

Nicolson Square Methodist Church

Nicolson Square church was begun in 1815, the year of the Battle of Waterloo. It replaced the earlier Octagon Chapel in Low Calton which was demolished when the Regent Arch was built at the east end of Princes Street. The church was officially opened on 26th May 1816. The organ was built by Forster and Andrews of Hull in 1861. USA President Ulysses Grant worshipped at the Church in 1877.

The Epworth Hall was built in 1916, partly as a centenary celebration, to provide extra accommodation.

The biggest changes to the interior of the sanctuary area were made in 1974, when much of the original woodwork was removed. The present mobile pulpit (1913) came from Lady Glenorchy's Chapel in Hope Square. At the same time the old dark pews were painted in light colours. This leaves the current congregation with a large flexible and bright place for our services.

The Church is now a Grade 'A' Listed Building, linking it with Wesley's Chapel in London and the New Room in Bristol, as the three most important historic buildings in British Methodism.

The congregation covers a broad spectrum of society. The Square Centre in the Church basement offers nutritious, affordable meals to the public from Monday to Friday.

The church building is in use every day.

During the interim period, Sunday Evening Services are held at 6.30pm.