

As the Soulbury Methodist Chapel is celebrating it's 150th Anniversary we thought readers might like to know a little of it's history. Much more information will be displayed in the Chapel during the Anniversary weekend. The Chapel was built in 1838 at a cost of £200, but previous to this religious services were held in homes in the village. In 1860 a Sunday School record shows an average attendance of 65 children and 17 Sunday School teachers. In 1866 the Gallery was added to increase the seating from 95 to 148. A membership record for 1914 may be of interest to people still living in Soulbury: E. Dickens, J. Cater, J. Mead, F. Tearle, E. Spratt, Geo. Scott, Winnie Robinson, Hy. Conquest, Wm. Turner, T. Mead, Emma Cater, Emma Turney, Lizzie Turney, Emma Faulkner, Violet Smith, Lily Flavel, Bessie Arnold and Emma Chapel. On 23rd December 1934 the

Preacher of the evening service was our own Mr. H. Scott who has been a lay preacher since 1925. The Chapel Hall was added on in 1979, and was officially opened on 5th April 1980.

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CHAPEL 150TH ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate this occasion a Flower Festival will be held over the weekend of July 16th/17th. On Saturday Rev. Alan Creber will hold a dedication service at 10.30 a.m. There will be flower displays by local churches, and also an exhibition of chapel life, past and present. A Book Stall and refreshments will be available throughout the day until 9.00 p.m. On Sunday Rev. Alan Baxter of Buckingham, will be conducting the 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. services, when everyone will be most welcome.

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CHURCH FETE - SATURDAY 23RD JULY 1988

As usual items for the annual All Saints Church Fete would be very much appreciated. Stalls will include cakes, bric-a-brac, tombola, raffles, books and refreshments - and entertainment for all the family. Mrs. Hilary Ashburner, 15 The Green, Tele: 358, will be pleased to receive anything suitable. Do come along on the day, and enjoy the fun.

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WING COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Governors are pleased to announce that a new Headmaster has been appointed to the school. Mr. Adrian Hulse B.A., B.Ed., at present at a school in Dartford, will take up his post as from September 1st 1988. The Governors are confident that he will continue involving the school with the life of the community and will build on the academic successes already achieved.

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METHODIST CHURCH MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

This will continue to meet every Tuesday (term-time only) from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. If you would like more details please telephone Linda Finley Day - Soulbury 551.

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EVENING WALK - FRIDAY 15TH JULY

Dave Miller will lead a footpath walk from Soulbury Green to Stewkley via Liscombe Park. Transport will be provided back to Soulbury from the Carpenters Arms at approximately 9.15 p.m. Meet at Charity Farm at 7.30 p.m. dogs and all folk welcome.

Many congratulations to Vernon and Deborah Leadbetter on their recent marriage.

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Many of our readers will have noticed that Pc. Gordon Rae has not entertained us with his presence recently. You will be pleased to hear that he will soon be back on duty after his recent injury. (We have heard it was a sprained wrist caused by writing out parking tickets!)

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We are sorry to hear that Jayne Marston has been poorly. Now that her operation is over, we hope she will quickly improve.

METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: The Rev. A. Creber, The Manse, Stewkley : Tele: L.B. 240251

Sunday	3rd	July	10.30 a.m.	Mr. M. Corby - Family Service
Sunday	10th	July	6.00 p.m.	Mrs. M. Kenworthy
Sunday	17th	July	10.30 a.m.) Rev. A. Baxter -
"	"	"	6.00 p.m.) 150th Church Anniversary
Sunday	24th	July	6.00 p.m.	Mr. Reynolds
Sunday	31st	July	6.00 p.m.	Mr. D. Packman

Sunday Club: Every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. except first Sunday in month.
Youth Group: Every Sunday after 6.00 p.m. service except first Sunday in month.

Fellowship Meetings: Mondays at 2.00 p.m.
Mother & Toddler: 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. every Tuesday.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Minister: The Rev. P. Dallaway, The Vicarage, Stewkley : Tele: L.B.240287

See Church Newsletter

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Thursday	7th	July	7.00 p.m.	Youth Club
Monday	11th	July	8.00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	12th	July	8.00 p.m.	Women's Institute
Wednesday	13th	July	2.30 p.m.	Social Circle
"	"	"	8.00 p.m.	Keep Fit
Thursday	14th	July	7.00 p.m.	Youth Club
Saturday	16th	July)	Methodist Church Flower Festival
Sunday	17th	July)	
Wednesday	20th	July	7.00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Picnic - Cars leave the Stone at 7.00 p.m.
Thursday	21st	July	7.00 p.m.	Youth Club
Saturday	23rd	July	2.30 p.m.	Church Fete at The Old Vicarage
Wednesday	27th	July	8.00 p.m.	Keep Fit
Thursday	28th	July	7.00 p.m.	Youth Club

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 16th August : 11.00 a.m. Childrens Entertainment
Saturday 27th August : Soulbury and Stewkley Neighbourhood Watch Crime Prevention Day.

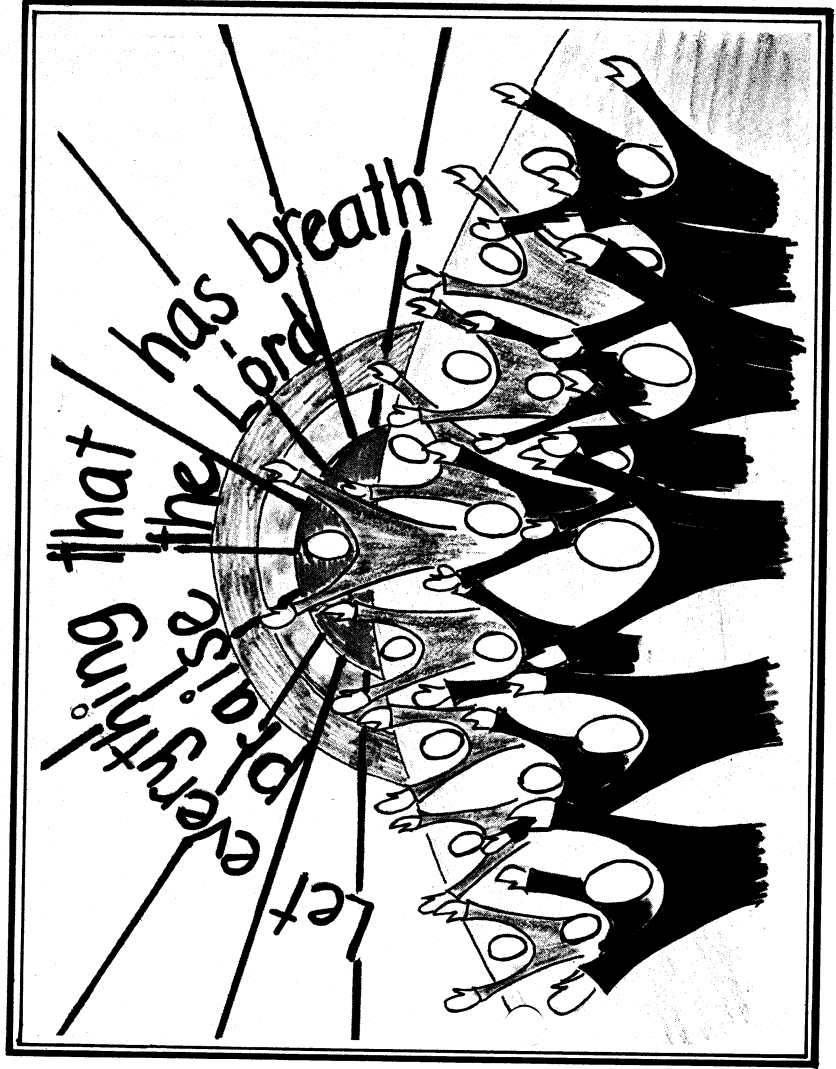
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All items for the August Newsletter should be submitted by Monday 25th July to any one of the following:-

Mrs. Miller, Soulbury 545 : Mrs. Bunyan, Soulbury 461 :
or Mrs. Norman, Soulbury 483.

SOULBURY METHODIST CHURCH

150th Anniversary Celebration



Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th July 1988

SOULBURY METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services

10.30 am — Sunday Club

6 pm — Evening Worship

7.30 pm — Youth Group

1st Sunday Each Month

10.30 am — Family Service

Weekday Activities

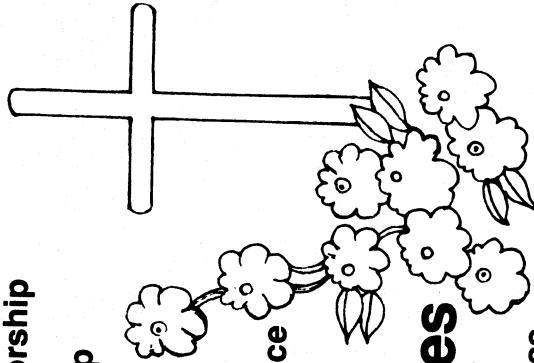
Monday 2 pm — Bible Class

Tuesday 7.30 pm — Church Fellowship

and Prayer Meeting

For Details of these and any other Activities

Phone Soulbury 333 or Soulbury 537



a brief history.....

1838 A letter was sent to the Right Reverend, the Lord Bishop of Lincoln on 12th June from the Reverend William Brocklehurst asking that "under the provision of the Act passed in the 52nd year of the reign of His Majesty King George III a building situated in Soulbury should forthwith be used as a place of religious worship by an assembly or congregation of protestants." The building was duly registered on June 18th 1838. The cost of erecting the Chapel was £200.

1859 Financial records showed that the income for the year was £5 6s. The seat rents amounted to £4 12s 6d and the cost of the heating and lighting was £1 6s.

1860 In a Sunday School Record it stated that there were 79 scholars with an average attendance of 65 children. There were seventeen Sunday School Teachers and the annual cost of running the school was £2 2s 8½d.

1866 The present gallery was added to the building and this meant that there was seating for 148 persons. 92 seats were for letting, 30 were free and 26 were for schoolchildren.

1914 There were eighteen members—men: E. Dickens, J. Cater, J. Mead, F. Tearle, E. Spratt, Geo. Scott, Hy. Conguest, Wm. Turner and T. Mead. Women: Emma Cater, Emma Turney, Lizzie Turney, Emma Faulkner, Winnie Robinson, Violet Smith, Lily Flavell, Bessie Arnold and Emma Chappel.

1980 The new schoolroom completed at an approximate cost of £8,000. Extensive renovations to the Chapel Building are taking place and there are plans to use the premises and adjoining garden more widely in the 1980s. At this time there are 14 members and 24 Sunday School Scholars.

1988 We celebrate 150 years of worship and witness in the village of Soulbury, and give thanks to God for the faithful witness of the members of this Chapel throughout those years. We are experiencing a steady growth in numbers, with 26 church members, a Sunday club of 18 children, and a youth group of 13 young people. The Monday Bible class continues meeting to study God's word and pray together, and the Church fellowship and prayer meeting, meets each Tuesday, again to study the bible and pray together, both for local and national needs. Support is given in a practical way to several Tear fund projects and a missionary in Tanzania. There is a fresh awareness of God's love and of the power of His Spirit working through us. We look forward to continuing God's work in Soulbury and we "Praise Him for all that is past; and trust Him for all that's to come."

SATURDAY 16th JULY

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Dedicated at 10-30 a.m. by

Rev. A. Creber.

Displays by local Churches

Exhibition of Chapel life Past & Present

Bookstall & Refreshments

SUNDAY 17th JULY

SERVICES

10-30 a.m. and 6-00 p.m.

Conducted by

Rev. A. Baxter.

Offerings from the weekend will go towards

Chapel renovation and new heating.