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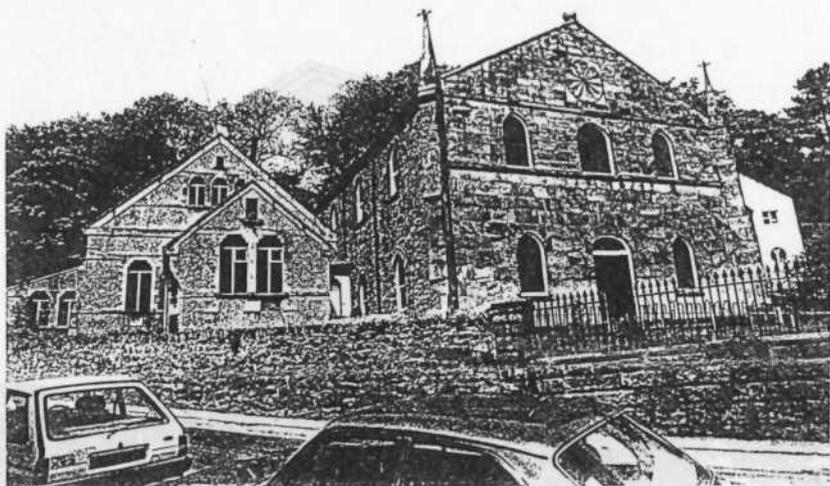
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Local Information Sheet

Mold



Pendref (Methodist)

A Grade II listed building, Pendref is set on Bailey Hill at the top of Mold's High Street. Bailey Hill is the remains of a Norman motte and bailey castle. The chapel was built for £1,600 in 1828 on land given by Sir Thomas Mostyn.

The Methodist cause in Mold dates from the turn of the last century and their first chapel was built in 1803 in Wrexham Street for their very small congregation of twelve. This chapel was extended in 1822 and later demolished when the Pendref was built.

The new chapel in 'attractive papery gothic' style according to E Hubbard, *Buildings of Clwyd* was re-roofed in 1863 and the whole of the interior fittings date from a complete re-fitting in 1875. This exercise cost £1,300 and furthermore the freehold of the land was purchased for £100.

By 1837 the congregation had swelled to six deacons and eighty three members. By 1905 there were nine deacons, 145 members and 315 adherents or 'gwrandawyr' with 204 attending Sunday School. The adjoining Sunday School was added around the date of the survey.



Bethesda (Presbyterian)

The building listed at Grade II is set back from the street behind a railed forecourt containing a small number of graves which includes that of Revd Roger Edwards (1811-86) a leader at Bethesda from his ordination in 1842 but not its minister until 1878, and an influential literary figure.

The chapel is by the London architect W W Gwyther. It was built in 1863 with its striking classical frontage on the site of an earlier chapel of 1819 (see date stone at the rear of chapel). The cause were the first Nonconformist cause in Mold to build a chapel. This was in Ponterwyl (Chester Street) in 1794 and the building was later to become the National School which the Welsh novelist Daniel Owen attended.

Daniel Owen attended Bethesda and preached there until his health broke and his mentor Revd Roger Edwards persuaded him to turn to writing.

The week of October 22 sees the centenary of Daniel Owen's death and amongst other activities a plaque is to be unveiled at the chapel to mark his connection with Bethesda.



Tyddyn Street (United Reformed Church)

A Grade II listed building by the same architect and in the same year as Bethesda. It has a small cemetery.

The cause started in 1857 and at that time preachers were obtained from the Lady Huntington Connection and the Established Church form of service was used. In the following year the members adopted the Congregationalist form of worship. Until the chapel was opened in August 1864 the congregation met in the town hall.

Although also by Gwyther the building is in the markedly contrasting 'Concet' style as opposed to Bethesda's classical frontage. The building was extensively renovated in the mid 1880s. A spirelet has subsequently been removed from the north corner.



Daniel Owen (1836–95), tailor, novelist, nonconformist and native of Mold taken from a portrait by local artist Charles Marston.