

Non Conformity and Other Places of Worship in Stratton St. Margaret

[Other Places of Worship Gallery](#)



Beechcroft Road Methodist Church

Now the Church of God the Prophecy and from 2014 sharing with Storehouse Pentecostal Church (rev. Dick Denyer who move to Stratton Green in July 2015).

[Sunday School Play Programme 1954](#)



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons)

Built on Highworth Road next to A419 in 2004 replacing an aging chapel in Deacon Street in the town centre.



Green Road Cemetery

Small Chapel constructed 1869 only large enough for coffin & vicar.



Lower Stratton Primitive Methodist Church

Meetings were held from 4/11/1825 in Mr Habgood's Carpenters/Wheelwrights shop at Stratton Cross Roads, (now Wemyss Lodge site) until the first Chapel was built in Swindon Road in 1830, enlarged in 1842, the building still stands but converted to two cottages. Graves from the adjoining burial ground were transferred to Upper Stratton Graveyard. The present building was built in 1883 on the site of a blacksmiths at the cost of £1,600 by Thomas Colbourne, a schoolroom was added in 1897. In 1910 it had 315 sittings and school accommodation was for 250. The clock was added in the 1930's and in 1938 a new pipe organ was installed. Amongst its early members were Charles and Rebecca Morse, founders of a Primitive Methodist dynasty and a major Swindon department store. It boasted an orchard used for Camp meetings and outdoor activities, together with a tennis court. Rev. Janet Rowe incumbent in 1989/90 replaced by Rev. Reg. Willingham. For further information about the [Lower Stratton Methodist Church](#) please visit their website.



St. Philip the Deacon - Upper Stratton

The original iron mission church of St Phillip's Church in Upper Stratton opened 27th December 1879 with 230 sittings. It had started life being used as a Free Christian Church, having been built in Regent Street, Swindon in 1861, bought by John Arkell it was to be a barrel store but was donated for church use. The new church was erected in 1904-5 at a cost of £3,700, is an edifice of brick in the Early English style, from the designs by Mr. W. A. H. Masters, architect of Swindon: there are 463 sittings. The single bell came from the former Nythe farm. The iron mission was then used as a parish hall and Sunday school. It became its own parish in 1932. For further information please visit [St. Philip the Deacon Website](#) [St. Philips Gallery](#)

Vicar in 1951 J C Hawsworth and in 1970-1990 K Greenslade.



Stratton Green Baptist Chapel c.1910
Hooper Collection



Stratton Green Baptist Church

There were 4 Baptists recorded as far back as 1676. Local Baptists originally met in the house of John Herring after a licence was granted in 1709 and from 1735 another house was licenced specifically for Baptist worship.. Various preachers visited and a noted visitor in March 1743 was John Cerrick the Moravian hymnist. Caleb Bailey of Berwick Bassett left two small fields in Stratton in his will to William Lawrence, a Baptist and Glover of Swindon. This land was next to a small orchard belonging to Mrs Read. This land was acquired and a trust was drawn up for the building "that parcel of pasture land containing 9 poles next to Horne's Close". This was built in 1751, the first recorded preacher being Thomas Davies of Fairford and on 9th October 1751 had a meeting room formally licensed by Wiltshire Quarter Sessions, In the late 1700's Mr Thomas Smith became pastor helped by John Mayell who was a preacher here. John Mayell was born in 1764 and died in 1807. He was buried in Stratton Green graveyard. This building was enlarged in 1801 by Thomas Smith. In the 1830's there was a band lead by William Greenway(flute) with William Morse(clarinet), Jerry Walker(bass) and William Brewer Wearing (Harmonium). A small chapel was built in 1851, replaced in 1858/9

EXPEDITIOUS CHAPEL BUILDING.—The Baptist Chapel at Stratton St. Margaret, being inconveniently small for the congregation, it was proposed to take it down and build a new one. It was no sooner decided upon than set about in good earnest the first stone was laid December 21st, and it was expected to be opened just fifty days from the first stone being laid, and such a chapel too as the village need not be ashamed of.

(Extract from Evening Advertiser 01-02-1858)

and again demolished in 1934 being replaced by present chapel by 1936, as there was no baptistry baptisms took place in the River Cole and later in the Clay Pits in Swindon Road. Early Baptist families - Barrett, Day, Iles, Jordan, Paintings & Williams. Behind the chapel is Burston Memorial School a Sunday school built in 1937. George Taylor was minister from 1913-1926. Pastor Bown was minister in 1940, followed by Pastor Lander around 1970, Roger Grant 1988-89, David Parsons, Tim Bush 2002-2007 and Hilary Morton who was the final minister from 2007 until it closed 6th July 2014. The premises were taken over by **Storehouse Pentecostal Church** in July 2015.

For more information visit [Stratton Green Baptists](#). Pictures of the church & Memorial hall can be seen in [Stratton Green Baptist Gallery](#).

[Stratton Green Baptist Church Service Notice 1948](#)
[Service 6th July 2014](#)

[Stratton Green Baptist Church Closure Order of](#)

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Upper Stratton Baptist Church

Starting as an Independent Chapel in 1860 the current building was built in 1861/2 by Henry Tucker Esq. It's proper name is 'The Henry Tucker Memorial Baptist Church'. In 1890 Rev. J W Gardner is listed as minister in

North Wilts Directory, but Rev Horatio Gilmore served as the first full-time Minister. The New Sunday School Hall opened in August 1929, and the Sunday School Hall at the rear was opened 3rd September 1955. Rev. G Boocock was vicar in 1970, Rev. D Blandford in 1989. For further information please visit [Upper Stratton Baptist Church](#)

From 1957 Evening Advertiser: The Rev and Mrs R C Maycock of Upper [Stratton](#) were both elected to high posts in the Wiltshire and East Somerset Baptist Church Association at the annual assembly. Mr Maycock became vice-president of the association and his wife is the women's president.

[Baptist Church Scripture Exam Certificate of Merit Awarded to Susan Lott 1963](#)



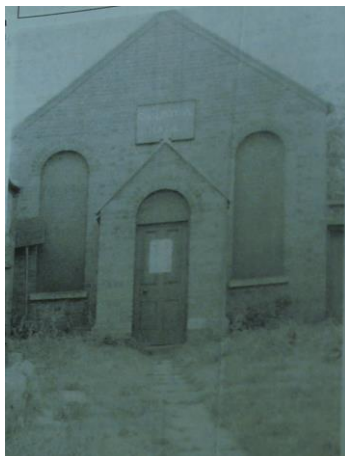
Upper Stratton Wesleyan Methodist

Originally meeting in a house at Kingsdown before building a chapel in St. Philips Road in 1870, as of 2012 this building has become Swindon Chinese Christian church.



Kingsdown Gospel Hall

Prior to 1881 the meetings were held outdoors, but moved to Mr & Mrs Keen's cottage, then to Mr G Hales upper room, the existing building was built 1924. It finally closed in 1999. Now abandoned this Metal building can be seen next to Edmont Joinery entrance in Hyde Road. Mr & Mrs Cox were caretakers for many years.



Zion Chapel

IN 1830 Susannah Barrett sought permission to use her coach house for worship having originally worshiped at Blusdon. In 1835 it was enlarged to take a congregation of 150 and a brick front was added later. People came from South Marston and Gorse Hill to worship here. Membership declined after WWI and by early 1930's it was down to a handful. During WWII it was used as a NAAFI Club and after the war the local Conservatives it. Finally demolished in June 1990