

Plymouth Brethren

Founded by John Walker, taken over in 1828 by John Nelson Darby a former Church of England clergyman.

Founded by John Nelson Darby (1800-1882) a minister of the protestant church of Ireland and Edward Cronin, a Roman Catholic in 1827. John Darby settled in Plymouth giving the movement it's popular name.

Split into several groups:

Exclusives, Open, Kellyites, Newtonites and Bethesda

Services consist of bread, wine and readings

Beliefs: No organisation, no pastors since they believe in direct contact with God, Bible is literally accurate, baptism at 13 plus, second coming, all existing churches to be rejected, women not to speak at meetings, keep separate so as to be pure.

Bethesda: Objects House to house visitation for instruction in spiritual truth, circulation of scriptures and tracts, to hold mission and cottage services, relief of the poor and sick, occasional teas for poor persons. Evangelical and unsectarian.

Open Brethren: Meetings open to all Christians

Closed or Exclusive Brethren: Added new rules in 1965 designed to prevent saints, members, from having any contact with sinners, non-members. Members sharing homes with non-members to be expelled, members must declare bank balance, unmarried members, single or widowed, must marry as soon as possible within the sect, no radio, television, books, newspapers, visits to places of entertainment, cafes etc., no windows in meeting places.

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Bethesda Mission

Incorporates Portsea Town Mission established in 1856 166

46 Copnor Road

1897	Built	Stone
	Owner G.H.Fison, builder G.Scammell	95
1906-1929		192
1987	Gable blown out in storm	
1988	Refronted	
1996	Reroofed	
2001	Closed	
Dec 2001	Used by some former members of London Road Baptist Church as Grace Baptist Church, independent, evangelical	
2009		

28-30 Diamond Street

1881	Mission Hall	1
1887	Mission Hall	166
1898	Classrooms, owner G.H.Fison, builder G.Scammell	95
1898-1901	Mission Hall	1
1911-1960	Bethesda Mission Hall	1

Little Southsea Street

See Methodist

Saint Johns Road

1872	Built	Stone
	Louisa and her missionaries	?
1887		166
18 Sep 1983	Last service	9
	Demolished	
	Monies from sale going to Lovedean and Copnor	

Silver Street

1881	29 Mission Hall	1
1887	29 Mission Class room	165,166
1890	27-29 Mission Class room	1
1898	Mission Room owner G.H.Fison, builder G. Scammell	95
1898-1957	Classrooms	1
1957	Sold to St Judes	
1977-1993	St Judes Youth Centre	
2008	St Judes Nursery	

Union Place/Common Street

1898-1901	Mission class room	1
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Winchester Road

1887	Built	Stone
1988	Demolished	

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Ebenezer Assembly of Open Brethren

101 Crasswell Street

1900-1901 Ebenezer Mission Hall

1

Great Southsea Street

See Baptist

Inglis Road

See Non-denominational

Jacobs Street / Crasswell Street

1923-1934 Ebenezer Assembly Hall

1

King Street, Southsea / The Avenue

1898-1904 King Street Hall

1

1906-1940 Ebenezer Mission Hall, iron

1,9

Bombed transferred to St Pauls Road

9

122 King Street, Southsea

1898-1901 King Street Hall Sunday School

1

42 St Pauls Road

See Anglican, St Pauls Mission Room

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Open Brethren

135 Copnor Road

1923-1932	Elim Mission Hall (Not Foursquare)	1,192
1933-1978	Copnor Gospel Hall	1
2009		

Eastney Road

See Methodist

Garfield Road

1946-1971	Garfield Road Mission Hall	
1978	Used as builders store	PCC
	Demolished	

Inglis Road

See non-denominational

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Unknowns

72 Blackfriars Road

1900-1905 Mission Hall 1

28 Brookfield Road

See Anglican
1890-1989 Brookfield Mission Hall 1
Aug 1989 Hut at back renovated to be used as Sunday School 9
1990-2007

Bush Street East, next to 8

1890-1901 Plymouth Brethren Mission Hall 1
1905 Plymouth Brethren Mission Hall, 1 Bush Street East
1908 Southsea Assembly Rooms 1,110
1911 Assembly Rooms 1
1940 Southsea Assembly Rooms 1,110

Chandos Street

1874 Chandos Street Rooms 96

Commercial Road

1878-1890 Assembly Room 1,59

Hay Street

1859-1878 Assembly Room 59

Hellyer Road

1934-1976 Hellyer Road Room 1
1987-2007 Gymnasium

115 Highland Road

1908 Eastney Rooms 192
1911-1928 Eastney Gospel Room 1
1936-1948 Garage 1
1953 Pickfords 1
1958-2009 McCullum timber merchants 1

90 Middle Street

1900-1901 Mission Hall 1
1905 Providence Gospel Hall 1

243 New Road

1918 Brethren's Meeting Room 1

North Street (between 49 & 50)

1881 Gospel Hall 1
1887 Plymouth Brethren Gospel Hall 1
1890-1898 Gospel Hall 1
1900-1901 Salvation Army Barracks 1
1905-1911 St Johns Sunday School, Willing Memorial Hall, between 49
and 50 North Street 1
1918 St Johns Sunday School, Willing Memorial Hall, 47-48 North Street 1
1923-1928 Willing Memorial Hall cost £4,000, 47 North Street 1
1936-1940 Removal warehouse 1

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Unknowns

83 St Georges Square

1881-1890 Assembly Room and Brethren Mission Hall 1,165

18-20 Somers Road

1887-1890 Plymouth Brethren Gospel Hall 1,166

Yorke Street

See Methodist