

# The Baptists of Berkshire

THROUGH THREE CENTURIES

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APPENDIX VI STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES, 1949

Churches	Date of Founda- tion	Sittings	Pastors	When Settled	No. of Members	No. of Sun- day School Teachers	No. of Scholars	Lay Preachers	Baptisms	Home- Work Fund	B.M.S. Annual Income	Other Missions	Total for Work Abroad
Abingdon Fellowship	1652	650	H. Jenkins ... S. W. Cowley ...	1947 1950	83	21	160	11	2	19 9 0	102 17 2	- - -	102 17 2
Ascot ...	1886	100			20	7	65	1	-	- - -	18 14 3	- - -	18 14 3
Ashampstead Group	1834				16	8	57	2	-	3 1 6	9 0 0	- - -	9 0 0
Basingstoke ...	1908	200	R. A. Barnwell ...	1948	63	7	48	2	11	4 5 0	40 17 6	20 7 6	61 5 0
Odiham ...	1877	100	" "	"	18	2	24	1	-	7 6 1	9 1 3	11 6 10	20 8 1
Sherfield ...	1908	100	" "	"	15	-	-	-	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
Bracknell ...	1886	200	" "	"	20	3	11	-	-	1 6 0	20 13 3	- - -	20 13 3
Brimpton ...	1843	120	L. Wyeth (Lay) ...	1936	17	2	7	-	-	1 0 0	30 6 5	- - -	30 6 5
Camberley ...	1819	280	C. J. Nelson ...	1949	60	8	50	1	2	10 0 0	33 4 6	3 18 0	37 2 6
Frogmore ...		100	" "	"	6	2	22	-	-	6 0 0	7 0 0	- - -	7 0 0
Crowthorne ...	1914	100	Sister Bessie, B.A. ...	1949	34	3	22	3	-	16 5 3	43 17 3	- - -	43 17 3
Sandhurst ...	1884		" "	"	32	2	55	-	-	4 3 3	10 7 7½	- - -	10 7 7½
Datchet ...	1801	60	R. H. Anderson ...	1949	18	12	72	2	-	2 11 2	46 17 9	18 1	47 15 10
Didcot ...	1938	225	B. J. Keogh ...	1947	68	12	90	-	2	15 5 0	62 15 4	- - -	62 15 4
Henley ...	1876	300	A. E. Paterson ...	1949	69	18	58	6	-	6 8 5	69 1 5	- - -	69 1 5
Langley ...	1909	200	Student ...	1949	49	14	50	-	3	4 10 0	35 2 2	10 0 0	45 2 2
Maidenhead ...	1873	315	A. S. Martin ...	1933	121	12	64	7	5	9 16 10	104 5 4	- - -	104 5 4
Boyne Hill ...		150	" "	"	-	11	87	-	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
Newbury ...	1640	300	" "	"	193	32	187	12	2	18 4 8	183 2 6	- - -	183 2 6
Berries Bank ...													
Ashmore Green ...			R. Herrington (Lay)	1948	-	-	-	-	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
Headley; Long Lane													
Reading:													
Anderson Memorial	1904	400	T. Jones ...	1939	148	22	136	3	7	20 1 4	140 4 6	16 0	141 0 6
Carey ...	1867	600	J. H. Brooks ...	1937	129	23	139	6	4	34 11 1	225 0 1	23 18 8	248 18 9
Caversham ...	1872	600	J. N. Gladstone ...	1949	139	16	123	3	-	35 11 6	175 11 1	7 1 9	182 12 10
Grovelands ...	1887	450	H. E. Spelman ...	1946	96	14	123	3	2	9 8 2	120 15 10	- - -	120 15 10
King's Road ...	1640	920	F. H. Wheeler ...	1942	360	42	302	18	7	70 2 9	306 6 0	- - -	306 6 0
Tyndale ...		200	Sister Eileen ...	1945	-	-	-	-	-	15 0 0	59 14 10	- - -	59 14 10
Hurst ...										10 17 11	10 6 7	- - -	10 6 7
Wycliffe ...	1881	600	A. H. Paling ...	1948	321	52	244	5	23	92 3 1	215 6 1	119 18 6	325 4 7
Sindlesham		60	" "	"	-	-	-	-	-	2 10 0	24 6 9	- - -	24 6 9
Winnersh ...			" "	"	-	-	-	-	-	5 10 4	6 13 7	- - -	6 13 7
Shinfield ...	1908	120	E. R. Chilvers ...	1948	72	9	71	6	-	7 0 0	20 13 8	- - -	20 13 8
Beech Hill ...	1796	60	" "	"	8	2	12	-	2	1 5 0	4 17 8	- - -	4 17 8
Riseley ...	1918	60	" "	"	22	5	39	2	3	- - -	10 15 4½	- - -	10 15 4½
Slough ...	1894	500	P. H. Crunden ...	1941	259	21	130	5	6	55 13 7	200 18 1	4 4 0	205 2 1
Sister Joan ...				1947									
Cippenham ...	1941	120	C. Rusbridge ...	1948	82	30	300	3	13	21 0 0	34 8 4½	- - -	34 8 4½
Sunningdale ...	1828	130			21	1	5	2	-	- - -	14 9 4	- - -	14 9 4
Wallingford ...	1794	350	F. Hardingham ...	1949	58	7	55	4	7	10 16 7	70 12 6	- - -	70 12 6
Roke ...			" "	"	-	-	-	-	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
Cholsey ...			" "	"	9	1	10	2	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
Wantage ...	1648	250	L. Binder, M.A. ...	1949	65	7	30	2	2	17 6 6	59 4 4	- - -	59 4 4
Windsor ...	1838	350	T. L. Cotes, B.A., B.D.	1948	114	10	75	3	3	7 4 8	55 12 11	1 19 0	57 11 11
Dedworth ...			" "	"	-	6	50	-	-	- - -	22 11 9	- - -	22 11 9
Wokingham ...	1774	550	F. E. Thomas, B.A.	1942	171	18	80	2	-	19 10 7	93 5 3	- - -	93 5 3
Finchampstead ...			" "	"	-	-	-	-	-	- - -	4 3 2	- - -	4 3 2
New Mill ...			" "	"	-	-	-	-	-	- - -	2 8	- - -	2 8
Wraysbury ...	1830	200	R. Reynolds (Lay)	1947	42	4	70	2	2	3 5 3	35 9 3	- - -	35 9 3
<b>Total</b>					<b>3018</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>3223</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>569 10 6</b>	<b>2927 1 2½</b>	<b>204 8 4</b>	<b>3131 9 6½</b>