

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

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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 – 2021
Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis	2021 – 2023
Rev. Frances Ballantyne	2023 – (died June 2024)
Deacon Sharon Dilley	2024 –
Rev. Ian Hu	2025 -

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



Rev. H J Morris