



# Congregational Church Codford

Haytor also founded the chapel at Wylve and the two churches were mutually dependent upon one another. On 16th May 1819 a total of 148 children from the two Sunday schools were treated to an afternoon address by the minister followed by plum cakes and cider. They also received 2d (0.8p) each from Thomas Haytor.

In the mid 19th century a strong minister attracted 64 new members in 11 years, mainly in the first few years, but brought about friction with Wylve, who withdrew from the local partnership. They rejoined after the minister retired in 1858 and the Codford school and manse were rebuilt and the chapel 'almost' rebuilt. There was trouble again between the two churches in 1877 but they were working in harmony by the end of that year. At the turn of the century the chapel was in need of repair and £100 was raised from only 21 members by January 1901 to enable repairs to take place. During the First World War the Sunday school numbers increased and the church was redecorated in 1925 and the organ rebuilt in 1932.

(History of Wiltshire)

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References included in Directories:

<b>Directory</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Kelly's	1889	Here is a Congregational chapel, with Sunday school. Rev .William Bennett
Kelly's	1895	Here is a Congregational chapel, with Sunday school. Rev. Henry Alfred Roberts
Kelly's	1898	Here is a Congregational chapel, with Sunday school. Rev. Henry Alfred Roberts
Kelly's	1903	Here is a Congregational chapel, with Sunday school. Rev. Eli Atkin Arthurs
Kelly's	1907	Here is a Congregational chapel, founded in 1778, with Sunday school; the chapel has 200 sittings. Rev. Eli Atkin Arthurs - The Manse, Codford St. Mary
Kelly's	1911	Here is a Congregational chapel, founded in 1778, with Sunday school; the chapel has 200 sittings. Rev. Eli Atkin Arthurs - The Manse, Codford St. Mary
Kelly's	1915	Here is a Congregational chapel, founded in 1778, with Sunday school; the chapel has 200 sittings.
Kelly's	1920	Here is a Congregational chapel, founded in 1778, with Sunday school; the chapel has 200 sittings.
Kelly's	1927	Here is a Congregational chapel, founded in 1778, with Sunday school; the chapel has 200 sittings. Rev. Henry G. Steer
Kelly's	1939	Here is a Congregational chapel, founded in 1778, with Sunday school; the chapel has 200 sittings. Rev. Leonard Heap