

## SIGNIFICANT DATES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1825	First mention of a Baptist congregation in Gravesend
1842	Decision taken to build a Baptist Church in Windmill Street, Gravesend
03/1843	Foundation Stone laid at Windmill Street site
08/1843	First service held at Zion Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend. Building cost: £2,500
18/05/1845	Church constituted, and Rev E S Pryce inducted as Minister (served until 1862)
1865	Induction of Rev W Emery as Minister (until 1870)
1871	Induction of Rev J Jackson Goadby as Minister (until 1874)
1874	Induction of Rev Noah Heath as Minister (until 1884)
1884	Induction of Rev Tuck as Minister (until 1894)
1894	Induction of Rev Dr George Duncan as Minister (until 1901)
1900	More than half the Church Members withdrew from Zion and formed new Baptist congregation
1902	Induction of Walter Phillips, student at Spurgeon's College, as leader of breakaway group
1906	Both Baptist congregations reunite at Windmill Street. Name of Church changed to Emmanuel
1906	Induction of Rev Walter Phillips as Minister of reunited Church (until 1910)
1910	Induction of Rev A H Fromow as Minister (until 1913)
1912	Organ installed at Windmill Street at a cost of £486
1914	Induction of Rev George Sneesby as Minister (until 1923). Died in office
1920	Church purchased 55 Windmill Street. Named 'Church House'
1923	Induction of Rev D J Llewellyn as Minister (until 1928)
1929	Induction of Rev William Turpitt as Minister (until 1933)
1930	Small Hall built
1934	Induction of Rev Gauldie Smith as Minister (until 1944)
1945	Induction of Rev R D Browne as Minister (until 1950)
1950	Large Hall rebuilt
1951	Induction of Rev William Cobley as Minister (until 1963)
1962	Exterior of Church modernised, modernised, and new windows installed
15/03/1964	Induction of Rev Geoffrey Reynolds as Minister (until 1971)
1965	Interior of Church Worship area modernised and decorated. Cost: approx £10,000
19/06/1965	Reopening and Rededication of Church. Service conducted by Rev Vivian C Evans. Preacher: Rev Edmund Heddle, K&SA
1971	Coffee Bar built above the Large Hall, supported by Christian Aid. Given to Church in 1973
05/02/1972	Induction of Rev David Beer as Minister (until 1978)

1978 Induction of Dr William Hooper as Minister (until 1983)

1982 Large Windmill Street Church Centre building project launched

01/11/1982 Induction of Rev Duncan J Keys as Associate Minister (until 1988)

06/04/1985 Induction of Rev Michael J Fanstone as Senior Minister

19/05/1985 Opening of new Church Centre buildings by Rev Bill Hancock

13/07/1985 Ordination of Eric Baldwin to Baptist Ministry; to be Minister of Underhill BC, Barnet

12/01/1986 Valediction of Sue Lisser to work with Torch Trust for the Blind, Market Harborough, Leics

01/06/1986 Valediction of Graham and Annie Stockton to work with OMF, Philippines

28/09/1986 Valediction of Philip Clayton to work with Horizons in Llanelli

16/10/1987 Newly-refurbished organ irreperably damaged when Church roof blown off during hurricane

09/01/1988 Memorial Thanksgiving Service for the Life and Ministry of Annie Stockton. Preacher: John Wallis (OMF)

18/09/1988 Commissioning of Graham Stockton as Asian Community Worker (11.00am). Preacher: Rev Basil Scott

18/09/1988 Commissioning of Geoff K Cook as Youth Worker (6.30pm). Preacher: Rev Dennis Pethers

08/10/1989 Commissioning of Sabine Stockton as Joint Asian Community Worker. Preacher: Bonny Bose

15/09/1991 Commissioning of Martin Wyborn as Youth Centre Worker

22/09/1991 Commissioning of Founders' Group (of 16) at Windmill Street to become Riverview Park Congregation

29/09/1991 Launch of Riverview Park Congregation at Scout & Guide Hall. Worship led by Michael Fanstone

14/03/1993 Commissioning of Valeria Brigden to work in Morocco with Arab World Mission. Preacher: Bryan Knell

02/05/1993 Commissioning of David Thompson as Lay Pastor at Twydall Baptist Church, Gillingham

25/07/1993 Commissioning of John and Kay Essex to Torch Trust for the Blind

12/09/1993 First *Sunday Night Live* Sunday evening seeker-focused event held in Church Centre Hall. Theme: *Credit Discredited*

26/09/1993 Welcome to Jenny Yates as Student Leader of Riverview Park Congregation

02/01/1994 Launch of the Sunday 9.30am Reflective Worship Service, preceding the 11.00am All-Age Worship Service

15/01/1994 Commissioning of Jenny Yates as Student Leader of Riverview Park Congregation. Preacher: Rev Paul Hills

25/09/1994 Commissioning of Nav Gillon as Student Youth Ministry Worker

28/09/1994 Ordination of Geoff K Cook, and Induction as Associate Minister. Ordination: Rev Peter Tongeman. Preacher: Rev Ian C Green

02/10/1994 Launch of Shears Green Congregation at SG Community Centre. Worship led by Michael Fanstone and Geoff Cook

01/01/1995 Commissioning of Philip and Alison Clayton to work with World Horizons in Izmir, Turkey

30/04/1995 Jenny Yates' last Service as Student Leader of Riverview Park Congregation

18/01/1997 Induction of David Thompson as Student Minister at Gamlingay Baptist Church, Cambridgeshire

31/08/1997 Induction of David Rose as Honorary Associate Minister by Rev David Taylor, General Superintendent

20/12/1997 Farewell to Sam and Geoff Cook, moving to Faversham Baptist Church, Faversham, Kent

17/01/1998 Induction of Geoff Cook as Minister of Faversham Baptist Church. Preacher: Rev Geoffrey Breed

25/10/1998 Welcome to Rev David Rose as Leader of Riverview Park Congregation  
06/12/1998 Commissioning of Valeria Brigden as Windmill Street Pastoral Worker  
06/02/1999 Ordination of David Thompson. Preacher: Rev Chris Voke  
20/03/1999 Induction of Rev David Thompson as Minister of Waltham Cross Baptist Church, Herts  
10/09/2000 Commissioning of David Ware as Leader of Riverview Park Congregation  
08/09/2002 Induction at Bluewater of Rev Martyn Thorne as SEBA Kent Thameside Church Project Mission Enabler  
30/05/2004 Marion Sherwood began work as Church Administrator  
04/07/2004 Commissioning of Graham and Sabine Stockton to work with Interserve in Berlin  
01/09/2004 Wanda Barnard began work as Youth Worker  
05/09/2004 Commissioning of Wanda Barnard as Youth Worker by Rev Tony Cross  
09/01/2005 Launch of Windmill Street Redevelopment Project  
18/12/2005 Last Sunday worship of Shears Green Congregation at Shears Green Community Centre  
13/08/2006 Commissioning of Palo and Parkash Bangard to work with Gravesend Ethnic Ministries  
01/10/2006 Commissioning of Richard and Joyce Odell to work with INF in Kathmandu, Nepal  
29/03/2008 Induction of Rev Penny Marsh as SEBA Kent Thameside Church Project Mission Enabler  
29/06/2008 Commissioning of Emmanuel Cave to work with Mission Africa in Nigeria for one year  
10/08/2008 Commissioning of Graham and Sabine Stockton to work with Friends International in Manchester  
19/12/2008 Church purchased 56 Windmill Street for £162,000  
26/04/2009 Launch of partnership between Emmanuel Baptist Church and Kenward Trust - 56 Windmill Street  
07/02/2010 Re-opening of Worship area by Jack Milham, following £280,000 refurbishment, taking seven months  
25/09/2011 Welcome to Dawn Turner as Minister-in-Training, working in Northfleet North, in partnership with SEBA  
13/11/2012 Presentation to Church by Archbishop of York of "Youth Worker Employer of the Year 2012" award at Bishopsthorpe Palace  
06/01/2013 Commissioning of Richard and Joyce Odell to work with Nepalis in Northern England  
01/07/2013 Emmanuel BC became an inaugural Member of the newly-constituted Churches Together in Ebbsfleet  
12/08/2013 Carl Blake-Morris began work as Church Centre Manager (served until January 2014)  
02/11/2013 Launch of worship service in Northfleet North at Wallis Park Community Centre by Dawn Turner  
30/08/2014 Ordination of Dawn Turner as a Baptist Minister (Evangelist) by Rev Stuart Davison. Preacher: Rev Neil Durling  
07/10/2014 Launch of Castle Hill housegroup, which anticipates transitioning into Ebbsfleet Valley church plant  
22/10/2014 Church Meeting decision that Riverview Park Congregation will transition into Riverview Park Baptist Church, Gravesend  
21/11/2014 Wanda Barnard is awarded runner-up in "Youth Worker of the Year" at the Youthwork Awards at LST  
31/03/2015 Farewell and Valediction Service for Riverview Park Congregation as it leaves Emmanuel to become RP Baptist Church  
01/04/2015 Riverview Park Baptist Church formed, with 33 initial Members, all transferred from Emmanuel  
13/11/2015 Funeral and Thanksgiving Service for Valeria Brigden, former Elder, who died 26 October 2015, aged 83

15/08/2016 Russell Braund begins work as Minister of Emmanuel Baptist Church, alongside Michael Fanstone

10/09/2016 Induction of Russell Braund as Minister of Emmanuel Baptist Church

16/10/2016 Farewell to Diane and Michael Fanstone, with Michael's actual retirement on 31 October 2016