

BRADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

Non-conformism came to Bradwell about 1738. Initially, services were held in houses or barns. In 1747 and again in 1765 John Wesley preached to a large crowd in Towngate. The first Chapel, built in 1768, is now a cottage.

The Wesley Chapel, built in 1807, was large enough to accommodate the whole village. It was constructed and paid for by men and women as a religious duty for the Methodist cause. The work left the trustees with a burden of debt for over sixty years.

In 1891 the Chapel was renovated, and the debts finally paid off.



This is how the Chapel looked before the renovation.

The Primitive Methodist Chapel was built in 1823 and replaced in 1845. In 1975 the Chapel closed and members of 'Bethlehem' joined the Wesleyans.

The Wesley Chapel was again renovated and became known as the Methodist Church.



The interior of the Wesley Chapel before the renovation.

Bradwell Methodist Church is a leading Church in the Bradwell section of the extensive rural Peak Methodist Circuit. It is a Grade II listed building within the Bradwell Conservation Area.

The site for the adjoining Sunday Schoolroom was purchased in 1877 and the foundation stone was laid in August 1878 by John Dyson, Esq., J.P and was modernise in 2000 and renamed The Church Hall.

The Church Hall is used extensively by the community. Activities for children and young people range from a Toddlers Group to the After School Club. The Parish Council holds monthly meetings as does the Historical Society. A wide variety of occasional uses include bookings for private parties. The Church uses the Hall for meetings, hospitality functions as well as for social evenings and fund raising activities.



The Church at the present day

We invite you to join with us for our regular services every Sunday at 10.30 am., or the shared occasional services with the Anglicans in Bradwell.

Further details of all our activities area available from our Minister
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