

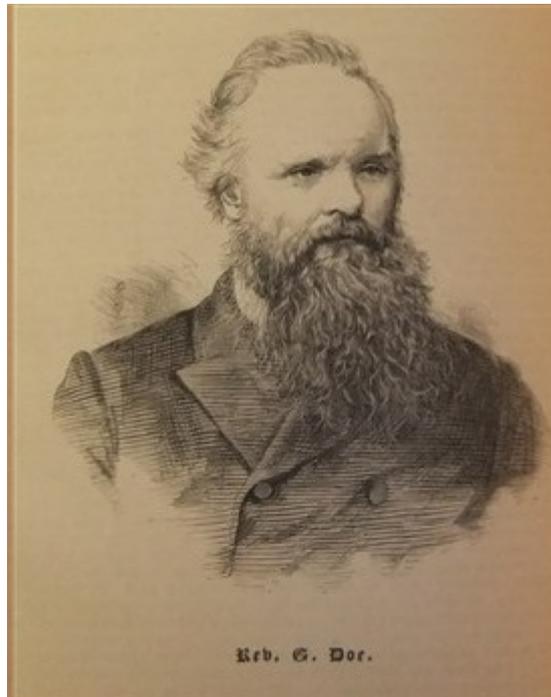
GEORGE DOE

George was born 22 January 1835 in Goudhurst, Kent

George married Charlotte London Scaddingon in July 1866 in Taunton, Somerset. They had seven children four of whom had died in childhood before George and Charlotte came to Maidenhead. In 1880.

The five years that George spent in Maidenhead were very significant with the sale of the Bridge Street premises previously occupied by the Wesleyans and the development of the Queen Street Chapel.

George died on 1 Jun 1921 in Bournemouth, Dorset



A fuller account of his life can be found via:

http://www.myprimitivemethodists.org.uk/category/primitive_methodist_ministers

GREAT DODDINGTON PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

On Monday evening last the annual missionary meeting was held in the above place of worship. The principal speaker was the Rev. G. Doe, of Raunds, who, during a lengthy address, remarked that it is the duty of Christians not only to send the gospel abroad. but to preach it at home by living in the fear of God and loving our neighbours. He said that in some far off districts the heathen set examples of self denial and godliness to the European settlers, who often disgraced the name of Christian in their eyes. He illustrated his remarks by numerous anecdotes of heathen customs and people. A collection was made on behalf of the missions.

(Northampton Mercury 18 May 1867)

GREAT DODDINGTON CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday last the fourth anniversary of the Primitive Methodist chapel was improved by the Rev. S. Pearce preaching two sermons.

On the following day a tea meeting was held, which was well attended, though the weather was unpropitious. In the evening a public meeting was held; the superintendent minister of the Northampton circuit being called upon to preside.

The Chairman (Rev G Doe) said: I am glad to be at this meeting. At the tea meeting the friends had been considering the wants of the body, and now we are met to consider the wants of the soul. We shall have several speakers this evening, as the meeting is to be a social one; and few opportunities occur in a year when others besides ministers can speak. Surely Christians ought to be happy; though they have many annoyances, yet religion makes them happy. Dr. Paley said he was as happy as he wished to be. He thought if he were more happy, he would be unfitted for the duties of this life. We ought all to exert ourselves here for the good of others. Every Christian man or woman, however contracted and limited their means, may influence some for good. We may all not only know God's will, but do it, and He says to all alike, "Go, work in my vineyard."

(Northampton Mercury 20th July 1867)

Building chapels and raising the necessary funds was a constant problem for Primitive Methodist ministers.

WANTED TO BORROW

on the Primitive Methodist chapel, Woburn Sands, £197; 5%. For Particulars apply to Rev G Doe, Grove Road, Leighton Buzzard.

(Leighton Buzzard Observer 23 June 1874)

In 1880, Rev George Doe was appointed Superintendent Minister. Under his leadership the decision was taken to build a new chapel. A plot of land in Queen Street was leased in 1881, and a new chapel built. The Chapel was opened officially on 10th September 1882. It was light, spacious and well ventilated. It had seating for 230 people and cost £1,550.

Sale of Work in the Town Hall Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday December 9th at 2 p.m. In aid of Primitive Methodist Chapel, Camden Road.

Refreshments, music, singing and all the usual attractions. Articles for sale or donations of money gratefully received by the Rev G Doe, 75 St James road.

Who will help, by large or small gifts, to reduce the £2,740 still on the chapel and house ?

(Kent and Sussex Courier Friday 4th December 1891)

WHO WILL HELP
THE PRIMITIVE METHODISTS
In their hard struggle to greatly reduce the debt
of £2,740 on CAMDEN ROAD CHAPEL, Tunbridge
Wells, and HOUSE ?
—
Rev. G. DOE, 75, St. James'-road, will be glad to
hear from any generous friend.
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BAZAAR
In TOWN HALL NEXT WEDNESDAY. 270

Kent & Sussex Courier - Friday 02 December 1892

Primitive Methodist were to the fore with social protest and civil disobedience:

PASSIVE RESISTERS IN COURT.

Tuesday was the day set apart at the Bournemouth Borough Police-court for the hearing of summonses against rate defaulters, which included a large proportion of eases of ratepayers, who had deducted proportions of the rate as a protest against the Education Act. The personal attendance in Court of the passive resisters was much smaller than usual, although the Court was fairly full, and the public interest shown in the proceedings was much less than on the previous occasions.

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..... The Rev George Doe, Primitive Methodist, summoned for 2s 5d, said, as he had stated many times previously, he strongly and conscientiously objected to payment for sectarian purposes and therefore could not voluntarily pay.

(Western Gazette 22 September 1905)

George and Charlotte lived out their later years in useful service in Bournemouth

Rev. G. Doe, of Bournemouth, attained his eighty-sixth year on Saturday last. He is happily in the possession of good health, and can often be seen taking constitutional walks, and occasionally preaching on the Lord's Day. He is even yet a great reader, every day finding him perusing some book, new ones being especially attractive to him. The other day he was eagerly reading Dr. R. F. Norton's autobiography with much delight. Mrs. Doe, too, is well advanced in years being eighty-three. In their ripe years they are surrounded with the love and admiration of many friends.

(Primitive Methodist Leader Jan 27 1921)

The Late Rev. Geo Doe.

In the passing of Rev. George Doe, of Bournemouth First Circuit, aged eighty-seven years, we have lost another link with the heroic past.

He was born at Goudhurst, Kent, in 1836. He was convened at a very early age, and was known as the boy preacher; he helped to mission Tunbridge Wells. He entered the full ministry when twenty years of age, and after being engaged in pioneer mission work in Wales, Cornwall, London and other places he became superintendent minister at Raunds then Northampton, Isle of Wight, Leighton Buzzard, Canterbury, Peterborough, Maidenhead, Hammersmith, Old Trinity, Tunbridge Wells and Guildford. And in all these spheres of toil he had a most honourable and useful record, and in some of them was favoured with great spiritual success. He gave his whole life and energy to the work of building up the Church, without stint or reserve.

In 1866 he married Miss Scadding, of Taunton. The union was in every way a congenial and happy one. Mrs Doe was a true helpmeet, entering fully into his life, sympathetic towards his work, and eager and helpful in all his schemes. Their home was a sanctuary, where God dwelt and peace and love reigned supreme.

Upon his retirement from the active ministry in 1897 he came to reside at Bournemouth, and for some years he continued to serve the circuit in the pulpit. When compelled to give up preaching he was a most regular worshipper at our Hannington-road Church.

His end came on Thursday, June 1st. The evening previous, in the presence of his three daughters and son in law, Mr. J. C. Gledhill (London), he asked them to sing to him the old hymns.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, June 6th, in the Hannington-road church, Portsdown, conducted by the Rev. A. Sutcliffe. Rev. Geo. Bennett, an intimate friend of the family, delivered the address.

(Primitive Methodist Leader June 8 1921)

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs Doe

Many friends will have heard with regret of the passing of Mrs. C. E. Doe, the wife of Rev. George Doe, of Bournemouth.

Born at Taunton in 1839, the daughter of a Wesleyan local preacher, she consecrated herself to God in girlhood, and at the age of eighteen was a Sunday-school teacher.

Married fifty-five years ago to Rev. George Doe, she at once entered heartily into the work of a minister's wife, but for some years shrank from any form of public speaking until she felt called to such work. The call eventually came, and many will yet recall the successful revival services she conducted in the late 'seventies and 'eighties.

Twenty-four years ago, on the retirement of her husband from the active ministry, they went to reside at Bournemouth, where, in spite of a gradual decrease in physical powers she maintained a great interest in the church she loved.

The end came suddenly. After being out at tea with a friend she returned home and retired to rest as usual. In the morning she was found quite conscious but unable to speak. With but a brief period of consciousness she lingered for a few days then peacefully passed to the Homeland in the presence of her husband and three daughters.

She was laid to rest in Boscombe Cemetery on December 12th amid many tokens of love. Revs. A. Sutcliffe and W. Fisher conducted the service in our own church, and Rev. E. W. Flarvey, a former minister, gave an address and officiated at the graveside.

(Primitive Methodist Leader 22 December 1922)