

Chapter 22 The Closure Of The Bierton Chapel ([CLICK TO VIEW](#))

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Trustees Elected by the Church

At the church meeting, on the 2nd July, 1976, the following men were chosen, in accordance to the expressed term of our trust deed 1831, to be the new trustees: Mr. A. King (Bierton), Mr. Hill, (Luton), Mr. T. Martin (Blunham), Mr. Baumber (Bedford), Mr. Heather (High Wycombe), Mr. Janes (Eaton Bray), Mr. F. Hill, Mr. D. White, Mr. P. Gurney and Mr. Foster. A total of 11 trustees.

On October 9th, 1979, Irene Clarke made application for church membership however the problem of which articles of religion to present to her for subscription was unresolved. As a result her application for membership was withdrawn, as the church were unable to decide. This occurred at the meeting dated 9th January 1980. See document DL 02. She was later accepted as a Church member upon her confession to the original Church articles of religion dated 1831.

Becoming a the Gospel Standard listed Cause

On the 16th January 1981 the Bierton Church, unanimously agreed to seek association with the Gospel Standard group of Strict Baptists. This was the proposal of Mr. A. King. I was not present at the meeting but was informed by Mrs... Evered who was the Secretary. The Church subscribe to the Gospel Standard Articles of religion without a problem and we were accepted and enlisted as a Gospel Standard cause on 3rd April 1981. We adopted the rules of conduct for church order and practice. Document DL30A and DL03B

Gospel Standard Rules adopted

These rules of conduct clearly supported the traditional view of our church that a member cannot resign. One is either in honourable or dishonourable membership, and honourable transfer must be to one of the same faith and order. See Document DL10.

A Rejection of the 1689 Confession

The Bierton Church did not accept the articles of religions of the 1689 confession, nor did we have association with the Limes Avenue Grace Baptist Church, in Aylesbury. We were distinctive Strict and Particular Baptist Society, historically associated, with the 1644 First London Confession, and would have been labelled historically, by opponents; namely Fullerite Baptists, such as the Grace Churches, as Gillite's or Huntingtonian's. The matters were fully recorded and outlined in, "The Bierton Crisis", ISBN number 0-9539473-3-5.