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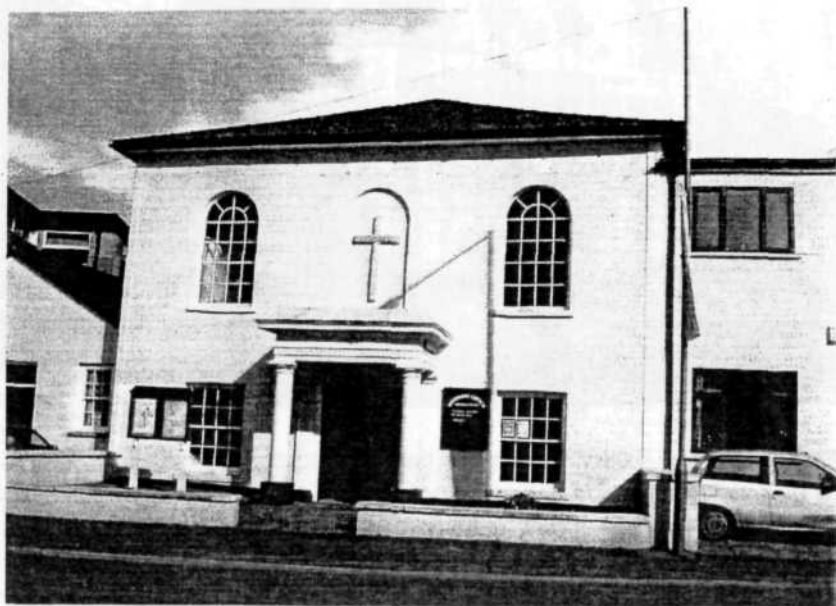
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Non-conformity was established early in Abergavenny, and the Baptists appear to have been the first to make headway, when John Abbot was placed by the Puritans in the living of the Church of St Mary in 1652, in place of the vicar Charles Herbert. Three years later the connection moved to Llanwenarth and built a meeting house there.

## Methodist Chapel, Castle Street



John Wesley visited Abergavenny in 1739 and once or twice afterwards with the result that a Wesleyan communion was established. In 1805 a house was purchased in Tudor Street and used until 1829 when the present chapel was erected in Castle Street. The main building is largely unaltered, but the interior was changed in the late C19 and some alterations were done in 1997.

It is listed grade II for its special interest as a handsome well preserved Methodist Chapel of 1829.

### **Bethany English Baptist Church**

The Baptist cause was revived in Abergavenny in 1769 and a chapel was built in Tudor Street. This was the Welsh speaking institution, but because of the decline in the Welsh language the chapel was closed in 1889 and the building used by the Salvation Army.



Bethany English Baptist Church was built in Market Street in 1882, designed by the local architect E A Johnson and built by local contractors J G Thomas for £1240. Built of red brick with bath stone dressings it was only listed as a building of special architectural and historic interest in 1998. It had become redundant as a chapel some years before when the congregation joined the Welsh Baptists in the Frogmore Street Chapel. It was then used for several years to house a Museum of Childhood. This was followed by several uses, but unfortunately it is now on the market for sale.

## Frogmore Street Chapel

This formerly was the Welsh Baptist Chapel and was designed by the well known Welsh architect George Morgan of Carmarthen. Built in 1877 at a cost of £4,200, the exterior is as originally designed, but the interior has been altered in that in 1977 a floor was introduced at balcony level. This provided considerable space at ground floor level for school rooms, various meeting rooms and toilets etc. It has meant that the chapel is in constant use whilst still retaining its



main function as a chapel. It was listed by Cadw in 1991 for its special interest as a fine example of George Morgan's Romanesque chapel style and also for major townscape importance.



## The Salvation Army Citadel

The Salvation Army Citadel in Victoria Street was formerly the Assemblies of God Chapel. It was built in 1830 as a Primitive Methodist Chapel and listed grade II as a building of special architectural and historic interest in 1974. It has retained its external appearance although the interior has been modernised.



Salvation Army Chapel



The former Salvation Army Chapel in Merthyr Road became redundant when they moved to Victoria Street, but it was then acquired by the Christadelphians, who use it as their local church.

