

PERRY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WORPLESDON, SURREY.

Information for The Revd A.M. Austin, County Historian, for The Historical Review of Surrey Churches from 1900 to 1964.

I. DATES OF MINISTERIAL SETTLEMENTS AND REMOVALS.

Mr William Farris. 1890-1914. Died on August 14th 1914.
The Revd William Timms. 1915-1918.
The Revd Dr Stephen R. Aldridge 1919-1921. (Baptist Minister).
The Revd A.J. Owens. 1922-27.
The Revd T.E. Moore. 1929-1933.
The Revd W. Lettington. 1934-1936.
The Revd John J. Barber. 1937-1943. (Died at Worpleston).
Mrs Eleanor Barber (Widow of above) 1943-1948.
The Revd G. Sydney Morgan. 1948-1953.
The Revd Gomer Davies. 1953-1957.
The Revd P.J. Spooner, B.D. 1957-1961.
The Revd J.F.S. Solomon, M.A. 1st June 1963 --Present Minister.

2. NAMES AND DETAILS OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY OUTSTANDING LAYMEN.

- (1). William Farris, Pastor of the Church from 1890 to 1914.
A former Member of North Street Congregational Church, Guildford.
Name put on Preachers' Plan in 1876. In 1884 became an Evangelist and worked in the district embracing Rydes Hill, Normandy & Perry Hill. A man of vigorous personality and strong Christian convictions, who made a deep and last impression, and much beloved.
- (2). Samuel Burch, a member of the Church from 1890 to the time of his decease, February 28th 1927. Presided over Church Meetings during vacancies. Served as Church Treasurer, and Sunday School Superintendent. Presented a freehold building site for the erection on it of a Manse as a Memorial to the late Pastor, Mr William Farris.
3. Mr Frederick Philps. Joined the Church Decr 1890. Died on March 26th 1937. Served the Church as Secretary and Treasurer. Left £500 to be invested, the interest to be for the support of the Church.
4. His Widow, MRS EMELIA PHILPS, Organist of the Church for 65 years, 1884-1949. Presented to the Church in 1937 a new Pipe Organ to the value of £300 in memory of her Husband. She died on Octr 3rd, 1963, leaving the House in which she had lived, "Sunnyside, Worpleston" in Trust for the support of the Church.
5. Mr D. Chuter, who served the Church as Church Secretary from 1938 to the time of his death in 1955, and left a Cottage in Rickford Hill in trust for the Church.

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3. DETAILS OF BUILDING PROJECTS AND EXTENSIONS.

1916. Manse (in memory of Mr William Farris) completed and dedicated. Plan prepared by the Minister, The Revd Wm Timms.
1918. HOPE HALL moved from Perry Hill House grounds to site behind the Church. ~~xxxxxx~~
1935. Hope Hall rebuilt, enlarged and renovated.