

Mr. A.E. Halliday,  
Laneside,  
Park Lane, Mytholmroyd.

5th November, 1982.

Dear Mr. Halliday,

Mr. Kirby has passed on to me your letter of 17th October. I have been pondering the matter since receiving it as to how best to reply, and have decided ~~that~~ to send you a copy of the enclosed "These Hundred Years" which was published in 1958 to mark the centenary of Hope Church, which was the successor to Ebenezer. Information such as you mention is very scant about the period of the census. I hope this will be of help to you.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

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Oct 17

Dear Mr Kirby,

I am a member of a local history group which has been studying the 1851 census with a view to writing and publishing a booklet about Hebden Bridge at that time. One important section will be concerned with religion; we have a brief religious census to help us with this, ~~but~~ which I enclose. I wonder if you have any information that would help us to flesh out the bare bones of the census. In particular we would be interested in information about individuals at the time, any indications about the nature of the services and information about Sunday Schools.

If you can help us, could I ask you to give me a ring in the evening.

Yours sincerely

N S Halliday

RELIGIOUS CENSUS, 1851 - TODMORDEN REGISTRATION DISTRICT

Census Day : 30 March 1851. P.R.O. Ref : HO 129/495.

Notes : FS = free sittings; OS = other sittings; M = morning; A = afternoon; E = evening; ss = Sunday Scholars. Date is foundation of present building, not necessarily of first church/chapel on that site.

1. Birkdean Bridge, Wad. Gen Bap. 1820. OS 150. A 50 & ss 54.  
Wm Stansfield, minister, Blackshawhead.
2. Providence Union Sunday School, Wad. Partic & Gen Bap. 1827. No service census day; average when service held E 40 & ss 15.  
"This School is a Bottom Room seated with Forms calculated to hold about 100 Persons, the Ministers of Different Denominations preach on Sunday evenings occasionally." Richd Redman, Treasurer, Crimsworth.
3. Crimsworth, Wad. Wes. 1834. OS 215. M 40 & ss 78; A 70 & ss 76.  
Jas Brotherton, Manager, Pecket Well.
4. Wainsgate, Wad. Partic Bap. 1751. FS 40, OS 255. M 90 & ss 100; A 155 & ss 101; E 63. "the Girls Schoolroom opens into the Chapel and will accommodate upwards of 100 persons." Thos Vasey, minister, Wainsgate.
5. *Cross led* Wes. FS 40. M 40 & ss 34. Miles Greenwood, manager, Keelam, Wad.
6. Birchcliffe Chapel, Wad. Gen Bap New Connection. 1764, enlarged 1825. OS 700. M 147 & ss 190; A 290 & ss 175. Avg last 12 months (M and A bracketed together) 375 & ss 225. Joseph Dobson, deacon.
7. Sunny Bank Chapel, Wad. (Mytholmroyd) Prim Meth. 1836. FS 20, OS 140, free space 50. M 50 & ss 80; A 90 & ss 96. Wm Southwell, steward, Mytholmroyd.
8. Hawksdough, Wad. Room over cottage. Wes Meth Assn. 1837. FS 40. A 33.
9. Dove Chapel, Foster Lane, H.B. Partic Bap. 1839. FS 20, OS 112. M 83, A 108. ss 42 given under M but may cover both M & A. Jas Hargreaves, deacon, Wood End, Wad.
10. St Thomas a'Becket, Hept. C of E. Before 1800. A new church is nearly built here, in place of the old one, which is very much dilapidated. Cost about £5,000, raised by subs. FS & OS 1,100. M 150 & ss 166; A 700 & ss 170. Value of living about £150 p.a., but for the 3 yrs I have been here, net income only about £50 p.a. Thos Sutcliffe M.A., incumbent.
11. Ebenezer Chapel, H.B. Bap. 1777. FS 236 (for ss) and 46 (choir & congregation), OS 480. M 182 & ss 192; A 292 & ss 192, E 146. Saml Chambers, deacon, H.B.
12. Salem Chapel, H.B. Wes. 1825. FS 230, OS 600. M 204 & ss 261; A 60 & ss 240, E 465. R. Spence Hardy, minister, H.B.
13. Cross Lanes Chapel, H.B. Wes Meth Assn. 1840. FS 203, OS 458, free space 60. M 110; A 185 & ss 112; E 129. Joseph Handley, minister.
14. Heptonstall Chapel. Wes. 1764. FS 100, OS 400. M 48 & ss 121; A 107 & ss 126; E 48. Lawrence Ashworth, Society Steward, Chapel House.