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## MARKYATE BAPTIST CHAPEL

A Baptist Chapel was first erected in Markyate in 1731 as a station of the Park Street Chapel, Luton. Close links with the church in Luton continued to be maintained even after the formation of a completely separate church at Markyate in 1813. Joseph Harris of St Albans was ordained pastor at this date. The chapel soon became too small and for larger gatherings such as church anniversaries the nearby Wesleyan chapel was used. A fund for a new church was begun in 1871. The new building was finally opened in October 1873. In 1891 Markyate was included in the Hertfordshire Union of Baptist Churches and in 1905 in the Luton and District Free Church Council.

An acre of land was purchased from Mr Scott of St Albans in 1902 on which to build a manse. Unfortunately this building had to be sold in 1933 because of high maintenance costs.

Various alterations were made to the church throughout these years including the installation of electricity in 1932 and a new organ in 1948.

/1	Church Book containing short history of church to 1869, minutes of church meetings, Apr 1869 - Oct 1942, including notes of baptisms, membership rolls, 1869-1947, and lists of Deacons attendances at communion, 1892-1893	1 vol	1869 - 1947
/2-4	Minutes of Deacons meetings [Volumes NB3/3-4 are closed to public inspection for 50 years]	3 vols	Feb 1895 - Nov 1915; Oct 1934 - May 1948; Jun 1948 - Mar 1969

Sunday School

/5	Minutes of teachers meetings	1 vol	Jan 1847 - Jul 1854; Mar 1863 - Apr 1864
/6	Minutes of teachers meetings	1 vol	Feb 1874 - Nov 1904
/7	Teachers' forfeit book	1 vol	1840 - 1842
/8	Childrens' ticket and reward book	1 vol	1841 - 1865
/9	Roll book giving pupils name, age, dates of attendance, names of parents and remarks	1 vol	1845 - 1864
/10-12	Attendance registers	3 vols	Sep 1873 - Feb 1876; Mar 1876 - Oct 1878; Oct 1878 - Mar 1884
/13	Class register - teacher Miss Rowley	1 vol	Apr 1883 - Oct 1884

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/14	Class register - teacher Mr T Skeggs	1 vol	1896
/15	Teachers' attendance register	1 vol	1899
/16	Admission book giving pupils names and date of entry	1 vol	Mar 1893 - Jun 1903
/17	Studham Sunday School book containing rules Jan 1842, class register, and tickets received, 1842-1844	1 vol	1842 - 1844
/18	Booklet of <u>Favourite Quotations</u> produced for chapel bazaar	1 vol	9 Aug 1905
/19	<u>The Baptist Magazine</u> Vol 5: p.517 refers to formation of church at Markyate, 26 July 1813	1 vol	1813
/20	<u>Under the Brow of the Chilterns: The True History of Markyate the Unknown</u> - short local history by R H Scoffer	1 vol	1913
/21	<u>Historical Sketch of Park Street Baptist Church, Luton 1675-1925</u> by G Roberts Hern	1 vol	1925
/22	<u>History of Kensworth Methodism</u> by Thomas Vass (in verse)	1 vol	1930