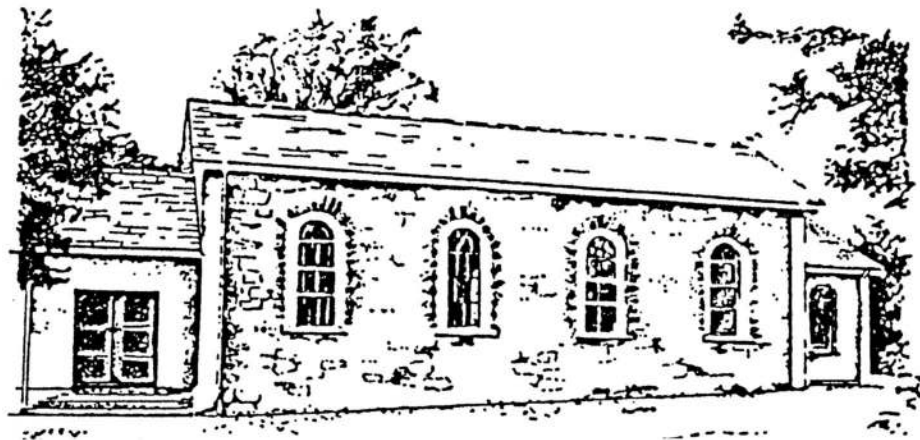


ROUND THE CHURCHES

74: Newbuildings Methodist Church

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Our little Methodist Church was opened on Sunday 9 October 1853. Methodist services, however, had been conducted in the village for perhaps 100 years before that time. The Rev John Wesley preached in Newbuildings on 27 April 1769 and 14 June 1771. In his journal he refers to the existence of 'our room', which suggests that Methodist

work was well established even at that early date. Unfortunately we have no history of this period apart from Wesley's records.

Newbuildings can also claim association with the celebrated Adam Clarke. Bible commentator and distinguished linguist, the Rev Adam Clarke preached his first sermon at Newbuildings.

Being the only church in the village, and with the ever growing population in the area in the early 1970s, our opportunities for outreach grew. Much-needed renovations were carried out to the interior of the building in 1977-1978, adding a porch, vestry and communion area. To further meet the challenge, a plot of ground was purchased and our new church hall was officially opened in October 1986.

During the last 150 years a steady, if quiet, work has been carried on in Newbuildings. Like so many other small churches of its kind throughout Methodism, it has radiated a telling influence. Within its hallowed walls many have found blessing and fellowship.

The society is grateful to God for the witness and labours of those gone before and full of hope for the future. With an active youth and children's outreach, together with a new house group, we celebrate all that Jesus is doing in our lives.