

HIGH CHAPEL IS 322 YEARS OLD

Sunday was a great celebration at Ravenstonedale's ancient "High" Chapel.

The morning service of Holy Communion was well attended and was conducted by the minister, the Rev. J. Desmond Owen, but the highlight of the weekend celebrations came on Monday evening, when the chapel was almost full with people who had travelled from Kendal, Garstang, Sedbergh, Dent and Tebay.

The "High" Chapel holds a unique place in the af-

fections of many people. It was founded at the Great Eviction in 1662, when the Rev. Christopher Jackson, parish incumbent at Crosby Garrett, was evicted for his Presbyterian views, and his refusal to compromise his beliefs by conforming to the requirements of the then "New" Book of Common Prayer.

It was founded as a Presbyterian Church, became a Congregational Church in 1811 and, with the union of the Presbyterian Church of

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England and the Congregational Church in England and Wales in 1972, became part of the United Reformed Church.

The preacher on Monday was the Rev. R. W. Hugh Jones, from Leamington Spa, ex-moderator of the West Midlands Province of the United Reformed Church and past president of the Congregational Church.

The singing was led by the choir of the United Reformed Church in Kendal and the organist was Mr. Mason, also from Kendal. The service was led by the minister of the High Chapel, the Rev. J. Desmond Owen.

The ladies provided an excellent buffet supper afterwards in the upper room. The week-end proved successful in all ways, realising £100 for church funds.

The chapel looked resplendent for the occasion having been re-decorated and paid for by an anonymous and most generous donor.