

# Transcription of the Foundation Deed of Bierton Chapel

Executed on the 25th February 1832 by William Bonham and others.

Notes on the Transcription. The three pages of the Deed are bound in reverse order along the lower edge.(1) Where the correct reading of a word or proper name is in doubt this has been indicated by enclosing the word in square brackets with a question mark.

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**THIS INDENTURE**

Made the 25th day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty two

**BETWEEN WILLIAM BONHAM**

Late of Wilstone in the Parish of Tring in the County of Hertford and now of Bierton in the County of Bucks Bricklayer of the first part JOSEPH ROSE of Aylesbury in the said County of Bucks Gentleman a trustee for the said William Bonham of the second part

**ROBERT DELL**

Of the same place Wine Merchant (in whom as surviving executor of the last Will and Testament of John Parker late of the same place Gentleman the hereditaments hereinafter particularly mentioned and described and intended to be hereby bargained and sold are now vested for the residue of a satisfied trust term of one thousand years) of the third part and WILLIAM BELL Farmer THOMAS ELLIOTT Butcher THOMAS BONHAM Bricklayer JAMES BONHAM Bricklayer WILLIAM BONHAM the younger Tailor WILLIAM DICKINS Farmer WILLIAM RODWELL Labourer DAVID PRICE Labourer JAMES JEFFREY Labourer and WILLIAM PARKER Labourer all of Bierton aforesaid JAMES HENRY MARSHALL Bookseller JOSEPH FREEMAN Tile Maker SAMUEL BROCKLEHURST Gardener JOHN GUNN Grocer AUGUSTUS LINUS Grocer and THOMAS REYNOLDS Taylor all of Aylesbury aforesaid and WILLIAM WOOLHEAD of Hardwick in the said County of Bucks Gentleman of the fourth part

**WHEREAS**

The said parties hereto of the fourth part have contracted with the said William Bonham Bricklayer for the absolute purchase of the land and hereditaments hereinafter particularly mentioned and described and intended to be hereby bargained and sold in manner and for the purposes hereinafter in that behalf mentioned and the fee simple and inheritance thereof in possession free from encumbrances for the sum of one pound one shilling

**NOW THEREFORE THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH**

That in pursuance of the said recited contract and agreement and for and in consideration of the sum of one pound one shilling of lawful money of Great Britain to the said William Bonham Bricklayer in hand well and truly paid by the said several above named parties hereto of the fourth part at or before the sealing and delivering of the these presents the payment and receipt whereof the said William Bonham Bricklayer doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and therefrom and of and from every part thereof

doth hereby acquit release and discharge them the said several parties hereto of the fourth part and each of them there and each of their heirs cestuique trust executors administrators and assigns for ever AND ALSO in consideration of the sum of five shillings of like lawful money to the said Joseph Rose and Robert Dell in hand also paid by the said parties hereto of the fourth part at or before the execution hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged they the said Joseph Rose and Robert Dell according to their respective estates and interest in the premises and at the request and by the direction of the said William Bonham Bricklayer testified as aforesaid HAVE and each of them HATH bargained and sold and by these presents DO and each of them DOTH bargain and sell and the said William Bonham Bricklayer HATH granted bargained sold aliened released and confirmed and by this present deed indented sealed and delivered in the presence of two credible witnesses and intended to be forthwith inrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery DOTH grant bargain sell alien release and confirm unto the said William Bell Thomas Elliott Thomas Bonham James Bonham William Bonham the younger William Dickins William Rodwell David Price James Jeffrey William Parker James Henry Marshall Joseph Freeman Samuel Brocklehurst John Gunn Augustus Linus Thomas Reynolds and William Woollhead parties hereto of the fourth part their heirs and assigns ALL that plot or piece of land parcel of a pightle orchard or house close of inclosed Ground lately pasture ground situate in the Parish of Bierton aforesaid in the said County of Bucks adjoining or belonging to a messuage or tenement formerly divided in to and used as two cottages or tenements heretofore in the several tenures or occupations of Thomas Cripps and William Parker afterwards of William Bowden and Barnard Rodwell since of Thomas [Impey?] or his undertenants or assigns since with some additions and alterations converted into and used as four tenements and in the several occupations of Barnard Rodwell John Godd Thomas Wiggins and Anne Capell and which with subsequent additions now consist of six tenements in the several tenures or occupations of George Rodding William Brandom Elizabeth Wallace Widow Sarah French Widow Thomas Collins and himself the said William Bonham Bricklayer and which plot or piece of land is bounded on the south side by the turnpike road leading through Bierton aforesaid on the east and north by other parts of the said pightle orchard or close and on the west by the scites and ground belonging to other cottages or tenements built by the said William Bonham Bricklayer on other part of the said pightle orchard or close and contains in width at the south end thereof twenty seven feet or thereabouts and at the north

end thereof twenty five feet or thereabouts and in length on the east side thereof sixty seven feet or thereabouts and on the west side thereof sixty eight feet or thereabouts as the same is now set out and divided from the remainder of the premises by a Brick wall and part of a foot path on each side thereof together with the fences on all sides of the said plot or piece of land and all ways waters watercourses hedges ditches trees walls fences mounds easements commodities and advantages emoluments hereditaments rights members and appurtenances whatsoever to the said land and premises hereby bargained and sold or intended so to be belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and various remainder and remainders yearly and other rents issues and profits thereof and every part thereof AND ALSO all the estate right title interest use trust inheritance possession benefit property possibility claim and demand whatsoever both at law and equity of them the said William Bonham Bricklayer Joseph Rose and Robert Dell and of each of them of into and out of the said land hereditaments and premises hereby bargained and sold or intended so to be and every part thereof

#### **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD**

The said land hereditaments and all and singular other the premises hereby bargained and sold or intended so to be and every part thereof with the appurtenances unto the said William Bell Thomas Elliott Thomas Bonham James Bonham William Bonham the younger William Dickins William Rodwell David Price James Jeffrey William Parker James Henry Marshall Joseph Freeman Samuel Brocklehurst John Gunn Augustus Linus Thomas Reynolds and William Woollhead parties hereto of the fourth part their heirs and assigns TO the use and behoof of them the said William Bell Thomas Elliott Thomas Bonham James Bonham William Bonham the younger William Dickins William Rodwell David Price James Jeffrey William Parker James Henry Marshall Joseph Freeman Samuel Brocklehurst John Gunn Augustus Linus Thomas Reynolds and William Woollhead parties hereto of the fourth part their heirs and assigns forever

#### **UPON THE TRUSTS**

Nevertheless and to and for the intents and purposes hereinafter expressed and declared that is to say upon trust to permit a Chapel or meeting house and other offices to be erected built and completed and from time to time repaired re-erected and re-built upon the said land and to permit the Chapel or meeting house thereon for the time being to be from time to time and at all times hereafter dedicated used and enjoyed as a place of Public Religious Worship by the Society or congregation of Protestant Dissenters called Particular Baptists and Independents who shall assemble

thereat and maintain the doctrines commonly known as Calvinistic and by such other persons as shall thereafter be united, to the said Society and attend the worship of God at such Chapel or meeting House and for that purpose to permit to officiate in the said chapel or meeting house such person or persons of the denomination of Protestant Dissenters called Particular Baptists and Independents as the major part of the adult MEMBERS of the said Society being Communicants therein shall at any church meeting duly assembled for that purpose from time to time elect to officiate as their Minister or Pastor therein according to the usual order and custom of societies of Protestant Dissenters of the Denomination aforesaid which person or persons so from time to time elected as Minister or Pastor of the said society shall continue such Minister or Pastor only so long as and no longer than the major part in number of the adult members of the said society being Communicants therein shall think fit and to permit any part of the offices or buildings on the said land to be used with and be appendant to the said Chapel or Meeting House as a vestry room or otherwise to be taken for the enlargement of the said chapel or meeting house as occasion may require

**AND UPON FURTHER TRUST**

As to such or any part thereof and that the receipt or receipts which shall from time to time or at any time or times be given by the trustee or trustees for the time being for such purchase, mortgage or other monies or any part thereof shall be a good valid and sufficient acquittance and discharge and good valid and sufficient acquittances and discharges for the sum or sums of money which shall therein be acknowledged to have been received

**PROVIDED ALSO**

And it is hereby agreed and declared that when and so often during the continuance of the trusts hereby created as the number of the trustees shall by death or otherwise be reduced to five or less and so from time to time as often as there shall be not more than five trustees for the purposes aforesaid or oftener if the adult members of the said Society or congregation shall think it expedient so many other persons being Protestant Dissenters by profession shall be named and chosen to be Trustees of the said premises as shall make the number of 15 trustees at the least such Trustees to be from time to time nominated appointed or chosen by the adult members of the said society or the major part of them for that purpose duly assembled by Public Notice in their Church meeting and upon every such choice the continuing trustees or trustee for the time being or the heirs of the then last surviving Trustee shall by sufficient conveyances and assurances in the law convey and assure the

said land Chapel or Meeting house and premises with the appurtenances to such new trustees so to be appointed as aforesaid so and in such manner as that the same may become legally and effectually vested in such new trustees only or in such new trustees and the continuing trustees or any of them as the case may require upon such or the like Trusts and to and for such or the like interests and purposes as are hereinbefore declared and expressed concerning the same AND the said Robert Dell for himself his heirs executors and administrators and for his own acts only AND the said Joseph Rose for himself his heirs executors and administrators and for his own acts only so hereby severally covenant and declare with and to the said parties hereto of the fourth part their heirs and assigns that they the said Robert Dell and Joseph Rose have not nor have either of them at any time heretofore made done committed executed occasioned or knowingly suffered any act deed matter or thing whatsoever whereby or by reason or by means whereof the said land hereditaments and premises hereby bargained and sold or intended so to be or any part thereof are is can shall or may be in any wise impeached charged affected or incumbered in title estate interest or otherwise howsoever AND the said William Bonham Bricklayer for himself his heirs executors administrators and assigns doth hereby covenant promise and agree to and with the said parties hereto of the fourth part their heirs and assigns in manner following that is to say that (for and notwithstanding any act deed matter or thing whatsoever by him the said William Bonham Bricklayer or any trustee for him made done committed executed occasioned or knowingly suffered to the contrary) he the said William Bonham Bricklayer either alone or together with the said Joseph Rose and Robert Dell now at the time of or immediately before the sealing and delivering of these presents is and stands or was and stood so seised of and in the said land hereditaments and premises hereby bargained and sold or intended so to be as to have good right full power and lawful and absolute authority to grant bargain and sell the same AND every part thereof with the appurtenances unto and to the use of the said parties hereto of the fourth part their heirs and assigns for ever in manner and upon the trusts aforesaid and according to the true intent and meaning of those presents

**AND ALSO**

that it shall and may be lawful for them the same parties their heirs and assigns from time to time and at all times for ever hereafter peaceably and quietly to enter into and upon and to have hold use occupy possess and enjoy the said land hereditaments and premises hereby bargained and sold or intended so to be and to receive and take the rents issues and profits

thereof and of every part thereof to and for their use and benefit as such Trustees as aforesaid without any let suit eviction ejection molestation hindrance or interruption whatsoever of from or by him the said William Bonham Bricklayer his heirs or assigns or of from by or through any other person or persons whomsoever having or legally or equitably claiming or who shall or may have or legally or equitably claim any estate right title or interest whatsoever of in to or out of the said land hereditaments and premises or any part thereof by from through under or in trust for him or them in any manner howsoever and that free and clear and freely and clearly and absolutely acquitted exonerated released and discharged or otherwise by the said William Bonham Bricklayer his heirs executors or administrators well and sufficiently saved defended kept harmless and indemnified of from and against all and all manner of former and other gifts grants estates titles troubles charges and incumbrances whatsoever at any time or times heretofore had made done committed executed occasioned or knowingly suffered by the said William Bonham Bricklayer or any other person or persons whomsoever by his act means or privity

**AND FURTHER**

That he the said William Bonham Bricklayer and his heirs and any other person having or legally or equitably claiming or who shall or may have or legally or equitably claim any estate, right, title or interest of in to or out of the said land hereditament and premises hereby bargained and sold or intended so to be or any part thereof by from through under or in trust for him in any manner howsoever shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter upon every reasonable request and at the proper costs and charges in all things of them the said parties hereto of the fourth part their heirs or assigns make do acknowledge levy suffer and execute or cause and procure to be made done acknowledged levied suffered and executed all such further and other lawful and reasonable acts deeds devices conveyances and assurances in the law whatsoever for the better more perfectly and absolutely or satisfactorily granting releasing and conveying of the said land hereditament and all and singular other the premises hereby bargained and sold or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto and to the use of the said parties hereto of the fourth part their heirs and assigns for ever upon the trusts aforesaid as by the same parties their heirs or assigns or their counsel in the law shall be reasonably advised or devised and required

**AND LASTLY**

That for the making out shewing maintaining and defending the title and interest of the said parties hereto of the fourth part their heirs and assigns

in or to all or any part of the hereditaments hereby bargained and sold or intended so to be he the said William Bonham Bricklayer his heirs or assigns shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter (unless prevented by fire or other inevitable accident) upon every reasonable request and at the proper costs and charges of them the said parties hereto of the fourth part their heirs or assigns or any of them produce and shew forth or cause or procure to be produced and shewn forth to them or to their agent attorney or Solicitor or to such other person or persons as they shall direct desire or require or at any trial hearing or examination in any Court of law or equity or other judicature or upon the execution of any commission or otherwise in England as occasion shall require and permit to be perused examined inspected or given in evidence the several deeds evidences and writings specified in the schedule hereunder written and every or any of them and at the like request costs and charges make and deliver or cause to be made and delivered unto the said parties hereto of the fourth part their heirs or assigns attested or other copies or abstracts of or extracts from all and every or any of the same deeds evidences and writings and permit such copies abstracts or extracts to be examined and compared with the originals by any person or persons whom they or any of them may appoint.

#### **IN WITNESS**

Whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

#### **THE SCHEDULE**

to which the above written indenture refers 1802 October 30th 1803 August 5th & 6th Aylesbury aforesaid Gentleman therein further described of the third part Thomas Capp of Grafton in the Parish of Wing in the said County of Bucks Carpenter of the fourth part and John Parker of Aylesbury aforesaid Gentleman of the fifth part Indenture between the said Thomas Capp of the one part and Noah Gaddesdon of Aylesbury aforesaid Baker of the other part Indentures of Lease and Release between the said Thomas Capp of the one part and Thomas Woodman of Bierton aforesaid Baker of the other part 1773 October 28th Indenture between John Cripps of Bierton in the County of Bucks Yeoman (therein further described) of the one part and John Perkins of Aylesbury in the said County of Bucks Gentleman of the other part 1800 March 19th Indenture between Thomas Gripps of the Parish of Chopping Wickham in the said County of Bucks Labourer therein further described on the one part and Henry Stratford of Penn in the said County Baker of the other part 1802 June 11 & 12th Indentures of Lease and Release the Release between the said Thomas

Cripps of the first part the said Henry Stratford of the second part Daniel Lathwell of 1813 October 21st & 22nd Indentures of Lease and Release the Release between the said Thomas Woodman of the one part and the said William Bonham Bricklayer and Joseph Rose of the other part 1813 October 23rd Indenture between the same William Bonham Bricklayer of the first part the said Joseph Rose of the second part Thomas Dell of Aylesbury aforesaid Gentleman and William [Rickford?] of the same place Banker therein further described of the third part and the said Thomas Woodman of the fourth part 1818 January 10th Indenture between the said Thomas Woodman of the one part and the said William Bonham Bricklayer and Joseph Rose of the other part [Signed and Sealed] William Bonham Bricklayer, Joseph Rose, R Dell, William Bell, John Elliott, Thomas Bonham, James Bonham, W Bonham junr, William Dickens, William Bradnell, the mark of David Price, James Jeffery, William Parker, J H Marshall, Joseph Freeman, Samuel Brocklehurst, John Gunn, Augustus Linus, [Thomas Reynolds?] and William Woolhead. [In margin of last page] taken and acknowledged by William Bonham Bricklayer the party hereto of the first part at Aylesbury in the County of Bucks this twenty eighth day of July One thousand eight hundred and thirty two Before me James James a master [illegible?] in Chancery

[MEMORANDA ENDORSED] [Stamp Ten Shillings Impressed]

**MEMORANDUM of the choice and appointment of new Trustees**

Of the Particular Baptist Chapel situate adjoining main Road in the Parish of Bierton in the County of Buckingham at a meeting duly convened and held for that purpose at the Particular Baptist Chapel aforesaid on the 13th day of December 1880 Thomas Todd Chairman Names and description of all Trustees on the constitution or last appointment of Trustees made the 25th day of February 1832 William Bell Farmer Thomas Elliott Butcher Thomas Bonham Bricklayer James Bonham Bricklayer William Bonham the younger Tailor William Dickins Farmer William Rodwell Labourer David Price Labourer James Jeffrey Labourer and William Parker Labourer all of Bierton and James Henry Marshall Book seller Joseph Freeman Pilomaker Samuel Brocklehurst Gardener John Gunn Grocer Augustus Linus Grocer & Thomas Reynolds Tailor all of Aylesbury and William Woolhead of Hardwick Gentleman Names and Descriptions of all the Trustees in whom the said Chapel and Premises now Become Legally Vested 1st Old Continuing Trustees Thomas Bonham Bricklayer and James Jeffrey Labourer both of Bierton. 2 New Trustees now chosen and appointed [Fleet?] Bonham Bricklayer Thomas Todd Baker Thomas Bonham junior Bricklayer Thomas Norwood Butcher James King

Coal dealer James Bonham Butcher Thomas Todd junior, Baker George Dickins Labourer Abel Dearing, Labourer and George King [superscript E — CJ Bricklayer all of Bierton and Henry James Lester Coach builder Edwin North Aerated water manufacturer John Turner Chemist William Hoperoft Grocer Henry Gunn Miller and John Willison Gentleman all of Aylesbury and George Butcher of Tring Banker and John Roberts Stableman of Bierton Dated this 13th day of December 1880[Signed] Thomas Todd Chairman of the said meeting Signed Sealed and Delivered by the said Thomas Todd as Chairman of the said Meeting at and in the presence of the said Meeting on the day and year aforesaid in the presence of [Signed] James Bonham [Signed] Thomas Norwood [Stamp Ten Shillings Impressed]Memorandum of the choice and appointment of new trustees of the Particular Baptist Chapel situate adjoining the Main Road in the Parish of Bierton in the County of Buckingham at a meeting duly convened by Public Notice on the 8th day of December 1929 and held for that purpose in the Chapel aforesaid on the 11th day of December 1929. [Signed] W. A. Chapman. Chairman.Names and Descriptions of all Trustees on the last appointment of Trustees made the 13th day of December 1880- Thomas Bonham of Bierton aforesaid, Bricklayer James Jeffrey of Bierton aforesaid, Labourer [Fleet?] Bonham of Bierton aforesaid, Bricklayer Thomas Todd of Bierton aforesaid, BakerNames and Descriptions of all Trustees in whom the said Chapel and Premises now become legally vested:-FIRST: Old continuing Trustees —George Esau Chapman King formerly of Bierton and now of Aylesbury, Bricklayer Thomas Bonham the younger of Bierton aforesaid, Bricklayer Thomas Norwood of Bierton aforesaid, Butcher James King of Bierton aforesaid, Coal dealer James Bonham of Bierton aforesaid, Butcher Thomas Todd the younger of Bierton aforesaid, Baker George Dickins of Bierton aforesaid, Labourer Abel Dearing of Bierton aforesaid, Labourer George Esau Chapman King of Bierton aforesaid, Bricklayer Henry James Lester of Aylesbury, Bucks, Coach builder Edwin North of Aylesbury aforesaid, Aerated water manufacturer John Turner of Aylesbury aforesaid, Chemist William Hoperoft of Aylesbury aforesaid, Grocer Henry Gunn of Aylesbury aforesaid, Miller John Willison of Aylesbury aforesaid, Gentleman George Butcher of Tring, Herts, Banker John Roberts of Bierton aforesaid, Stableman John Roberts formerly of Bierton and now of Aylesbury, Stableman

**SECOND:**

New Trustees now chosen and appointed —Ernest Thorne, Batchelor of Lee Common, Bucks, Gentleman Alfred Henry Brooks of Fools Gray, Kent, Basket maker William Arthur Chapman of Aylesbury, Bucks, retired

Accountant William Figg of Waddesdon, Bucks, House Decorator Bernard Fleet of Bierton, Bucks, Bricklayer Percy George Foster of Bierton, Bucks, Engineer's miller Percy Gurney of Bierton, Bucks, Bricklayer William James Holt of Wickham Marsh, Bucks, Chair maker Ellis King of Bierton, Bucks, Farmer Frederick George King of St Albans, Hefts, Schoolmaster Raymond Thomas King of Southall, Middlesex, Motor garage proprietor William John Markham of Bierton, Bucks, Builder Samuel David Pierce of Lee Common, Bucks, Fruit grower William Charles Plail of Tottenham, Middlesex, Baptist Minister Dated this 11th day of December 1929  
 [Signed] W A Chapman - Chairman of the said Meeting. Signed Sealed and Delivered by the said William Arthur Chapman as Chairman of the said Meeting at and in the presence of the said Meeting on the day and year aforesaid in the presence of Edith King, 4 Abbots Road, Aylesbury Bertha Ellis, Pecks Farm, Bierton Received on the day and year first within written by me the within named William Bonham [Bricklayer) of the within named parties to the within written indenture of the fourth part the sum of one pound and one shilling the consideration money within mentioned to be paid by them to me. [Signed] Wm. Bonham Witness, John Parrott Thomas Riche of Sands, High Wycombe, Bucks, Cabinet maker Alfred James Rutland of [Hulcott], Bucks, Gardener William Stacey of Chathidge, Bucks, Wooden ware worker Horace Stannard of Wandsworth, London, Grocer Jessie Starmard of Southall, Middlesex, Draper Sidney White of Bierton, Bucks, Accountant's clerk John Parrott junr Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the within named William Bonham (Bricklayer) Joseph Rose Robert Dell William Bell William Bonham the younger William Rodwell David Price James Jeffrey James Henry Marshall Joseph Freeman Samuel Brocklehurst and John Gunn in the presence of John Parrott Aylesbury John Parrott junr Clerk to Mr Rose Signed, sealed and delivered by the within named Thomas Bonham and James Bonham in the presence of John Parrott junr(?) 30th July [illegible?] dated 25th February 1832 Mr William Bonham To Trustees for Bierton Chapel 10/ Aylesbury [faint pencil] BARGAIN and SALE inrolled of land at Bierton, Bucks for Chapel for Particular Baptists Inrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery the 30th day of July in the year of our Lord 1832 being first duly stamp according to the tenor of the statutes made for that purpose B.P.E. —  
 [Signed] [D. Duny?]

**SOCIETY OF STRICT AND PARTICULAR BAPTIST ARTICLES OF RELIGION FOUNDED IN 1831**

**Indenture**

And whereas certain persons meet together, and with the blessing of God, will continue to meet together, for the purpose of divine worship, at a chapel or place of worship adjoining the said hereditament and called the Bierton Baptist Chapel and the said persons call them selves “The Society of Particular Baptists” and such persons are herein after meant and referred to by the expression of “The Church” and the said persons believe and pledge themselves to the promulgation and support of the tenets or articles of faith herein after set forth, that is to say,

1. They believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are given by inspiration of God and are the only rule of faith and practice and that these scriptures reveal the one true and only God who is self-existent, infinite and eternal. That there are three self existent co-eternal persons in the Godhead namely the Father the Son and the Holy Ghost and these three are one God and that the Lord Jesus Christ is very God and very man in one glorious complex person.
2. That Before the world began God did elect a certain number of the human race unto everlasting life and salvation whom He did predestine to the adoption of Children by Jesus Christ of his own free grace and according to the good pleasure of His will.
3. That God created Adam upright and all his posterity fell in him, he being the federal head and representative of all mankind.
4. That the Lord Jesus Christ in the fullness of time became incarnate and that he really suffered and died as the substitute for the elect of God only and in their stead whereby he made all the satisfaction for their sins which the law and justice of God could require as well as made a way for the bestowments of all those blessings which are needful for them for time and eternity.
5. That the eternal redemption which Christ hath obtained by the shedding of his blood is special and particular that it is only and intentionally designed for the elect of God who only can share its spiritual blessings.
6. That the justification of Gods elect is only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them and received by faith without consideration of any works of righteousness done by them and that the full and free pardon of all there sins and transgressions is only through the full free pardon of all their sins

and transgressions is only through the blood of Christ according to the riches of Gods grace.

7. That regeneration, conversion, sanctification and faith are the work of the Almighty efficacious and invincible grace of God the Holy Ghost.

8. That all those chosen by the Father, redeemed by the Son and sanctified by the Spirit shall certainly and finally persevere unto eternal life.

9. That there is a resurrection of the dead both of the just and the unjust and that Christ will come a second time to judge the quick and the dead when he will consign the wicked to everlasting punishment and introduce His own people into his kingdom and Glory where they shall be for ever with Him.

### **CUSTOM AND PRACTICE**

That baptism of believers by immersion and the Lords Supper are ordinances of Christ to be continued until His coming again and that the former is absolutely requisite to the latter, that is to say that only those are to be admitted as members of the church and participate in its privileges including the ordinance of the Lords supper who upon profession of their faith have been baptized namely immersed in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. And that no person who has not been baptized as afore said shall on any account be permitted to sit down or commune at the "Lords table" within the said school room and whereas for the purpose of giving effect to the objects and intentions of the parties hereto and of the said church it has been agreed that the said hereditments shall be conveyed to the trustees upon the trust and for the purpose hereinafter contained and these present have been approved by the members of the said Church meeting called for that purpose and held at the said chapel on or before the date hereof. The indenture further witnesses that in further pursuance and consideration of the premises they the Trustees do hereby severally covenant and agree amongst themselves and with each other and with the church that they the trustees their successors and assigns shall and henceforth stand and be possessed of the hereditment And premises hereinbefore conveyed unto them upon trust to dedicate and devote and preserve the same for the purpose of holy and divine according to the tenets or articles of faith herein set forth. That the election of any future pastor of the said church and the removal of any pastor shall be decided by the vote of two thirds of the church assembled

at a regularly convened church meeting together with the object for which it is convened having been publicly announce for four successive Lords days. No member eligible to vote has to have been four times to the Lords table in six months unless prevented by illness etc. No minister shall be elected to the pastoral office or continue therein but such as holds to the doctrines and communion aforesaid nor shall it be lawful for the said church to receive into fellowship any such persons as members but such as have been baptized that is by immersed in water upon confession of their faith in Christ and are able to give some satisfactory account of a work of grace having passed upon their souls in being called out of darkness into Gods marvellous light, nor shall it be lawful for the said church to admit to her communion (in which term is include the ordinance of the Lords supper) any person who has not been baptized by immersion in water on a profession of faith in the name of Jesus.

### **Bierton a Gospel Standard Cause 16th January 1981**

The church joined the Standard cause after the next church meeting. At that meeting I was absent it being the normal quarterly meeting and Mr Hope was presiding as the chairman. Had I known the church had gathered and were to consider joining the Gospel Standard again I would have do my uttermost to attend. The meeting was held on the 16th of January 1981 and the minutes of that meeting record: Joining the Gospel Standard as a listed ChurchVote was taken by ballot. Was unanimous. Mr Hope kindly undertaking the correspondences 'for joining.' A foot note mentions, Mr D. Clarke to be written to informing him of the results of this meeting. 'Mr Arminian motions a Gospel Standard causeLetter informing me Bierton have joined the Gospel StandardA letter from the church informed me secretary of this meeting and church decision and the following is a transcript of that letter:

Dear David, 24th January 1981

Just a line to let you know the result of our church meeting held on the 16th inst. It was decided (taken by ballot] unanimously that we join the Gospel Standard causes, it was a wonderful meeting. I am sure led by the Holy Spirit. The chairman was Mr Hope who kindly consented to deal with the correspondence. A new bible has been purchased for the pulpit. Repairs as was sanctioned at the last church meeting are still progressing. The church is praying for a Pastor after the Lords own heart. It is vital that we as members of the above cause are the same, one in heart. God loves to answer faithful prayer through His dear Son. Will you be helpful

member to us a church, if your circumstances permit? Trusting Irene and the children are well. May the Lord richly bless you in your labour for daily bread and in labour for Him?

With Christian love,

Gladys Evered (Moses)

Hon Sec.

### **My endorsement to the Church becoming a Gospel Standard Cause**

It struck me as strange things for the whole church to be now unanimous, after such a short time, in their desire to become a Standard cause. Miss R. Ellis and Mrs C. Gurney had always said they wanted no such changes. But here I was informed otherwise. The second thing which struck me was the fact that such a matter of serious importance was not treated at a specially convince meeting or notice given to that effect one month previously there to.

However I wrote to the church in response to Mrs. Evered's letter and made a point of attending the church, at my earliest convenience, to enquire about these things.

The following is a copy of my reply to the church:

Dear Mrs Evered, 12th of February 1981.

Thanks you for your letter dated, 24th of January 1981.

Informing me of the outcome of the recent Church meeting. May I confirm my approval and desire to help the cause at Bierton even though my present circumstances are not helpful. **I believe the Gospel Standard causes are a means by which God is preserving His truth our relationship to the Law as believers, Particular Redemption and the declaration of the Gospel as opposed to offering the gospel.** All doctrine, which the majority of churches of our lady deny. I believe also a right understanding of these truths are the means of preserving a true godly fear and reverence in our worship of God. Yours with Christian regards,

David Clarke

12th February 1981.