

## SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, COMBER HISTORY

1838	Formation of the Congregation	1972	Catering Corps formed	1991	Very Rev Dr T Simpson MA LLB DipEd DD DLitt as visitor to elderly
1839	Laying of Foundation Stone of Church	1974	17 May Laying Foundation Stone of Main Hall	1992	Formation of Focus (later Youth Fellowship)
1839–1869	Ministry of Very Rev Professor John Rodgers later Moderator of General Assembly	1975	Formed Wednesday Club / Group	1993	Demolition of old Smyth Hall
1840	3 October Church opened for Worship	1975	1 March Main Hall opened	1993	Foundation Stone for new Hall by Mrs MJ Jones
1860	Manse & Schoolroom built (later Church Hall then Smyth Hall)	1975	First Issue of S.C.O.P.E.	1993	Formation of World Development Group
1873–1877	Ministry of Rev SJ Niblock BA	1975	Formation of Badminton Club & Youth Council	1993	Opening New Smyth Hall by Mrs C Erskine
1877–1897	Ministry of Very Rev DA Taylor MA DD later Moderator of General Assembly	1976	Construction of Club Room & Bowling Club	1993	Sunday School for children with severe learning difficulties
1881	Manse and Schoolroom enlarged	1977	Holiday Club later H Special & Hol. Bible Club	1995	Formation of Sewing Group
1889	Jubilee of Congregation	1977	50 Anniversary of Ordination of Rev JE Jones and Dedication of Gifts	1995	April Installation Rev Roy Mackay BA BD
1897	1910 Ministry of Rev RJ Semple MA later Professor of English & History Magee College	1977	Ordination Mr T Pollock DipTh BTh Assist	1995	Formed Focus Plus (later 'Real Life')
1899	Boys' Brigade Company formed	1979–1984	Ministry of Rev SJ Chambers BSc	1996	Tonal revision & refurbishment of Organ
1901	Ladies' Room built	1979	Formation of Table Tennis & Sat/ Sun Scene	1996	50 Anniversary of PWA
1907	Young People's Guild formed	1980	Ordination of Mr R Bell as Assistant Minister	1997	25 Anniversary of Catering Corps
1911–1919	Ministry of Rev T McConnell BA	1981	Formation of Morning Badminton Club	1997	Rededication of Organ Rt Rev Dr H Allen
1919–1927	Ministry of Very Rev JC Breakey BA DD later Moderator of General Assembly	1981	Formation of Morning Badminton Club	1997	Ordination of Mr M Brown BA BTh Assist
1920	14 November War Memorial unveiled	1982	Evergreens & BB Old Boys' Association	1998	Monthly 'Pause for Prayer'
1921	Boys' Reserve formed (later Life Boys then Boys' Brigade Junior Section)	1985	Ordination Miss H Watson BD Assistant	1998–1999	Year of Outreach & Mission
1922	Girls' Auxiliary formed	1985–1994	Ministry of Rev P Erskine MA BD	1999	Malawi Venture - September
1927–1969	Ministry of Rev JE Jones BA	1986	Cradle Roll started	2000	50 Anniversary ord Very Rev Dr T Simpson
1931	Pipe Organ installed	1986	Formation of Supper Teams	2000	Licensing Mr S Finlay as Assistant
1939	Centenary of Congregation	1986–1991	Rev Dr JC Stewart visits elderly	2000	Stonework on Meeting House & Manse
1940	Schoolroom furnished as Church Hall	1987	GB Former Members Association formed	2001	www.secondcomber.co.uk goes live
1944–1947	Property improvement scheme	1988	Ordination of Mr I Fleck BTh Assistant Minister	2002	ALPHA Course
1946	Women's Guild formed (later PWA)	1988	150 Anniversary of formation of Congregation	2003	Installation of Projection System
1948	Girls' Brigade Company formed	1988	Formed Junior CE (later Crossfire)	2003	Licensing Mr P Jamieson BA DipTh Assistant
1951	Youth Hall built (later Minor Hall)	1988	Tape Ministry introduced	2003	Rev Prof TS Reid BA BD MTh DipEd DD made Pastoral Assistant
1952	Church Entrance & Grounds remodelled	1988	Project School Extension Gugarat, India	2004	Rededication of Meeting House by Moderator Rt Rev K Newell after renovation
1953	Junior Boys formed (ie Robins & Anchor Boys)	1988–1989	Update of buildings & grounds	2005	Appointed B McVea BA Youth & Family Worker
1955	Entire Church refurbished & decorated	1989	26 March 150 Anniversary of Foundation Stone	2005	Licensing Mr M Shaw BD PGCE Assistant
1955	Second World War Memorial unveiled	1990	Mother & Toddlers' Group (later Tots & Co)	2006	Demolition of Minor Hall
1956	Children's Church formed	1990	Ordination Mr McConnell BD Assistant	2006	Acquired 'The Cottage' 7 Killinchy St
1958	Men's Association & Bowling Club formed	1990	18 March BBC Songs of Praise Service	2007	Wet Heating System for Meeting House
1970–1978	Ministry Rev Sam Wilson BA BD MTh	1990	Young People's CE (later Crossfire)	2007	Opening Minor Hall & Welcome Area by Moderator Rt Rev Dr D Clarke
1970	Creche formed	1990	150 Anniversary Opening of House of Worship	2007	Licensing Mr J Cochrane BEng BA Assistant
1971	Renovation of Church and Manse	1991	Ordination Mrs F Taylor BA BD Assistant		
1971	Youth Fellowship formed (Young Adults Group)				