

Countesthorpe Road Primitive Methodist Church

Early 1900s

Lay Pastor George Midgeley

Sister Annie Sharman

From the Marriage register 1926 – 1967 solemnized by:

Rev. J H Barker 1926 – 1931

Rev. John Archibald Tingle 1932 – 1934) Brothers, father also a Minister

Rev. Robert Lacey Aubrey Tingle 1937 – 1940)

Rev. H Faulkner 1941 – 1944

Rev. W H Jolley 1944 – 1945

Rev. E Bebb 1945 – 1947

Rev. W V Wheeler 1947 - 1949

From 1950 onwards the minister served both churches

South Wigston Wesleyan Methodist Church Ministers

From the baptismal registers and other sources:

John MacKay 1884

Lay pastors 1902 -1918 (From the Jubilee booklet published in 1952)

Pastor F E Brown 1902 ~ 1904

Pastor Eric O Billett 1904 ~ 1905

Pastor R W Winstanley 1905 ~ 1906

Pastor Harry Crowe 1906 ~ 1911

Pastor G Collins 1911 ~ 1913

Pastor Charles R Keene 1913 ~ 1914 (Charles Keene College, now Leicester College was named after him.)

Pastor A J Laughton 1914 ~ 1915

Pastor R B Robson 1915 (Pastor Robson only stayed 6 weeks before joining R.A.M.C and was subsequently killed in action)

Pastor C W Senior 1916 ~ 1917

Pastor J M Murray 1918 (for 8 months)

The first resident minister was appointed in 1920

Rev. W. J. Kinchington 1920 ~ 1923

Rev. William James Manistre 1923 ~ 1927

Rev. Harold J Morris 1927 ~ 1931 (Photo below)

Rev. Leonard F Webb 1931 ~ 1934

Rev. H Trevor Greaves 1934 ~ 1937

Rev. J Hollis Walker 1937 ~ 1940

Rev. Edgar J Hopkins 1940 ~ 1945

Rev. Frederick E Lines 1945 ~ 1947

Rev. Bernard S. Titmus 1947 ~ 1950

Blaby Road & Countesthorpe Road

Rev. Ronald E. South 1950 ~ 1956

Rev. Arthur Thomton 1956 ~ 1959

Rev. Edward Houghton 1959 ~ 1965

Rev. John R. Bamsby 1965 ~ 1968

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Rev. Arthur Rowe	1968 ~ 1979
Rev. Raymond R. Giffard	1979 ~ 1984
Rev. Peter Sowler	1984 ~ 1993
Rev. Martin Smithson	1993 ~ 1997
Rev. Arthur Rowe	1997 ~ 1998
Rev. Malcolm Peach	1998 ~1999
Rev. Patricia Grudgings	1999 ~ 2005
Rev. Dr. David Palmer	2005 ~ 2009
Rev. Nutan Suray	2009 ~ 2012
Rev. Mark Cheetham	2012 – 2014
Rev. Fran Rhys	2014 – present (2020)

Note: ministers usually commence their appointment on 1st September.



Rev. H J Morris