

### Blackpool Churches in 1918 and other info

# Wesleyan

Hounds Hill. Circuit Superintendent Minister, Rev. W Marshman Spencer, 68, Park Road. Caretaker, Mr. F. Bland, 2, Hull Street.

Dickson Road, North Shore Minister, Rev. Walter Floyd, 'Claremont Lodge', 50 Sherbourne Road. Caretaker, Mr. Smithe, 24, Hawthorn Road.

Raikes Parade. Minister, Rev .J. T. Green, 234, Hornby Road Caretaker, Mr. F. Jowett, Craigmoor, Bennett Avenue

Rawcliffe Street. South Shore Minister, Rev. Frederick A Speight, 50, Alexandra Road. Caretaker, Mr. G. Wright, 16, Moore Street.

Highfield Avenue Mission, off Lytham Road, South Shore Caretaker, Mr. Hawkins, 35 Highfield Road, South Shore.

## **Primitive Methodists**

Chapel Street. Superintendent Minister, Rev. David Oakley, 51 Park Avenue. Caretaker, Mr. W. Howarth, 10 Wellington Road, South Shore.

Central Road Minister, Rev. J. Swales.

Salem, Westcliffe Drive, Layton. Supplies under the Rev. David Oakley.

Ebenezer, Egerton Road, North Shore Supplies under the Rev. David Oakley.

# **Roman Catholic Churches**

Church of The Sacred Heart, Talbot Road. Priests: Rev. Fathers Moss, Huson, and Riley The Presbytery, 40, Talbot Road.

St. Cuthbert's, Lytham Road, South Shore. Priests, Rev. Fathers Lupton and Adamson. Presbytery, Crystal Road, South Shore.

St. Kentigern's, Newton Drive. Priests, Rev. Fathers Blundell and Walsh, Newton Drive.

# Church of England

Parish Church. Church Street -Vicar, Surrogate, Rev. A. W. R .Little, M.A., The Vicarage, Park Road. Curate, Rev. F. Paton Williams, 38 Lincoln Road Clerk and Sexton, Mr. A .Peel, 13, Park Road. Verger, Mr J. W. Green, 186, Church Street.

St. Thomas' Church, Caunce Street. Curate in charge, Rev. Wm. Henry Lang, 96 Manchester Road. Verger and caretaker, Mr. Walter Harrison, 5, Peter Street.

Christ Church, Queen Street. Vicar and Surrogate, Rev. S. Schor, The Vicarage, Queen Street. Curate, Rev. H. Heaps, 31 Chesterfield Road, North Shore. Clerk, Mr. T. H. Wildman, 33, Birley Street. Caretaker, Mr. Robt. Bowran, 127, Buchanan Street.

St. Mark's Mission, Hoo Hill, Layton. Curate in Charge, Rev. W. Owen, M.A., 'Rivington', Bispham Road, Bispham.

South Shore Parish Church, Dean Street. Vicar and Surrogate, Rev. F. H. Powell, A.K.C., The Vicarage, Station Road. Curates, Rev E. Barker; Rev. E. W. Parslew, 16 Kingsway, South Shore; Rev F. W. Baird-Smith, B.L., 30 Moore Street, South Shore. Verger, Mr. R. Clegg. 19 Moore Street South Shore

St. Peter's Mission, Lytham Road, South Shore Curate in Charge, Rev. F. W. Baird-smith, 30, Moore Street, South Shore. Verger, Mr. G. Whitworth, 48, Crystal Road. Sundays, 10.30am and 6.30pm.

Church of the Holy Cross Mission Curate, Rev. E. W. Parslew, 16, Kingsway, South Shore. Verger, Mr. Hodgson, South Shore.

St. Nicholas' Mission, Marton Moss. Lay Reader, Mr. James Rose, 103, Vicarage Lane, Marton.

St. Paul's, Warbreck Road, North Shore. Vicar, Rev. Herbert C. Parslew, The Vicarage, Egerton Road. Apparitor, Mr. Milnthorpe. 97, Handsworth Road, North Shore.

### **Congregational Churches**

Victoria Street. Minister, Rev. F. Hibbert. Caretaker, Mr. Sutcliffe, 28 South King Street.

Claremont, Warley Road, North Shore. Minister, appointment pending

Bethesda, Kent Road, Revoe. Rev. E. J. King, Thornton-le-Fylde. Caretaker, Mr. Ashley, 32, Kent Road.

Alexandra Road, South Shore. Minister. Rev. H. J. Barton Lee, First Avenue. Caretaker, Mr. G. Batten, 32 Shaw Road, South Shore.

### **Baptist churches**

Tabernacle, Springfield Road. Minister, Rev. H. J. Knight, 108, Sherbourne Road.

Whitegate Drive Minister, Rev. C. B. Ellis, 13, Maple Street. Caretaker, Mr. Froggart, 25, Granville Road.

Station Road, South Shore Minister, Rev. Morton Gledhill, Broadway, South Shore.

Strict Baptist, Waterloo Avenue, South Shore Lay Ministry.

All Saints', Palatine Road. Vicar, The Very Rev. Dean Lindon Parkyn, All Saints' Vicarage, 49, Park Avenue. Verger, Mr. J. Abrahams, 111 Hornby Road.

St. Andrew's Mission, Ibbison Street, Revoe. Lay reader, Mr. J. Walker, 39, Ribble Road. Caretaker, Mrs. Glover, 25, Belmont Avenue.

St. Paul's. Whitegate Drive, Marton. Vicar and Surrogate, Rev. J. Cabtree, LTh., The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Marton.

Crossland Road Mission, Hawes Side, Marton. Lay Reader, Mr. J. A. Wolstenholme. Caretaker, Mrs. Yates, Crossland Road, Marton.

St.Stephen's, North Shore, 'The Church on the Cliffs', near Uncle Tom's Cabin, Gynn Estate. Clergy, Rev. F. B. Freshwater, St. Stephen's Parsonage. Apparitor, Mr. T. Orton, 15, Ormond Avenue.

Church of England Sunday School, Drill Hall, Yorkshire Street. Superintendent, Mr. G. H. Fisher, 43, Crystal Road, South Shore. Secretary, Mr. H. Hides, 21, Bright Street, South Shore.

Adelaide Street Methodists Minister, Rev. W. M. Simm, 'Ivy Dene', Park Avenue. Caretaker, Mr. Hobbs, Read's Road.

Maybell Avenue Methodists Minister, Rev. W. O. Smith, Read's Avenue Caretaker, Mr. A. Oldham, 19 South King Street

Newton Drive Methodists Minister, Rev. D. Varcoe (Rev. F. Wimbush, Successor), Layton Lane Caretaker, Mr Greenwood, 19, Newton Drive

Shaw Road, Methodists, South Shore Minister, Rev. David Jack, 57 Withnell Road Caretaker, Mr. Panter, 43, Woodfield Road

Unitarian, Dickson Road, North Shore Minister, Rev. Wm. Stephens, 32, Northumberland Avenue Caretaker, Mr. George Dobson, 14 Edelston Road.

Unitarian, Lytham Road, South Shore Minister, Rev. B. C. Constable, 4 Green Avenue, Highfield Road, South Shore

Unitarian (free) Waterloo Road, South Shore President, Mr. W. Hartley Bracewell ; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. McKinley, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Arthur Wilkinson, Waterloo Road, South Shore.

New Church, (Swedenbergian), Read's Road Minister, Rev. W. T. Stonestreet, D.D., 'Arneholme', Reads Road Caretaker, Mr. W. Harrison, 1a, Stanley Road,

Independent Methodist Church, Hesketh Road Secretary, Mr. A. R. Fielden, Superintendent, Mr. James Crumblehulme

Christian Brethren, 163, Church Street, Blackpool (over Fylde Drug Stores).

Society of Friends. Meeting house, 26, Caunce Street President, Mr. Lot Gommersall. Adult School: President, Mr Ezra Ford; Secretary, Mr. A. Fielding, 31, Central Road

Catholic Apostolic, corner of Central Drive and Rothsay Road.

Free Christian, corner Waterloo Road with Hawes Side Lane, South Shore Minister, Rev. D. D. Davies, 272, Waterloo Road, South Shore

Christadelphian Meeting, Bolton Street (entrance Price Street) South Shore

Salvation Army, Citadel in Coronation Street. Caretaker, Mrs. Mitchell, 94, Palatine Rod

Synagogue, Leamington Road Minister, Rev. D. Caplan, 5 Liverpool Road. President, Mr. Joseph Myers, 40 Burlington Road, South Shore. Hon. Treasurer, Mr H. Connor. Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. Rosenzweig, 1, Manor Road.

Spiritualist, Albert Road, President, Mr. A. Gill; Treasurer, Mr. W. Critchlow; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Arthur Mewis, 12, Maybell Avenue. Caretaker, Mr. Shufflebotham, Layton.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hornby Road, Blackpool.

Theosophical Lodge - every Friday, Church Street, Blackpool. President, Mr. F. F. Laycock. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Howson, 6, Learnington Road.

Queenstown Mission (Undenominational), St. Joseph's Road, off New Road. Missioner, Mr. Wolstencroft, 17, Beech Avenue. Caretaker, Mr. Davis, 24 Gorton Street.

New Road Mission (Undenominational). Missionary, Mr. R. Singleton, 248 Palatine Road. Sundays, 6.30pm; Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Methodist Churches (2003) Anchorsholme Methodists North Drive Bispham Methodists Beaufort Avenue closed Springfield Methodists Greenlands Bispham Road Salem Methodists Layton Westcliffe Drive North Shore, Dickson Road Central - Adelaide St Trinity – Adelaide St Egerton Road closed Raikes Parade closed Springfield Road closed Rawcliffe St closed Chapel St closed Grasmere Road closed Newton Drive closed Shaw Road closed Waterloo Road Lindale Highfield Scarsdale Ave Marton - Mereside Marton

These notes have been culled from various (usually quoted) sources. They were probably correct at the time they were printed, but some chapels may have closed and others opened since the sources first appeared. Lancashire Archives lists records that have been deposited, often from chapels that have disappeared.

**Baptist Chapels** 

Baptists tend to be Calvinist in doctrine and to believe that personal commitment is necessary for baptism, i.e., they believe in adult, and not infant, baptism. This means that a date of Baptism in a Baptist Register cannot be used as an approximation for date of birth.

Details of chapels taken from "The Baptist Churches of Lancashire" Ed. and pub by A.H. Stockwell, London, n.d. (c 1911)

Ansdell, Lytham - Initially (ca 1902) a house group at home of Edward Lonsdale. An iron church was opened 11 Nov 1903. First minister, Rev. M Gledhill, began April 1904. New church opened 17 Oct 1909.

Blackpool, Tabernacle - Formally founded 16 Sep 1858. Site for chapel obtained on Abingdon St and a chapel [? Union Chapel?] was opened 9 Apr 1860. Rev. W. F. Burchall was first minister. Congregation increased and for 3 years from 1899, services were held in the Opera House. A new site was obtained, but it was decided that rebuilding on the Abingdon St site would be better. However, the Government purchased the Abingdon St site for a Post Office and the new site had to be used. The new chapel, "Tabernacle", was opened 1 Mar 1895.

Blackpool, South Shore - Founded ca 1897. A school-chapel was opened and a chapel planned for about 1912.

St. Anne's-on-the-Sea - Formally founded 31 Mar 1884. A chapel was opened on St. Andrew's Rd South on Christmas day 1886. A new church was opened 23 Apr 1910.

#### Jewish

Details of chapels taken from "The Jewish Year Book, 1980", ed. by M. Wallach, pub. Jewish Chronicle Publications (London) 1980.

Blackpool, United Hebrew Congregation, Leamington Rd. - Originally (ca 1890) met in a private house, then a synagogue was built in Springfield Road. The Leamington Road Synagogue was consecrated in 1916.

Blackpool, Reform Synagogue, 40 Raikes Parade.

St Annes-on-Sea, Hebrew Congregation, Orchard Road.

Roman Catholic

Details from "Lancaster Diocesan Directory 2002", ed. by J. Danson, pub, by T. Snape & Co. (Preston 2002.

Ansdell, St. Joseph - Founded 1908, church on Woodlands Road, 1914.

Blackpool, Christ the King - Founded 1949, church on Chepstow Road.

Blackpool, Sacred Heart - Founded 1854, church on Talbot Square.

Blackpool, Holy Family - Founded 1929, church on Links Road, North Shore.

Blackpool, Our lady of the Assumption - Founded 1947, church on Common Edge Road opened 1961.

Blackpool, St. Bernadette - Founded 1947, church on Devonshire Road, Bispham.

Blackpool, St. Cuthbert - Founded 1880, church on Lytham Road, South Shore.

Blackpool, St. John Vianney - Founded 1934, new church on Glastonbury Avenue 1959.

Blackpool, St. Joseph - Church on Levens Grove, Revoe, closed 1988. All registers at Blackpool, St. John Vianney.

Blackpool, St. Kentigern - Founded 1904, new church on Newton Drive opened 1932.

Blackpool, St. Margaret Clitherow - Church on Lytham Road, consecrated 3 Nov 1993, chapel of ease to St. Cuthbert's.

Blackpool, St Monica - Founded 1961, new church at Little Marton 1973.

Carleton, St. Martin and St Hilda - Founded 1964, church on Fleetwood Road served from Poulton.

Cleveleys, St. Teresa - Founded 1937, church on St. George's Avenue.

Cleveleys, St. John Southworth - Church in Northumberland Avenue built ? 1970.

Fleetwood, St. Mary - Founded 1841, church on Lord Street opened 1866.

Fleetwood, St Edmund of Canterbury - Founded 1952, church on Melbourne Avenue 1956.

Fleetwood, St. Wulstan - Founded 1925, church on Poulton Road opened 1926.

Freckleton and Warton, Holy Family - Founded 1898, church on Lytham Road, Warton.

Hambleton, St Francis of Assisi - Founded 1979, church on Church Lane, served from Pilling.

Kirkham, St. John the Evangelist - Founded 1762, church on Ribby Road.

Lytham, St. Peter - Founded 1839, church on Clifton Street.

Pilling, St. William of York - Founded 1861, church on Garstang Road.

Poulton-le-Fylde, St. John the Evangelist - Founded 1813, new church on Breck Road 1912.

Poulton-le-Fylde, English Martyrs - Founded 1862, church on High Cross Road.

St. Annes-on-the-Sea, Our Lady of the Sea - Founded 1890, church on St. David's Road East

St. Annes-on-the-Sea, St. Alban - Founded 1964, church on Kilnhouse Lane.

Thornton-le-Fylde, Sacred Heart - Founded 1898, church on Heys Street.

Thornton-le-Fylde, St. Nicholas Owen - Founded 1974, church on Stannah Road, Little Thornton.

Weeton, St. Joseph, Army barracks. Wesham, St. Joseph - Founded 1885, church on Fleetwood Road.

Westby, St. Anne - Founded 1752, church at Wesby Mills built 1860.

Unitarian and Free Christian Churches Unitarians do not believe in God as a trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They do not acknowledge Jesus as God.

Details of chapels taken from "Historical Sketch of the North & East Unitarian Mission", ed. by R.T. Herford and E.D.P. Evans, 1909 (Bury), and "Unitarian and Free Christian Churches Year Book, 1951", Ed. J. Kielty, pub. By Gen. Assembly of U&FCC 1951.

Blackpool, Unitarian Free Church, Dickson Road, North Shore. Founded 1873, the first building was a former Anglican School, then the pavilion on North Pier, and later a large room in the Winter gardens were used. A new church was opened in Aug 1883.

Blackpool, Unitarian Free Church, Lytham Road, South Shore. Founded 1894, meeting in the Masonic Hall, South Shore until a church was opened 19 Jul 1903.

Lytham St Annes, Unitarian Church, Channing Road, Ansdell. Founded Jan 1905, first building opened 14 Apr 1906, and then a new church in1930.

## United Reformed Church

The United Reformed Church was founded in October 1972 by the union of the Congregational Church in England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England.

Details taken from "The United Reformed Church Year Book, 1977" Ed. P.W. Bush, The United reformed Church in England and Wales (London) 1977.

Blackpool, Alexandra Road - Founded 1891

Blackpool, Bispham - Founded 1834

Blackpool, Claremont - Founded 1901

Blackpool, St Georges - Founded 1956

Cleveleys - Founded 1901

Elswick - Founded 1649

Fairhaven - Founded 1904

Fleetwood - Founded 1841

Kirkham - Founded 1805

Lytham - Founded 1868

Poulton-le-Fylde - Founded 1808

Preesall - Founded 1835

Preesall, Hambleton - Founded 1867

St. Annes-on-Sea - Founded 1880.