

**C DCFT                      Fig Tree Gospel Mission, Hull, records                      1915-1981**

**Accession number:** 17/05

**Historical Background:** The Fig Tree Gospel Mission was a member of the Assemblies of God, a pentecostal movement created in 1924, by Nelson Parr of Manchester, but based on congregations founded from earlier dates. Fig Tree Hall was one such congregation.

Although it was first registered in the front room of 34 Caroline Place in June 1925, with Gideon Gardiner as the General Secretary, the mission had its origins as early as 1915. Sister Jennie Curtis was recognised as the founder and Superintendant of the mission on the 1st January 1924, although she had converted much earlier, in 1905. In 1930 the mission move to Sykes Street until 1939 when it relocated to Waltham Street. 1952 saw the mission move to another new site, this time on Charles Street, the last place it occupied before it closed in the 1980s. Sister Jennie died in 1959, aged 78 years old while Gideon Gardiner died in 1981.

**Custodial history:** Deposited at the History Centre by John Tidy, son-in-law of the last pastor, Gideon Gardiner

**Description:** Registers and minutes (1915-1978); Young Converts roll (1950-1973); Records of meetings (1944-1951); Outing and treats register (1923-1927); Accounts (1968-1981); Sunday School registers and weekly note books (1916-1948)

**Arrangement :**

C DCTF/1	Records of the Fig Tree Gospel Mission	1915-1981
C DCTF/2	Fig Tree Gospel Mission Sunday School records	1916-1957

**Extent:** 1.5 boxes

**Related material:** Images and plans of the church may be accessed through the street index in the History Centre's searchroom. In the Hull Daily Mail 'Flashback' publication, number 52, (November 1997) there is a photograph of the church at Sykes Street from July 1939 (page 30).

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

<b>C DCFT/1</b>	<b>Records of the Fig Tree Gospel Mission, Hull</b> 9 volumes	<b>1915-1981</b>
C DCFT/1/1	<b>Registers and minutes of the Fig Tree Mission</b> Includes a Young Peoples Roll 3 volumes	1915-1978

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C DCFT/1/1/1	Fig Tree Gospel Mission Minute book and Register Gives the Statement of Fundamental Truths, Decision Bands issued, Members Roll, Dedications, Believers Baptisms, Thanksgiving of Women, commonly called Churchings, Marriages and Funerals and a Record of Business (minutes) 1 volume	28 Mar 1915- 20 Nov 1977
C DCFT/1/1/2	Fig Tree Gospel Mission Register Gives details of Believer's Baptisms, Burial and Cremations, (including address, age and place of interment), Members Roll (as of 1 Jan 1978) and Infant Dedications, commonly called Christenings 1 volume	22 Oct 1961- 29 May 1978
C DCFT/1/1/3	Fig Tree Gospel Hall Young Peoples Roll Note, the front cover indicates the volume commences in March 1954 but the first date inside is for 1950 1 volume	9 Apr 1950- 5 Mar 1973
C DCFT/1/2	<b>Accounts of the Fig Tree Gospel Mission, Hull</b> 2 volumes	1923-1981
C DCFT/1/2/1	Fig Tree Hall outings and treats accounts and register 1 volume	27 Jun 1923- 20 Jul 1927
C DCFT/1/2/2	Fig Tree Gospel Mission accounts book 1 volume	1 Apr 1968- 24 Nov 1981
C DCFT/1/3	<b>Fig Tree Gospel Hall, Hull meeting records</b> 4 volumes	1945-1956
C DCFT/1/3/1	Fig Tree Gospel Hall records of meetings Gives the theme of each meeting 1 volume	1 Jul 1945- 15 May 1948
C DCFT/1/3/2	Fig Tree Gospel Hall records of meetings Gives the theme of each meeting 1 volume	16 May 1948- 27 Oct 1951
C DCFT/1/3/3	Fig Tree Gospel Hall records of meetings Gives the theme of each meeting 1 volume	28 Oct 1951- 16 Apr 1955
C DCFT/1/3/4	Fig Tree Gospel Hall East Hull notes Gives date, speaker, attendance and any remarks with a list members and their addresses 1 volume	29 Jul 1956- 16 Dec 1956

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<b>C DCFT/2</b>	<b>Fig Tree Gospel Mission Sunday School records</b> 4 volumes	<b>1916-1957</b>
C DCFT/2/1	Fig Tree Sunday School weekly notes 1 volume	2 Jul 1916- 25 Dec 1930
C DCFT/2/2	Fig Tree House Sunday School weekly notes 1 volume	4 Jan 1931- 25 Dec 1938
C DCFT/2/3	Fig Tree Sunday School attendance register Also gives details of the speaker and the offerings total 1 volume	1 Jan 1939- Nov 1948
C DCFT/2/4	Fig Tree Gospel Sunday School rough note book Gives attendance details 1 volume	2 Jan 1955- 29 Dec 1957