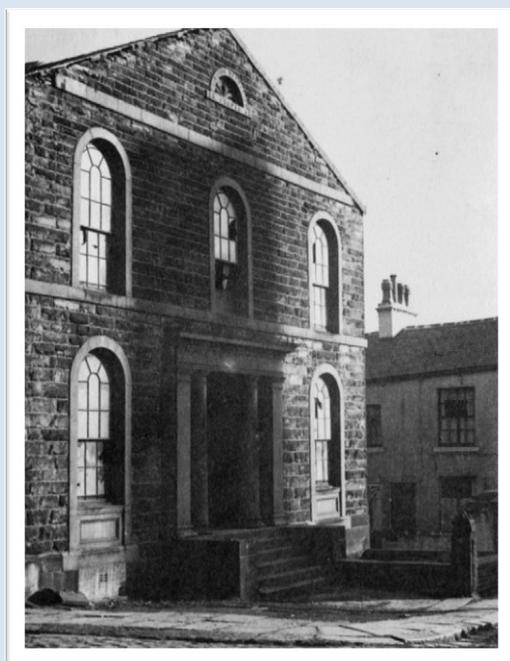


North Street Primitive Methodist



The foundation stone of North Street Primitive Methodist Chapel was laid on Good Friday 1853, opening for services on Good Friday the following year. During its life, the church had had several interesting visitors. One of these visits occurred on the 28th January 1877 when the church was visited by Joseph Arch.

For over 30 years he had been a Primitive Methodist preacher and founding member of the Agricultural Labourers Union being the first agricultural labourer to be elected as a Member of Parliament in 1885.

The previous day he had spoken at the second annual soiree of Bacup Liberal Club. The next day, Sunday evening, he preached to a crowded congregation at North Street. The North Street organ was one that needed to be pumped by an organ blower. Church Minutes reveal a decision to pay the bellows-blower, 5/- for services during 1879. Not long afterwards they doubled it to 10/- a year as from Whit Sunday 1882).

A lack of interest led to the closure of North Street on the 28th December 1941 with demolition occurring nine years later.