

Maryport Street Baptist Chapel Devizes



The church was founded in 1837 by George Wesley (pastor of the Old Baptist Church) who, together with some of his congregation, had left because of divisions in the church. They first worshipped in an old tobacco factory and built the present chapel in 1838. In 1851 the average congregation was 75. In 1895 they re-joined the Old Baptist Church and moved back to the Maryport Street Chapel. *Source: Wiltshire Community History.*

Extracts from Church Book

30 April 1837: Baptist Church newly formed

Most members were formerly of the Old Baptist Church in the parish of St Mary's in the town of Devizes. Formed by the following: John White, Thomas Daingerfield, George Wessley, John Stevens, Martha Dowland, Martha Mullins, Mary Bragg, Sarah Burden, Hannah Wesley, Ann Maslen, Mary Smart, Sarah Humphries, Eliza Wyatt

4 Dec 1837: After prayer church meeting consisting of: Geo Wesley (Pastor), Thomas Dangerfield, John Stevens, Henery Ellen, Michael Wiltshire, Edward Slade, James Gerrish, Martha Dowland, Hannah Wesley, Sarah Humphries, Mary Smart, Sarah Tucker, Catherine Ashley, Eliza Wyatt, Elizabeth Watkins; also mentioned Joshua Smith

Tues 26 Jun 1838: New chapel opened

8 Dec 1892: Church meeting members present David Wiltshire, Jonas Strong (Deacon), J Stevens, John Strong, J. Brewer, William Nichols, S. Ward, John Palmer, Harriet Wiltshire, Ann Phipp, Harriet Phipp, Rebecca Ord, Mary Strong, Elizabeth Pottow, Ann Warren, Palmer. *Source: WSRO ref 12315/46*