

Mary Hailey and Anthony Knight, “..As Witness This Day..”: *Princes Risborough Baptist Church 1707-2007 A Celebration*, 2007, pp.136, from Princes Risborough Baptist Church, 42 Bell Street, Princes Risborough, Bucks, HP27 0AD. There is no charge but a donation of £5 is suggested.

“..As Witness This Day..” celebrates the story of Princes Risborough Baptist Church. Part I, ‘Our Church History’, traces the history of the church from 1707 to the present day, making use of an earlier history written in 1957 by the Revd Maxwell Berry, a former pastor, and Dr Arnold Baines. Part II, ‘Within Living Memory’, includes the reminiscences of those who have been associated with the church, including, for instance, those of Violet Liddle, a former deacon, who as a member of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, worked at Chequers during World War II and then at 10 Downing Street on VE and VJ Days. Part III, ‘Our Church Today’, shows how the church is seeking to meet the needs of Christian witness during the twenty-first century. Under the leadership of the present pastor, the Revd Adrian Redfearn, the church has adopted a Mission Statement: ‘We are here to worship Jesus Christ and obey His teachings, to care for one another and to be open for sharing our good news with everyone.’ In January 2007 the church meeting accepted in principle a building project which will enable the buildings to be adapted for use in the present century.

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