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Methodist work in Arklow was begun by a group of soldiers sent to the area as part of the force which defeated the insurgents in Wexford in 1798. They were visited and encouraged in their Methodist meetings by the Rev Adam Averell. Meeting in a rented room, they were visited by such notable preachers as Matthew Lanktree, Thomas Kelly, Charles Graham, Gideon Ouseley, Andrew Taylor and Fossey Tackaberry.

The first Methodist chapel in the town was built in 1822 at Abbey Lane. The congregation having outgrown it, it ceased to be used as a place of worship in 1869 and is now a private dwelling. In 1868 the Methodists acquired a much larger site on

Ferrybank, and there on 12 May 1869 opened their present church. It has been described as 'one of the most beautiful of our country churches'. The total cost was £1,200. In 1872 a manse was built beside it, and a school and teacher's residence were built at Brigg's Lane in 1891.

The manse, the school and the teacher's residence have all been sold, but the church, with a hall below it, continue to serve the small but faithful congregation. An internal porch and vestry were constructed some years ago. Just recently it has been possible to re-open Sunday School work with seven or eight children.