

The chapel was opened on Good Friday, April 19th 1819 by Rev. Daniel Isaacs. The congregation who attended 3 services on this day, was very large, and the collections for the day amounted to £20, which was very generous for that time, and, with donations previously received, almost paid the cost of the structure and its fittings.

The attendance at the chapel was always very good from that time, the farmers of the neighbourhood as well as villagers using the services with great regularity and, by their attendance and support, giving influence and character to the place. 10 years after opening the chapel, the Society numbered 20 members, the subscriptions to the Society funds were generous and the seating was fully taken up.

When the 30 year lease on the land expired, Mr. Palmes agreed the occupancy could continue at a rental of £3 per annum, which agreement was maintained until the second chapel was built in 1856-7.

At the time of the expiration of the lease granted by Mr. Palmes, it was agreed by members and worshippers, to have a building of greater capacity and more pretentious character. Mr. Thomas George Dickinson very generously presented to the Society a piece of land considered in every respect to be the best site in the village. Plans were drawn up by Mr. Cameron C. E. of Barnsley and adopted for a neat, substantial Gothic chapel, to be built of stone, and capable of accommodating 170 people.

The corner stone was laid on 15th June 1857, when a glass bottle was deposited in the stone giving the date of the ceremony and the name of Mr Dickinson as performing the ceremony, with the names of the circuit ministers, circuit stewards, the President of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, the 22 Trustees, and of the architect.

The cost of the new chapel, exclusive of the site was £418, of which Mr. Dickinson contributed £75 towards the cost of erection.

The old chapel was still used for connexional purposes until the new building was opened, after which the roof was raised and internal alterations made and it was converted into 2 cottages.

The new chapel was completed by October 1857. It stood back a little from the road, from which it was divided by an ornamental palisading. The front was gabled, supported by substantial buttresses on each side, with light pinnacles, finished by a very handsome finial and cross. It was lighted at the north west or front end by a large 4 light window, leaded and glazed with cathedral glass, and having stone mullions. There were also similar but smaller windows on either side of the building and there was a small semi-circular window in the front gable.

The entrance to the chapel had a lobby and inner doors, keeping it free from draughts. The seating was divided into a centre and 2 side blocks which were open and comfortable, many of them being free. The aisles were spacious and the communion space very commodious. The pulpit was of stone, prettily ornamented with stone figures, approached by 4 stone steps. The roof was timbered and open and contained the ventilators. The lighting was from oil lamps suspended from the roof and the building was effectually heated by hot water and was altogether comfortably furnished.