

West Loftus Primitive Methodist Chapel Deepdale Road West Loftus Redcar and Cleveland (formerly North Yorkshire)

The first Primitive Methodist Chapel built in 1911 on Bank Top nowadays Cliff Crescent

OPENING OF NEW PRIMITIVE METHODIST SCHOOL CHAPEL. — The Primitive Methodists at Loftus, as a body, are growing rapidly, and, in order to meet the needs of that part of the town known as West Loftus, a new school chapel has been erected, at a cost of £900. It is a handsome building, and occupies a commanding position, overlooking the Skinningrove and Carlin How districts. The building was formally opened on Wednesday afternoon by Councillor C. W. Starmer, J.P., of Darlington; and, the weather being beautifully fine, there was a large gathering of Primitive Methodists, and representatives of other religious bodies in the town. The Rev. T. Tvers, superintendent of the circuit, presided, and was accompanied by Mrs. Starmer (Darlington), the Rev. G. J. Lane, F.G.S. (Saltburn), the Rev. W. F. Todd (Brotton), Mr. Glasby, evangelist in the circuit, Mr. C. J. Petch (Scarborough), architect for the church, Councillor S. Fenby, Mrs. Fenby, and Mr. W. Gettins, one of the principal promoters of the movement for the building of the chapel. The hymn "All people that on earth do dwell," having been sung by the congregation, prayer was offered by Mr. Glasby, after which the Chairman congratulated the friends on having such glorious weather for the event, and hoped that the people of West Loftus would make the church their spiritual home, which would prove a means for the gathering in of a

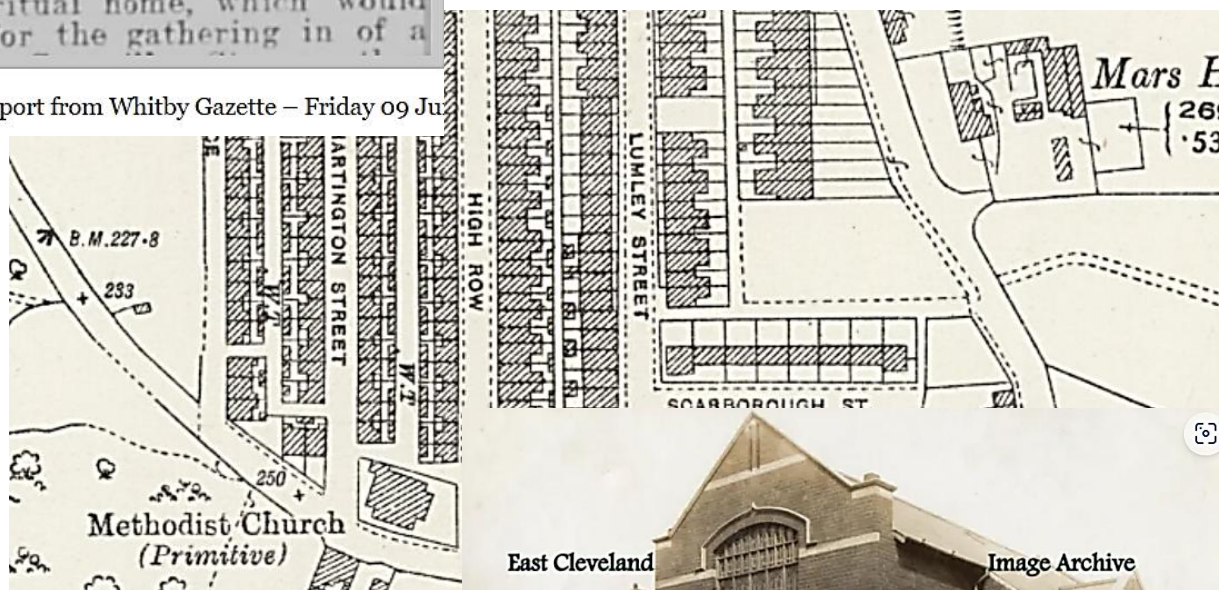
Proposed Primitive Methodist Church 1910
Architectural drawing



This drawing was displayed in the café that is part of the present buildings that comprise The Grace Community Centre. I had permission to photograph the drawing.

— Opening ceremony report from Whitby Gazette – Friday 09 Jun

Shown on the 1913 and 1927 OS Maps but not the 1893 OS Map



— Primitive Methodist Chapel and School at Bank Top from East Cleveland Image Archive

2nd Primitive Methodist Chapel

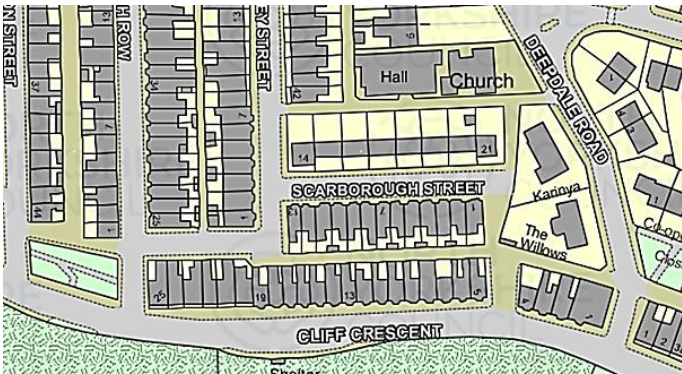
The 1st chapel was damaged by a major landslide in September 1929, but it can be seen that elements of the original were reused in the rebuild such as the details above the large window.

These bricks would appear to have been reused extensively in the rebuild.

The 2nd Primitive Methodist chapel was built on Deepdale Road. Today where the Hall and Church stand.

1940s Methodist Statistical Returns

Staithes Circuit West Loftus Primitive Methodist Chapel Deepdale Rd - Brick-built seating 300 persons on pews, no schoolroom but 2 other rooms



The 2nd Primitive Methodist Chapel is now a Hall, a Community Hall plus café attached to the Church,
The Grace Community Church.

over a great area of England and Scotland yesterday, and serious damage is reported from many places.

The most alarming occurrence took place at Loftus, near Saltburn, where a landslide carried away some property and threatens more.

A message from Middlesbrough last night says: Loftus, near Saltburn, is in a state of alarm due to a big landslide which has carried away valuable property, and threatens more. A half-acre garden and outbuildings of a house and shop have disappeared down a ravine, and it is feared that at any time the house and shop will follow.

It was ascertained yesterday that there is a big crater about 100 yards wide beneath a main road a Methodist Chapel, a house and a garage. This is connected directly with the fissure beneath the threatened house and shop. A big drain is broken at the bottom of the ravine but for fear of the house tumbling the authorities dare not send workmen to mend it. The house and shop were cleared of all contents.

In the subsidence a hen-house went down to the lower level; but the hens appear quite happy in their new surroundings. Further subsidences may completely bury them. Two goats which also went down were rescued none the worse.



This is the area where the 1st Primitive Methodist Chapel was built. Now a small area of a park as photo'd in 2023

