

## **Newport Street Congregational Chapel, Swindon**

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### **STOP PRESS !**

Mass member resignations and dismissals

New Members: Elizabeth Kidgell formerly of the Independent Church at Yelvertoft, Northants, John Wheeler, George Reynolds, Martha Pillgreen and Henry Reynolds

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### **Church Meeting held Thursday evening April 4<sup>th</sup> 1839**

*present. H Kidgell, Minister in the chair*

*Brethren. Strange, Laurence, Jno Kent,*

*Sisters. My Strange, Sarah Strange, A Adams, My King, B Snow.*

*Elizabeth Kidgell, wife of Rev Hy Kidgell wishing to be received as a member of the church.*

*The minister read her letter of dismissal from the Independent Church at Yelvertoft, Northamptonshire now under the pastoral of Peter G Nettlesleep. Upon which Brother Strange proposed her to the church, and she was unanimously received into communion with the church though on account of her son Vincent as it regards the ordinance of baptism (xxxx to being an outxxx baptist) it was understood that she could not as such be considered as a member in full conversion.*

*The cases of the following Brothers and Sisters were also brought before the church viz. Mary Major, Mary Hollick, Wm Kent, Stephen Barrett, Henry Jeffries, Miles Terrant, John Newth*

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*Alice Tidd, Sarah Barrett, John Pruce, Mary xxxx, Lucy King, Mary Gleed, F M Simpkins, Thos Parks and Sarah Dore. There it was considered xead by their having absented themselves from the Lord's table for many months past, abandoned the ordinary meetings of the church for preaching for the most part, and more particularly the meetings for prayer and other parts of their conduct virtually given up their connexion with the church and according to a rule in the church book unless satisfactory reasons can be assessed by them to the risk of the church for this their conduct must be formally separated from the same.*

*The church however desires of using all proper forbearance and xxxx unanimously determined that under present circumstances the best course would be to dexxxxte 2 of the members to contact the above individuals and receive from them either their voluntary resignation or such reasons for their conduct as they may have to offer which are to be laid before the church at ~~another meeting~~ the next church meeting. The Deacons Messr Strange & Laurence were defaultd to this office.*

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### **Church Meeting held Thursday evening May 9<sup>th</sup> 1839**

*present. H Kidgell, Minister*

*Brethren. Lawrence, Strange & Jno Kent.*

*Sisters. Sarah Strange, Adams, Snow & Kidgell.*

*Jno Kent engaged in prayer. After which the minister states the business that had been entered upon at the last church meeting. The Deacons having seen the members where improper conduct had been noticed at the last meeting stated that most of them had voluntarily tendered their resignations acknowledging that they no longer had any right to consider themselves as members of the church, and the reasons assigned by the rest for their conduct not being satisfactory to the church it was determined by the vote of the members present, that the ~~which~~ individuals referred to be dismissed, agreeably to the rule of the society which enacts that members absenting themselves from the Lord's table 3 times successively without a sufficient and satisfactory reason are liable to expulsions.*

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### ***Church Meeting May 30<sup>th</sup> 1839***

*present. The Minister*

*Brethren. Lawrence, Horn & Jno Kent.*

*Sisters. Adams, King, Parsons, Snow, and Kidgell.*

*The minister having read the minutes of the last meeting John Wheeler was restored to communion with the church and Mr George Reynolds having expressed an earnest desire to become a member he was proposed and the Brethren Messr Laurence and Horn deputed to visit and hold conversation with him and report at the next church meeting,*

### ***Church Meeting July 4<sup>th</sup> 1839***

*present. The Minister*

*Brethren. Laurence, Wheeler & Kent.*

*Sisters. S Strange, Adams, King, Parsons & Snow.*

*Mr Laurence having stated the result of his interview with Mr G Reynolds, and the same being favourably received by the Church he was unanimously admitted into its communion.*

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### **Church Meeting July 21<sup>st</sup> 1840**

*present. Thomas Strange, Lawrence, Laurence, Sarah Strange, Mary Strange, George Reynolds, John Kent, Sarah Parsons, Betty Snow, Mary King.*

*It was unanimously agreed that an expression of our cordial approbation be made to the Revd George Pillgren of his ministry and that he be invited to take the pastoral charge of the church at a Salary of ninety pounds per annum.*

*Mr Pillgren having signified his acceptance was ordained on Tuesday Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1840.*

*The Revd Henry Larter of Highworth stated the ~~xxxx~~ Constitution of a Christian Church. The Revd Richard Elliott of Devizes, in the place of the Revd Jno Rees of Chippenham have asked the usual ques-*

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ions, The Revd Jno Frost of Hungerford offered the ordination Prayer. And the Revd Jno Reynolds of Prxxxey Hxxxxt delivered the charge.

In the evening the Rend Richard Elliott of Devizes preached to the Church and Congregation on their duties to their Minister.

The Revd Thos Mann of Trowbridge

The Revd John Jones of Cricklade

The Revd Michael Thomas of Wootton Bassett

also were present.

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***Church Meeting Thursday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1840***

*Not any business.*

***Church Meeting Thursday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1840***

***Church Meeting Thursday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1840***

*The Minister proposed that the Church Meeting should henceforth be held after the Prayer Meeting - instead of after the Lecture. The Church apented.*

***Church Meeting Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1840***

*Mrs Martha Pillgreen and Mr Henry Reynolds were admitted as members*



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*The xxxer from the Church of Christ at Therfield, Herts under the Pastoral care of the Revd Francis Jolip.*

***Church Meeting Tuesday Dec31st 1840***