

Kiffin Manuscript

1640s

Sundry of [the] Church whereof Mr. Jacob and Mr. John Lathorp had been Pastors, being dissatisfied with [the] Churches owning of English Parishes 1633 to be true Churches desired dismissal & joined together among themselves, and Mr. Henry Parker, Mr. Thomas Shepard, Mr. Samuel Eaton, Mark Luker, & others with whom joined Mr. William Kiffin.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, Mr. Pen, & H. Pen, & 3 more being convinced that Baptism was not for Infants, but professed 1638 Believers joined with Mr. John Spilsbury [the] Churches favour being desired therein.

3rd Month: The Church became two by mutual consent just 1640 half being with Mr. P. Barebone, & [the] other hald with Mr. H. Jessey Mr. Richard Blunt with him being convinced of Baptism yet also it ought to be by dipping [the] Body into [the] Water, resembling Burial and rising again. 2 Col: 2.12. Rom: 6.4. had sober conference about in [the] Church, & then with some of the forenamed who also were so convinced: And after Prayer & conference about their so enjoying it, none having then so so [*sic*] practised in Enland to professed Believers, & hearing that some in the Netherlands had so practised they agreed & sent over Mr. Richard Blunt (who understood Dutch) with Letters of Commendation, who was kindly accepted there, & returned with Letters from them John Batte a Teacher there, & from that Chruch to such as sent him.

They proceed on therein, viz, Those Persons yet were persuaded 1641 Baptism should be by dipping [the] Body had met in two Companies, & did intend so to meet after this, all these agreed to proceed alike together. And then Manifesting (not by any formal Words a Covenant) which word was scrupled by some of them, but by mutual desires & agreement each Testified.

Those two Companies did set apart one to Baptize the rest; So it was solemnly performed by them.

Mr Blunt Baptized Mr. Blacklock yet was a Teacher amongst them, & Mr. Blunt being Baptized, he & Mr. Blacklock Baptized [the] rest of their friends that ware so minded, & many being added to them they increased much.

The Names of all 11 Month January: begin

Richard Blunt	Samuel Blacklock	Thomas Shephard & his Wife
Gregory Fishburn	Dorothy Fishburn	Mary Millisson
John Cadwell	Elizabeth Cadwell	
Samuel Eames	Thomas Munden	
Thomas Kilcop	William Willieby	
Robert Locker	Jary Lock[er?]	
John Braunson	John Bull	
Richard Ellis	Mary Langride	
William Creak	Mary Haman	
Robert Carr	Sarah Williams	
Martin Mainprise	Joane & Ann Dunckle	
Henry Woolmare	Elizabeth Woolmore	
Robert King	Sarah Norman	
Thomas Waters	Isabel Woolmore	
Henry Creak	Judeth Manning	
Mark LUKAR	Mable LUKAR	
Henry Darker	Abigail Bowden	
Elizabeth Jessop	Mary Creak	

Susanah King

41 in all

11 January 9 added

John Cattope	George Denham
Nicholas Martin	Thomas Daomunt
Ailie Stanford	Richard Colgrave
Nath Matthon	Elizabeth Hutchinson
Mary Burch	John Croson
	Sybilla Lees
	John Woolmoore

Thus 53 in all

Those that were so minded hand communion together were 1644 become Seven Churches in London.

Mr. Green with Captain Spencer had begun a congregation in 1639 Crutched Fryers, to whom Paul Hobson joined who was now with many of that Church one of [the] Seven

These being much spoken against as unsound in Doctrine as if they were Arminians, & also against Magistrates & c. they joined together in a Confession of their Faith in fifty two 1644 Articles which gave great satisfaction to many that had been prejudiced.

Thus subscribed in [the] names of 7 Churches in London:

William Kiffin

Thomas Patience

George Tipping

John Spilsbury

Thomas Shepard

Thomas Munden

Thomas Gun

John Mabbett

John Web

Thomas Kilcop

Paul Hobson

Thomas Goore

John Phelps

Edward Heath