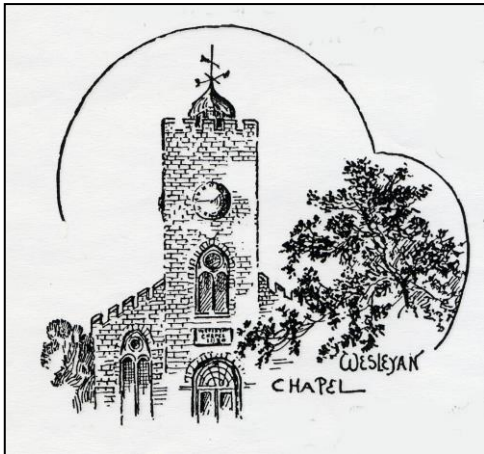


# WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

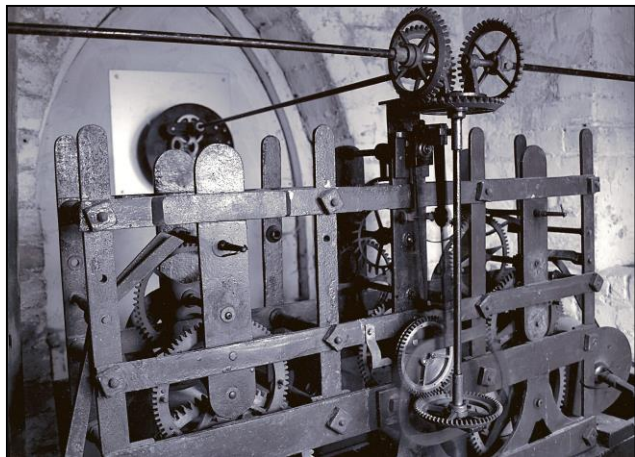
The Wesleyan Methodist Church is situated in the Canterbury Road to the east of the Square and was built in 1839. It is of stock brick and originally had a central crenulated clock tower. The crenulations were removed a short while ago, when they became in need of repair, but it was decided to remove them, being the much cheaper option. The gable at the front is also crenulated with three double lancets with tracked heads. It has a simple doorcase having a pointed arch with 'Gothic' glazing. The side elevation has three windows.

The clock is probably older than the building, as it is believed to have been on the old Margate Pier before being installed in the Methodist Chapel in 1830. In 1902 the clock was repaired, after having been silent for two years. This was done to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII and the two people who had much to do with raising the money for the project were Mr James Pemble and Mr George Pointer. These two men were also the main objectors to the first suggestion that we should have a fountain in the Square in 1900.

The Chapel was rededicated in 1966, after a major restoration. In 1976 the clock was repaired by two Naval Officers and a team of Royal Marines who scaled the 60 foot tower to remove the hands from the clock face and restored the clock mechanism.



Chapel in 1933



The original clock works - 2006

There used to be a small Wesleyan Chapel at Acol, which still stands at the junction of Plumstone Road with Minster Road. This chapel was opened in 1867 just nine years before the Anglican Chapel of St Mildred's, which stands slightly further up Plumstone Road. Some years ago the Methodist Chapel it was closed when their numbers dropped below an economic level. At this point the chapel was sold to Cole's Undertakers in Monkton, who now use it as a chapel of rest.