

## Northlew Methodist Church



In 1812 it was decided a chapel should be built in Northlew and the site was purchased for five shillings, and Henry Major a local builder and carpenter supplied the materials and built the chapel. It was opened on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1815.

Northlew Methodist Chapels primary claim to fame is that in 1815 it was the first church to be built and occupied by the Bible Christian Methodists, just a year or so earlier than Shebbear's Lake Chapel. It was extended and refurbished in 1858 as the previous building was considered to be too small.

In 1893 land was purchased at the other end of Crowden Road and the Sunday School room was built, this was sold in 1995 and a new hall built beside the church. This being more convenient for concerts, harvest suppers and meetings.

The church has been much refurbished and extended over the years, but still retains that aura of peace and tranquillity which comes with faithful worship over many years. In 2002 the decision was made to remove the pews and replace with chairs to make it more comfortable.

Worship is mostly traditional, with a service at 9.30 a.m.. There is a strong ecumenical link with the Parish Church, and much work is done with the community.

In the hall on Saturday mornings there is a coffee morning and in the building behind the hall a 50/50 shop.

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