

# The Baptist Church, Wokingham Milton Road



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## The Church

The Church was built originally in 1773 (see stone outside the front door) and rebuilt in its current form (minus the recent addition) at a cost of £1860 in 1861, which is early for Baptist Churches. It was designed by the architect who designed Wokingham Town Hall, which you might like to pass on your trail and notice the similarities in the brickwork and general appearance. Subscriptions were raised by local people for the clock just below the gallery - it was made by a Wokingham clockmaker.



The building is old, but the interior has been modernised, with carpets and chairs, rather than pews. The baptistery can be made available (unfilled with water) for school visits and a volunteer will be sought from the class to demonstrate total immersion.



There are interesting memorials all around the church buildings, in the foyer and the hall. One is to members of the Heelas family, which provided a department store in Wokingham and was a branch of the Reading Heelas family which did the same in Reading. The memorial shown is a memorial to John Sale, a missionary. Do you know where Helensburgh, N.B. is? (It's actually in Scotland, with N.B. standing for North Britain.)

## Questions to ask in this church

- What is special about the way people are baptised in this church?
- What do the memorials tell us about the people they remember?
- What happens in this church apart from religious services?

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<http://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/learning-and-teaching/religious-education/teaching-materials/religious-education-trail>

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