



## Oral History – Preachers



John Trueman, born 1917, Gateshead

John Trueman tells of the preachers who visited his chapel.

"We had local preachers nearly all the time, all kinds of preachers. Some whom we found very humorous and some who were good. We had one fellow, he came from Sunnyside and there was two of them, he had a brother who was just the same. And he used to speak in what we called the vernacular – pit vernacular. He was a pit man – 'And Moses went doon to see the children of Israel, he was gannin doon the way'. He used to talk like that and when he read the Bible he used to talk the same way. It was a hoot really but I mean the bloke was very sincere, I mean that was the way he talked, we shouldn't have laughed really, we thought that was very funny. But the choir had to put up with a lot from us. We used to pull faces in the back row."