



Rev. Robert Andrews

Robert was born on 3 February 1850 in Newbury, Berkshire. He married Emily Cousens in the summer of 1874 at Bishopstone, Wiltshire. They had five children.

Prior to coming to Maidenhead in 1889, Robert had served two terms in the area, both at High Wycombe, and he was later to come back to the area to serve at Colnbrook in 1905.

Robert died on 25 September 1914 at Newhaven, Sussex.

There are only a few newspaper records available but a comprehensive account of his life can be found via: [My Primitive Methodists](#)

Robert and Emily's Wedding Had a Special Twist to It!

BISHOPSTONE

The village of Bishopstone was, on Thursday last, the scene of great festivity and excitement owing to the marriage of the first and second daughters of Mr. R. Cousins to two ministers of the Primitive Methodist connection. The eldest, Miss Sarah Ann Cousins, to the Rev. Theo. Wallis of Alford, and the second to the Rev. R. Andrews of Newport, Isle of Wight. The marriage took place in the Primitive Methodist chapel at Stratton St Margaret. The legal part of the ceremony was read by the Rev. T. Pinnock of Swindon and the devotional by the Rev. G. Wallis of Newbury, father of one of the bridegrooms. The chapel was tastefully decorated with flowers and ever-greens, and nearly filled with spectators. The service over, the newly married couples, with their attendants, were conveyed in their carriages to Bishopstone when about 50 sat down to a substantial and sumptuous breakfast. The house being too small to comfortably accommodate all the guests, the breakfast was held in Mr. Cousins' barn which was beautifully decorated and fitted up for the occasion. At five o'clock the happy couples left for their tours amidst showers of rice and slippers, and with the best wishes of all

their friends. In the evening the party went for a stroll upon the fine old hills surrounding Bishopstone, while the church bells pealed out their merry chimes, adding to the happiness of the day. The pleasures of the day were brought to an end after supper with the voice of song and prayer.

Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle, 13 July 1874

Robert's work around High Wycombe was greatly appreciated

Primitive Methodists

On Thursday in last week the Rev. Andrews and Mrs. Andrews, received tokens of good will from their congregation on the occasion of their leaving the circuit for Plumstead. The testimonial to Mr. Andrews was presented by Mr. J. Lever on behalf of the subscribers and consisted of a handsome marble clock bearing a suitable inscription. Mrs. Andrews was the recipient of a personal gift.

Reading Mercury, 9 July 1892

.....but the gift he was given did not grace his mantelpiece for long !

The Passive Resisters. Another Auction at Torquay

The second auction of the goods of passive resisters took place at Torquay yesterday. In consequence of a heavy downpour of rain, it was impossible to conduct the sale in the police station yard, so arrangements were made by Superintendent Roberts for holding it in the Police Court. The articles, most of which were small, being stored on the Magistrates' Bench and handed by the police to the auctioneer and bailiff (Mr. A. Brown), who occupied the seat set aside for the Magistrates' Clerk during Police court proceedings. There was a crowded attendance, in spite of the wet weather.....

A marble clock belonging to the Rev A. Andrews, pastor of the Primitive Methodist Chapel, realised £1 0s. 4d., the Rev. J. Ostey suggesting that it would be well to send it to the Lord Bishop of Exeter.....

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette, 22nd September 1903

He was not afraid to give his sermons catchy titles:

At Newlyn the Primitive Methodists held their Sunday School anniversary, the preacher for the day being the Rev. Robert Andrews, of Torquay. A fine sermon was preached in the morning on "Mother's influence on Men" in words that sent vibrating many long silent chords; and in the evening a splendid discourse was delivered from Jeremiah xlv. 6. on "Ambition, True and False," to a congregation that filled every available space. Special hymns were rendered by the choir and scholars, under the direction of Miss Weeks, and at the evening service the choir rendered the anthem "Sing unto the Lord " in a most praiseworthy manner.....

The Cornishman, 15th October 1903