

Visitors flock to opening ceremony

PEOPLE flocked to see the results of an £84,000 refurbishment of Gosberton Methodist Church during a grand opening weekend.

The celebrations started with a dedication service and cutting of a ribbon by the church's youngest and oldest members Alex Richardson (16) and Joan Wilson (90) and was attended by around 80 visitors.

A programme of open days and services throughout the weekend was well supported.

Treasurer and church property steward Mavis Doughty said: "It was brilliant. The whole weekend went off very well.

"The church is beautiful. It really does look super.

"We will be two or three years fundraising for it but we are hoping to go from strength to strength and to pick up new members.



▲ VISITORS look on as architect Barry Johnson and oldest and youngest congregation members Joan Wilson (90) and Alex Richardson (16) declare the church open. (2870x91)

"We would love to see villagers come in. They will find a warm welcome.

"Certainly if anybody is lonely or just had a bereavement I'm sure that they would find comfort."

The church, which has just 18 mem-

bers, gathered almost £60,000 towards the work in two years but now needs to cover the shortfall.

The two and a half month refurbishment included lowering a ceiling, removing pews and redecoration.