

Leatherhead & District Local History Society

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Congregational Church - North St - Leatherhead

Christ Church (United Reformed) - Epsom Rd - Leatherhead

North St, c. 1905



North St, c. 1948



Leatherhead Congregational Church

The first Congregational Church or Independent Chapel as it was previously known was a barn in the centre of the town, formally used by strolling players, which was opened as a place of worship in 1816. The church became fully active in 1829, and a larger building was soon found to be necessary. A piece of land near the crossroads at the town centre was secured and by 1844 a new church had been built, capable of seating 250 people. The 1844 church originally had a clock, but in 1860 it was removed and placed on the Fire Engine House at the bottom of Gravel Hill because they could not afford to pay the tax imposed on public clocks. The church had a fine looking organ, and a hall at the rear of the building was used for Sunday School and the 'British and Foreign Schools Society' (known as the 'British School') which closed in 1902.

The church remained in use for just over 90 years when it was replaced by the present building in Epsom Road. Christ Church was dedicated on 1st May 1935 and in October 1972 it became known as the United Reformed Church.

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