

ERNEST HAROLD HARDY

Harold Hardy was born on the 14th April 1896 in Broomwood, Clapham

Trained at Richmond College, he entered the Wesleyan Methodist ministry in 1926

He married Ethel Davidson in Carlisle Sept 1930



He started his ministry in Ashburton and held other appointments in Wakefield, Leeds, Birmingham and Bath. At some point in his ministry he served as a Prison Chaplain. Very few records of his ministry have so far been discovered.

He died in Wimbledon on 21st May 1975

An extract of a letter written whilst a minister at Coventry Road, Birmingham can be found in:

“From Faith on the Home Front”

Aspects of Church Life and Popular Religion in Birmingham 1929 - 1945
by Stephen Parker

Dear Fred [...] recalling my own experience in the last war, I know how much one can feel cut off from the old associations and almost forgotten [...] I think of your wonderful wife, for instance. When the day's work is done and dear little Philip is gathered in, there's the housework to do. I called one evening before Christmas and she was almost spring cleaning the kitchen. How cheerful she was and contented and I wished you could have been there just to know. Your funny little chap made me draw aeroplanes, ships, cars [...] As I go about I am humbled by the brave hearts that carry on, buoyed up by their hopes, their love and prayers. Family life means more than ever before and if that deepens and develops we may well build better than our parents did.³²