

ERNEST WILLIAM HARVEY

Ernest was born in Chelsea in September 1890.

He became a minister of the Primitive Methodist church in 1917.

He married Mildred Kate Paulding on 29 June 1921 at Herridge Memorial Church Bournemouth.

Very few scraps of newspaper items about his life have come to light.

He died in Weymouth in March 1962 at the age of 71.

In 1920 he was part of a five man team headed by Rev Johnson that constituted the East London Mission. At the inauguration ceremony in Canning Town Mr Johnson's colleagues were described thus:

"To see them - four of them - G W Elliott, Ernest S Wilson, Ernest W Harvey, and Thomas Glasby, all young men, gifted, brilliant, devoted and determined, brought back reminiscences of long ago days before the old circuit system of Methodism became so shivered up into so many isolated weak parts as it is today. With these as a nucleus, drinking in the spirit of their courageous leader, we may hope for victory as far as humans can achieve it. The meeting itself throbbed with life - and the best of life - young men and young women. Of middle-aged people there were a number, of veterans here and there one. The large bulk were youthful and vigorous. If these can be induced to maintain their attitude of Thursday last, lustily enthusiastic, and will march at the pace their leader will set them, the Valley of Vision will repeal itself, the dry bones will live"

(Primitive Methodist Leader Sept 16 1920)



Rev and Mrs E W Harvey of Primitive Methodist Church, Spring Bank, New Mills

From a calendar card in aid of Girls Guild Sale of Work Fund

After spending several years in Dorset and Gloucester, Ernest came to Queen Street, Maidenhead in 1939 and remained almost until the end of the War.

Ernest died in March 1962 in Weymouth aged 71 - Mildred died in Weymouth in 1971 aged 75