

TILEHOUSE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTE BOOK -

1802.

John Grey  
recommended to  
Mr. Upton's church.

March 4<sup>th</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, a letter of recommendation, on behalf of our Brother John Grey, for occasional communion with the Baptist Church in London, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Upton, was read and signed.

William Kingsley  
suspended.

December 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, it being reported that the conduct of William Kingsley had been dishonourable, messengers had been appointed to converse with him upon the subject.

December 30<sup>th</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, the messengers who had been appointed to converse with William Kingsley being all present, and it appearing that they had all seen him, and that his conduct had been so dishonourable that in their opinion he ought to be suspended, he was by the unanimous vote of the church suspended accordingly.

William Craft, John  
Farmer, and Ann  
Arnold excluded.

And whereas the conduct of William Craft, John Farmer, and Ann Arnold, had all been exceedingly reprehensible, not only in absenting themselves from the church, but in the abominable spirit they had manifested, and whereas they had all been conversed with by one or more of our brethren, and had manifested rather a wish to be separated from the church, than the contrary, by the unanimous vote of the church they were this day totally separated therefrom and declared to be no longer members thereof.

Messengers appointed  
to William Austin, and  
William and Sarah  
Bunyan.

William Austin, and Willian Bunyan and Sarah his wife, had also absented themselves from the church, messengers were appointed to speak to them on this subject.

It should have been before remarked that a Definitive Treaty of Peace having been concluded between this country, France, Spain and Holland, and the first day of June having been appointed by the King's Proclamation, as a day of Public Thanksgiving on this happy account, the same was observed by the church and congregation accordingly. Three brethren engaged in prayer and thanksgiving, and a sermon was preached on the occasion from Leviticus 25: 6<sup>th</sup>. "And I will give peace in the land." Through the great goodness of God in the merciful harvest which he granted the preceeding year we were called upon also this day to thank Him for plenty as well as peace. Thus God in his providential dealings with this country, within a few years past, has remarkably intermingled mercy with judgement.

1803.

At a church meeting held February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the transactions of the church for the last year, were read before the church, and signed by us in the name of the whole.

John Geard.  
Daniel Lane.  
Thomas Hardwick.

William Austin  
excluded.

March 31<sup>st</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, one of the messengers who had been appointed to converse with William Austin, having had an

opportunity to do so, and the report which he made of the result of that conversation not being satisfactory, and he still continuing to act disorderly, he was this day by the unanimous vote of the church separated from, and declared to be no longer a member of the church.

Rebecca Chapman proposed to the church.

And this day, Rebecca Chapman was proposed to the church and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Agreed that her experience should be given in to the church.

May 1<sup>st</sup>. The church being stopped, the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Rebecca Chapman made their report concerning her, and agreeing in their hope that she was a subject of grace, it was agreed that her experience should be given in to the church, at the next church meeting.

Which is accordingly done.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, the experience of Rebecca Chapman was read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that she should be received into full communion with the church, the next Lord's Day.

And she is received into the church.

Lord's Day June 5<sup>th</sup>. Rebecca Chapman was received into full communion with the church.

Congregational fast observed.

War having taken place between this country and France and Holland, and we being at this time particularly threatened with an invasion, this day, August 4<sup>th</sup> was not only observed as a church meeting, and harvest meeting, but as a day of fasting and prayer, by the church and congregation. Three brethren, besides the pastor, engaged in prayer, upon the occasion.

National fast observed.

October 19<sup>th</sup>. Being appointed by the King as a National fast day, was observed by the church and congregation, as a day of fasting and prayer. Four brethren engaged in prayer, and a sermon was preached on the occasion, from Isaiah 3: 10,11 "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked, it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him."

At a church meeting December 29<sup>th</sup> the transactions of the church for this year were read before the church, and signed by us in the name of the whole.

John Geard.

Daniel Lane.

John Foster.

1804.

The case of the King particularly noticed.

March 1<sup>st</sup>. As it has pleased God particularly to afflict our King, our church meeting held this day, was more especially spent in prayer to God, on his behalf, and his case was affectionately recommended to the notice of the King of Kings. Three brethren, besides the pastor, engaged in prayer. May these prayers and those of others on his behalf be mercifully answered.

At this church meeting, an opportunity having been previously had by one of our brethren, who was appointed at the preceeding church meeting so to do, to converse with William Bunyan and Sarah his wife, who have for a long time absented themselves from the church, they were both declared to be no longer members with us. And Daniel Field and Thomas Button who had each of them been previously conversed with by the appointment of the church, having partially absented themselves from the church, they were both this day

suspended from communion with us. And Henry Asplen and Mary Field, who are both members of the church at Little Staughton, and have had for a number of years occasional communion with us, having acted disorderly, it was agreed to forbid them to commune with us any longer, and to inform the church they belong to of our so doing.

William and David Wilshere proposed to the church.

May 3<sup>rd</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, William Wilshere and his brother David Wilshere, sons of our sister Rebecca Wilshere, were proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with them.

National Fast observed.

May 25<sup>th</sup>. Being appointed by the King as a National fast day, was observed by the church and congregation, as a day of fasting and prayer. Three brethren engaged in prayer, and a sermon was preached on the occasion from Genesis 18:14 "Is anything too hard for the Lord"!

Agreed that the experiences of William and David Wilshere be given in to the church.

May 31<sup>st</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, some of the messengers who had had conversation with William and David Wilshere being present, and agreeing in their hope that they were the subjects of grace, it was agreed that their experiences should be given in to the church, at our next church meeting.

The experiences of William and David Wilshere given in to the church.

June 28<sup>th</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, the experiences of William and David Wilshere were read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that they should be received into full communion with the church the next Lord's Day.

And they are received into the church.

Lord's Day July 1<sup>st</sup>. William and David Wilshere were both received into full communion with the church.

Collection made for the Baptist Mission.

Lord's Day August 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr Sutcliff of Olney preached in the morning and afternoon at Tylehouse Street Meeting. In the afternoon he made a public collection for the Baptist Mission, and, including what he received the next day, he obtained £17. 4s. In the evening he made a public collection at Back Street Meeting, for the same purpose, and obtained £10. 9s. 9½d. So that he obtained at Hitchin in all £27. 13s. 9½d.

Daniel Field and Thomas Button excluded.

September 13<sup>th</sup>. This day was observed not only for the purpose of returning God thanks for his goodness relative to the harvest, but as an extra church meeting day, and as Daniel Field and Thomas Button had continued to absent themselves from their places, and having also declared to one of the officers of the church who had been desired to question them upon this subject, that they did not mean to return again, they were by the unanimous agreement of the church this day separated from, and declared to be no longer members of the church.

Samuel Jackson dismissed.

October 4<sup>th</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, a letter of dismissal from this church, to the Baptist Church at Potters Bar, on behalf of our brother Samuel Jackson was signed.

Special Prayer meeting.

This meeting was also considered as a special prayer meeting, particularly for the revival of religion amongst us, and for divine direction as to the choice of

another deacon in the room of our deceased brother James Allen, who for many years was active and useful among us in that capacity.

Brother John Foster  
chosen to the office of  
deacon.

Lord's Day October 4<sup>th</sup>. After the administration of the Lord's Supper, the members, sisters as well as brethren, being desired to stay, Brother John Foster was nominated and unanimously chosen to the office of deacon among us.

Which he accepts.

November 1<sup>st</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, our Brother John Foster accepted the office of deacon to which he had been unanimously chosen. It is remarkable that his father, whose name also was John Foster, who died in 1782, had been a deacon of this church about 40 years before he died, and that his grandfather, whose name likewise was John Foster, was unanimously set apart to the same office of deacon, in this same church, May 1<sup>st</sup> 1691 upwards of 113 years ago.

William Smith  
suspended.

This day, William Smith of Little Almshoe, was suspended from communion with the church for drunkenness.

Sermon preached on  
the deacon's office.

Lord's Day November 11<sup>th</sup>. The pastor of the church preached a sermon upon the office of deacons from Philippians 1: 1<sup>st</sup> "With the bishops and deacons".

John Gray dismissed.  
  
1805.

November 29<sup>th</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, a letter of dismissal, from this church to the Baptist Church in London, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Upton, on behalf of our Brother John Gray, was read and signed.

At a church meeting held this January 3<sup>rd</sup>, the transactions of the church for the last year were read before the church, and signed by us in the name of the whole.

John Geard.  
Thomas Hardwick.  
Deer Foster.

National fast observed

February 20<sup>th</sup>. Being appointed by the King as a National fast day, was observed by the church and congregation, as a day of fasting and prayer. Three brethren engaged in prayer, and a sermon was preached on the occasion from Judges 6:24<sup>th</sup> "Then Gideon built an altar there unto the Lord, and called it Jehovah shalom, (the Lord send peace) unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the abiezrites".

Lydia Lightfoot  
suspended.

January 31<sup>st</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, Lydia Lightfoot, who had not attended with us for a long time, was suspended by the church, and messengers were appointed to visit her.

And excommunicated.

February 28<sup>th</sup> At a church meeting held this day the messengers who were appointed at the last church meeting to visit Lydia Lightfoot made their report concerning her, which being that she never intended to attend with us anymore, and her conduct in other respects not being honourable she was this day by the unanimous vote of all present totally separated from the church.

Thomas and Mary  
Wren dismissed from

April 4<sup>th</sup>. At a church meeting held this day a letter of dismissal from the Baptist church at Luton under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Blundel to this

Luton church.	church, on the behalf of Thomas Wren and Mary his wife, was read, and it was unanimously agreed that they should be received into full communion with this church, the next Lord's Day.
Sarah Whitbread dismissed to the church at Potters Bar.	And this day a letter of dismissal from this church to the Baptist church at Potters Bar, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Broady, on the behalf of Sarah Whitbread, was read and signed.
Thomas and Mary Wren received into the church.	<u>Lord's Day April 7<sup>th</sup></u> . Thomas and Mary Wren were received into full communion with the church.
Robert Parker excommunicated.	Whereas Robert Parker, who was suspended May ye 31 <sup>st</sup> 1792 had not only since that time not given sufficient satisfaction relative to this conduct to have that suspension removed, but has acted in a very fraudulent manner, within a comparatively short time past, he was this day, by the unanimous vote of the church, totally excluded from our communion, being the second day of May.
	It was also agreed this day, that a public collection should be made to assist the congregation meeting at Red Hill, in the parish of Sandon, in this county, relative to building a new meeting house.
Collection made towards Red Hill meeting house.	<u>Lord's Day June 2<sup>nd</sup></u> . Pursuant to the foregoing agreement, a public collection was made for the people at Red Hill, and, including what was afterwards received, the sum of £10.10s.0d. was obtained.
Public Thanksgiving observed.	<u>December 5<sup>th</sup></u> . Being appointed by the King, as a day of public thanksgiving, on account of an important victory obtained over the combined fleets of France and Spain, off Cape Trafalgar, on the coast of Spain, on the 21 <sup>st</sup> October, 1805, in consequence of which 16 of their capital ships were destroyed, and 8 eventually taken, a joint meeting was this day held by this congregation and that at Back Street at both our places of worship, in the morning at Back Street, and in the evening at Tylehouse Street. In the morning service, the pastor of this congregation prayed, and the pastor of Back Street congregation preached from Psalm 97 1, 2 "The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of aisles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgement are the habitation of this throne". In the evening the pastor of Back Street congregation prayed, and the pastor of this congregation preached, from Psalm 107 43 "Whoso is wise and will observe those things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord". However, as in this battle, not only Admiral Lord Nelson, the commander in chief, was killed but many poor sailors were killed and wounded, and as a fund had been established in London, called the Patriotic Fund, for the relief of wounded sailors and soldiers, and the families of such as might be killed, and as this Fund had recommended public collections to be made on this day, in churches and meeting houses, throughout the Kingdom, for the benefit of the wounded in this engagement, and the families of such as were killed, collections were accordingly made, at both our places of worship, and, including what was received afterwards, the joint sum was obtained of £13.3.2d. There was also collected at the Parish church at Hitchin, £26.0s.9d. Moreover the sum of £21.0s.0d. was afterwards communicated from the Hitchin Volunteer Infantry. Making in all £60.3s.11d.

1806

At a church meeting, held this January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the transactions of the church for the last year, were read, and signed by us, in the name of the whole church.

John Geard  
John Foster  
Thomas Hardwick.

- National Fast observed. February 26<sup>th</sup>. Being appointed by the King as a National fast day, was observed by the church and congregation, as a day of fasting and prayer. Four brethren engaged in prayer, and a sermon was preached on the occasion, from Psalm 48 3 "God is known in her palaces for a refuge".
- Sarah Carter dismissed from Luton church, and Mary Drinkwater proposed to the church. April 3<sup>rd</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, a letter of dismissal from the Baptist church at Luton, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Blundel, to this church, was read, on the behalf of Sarah Carter, formerly Peers, and it was agreed that she should be received into full communion with this church, the next Lord's Day. This day also Mary Drinkwater was proposed to the church and messengers were appointed to converse with her.
- Sarah Carter received into the church. Lord's Day April 6<sup>th</sup>. Sarah Carter was received into full communion with the church.
- Agreed that Mary Drinkwater's experience should be given in to the church. May 1<sup>st</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Mary Drinkwater, made their report concerning her, which being satisfactory, it was agreed that her experience should be given in to the church, at the next church meeting.
- And that a public collection should be made for the Benevolent Society. It was also agreed this day, that a public collection should be made, for the benefit of the Hertfordshire and Essex Benevolent Society, for the relief and assistance of the widows and children of poor Protestant Dissenting Ministers, in either of these counties, and also of such ministers themselves, as through age and infirmities, should be rendered incapable of public service.
- Which is done accordingly. Lord's Days May 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. A public collection was made accordingly, and including what was received between and after the collection, a sum was obtained, amounting to £6.8s. 2d.
- Agreed that Mary Drinkwater should be received into the church. Which is done accordingly. May 30<sup>th</sup>. At a church meeting, held this day, the experience of Mary Drinkwater was read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that she should be received into full communion with the church, the next Lord's Day.
- Mary Leaper dismissed to Luton church. Lord's Day June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mary Drinkwater was received into full communion with the church.
- Ann Mead suspended. July 31<sup>st</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, a letter of dismissal, from our church to that at Luton, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Blundel, on the behalf of Mary Leaper, late Merritt, was read and signed.
- September 5<sup>th</sup>. At a church meeting held this day the conduct of Ann Mead, who had criminal conversation with her husband, previous to their marriage, was taken into consideration: but as she appeared to have been deeply humbled on account of that conduct, it was deemed sufficient to suspend her only, which was accordingly done, with the unanimous consent of all present.

1807. At a church meeting held this 29<sup>th</sup> January, the transactions of the church, for the last year, were read and signed by us in the name of the whole church.

John Geard  
Thomas Wren  
John Crawley

Martha Geard proposed to the church. Lord's Day July 26<sup>th</sup>. The church being stopped, Martha Geard was proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Sarah Lane and Hannah Wren proposed to the church. September 3<sup>rd</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, Sarah Lane and Hannah Wren were proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with them. And this day, a messenger was appointed to converse with Ann Mead who had been suspended, on the 5<sup>th</sup> September in the last year.

Ann Mead restored to her place in the church. Lord's Day September 6<sup>th</sup>. The messenger who had been appointed to converse with Ann Mead, making a satisfactory report concerning her to the church, the same being stopped, after the administration of the Lord's Supper, to hear this report, and it appearing likewise, that her uniform conduct since her suspension, had been that of a genuine penitent, it was unanimously agreed that she should again be restored to her place in the church.

Agreed that the experiences of Martha Geard, Sarah Lane, and Hannah Wren be given in to the church. Lord's Day September 27<sup>th</sup>. The church being stopped, to hear the report of the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Martha Geard, Sarah Lane, and Hannah Wren, and the report made by them being favourable, it was unanimously agreed that the experiences of them all should be delivered in to the church, at the next church meeting.

Which is done accordingly. October 1<sup>st</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, the experiences of Martha Geard, Sarah Lane and Hannah Wren, were read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that they should all be received into the church, the next Lord's Day.

And they are received into the church. Lord's Day October 4<sup>th</sup>. All the persons above mentioned, were received into full communion with the church.

And Ann Mead takes her place in the church. This day also, Ann Mead, who by the unanimous vote of the church, was restored to her place on September 6<sup>th</sup>, took her place accordingly, and communicated with the church, in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

Collection made towards the expenses of Southill Meeting House. Lord's Day November 8<sup>th</sup>. It having been previously agreed that Mr. Patrick , pastor of the Baptist church at Southill, in the County of Bedford, should make a public collection towards defraying the expenses they have been at, in building a new Meeting House, he made a public collection, on this day, accordingly, and, including what he afterwards received from certain individuals, he obtained, in all, £14. 14s. 7d.

December 31<sup>st</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, the transactions of the church, for the present year were read and signed by us in the name of the whole.

John Geard  
Thomas Hardwick

- National Fast observed. It should have been remarked, that February 25<sup>th</sup>, being appointed by the King as a National Fast Day, was observed by the church and congregation accordingly. Four brethren engaged in prayer, and a sermon was preached, on the occasion, from Psalm 101:1 "I will sing of mercy and judgement".
- 1808.
- National Fast observed. February 17<sup>th</sup>. Being appointed by the King, as a National Fast Day, was observed by the church and congregation, as a day of fasting and prayer. Three brethren engaged in prayer, and a sermon was preached, on the occasion, from Zech.2:5 "For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her."
- Rebecca Chapman dismissed. March 31<sup>st</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, a letter of dismissal from the church, to the Baptist church in London, lately under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Booth, and now under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Stevens, on the behalf of Rebecca Chapman, was read and signed.
- Jane Cooper proposed to the church. June 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, Jane Cooper was proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.
- Agreed that her experience should be given in to the church. June 29<sup>th</sup>. One of the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Jane Cooper, the other not being present, making a favourable report concerning her, as well in the other's name, as in his own, it was agreed that her experience should be given in to the church, at the next church meeting.
- Sarah Watson proposed to the church. Sarah Watson, of Weston, daughter of our respected brother and sister, John and Lettice Merritt, who both died, some years ago, in the same day, and were afterwards buried, at the same time, and in the same grave, having expressed a desire to be received into the church, if the church approved of it, at the same time with Jane Cooper, there being something peculiar in her situation and circumstances, the church was stopped on her account, after the morning service, on Lord's Day July 10<sup>th</sup>, and she was then proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her, and make their report, the same day, in the afternoon, and which was accordingly done, and they, agreeing in their hope, in the judgement of charity, that she was a subject of grace, it was agreed that her experience should be given in, at the same time with Jane Cooper's, provided, that two of our brethren, who were, at the same time, appointed to go over to Weston, and to make enquiry, in the meantime, as to her general character, should obtain satisfactory account of the same, and which they did accordingly, and obtained such an account and, that being the case, at a church meeting held July 21<sup>st</sup> the experiences of Jane Cooper and Sarah Watson, were read before the church, and, being satisfactory, it was agreed that they should be received into the church, the next Lord's Day.
- Agreed that her experience should be given in to the church.
- Jane Cooper and Sarah Watson's experiences given in to the church.
- They are received into the church. Lord's Day July 24<sup>th</sup>. Jane Cooper and Sarah Watson were received into full communion with the church.
- November 14<sup>th</sup>. Whereas, it was just 20 years from this day, that our first joint meeting was held, between our congregation and that at Back Street, and

Joint meeting held. which was held, on the account of the alarming situation, in which our King was, at that time, and which paved the way to those joint meetings, which have been in general held, at each of our places of worship, once a year since, it was concluded, though strictly out of turn, to hold a joint meeting, on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its commencement, at Back Street Meeting, and on the very same day of the month, on which it began. It is remarkable, that though it was not for certainty known, at the time when the first meeting was held, whether the King was then dead or alive, yet that he not only was recovered, but was living at the last, 20 years distant from the first. It should however, not be forgotten, that as the respective ministers and one of the deacons of each congregation, engaged in prayer, at the first time of our meeting one of the ministers, and one of the deacons, who then engaged, have since been removed, namely, the minister Mr. Griffiths, and the deacon, Mr. Wilshe, of Back Street congregation, the pastor of this congregation, and our brother Daniel Lane, deacon thereof, being still spared, and were both present, at the last meeting. Mr Williams, the present pastor of Back Street congregation began the service, by singing, making a short introduction, and prayer, and the pastor of this congregation, preached on this occasion, from 2 Peter 1:13 “Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up, by putting you in remembrance,” and concluded, with prayer and the benediction.

December 29<sup>th</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, the transactions of the church, for the present year, were read and signed by us, in the name of the whole.

John Geard.  
Daniel Lane.  
John Lane.

1809.

National Fast observed February 8<sup>th</sup>. Being appointed by the King, as a National Fast Day, was observed by the church and congregation, as a day of fasting and prayer. Three brethren engaged in prayer, and a sermon was preached on the occasion, from Proverbs 19:21 “There are many devices in a man’s heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.”

Rebecca Clark proposed to the church. March 30<sup>th</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, Rebecca Clark was proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Agreed that her experience should be given in to the church. May 5<sup>th</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, one of the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Rebecca Clark, the other not being present, making a favourable report concerning her, as well in the other’s name as in his own, it was agreed that her experience should be given in to the church, at the next church meeting.

Lydia Foster proposed to the church. Lord’s Day May 7<sup>th</sup>. The church being stopped, Lydia Foster was proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Agreed that Lydia Foster’s experience should be given in to the church. Which is done both as June 1<sup>st</sup>. At a church meeting held this day, it having been previously agreed by the church, upon the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Lydia Foster, making a favourable report to the church concerning her, that this should be done, as well in respect to her as to Rebecca Clark, the experiences of Rebecca Clark and Lydia Foster were given in to the church,

to her and Rebecca Clark.

and being satisfactory, it was agreed that they should be received into full communion with the church, the next Lord's Day.

And they are both received into the Church.

Lord's Day June 4<sup>th</sup>. Rebecca Clark and Lydia Foster were received into full communion with the Church.

Ruth Barber proposed to the church.

August 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a church meeting, held this day, Ruth Barber was proposed to the church and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Agreed that her experience should be given in to the church.

Lord's Day September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The church being stopped, after the administration of the Lord's Supper, and the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Ruth Barber, making a favourable report concerning her, it was agreed, that by the divine permission, her experience should be given in to the church, at the next church meeting.

Susanna Lane proposed to the church.

Lord's Day 24<sup>th</sup>. September. Susanna Lane, brother Daniel Lane's eldest daughter was proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her, and it was concluded, that the giving in of Ruth Barber's experience, should be postponed to a future church meeting, that there may be an opportunity for both experiences being given in to the church at the same time.

Agreed that her experience should be given in to the church.

Lord's Day October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The church being stopped, for that purpose, and the messengers, who had been appointed to converse with Susanna Lane making a favourable report concerning her, it was agreed that her experience should be given in to the church, at the next church meeting.

Jubilee and joint meeting.

October 25<sup>th</sup>. This being the day on which our Sovereign, George 3<sup>rd</sup> entered on the 50<sup>th</sup> year of his reign, and being observed as a National Jubilee, on that account, it was concluded to have a kind of double joint meeting this day, between our congregation, and that of Backstreet, the origin of which was the same Sovereign's alarming indisposition, in the year 1788, and Mr. Williams, the pastor of Backstreet congregation, being, at this time, indisposed, it was concluded, that the pastor of this congregation should preach a sermon, on this occasion at each place, which he accordingly did, from the same text namely, Leviticus 25:9". Then shalt Thou cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound, on the tenth day of the seventh month; in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land". The public service began, at our place, at half an hour after ten o'clock, in the morning, and at Backstreet meeting, at three o'clock in the afternoon. In the first discourse, particular notice was taken of the Jewish Jubilee and of the political and typical use and design of it, with some transient remarks on some other Jubilees: and, in the afternoon, particular notice was taken of the peculiar advantages that have been enjoyed, in this country, by Protestant Dissenters, since the glorious revolution and a King William 3<sup>rd</sup>, and under the reigns of the Georges, of the Illustrious House of Hanover, who have swayed the sceptre of this nation, for almost a century and particularly under the reign of his present Majesty, who has now swayed the sceptre, almost half a century, and

who has not only kept the promise which he made, at his accession to the Throne, that, he would maintain the toleration inviolable, but has enlarged the privileges of Protestant Dissenters, by the act of Parliament, that was passed in the year, 1779, in favour of Protestant Dissenting Ministers and Schoolmasters. It is remarkable, that only two Sovereigns have reigned so long as his present Majesty, over the British Nation, namely Henry 3<sup>rd</sup>, who died November 16<sup>th</sup> 1272 in the 57<sup>th</sup> year of his reign, and Edward 3<sup>rd</sup> who died June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1377, in the 51<sup>st</sup> year of his reign. Neither of them however, lived so long, as his present Majesty has already, as Henry died, in the 65<sup>th</sup> year of his age, and Edward in the 66<sup>th</sup> year of his age, whereas our present King is, at this time, in the 72<sup>nd</sup> year of his age:and he has already reigned longer than any King or Queen has done, in this kingdom, for upwards of 430 years.

It was concluded to make a public collection, at both our meetings, and that the money collected should be divided into two equal parts, and that one part should be distributed among the poor of our congregation, and the other among the poor of Backstreet congregation: and it was remarkable that there was but two pence farthing difference between the two collections, there being collected at

Tylehouse Street meetings	£5. 4s. 10d.
And at Backstreet meetings	<u>£5. 4s. . 7¾d</u>
	£10. 9s. 5¾d.
This was afterwards made up	£10.10s. 0d.
And there has been since contributed by Such as were not present at either of the Meetings, in all the sum of	<u>£1. 2s. 6d.</u>
Total	£11.12s. 6d.

Ruth Barber's  
experience and that of  
Susanna Lane given to  
the church.  
And they are both  
received into the  
Church

November 3<sup>rd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experiences of Ruth Barber and Susanna Lane were read before the Church, and, being approved of, it was agreed that they should both be received into full communion with the Church, the next Lord's Day.

Lord's Day November 5<sup>th</sup>. Ruth Barber and Susanna Lane were both received into full communion with the Church.

1810.

January 4<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the transactions of the Church, for the foregoing year, were read and signed by us, in the name of the whole.

John Geard.  
John Foster.  
Edward Foster.

Caleb Wilshere  
proposed to the Church.

January 4<sup>th</sup>. This day, at a Church Meeting Caleb Wilshere was proposed to the Church, and messengers were appointed to converse with him.

Agreed that this  
experience should be  
given in to the Church

January 28<sup>th</sup>. This day the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Caleb Wilshere, making a favourable report concerning him, it was agreed that his experience should be given in to the Church at a proper opportunity.

James Raves proposed to the Church This day, James Raves was proposed to the Church, and messengers were appointed to converse with him.

Agreed that his experience should be given in to the Church February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Church being stopped, and one of the messengers who had been appointed to converse with James Raves, the other not being there, making a favourable report concerning him, as well in the name of the absent brother, as in his own, it was agreed that his experience should be given in to the Church, at the same time with Caleb Wilshere's, and as the 28<sup>th</sup> day of this month was appointed by the King to be observed as a National Fast Day, it was agreed that that should also be considered as a Church Meeting Day, and that their experiences should be given in to the Church on that day: and it was likewise agreed, that their baptism should be deferred to the following Sabbath, and the administration of the Lord's Supper postponed to the next Sabbath after that.

National Fast observed February 28<sup>th</sup>. Being appointed by the King as a National Fast Day, was observed by the church and congregation, as a day of fasting and prayer. Three brethren engaged in prayer, and a sermon was preached, on the occasion, from Jeremiah 8:6 "I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying What have I done? Everyone turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle".

Caleb Wilshere's and James Raves' experiences given in to the Church. This day, the experiences of Caleb Wishere and James Raves were read before the church, and being approved of, it was agreed that they should be baptised the next Sabbath, and received into the Church, the Sabbath after.

They are baptised. Lord's Day March 4<sup>th</sup>. After the afternoon service, this day, and after a sermon had been previously preached, in the afternoon, on the ordinance of baptism, from Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" Caleb Wilshere and James Raves were baptised.

nd received into the Church. Lord's Day March 11<sup>th</sup>. Caleb Wilshere and James Raves were both received into full communion with the Church.

Collection made for the Bristol Academy. It having been concluded upon, by the friends of the Baptist Academy at Bristol, of which Dr. John Ryland is president, that a new house should be erected for the accommodation of the students, Dr. Ryland preached and made a public collection, at our place, on Lord's Day July 1<sup>st</sup>, and, including what was given before and after the collection was made, there was obtained in all, for the above-mentioned purpose, the sum of £50. 5s. 6d.

1811 January 31<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the transactions of the Church for the fore-going year, were read, and signed by us in the name of the whole.

John Geard.  
Thomas Hardwick.  
Thomas Field.

March 20<sup>th</sup>. Being appointed by Royal Authority as a National Fast Day, was

National Fast observed observed by the church and congregation, as a day of fasting and prayer. Three brethren engaged in prayer, and a sermon was preached on the occasion, from Isaiah 58: 3 – 7 “Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and Thou seest not? Wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and Thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and exact all your labours”.

Lord Sidmouth’s Bill rejected in the House of Lords. A Bill having been brought in to the House of Lords, by Vicount Sidmouth, to make certain alterations in the Acts of Parliament which relate to Religious Toleration, which would if carried into a law, have greatly infringed the rights and liberties of Protestant Descenders and the author of the Bill proposing to have it read a second time, on the 21<sup>s</sup> May, such exertions were made in opposition to his Bill, that in the space of 48 hours, 336 petitions, from various congregations within 120 miles of London, were obtained, and all presented to the House of Lords, on that day, which added to 256 petitions, which were obtained, in the same space of time, by the Methodists in connection with the late Rev. John Wesley, formed an aggregate amount of nearly **six hundred** petitions, all of which were presented at the same time. The presentation of these petitions, and the cause of Religious Liberty being zealously advocated by Earls Grey and Stanhope, and Lords Holland and Erskine, had such a powerful effect, that the House of Lords determined, by a very great majority, that the Bill should not be read a second time, nor be referred to a Committee, and it was consequently rejected. The opposition made, however, to this Bill unavoidably occasioned heavy expenses, and an appeal having been made, by the Committee in London, who had superintended the opposition, to congregations in the Country, to assist in defraying these expenses, a collection was made at our place, for this purpose, June 16<sup>th</sup>, and, including some small trifles that were afterwards received, the sum of £10. 13s. 8d. was obtained.

Collection made in consequences of Lord Sidmouth’s Bill.

1812

January 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the transactions of the Church, for the fore-going year, were read and signed by us in the name of the whole.

John Geard.  
John Foster.  
Edward Foster.

National Fast observed. February 5<sup>th</sup>. Being appointed by Royal Authority as a National Fast Day, was observed by the church and congregation, as a day of fasting and prayer. Three brethren engaged in prayer, and a sermon was preached on the occasion from Lamentations 3:22 “It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed because His compassions fail not”.

Mary Rudd, Frances Impey and Charlotte Baker proposed to the Church April 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, Mary Rudd, Frances Impey and Charlotte Baker, were proposed to the church, and messengers appointed to converse with them.

Martha Rudd and Sarah Goodwin proposed to the Church. Lord’s Day April 5<sup>th</sup>. The Church being stopped, Martha Rudd and Sarah Goodwin were proposed to the Church, and messengers appointed to converse with them.

May 1<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the messengers who had had

Agreed that the experiences of all the persons above-named should be given in to the Church.

And which is done accordingly.

They are all received into the Church.

Mary Everitt proposed to the Church.

Agreed that Mary Everitt's experience should be given in to the Church.

Which is accordingly done.

Lydia Clark dismissed.

Mary Everitt received into the Church.

1813.  
Lydia Wilshere admitted to occasional communion.

Mary Sharnbrook admitted to occasional communion.

conversation with Mary Rudd, Martha Rudd, Frances Impey, Charlotte Baker and Sarah Goodwin, who were present, making a favourable report concerning them, it was agreed that their experiences should be given in to the Church, at the next Church Meeting.

June 4<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experiences of all the above-named persons were read before the church, and being approved of, it was agreed that they should all be received into the Church the next Lord's Day. They were all baptised the same day their experiences were read before the Church, and in the same order in which their experiences were read, and which was according to their respective ages, namely Mary Rudd, Martha Rudd, Frances Impey, Charlotte Baker and Sarah Goodwin.

Lord's Day June 7<sup>th</sup>. All the persons before named were received into full communion with the Church.

September 3<sup>rd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, Mary Everitt was proposed to the Church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

October 1<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, one of the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Mary Everitt, making a favourable report concerning her, not only in his own name, but in the name of the other messenger, who was not present, it was agreed that her experience should be given in to the church, at the next Church Meeting after the following one.

December 3<sup>rd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experience of Mary Everitt was read before the Church, and being approved of, it was agreed that she should be received into full communion with the church, the next Lord's Day.

This day also, a letter of dismissal was signed for Lydia Clark (heretofore Foster) to the Baptist Church meeting in Red Lion Street, Surry, under the pastoral care of Mr. John Chin.

Lord's Day December 6<sup>th</sup>. Mary Everitt was received into full communion with the church.

December 31<sup>st</sup> At a Church Meeting held this day, the transactions of the Church, for the present year, were read and signed by us in the name of the whole.

John Geard.  
Daniel Lane.  
Thomas Hardwick.

February 7<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, it was agreed that Lydia Wilshere, who is a member in full communion with the Baptist Church at Whitwell, under the pastoral care of Mr. Richard Groom, should be admitted to have occasional communion with us.

March 4<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, it was agreed that Mary Sharnbrook, who is a member in full communion with the Baptist Church at Luton, under the pastoral care of Mr. Ebenezer Daniel, should be admitted to have occasional communion with us.

National Fast observed. March 10<sup>th</sup>. Being appointed by Royal Authority as a National Fast Day, was observed by the Church and congregation, as a day of fasting and prayer. Three brethren engaged in prayer, and a sermon was preached on the occasion from Lamentations 3:37 “ Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass when the Lord commandeth it not”?

Naomi Geard proposed to the Church April 29<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, Naomi Geard was proposed to the Church and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Elizabeth Rudd proposed to the Church June 30<sup>th</sup>. Being Church Meeting day, Elizabeth Rudd was proposed to the Church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Agreed that their experiences should be given in to the church. Lord’s Day July 25<sup>th</sup>. The Church being stopped for that purpose, and a favourable report being made by the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Naomi Geard and Elizabeth Rudd, it was agreed that their experiences should be delivered in to the Church, at the next Church Meeting.

Which is done accordingly. July 29<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experiences of Naomi Geard, and Elizabeth Rudd, were read before the Church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that they should be received into the Church, the next Lord’s Day.

And they are received into the Church. Lord’s Day August 1<sup>st</sup>. Naomi Geard and Elizabeth Rudd were received into full communion with the Church.

Elizabeth Baron proposed to the Church Lord’s Day August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Elizabeth Baron was proposed to the Church, the church being stopped for that purpose, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Agreed that her experience should be given in to the church September 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, one of the messengers, who had been appointed to converse with Elizabeth Baron, the other not being present, in both their names, making a favourable report concerning her, it was agreed that her experience should be delivered in to the church at the next Church Meeting.

Which is accordingly done. September 30<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experience of Elizabeth Baron was read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that she should be received into full communion with the church the next Lord’s Day.

And she is received into the Church. Lord’s Day October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Elizabeth Baron was received into full communion with the Church.

December 30<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the transactions of the Church for the present year were read and signed by us, in the name of the whole.

John Geard  
John Foster  
Thomas Field.

1814. Sarah Osborn and February 3<sup>rd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, Sarah Osborn and Stephen Woodfield were proposed to the Church, and messengers were appointed to

Stephen Woodfield proposed to the Church.

Agreed that their experiences should be given in to the Church.

Which is accordingly done.

And they are received into the Church.

Public Thanksgiving Day observed.

Wm. Day proposed to the Church.

James Clark proposed to the Church.

Agreed that Wm. Day's experience should be given in to the Church.

And Mary Wilston proposed to the Church.

Agreed that James Clark's experience should be given in to the Church.

Jane Rudd and Sarah Smith proposed to the Church.

The experiences of Wm. Day and James Clark read before the Church.

Agreed that the

converse with them.

Lord's Day March 27<sup>th</sup>. The Church being stopped for that purpose, and a favourable report being made by the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Sarah Osborn and Stephen Woodfield, it was agreed that their experiences should be delivered in to the Church, at the next Church Meeting.

March 31<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experiences of Sarah Osborn and Stephen Woodfield were read before the Church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that they should be received into the Church, the next Lord's Day.

Lord's Day April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sarah Osborn and Stephen Woodfield were received into full communion with the Church. A Definitive Treaty of Peace, between Great Britain and France, having been signed and ratified, and the seventh of July having been appointed by Royal Authority, as a day of public Thanksgiving on this account, this day was observed by the Church and congregation accordingly. Three brethren engaged in prayer and thanksgiving, and a sermon was preached from Job 25.2 "He making peace in high places".

September 1<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, William Day was proposed to the Church, and messengers were appointed to converse with him.

Lord's Day September 25<sup>th</sup> the Church being stopped for that purpose, James Clark was proposed to the Church, and messengers were appointed to converse with him.

September 30<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, a favourable report being made by one of the messengers who had been appointed to converse with William Day, in his own name, and in the name of the other messengers who had been appointed to converse with him, who was not present, it was agreed that his experience should be given in to the Church, at the next Church Meeting.

This day also Mary Wilston was proposed to the Church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Lord's Day October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Church being stopped for that purpose, and the messengers who had been appointed to converse with James Clark, making a favourable report concerning him, it was agreed that his experience should be given in to the Church, at the next Church Meeting.

Lord's Day October 30<sup>th</sup>. The Church being stopped for that purpose, Jane Rudd and Sarah Smith were proposed to the Church and messengers were appointed to converse with them.

November 4<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experiences of William Day and James Clark were read before the church, and being satisfactory it was agreed that they should be received into the church the next Lord's Day.

And a satisfactory account having been previously reported, by the messengers appointed to converse with Mary Wilston, and a similar report

experiences of Mary Wilston, Jane Rudd and Sarah Smith should be given in to the Church.

Wm. Day and James Clark received into the Church.

Agreed that Mary Wilston, Jane Rudd and Sarah Smith should be received into the Church.

Which is accordingly done.

1815.  
Thos. Wren proposed to the Church.

Agreed that his experience should be given in to the Church.

Agreed that he should be received into the Church.

Which is accordingly done.

1816.

Mary Goodwin and Mary Crawley

being made this day respecting Jane Rudd and Sarah Smith, it was agreed that the experiences of them all should be given in to the church, at the next Church Meeting.

Lord's Day November 6<sup>th</sup>. William Day and James Clark were received into full communion with the church.

December 1<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experiences of Mary Wilston, Jane Rudd and Sarah Smith were read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that they should be received into the church, the next Lord's Day.

Lord's Day December 4<sup>th</sup>. Mary Wilston, Jane Rudd, and Sarah Smith were received into full communion with the church.

December 29<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the transactions of the church, for the present year, were read before the church, and signed by us, in the name of the whole.

John Geard  
John Foster  
Deere Foster.

May 4<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, Thomas Wren, our brother Thomas Wren's youngest son, was proposed to the church and messengers were appointed to converse with him.

June 1<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, one of the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Thomas Wren making a favourable report of him, in his own name, and in the name of the other messenger, who had been appointed to converse with him, who was not present, it was agreed that his experience should be given in to the church, at the next Church Meeting.

June 29<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experience of Thomas Wren was read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that he should be received into full communion with the church the next Lord's Day.

Lord's Day July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wren was received into full communion with the church.

N.B. He was only 14 years of age the 23<sup>rd</sup> of last April.

February 1<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the transactions of the church for the last year, were read before the church, and signed by us, in the name of the whole.

John Geard  
John Crawley  
Edward Foster.

January 4<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, Mary Goodwin and Mary Crawley were proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with them.

proposed to the Church.  
Agreed that their experiences should be given in to the Church.

Which is accordingly done.

And they are received into the Church.

Wm. Clark proposed to the Church.,

Agreed that his experience should be given in to the Church.

Wm. Clark's experience given in to the Church.

And he is received into the Church.

Martha Foster proposed to the Church.

Agreed that her experience should be given in to the Church.

Which is accordingly done.

And she is received into the Church.

Entered 1843 by S.B. Geard. N.B. This Martha Foster's daughter Martha Crawley of the fifth generation has

February 1<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Mary Goodwin and Mary Crawley, making a favourable report concerning them, it was agreed that their experiences should be given in to the church at some future Church Meeting.

February 29<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experiences of Mary Goodwin and Mary Crawley were read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that they should be received into full communion with the church the next Lord's Day.

Lord's Day March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mary Goodwin and Mary Crawley were received into full communion with the church.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, William Clark was proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with him.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, one of the messengers who had been appointed to converse with William Clark, in the name of the other messenger, as well as in his own name, making a favourable report concerning him, it was agreed that his experience should be given in to the church, at some future Church Meeting.

May 31<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experience of William Clark was read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that he should be received into full communion with the church the next Lord's Day.

Lord's Day June 2<sup>nd</sup>. William Clark was received into full communion with the church.

August 1<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, Martha Foster, brother John Foster's second daughter, was proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

August 29<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Martha Foster, making a favourable report concerning her, it was agreed that her experience should be given in to the church at some future Church Meeting.

October 3<sup>rd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experience of Martha Foster was read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that she should be received into full communion with the church the next Lord's Day.

Lord's Day October 6<sup>th</sup>. Martha Foster was received into full communion with the Church.

N.B. Martha Foster is the first of the fourth generation, in the same family, one or more of which have been connected with this Church. John Foster, her great grandfather, was a member of this Church in 1677, 139 years ago, and how long before is not known, and he was unanimously chosen to the office of deacon in 1691, 125 years ago, and her grandfather John Foster, was a member and deacon many years, and her father has been also a member a

since Mr. Broad's settlement been admitted as a member thus adding 26 years to the dates here mentioned.

1817.

Public Collection made for the Baptist Missionary Society.

1818.

Thomas Willson proposed to the church

Agreed that her experience should be given in to the church

Which is done accordingly

And he is received into the church

Eglintine Levington dismissed from Hoxton Church

deacon several years.

February 27<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the transactions of the Church for the last year, were read before the Church and signed by us, in the name of the whole.

John Geard  
Daniel Lane  
Thos. Hardwick.

No public collection having been made at our place for the Baptist Missionary Society, for some years, on account of the very great expenses we have been at, relative to our new Burying ground, and the alterations of our Meeting House, and the repeated calls that have been made on our friends, on these accounts (though considerable sums have been repeatedly transmitted to that Society, which have been raised voluntarily by individuals, during that interval) these expenses having been at length surmounted, it having been previously agreed that a public collection should be made for this Society, in the course of the present year, Mr. Edmonds of Cambridge, who had been requested to officiate on this occasion, preached at our Meeting House, Lord's Day, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and made a collection in the afternoon, which amounted to

	£16 17s. 3¾d.
and another in the evening which amounted to	£ 8 3s. 8½d.
Total ..	£25 1s. 0¼.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, Thomas Willson was proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with him.

April 30<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Thomas Willson, making a favourable report concerning him, it was agreed that his experience should be given in to the church at some future Church Meeting.

June 4<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experience of Thomas Willson was read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that he should be received into full communion with the church, the next Lord's Day.

Lord's Day June 7<sup>th</sup>. Thomas Willson was received into full communion with the church.

N.B. Thomas Willson is great grand-son of Rebecca Willson of Henlow, who was received into this church, in the year 1711, considerably more than a century ago, and who died in July 1782, after having been a member of the church upwards of 70 years, and after having lived considerably more than 90 years in the world.

July 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, a letter of dismissal from the Church of Christ at Hoxton, to this church, on the behalf of Eglintine Levington was read and it was agreed that she should be received into full communion with the church, the next Lord's Day.

Eglintine Levington received in to the church 1819.

James Goodchild, Jos. Woodfield, Reuben Shadwell, John Williams and Richard Davis proposed to the church.

Agreed that their experiences should be given in to the church.

Elizabeth Foster proposed to the church.

The experiences of Jas. Goodchild, Jos. Woodfield, Reun. Shadwell, John Williams, Richd. Davis read before the church and agreed that they should be received. Which is accordingly done.

Agreed that the experience of Elizabeth Foster should be given in to the church.

Susanna Wilston proposed to the church.

Agreed that the experiences of Susanna Wilston should be given in to the church.

The experiences of Elizabeth Foster and Susanna Wilston read before the church. Mary Wilshere proposed to the church.

Lord's Day July 5<sup>th</sup>. Eglintine Levington was received into full communion with the church.

February 7<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, James Goodchild, Joseph Woodfield, Reuben Shadwell, John Williams and Richard Davis were proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with them.

March 7<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, one or more of the messengers who had been respectively appointed to converse with James Goodchild, Joseph Woodfield, Reuben Shadwell, John Williams and Richard Davis making a favourable report concerning them, as well in the names of those who had been respectively appointed with them, and were not now present, as in their own names, it was agreed that their experiences should be given in to the church, at the next Church Meeting.

And this day Elizabeth Foster, daughter of Joseph Foster, and niece of our Deacon John Foster, was proposed to the church and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

April 1<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experiences of James Goodchild, Joseph Woodfield, Reuben Shadwell, John Williams and Richard Davis were read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that they should be received into the church the next Lord's Day.

Lord's Day April 7<sup>th</sup>. James Goodchild, Joseph Woodfield, Reuben Shadwell, John Williams and Richard Davis were received into full communion with the church.

At the Church Meeting held April 1<sup>st</sup> above-mentioned, the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Elizabeth Foster, making a favourable report concerning her, it was agreed that her experience should be given in to the church at some future Church Meeting. It was expressed thus cautiously in the hope that one other female, if no more, might be encouraged to join her.

Lord's Day April 18<sup>th</sup>. The church being stopped for that purpose, Susanna Wilston was proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

April 28<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, one of the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Susanna Wilston, in the name of the other messenger, who was not present, as well as in his own name, making a favourable report concerning her, it was agreed that her experience should be given in to the church at the next Church Meeting, along with that of Elizabeth Foster.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the experiences of Elizabeth Foster and Susanna Wilston were read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that they should be received into the church the next Lord's Day. And this day Mary Wilshere, Brother David Wilshere's wife, was proposed to the church and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Elizabeth Foster and  
Susanna Wilston  
received into the church

Lord's Day June 6<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth Foster and Susanna Wilston were received into full communion with the church.

Martha Wilshere  
proposed to the church

July 1<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, Martha Wilshere, Brother David Wilshere's sister, was proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Agreed that the  
experiences of Mary  
and Martha Wilshere  
should be given in to  
the church.

July 29<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, one of the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Mary Wilshere, and one of the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Martha Wilshere, in the names of those who had been appointed with them respectively, who were not present, as well as in their own names, making a favourable report concerning each of them, it was agreed that both their experiences should be given in to the church at the next Church Meeting.

Which is accordingly  
done.

September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The experiences of Mary Wilshere and Martha Wilshere were read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that they should be received into the church the next Lord's Day.

And they are received  
into the church.

Lord's Day September 5<sup>th</sup>. Mary Wilshere and Martha Wilshere were received into full communion with the church.

1820

At a Church Meeting held this February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1820, the transactions of the church since the last ratification, were read before the church and signed by us in the name of the whole.

John Geard  
John Foster  
Thos. Fields.

1821

Kezia Bannister  
proposed to the church.

March 1<sup>st</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, Kezia Bannister was proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Agreed that her  
experience should be  
given in to the church.

March 29<sup>th</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Kezia Bannister, making a favourable report concerning her, it was agreed that her experience should be given in to the church at some future Church Meeting.

Deborah Valentine  
proposed to the church.

May 3<sup>rd</sup>. At a Church Meeting held this day, Deborah Valentine was proposed to the church, and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Agreed that her  
experience should be  
given in to the church.

Lord's Day May 27<sup>th</sup>. The church being stopped, and the messengers who had been appointed to converse with Deborah Valentine making a favourable report concerning her, it was agreed that her experience should be given in to the church, at the next Church Meeting.

The experiences of  
Kezia Bannister and  
Deborah Valentine read  
before the church, and  
agreed that they should  
be received into the  
same.

May 30<sup>th</sup> At a Church Meeting held this day, the experiences of Kezia Bannister and Deborah Valentine were read before the church, and being satisfactory, it was agreed that they should be received into full communion with the church the next Lord's Day.

Which is accordingly  
done.

Lord's Day June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kezia Bannister and Deborah Valentine were received into full communion with the church.

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Martha Davis proposed to the church.

May 4<sup>th</sup>. This day Martha Davis was proposed to the church and messengers were appointed to converse with her.

Her experience read before the church.

June 29<sup>th</sup> The experience of Martha Davis was read before the church at a Church Meeting held this day and being satisfactory, it was agreed that she should be received into full communion with the church next Lord's Day the messengers who had been appointed to converse with her, having made a favourable report concerning her, at the preceding Church Meeting, held June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Martha Davis received into full communion with the church.

July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Martha Davis was received into full communion with the church.