

Ramsbottom Primitive Methodist chapel 1889

Supplementary information to [MPM](#)

Ramsbottom lies on the river Irwell about 4 miles north of Bury and about 4 miles south of Rawtenstall.

This chapel can be seen on the [OS Town Plan](#), labelled 'Methodist Chapel (*Primitive*) (*Seats for 560*)' and scaling at about 66 feet x 38 feet. It was the third Ramsbottom PM chapel after that built in 1833 near the Market Place (see [here](#)) and that built in 1862 in Bridge Street (see [here](#)).

1889: The *Primitive Methodist magazine* 1889 reported on the laying of memorial stones of a new chapel with school room and classrooms (see above)

1890: From the *Manchester Courier* of 29 August;

'Jonathan Warburton, Major Hotel, 160, Bolton-road, Ramsbottom, applied to have an adjoining cottage added to his licensed premises, for the use and privacy of his family. – Mr. Birtwhistle objected on behalf of the trustees of the Primitive Methodist body in Ramsbottom, who have recently built a new chapel on the opposite side of the street, ...'

From the *Ramsbottom Observer* of 30 November 1900:

'Primitive Methodist Bazaar at Ramsbottom ... premises built 1890 [for] £3805' (printing indistinct)

1906: Bury Archives hold the Annual Report Form for the Primitive Methodist Sunday School Union:

'11 male and 13 female teachers. 69 male and 50 female scholars. On reverse ' Scholar's Letter for 1906' (RHS/6/3/3/2)

1930: Bury Archives hold a photograph of 'Whitsuntide group with banner outside Primitive Methodist Church, Bolton Street, Ramsbottom' (RHS/21/6/2/10).

1940: The chapel was listed in the [1940 Methodist Church Buildings Report](#) Districts 'B', Circuit 228 Bury and Ramsbottom. The following information was provided:

Ramsbottom (Bolton Street): made of stone; seating 750; pews; no hall or other rooms.

1954: The Bury Archives hold the Bolton Street PM chapel's Minutes and treasurer's book 1928-54 (CCR).

1954-64: Presumably the chapel closed between 1954 and 1964 when it had disappeared from the OS map (see above).

The site of the chapel is now occupied by no. 161 Bolton Street, Ramsbottom, Bury BL0 9JD.