



Religion

Religion was an important part of 19th century life. Even if some people did not attend church every Sunday, Christianity, in its broadest sense, informed nearly all aspects of everyday life. As well as providing a moral and spiritual framework, the Church also had a practical impact. Before 1870 most working class children received their schooling via Sunday School and many churches provided assistance, activities and help for adults too.

However, although Britain was a profoundly Christian country there was not just one creed or denomination. In addition to the established religion, the Church of England, there were many non-conformist and other denominations. This was certainly the case in Crook. The trade directory of 1902 listed 10 churches, including: St Catherine's (CoE); Church Mission; Our Lady Immaculate and St Cuthbert (Catholic); Presbyterian Church of England; Baptist; Methodist New Connexion; Primitive Methodist; Welseyan Methodist; Gospel Room; and Salvation Army