



History of the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel

Originally meeting in a house at Kingsdown before building a chapel in St. Philips Road in 1870,

First recorded wedding was between James Young, a converted German Jew, & Sarah Jackson, both of Stratton by Rev. I Flecker. The couple were presented with a bible. *North Wilts Herald* 03-01-1870.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profes. oa.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
1860.	19 th December 1869.	James Young Sarah Jackson	20 19	Bachelor Spinster	Boiler maker	Stratton St. Margaret. Stratton St. Margaret.	Thomas Young Thomas Jackson	Smith's Striker Builder
Married in the <u>Stratton Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Independents</u> by <u>Certificate</u> by me, <u>Isaac Flecker, Minister</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>James Young</u> <u>Sarah Jackson</u>	in the Presence of us,		<u>Mary Collett</u> <u>Mary Sang.</u>	<u>Edward Francis Avenell</u> <u>Registrar.</u>		

Advert for contractors to build the new chapel to supply sealed tenders by 22nd July 1870. *North Wilts Herald* 09-07-1870.

Anniversary services were held on Saturday & Sunday last. Secretary reported average attendances 95 morning and 125 evening, children 17 & 21. Expenditure 12 2s 6½d, Income £15 1s 4¼d, leaving a balance of £2 17 10¼d. *North Wilts Herald* 27-06-1885.

Special services were held in aid of the Harmonium Fund. £2 0s 11d was collected towards the £27 cost. *North Wilts Herald* 04-06-1886.

A Bazaar was held in aid of raising funds for building a school at the rear of the chapel. *Swindon Advertiser* 02-01-1886.

On Easter Monday a Bazaar was held in the schoolroom, to raise funds to cover costs of recent enlargement and decoration of chapel. The event was opened by Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice M.P. and Rev. B Cooper. £50 was raised. There were seven stalls, a weighing machine, and a Fine Art show. A drum & fife band performed during the afternoon. *Swindon Advertiser* 12-04-1901.

Easter Bazaar run by Messrs C Franklin & C Pressey. *Swindon Advertiser* 08-04-1904.

Members of Band of Hope gave an evening of entertainment including solos, duets, dialogues, etc on Wednesday. *Swindon Advertiser 10-03-1905.*

An Anniversary tea was held on Saturday in the schoolroom from 4:30. Mr Margetts of Swindon presided over the services. *Swindon Advertiser 28-04-1905.*

The choir won first place at the Swindon Eisteddfod. He Silver Shield was presented by Alderman T C Newman \long with £1. *North Wilts Herald 21-11-1924.p10.*

1961-65 minister was Mabel W Gaze.

As of 2012 this building has become Swindon Chinese Christian church.