

150th Anniversary



In November 22nd 2005, six years after finishing the building works, we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the building of Albion Square Methodist Church. We started our celebrations with a Flower Festival in September



Hazel Williams and Eileen Westlake designed and made this banner depicting the various activities in our Church week.



This shows volunteers working in the new kitchen.



Visitors and church members enjoying the fruits of the kitchen in our well-used hall.



The Celebration Service was held in Victorian costume. A “Family” photo shoot was taken after the service



A DVD and a booklet on the history of this church were produced, and the celebrations included a meal on Saturday evening 21st November at which many members, and previous members who had moved away, returned to celebrate with the current membership. We also had verbal tape messages from one of our members in Australia and from Rev, Geoffrey Joyce, now in his 90's in Canada. Guests who were members at Chepstow during his ministry in the early 1940's were thrilled to hear his message.

Now, ten years into the twenty first millennium, the church is a thriving, expanding Christian community offering a wide range of activities, both for the church family and outside organisations. However, the continuum of development goes on with plans for an extensive programme of maintenance and improvements on the front elevation and the forecourt.

In the last 5 years, we have appointed a Family Focus Worker, who is currently helping the Church in outreach through contacts and new ventures in our buildings, including Messy Church on Saturday afternoons on the first Saturday in the month. We also now have a thriving and expanding Boys Brigade (including girls), three Mums and Toddler Groups meeting weekly, a Luncheon Club for Senior Citizens on Thursdays, and the newly opened Beacon Café, open from 10 am to 2 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.