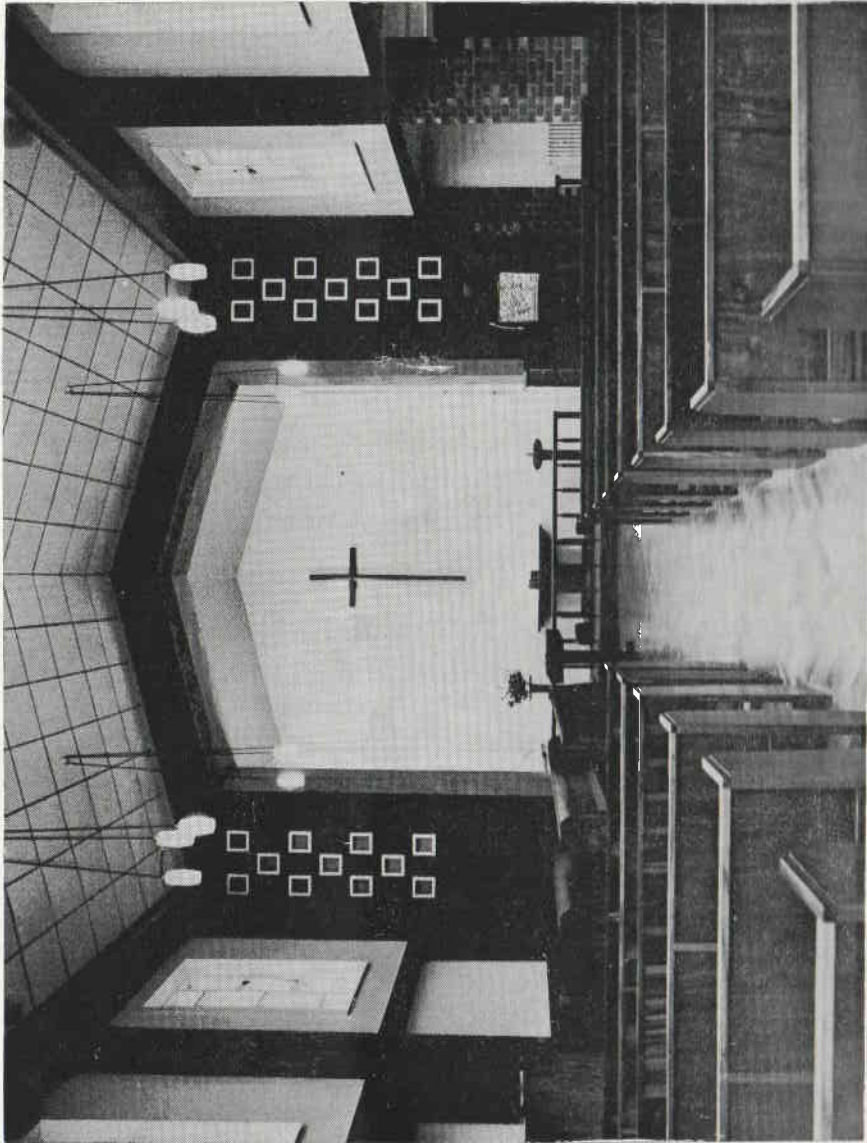


The
Monks Road Methodist Church
LINCOLN

1914-1974
Diamond Jubilee
Celebrations



Interior of Monks Road Methodist Church



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My Dear Friends,

This brochure comes to you with the greetings of the Monks Road Methodist Church. It includes a brief history of the building of the church, details of the diamond jubilee celebrations and of the regular worship and activities of our Church.

For many people the celebrations will evoke precious personal memories, maybe of occasions of happiness or heart-break or of times of decision or dedication. As a Church Family we shall be remembering the selfless service of devoted members over the years; we shall be looking at the present situation bearing in mind the call to the World Methodist Church to renew its sense of ministry and mission and seeking to equip ourselves not only to meet the economic pressures of ever rising costs but also to meet the challenge of how best to serve this present age.

We give you a cordial invitation to share in our diamond jubilee celebrations and in all our regular worship and activities.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

TOM DUTTON (Rev.)

Minister of Monks Road Methodist Church, Lincoln

'Without vision men perish' . . .

. . . that is very true of the Church.

Our history starts with a vision on the 8th April, 1907.

The Trustees of Wesley Chapel, Clasketgate, met to voice their concern for the spiritual welfare of the rapidly growing population of the East End of the City and were bold enough to suggest that a site be purchased for the erection of a new Church. At that time there were only 25 Methodist people meeting for fellowship in the Monks Road area and they met in the house of Mr. Hamilton. Certainly no money had been designated for a building scheme.

Yet things started to happen; only four days after that Trustees meeting a site at the top of Walmer Street was bought

for £390. Later on plans were drawn up for building a church and ancillary premises for the cost of £1,750. In the first place the money was lent by the Trustees and an interested friend and then it was repaid by all who caught the vision through their gifts and their efforts. The 1914-1918 war prevented the completion of the scheme which originally included a church and two schoolrooms. On June 24th, 1914 the new building was opened, the lower hall as the Sunday School, the upper hall as the Church or the 'upper room' as it was soon called.

In 1935 there was a new venture of faith—a building fund was started for the purpose of completing the original scheme for a church facing Monks Road. The sum of £6 15s. was put aside despite a temporary deficit in the church funds!

Before this ambition could be realised it was again war-time but members never lost the vision and when the opportunity to start building eventually came the local fund stood at £2,000. More money was needed and much of this came from the proceeds of the sale of Wesley Chapel, Clasketgate.

The Lincoln Methodist Council had been formed to consider Methodism in the City Centre. They saw that the Church needed to move out to where the people live. So it was that 'Big Wesley' as Wesley Chapel was affectionately called, not only gave the inspiration which resulted in the building of our Walmer Street premises but also was instrumental in erecting our Monks Road Church.

Some of the members of 'Big Wesley' lived on Monks Road so they turned East instead of West and moved into the new church along with the Walmer Street members, making a very happy union. The Foundation Stone had been laid in October, 1961 by Mr. J. R. Halkes and the new church building was opened on September 1st, 1962 by Mrs. E. S. G. Stephenson of Wragby. Three years later a very fine organ was installed and more recently additional furnishings and equipment have been given.

Our Church has great beauty and dignity. Its furnishings and facilities are excellent. It stands as a tribute to the faith and zeal of very many people as also does our Walmer Street building. The homeliness and happiness experienced formerly in the 'upper room' can still be found in our sanctuary today.

So let us go forward in faith to serve God in this area with thankfulness for the past, commitment for the present, and vision for the future.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

JUNE 9th — 24th

'For the past — Thankfulness'

SUNDAY, JUNE 9th, 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.
Rev. William G. Fielder, B.E.M., Kings Lynn.
Formerly Superintendent Minister of the Lincoln Wesley
Circuit.

'For the present — Commitment'

JUNE 15th and 16th

Gift Day and Church Anniversary

SATURDAY, June 15th

5.30 p.m. Personal gifts received by the Minister.
6.30 p.m. Meeting in Church. Gifts from church
organisations. Greetings from the Chairman of the
District and others. Appropriate items.
Buffet supper.

SUNDAY, June 16th

10.30 a.m. The Chairman of the Lincoln Methodist
District, Rev. W. Eric Jones.
6.00 p.m. YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICE
Rev. Peter W. Robinson, B.A., Louth.

'For the future — Vision'

SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd

10.30 a.m. FAMILY SERVICE

Rev. Tom Dutton and Sister Ruth Baudains

6.00 p.m. The Bishop of Lincoln
Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches

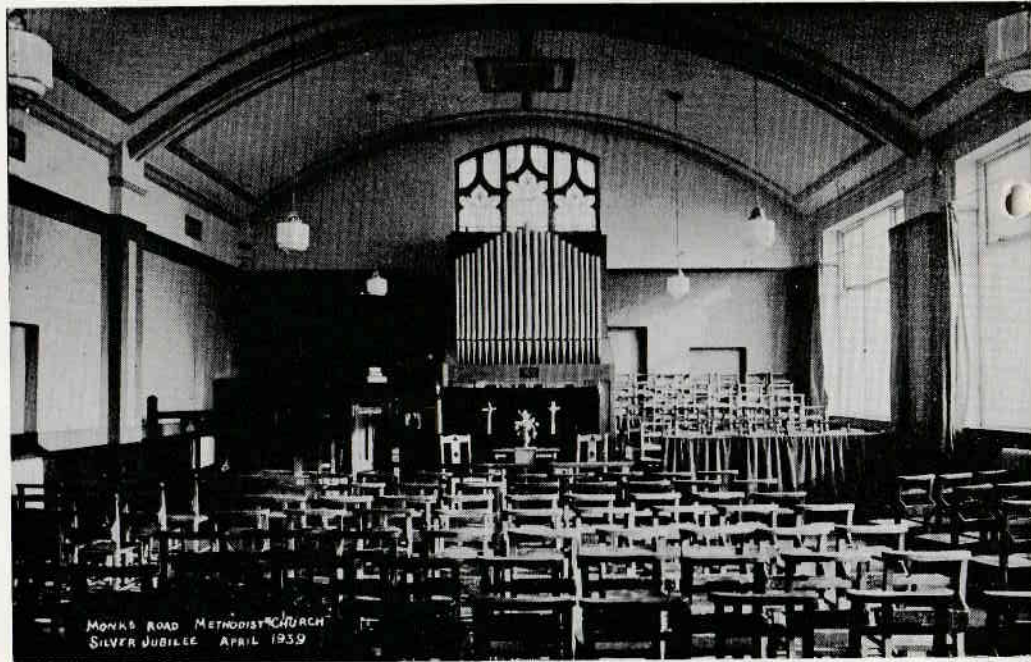
MONDAY, JUNE 24th, 7.30 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(The Walmer Street Chapel was opened on
June 24th, 1914).

EARLY IN OCTOBER there will be a review of our giving to the
Church

CHURCH WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES



Interior of former
Walmer Street Chapel

SUNDAY 10.30 a.m. and 6.0 p.m. DIVINE WORSHIP

HOLY COMMUNION celebrated twice a month also
at Christian Festivals

FAMILY SERVICE on the last Sunday morning of each
month

10.30 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH (Sunday School)

MONDAY (alternate) 7.45 p.m. WOMEN'S CIRCLE

TUESDAY 2.45 p.m. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

7.30 p.m. SENIOR YOUTH CLUB

THURSDAY 2.15 p.m. TODDLERS CLUB

6.15 p.m. PATHFINDERS (Junior) YOUTH CLUBS

FRIDAY 7.30 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE

(alternate) 7.45 p.m. YOUNG ADULTS

Sacrament of Baptism by arrangement

Meetings for fellowship and discussion regularly held.

TUESDAYS 6.0 p.m. — 7.0 p.m. Rev. Tom Dutton will be
available at the Church for consultation.

Please use the Church door facing Monks Road.