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### Opening of church building in Bridlington



*A report by Rev. Cairin Salt*

**Saturday 13th. September was an historic day for the Free Presbyterian Congregation in Bridlington, East Yorkshire, England. On that day the congregation's recently acquired building (formerly Congregational) was officially opened as a Free Presbyterian Meeting House.**

The opening ceremony was conducted by our Moderator Dr. Ian Paisley, who also offered a prayer of dedication. Two plaques to commemorate the occa-

sion were unveiled: one by Dr Paisley and another by the Rev. Cairin Salt, minister of the congregation.

The special service began with the singing of the first Psalm, after which the Rev. Gordon Ferguson (London) opened in prayer. Rev. Paul Fitton (Dungannon) who was in charge of the Bridlington work as a Licentiate, spoke of the early days of the Church. He expressed his delight that after meeting for some time in the Temperance Institute, and later in the Red Cross Building, the congregation now had a fine building of their own.

Following Mr. Fitton's remarks Rev. David Smith (Liverpool) brought greetings from the Forward Movement Committee, and on behalf of the sister congregations on the mainland. Rev. Cairin Salt then welcomed the congregation of approximately 100, which included visitors from Northern Ireland, Derbyshire, Chester, Berwick-on-Tweed and various other parts of England.

He paid tribute to the dedication and sacrificial giving of the congregation He also spoke of his delight that the Lord had given the congregation a Church building to worship in. Acknowledging the kind loans of £10,000 from Presbytery, and £5,000 from Clogher Valley Free Presbyterian Church respectively, Rev. Salt added that the other £35,000 required to procure the building had been raised, a substantial portion of this by the Bridlington congregation.

After the offering which totalled £1,450.89, Dr. Paisley addressed the congregation. God's servant experienced great liberty in preaching, and brought a very challenging message from 1 Corinthians 2:2. The Moderator highlighted the great truth that salvation was to be found in Christ alone. No-one in the congregation was left in any doubt as to their need of salvation and how it may be obtained.

After Rev. Salt closed in prayer, tea was served to all present.

The day marked a milestone in the congregation's history. The words, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us", 1 Samuel 7: 12, would convey the thoughts of many present as they considered all that the Lord has done for them.