

Miscellaneous

Adventists

A group of American religious sects, the most familiar being the Seventh Day Adventists, who observe Saturday as the true sabbath. They were founded in 1831 or 1840 by William Miller (1782-1849). The Seventh Day Adventists were developed by Ellen Gould White in 1845.

Beliefs: The second coming of Christ; believers will be saved, but sects differ as to whether the unjust will be tortured in hell, annihilated or sleep eternally.

133 Chichester Road

See Anglican Ascension Mission

5 Margate Road

See United Reformed

Waterloo Street

See Odd Missions, Mizpah Hall

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Catholic Apostolic (Irvingites)

Founded by Rev Edward Irving (1792-1834), mixture of primitive and present Catholic ritual, or founded by a friend of Irving in 1825.

Founded by Henry Drummond and others in 1832. They chose 12 apostles in 1834 who were to travel the world to prepare for the 2nd coming. The last apostle died in 1901 meaning that the church died out as only apostles could ordain priests.

St Ronans Road, between 99 and 101

1903	Iron Church, builder Rolfe & Co	95
1911-1948	Catholic Apostolic Church	1
1953-2000	Moose Hall	1
Aug 2000	Planning application for 26 flats	9
Nov 2002	Show home opened, built by Woodfield Builders	
2003-2007	Terence Gardens	

31 St Vincent Road

1898-1905	Apostolic Church	1
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Christadelphians, Christian Bretheren

Founded in 1848 by John Thomas M.D (1805-1871) in Brooklyn.

Beliefs: Bible is infallable, man is mortal, second coming of Christ, adult baptism, Jerusalem as capital after second coming, death is merely unconsciousness.

Reject: Holy Trinity, hell, the Devil, infant baptism.

No paid ministers or clergy, meet regularly for the breaking of bread.

Abingdon Road

1911-1915	Abingdon Hall	1
1918	Abingdon Hall, Christadelphians	1

Devonshire Avenue / Fernhurst Road

1942-2009	Christadelphian Hall	1,9
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289A Lake Road

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Christian Scientists

Founded by Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910)

Beliefs: Nothing is real except God and his spiritual creation, including man in his image; mans essential nature is spiritual and wholly good.

Matter, evil, disease, and sickness are unreal illusions existing through ignorance of God.

Reject: Medecine, drugs and surgery.

Sacred Books: The bible and Science & Health with key to scriptures

30a Commercial Road

1934-1940	Reading Room	1
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101 High Street

1923-1928	Reading Room	1
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176 London Road

1946	First Church of Christ Scientist	1
1956	Built	9
2009		

19 Marmion Road

1911-1918	First Church of Christ Scientist	1
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66 Marmion Road

1928	Reading Room	1
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Pembroke Road

See Methodists

St Nicholas Street

	Sunday School	?
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Elim Four Square Gospel Missions

Founded in Monaghan, Ireland, in 1915 by the Welsh evangelist and healer George Jeffreys. The name Elim was taken from the book of Exodus where the Israelites came upon the oasis of Elim

Belief: Literal truth of the bible, second coming of Christ, laying on of hands.

George Jeffreys preached on Southsea Common, Portsmouth Guildhall and Coliseum

Arundel Street

	Former Cinema	
1931	Bought by Elim Movement	9
	Bought for £1,000, orchestra pit converted into baptistry	9
1934-1971	Elim Tabernacle	1
Jan 1960	Refronted	9
2 Jul 1960	Re-opened by General Secretary of Elim Churches, Rev Greenway	9
1965	Refronted	9
1976	Elim Pentecostal Church	1
1980	Interior refurbished, air conditioning installed and church reroofed. Cost £75,000. Builders and architects Mead Construction	9
17 Aug 1980	Reopened	9
2009		

8-12 Wellington Street

See Baptist

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Islam

1964 Many Muslims left Zanzibar after a revolution overthrew the government 9
Some came to Southsea 9

Islamic Mosque

1978-2009 Islamic Mosque, 73 Marmion Road

Islamic Mosque

See Plaza Cinema

Islamic Mosque

See Fratton Mission Hall (Anglican)

Islamic Mosque

See Commercial Road Baptist

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Jehovah's Witness, Russellites, Dawnites

Founded by Charles Taize Russell (1852-1916) in 1872, 1878 or 1881 as the International Bible Students after hearing an Adventist preacher.

1874 or 1884 formed into the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, named Jehovah's Witness in 1931. They use the new world translation of the bible.

Beliefs: Second coming occurred in 1914 and Armageddon will come as soon as witness is complete. Sinners will have a second chance, dead progressively raised to fill vacant spaces after Armageddon. Holy Communion once a year

Reject: The cross since it is a phallic symbol, Blood transfusions, all other churches, Holy Trinity since Jesus was created by God.

Organisation: President, Board of Directors, Religious servants, Zone servants, Service Directors (of Kingdom Halls), Special Pioneers (140 hours service a month), witnesses (10 hours service a month plus 12 magazines a week)

282 Fratton Road

1940-1948 Portsmouth Company of Jehovah's Witnesses 1

51 Paddington Road, rear

1976-2009 Kingdom Hall 1

Raglan Street

1953-2009 Kingdom Hall 1,PCC
Built on site of 33-45 Raglan Street PCC

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Jews

One of the oldest communities outside London

1802 two synagogues for Dutch and Portugese Jews in the town 168

1834 200 polish men emigrating from Prussia following insurrection in Russia, bound for America. Part of a convoy of three arrived in Portsmouth following a storm. 32 continued to America but the remainder stayed in Portsmouth. 9

Albion Street

1900 Almshouses on east side 1

Daniel Street

Came here after Oyster Street and before Whites Row

Daniel Street

1766 Rebel Synagogue set up in house 85

1789 Abandoned 85

Fawcett Road

1749 Land bought for use as burial ground ?

Oyster Street

1714 Synagogue 14

1742 Synagogue in private house near High Street 85

Transferred to Whites Row 85

Building now a store 85

Later site of White Hart Tavern

Queen Street

See Whites Row

The Thicket

See Chilcote House

1930 Built new synagogue, architect A.E.Cogswell 1,40

22 Jun 1936 Foundation stone laid by Hyman Filer Stone

1999 Two silver rimmonims from Whites Row sold for £196,000 9

2002 Restored in memory of Harold Jacup

2009

Aria College

See Schools

Whites Row

1742 Built 1,4,59

1749 Synagogue in house, now White Hart Tavern 85

1780 Lease aquired 85

1780 Rebuilt seats 200. Ark and rail cost £200 1,4,51,

59,85

1780 Two silver rimmonims commissioned to commemorate opening 9

1843 Renovated, lattice from womens gallery removed and stained glass put in 85

1851 Two Alms houses built at rear 85

c1851 Entrance moved to Queen Street 4,85

1881-1887 Entrance 54 Queen Street 165,166

1887-1890 Entrance in Albion Street between 19 and 20 1

16 Mar 1890 Reconsecrated by Rev Alder 89

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9 Jun 1899	Reopened	89
1898-1911	54 Queen Street	1
1909	Seats 150	152
1928		1
	Bombed or demolished in slum clearance	
	Rabbi Isaac Phillips 1923	1

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Latter Day Saints or Mormons

Founded by Joseph Smith (1805-1844) in 1823 or 1830 after finding golden plates and writing the Book of Mormon, a record of early American Indians who are identified as the lost ten tribes of Israel. Jesus is alleged to have appeared in America after his ascension. Headquarters Salt Lake City which they built.

Beliefs: They are chosen people all others are gentiles, Polygamy until 1890, second coming of Christ, God was human, Jesus will set up a new kingdom for 1000 years in America and Jerusalem, Lords supper with water since they forbid alcohol, tea, coffee, tobacco and other stimulants, one tenth of income to church.

In 1852 a group separated to become the Reorganised Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with it's headquarters in Missouri.

They were numerous in the town in the 1850s

Clarence Parade, site of Pomme D'or and Bowlands

Dec 1977 Proposed church

Kingston Crescent

1987 New church started

1989 Opened

2009

313 London Road

See Miscellaneous British Israel Hall

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Pentecostal

Chelsea Road

See Odd Missions

Claremont Road

See Society of Friends

Elm Grove

1999-2009 Formerly at Margate Road/Southsea Community Centre
Assembly of God, Kings Church

91 Margate Road

	Former Billiard Hall	9
1915	Hebron Pentecostal Fellowship Founded	9
1956	Hebron Mission Hall	1
1958-1992	Hebron Pentecostal Church	1
1996	Hebron Christian Fellowship	9
13 Oct 1996	Transferred to Southsea Community Centre as The King's Church	9
	Former church converted to house	
1999	Proposed to move to former Pot Black Club in Elm Grove	9

Somers Road

See Methodist

The Ridings

Nov 1999	Portsmouth Victory Church (Pentecostal) meet at the Bert Mitchell Centre, The Ridings, Gatcombe Park	9
2000	Meeting at Scout Headquarters, Gatcombe Park	

Trafalgar Place

2004	International Pentecostal Community Church at Fratton Community Centre	9
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Sikhism

Founded by Guru Nanak (1469-1538) who emphasised the fundamental truth of all religions and whose mission was to put an end to religious conflict.

Later persecuted by the Muslims and became warriors.

Margate Road

See United Reformed

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Society of Friends, Quakers

Founded by George Fox (1624-1691). Meet without ministers or preparation and sit in silence until someone is moved by the Holy Spirit to speak.

Every individual has the power of direct communication with God.

Claremont Road

1905-1915	Railway Mission Hall	1
1918-1934	Evangelical Mission Hall	1
1928-1958	Society of Friends meeting house	1
1960-1964	Assembly of God, Calvary Church, pentecostal	1
1971-1976	Evangelical Free Church	1

Green Row

before 1811 when site taken over by Methodists

25 Northwood Road

1957-2009	Society of Friends Meeting House	1
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Somers Road North

1911	Next to 315, Society of Friends Meeting House	1
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Waterloo Street

See Anglican St Michaels Mission

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Spiritual

Believe that human personality survives death and can be communicated with.

Portsmouth Spiritualist Society

1901	Met at Albert Hall, Commercial Road	www
	Met at Alexandra Hall, Bradford Road	www
	Met at Waterloo Street	www
1905	Moved to Victoria Road South	

76 Adair Road

1958-1971	Eastney Spiritualistic Sanctuary	1
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Buckingham Place

See Anglican St Nicholas Mission

13 Clarendon Place

See Methodist

54 Commercial Road

1915	Spiritual Church	1
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Francis Avenue, next to 245

1928-1940	Progressive Spiritualist Church	1
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49 Kingston Crescent

1962-1980	St Margarets Christian Spiritualist Church Demolished	1
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Kingston Crescent

1991-1993	Joseph Carey Foundation, named after spiritual guide of the founder Leonard Buriton. Joseph Carey was a negro in New Orleans 1867	9
	Moved to 85 College Street Phoenix Holistic Centre	9
1999-2000		
2003-2009	Meeting at Buckland Community Centre	9

289a Lake Road

See Baptist

Oddfellows Hall, London Road

1998	Positive Outlook Group, New Age Spiritual	9
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20 Lords Street

1923-1940	Bible Spiritual Mission	1
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56 Pitcroft Road

1938-1976	The Shrine of Light, Christian Spiritualist	1
2006	Converted to 2 houses	

73a Victoria Road South

1901-1905	Portsmouth School of Art	1
1905	For sale large hall and small rooms	www
	Bought for Portsmouth Spiritualist Society	www
1918	Portsmouth Temple of Spiritualism	1
1935	Demolished	www

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1939	New building started	www
	Cost £3,600, Opened by Mr Frank Blake	www
1940	Opened by Mr F Blake, whilst being built met in Frodden Hall	9
	Hammond Organ given anonymously	9
1986	85th anniversary, reroofed	www
2009		

2 Vivash Road

1954	Bakery converted to Church	PCC
1958-2009	Progressive Spiritualistic Church	1

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Non-denominational

Bethel Mission

1911-1918	Southsea United Cricket Practice Club, 22 Inglis Road	1
1923-1958	Bethel Mission non-denominational, 22 Inglis Road	1
1949	Ebenezer Hall, Ebenezer Assembly	9
1960-1976	Open Bretheren Ebenezer Hall	1
2003-2007	Gospel Hall	

Hilsea Mission

1948-1960	315 London Road	1
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St Philips Evangelical Mission

See St Philips Anglican

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Odd Missions

Abide in the Vine Family Church

5 Oct 1977	Opened in Buckland Community Centre	9
Mar 2001	Renamed Portsmouth Family Church	9
2005-2007	Meet at City Girls School	
2007	Cornerstone Fellowship added meeting in church office Stubbington Avenue	9
2009		

Abundant Life Christian Centre

Jan-Sep 2000	Meet at Baffins Community Centre	9
Mar 2001	Meet at Stamshaw Community Centre	9
Oct 2001	Abundant Life Christian Centre, Newcombe Road	9

Alexander Mission Hall

1915-1918	321 Somers Road North	1
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Assembly of God

See Society of Friends and Pentecostal

Assembly Mission Hall

1905-1934	Assembly Mission Hall, 5-7 Thomas Street	1
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Assembly Meeting Rooms

1938-1940	Assembly Meeting Rooms, 95a Surrey Street	1
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Blue Ribbon Mission Hall

1887	Blue Ribbon Mission Hall, Nobbs Lane	165,166
1890	Mission Hall	
1898	Salvation Army Mission Hall	1
1901	Salvation Army Industrial House	1

1 British Israel Hall

1931	Built	9
1934-1962	British Israel Hall, 313 London Road	1
1964-1983	Church of Latter Day Saints	1
1977	Planned to rebuild	
1989	Transferred to Kingston Crescent	
1990	Demolished	

2 British Israel Hall

1976-1989	British Israel Hall, 338 London Road	1
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1 British Pioneer Church

1964	British Pioneer Church, 19 Fawcett Road	1
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2 British Pioneer Church

1955	Founded by Rev William Sampson	9
1958-1962	British Pioneer Church, 2a Waverley Road	1

Brunswick Street Mission

1901-1905	Brunswick Street Mission Room, 11 Brunswick Street	1
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Calvinists

1830	Calvinists, Abercrombie Street	44
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Odd Missions

Central Christian Assembly Hall

1881	Christian Assembly Room, Pelham Road	171
1886	Central Christian Assembly Hall, 17 Pelham Road	1

Concord Mission

1948	Concord Mission, 578 Commercial Road Demolished	1
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Evangelical Mission Hall

Evangelical Mission Hall, Claremeont Road, see Society of Friends

Friendly Mission Hall

1900-1905	Between 34 and 36 East Street	1
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Full Gospel Mission, 92 Surrey Street

1948	92 Surrey Street	1
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Hope Gospel Mission

1880s	Hope Gospel Mission, 530 Commercial Road	9
	Sold to school	9
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1951	Sold to St Johns Ambulance Brigade for £2,600	9
197x	Demolished	

Hope Gospel Mission Hall

Hope Gospel Mission Hall, 155 Stamshaw Road
See Salvation Army

Jirch Chapel

1887	Jirch Chapel, Newport Street	165
1887	Jehovah Jireh Chapel Alongside Jirch Cottage	166

John Pile Memorial Meeting Room

1923-1934	John Pile Memorial Meeting Room, 44 Fratton Road	1
1938-1983	Weltons Shop	1

Landport Gospel Hall

1887	Commercial Road/Lake Road	166
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Longs Memorial Hall

See Anglican St Pauls School

Marie La Bonne Mission Hall and Sunday School

1887-1940	Marie La Bonne Mission Hall and Sunday School, Swan Street next to 7	1
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Mizpah Gospel Hall

Mizpah Gospel Hall, 42 St Pauls Road, see Anglican St Pauls

Mizpah Gospel Mission Room

1898-1918	Mizpah Gospel Mission Room, 34 Waterloo Street/Grosvenor Street Run by Mr Wilkins	1
1918	Seventh Day Adventist Church	1

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Odd Missions

Portsmouth Family Church

See Abide in the Vine

Portsmouth Victory Church

See Pentecostal

Portsmouth Vineyard Church

Copnor Middle School
1999-2000 Admiral Lord Nelson School

Providence Gospel Hall

See St Pauls Mission Church

Puir Bairns Mission

Whites Row ?

Rainbow of Hope Church

Branch of Metropolitan Community Church that accept homosexual, lesbian
Bi-sexual and Trans-Sexual members 9
Started in back room of pub 9
2005 Meet at Fratton Community Centre 9

Remnant Church

2006 Portsmouth Library

Solent Community Church

2004 St Lukes Community Sports Centre 9

Southern Hall

See Anglican St Pauls School

Southsea Mission Hall

1886 Castle Road 1

True Church of Jesus

1923-1940 North End Dance Hall, 114 North End Avenue 1
1946-1987 Garage 1
1988-2007 True Church of Jesus, Chinese 9

1 Welcome Mission Hall

1887 Independent Order of Good Templars Hall, Conway Street/Duncan Street 166
1890-1901 Gospel Temperance Working Mens Mission 1
1905 Good Templars Hall, Conway Street/Duncan Street 1
1911-1918 Welcome Mission Home, 3-5 Duncan Street 1
1923-1940 Welcome Mission Hall 1

2 Welcome Mission Hall

1887 Hawke Street next to 32 Welcome Mission Hall 165
1887 Hawke Street, next to 52, Sailor's Welcome Mission Hall 166
1905-1918 Hawke Street, next to 52, Welcome Mission Hall 1

3 Welcome Mission Hall

1905 In Stanhope Road 1

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Welcome Mission Room

26 Nov 1884	Mr Howell purchased hall and land from Miss Sarah Robinson	133
1899-1901	Welcome Mission Room, Edinburgh Road/Unicorn Road	1
28 Jan 1903	Wesleyan Church proposed to be built on site ? Duchess of Albany	133

Zion Mission Room

See Baptist

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Odd Missions

3 Belgrave Street			
1887	Railway Mission Room		166
Brompton Road, Eastney			
1891	26 Brompton Road, Mission Hall		171
1898-1901	24 Brompton Road, Gospel Mission Room		1
1 Butcher Street			
1900-1901	Gospel Mission Hall		1
60a Charlotte Street			
1898-1901	Mission Room		1
70 Garnier Street			
1901-1962	Mission		1
1915	Evangelistic Mission Hall		1
1918	Mission Hall		1
1971-1976	Coop store		1
2008	Lifetime House , 70 Garnier Street		
24 Brompton Road, Eastney			
1898-1900	Gospel Mission Room		1
344 Commercial Road			
1881-1940	Gospel Mission Room		1,166
1949	Builders		1
1971-1982	Ben Grubb ex government store		1
1982	Demolished		
19 Rennie Terrace, Lake Road			
1887	Gospel Hall		166
7 Prince Albert Street			
1887	Miss Robinson's Meeting Room		166
1890-1940	Gospel Mission Room, 7 Prince Albert Street		1
1946-1953	Eastney Boys Club		1
	Derelict		
	Demolished		
Chelsea Road			
1911-1918	Bethel Mission, pre 2Chelsea Road/65 Albert Road		1
1923	Pentecostal Mission		1
Somers Road North			
1911	Next to 313 Portsmouth Open Air Mission		1