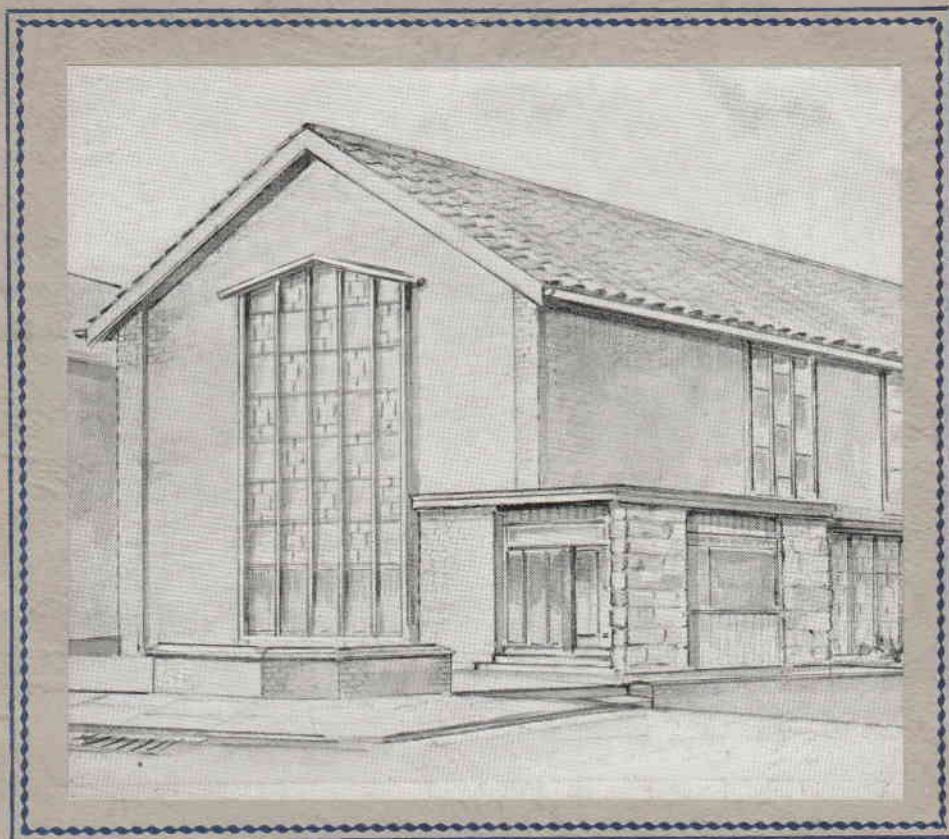


Opening and Dedication

OF NEW CHURCH



THE METHODIST CHURCH

MONKS ROAD, LINCOLN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1962

AT 3.30 P.M.

Opener : MRS. E. S. G. STEPHENSON, Wragby.

Preacher : REV. HAROLD ROBERTS, M.A., D.D.
(Principal Richmond Theological College)

And in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Lincoln, Councillor Mrs. H. M. Kerry and Miss Wendy Travis; and the Sheriff's lady, Mrs. G. D. McNab

PRICE 1/-

ON APRIL 8th, 1907 a meeting of the Trustees of Wesley Chapel, Clasketgate, agreed to purchase "a piece of land adjoining Monks Road on the east side of a new street to be called Walmer Street." Only four days later the purchase was completed for a sum of £390. In June 1911, a minute reads, "various propositions for commencing a church were considered . . . but in view of the great financial strain the circuit had undergone . . . it was resolved the whole matter be deferred"; in March, 1913, however, the Connexional Chapel Secretary, Rev. John Hornabrook was advising the Trustees regarding an architect, and building began shortly afterwards. The premises that have served the Monks Road society until this very day were opened on June 24th, 1914. Industrial depression in the '30's, World War II, and building restrictions which followed the end of hostilities, to say nothing of the rising costs of such a project made the erection of a church proper quite impossible; meantime, however, the society was growing and the need was becoming more pressing. A period of frustration and discouragement came to an end in 1960 with the sale of "Big" Wesley. The Wesley Trustees generously allocated £10,000 of their new assets to the Monks Road Building Fund, and this made it possible to approach the Connexional Chapel Committee for further assistance. The beautiful church which to-day is dedicated to the worship and service of Almighty God was begun in September, 1961 to the plans of a distinguished ecclesiastical architect, Mr. Bernard W. Blanchard of Hull, with Messrs. S. J. Scott & Co. Ltd., of Branston, as the building contractors. At a ceremony on October 21st, 1961, the foundation stone was laid by Mr. J. R. Halkes, the only surviving member of the Wesley Trust that initiated the Monks Road building scheme in 1907. The Monks Road society, which has waited so patiently to see the completion of a scheme begun almost fifty years ago, has risen to its present opportunity magnificently. Not only by its efforts in money-raising, but even more by its evangelistic zeal it has ensured that the new building will be the worship centre for a vigorous and out-reaching church.

ESTIMATED COST OF THE NEW CHURCH:—£18,500

ASSETS TO DATE:—

Gift from the Wesley Trustees	..	..	..	..	£10,000
Grant from the Joseph Rank Trust	..	..	..	..	£4,000
Grant from the Methodist Chapel Committee	..	..	..	..	£1,000
Gift from the Trustees of Well Lane Chapel	..	..	..	..	£500
Monks Road Building Fund	..	..	..	..	£1,913

Thanks are expressed to :

Mr. Bernard W. Blanchard, Architect, and Mr. G. D. Frankish, of the firm of Bernard W. Blanchard ; Messrs. S. J. Scott & Co., Ltd., Building Contractors, and to Mr. F. P. Flear, foreman of works.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE OPENING AND DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHURCH

The Superintendent Minister, Rev. C. G. Balhatchet shall knock on the door saying :—

Open to me the gates of righteousness : I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.

The door shall be opened from within and the Opener shall deliver the keys of the building to the Superintendent Minister saying :—

In token that this building has been erected for the Methodist Church, I deliver to you the keys thereof, and pray you now to dedicate it to the worship of Almighty God.

The Superintendent Minister shall answer :—

In the name of the Methodist Church we accept the keys, in token of the trust committed to us.

From within the vestibule the Superintendent Minister shall say :—

Peace be to this house, and to all who worship therein.

Peace be to those who enter, and to those that go out therefrom.

Peace be to those that love it, and that love the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Choir shall sing "Jubilate Deo" whilst the Superintendent Minister and the Opener enter the Church and proceed to the sanctuary.

The Superintendent Minister shall lay the keys of the church on the Communion Table saying :—

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth, even for evermore.

The Opener shall speak a word of commendation and greeting.

HYMN : "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven," M.H.B. 12.

During which the Ministers and others shall enter the church.

Hereafter the Service shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Lincoln District, Rev. F. O. Le Seuer, B.A.

PRAYERS

Old Testament Lesson. 1 Kings 8. 22-30. Shall be read by the Minister of the Church,
Rev. Alan H. Grant.

HYMN : "O come, ye sinners, to your Lord." M.H.B. 325.

New Testament Lesson. Ephesians 2. 13-22. Shall be read by the Vicar of the Parish Church
of All Saints, Rev. Peter Clarke.

The congregation shall stand and say together The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth : And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell ; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting.

AMEN.

ANTHEM

“ BE THOU EXALTED, O GOD ”

DEMEAREST

MINISTER : Dearly beloved brethren ; Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to put into the heart of His servants to build this house for His worship; let us now fulfil the godly purpose for which we are assembled, of dedicating it to the honour of God's most holy name.

To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by His grace ; To the glory of His Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us : And to the glory of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us :
We dedicate this house.

PEOPLE : AMEN.

MINISTER : For the worship of God in prayer and praise :
For the preaching of the everlasting Gospel :
For the celebration of the Holy Sacraments :
We dedicate this house.

PEOPLE : AMEN.

MINISTER : For the giving of comfort to all who mourn :
Of strength to all who are tempted :
Of light to all who seek the way :
We dedicate this house.

PEOPLE : AMEN.

MINISTER : For the hallowing of family life :
For the teaching and guiding of the young :
For the upbuilding of all who believe, and the perfecting of the saints :
We dedicate this house.

PEOPLE : AMEN.

MINISTER : For the conversion of sinners :
For the promotion of righteousness :
For the extension of the Kingdom of God :
We dedicate this House.

PEOPLE : AMEN.

MINISTER : In the unity of the Faith :
In the bond of Christian brotherhood :
In charity and goodwill to all :
We dedicate this House.

PEOPLE : AMEN.

MINISTER : In gratitude for the labours of all the saints :
In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course :
In the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord :
We dedicate this House.

PEOPLE : AMEN.

THEN SHALL FOLLOW A SHORT PERIOD OF SILENT PRAYER

after which, the minister and people shall say :

MINISTER AND PEOPLE : We now, the people of this church and congregation, compassed about by a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, sensible of the sacrifice of our fathers in the faith, confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God.

Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may most tend to Thy glory and the salvation of Thy people : through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN : "Lord of the worlds above." M.H.B. 678.

SERMON : Preacher : Rev. Harold Roberts, M.A., D.D.

HYMN : "Jesus, Thou soul of all our joys," M.H.B. 670.
During which an Offering for the Building Fund shall be taken.

DEDICATORY PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

HYMN : "Glorious things of Thee are spoken." M.H.B. 706.
During which the ministers and others shall leave the church. The congregation is asked to remain seated until invited to leave.

5 p.m. BUFFET TEA at moderate charges.
Served in the two church halls.

6.30 p.m. " THIS IS OUR LIFE."
A chronicle of the Monks Road Methodist Church from its beginnings to the present day.

Compiled and presented by MISS DOROTHY OWEN.

" A PLAY OF ALL GOOD THINGS "

by LESBIA SCOTT

Presented by young and older members.

During the course of the play the congregation is asked to join in the singing of:
Cantemus Cuneti. M.H.B. (Ancient Hymns and Canticles No. 4)
"Angel Voices ever singing." M.H.B. 668.

Chairman : PHILIP H. RACE, ESQ.

Offering for the Building Fund

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

Divine Worship

10.30 A.M. & 6 P.M.

Conducted by

REV. MC.AULAY W. POWELL
(Former minister)

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