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A CONTRIBUTION FROM AN ELDER.

Dear Friends,

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" Psalm 122.

At this time of the year some of us are disappointed that we are unable to come to Church for our usual act of Worship and Spiritual Renewal for the coming week.

Television and radio offer us alternatives which may be helpful. We may find ourselves worshipping in another Church or denomination from time to time.

Often these occasions leave us feeling that something is missing - is it because it is unfamiliar, different hymns or songs, or a different style of worship, or because we are alone? It would be a mistake to think that it was any the less sincere or God inspired. No one fellowship has ever held the monopoly of either receiving or passing on the Holy Gospel of God's love given to us in His Son Jesus. Indeed, we thank God for the diversity of ways in which His message is given: one way to the Shepherds, another to the Wise Men.

It is a gracious gift to be able to discern, receive and thus be inspired by the message, even if set in ways unusual to our own. Perhaps we may hear it in a verse of a hymn or song, the Bible reading, a sentence in a prayer or the Sermon. Perhaps, even, in the beauty of the flowers, or a stained glass window. It may be something quite simple, but precious, especially if it's directness stays with us in the next few days or weeks.

Read again Psalm 122, which some of us found helpful in the New Year's Day Prayer Vigil, and may it's words inspire us as we find our personal Jerusalem, and pray for and find peace within it's walls.

Jane Bond.



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1993.

- 2 Tue Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship 2.45pm
 4 Thu Dis. Cncl. Mtg. Shelley Road URC.
 6 Sat Torch Fellowship. St. Columba's URC 2.45pm
 7 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
 11am Rev. William McCrorie.
 6.30pm Mr. Richard Tuley/
 Mrs. Bobby Hitchin.
- 7/14 Girls' Brigade Week.
- 10 Wed Bible Study 38 Trent Rd. 8pm Deans' Home.
 11 Thu Monthly Prayer with Holy Communion 10.30am
 Thursday Prayer Group Little Chapel. 2.30pm
 13 Sat Girls' Brigade Coffee Morning. 10.30am
 14 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
 11am Parade Service
 Mr. David Irish. Bible Sunday
 6.30pm Mr. Julian Brewer/
 Mr. Ray Close
- 16 Tue Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship 2.45pm
 18 Thu Elders' Meeting 7.30pm
 20 Sat Torch Fellowship. Durrington. 2.30 pm
 21 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
 11 am Rev. Kay McIntosh.
 6.30pm Healing with Holy Communion
 Rev. Norman Smith. Lindfield URC/
 Mr. Paul Archer.
- 23 Wed Bible Study 38 Trent Road. 8 pm
 24 Thu Thursday Pry. Grp. Little Chapel 2.30pm.
 7.30pm Church Meeting.
- 28 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
 11am Rev. John Flack
 6.30pm Mrs. Bobby Hitchin/
 Mr. Richard Tuley.



OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR

- SUN** COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION Hold in prayer the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan, the Hong Kong council of the Church of Christ in China, the Presbyterian Church in Malaysia and the Presbyterian Church of Singapore. Especially remember their care of students from other lands and their witness to the Gospel.
- MON** BIBLE SOCIETY Praise God for the continuing opportunities for Scripture distribution in Pakistan and for the issue of audio Scripture cassettes. In Iran Scripture supplies are exhausted. Pray that the authorities will allow the importing of Scriptures and the reopening of the Bible Society office.
- TUE** STUDENTS Universities and schools are back in full swing after the Christmas break. Pray for Christian teachers, Parent-governors and students to have a sanctifying influence on others through their witness. Remember organisations helping overseas students including the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship and the International Student Christian Services.
- WED** PAKISTAN Pray for Evelyn and John Mobson flying to Kunri in February for two months to help during the season when specialised treatment and surgery is given for eye related problems. They are supported by a Christian organisation in Germany which helps visually handicapped people.
- THU** MEDIA Pray for Christians working in radio, TV and the press that their witness may be clear and their values God honouring. Those involved in setting up Christian programmes for and in Third World countries especially need wisdom.
- FRI** BANGLADESH Sadly it seems that official communication has come to an end with the Kushtia diocese. Still pray for the corporal and spiritual needs as they struggle to maintain a living church in a hostile environment. Marian Bairoi has moved to another girls' hostel and is also doing social work in the community.
- SAT** IRAQ As Saddam Nussein continues to violate International law, causing much tension in the Middle East, let us praise the Lord for the many Bibles being distributed. There are still more needed. Pray for Christian workers and especially Arab Christians.

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SUNDAY PREACHERS FEBRUARY.

Feb. 7	Morning 11am	Holy Communion. Rev. William McCrorie. Southern Province Training Officer.
	Evening 6.30pm	Mr. Richard Tuley/ Mrs. Bobby Hitchin.
Feb 14	Morning 11am	Bible Sunday/ Parade Service Mr. David Irish.
	Evening 6.30pm	Mr. Julian Brewer/ Mr. Ray Close
Feb 21	Morning 11am	Rev. Kay McIntosh.
	Evening 6.30pm	Holy Communion. Rev. Norman Smith. Lindfield U.R.C./ Mr. Paul Archer.
Feb 28	Morning 11am	Rev. John Flack.
	Evening 6.30pm	Mrs. Bobby Hitchin/ Mr. Richard Tuley.

BIBLE SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY.

Our Church's Bible Sunday will be held on the above date when, in the morning, the Speaker will be Mr. David Irish, the Bible Society's organiser for the Southern Counties. Collection envelopes will be available at both Services on the preceding Sunday, 7th, and donors are asked to bring their gifts to the corresponding Services on 14th when retiring collections will be held to receive the envelopes and/or cash offerings.

The religious liberation of former Communist countries in Europe and the growing needs in the so-called Third World mean that demands on the resources of the Society are greater than ever before. Please give as generously as possible.

World Mission Committee.

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LEPROSY MISSION.

The total given to The Leprosy Mission from Goring United Reformed Church for 1992 was £770.34.

The amount was made up as follows:-

March 7/8 th Mission Weekend	346.54
From 5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade	26.02
Donations, Contents of Boxes.	<u>397.78</u>
	£ <u>770.34</u>

Thank you, Girls' Brigade, for your support, also to our faithful members of the Church who give donations or hold a box to save coins.

If there is a new member in the Church who would like more information about The Leprosy Mission Mrs. Florrie Freeman will be pleased to help you. An Elder or Steward will introduce you to her, or to me on a Sunday morning.

Mrs. Mary Luckin.

NEWS FROM BANGLADESH.

Mariam Baroi sent Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas and 1993 from Bangladesh to all the members of Goring United Reformed Church.

She has moved to another Children's Home. St. Mary's Girls' Hostel, P.O. Haluaghat in District Hymensingh. She is working with a development programme part-time as well as continuing her theological studies. Her boy friend is working at Coxes Bazaar District with refugees from Burma. Richard & Irene Tuley.

PLEASE NOTE :- A form is available to help friends who may be living alone and are in difficulty because of illness or an emergency.

Many friends have used this form to give information about next-of-kin etc.

Please ask for a form. This is a confidential Pastoral Service.

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FAVOURITE HYMN

ARE YOU A THIRD CHILD, OR A FOURTH? If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please. Les Montford.

This is the favourite hymn of Mr. Donald Stewart a fourth child.

May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power.

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus,
As I onward go.

Kate B. Wilkinson. 1859-1928. MP 157.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We had a most enjoyable talk and a video film on the Arms Trade in the U.K. by Mr. Dennis Lucey on Tuesday 5th January. It certainly opened our eyes to the lucrative export trade to almost all countries in the world.

We look forward to Mrs. Barbara Stanlake's talk on the work of the Red Cross at home and abroad on Tuesday Feb. 2nd at 2.45pm, and to our member Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley who will discuss the Why and How of Mission, on Tuesday Feb. 16th at 2.45pm.

We were pleased to hear that our member, Mr. Fred Marsh, was back at his home and looking forward to joining us in a few weeks time. We wish our members Messrs. Hurt and Goode a return to good health.

We have a good selection of Speakers for this Spring term and invite all members and friends who are free on Tuesday afternoons to join us in fellowship. We have only one rule - Be friendly. If transport is required please phone me on 502821.

Alex Blackford. Secretary.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

Feb 2nd Dr. Ray Burnish - The Leprosy Mission.

With slides and Sales table.

A collection will be taken at this meeting.

Feb 16th Mrs. Arnold. Harpist.

After a short break over the Christmas period we gathered together on Tuesday 5th Jan for the first meeting of our Spring Session. This was a Members' Afternoon, and we were entertained by several of the Ladies present who recited favourite poems or told us of amusing incidents which had happened to them.

We have an interesting Spring programme so, Ladies, we hope you will join us for our next meeting on Tues 2nd Feb at 2.45pm when the Speaker will be Dr. Ray Burnish for The Leprosy Mission.

Audrey Gerlach.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE. AND EXPLORERS.

On 30th December, as some of you know, we had an outing to the Pantomime in Brighton. It was 'Snow White' and I'm not sure who enjoyed it the most - the adults or the Girls!!

Now we are back at work during this Centenary Year and the Brigaders are making a Celebration Banner which will be on show for all to see very soon.

The Juniors are very busy making our Easter Gifts for the people on our 'Love and Care' Scheme. Also this term the Seniors and Brigaders are learning self defence. So we are all kept very busy.

We would like to give you a gentle reminder of BRIGADE WEEK from 7th to 14th February. On 13th February at 10.30am in the Church Hall we are holding a Coffee Morning and Bring-and-Buy Sale to which you are all warmly invited. During the weeks running up to the Coffee Morning the Girls are raising money by doing jobs for their families and friends.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Caroline Hibbs. Auxilliary Helper.

Our first Church Parade for 1993 is on February 14th

GIRLS' BRIGADE CENTENARY PRAYER CHAIN. PRAYER TOPICS.

We invite you to pray with us :-

Giving thanks for the past 100 years

for the influence of Girls' Brigade upon your
own life.

for those to whom God gave the initial vision
for this work.

for those who have sought to develop and
fulfill that vision to the present day.

for Officers and Helpers with whom you serve
today, especially those known to you personally
for Girls that you have known within Brigade in
the past and those you have contact with today.
for the development of Girls' Brigade as an
international and interdenominational movement.



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YOUTH SERVICE AND JUNIOR CHURCH HELP NEEDY SCHOOLS IN AFRICA.

Having sent Ladybird books to Africa earlier in the year (1992) Junior Church felt they would like to join BOOK AID's 3-BEES PROJECT. Together with Youth Service we were able to use our offerings to actually buy 50 (fifty) BIROS, 50 (fifty) BOOKS (notepads), and to give enough money to buy 50 (fifty) BIBLES.

When Mr. Bob Hiley, from BOOKAID, came to speak at the Church on 6th December we presented these gifts to him and he assured us of how grateful needy children would be to receive them.

It is good that our young people are able to be involved in a really practical way in helping children overseas.

Irene Dearsley.

I would like to give my very grateful thanks to all who took part in the Lessons and Carols on 20th December. It was a great joy especially to hear the children in Junior Church.
Sheila Gooderham.
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NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL 1993.

A sincere thank you to all who took part in the time of repentance and prayer for this Church on New Year's Day.

May we remain constant in our prayers, especially during this time, as we seek guidance for the future Ministry of this Church.

"Trust in your God and return to Him.

Be loyal and just, and wait patiently
for your God to act." Hosea 12.6.

Irene Tuley.
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MEETINGS EVERY WEEK

Wednesdays 7.30pm BADMINTON Church Hall.

Thursdays 10-11.30am ARK MOTHERS & TODDLERS CLUB.
CHURCH HALL.

Fridays KESTRO WORTHING STROKE CLUB. 2pm

Fridays 7.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH.
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CHRISTIAN CRACKERS.

"One of the funniest cartoons I ever saw showed a pompous lawyer reading a client's last will and testament to a group of greedy relatives. The caption read: "I, John Jones, being of sound mind and body, spent it all!"

Taken from a commentary on Ephesians by Warren W. Wiersbe.

WHITE ELEPHANTS!.

"A notice outside our local Church Hall read: 'Women's Club Sale of Unwanted Items. Bring your husbands.'"

Letter in 'Woman's Realm'.
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LETTERS.

I thank God for everyone who has thought of me over the Christmas period. Your love and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated, with particular thanks to the Girls' Brigade. You are all constantly in my thoughts and prayers.

My thanks are also due to the many dear friends who visit me from time to time throughout the year.

May you all experience peace throughout 1993 as we remember with thanksgiving the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours gratefully, Ellen Munday.
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The residents of Hayward House wish to say thank you to Goring United Reformed Church for the gifts of flowering plants over Christmas. Also for the love and good wishes from 5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade for the lovely presents they made and gave to us. We love you all. Mary Jane, Dulcie, Stanley, Mary, Leslie.

LETTERS.

I thought the front cover of the December Chronicle was wonderful, so appropriate for the Festive Season.

Many, many thanks to our Girls' Brigade for their Christmas Cracker, and to the two very sweet Girls who delivered it. They were in my mind for the whole of Christmas.

Grateful thanks to the Church for the Christmas plant. It most certainly does cheer the lonely.

Miss. E.G. HANSON.

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SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS.

Thank you so very much to all those who helped to put up and take down the Christmas decorations, and an equally sincere thank you to those who have given me donations for the Flower Fund and to all those who have added their names to the Flower Calendar, to provide flowers for the Church as we go through the year.

Please do let me know of anyone in need of a 'flower visit'. It is good to remember those who have something special to celebrate, as well as those who are sick. Worthing 240546 is my number.

Bless you all,

Jean Webb. Flower Secretary.

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MISSIVES FROM A MEMBER.

'Doubt sees the obstacles,

Faith sees the way.

Doubt sees the darkest night,

Faith see the day.

Doubt fears to take a step,

Faith soars on high,

Doubt thunders 'who believes?'

Faith whispers 'I'.

Anon.

"Were half the breath so vainly spent

To heaven in supplication sent,

Thy thankful cry would often be:

'See what the Lord had done for me!'

Anon.

'God comforts the afflicted but He also afflicts the comfortable for their good.'

Pastor Jack Glass.

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News of the Fellowship.**CONGRATULATIONS**

To GEOFFREY REDMAN on obtaining a Distinction
in his first Organ Examination.

May you go from strength to strength, Geoffrey.

AND

To ELIZABETH BOND on passing her Driving Test.

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NEW MEMBER.

JAN 3rd MRS. ALISON CAPPELLA. 25 Walton Clos (13)

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BAPTISM.

Jan 17th ELIZABETH MAY EASEY.

R E Q U E S T S.

Please send to Editor happy news of the Fellowship -
Weddings, baptisms, coming of age, anniversaries,
events, etc., to share with your friends.

Please endeavour to keep reports of these and
organisations to 300 words.

This does not refer to District Meetings and
Synod Reports. Les Montford. Editor.

KESTRO WORTHING STROKE CLUB.

Feb 5 Annual General Meeting.

Feb 12 Colouring.

Feb 19 'If it moves - shoot it'
Slides by Rev. E. Scott.

Feb 26 Q U I Z.

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YOUR CHURCH CAN HELP TO ILLUSTRATE A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE U.R.C.

When the URC celebrates it's 21st birthday in November 1993 REFORM plans to publish a double issue. The regular magazine will be accompanied by a picture issue illustrating the varied and colourful events which make up a week in the life of the URC across England, Wales, Scotland, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

Please send photographs before JUNE 30th with the senders' names and addresses on the back of each and a s.a.e. for returning those we do not select. Please attach to the photo the name of the Church involved and a brief explanation of the activity of the picture. Photo credits printed in the special issue will be to the Church rather than the photographer.

Address your photos to : 'A week in the life',
Reform, 86 Tavistock Place, London. WC1H 9RT.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT TO NIGHT SHELTER.

Many thanks to all who supported the Christmas Eve Nativity Service. It was lovely to see the Church so full, especially with so many parents. We were able to send £100.00 (One Hundred Pounds) to the Worthing Night Shelter Project who have expressed their gratitude and invited us to call in and see the Centre any evening.

The work on their Queen's Road property is going well and they hope it will be completed in March.

So, thanks to everyone from Youth Service and Junior Church.

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LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH.
Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through
letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing.
Please note the Chronicle may be full-up by then so do not
leave material until the last day. Editor

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

This year the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on FRIDAY MARCH 5th.

The Theme is:-

GOD'S PEOPLE: INSTRUMENTS OF HEALING,

written by the women of Guatemala.

In Goring the afternoon Service at 3pm will be at Bury Drive Methodist Church, at which the Speaker is Miss Kay Griffiths, a Reader at St. Paul's C. of E.

In Durrington the evening Service at 8pm will be at St. Symphonian's C. of E, at which the Speaker is Mrs. Beth Clark of Intercessors for Britain.

Please make a real effort to come to one of these Services.

Irene Dearsley and Irene Tuley.

AN INVITATION TO ALL LADIES.

Remember Mavis Richmond who spoke at our URC District Ladies Day last April?

She is to be one of three Speakers at a Ladies' Workshop Day organised by C.P.A.S. at St. Stephen's Church of England, Angola Road, Worthing on FRIDAY March 12th from 9.15am to 2.30pm on the theme of :-

GOD'S WORD IN TODAY'S WORLD.

Cost of £2 includes drinks, but please bring a packed lunch, Bible and notebook and pencil or pen. Creche available.

DO COME AND JOIN US!!

Booking forms from Irene Tuley.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

The next LADIES' MOVEMENT WORKSHOP will be held on MONDAY MARCH 29th at 8.30 pm in the Main Church Hall.

Jane Archer.

PLEASE NOTE ALSO.

In your diaries that there will be an Easter Concert presented by the Rowland Singers in our Church on Wed.31st March at 7.30pm. Details next month. S.G.

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PART OF THE SERVICE.

A lady took her young daughter to a wedding. As the Service proceeded the little girl became restless, so her mother gave her the wedding hymn sheet to look at. She held it for a few moments, then put it down and announced to one and all - 'I think I'll have a poached egg on toast, please.'

Story from 'My Weekly.'

E C H O.

I have received the following letter from ECHO (Equipment for Charity Hospitals Overseas.):

"Our December newsletter has arrived - I have pleasure in enclosing a copy for your perusal and a small supply for interested friends at Goring URC.

"At the same time I would like to thank you for the knitted woollies that you have passed on to ECHO recently.

"You will see from the front page article of the newsletter that we have passed on lots of garments and blankets to support groups with projects in former Yugoslavia and other countries of Eastern Europe. However, we have also added a number of sacks and boxes of woollies to a consignment of medical supplies shipped by container to Tanzania, and we continue to use vests as soft packing material for delicate medical equipment. ECHO jumpers, etc., are, therefore, distributed to various destinations overseas and in Europe.

Yours sincerely, S.R.M. Littlefield.

Fund Raising Officer.

If you would like more information or could help this splendid cause, please apply to me. I have patterns for babies' vests, and blankets, (the latter should be 3' by 4'). Wool, new or unpicked, is always wanted, even in small quantities, and we need both knitters and people to sew squares into blankets.

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor."

Phyllis Wheeler.

ECHO. Ullswater Crescent, Coulsdon. Surrey. CR5 2HR.

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"ON LEARNING THE TAMIL LANGUAGE."

"Once, in a moment of discouragement, I took down every encouraging text that I had put up on the bare walls of an old house where the Walkers and I were camping at the time. It seemed impossible to have such words as 'The walls of Jericho fell down after they were compassed about seven days', staring at me when I didn't really believe that the walls of Jericho would ever fall down. (This was after a rather bad time of fever when Mrs. Walker took my Tamil books away. I couldn't even crawl round the walls of my Jericho, much less march!) At last I wrote this and put it up 'The Lord opened the mouth of the ass'. It was a great comfort."

Amy Carmichael of Dohnavur.

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"I remember the Rev. L.F.E. Wilkinson telling years ago of a Frenchman who became a Britisher because he was attracted by the British way of life.

"Somebody said, after he had taken out his papers of naturalisation 'Well, what difference has it made now that you have become an Englishman?' 'Well,' he said, 'it means that instead of losing the Battle of Waterloo I have won it.'

"You see, at that moment, he stepped into everything that Britain had fought for, and won and achieved. At that moment it all became his. And the moment you are united with a risen Christ everything that He did, everything that He gave, everything He wrought, at that moment becomes your's. If you want to you can live a life which is dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God."

From the Report in 'The Life of Faith' 28th July 1955, of a Keswick address by Rev. G. Duncan. M.A.

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PLEASE NOTE

Have you read any 'good' books recently that have impressed you and maybe made you feel like telling us about? We are ready to hear all about them from you, to share with all the readers of your monthly Chronicle - in not more than 300 words, if you can manage it, please.

Editor.

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A THOUGHT FOR LENT.

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

By now we should have consumed our pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and entered, on Ash Wednesday, the season of Lent, which lasts until Easter Eve. In the Christian calendar we are to regard this period, which embraces forty week-days, as a time of preparation for the celebration of the greatest event of all time, namely Easter.

The forty days are to remind us of the time Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by the devil. The Bible says that after fasting for forty days and nights Jesus was very hungry. The tempter came and invited Him, if He was the Son of God, to turn stones into bread. Jesus proclaimed that Scripture says, 'Man cannot live by bread alone, but every word that God speaks.'

I believe it is significant that Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, was tempted to put His own needs and desires first. And yet He resisted in the power of the Holy Spirit, quoting as His answer the all powerful word of God.

What greater preparation could we possibly have for Easter but to consciously determine to deny ourselves in putting God first in all the various areas of our own lives and in the life of our Church?

May our hunger in this season of Lent be not for the superficially attractive things of this world, but for the revealed word of God in Scripture. Let God's word really fill that part of our lives which no amount of pancakes will ever fill.

Richard Tuley.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1993.

- 2 Tue Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship 2.45pm
 5 Fri Women's World Day of Prayer.
 6 Sat Torch Fellowship. St. Columba's URC 2.45pm
 7 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
 11am Rev. John Flack. Holy Communion.
 6.30pm Mr. Julian Brewer/Mr. Paul Archer
 10 Wed Bible Study 38 Trent Rd. 8pm Deans' Home.
 11 Thu Monthly Prayer with Holy Communion 10.30am
 Thursday Prayer Group Little Chapel. 2.30pm
 12 Fri Ladies' Workshop Day
 14 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
 11am Parade and Youth Service
 6.30pm Mrs. Eileen Rhodes/Dr. Rob Ferguson
 (Walk of a thousand men) Broadwater C of E.
 16 Tue Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship 2.45pm
 18 Thu Elders' Meeting 7.30pm
 20 Sat Special Coffee Morning, B & B Sale. 10.30am
 Torch Fellowship. Durrington. 2.30 pm
 21 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
 11 am Mothers' Day
 Mr. Philip Hudson.
 6.30pm Healing with Holy Communion
 Mr. Norman Prattent.
 24 Wed Bible Study 38 Trent Road. 8 pm
 25 Thu Thursday Prv. Grp. Little Chapel 2.30pm.
 7.30pm Church Meeting.
 28 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
 11am Rev. William Connolly. Baptism.
 6.30pm Mr. Richard Tulev/
 Mr. Philip Hudson.
 29 Mon 8.30pm Ladies' Movement Workshop.
 31 Wed Rowland Singers' Concert in Church 7.30pm
 Apl 2/4 Church Family Weekend
 at The Links, Eastbourne.

COMMUNION SERVICES**'DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME'**

8am Communion. There are regular communicants at this Service, and others find it an opportunity to come to Church on a Sunday when work or other reasons prevent their attendance at 11am or 6.30pm. The Thursday 10.30am Communion with prayers for healing and Gospel message will continue on the second Thursday in the month. The bringing of the Communion to anyone in their home, residential home, or nursing home, may be arranged on request.

Rev. Ron Christopher. Worthing 230330.

SUNDAY PREACHERS. MARCH.

Mar. 7	Morning 11am	Holy Communion. Rev. John Flack.,
	Evening 6.30pm	Mr. Julian Brewer/ Mr. Paul Archer.
Mar 14	Morning 11am	Parade and Youth Service
	Evening 6.30pm	Mrs. Eileen Rhodes/ Dr. Rob Ferguson. (Walk of a thousand men) Broadwater C. of E.
Mar 21	Morning 11am	Mr. Philip Hudson. (Gideons International)
	Evening 6.30pm	Holy Communion with Hlg. Mr. Norman Prattent.
Mar 28	Morning 11am	Rev. William Connolly (Baptism)
	Evening 6.30pm	Mr. Richard Tuley/ Mr. Philip Hudson. (Gideons International)

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OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR.

SUN COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION. Training for Mission is taking place among the youth of many countries. Pray for a young Korean at work in the industrial city of Ansan, a young member of the Church of South India studying in Madras Christian College who is also working among students, and a young lady representing Jamaica and the Cayman Islands on the 1993 training group.

MON THE BIBLE SOCIETY. The Church in the Cameroons witnesses in a difficult political and economic situation. Pray for Christians desiring peace, reconciliation and an end to violence. Remember the translation work and the wider distribution of Scriptures especially among young people.

TUE GHANA. For 4 days each week the catechist/teacher at Hope Church now has to live and work at Foso, about 12 miles from Nsuta, and can spend only 3 days at the latter village. Pray that the spiritual life will not suffer as a result.

WED EUROVANGELISM. A children's TV special was beamed across Russia's eleven time zones at prime viewing on Christmas Eve. It reached an audience estimated at 150 million seeking to communicate the Gospel explaining who Jesus is and why He came. Pray on.

THU OPERATION MOBILISATION SHIPS. Praise God that so far 140 countries have been visited with 20 million visitors to the ships. Pray for the ministry of Logos II as she spends much of 1993 in the Spanish speaking world which has a great resource for mission.

FRI BIENTOT. More helpers have offered to send out copies of this evangelism leaflet, but many more are needed so that the ministry can be expanded. A reader in Mali writes 'By the wonderful help of God and tracts like Bientot we have seen over 1,000 converts in three months of campaigns.' Praise and Pray.

SAT THE LEPROSY MISSION. Thank God that with His help and the commitment of His people leprosy is on the decline, though the task is far from finished. Governments and missions across the globe are still approaching T.L.M. for help. Missionary doctors, nurses and therapists bring the Gospel and freedom from fear as well as healing and hope.

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MARCH PRAYER CALENDAR.

- 1 For John and Elsie Flack. our Interim Moderator and his wife.
- 2 Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship. meeting today.
- 3 For peace in Bosnia between warring factions.
- 4 The presence of the Holy Spirit during Lent.
- 5 Women's World Day of Prayer. today.
- 6 For deeper ecumenical understanding.
- 7 For our Services today and new members.
- 8 The members of our Missionary Committee.
- 9 For our Girls' Brigade in their Centenary Year.
- 10 The elderly and housebound members of our Church family.
- 11 For all our Fellowship, House and Prayer Groups.
- 12 Our Choir. Organists and Choirmaster.
- 13 For the members and the work of our Church Committees.
- 14 The proclamation of the Gospel of Christ within our own Church and denomination.
- 15 Our Boys' Brigade Company and its Officers.
- 16 Give thanks for family and friends wherever they may be.
- 17 For the Church in South Africa and the easing of racial tensions.
- 18 For our Church Secretaries and the Elders, meeting tonight.
- 19 For inspiration as we prepare for our Church Family weekend in Eastbourne.
- 20 The guidance of the Holy Spirit towards the calling of a new Minister.
- 21 The worship of our Junior Church and Youth Church.
- 22 For our Moderator of the General Assembly.
- 23 Those in hospital and for those who care for them.
- 24 For grace leading to understanding and unity in our fellowship.
- 25 Our Church meeting tonight.
- 26 The Kestro (Stroke) Club. meeting today.
- 27 Peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.
- 28 Visiting Ministers and Lay Preachers who conduct our Worship.
- 29 Monday Evening Fellowship.
- 30 For our Provincial Moderator. continuing strength and wisdom endowed by the Holy Spirit.
- 31 The message of Easter sung by the Rowland Singers in our Church tonight.

MARCH PRAYER CALENDAR.

This month sees the introduction of a monthly Prayer Calendar. The idea has come from a similar Prayer Circle in another Church.

We hope that you will find it helpful in guiding your daily prayers. If you have any special thoughts that you would like to be included in a future Prayer Calendar, be it within our own Church Family, or of National or International importance, please let me know.

I shall also be pleased to learn of your reactions to this first list of prayers and any suggestions as to how it might be improved and/or widened.
Norman Prattent.

SPRING, DAFFODILS & MOTHERS' DAY.

Without doubt Spring is on the way - the days are lengthening and gardens are bright with spring flowers.

During March Mothers will be remembered on their special day (Sunday 21st). This year it is hoped that our Junior Church children will make up their own posies of daffodils to take home to their Mums.

Made by them and taken home with love is all part of the outreach of our Church.

Please accept my grateful thanks for donations to the Flower Fund.

Monday visits with flowers to folk who need to know that the Church cares is also part of our outreach and much pleasure and joy is given to a lot of people throughout the year.

Enjoy the Spring and Happy Mothers' Day!

Bless you all,

Jean Webb. Flower Secretary.



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FAVOURITE HYMN

ARE YOU A THIRD CHILD, A FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH. OR MORE? If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please. Leslie Montford.

This is the favourite hymn of Mr. Ron Jordan, a seventh child.

I thank Thee, Lord, for life:
For Thou hast made and dowered me
With gifts of hearing, sight and speech,
With mind alert, and will that's free;
Guard all from harm, I do beseech.

I thank Thee, Lord, for health:
For day by day the joy of life
Runs through my veins with keen delight,
And I am glad amid the strife;
Keep my thoughts pure, guide me aright.

I thank Thee, Lord, for strength:
For as years pass, a fuller sense
Of power to dare and do is mine;
In active limb and muscle tense
I feel my strength: let it be Thine.

I thank Thee, Lord, for home:
Dear gift of Thine, where constant thought
Of parents' love forstalls my need;
Where care for others' weal is taught
And I am saved from self and greed.

I thank Thee, Lord, for hope:
What yet shall be I may not know;
The unseen days will changes bring,
But through them all hope's star shall glow,
And I shall have my song to sing.

C.P. 421. James Williams Butcher. 1857-1937.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

This year the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on FRIDAY MARCH 5th.

The Theme is:-

GOD'S PEOPLE: INSTRUMENTS OF HEALING.

written by the women of Guatemala.

In Goring the afternoon Service at 3pm will be at Burv Drive Methodist Church, at which the Speaker is Miss Kay Griffiths, a Reader at St. Paul's C/E.

In Durrington the evening Service at 8pm will be at St. Symphonian's C. of E, at which the Speaker is Mrs. Beth Clark of 'Intercessors for Britain.'

Please make a real effort to come to one of these Services.

Irene Dearsley and Irene Tuley.

AN INVITATION TO ALL LADIES.

Mavis Richmond who spoke at our URC District Ladies Day last April is to be one of three Speakers at a Ladies' Workshop Day organised by C.P.A.S. at St. Stephen's Church of England, Angola Road, Worthing on FRIDAY March 12th from 9.15am to 2.30pm on the theme of :-

GOD'S WORD IN TODAY'S WORLD.

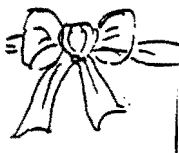
Cost of £2 includes drinks, but please bring a packed lunch, Bible and notebook and pencil or pen. Creche available.

DO COME AND JOIN US!!

Booking forms from Irene Tuley.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

The next LADIES' MOVEMENT WORKSHOP will be held on MONDAY MARCH 29th at 8.30 pm in the Main Church Hall.
Jane Archer.



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MUSIC IN CHURCH.

The ROWLAND SINGERS are presenting a Concert of Easter Music in our Church on Wednesday 31st March at 7.30. Programme price 50 pence. There will be a retiring collection to offset the expenses the Church has to find - about £80. The programme is varied and includes 'Zadok the Priest', by Handel, a very lively piece; Vivaldi was ordained a priest in 1703 but he was also asked to compose music and the 'Gloria' is very well known as a choral work, very tuneful and melodic; 'The Requiem' by John Rutter is modern and very pleasant to listen to. It includes a most delightful setting of 'The Lord is my Shepherd' with an oboe accompaniment. The remainder of the programme will include solos from Susan Lyons, contralto. She is the slender blonde lady with the deep voice who sang with the choir last year. The organist will be Richard Colbourn, and Jacky Emery is the conductor and soprano soloist. Please support this concert - we are sure to have a delightful evening. Coffee will be served in the interval, and the evening's performance should finish about 9pm.

Sheila Gooderham.

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KESTRO WORTHING STROKE CLUB.

March 5 Return to India - Talk by Donald Stewart

March 12 Ship modelling by Mr. Ron Woods.

March 19 All day session - Jill's Fashions.

March 26 Give us a clue.

April 2 Egg decorating.

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AREA FELLOWSHIP GROUP.

"The Area Fellowship Group which meets at 15 Harvey Road is held on the first TUESDAY of the month at 7.30pm. At the March meeting we shall be talking about how music helps us in our Christian faith and life, and we shall be listening to each other's choice of music. If anybody would like to come and join us on Tuesday March 2nd please telephone Roy or Sheila Gooderham on Worthing 506452.

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CHRISTIAN AID.

On behalf of CHRISTIAN AID we gratefully acknowledge a gift of £40.00 (forty pounds) from JUNIOR CHURCH.

Grace & Alec Ralph. Secretaries.

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BIBLE SOCIETY.

On 14th Feb we held our Bible Sunday and the morning Worship and Parade Service was conducted by Mr. David Irish, the Bible Society Regional Representative, who spoke from personal experience of the translation and distribution of Scriptures overseas. The envelopes and retiring collections amounted to £192.00. Thank you to all those who contributed. The Missionary Committee.

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MISSION NEWS.

Since July 1990 Richard Asante has been the catechist/teacher at Assin Nsuta and our link with the Hope Church there. He is employed by the Ghana Education Authority who recently transferred him to Assin Foso, about 12 miles from Nsuta. At first he commuted daily between the two places but, finding the travelling too costly, is now spending the weekdays in Foso, returning to Nsuta at weekends. This means, of course, that his oversight of the Hope Church will be far less than it was.

The plan to use any surplus from the proceeds of last year's harvest to re-start the building of the Manse has had to be postponed because the need to install electricity in the village clinic was given priority.

Sadly, without a Manse, they will not be assigned a Minister, so their spiritual leadership will be lacking, unless the Education Authority sends them another Christian catechist/teacher.

We will try to discover what the future holds.

WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE.

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BOOKSTALL ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1992.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>
Balance B/fwd.		
1.1.92	557.21	Total payments 1555.27
Gross receipts	<u>1722.21</u>	Balance c/fwd <u>724.15</u>
	<u>2279.42</u>	<u>2279.42</u>

Bank reconciliation.

Per statement	31.11.92	248.26
On Deposit with	GURC	<u>500.00</u>
		748.26
Recpt. not yet shown		<u>12.94</u>
		761.20
Payment not yet cleared		<u>37.05</u>
		<u>724.15</u>

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2. Ask for purchases (at least £5) to be put aside 'for Goring URC'.
3. Tell one of us who will go and collect.

If the goods are paid for on collection the Church receives 12% discount, otherwise 10% if booked to our account.

We can also, of course, go and buy items from the CBC - books, cassettes, (audio and visual) for you.

By the way, EASTER CARDS are now on sale with the other greetings cards on the Church card stand!

Ron Jordan.

BOOK NEWS

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GOD'S REASON.

I don't know how to say it but somehow it seems to me
That maybe we are stationed where God wants us to be;
That little place we're filling is the reason for our
birth.

And just to do the work we do. He sent us down to
earth.

If God had wanted otherwise, I reckon He'd have made
Each one of us a little different, or a worse or
better grade;

And since God knows and understands all things of
land and sea,

I fancy that He placed us here, just where He
wished us to be.

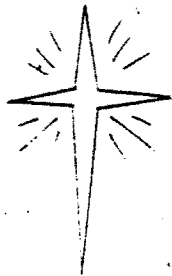
Sometimes we get to thinking, as our labours we
review.

That we should like a higher place with greater things to do:

But we come to the conclusion, when the envying
is stilled.

That the post to which God sent us is the post
He wanted filled.

And there isn't any service we can scorn
For it may be just the reason God allowed us to
be born.

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GIRLS' BRIGADE CENTENARY PRAYER CHAIN.**PRAYER TOPICS. PART TWO.**

We invite you to pray with us :-

Giving thanks for the past 100 years and for our Centenary celebrations

- that they may be a fitting tribute to the past 100 years.

- that through them Girls may come to personal faith in Jesus Christ.

- that they may give fresh impetus to the work of Girls' Brigade.

- that they may give rise to significant growth in the number of girls joining Brigade.

- for specific events in which you are involved at national, regional and local level. Jeff Taylor.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We had a most interesting talk on the United Nations by the Misses M. and P. Featherston on 19th Jan. Just after the 2nd World War there were over 500 Members in the Worthing branch, now there are less than 50!

Mrs. Barbara Stanslake, a Red Cross Member for over 40 years, gave us a talk on their work both at home and abroad, on Feb 2nd.

We look forward to Mr. Geoffrey Dearslev's talk on 'The Why and How of Mission', on Feb 16th.

On 2nd March Miss M. Parker will provide a speaker on the topic of 'GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND'.

On 16th March Mrs. Pamela Spence will give a talk on ASTRONOMY.

On 30th March we combine with the Women's Guild for their Easter Service.

We wish our Members Messrs. Fred Marsh, Tom Lyons, Charles Taylor, and Fred Goode a speedy return to good health.

It was good to see Mr. Ron Hurt, a First World War veteran, at our last meeting. Thanks are due to Mr. Frazer Finlay for providing transport.

We invite all our Members and friends who are free on a Tuesday afternoon to join us in fellowship.

We have only one rule - Be Friendly!

Alex Blackford. Secretary.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE. AND EXPLORERS.



MARCH 14th Church Parade.

APRIL 24th Jumble Sale.

DISTRICT CHURCH PARADE ON THE AFTERNOON OF
APRIL 25th AT ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH.

On behalf of our Company I would like to thank everyone who supported our Brigade Week Coffee Morning when £181.00 was raised towards our Annual Fees payable to Headquarters. It was so lovely and encouraging to see so many people there - and this year being Centenary Year our expenses are much greater than usual - so we are grateful for all your support.

On November 23rd Fifth Worthing will be 40 years old. and Mrs. Caroline Hibbs, who was a girl in the Company, is busy gathering together memorabilia to form an exhibition later in the year. If you have, or you know someone who has, photographs, articles, or work from the early days, please let either Caroline or me know.

I am so excited with the BANNER the Brigaders are making as part of their Badgework. The enthusiasm for Brigade, what it stands for, and their desire for Christian Witness through the symbols they are serving, is really encouraging and an inspiration to us all!

We celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a Pancake Party. What have I let us in for? Pancakes for 60!!! The Explorers will join the main Company to share in pancakes-related games, and we will finish the evening hearing the origins of Shrove Tuesday, leading into Lent.

The last evening before Easter will also be a fun evening with the Explorers joining us for inter-squad competitions, hearing the Easter Story and sharing Hot Cross Buns. It's a good job the Girls work hard for their badges the rest of the time!!

May I take this opportunity to thank those who have written such encouraging 'thank you' letters for the Christmas Gifts made by the Girls for our 'Love & Care' outreach.

With God's love,

Margaret Craghill. Captain.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

Mar 2 Mr. K. Francis - St. Paul's Cathedral.
 Mar 16 Mrs. Murphy - "Rambo & Co."
 Mar 30 Easter Meeting - with Men's Fellowship.

On Jan 19th we spent a fascinating afternoon listening to Mr.G.Francis as he entertained us with stories and details of his work at The Roval Mews, where generations of his family have been involved with the intricate painting of Coats of Arms on the Roval Coaches. What patience and a steady hand is required! We enjoyed watching the slides showing the roval coaches and all those beautiful horses dressed-out for State occasions.

For our meeting on Feb 2nd our thoughts turned to more serious matters as Dr. Ray Burnish showed us slides and told us about the work of The Leprosy Mission in Nepal. When one hears of the progress which has already been made towards stamping out the disease and yet there are still something like 7,000,000 people suffering from Leprosy one realises that, even with modern medicine, it is still a mammoth job. We are humbled when we are reminded that £10 (the price of a compact disc) is sufficient to purchase the drugs to treat a child in the early stages of the disease.

On March 2nd, at 2.45pm, we have Mr. K. Francis coming to talk to us about St. Paul's Cathedral. Ladies, do join us on that occasion - you will be most welcome.

Audrey Gerlach.

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU
 AT ALL OR ANY OF OUR MEETINGS

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

During my recent Indian visit I was able to contact several mission projects run by the Church of South India and saw for myself the conditions the people were experiencing. I promised to maintain an interest in their work in training centres. I was rather concerned with the shortage of decent tools in a carpentry workshop, and hope to do something about it. If you have any tools surplus to your requirements, or donations in lieu, please contact me. I even had a request for Horsehair for a violin bow! Any offers?

Thank you, Donald Stewart. Captain.

March 14th PARADE SUNDAY. 11am Service.

**SOME SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 1993.**

Following the Church Party in January, and with the consent of the Elders and Church Meeting, here are the proposed dates for the Social Events.

Sat 17th April Ramble.

Sat 17th July Coach outing to Canterbury.

Sat 27th Nov. Barn Dance.

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**F E B A RADIO.**

A FEBA mailing will take place from Monday March 15th to Wednesday 17th March. Hours 9am to 5 pm.

Help is needed to collate the information and put it into envelopes. Visitors are invited to join with staff for Office Prayers from 12-12.20pm.

A number of friends bring sandwiches. Some enjoy a full day with us. Others drop in for just an hour or so. Tea and coffee will be supplied!

For more details please phone Feba on Worthing 237281 and ask for Ann Hall.

Address: Ivy Arch Road. Worthing. BN14 8BX.

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PLEASE NOTE :- A form is available to help friends who may be living alone and are in difficulty because of illness or an emergency.

Many friends have used this form to give information about next-of-kin etc.

Please ask for a form. This is a confidential Pastoral Service.

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## News of the Fellowship.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Those who listen to Sussex Sunday each week will know that they have a competition. On Sunday 31st January a snatch of a Hymn was played and the contestant had to guess it's title and phone in. The winner was EILEEN JORDAN who, I understand, jumped out of bed to ring in. Her prize was a CD called 'Lion of Judah'. WELL DONE EILEEN!!!

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## BAPTISM.



31.1.93 GEMMA CHAMBERLAIN.

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## LETTERS.

**AN INDIAN EXPERIENCE:** Having promised myself for quite a few years a return to India I took the opportunity to join a Church party from South Croydon. It was certainly an experience and it will not be forgotten in a hurry. We visited Delhi, Varanasi, Agra, Sarnath, Jaipur, Bombay, Cochin, Coimbatore, Ootyacamund, and Madras. We travelled by plane, train, coach, taxi, auto and cycle rickshaws - even elephants, leaving us quite saddle sore! We visited some Churches and Mission projects that were mainly in the South. Three weeks was not really long enough to take it all in but even in that time I am left with many memories. I will be giving talks to some Church groups, but if you cannot attend one of those I am willing to call on you with photos, transparencies and even a video tape (as long as you have a video!). Just let me know if you are at all interested.

Donald Stewart.

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**THANKS.**

I would like to give my sincere thanks to everyone for the cards, flowers and messages of sympathy shown to me on the death of my Mother.

It was very much appreciated.

Chris Sharpe.

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My family and I would like to thank you all for your prayers, cards and love at this time of great sorrow. David was only 37 years old.

God Bless you all.

Jane Allan.

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Tom Lyons wishes to express his many thanks for flowers from the Church, get well cards from our Girls' Brigade and Men's Fellowship on the occasion of his recuperation following his eye operation. Also to Eric Bond and Ron Christopher for their visits to him. These were all much appreciated and he is now making a slow recovery.

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"O come unto Me all ye weary,  
And ye heavy-laden, come;  
Come, give up your wanderings dreary  
And find here a welcome and a home:  
All sinners, in bondage unholy,  
Sweet freedom may find and rest,  
For I bear the yoke, meek and lowly in heart,  
And My service is always best."

TUNE:- 'Sanctuary of the heart.'

Anon.

Supplied by Phyllis Wheeler.

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**LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH.**

Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through letter box of Havward House. 2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing. Please note the Chronicle may be full-up by then so do not leave material until the last day. Editor

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**CHRISTIAN CRACKER.**

In view of the fact that the Church has acquired new Hymn-books we had better check that the following does not apply:-

"The Presbyterian Church in Ireland brought out a new Hymn book. In the first print a hymn for funerals was, unfortunately, included in the marriage section.

The Hymn was :- "GO, HAPPY SOUL, THY DAYS ARE ENDED."

**FRIENDSHIP CENTRE. BURY DRIVE.**

If you are or know of anyone living alone and in need of a social activity in the Goring area the Luncheon Club has a few spaces. Helpers are also always welcome, particularly drivers who can offer transport. This is an ecumenical outreach of the combined Goring Churches. Please contact Mr. Gerald Eversfield on Worthing 243703.

**COFFEE MORNING/BRING AND BUY SALE.**

SATURDAY MARCH 20th at 10.30am in aid of Fund-Raising for Church Family Week-end at Eastbourne.

If you are able and willing to help, please contact Catherine Hunt on 265047

Arrangements are going well for the programme. We have 85 people booked in from those in their 80's to 3 year olds.

There will be about 14 youngsters for whom Mary Connelly has some separate activities planned. If some people would be willing to offer an hour or so during the weekend to help her she would be grateful. Please let me know.

Before going please give some thought to a contribution to our evening of relaxation and entertainment on Saturday. Jane Bond.





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## A PRAYER FOR TODAY.

Dear Lord, today's a special day.  
 It brings me close to you;  
 I thank You for Your loving care  
 Which warms me through and through.  
 You've given me such riches, Lord -  
 Your love, Your joy, Your peace, Your son  
 That, when I battle with forces dark,  
 Victory already has been won.

My armour, Lord, was nonexistent, absurd;  
 Then You gave me truth, righteousness, peace,  
 Salvation, faith, the sword of Your word -  
 My life saved - did battle cease?  
 Before Your cross I pledge my life  
 To follow in Your sacred steps;  
 The way is rocky, full of strife,  
 Your spirit protects me from life's trips.

I praise and glorify my wondrous king,  
 Who forgave me all my horrid sin.  
 In joyous tongues to Thee I sing -  
 From strife to peace; from pain to light.  
 Temptations thrall, resistance right,  
 You're there with me deep in the night -  
 As much as when the Church bells ring,  
 I thank You Lord, for everything.

My gifts are small, my body weak,  
 But You still love me more each week.  
 You give me strength, and hope, and love,  
 Blessings raining from above.  
 I have not gold or frankincense or myrrh to give,  
 But just myself, the way I live  
 I dedicate to my Lord, Jehovah,  
 Cherished by Thee, my cup runneth over.

Janet. R. Wetherell.

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**INDUCTION SERVICE.**

The Rev. Beryl Chatfield's Induction Service is to be at 7pm on 24th April at the Durrington Community Centre Church. The Rev. David Helver, U.R.C. Moderator, will lead the Service, and at Beryl's request the Rev. Ronald Christopher will be Preacher. The Rev. Bernard Monk and the Rev. Ian Cramb will be participating in the Service, as will, I am sure, representatives from the congregation. From Secretary, DCCC. The Messenger, Feb/Mar 1993.  
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**LENTEN GROUPS.**

The Goring Churches are arranging their own Lenten Groups this year. St. Mary's are concentrating on the Holy Communion; New Life on small groups of five; St. Richard's, Maybridge are arranging Ecumenical Groups on the Churches Together theme 'Sticking Points'.

I shall be pleased to hear from anyone in our Church who would like a group arranged to meet in our Church, a morning or an afternoon, during the period of Lent. Please indicate the day of the week and time which would suit you personally. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, was 24th February.

We already have Prayer and Bible Study Groups meeting regularly. If invited, I would very much like to sit in at one of their meetings during the Lenten period. Rev. Ron Christopher, Lomas House.

43 Wordsworth Rd. Worthing. 230330.  
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## PLEASE NOTE.

To comply with the new food hygiene regulations our Church is registered under the 1990 amendment.

This covers all the usual activities undertaken by the organisations using the kitchen, serving food, or selling food prepared in people's own homes.

We are fortunate in having a modern kitchen which comes up to almost all the new requirements covered by the new regulations.

I would, therefore, ask that everyone using the kitchen maintains the high standards of preparation and hygiene now required.

Blessings to us all in our service as Martha.

Robin Bradley. Catering Convener.

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## COACH OUTING.

Somewhere in this Chronicle you will see a list of dates for the proposed social events for the year. Included is a coach outing to Canterbury on 17th July. Before booking a coach and paying a non-returnable deposit I should like to know how much interest there is from the Fellowship. According to the figures I have, if we FILL a 25-seater coach it will cost about £9 per adult; a 45-seater coach about £6 per adult, and a 53-seater £5. Children at school would be half price. We would leave the Church at about 9.30am and, if it would appeal to you, we could visit the Channel Tunnel Exhibition en route, and the entry fee for this is £2.50 for adults and £1.30 for OAP and children, and it takes about an hour to see it. Alternatively, we could visit another URC and have tea there. COULD YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, IN WHICH CASE I WILL BOOK THE COACH? Sheila Gooderham.

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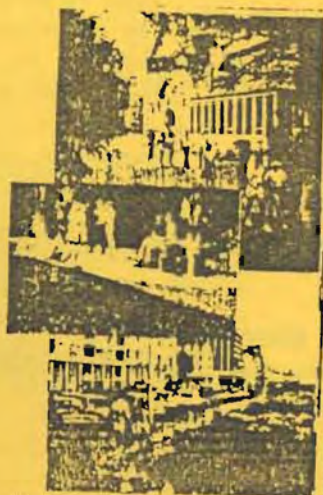
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FROM THE MODERATOR OF THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE OF THE  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. The Revd. David L. Helyar. MA.

Dear Friends in Christ,

We hear much these days about preserving a right and healthy environment.

Many years ago George Matheson remarked that, of all creatures, man is the most miserable. Why? Because 'he is the only creature in the world that does not know what is good for him - does not know his own environment.'

The message of Easter is that God offers us an end to our miserable condition. By allowing His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us on the cross He overcomes the oppressive and stifling environment of sin and death. By raising Him from death He brings us with Him into a new environment of eternal life.

We have no power of our own to place ourselves in this environment of a new and living relationship with God. This is God's own work through His Son so that, as we believe in Him, we may experience that new environment.

As Paul writes: 'Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17.)

But this is not a new environment simply for the individual believer to enjoy. The death and resurrection of Jesus have cosmic and eternal significance. As the Easter hymn so rightly proclaims: 'Jesus lives - to Him the throne

Over all the world is given.'

It is the risen and exalted Christ, seated upon the throne, who says: 'I make all things new.' (Revelation 21. 5). We don't have to look beyond our own lives to know that there are habits and attitudes which need changing and renewing. We don't have to look further than our television sets to see that there is much in the world around us which is very far removed from God's just and loving purposes. Christ has won the victory - but is He really seated on the throne of our lives?

Furthermore, do we seek to relate His victory to all the daily events of life?

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If we want to honour and serve our crucified and risen Lord, then we have to carry our Easter celebration into the routine of daily life. Only then can we fully know and enjoy the environment into which God has placed us.

My thoughts and prayers are with you this Easter, during your present ministerial vacancy, and in the months ahead.

Yours in shared service with Christ,  
and with all Blessings.



David L. Helyar.

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3. Tell one of us who will go and collect.

If the goods are paid for on collection the Church receives 12% discount, otherwise 10% if booked to our account.

We can also, of course, go and buy items from the CBC - books, cassettes, (audio and visual) for you.

Ron Jordan.

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OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR.

SUN, COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION Hold in prayer the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, the Churches of Christ in Malawi, and the United Church of Zambia in their witness to the resurrection of our Lord.

MON. THE BIBLE SOCIETY Pray for the faith of the Bible Societies in Africa as they seek to meet the huge demand for the Scriptures and that the need for suitable children's Scripture materials may be met. Praise for the eagerness and interest children in Africa take in reading the Scriptures.

TUE. I R A Q Although Iraq is not making the headlines uphold in prayer all those who continue to live daily in fear of the regime. Praise God for those who share the Gospel and bring hope to the oppressed. May God bless all who serve in obedience to His call.

WED. FAR EAST BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION Pray for the H.Q. in Worthing, the transmitter base in the Seychelles and the countries reached by the programme. Pray for support for missionaries; for broadcasters and engineers; for Bible translators of new dialects; for health and safety of staff in strange climates and their families at home; for protection for Worthing staff; for safe passage of data for distribution; for continued guidance

THU. BOOKAID The Books we gave last year went as part of a consignment of 100,000 books to the Church of Christ in Nigeria. Bob Hiley has recently visited the bookshops. Despite big clearance problems give thanks that the books are now in circulation. Pray, too, for two more containers going to Nigeria with books for university students and children.

FRI. ISLAMIC OPPRESSION The Church is under threat in many countries dominated by Muslims. Churches have been burnt and people persecuted. Pray for Christians under threat and for their persecutors especially in Sudan, Egypt, Azerbaijan, Iran and Saudi Arabia.

SAT. THAILAND Pray for an end to child prostitution and an effective campaign against AIDS. Also pray for the progress of the Gospel in this needy land.

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APRIL PRAYER CALENDAR.

- 1 For John and Elsie Flack, our Interim Moderator and
his wife.
- 2 For our Church Family Weekend at Eastbourne,
starting today.
- 3 For the Rev. Bill McCrorie as he leads our
Fellowship at The Links, Eastbourne.
- 4 On Palm Sunday, a prayer for deeper understanding
of each other and of Christ.
- 5 For the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit as
we seek a new Minister.
- 6 To remember the work of our Sunday Morning Youth
Fellowship.
- 7 For those involved in Christian Education.
- 8 For the lonely and bereaved within our
Fellowship and elsewhere.
- 9 To seek humility in the presence of God on this
day of Christ's supreme sacrifice.
- 10 For the elderly and housebound.
- 11 Give thanks for the risen Lord on this Easter Day.
- 12 For a deeper awareness and understanding of our
Christian Outreach.
- 13 For all victims of crime and violence.
- 14 For all patients in hospital and for the continued
care and skill of medical staff.
- 15 Give thanks for the work of the Bible Society.
- 16 To remember the work of all our Churches in our
West Sussex District.
- 17 For fellowship and fun on the Church Ramble.
- 18 For the presence of the Holy Spirit in our worship.
- 19 For the unemployed and the homeless. Remember
those responsible for the Worthing Shelter for
the homeless.
- 20 For the hungry people of the world, particularly
in Somalia, Mozambique and Zaire.
- 21 Remember our Queen and all members of her family.
- 22 For the Elders' meeting tonight.
- 23 A St. George's Day prayer for a return by the
nation to a deeper Christian faith.
- 24 For the Rev. Beryl Chatfield on her induction to
Durrington Community Centre Church.
- 25 For the Girls' Brigade as they attend District
Parade Service at Aldwick Baptist Church.

26 For the work of the Friendship Centre at Bury Drive
Methodist Church where more helpers are needed.
27 For all our families giving thanks for all they
mean to us.
28 For all prisoners of conscience that their faith
and resolve will be strengthened.
29 For our Church Meeting tonight.
30 For our Provincial Moderator.

NEW MEMBERS.

2 Mr. Ian Hennel. 51 Goring Road.
9 Mrs. Christine Sharpe. 23 Twitten Wav.
212535
8 Mr. Michael Wheller. 24 Melrose Avenue
8 Mrs. Linda Wheller. 24 Melrose Avenue
244748

1 Mrs. D. Cushing on 5th March 1993.

This is a confidential Pastoral Service.

Please note the Chronicle may be full-up by then so do not leave material until the last day. Editor

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SUNDRIES.

YOUTH SERVICE 14.3.93

Does anyone want to send in a report or a comment on that WONDERFUL YOUTH SERVICE on Sunday 14th March. If so, please send it in as soon as possible.
Editor.

LOVE EUROPE?

Ever heard of it? See MAY Chronicle. If I have found out anything about it by then you will see it in that.
Editor.

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**NOTICE OF ELDERS' ELECTION.**

UNDER THE RULES AND CONSTITUTION OF THIS CHURCH IT IS MY DUTY AND PRIVILEGE TO ANNOUNCE ON TWO SUNDAYS IN APRIL THE FORTHCOMING ELDERS' ELECTION: THIS IS ALSO GIVEN IN OUR CHURCH NOTES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS SUNDAY MAY 2nd. NOMINEES WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE DURING MAY AND JUNE, AND THEIR NAMES BROUGHT TO THE JUNE CHURCH MEETING. THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE JULY CHURCH MEETING. NEWLY ELECTED ELDERS TAKE UP THEIR DUTIES IN SEPTEMBER.

May I remind you that all full members of the Church have the privilege of nominating any other member, so long as they have been members for at least 2 years. They must seek their permission first, and their names must be put forward in writing to myself, or any other serving Elder, by the Proposer and a seconder. Nomination forms to make this more convenient are available from Mrs. Bond or myself. Those Elders due to retire this year are listed in the Handbook and are :- Mrs. Jane Bond, Mrs. Robin Bradley, Mr. Richard Tuley, and myself. There are 5 vacancies to be filled, and under the Rules retiring Elders are not eligible for re-election for at least 1 year.

Wilfred Rhodes. Church Secretary.

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CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1993.

- 2 Fri Church Family Weekend
- 3 Sat at The Links, Eastbourne to 4th April
Torch Fellowship. St. Columba's URC 2.30pm
- 4 Sun PALM SUNDAY. 8am Holy Communion.
11am Rev. Elizabeth Neale. Holy Communion.
6.30pm
- 5 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Room.
8 pm. 'Quilling' Mrs. G. Ridgus.
- 6 Tue Fellowship Group Mtg. 15 Harvey Rd. 7.30pm
- 7 Wed Bible Study 38 Trent Rd. 8pm Deans' Home.
- 8 Thu Maunday Thursday
Monthly Prayer with Holy Communion 10.30am
Rev. Ron Christopher.
Thursday Prayer Group Little Chapel. 2.30pm
Holy Communion Rev. Ron Christopher 7.30pm
- 9 Fri Good Friday. Service 10am Rev. Tom Neale.
- 11 Sun EASTER SUNDAY. 8am Holy Communion.
11am Holy Communion. Rev. Dr. Peter Bellamy.
6.30pm Mr. Richard Tuley/Young People.
- 13 Tue Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship 2.45pm
- 17 Sat R A M B L E.
Torch Fellowship. Durrington. 2.30 pm
- 18 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
11 am Rev. Ron Christopher .
6.30pm Healing Service/Holy Communion
- 19 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Room.
Craft - Members' Evening 8 pm.
- 20 Tue Girls' Brigade Session starts tonight.
- 21 Wed Bible Study 38 Trent Road. 8 pm
- 22 Thu Thursday Pry. Grp. Little Chapel 2.30pm.
Elders' Meeting 7.30pm.
- 24 Sat Jumble Sale Girls' Brigade 2pm
Rev. Beryl Chatfield's Induction Service at
Durrington Community Centre 7 pm.
- 25 Sun 8am Holy Communion.
11am Rev. John Flack.
6.30pm Mr. Julian Brewer/Mrs. Bobby Hitchin.
- 27 Tue Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship 2.45pm
- 29 Thu Church Meeting 7.30 pm Church Hall

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PREACHERS IN APRIL.

Apl	4	Palm Sunday	
		Morning 11am	Holy Communion. Rev. Elizabeth Neale.
		Evening 6.30pm	
Apl	8	Maundy Thursday	
		10.30am	Rev. Ron Christopher.
		7.30pm	Rev. Ron Christopher.
Apl	9	Good Friday	
		10am	Rev. Tom Neale. Retired Baptist Minister
Apl	11	Easter Sunday	
		Morning 11am	Rev. Dr. Peter Bellamy.
		Evening 6.30pm	Mr. Richard Tuley/ Young People.
Apl	18	Morning 11am	Rev. Ron Christopher
		Evening 6.30pm	Holy Communion/Hlg.
Apl	25	Morning 11am	Rev. John Flack
		Evening 6.30pm	Mr. Julian Brewer/ Mrs. Bobby Hitchin.

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REPORT OF THE U.R.C. SUSSEX WEST
DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING 4.2.93.

The Meeting was held at Shelley Road URC, Worthing, and opening devotions were led by their Interim Moderator - Rev. Bob Murray.

The President welcomed new people, including a retired Minister, Freda Gurner who is now living in Lomas House. The President reported that several people are unwell, including Rev. Roy Clarke (He has since died). Peter McLellan, an Elder of Sompting, died last week of Motor Neurone Disease, aged 47. Rev. & Mrs. Bill Purvis are shortly celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

DISTRICT SECRETARY The Council approved the Executive's nomination of Mr. Lang Popley, an Elder and former Church Secretary of Portslade URC, to serve as District Secretary for 5 years, to be reviewed annually.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES. Clermont URC Brighton - there was much discussion about the appointment of Rev. George Musgrave of the Congregational Federation to serve as Interim Pastor there for 1 year. In the future it is hoped to discuss Ministry in collaboration with other URCs in Brighton.

Telscombe Cliffs. Rev. Alan Whillis was appointed Interim Moderator for 1 year.

The Brighton Churches are having further meetings to discuss their future Ministry.

Shelley Road URC, Worthing. Miss Kathleen Coltman is authorised to preside at Holy Communion during their vacancy. There is to be a meeting about scoping in March. Their eventual goal is thought to be a team Ministry, involving all 4 Churches in the Worthing area.

Goring URC. Rev. John Flack is re-appointed as Interim Moderator for a period of 4 months, until the end of April.

Littlehampton. Rev. Noel and Mrs. Ann Shepherd leave Littlehampton United Church in March and are moving to Harrow United URC/Methodist Church. Mrs. Nancy Welch is appointed as Interim Moderator until their

new Methodist Minister is welcomed on 5th September 1993 at 7.30pm.

East Wittering Church. Mr. Jim Bailey of Chichester URC/Methodist is to serve as Lay Pastoral Assistant under the supervision of Rev. Alf Lawson of Selsey Methodist. Mr. Bailey is already assisting with the West Wittering Church.

Pagham. Rev. Bob Boulter retired from Pagham at the end of February and will live in Selsey. Rev. Peter Newell (recently retired from Upminster, who is the son-in-law of the late Ralph Beale) is now living in Storrington and was appointed as Interim Moderator of Pagham for one year.

Scoping Policy. The Pastoral Care Committee is sending a letter to all Churches explaining the situation in the URC, and particularly the Southern Province, regarding the Ministerial situation. We shall need to reduce the number of Ministers as we already have too many in this Province and, with 19 Ministers due to retire over the next 3 years, and not enough students in training to replace them, it is likely that Churches with less than 150 members will not be scoped for a full-time Minister. All scoped full-time Ministers now have a standard flexibility clause written in, to enable them to assist other local UR Churches. It was hoped that this letter would be discussed at Elders' and Church Meetings. There was some discussion about how pastoral care should be exercised within the District - such as a District visitation every 5 years, or new Support Groups for each Church, or an annual written report to the Pastoral Care Committee who seeks to provide continuous care for all Churches.

Financial Matters. The car mileage allowance has been raised from 20 pence a mile to 25 pence a mile from January 1st 1993.

Peacehaven Resource Centre - their financial situation is much better and the Centre is moving to a central site in Telscombe Cliffs.

Property Matters. New regulations concerning fire safety in places of Public Assembly were due to be introduced on Jan 1st 1993 but, because the cost in some cases could be very high, the Government is

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reconsidering the matter. Ken Ashby hopes to inform all Churches of these regulations by July.

Bosham is very happy with the transformation of its Chapel and Hall.

Hounsom continues to have vandalism problems. Information was given about the possible infilling of the Church and Church Hall.

Goring - damage from a recent break-in was reported. Shelley Rd. have successfully let their Manse and essential work on the kitchen area of the Church has been completed.

Youth Matters. Paul West, of Sompting, will speak about PILOTS at the District Meeting in June.

On April 3rd an April Fools Evening will be held at St. Columba's URC for youngsters over 10.

The Youth Service at Littlehampton in November 92 was good.

It is hoped to hold a Youth Leadership training course at Sompting this year, in September.

World Church and Mission. It is hoped to hold a District Day in the Autumn at Central Hove, on Evangelism.

A Christian Radio Station is being proposed for Greater London.

Available for Church House is John Finney's book 'Finding Faith Today.'

Locally, Rustington URC invited Simon Ward of Scripture Union to discuss with them about their lack of young people. As a result, Simon Ward will be spending a week with them, getting into a local primary school to take assemblies together with members of their Church. In addition there will be Special Families Activity Day on the Saturday and a Family Service on the Sunday. We are asked to pray for them in this venture of faith, for the week beginning March 8th.

Synod Nominations were approved by the Council, but further Representatives are required for Church and Society Committee, the Ministries Candidates Committee, as well as a District Ecumenical Officer!

Other News Items.

The District Elders' Day held on Jan 30th was very worthwhile and one of the best well attended by 125 Elders.

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Nominations are required from the District to attend the General Assembly at Portsmouth from July 5th to 9th.

Friday March 12th is the CPAS Ladies' Workshop Day at St. Stephen's C of E in Angola Road, Worthing.

August 7-13 is the World Mission Family Holiday Conference at Swanwick entitled 'Journey to Justice', with particular reference to South Africa.

August 21-27 is the URC Family Forum at Swanwick, celebrating 21 years of the United Reformed Church.

I mentioned about our Church Family Weekend in Eastbourne April 2 - 4.

The next District Council Meeting will be held at Petworth on April 15th 1993.

The Meeting ended with prayers.



Irene Tuley. Our Representative.

The editor and readers are grateful to all those who, month by month, give of their time sending in contributions for inclusion in the Chronicle.

INDUCTION SERVICE.

The Rev. Beryl Chatfield's Induction Service is to be at 7pm on 24th April at the Durrington Community Centre Church. The Rev. David Helyer, U.R.C. Moderator, will lead the Service, and at Beryl's request the Rev. Ronald Christopher will be Preacher. The Rev. Bernard Monk and the Rev. Ian Cramb will be participating in the Service, as will, I am sure, representatives from our congregation.

MISSION NEWS.

Dates for your diary :-

Tuesday 20th July Afternoon Mission Event and Bring and Buy Sale. Guest Speaker - Rev. John CROCKER, Minister Horsham URC, and one-time Missionary in Bangladesh.

Sunday 12th September Mr. Crocker returns to take both Services.

More details will be announced nearer the dates.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.
AND EXPLORERS.

APRIL 24th Jumble Sale.

The rest of them already, and the girls have been ~~working~~ for their badges, as well as having fun at the two activity evenings. They enjoyed a ~~summer~~ working and Easter Evening.

The Explorers have completed their Spiritual and Service points, they have been learning about the Church for their Spiritual point; looking at the different parts of the Church and learning about the other organisations within our Church.

The Service point was called 'Helping at Home', and the Girls had fun learning how to peel potatoes, fold clothes, lay the table, and how to make sandwiches, which they were very enthusiastic about because they were allowed to eat 'the fruits of their labours!'

Next term we have our first Jumble Sale of the year, on Saturday 24th April at 2pm. We will be collecting Jumble on the Tuesday evening before and, if you have any Jumble and would like someone to collect it, please phone one of the numbers below to arrange a time.

Worthing 202645 Worthing 873806

The following Sunday afternoon, (25th), the Company will be joining in a DISTRICT PARADE at ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH. The District Girls' Brigade Band, which some of the Girls are participating in, will be heading the Parade. The EXPLORERS will be marching for the first time at a District Parade, and it will be lovely to see lots of red jumpers joining in the Parade!

The Girls and Officers would like to wish you a peaceful and Blessed Easter, and thank you for your prayers and support.

Lieut. Alison Baldwin.

Explorer Leader.

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**GIRLS' BRIGADE CENTENARY PRAYER CHAIN.
PRAYER TOPICS. PART THREE.**

We invite you to pray with us :-

For the future of the Girls' Brigade.

- for our National Secretary, new National Secretary (designate), and all the staff at Brigade House during a period of change over the next year.
- for the Executive and all those who give national leadership within Brigade, that they will be given wisdom and courage to face the challenge of ensuring that Girls' Brigade is relevant to the needs of Girls in the 21st Century.
- for renewed enthusiasm and commitment amongst existing leaders and the emergence and training of new leaders at every level of Brigade life.
- for the strengthening of relationships between Girls' Brigade and local Churches and with other Christian children's and youth organisations, that we may not only stem the flow of young people away from the Church, but see a new generation won for Christ.

Jeff Taylor.

THE LEPROSY MISSION.

The Annual Tea and General Meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church Hall on Friday 30th April at 3pm

There will be a CAKE STALL, and a BRING AND BUY BRIC-A-BRAC STALL.

Everyone is welcome to an enjoyable and interesting afternoon.

We hope to see you there!

Mary Lockin.

Flourie Freeman.



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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

The Junior Section Boys recently enjoyed a visit from Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley who spoke about his work with the S.U.M. I'm still not sure how to play the Nigerian game he introduced us to, but I will keep on trying.

Don't forget, we are always willing to invite folk along who have something interesting to say.

Thank you to those who have brought along tools to send to India. If it so happens that it proves too expensive to send them out we will sell them and send cash instead. If only you could see the inferior tools the Indian boys use at their carpentry training centre you would wonder how they could produce any article of furniture! In the meanwhile, we will be sending them a donation from our Mission Fund.

If you would like to borrow my video tape on India, for a nominal sum, to be added to the Fund, that would be appreciated.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Donald Stewart, Captain.

Next Church Parade will be held on MAY 9th at 11am.

SOME SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 1993.

Following the Church Party in January, and with the consent of the Elders and Church Meeting, here are the proposed dates for the Social Events.

Sat 17th April Ramble.

Sat 17th July Coach outing to Canterbury.

Sat 27th Nov. Barn Dance.

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## WOMEN'S GUILD.

## ANNUAL REPORT for 1992.

We have 59 Members, with an average attendance at meetings of 50, and the subscription for the two ~~years~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~last~~ ~~year~~.

Our President, Mrs. Lily Collison, opens our meetings with devotions which are always well appreciated.

Programmes for the year have covered a wide variety of subjects ranging from work in the Missionary Field to Music, the history of Parliament to smuggling in Sussex, and donations to charities over this period have been made to :-

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|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| The Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children               | 76.00           |
| A fund for the deaf, via a speaker on Gilbert and Sullivan | 10.00           |
| Torch Trust for the Blind                                  | 70.00           |
| Bible Society                                              | 500.00          |
| Wings of Mercy                                             | 75.00           |
| Hearing Dogs for the Deaf                                  | 100.00          |
| Total                                                      | <u>£ 831.00</u> |

On October 20th the speaker at our Anniversary Service was the Rev. Bernard Monk. Many friends came from our and other Churches, and we in turn attended similar Services locally. We are always joined on these occasions and at Easter and Christmas by the Men's Fellowship, and value their help.

Tea was provided for a party of 58 in April, and we shall be welcoming at least two groups this summer.

Several of our Members took part in The Women's World Day of Prayer Service in St. Mary's Parish Church; attended the Christian Pastoral Aid Society Day, and the URC Women's District Panel Meetings at St. Columba's URC.

Our Outing was to the Newhaven Garden Paradise where we had tea and loaded up the coach with plants! This, and visits to local theatres are arranged by Mrs. Collison and are always well supported.

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The Charities which we will be supporting this coming year will be The Worthing Night Shelter, and 'SENSE', which aids children who are both deaf and blind.

The Guild was saddened by the death of Mrs. Petch.

We continue to visit those who are ill or unable to attend, and remember them in our prayers.

We have recently welcomed several new Members, and look forward to continuing in another year of friendship and Christian fellowship.

Betty Hislop. Secretary

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**WOMEN'S GUILD MEETINGS.**

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU  
AT ALL OR ANY OF OUR MEETINGS

Feb. 15 we had a happy afternoon listening to Mrs. Doreen Norris as she talked and showed us slides of her recent visit to Sydney, Australia. Thank you, Doreen. We are particularly grateful to you for stepping into the breach at such short notice when our original speaker had to cancel.

Mar 2 Mr. Francis gave us a very informative history lesson when he talked on the 4 Churches of St. Paul in the City of London, the first of which was built by the Saxons. He had many interesting snippets of information and beautiful slides of the present-day building and some showing the devastation which was caused by the German bombing in the 1939-45 war.

Mar 30th was our Easter Meeting when the Men's Fellowship joined us for the occasion.

Audrey Gerlach.





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**MEET'S FELLOWSHIP.**

Our Church Member, Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley, gave us a very interesting and thought-provoking talk, with the aid of the overhead projector, on the 'Why and How of Missions', on Tuesday 16th February. He stressed that our Lord gave His disciples instructions to spread the Good News throughout the world. Nearly two thousand years later two thirds of the world are still waiting to hear the Good News.

Our President, Mr. Tom Lyons, welcomed Mr. Les Gilbert in to the Fellowship.

On March 2nd we had a very interesting talk by Mrs. Nichols, accompanied by her dog, of her lifetime spent as totally blind, with 6 guide dogs.

Miss Tait, an official of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, told us that it costs £20,000 to train up a dog, and then not every dog passes the final tests.

On March 16th Mrs. Pamela Spence gave a talk on Astronomy.

On March 30th we combined with the Women's Guild for the Easter Meetings.

On April 13th Mr. Bob Robelon will give a talk, with slides, on 'Drilling for Water'.

On April 27th we will be holding our Annual General Meeting.

We wish all members and friends a Happy and Peaceful Eastertide and look forward to meeting again on Tuesday September 7th, when our member, Mr. Donald Stewart, will give us a talk on his Indian experience.

**We have only one rule - Be Friendly!**

**Alex Blackford. Secretary.**



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**MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.**

We start our Summer Programme on Monday 5th April and, as usual, we welcome any lady who would like to join us in the Cornwall Room at 8 o'clock on alternate Mondays. We are a small(ish?) informal, friendly group and we thoroughly enjoy our time of fellowship together.

During the session we will have at least one Open Evening when everyone in the Church will be most welcome, gentlemen as well as ladies, so on those evenings please do join us. 'Welcome' and The Chronicle will give details.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Easter Blessings to you all.



Doreen Norris.

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### CHURCH SOCIAL EVENTS.

**CHURCH RAMBLE SATURDAY 17th APRIL 2.30pm.**

We shall be meeting in the car park at the top of Highdown Hill. The Ramble can be 3½ miles or 6 miles, and the decision will be made on the day. Please wear sensible shoes.

If the weather is warm enough we could have a picnic tea, or just refreshments on our return. There is a picnic area by the car park.

There is no need to say whether you are coming, but if you have any queries please phone me by 1.30pm on the day. Worthing 506452. Sheila Gooderham.

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COACH OUTING 17th JULY to CANTERBURY.

Enough people have indicated an interest in the outing to make it a possibility, but it will only be viable if everybody is able to come on the DAY. I need a few more names to enable me to go ahead and book the coach. So, please let me know soon whether you are interested. It isn't solely for the Fellowship, so please bring your friends, neighbours and relations.

Sheila Gooderham.

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FAVOURITE HYMN

ARE YOU A THIRD CHILD, A FOURTH, FIFTH. SIXTH. SEVENTH. OR MORE? If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please. Leslie Montford.

This is the favourite hymn of Mrs. Irene Kitto, a seventh child.

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head.
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

M.P. (171) 515. George Matheson 1842-1906.



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**AUTUMN MARKET 23.10.93.
FROM 2pm to 5pm.
IN THE CHURCH HALLS.**

The planning meeting for the fair on 11th Feb was well attended, and the following is a summary of the decisions made then.

It was decided that the event should be called 'AUTUMN MARKET' and would be held in the afternoon from 2pm until about 5-5.30pm. This leaves the morning free for preparations. Each of the Stalls would have a title (displayed, I hope) indicating the type of goods they would be selling.

For example:-

'Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men' - Plants and Produce Men's Fellowship.

'The Old Curiosity Shop' Bric-a-Brac Boys' Brigade.

'Amusement Arcade' Youth Service.

Other titles for the following Stalls will be decided later:-

Cakes and Pies - Women's Guild.

Toys and Games - Junior Church and Ark.

Home-made and Gifts - Monday Evening Fellowship.

Grocery etc. - - Choir.

Toiletries - Girls' Brigade.

Stationery - Kestro Club.

Flower Stall - Jean Webb & Flower Arrangers.

Cream teas & Refreshments - Catering Committee.

There will be competitions of various kinds, including one for children, best small flower arrangement, and a photographic one. (See over)

Please make a note NOW in your diaries and on your calendars of the date and time and, if possible, start preparing for stocking the Stalls. We shall be needing needlework and knitting items, jams and preserves, plant cuttings, bulbs, etc. Look out unused toiletries and stationery and, of course, books, bric-a-brac (not jumble).

Where to take them or who will collect them will be in a future edition of THE CHRONICLE.

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This will be a great opportunity for the Fellowship to work together and to raise money for the Church and a Charity. This will be decided later.

The next meeting has been arranged for THURSDAY MAY 13th at 7.30 pm in the Harris Room, so do come if you wish to be involved and/or to represent your Organisation! Sheila Gooderham.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

In connection with the proposed AUTUMN FAIR I have been asked to organise a Photographic Competition.

There will be an entrance fee which will be added to the Funds, and prizes will be awarded to the best in each class:-

1. Goring United Reformed Church and its activities.
2. Sussex.
3. Animals.
4. Children.
5. Miscellaneous.

Entries should be colour prints NO LARGER THAN 7 inches x 5 inches, UNMOUNTED, NAME AND CLASS AND ADDRESS on reverse (Preferably written first on a label to avoid damage to photograph.)

I have arranged for judging on the day. To be undertaken by Mr. Dan Jenkin, a member of Worthing Camera Club, and Steyne Methodist Church.

So, masterpieces arising from the Church Family Week-end, subsequent outings, and holidays will all qualify. In fact, remember 'A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE U.R.C.' article which appeared first in Reform and then in February Chronicle. Get 2 copies of your masterpiece and enter both opportunities to exhibit.

ROY WEBB.

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#### AREA FELLOWSHIP GROUP.

"The Area Fellowship Group which meets at 15 Harvey Road is held on the first TUESDAY of the month at 7.30pm. If anyone would like to join us on Tuesdays please telephone Roy or Sheila Gooderham on Worthing 506452.

**REPORT FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.**

At the Church Meeting held on 25th Feb it was agreed that we could proceed with repairs specified for YEAR 3 of the Quinquennial Survey. These are considerably more expensive than for the repairs carried out last year.

1. Renew roof over Minister's Vestry, Boiler Room and Inner Passage with high performance felt. Work to be carried out by Stoner Asphalte of Southwick.

Price £1034, including VAT.

2. Overhaul tiled roof above Church Hall (built in 1948). Mr. R.J.Surridge will replace defective tiles at a cost of £186.

3. Resurface Drive. 4 Estimates were obtained and it was decided to proceed with the third lowest which was from WARINGS CONTRACTORS LTD. of Hilsea, Portsmouth. Cost, including VAT £5573.

I have asked the Contractors to notify the Church well in advance of the date they propose starting as there will be considerable disruption, and access to the drive could be difficult at times.

4. Floor repairs - East Hall. Remove existing pine block floor, and lay new IROKO wood block floor. Mr. R.J.Surridge and South Coast Floors will carry out this work. Cost £3042 inclusive.

I have requested that this work is undertaken during the Summer holidays.

**The Manse.** 140 George V Avenue.

Repairs completed are as follows:-

Treatment of woodworm in roof timbers and under-stairs cupboard by Rentokil Ltd.

Upgrade electrical installation - work undertaken by D.H.Amey Ltd.

Mr. C.A.J.Edwards has installed a balanced flue gas-fired boiler on wall of kitchen (old boiler removed). Churchill Windows of Lancing have fitted double glazing replacement windows on rear and side elevations.

General repairs not started.

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The committee wish to thank Mr. Stanley Sanders for his excellent work in maintaining the flower beds and verges at the Church, and for offering to fit 4 new units in the kitchen at the Manse. (Units were purchased at a discount price from B. & Q.)

Also our thanks to Mr. Roy Gooderham who maintains the garden at the Manse.

Colin Nodes. Co Chairman.

Stewardship Committee.

On the suggestions of the Surveyor, Mr. Peter Williams, we are investigating the possibility of a new heating system in the Church.

Mr. Williams feels that the present system is inefficient.

The Committee has inspected gas-fired heaters at Sompting URC and Bognor Regis URC.

Damage caused by the break-in on 19/20 December 1992 cost £640.00 to repair. A compensation claim for £640 has been sent to Officer in Charge, Police Station, Worthing. Court proceedings have been instituted, and the first Court appearance was on 22nd Feb 1993. Following the break-in A.D.High and Son Ltd., installed 3 security lights on the East elevations of the Church. The West elevation may also need security lights, but it is possible that there will be adequate lighting from the Inland Revenue car park.

Colin Nodes. Co. Chairman.

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#### **KESTRO WORTHING STROKE CLUB.**

April 2 Egg decorating.

April 9 No Meeting.

April 16 Board Games.

April 23 Q U I Z.

April 30 Slides Show by Miss Ann Davies.

National Trust.

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## THANKS.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank you for all your prayers and love during my recent illness and subsequent operation. The love and support you gave me and my family during this time was very precious.

The Lord really blessed my time in hospital; not once did I feel afraid, only very safe and peaceful, cradled in the Lord's love and wrapped in prayer.

'Then I lay down and slept in peace  
and woke up safely,  
for the Lord was watching over me.'  
Psalm 3. v5. (Living Bible)



With my love in Jesus,

Jenny Merritt.

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On behalf of Sandie and our families I would like to say a special thank you to you all for the concern shown over Sandie's brain haemorrhage last November. Thank you for your cards and prayers which were a great comfort and support to us.

Sandie has made a wonderful recovery and is even enjoying the freedom that two wheels can bring!

I had been waiting to write until after Sandie's check-up at Haywards Heath Hospital on 9th March - they were more than pleased with her progress.

Plans are now well under way for Sandie's and Tim's wedding on Saturday May 22nd at ASHINGTON PARISH CHURCH at 3.00 pm. You would be most welcome to join us.

I have found it a great source of strength to belong to such a caring Church Family.

Olive Bushby.

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## TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA.

My three weeks trip to Saudi Arabia, connected with my job, proved to be an experience in many ways. For a start, the flight took about 14 hours, stopping at Jeddah and Riyadh, and changing planes to Dharan. This, plus the time difference of 3 hours ahead, meant I was absolutely shattered upon arriving at the hotel. The hotel itself was excellent, as was the food. (I put on a stone in weight) Language was not a problem as English is widely spoken.

The Arabs don't really produce anything of their own, apart from oil, of course. The Suks (local shops) were owned mainly by people from India, Sri Lanka and the Phillipines. I thoroughly enjoyed the bartering system and managed to settle on a few bargains; however, many of the goods for sale are imitations; gold is still the best buy.

Before I left I was determined to see some of the country, so took off on a 50 mile trip of the surrounding area. The desert proved to be more rocky than sandy, with not one camel in sight!

I was glad to return to the UK when I did as there was a lot of movement at the Air Base due to the situation with Iraq.

By the time you read this I will be off on my travels again, this time I shall be staying in Southern Saudi Arabia at Khamis Mushayt/Abha, which is 7000 feet above sea level. I am told it will be very hot and dry, and the atmosphere will be very thin, so I will be more light-headed than usual. Also, I hope it doesn't rain this time. (We were almost flooded out last time!)

I must thank you all for the prayers and support you gave to my family while I was away. It is great to belong to a loving and caring family.

Ken Arkinstall.

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## LETTERS.

OUR VISITING CLERGY, OUR ELDERS  
AND OUR LAY FRIENDS.

Since we have been without a Minister our Church has been served, Sunday after Sunday, by visiting Clergy, our Elders and Lay Friends, leading, preaching the Gospel, and guiding us. Reading the lessons, too. This takes a lot of their 'free time', while we look in at television, or listen to the radio, go for holidays or roam the countryside. A lot of reading, research and writing was necessary to give us the excellent Services we have had and, God willing, will have.

Come along now, fellow members, proclaim your thanks to them by voice or in writing. Don't just accept them silently! Keep on doing this Sunday after Sunday, as I endeavour to do.

It doesn't take much to extend your hand, put your arm round their shoulders, kiss them, in praise, in welcome, in love. Think what it does to the recipient. It encourages him or her.

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There - it wasn't hard, was it? Look at the smile and thanks they gave you in return. Didn't it make your day? It did theirs! Keep it up!

Leslie Montford. Just a member.

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## R E Q U E S T S.

Please send to Editor happy news of the Fellowship - Weddings, baptisms, coming of age, anniversaries, events, etc., to share with your friends.

Please endeavour to keep reports of these and organisations to 300 words.

This does not refer to District Meetings and Synod Reports.

Les Montford. Editor.

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**MEETINGS EVERY WEEK**

**Wednesdays 7.30pm BADMINTON Church Hall.**

Thursdays 10-11.30am ARK MOTHERS & TODDLERS CLUB.  
CHURCH HALL.

**Fridays KESTRO WORTHING STROKE CLUB. 2pm**

**Fridays 7.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH.**

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CHRISTIAN CRACKER.

## Laughing in Church.

A teenage parishioner at St. John's Church answered quick as a flash when asked by a minister who was the funniest man in the Bible.

"Sampson," he said, "he brought the house down!"

"Better Funerals. Funeral Services range from the elevated to the abysmal. A Minister is currently working with the National Funerals College. This involves a pilot educational course designed to enable funerals to become more satisfactory both for the deceased and for the bereaved."

From February 1993 Reform.

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FRIENDSHIP CENTRE. BURY DRIVE.

If you are or know of anyone living alone and in need of a social activity in the Goring area the Luncheon Club has a few spaces. Helpers are also always welcome, particularly drivers who can offer transport. This is an ecumenical outreach of the combined Goring Churches. Please contact Mr. Gerald Eversfield on Worthing 243703.

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IF YOU NEVER ERR, LESLIE, HOW WILL YOU KNOW  
THE THRILL OF SUCCESS?

HAVE YOU READ THE DETAILS OF THE  
WOMEN'S GUILD TAPESTRY LATELY? I HAVE!

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There's a Friend for old, old people,  
Above the bright blue sky.  
A friend whose name is Jesus,  
Whose love can never die.  
Unlike our friends by nature  
Who change with changing years,  
This Friend is always worthy  
The precious name He bears.

There's a Rest for tired people  
Above the stormy sky,  
And weary, way-worn pilgrims  
Will reach it by-and-by:  
But now while suff'ring, toiling,  
Hear Jesus' voice so blest,  
'Come unto Me, ye weary,  
And I will give you rest'.

There's a Song for sad, old people  
After the long, long years,  
When in His love and pity  
God wipes away their tears.  
And even now, Lord Jesus,  
Our Saviour and our Friend,  
We'll sing to Thee who loved us,  
And loves us to the end.

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# The CHRONICLE



GORING  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

25 PENCE

WHITSUN - PENTECOST - when the Holy Spirit came on the first Christians gathered together in one place, the experience is described: 'there appeared to them flames like tongues of FIRE'. There is a story told by a preacher in St. Paul's Cathedral who startled the congregation by crying out :- 'FIRE! FIRE!' 'Where? Where?' the congregation responded. 'NOT IN THIS CHURCH,' said the preacher. It is not buildings, no matter how beautiful they may be; it is not Organisations no matter how efficient, but PEOPLE! It is God's People who are to be aflame in their witness to the power of Gospel. Those of us who were able to go to The Links, Eastbourne for our wonderful Church week-end will have experienced something of PENTECOST. We had joy in being with each other, we had joy in our Lord, and we had joy in the unity of the Spirit!

The Lord came to George Fox, the founder of the Quakers, like a spiritual FLAME, and he records in his journal: 'Then did there appear a pure FIRE within me'. John Wesley, after that meeting with the Moravian Christians, notes in his diary: 'I felt my heart strangely warmed'.

From the days of PENTECOST to this, through dark ages and bright, the FIRE Christ kindled has gone on burning, purifying sinners from their sin, and transforming their daily lives. The FIRE of the Gospel is the burning love of God - shown on Calvary, and now by the Holy Spirit shed abroad in human hearts today. No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' without the Spirit. Is not the proclaiming of the divine love which, in Christ, suffered for us, still today heart-warming news for a sin-sick, fear-ridden, and war-torn world?

For what makes the heart burn? Origin of Alexandria preserved for us a saying of Jesus: 'He that is near me is near the FIRE; and he that is far from me is far from the Kingdom,' said Jesus.

Here is the secret of the 'burning heart'. Nearness to the living Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Nearness to Him in prayer and sacrament. This is the secret of the heart that burns!

"Lord, take my lips, and speak through them;  
take my mind, and think through it;  
take my heart, and set it on FIRE."

RON CHRISTOPHER



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## CALENDAR FOR MAY 1993.

- 1 Sat Torch Fellowship. St. Columba's URC 2.30pm
- 2 Sun 8am Holy Communion.  
11am Holy Communion. Rev. Ray Burnish.  
6.30pm Mr. Paul Archer/Mr. Ray Close.
- 3 Mon Bank Holiday
- 5 Wed Bible Study 38 Trent Rd. 8pm Deans' Home.
- 6 Thu Thursday Prayer Group Little Chapel. 2.30pm  
Extra Church Meeting in Church Hall 7.30pm
- 9 Sun 8am Holy Communion.  
11am Parade Sunday/Junior Church Annvsary.  
Miss Valerie Walters.  
6.30pm Mr. Richard Tuley/Mr. Tony Dobinson.
- 10 Mon Monday Evng. Fellowship 8pm Cornwall Room.  
The National Trust. Miss A. Davies
- 13 Thu Monthly Prayers/Holy Communion 10.30am  
Autumn Market Mtg. Harris Rm. 7.30pm.
- 15 Sat Torch Fellowship. Durrington. 2.30 pm
- 16 Sun 8am Holy Communion.  
11 am Mr. Alec Ralph.  
6.30pm Healing Service/Holy Communion  
Mr. Paul Archer/Rev. Ray White.
- 17/21 CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
- 19 Wed Bible Study 38 Trent Road. 8 pm
- 20 Thu Ascension Day  
Thursday Pry. Grp. Little Chapel 2.30pm.  
Elders' Meeting 7.30pm.
- 23 Sun 8am Holy Communion.  
11am Rev. Leonard French.  
6.30pm Mrs. Bobby Hitchin/Mr. Geoff. Dearsley.
- 24 Mon Monday Evng. Fellowship 8pm Cornwall Room  
American Supper.
- 27 Thu Church Meeting 7.30 pm Church Hall
- 30 Sun Whit Sunday 8am Holy Communion.  
11am Rev. John Flack.  
6.30pm Mr. Julian Brewer/Mr. Simon Richards.
- 31 Mon Bank Holiday Whit Monday.
- June 5 Sat Girls' Brigade District Explorer  
FUN DAY.
- June 4-6 BEANO CAMP week-end at Southwater.
- June 12 Sat Garden Party at Lomas House, Wordsworth  
Road, Worthing. 3 Worthing U.R.Cs. combined.

**PREACHERS IN MAY.**

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| May 2  | Morning 11am   | Holy Communion.<br>Rev. Ray Burnish                              |
|        | Evening 6.30pm | Mr. Paul Archer/<br>Mr. Ray Close                                |
| May 9  | Morning 11am   | Miss Valerie Walters                                             |
|        | Evening 6.30pm | Mr. Richard Tuley/<br>Mr. Tony Dobinson.                         |
| May 16 | Morning 11am   | Mr. Alec Ralph.                                                  |
|        | Evening 6.30pm | Healing /Holy Communion.<br>Mr. Paul Archer/<br>Rev.. Ray White. |
| May 23 | Morning 11am   | Rev. Leonard French                                              |
|        | Evening 6.30pm | Mrs. Bobby Hitchin/<br>Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley                     |
| May 30 | Morning 11am   | Rev. John Flack                                                  |
|        | Evening 6.30pm | Mr. Julian Brewer/<br>Mr. Simon Richards.                        |

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**WOMEN'S GUILD.**

2 April we were pleased to welcome the Men's Fellowship for our Easter Meeting. The talent of both clubs joined together to give us a very moving enactment of the momentous days covering Christ's journey into Jerusalem for the Passover and up to His Crucifixion. This was backed by a small choir of ladies singing appropriate hymns.

27 April was our last meeting until September.

17 JUNE - a note for your diaries. We hope to hold a CRAFT/BRING AND BUY FAIR. Tea will be available and a small entrance fee of 20p will be charged. All proceeds to go towards our Charity projects for the year.

On 11 May the Guild are planning an outing to Gomshall Mills with a stop-over to visit Guildford Cathedral.

Audrey Gerlach.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK.**

'Help us, O Lord, when we want to do the right thing but know not what it is. But help us most when we know perfectly well what we ought to do and do not want to do it. Amen.'

Rev. Peter Marshall. Former Chaplain of the Senate, Washington.



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**MINISTRY IN THE WORTHING AREA.**

Over the last year there have been regular meetings of representatives of all the Worthing United Reformed Churches with the West Sussex District Pastoral Care Committee (PCC) regarding the distribution of our resources, with particular reference to the ordained ministry. This has been reported to both Elders' and Church Meetings, although until now no significant progress has been made, or suggestion made.

In February 1993 a letter was received from the PCC addressed to all the Churches, on its policy for scoping. In substance it contained nothing different from what we were told at the time we received the scoping for our Church in April 1992, that is, that the Southern Province has already more than its fair share of Ministers, and our own District should aim to reduce the number of full-time Ministers. "No Church with fewer than 150 members should expect to have 'its own' Minister" except in exceptional circumstances.

Although we are scoped for a full-time Minister with a built-in clause of 'flexibility', how this flexibility is introduced needs interpreting. It implies that our scoping may be changed, but only after consultations between the committee and the Church, and any Minister in post. However, we are called upon to be outward looking and flexible. Sharing our Minister with other Churches to help with pastoral care was implied at the time of our scoping. Now it may be that we need to think more positively about a 'team ministry' in Worthing, perhaps 3 Ministers to 4 Churches.

The practicalities of how this may be applied will take much consultation and planning between the Churches as vacancies occur. Perhaps an opportunity to discuss this should be made at Church meeting, but if you have any positive suggestions, or have experience of team ministry and how it was set up in other areas, please put your ideas in writing to one of the Secretaries. Jane Bond.

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**CELEBRATION GARDEN PARTY. LOMAS HOUSE.  
43- WORDSWORTH ROAD. WORTHING.  
SATURDAY JUNE 12TH.**

To celebrate the 21st Birthday of the U.R.C. the three Churches in Worthing - St. Columba's, Shelley Road and Goring - are to hold a GARDEN PARTY at Lomas House, 43 Wordsworth Road, Worthing, on Saturday 12th JUNE from 2.30 till 5 pm.

TICKETS, which will include refreshments, will be 50 pence each, and will be on sale from early MAY after Sunday Services.

There will be Stalls, Sideshows and a HAT COMPETITION, based on Book Titles. The competition is open to three age groups. Under 7 years, Age 7 to 12 years, and Adult. Entry Fee is 10 pence per person.

If wet the Party will be held at Shelley Road United Reformed Church Hall.

As you can imagine, each Church will have to provide a lot of help for this Event to be successful. Our Church is responsible for the PROVISIONS STALL. Therefore, would you please bring any provisions you would care to donate and place them in the BOX provided for that purpose in the CHURCH VESTIBULE each Sunday. CAKES, SCONES AND SAUSAGE ROLLS will be gratefully received, NEARER THE TIME, for the tea, and any gifts of PLANTS, CRAFT, CAKES AND BRIC-A-BRAC are required for the various stalls. Six Free-standing SUN UMBRELLAS are also needed from each Church. OFFERS PLEASE!! We are hoping for a sunny day and a good crowd.

The proceeds from the Event are in aid of Committee of World Mission to be especially used for Lomas House. At least 12 people from THIS CHURCH are required to help in the kitchen, both before and afterwards, for serving the teas, on the Provision Stall and Side Shows.

Please contact either of us with any offers of Help or Gifts, or if in need of further information.

THANK YOU.

Irene Tuley. Tel.265319 Doreen Norris. Tel 830048

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## SUNDRIES.

### THE WEEK-END AT THE LINKS, EASTBOURNE.

How to describe our week-end at The Links? Fellowship, Family, Fun, and Food. All of these!

FELLOWSHIP, which we enjoyed in abundance, a wonderful sense of being united under God.

FAMILY learning, laughing, loving, and sometimes crying together, linked through our prayers with those holding the fort in Goring.

F U N, so much, in our free time, and particularly in our Saturday evening entertainment.

FOOD, excellent food served well and enjoyed with friends.

All in all a week-end blessed by God. We pray that what we learned will be used in the Church to go forward with the Lord. Bobby Hitchin.

I asked a 'close' friend of mine if she would write me 50 or so words about the week-end she had at Eastbourne with the Church people and she told me she doubted there was hardly that amount to put down on paper - anyway, she wasn't a dab hand at writing reports. She returned to the subject during the time I was with her. Apparently, she had a marvellous time, the food was very good, as was the company, especially the Children. She put a capital letter on them. There were 14 of them and there were no tears or tantrums from any of them. My 'close' friend was delighted with this. She also mentioned the Cabaret and the BEE that alighted on the stage for two minutes! Hope no one got stung! My 'close' friend showed me one of the Session papers. It was all about Nehemiah. If you want to know about him you can read the Book in the Holy Bible yourself. There're only 13 Chapters. I think I've written more than 50 words on behalf of my 'close' friend. Please forgive me. LM.

### AUTUMN MARKET 23.10.93.

Please Note that there will be a second planning meeting for the fair on Thursday 13th May at 7.30pm in the Harris Room. All are welcome. Sheila Gooderham.

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**TO ALL MY FRIENDS.  
YOUTH SERVICE.**

On Sunday March 14th our Parade Service was led by members of the Youth Service, who gave us an insight into the format and content of the Services they hold every Sunday morning for the youth of 12 years and above.

The Service commenced with the entry of the Colours to the rousing chorus of 'TO GOD BE THE GLORY GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE;' From this state of praise we were guided into an atmosphere of worship and meditation by a reading from Revelation ch 1 vvs 12-18 to a gentle musical backdrop of 'YOU LAID ASIDE YOUR MAJESTY, GAVE UP EVERYTHING FOR ME,'.

The story of the raising of LAZARUS from the dead was then read to us from JOHN'S gospel ch 11. to prepare us for the theme of the Service and the drama to follow.

The drama which followed took the form of a mime which cleverly linked the story of Lazarus and his relationship with JESUS, to the Old Testament Prophets, and their relationship with GOD. The mime was so stunning! Not just because they moved their lips in time to the recorded voice, but because they moved the hearts and souls of all of us watching. We are now able to remember the story of Lazarus in a more meaningful, powerful and personal way!

In our stunned silence we were then introduced to JANE BICKMORE, a member of the Youth Service, who became a Church Member last year after making her commitment at Greenbelt the year before. Jane shared with us how she felt the Lord had called her to join Operation Mobile (LOVE EUROPE) and go to East Germany to take part in street evangelism. Jane seeks our prayer support, and we were encouraged to prayerfully consider Financial Support by Geoffrey Dearsley. KIRSTY CRAGHILL also requires our prayers to advise her whether she should accept this exciting challenge!

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Tony Dobinson, a teacher from West Park School, then told us that the Old Testament Prophets certainly had a knowledge of God and a respectful relationship with Him. Lazarus had a personal relationship with Jesus, but only when they were together.

For those who have given their lives to the Lord we have the benefit of an eternal personal relationship. Such a relationship made possible by Jesus dying on the Cross for our salvation, which led us into singing 'WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS ON WHICH THE PRINCE OF GLORY DIED'

The Service ended with the exit of the Colours to 'MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD!'

As a parent with a child in the Youth Service I thank them for this Morning Service, and for all the work and dedication they put into caring for the spiritual needs of our Youth.

Charlie Ward.

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WEEK-END AT THE LINKS. EASTBOURNE. 2/4 APRIL

The most memorable thing about this weekend was the fellowship that was shared as we spent time talking, praying, worshipping and eating together. Friendships were made and deepened as we spent time together. We were able to share together as a family during the weekend in celebrating a 7th birthday and praying for a couple due to be married the next weekend.

Saturday afternoon was spent in a variety of ways: some went into Eastbourne, some to Beachy Head, others swimming, visited old friends or prepared for the evening's entertainment. Saturday evening certainly was 'entertaining' as members displayed their varied talents - we shall never see some of our Elders in quite the same light ever again!!

The weekend ended all too quickly and many were reluctant to leave. The Holy Communion Service had drawn us even closer and once again we had been challenged and blessed.

The greatest challenge, however, still lay ahead - to live out all that we had seen, heard and experienced once we returned home.

Denise Elliott.

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**SHARING IN THE CHURCH FAMILY WEEKEND.**

93 of us, ranging in age from 3years to 88years, enjoyed sharing fellowship together at the Church Family Weekend at The Links, Eastbourne from 2 - 4 April. The hospitality, including food, there was excellent. No doubt we came away with a few extra pounds! Surely the Lord was in this place. As we worshipped together, we were encouraged by Rev. Bill McCrorie's talks and shared in discussion groups. Having looked at "Our Perception of the Church Today", evening prayers on Friday were led by Niki Craghill and friends - LOVE being the theme - and the praise and worship continued on until about 11pm.

Lily Collison with Ethel Dearsley led the thought-provoking morning prayers on Saturday, assisted by Elsie Flack on the keyboard. Following a talk, we discussed "The Role of the 'Whole' People of God" and the importance of the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit. After coffee we looked at "The Role of the Leaders in the Church". With thought-provoking questions there was never enough time to discuss fully, thus it was helpful to hear the thoughts of the other groups in the reporting-back times.

Saturday afternoon was "free" time - the more energetic went to an excellent swimming pool, or walked up to Beachy Head, or down to the beach or visited the shops, whilst others relaxed in the peaceful and beautiful gardens at The Links, in the sunshine. Day visitors from our Church enjoyed sharing together with us in all the activities.

Saturday evening was the GLORIOUSLY UNPREDICTABLE RIOTOUS CABARET, well organised by Sheila Gooderham. We laughed and clapped and cheered as many hidden talents were exposed! One Elder was going to run us in, whilst another "buzzed" around! And some young people played all kinds of odd garden instruments! A choir sang "The Weather Forecast" and we joined in singing a song specially written for our interregnum about Working together.



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After a lively evening Paul Archer thoughtfully led our evening prayers and encouraged us to be quiet and listen to God - this was followed by Giles Tewksbury and Liz Bond leading a time of worship and praise.

We sang 'Happy Birthday' to Kezia Brewer at breakfast on Sunday morning and at our last session we thought about "Unity in Diversity". This was followed by Mary Connelly arriving with Evelyn McCrorie and the 14 children, who had learnt of the necessity of water to enable seeds to grow. Adding water to chick peas in a syrup tin which later burst its lid off demonstrated God's power. The importance for us to be filled with the Water of Life (The Holy Spirit), and to put our roots down deep into the soil of God's love and then to push up our shoots, was portrayed in a song sung by Mary and the children, to the accompaniment of home-made musical instruments.

Later, at the Service of Worship and Holy Communion we were reminded of the importance of sharing the Good News with others. The Service ended by our joining hands and singing "Peace to you, we bless you now in the Name of the Lord."

At Sunday lunch Andrew Close and Julia, who had come with others for the day, were blessed prior to their wedding one week later.

The weekend would never have happened without John Flack's vision and encouragement, the excellent organisation by Jane Bond together with Norman Prattent looking after the finances. But above all, we give thanks to God who delights to answer prayer and made it all possible, and for His love and oneness so evident amongst us all, which truly made us feel part of His family, the Church of God.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

Irene Tuley.

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Please convey my appreciation and thanks for the visits of Church friends and the beautiful flowers during my week's stay in Worthing hospital.

Alex Blackford.

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Receipts.

Basic fee for week-end	£ 3,355.00
Coach fares	163.00
Coffee mornings	193.00
Donations	136.50
Church - Harry Rushby Fund	700.00
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	4,547.50

Less Expenses

The Links	£ 4,210.00	
Coach	280.00	
Sundries, gratuities		
etc.	45.89	4,535.89

Surplus	£	11.61
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Before handing back to the Church Treasurer the small surplus I intend to keep the Bank account open for a few weeks in case anyone would like to make a contribution to ease the burden on the Harry Rushby Fund. Cheques should be made payable to 'Goring United Reformed Church'. Thank you.

Norman W. Prattent.

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ROWLAND SINGERS CONCERT 31.3.93.

We have received many favourable comments from the audience on the music and singing performed by the Singers and Musicians, and on their behalf I would like to thank you for your support.

The retiring collection and programme money raised just over £163.00! Sheila Gooderham.

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This is the favourite hymn of Mrs. Vie Wood,
a third child.

The hymn can be found in Golden Bells No. 125

Jesus, my Saviour, to Bethlehem came,
Born in a manger to sorrow and shame;
Oh, it was wonderful - blest be His name!
Seeking for me, for me!
 Seeking for me, for me!
 Seeking for me, for me!
 Oh, it was wonderful - blest be His name!
 Seeking for me, seeking for me!

Jesus, my Saviour, on Calvary's tree,
Paid the great debt, and my soul He set free;
Oh, it was wonderful - how could it be?
Dying for me, for me!
 Dying for me, for me!
 Dying for me, for me!
 Oh, it was wonderful - how could it be?
 Dying for me, for me!

Jesus, my Saviour, the same as of old,
While I was wandering afar from the fold,
Gently and long did He plead with my soul,
Calling for me, for me!
 Calling for me, for me!
 Calling for me, for me!
 Gently and long did He plead with my soul,
 Calling for me, for me!

Jesus, my Saviour, shall come from on high -
Sweet is the promise as passing years fly;
Oh, I shall see Him descending the sky,
Coming for me, for me!
 Coming for me, for me!
 Coming for me, for me!
 Oh, I shall see him descending the sky,
 Coming for me, for me!

COACH OUTING TO CANTERBURY 17.7.93.

There are still vacant seats for the outing and I
need to have at least 30 names by the end of MAY if the
outing is to take place!!!! S.Gooderham.

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**GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31.12.92**

Free Will Offering/	26664	Ministry & Mission	30538
Bankers Orders		£3.00 each Member	
Loose	9521	Nat. Ins. Contrbs.	---
Donations	1277		
Rents	5941	Pulpit Supply	825
		Car	---
		Manse	1144
		CHURCH/HALLS.	
Dontn. Htg.	398	Cleaning	2808
Dividends	1073		
Interest	1986	Heating	3397
Sundries	816	Water Rates	334
		Insurance	1342
Tax Refund	6289	Repairs	2428
		Music	1118
		Junior Church	425
Gift Day/Fair	2465	Printing	377
Ins. Claim/			
Refund.	268	Telephone	131
		Donations & Subs	215
		Secretarial	---
		Sundries	2915
		Excess of Income over Expenditure	8702
	<u>£ 56698</u>		<u>£ 56699</u>

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH?

IF SO, HAVE YOU DONATED YOUR £3 PLUS THIS WEEK AND EVERY WEEK?

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS IT TO MAINTAIN IT'S WELL-BEING!

KESTRO STROKE CLUB

SUMMER 1993.

May 7 The Barber Singers.
May 14 What's My Line?
May 21 Outing to Wakehurst Place.
May 28 Q U I Z.

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CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

	Balance	Income	Exp.	Balance
	31.12.91			31.12.92
A R K	126	403	438	91
Boys' Brigade	879	1986	1863	1002
Choir	118	61	5	174
Flowers	100	668	630	138
Girls' Brigade	2137	3386	3556	1967
Men's Fellowship	47	73	74	46
Women's Guild	456	962	1190	228
Bookstall	557	1717	1550	724
Junior Church	175	910	986	99
World Mssn. Comm.	299	539	606	232
Monday Evng. F'ship.	39	67	78	28
Youth F'l'ship.		342	144	198

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCH HEATING COSTS.

Anchor Boys	15
A R K	50
Boys' Brigade	75
Kestro Club	120
Men's Fellowship	30
Women's Guild	100
Monday Evng. F'ship	30
Girls' Brigade	50
Tuesday Ladies Grp.	10

DONATIONS TO CHARITIES.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS From	CHURCH. To
Boys' Brigade 47	Christian Aid 388
Girls' Brigade 398	Northern Coll 50
Junior Church 395	Westmst Coll 50
Mission Comm 497	Chchs in Wthg 50
Women's Guild 831	United Ntns. 35
Youth Service 126	Bible Soc. 136
	Brit. Legion 30
	Lep. Mission 770

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THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL WORLDWIDE.

What a world! Yes indeed! What a world!

As we look out across the contemporary scene we see a world of confusion and chaos sliding down the slippery slope of moral and spiritual disaster. We see countries previously closed to the gospel now open and providing unprecedented opportunities to reach the World for Christ. In the West we see an alarming increase in apathy and indifference to God in an obsession with materialism, and rapid growth in cults and false religions. The Gideons International is engaged in a great missionary enterprise to reach as many people in our world in the shortest possible time - by spreading the Word of God at the astonishing rate of 2,000,000 copies a month in about 150 different countries which represent three quarters of the world's population.

IN THE BRITISH ISLES.

Here at home over 3,500 Gideons, and some 1,900 Auxiliary members operate through over 260 branches. Each year they distribute 800,000 copies of God's Word in the main streams of life in which they operate. The Association's Objectives are a Bible in every hotel, motel and guest house bedroom. A Testament beside every hospital bed. A Testament in the hands of every 11 year old schoolchild, nurse and police cadet. A Bible in every prison cell, remand home, university and polytechnic hall of residence. Large type Scriptures in every home for the elderly. A Bible in every doctor's and dentist's waiting room. Although the world-needs are insatiable, will you help to meet our National and International Objectives by becoming 'A FRIEND OF THE GIDEONS'? "All over the world this gospel is producing fruit and growing". Colossians 1. v6.

Your local branches in your area are as follows:-

Friends Secretary. Mr. Arthur Martin. 12 Alinora Crescent. Worthing. or Mr. P. Hudson, 12 Furze Close. High Salvington. Worthing. 264400 or contact Head Office. The Gideons International, Western House. George Street. Lutterworth. Leics. LE17 4EE

CHURCH PARADE 11am 9th MAY

Lieut. Denise Elliott.

Anchor Leader.

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MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

My thanks to those who joined me in arranging the flowers for Easter and to those who gave so generously towards the cost of same. The flowers were also much appreciated, as indeed they are every week, when taken out to the sick and bereaved after the Bank Holiday.

You will recall that this year, on Mothers' Day, the children of Junior Church made up their own posies to take home, and we did not hand out posies to ladies in the Church as has been done in past years. I have received one or two comments - both for and against - and I would welcome any further thoughts you might have on the subject. I am told the children thoroughly enjoyed making up the posies and that was the main objective.

So far no names have appeared on the flower rota (in the vestibule) for the month of JUNE! If you would like to make a donation to the flower fund for that particular month please do contact me on Worthing 240546.

Bless you all, Jean Webb, Flower Secretary.

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BIBLE BUS TICKETS.

'The Bible Society in Argentina has negotiated with four Bus Lines to print Bible Verses on the back of bus tickets. Different verses will be used for each of the different lines. It is hoped that people will read the Scriptures at some point in their journey.

P. Wheeler.

P. Wheeler.

FEBA RADIO - MAY MAILING.

MONDAY 10th MAY - TUESDAY 11th MAY

FROM 9.00am - 5.00 pm

AT IVY ARCH ROAD. WORTHING. ANN HALL. 237281

Help is needed to collate information and put it into envelopes. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be supplied. Why not bring your lunch and stay all day among friends?

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

May 10 The National Trust - Miss A Davies.

May 24 American Supper. 8 pm Cornwall Room.

The Meeting on Monday May 10th is an OPEN EVENING when we welcome anyone from the Church to join us.

That evening our Speaker is to be Miss ANNE DAVIES from the NATIONAL TRUST.

We look forward to an enjoyable and informative time together.

DO COME!!

Doreen Norris.

JUNIOR CHURCH NEEDS BIBLES.

In Junior Church we like to have some Bibles so that we can give one to a child who needs one and, also, some to be used as spare ones in class time.

During the years our supply has been well used and we now need some more. We know that some of you like to join in projects like this, so if you would like to help us to give a Bible please put your gift in an envelope and pass it to Mrs. Audrey Ebeling or me.

Thank you.

We value your participation and prayers.

Irene Dearsley. (Mrs.)

MEM'S FELLOWSHIP.

At our meeting 13 April our Speaker was unable to attend owing to illness. Miss Pamela Reynolds, a retired Medical Missionary gave a very interesting talk on her work among the DAYA tribe of Kalimantan, Indonesia. The two lady Medical Missionaries lived in a small house on stilts and were responsible for the health of the people within a 30 mile radius. They had small motorcycles to get around the forest tracts and sometimes had to rely on walking to reach the villages. The people paid them in kind, bowls of rice, eggs, some of doubtful age, and occasionally a half carcass of wild boar.

Our last meeting of the session was our AGM on Tuesday 27 April. We wish our members and friends a happy holiday and look forward to meeting again on Tuesday Sept. 7 when Mr. Don Stewart will tell us of his Indian Experience.

We have only one rule - Be Friendly.

Alex Blackford. Secretary.

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NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

We wish Betty Hislop a speedy recovery from her nasty arm break.

Our prayers are with Do Goodchild as, at the time of printing, she is awaiting surgery.

We pray for the speedy return of Ena Hanson to her usual happy self.

Dedication. 28.3.93

Helen Louise Cameron. Daughter of Sandra
and Alex Cameron.

MARRIAGE.

Miss Julia Garrood to Andrew Close on
10th April at Broughton, near Cambridge.
May God richly bless their new life together.

THANKS.

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to my Church Family for the sympathy, support, comfort, prayers and beautiful card received following my recent bereavement.

God bless you all

Margaret Briggs.

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The recipients of the Decorated Book-Marks from Members of 5th Worthing Company Girls 'Brigade were very pleased and happy to be remembered by them at Easter once again. The love and care that had gone into making these gifts is much appreciated. We mustn't forget the chocolate chicks, either. We are all looking forward to seeing the BANNER! We hope you all had a smashing Easter Love & thanks on behalf of us all. Leslie (Montford)

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**LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS
15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH.**

Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through letter box of Hayward House.
2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing.

Please note the Chronicle may be full up by then so do not leave material until the last day. Editor.

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MAY 17th to 21st inclusive.

IF YOU ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP IN THE DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION THIS YEAR PLEASE CONTACT ALEC OR GRACE RALPH EARLY IN MAY.

This one comes from Wales!

A lady was collecting the Christian Aid envelopes. Calling at one house she met the response 'Sorry, I can't give you anything, the DOG ate the envelope.' "Ah!" said the collector, "Don't worry, I have a spare envelope."

Back came the quick reply, "It's no good he'd only eat that one, too!!"

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## LETTERS ETCETERA

GOD WORKS IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY  
HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM

A garage proprietor was suffering a heavy hangover on the morning after the night before. As he lay under a car he tried to tune his radio but it would not work, so in a temper, he kicked it across the floor. It slithered, crashed, fell over and boomed out : 'Are you fed up? Are you discouraged?' 'Yes,' he shouted back. 'Then take the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour' replied the radio.

He did, and told this story at a Filey Holiday Crusade to those manning the Trans-World Radio Stall whose programme led to his conversion.

From October 1981 'Crusade' Magazine. P. Wheeler.

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JUST A THOUGHT.

'Falling dews of blessing are distilled from rising  
clouds of prayer'                      Hugh Redwood.

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**OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR MAY 1993.**

**SUN THE BIBLE SOCIETY** The 15,000 inhabitants of the large Island of Marajo at the mouth of the Amazon River have had a recent visit by the boat 'Light of Amazon II'. 780 people were treated by a medical team which went with the team distributing 27,000 Bible Society items of Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels and portions of Scriptures for children.

Pray for fruit from this sowing.

**MON GHANA.** Pray that the £300 we have sent to the Hope Church in Assin Nsuta will encourage them to continue the building of their manse which must be completed before they can seek an ordained Minister. (See article in this Chronicle)

**TUE SUDAN.** Pray for effective action by the UN Security Council in response to 'The displacement of people, including many Christians, has reached catastrophic proportions.' The forced starvation and ongoing genocide to promote the Islamization of Sudan calls for immediate action.

**WED THE LEPROSY MISSION.** Pray for the large number of leprosy sufferers in India, many of whom are afraid to come forward voluntarily for treatment because of the stigma surrounding the disease. Praise God that during a recent survey spanning several regions 1400 new patients were found in six weeks.

**THU BIENTOT.** Request for more copies of this Gospel leaflet in French continue to arrive from many countries. A school teacher in Cameroon. A prison social worker in Togo. An evangelist in the army of the Central African Republic. A pastor starting a Bible study for prisoners at a detention centre in U.S.A. Pray for real blessing.

**FRI MYANMAR(BURMA)** Stories of the most appalling violation of human rights continue to emerge; one in the U.K. Christian press concerns forcibly re-located Karen Christians being used as slave labour to build a railway with many dying. But the Church is growing!

**SAT RUSSIA.** If President Yeltsin is ousted by hard line communists the present openness to the Gospel will disappear and Russia will return to spiritual darkness. Pray for all world leaders, even the despots.

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**PREACHERS IN MAY.**

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| May 2  | Morning 11am   | Holy Communion.<br>Rev. Ray Burnish                              |
|        | Evening 6.30pm | Mr. Paul Archer/<br>Mr. Ray Close                                |
| May 9  | Morning 11am   | Miss Valerie Walters                                             |
|        | Evening 6.30pm | Mr. Richard Tuley/<br>Mr. Tony Dobinson.                         |
| May 16 | Morning 11am   | Mr. Alec Ralph.                                                  |
|        | Evening 6.30pm | Healing /Holy Communion.<br>Mr. Paul Archer/<br>Rev.. Ray White. |
| May 23 | Morning 11am   | Rev. Leonard French                                              |
|        | Evening 6.30pm | Mrs. Bobby Hitchin/<br>Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley                     |
| May 30 | Morning 11am   | Rev. John Flack                                                  |
|        | Evening 6.30pm | Mr. Julian Brewer/<br>Mr. Simon Richards.                        |

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**WOMEN'S GUILD.**

2 April we were pleased to welcome the Men's Fellowship for our Easter Meeting. The talent of both clubs joined together to give us a very moving enactment of the momentous days covering Christ's journey into Jerusalem for the Passover and up to His Crucifixion. This was backed by a small choir of ladies singing appropriate hymns.

27 April was our last meeting until September.

17 JUNE - a note for your diaries. We hope to hold a CRAFT/BRING AND BUY FAIR. Tea will be available and a small entrance fee of 20p will be charged. All proceeds to go towards our Charity projects for the year.

On 11 May the Guild are planning an outing to Gomshall Mills with a stop-over to visit Guildford Cathedral.

Audrey Gerlach.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK.**

'Help us, O Lord, when we want to do the right thing but know not what it is. But help us most when we know perfectly well what we ought to do and do not want to do it. Amen.'

Rev. Peter Marshall. Former Chaplain of the Senate, Washington.

## MAY 1993 PRAYER CALENDAR.

- 1 For our new Interim Moderator, Mrs. Elsie Flack.
- 2 For a special blessing on those who have been  
nominated for the Eldership.
- 3 For continued blessing as we seek the way forward  
towards a new Minister.
- 4 Give thanks for the joys and blessings of our  
Family Weekend.
- 5 For the gift of music and its importance in our  
worship.
- 6 For God's guidance as we consider the future role  
of the ministry in Worthing.
- 7 That through love we may help those who have lost  
their purpose in life and seek a way back to God.
- 8 For continuing love and care in our hospitals.
- 9 For our Junior Church Anniversary & Parade Service.
- 10 Remembering the continuing work of the Leprosy  
Mission.
- 11 For the work of our Fabric Committee and its  
convenor, Colin Nodes.
- 12 For our Provincial Moderator.
- 13 For the planning committee as they prepare for the  
Autumn Market later in the year.
- 14 For peace, accord, love and understanding in war-  
torn Bosnia.
- 15 For our West Sussex District Council and the  
recently elected District Secretary.
- 16 For Alec Ralph as he leads our Morning Worship.
- 17 Remembering the ongoing work of Christian Aid.
- 18 For our Pastoral Secretary and the care of our  
fellowship.
- 19 For the Elders as they prepare for their meeting  
tomorrow.
- 20 On Ascension Day, give thanks for the risen and  
ascended Lord.
- 21 Remembering the bereaved and their particular  
needs.
- 22 Giving thanks for our Fellowship and Discipleship  
Groups.
- 23 Remember Christian Communications week & the role  
& influence of the media in our Christian lives.
- 24 Remember the elderly, the housebound and lonely.

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**NEWS FROM MOSCOW CAUSES GREAT CONCERN.**

Evidence of this possibility is seen in what happened on the first morning of the attempted coup of August 1991. Our office received a telephone call at 10am demanding that all publication and distribution of Christian literature must cease.

So let us pray that forces of evil, darkness and oppression may be driven back from the seat of power so that all Russians may be able to continue to exercise freedom of conscience and that the Church may progress openly with the work of the GOSPEL..... At the same time praise GOD that the Easter television production for Russian children moved ahead unhindered.

| Year | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 | 2034 | 2035 | 2036 | 2037 | 2038 | 2039 | 2040 | 2041 | 2042 | 2043 | 2044 | 2045 | 2046 | 2047 | 2048 | 2049 | 2050 | 2051 | 2052 | 2053 | 2054 | 2055 | 2056 | 2057 | 2058 | 2059 | 2060 | 2061 | 2062 | 2063 | 2064 | 2065 | 2066 | 2067 | 2068 | 2069 | 2070 | 2071 | 2072 | 2073 | 2074 | 2075 | 2076 | 2077 | 2078 | 2079 | 2080 | 2081 | 2082 | 2083 | 2084 | 2085 | 2086 | 2087 | 2088 | 2089 | 2090 | 2091 | 2092 | 2093 | 2094 | 2095 | 2096 | 2097 | 2098 | 2099 |
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**MISSION NEWS.**

Dates for your diary :-

Tuesday 20th July Afternoon Mission Event and  
Bring and Buy Sale. Guest Speaker -

Rev. John CROCKER, Minister Horsham URC, and one-time  
Missionary in Bangladesh.

Sunday 12th September Mr. Crocker returns to  
take both Services.

More details will be announced nearer the dates.

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Readers who were at the March Church Meeting  
will recall that permission was given to send £300 in  
cash to the Hope Church, Assin Nsuta, to help with  
the building of their Manse. We are happy to report  
that, with the help of Mrs. Lily Collison and Rev.  
Beryl Chatfield, the money was given to Mrs. Beatrice  
Beeko, wife of Rev. Anthony Beeko, a Presbytery  
Chairman in Ghana, who was holidaying in London. She  
returned to Ghana on 20th April with the promise of  
making sure the Hope Church receives the cash. We  
have written to them to say the money is on its way.

World Mission Committee.

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**PLEASE - MAKE A NOTE OF THIS!!**

It would be encouraging, perhaps, to other  
U.R.Churches to hear about our week-end at The Links,  
so I propose sending an article to REFORM. An  
accompanying photograph would be a highlight! If  
anybody has a suitable print could they, please, show  
it to me by the end of MAY?

Many thanks. Sheila Gooderham.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.****IMPORTANT NOTICE.**

Re-surfacing to Church Car Park.

Warings Contractors Ltd., will be carrying out  
work on the Church Car Park on Tuesday 24th and  
Wednesday 25th August. It will be carried out in such  
a way to minimise disruption to activities taking  
place in the Church Halls as previously agreed.

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# The CHRONICLE



GORING  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

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## PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

John in his letter to his friends, (1 John Ch.4 v.16) writes "God is love." Knowing this we can also say, "Love is God." for John goes on, "Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in him." This means that wherever there is Christian love, there is God. In his Gospel John records Jesus' commandment "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Living in faith and obedience brings us close to our Heavenly Father in love. We know the properties of love, how it heals and how it hurts, how it makes demands upon us and how it compensates. We know how love comforts us and blesses us, and we know the anguish which is felt when love is denied.

God gave us His Son Jesus; Love Incarnate and Divine. Love crucified and risen that we might be free yet held by that love. This is Love in action. His face will have worn all the expressions of love, expressions that can be readily observed everyday in the faces of the people. Those we know well, our relatives and friends; those we see in the neighbourhood, in the shops and in the street; those we encounter across the world when we travel; and those we see broadcast into our homes when we watch the News. Joys and sorrows. The presence of God however difficult to grasp, becomes clearer and more real when, whether in Bosnia, starving Africa or any place of apparent hopelessness, we see Christians upholding the weak and the helpless.

But not everyone knows that love which is of God. Many do not recognise Him, and so Jesus commissioned His disciples to make His love known to the world. (Matthew Ch.28) We have a priceless gift to share, but how? Jesus has taught us how by His own Ministry, in

His own community. We take love to our neighbours when we pray for them; when we visit them or invite them to our home; when we offer a word of support or share in their rejoicing; When we telephone them, or write a little note; sometimes all we have to offer is a listening ear or a loving smile. Jesus said "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me." (Matthew Ch.25), We each have our part to play using the gifts that He has given us through His grace, and He will not fail us as we work alongside Him. It is He who banishes fear and brings hope, comfort and strength, and He, if we ask Him, will enable us to be channels of His grace. His Kingdom is at hand.

God bless us all as we try to follow His example in our pastoral care of each other and all those with whom we are privileged to meet in His name. Amen.

Hilary Redman.

O God, we have known and believed the love that thou hast for us. May we, by dwelling in love, dwell in Thee, and Thou in us. May we learn to love Thee Whom we have not seen, by loving our brethren whom we have seen. Teach us, O heavenly Father, the love where-with Thou hast loved us; fashion us, O blessed Lord, after Thine own example of love; shed abroad, O Thou Holy Spirit of Love, the love of God and man in our hearts. Amen.

Henry Alford 1810-1871

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**REPORT OF THE SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL.****MEETING ON APRIL 15th 1993.**

The meeting at Petworth opened with devotions led by Mr. Stan Chapman. Mrs. Ruby Clarenbone chaired it. We stood in memory of Rev. Roy Clarke and Constance Fairhall of Lomas House. We prayed for Mrs. Audrey Clarke and Rev. Derek Morrill of Petworth who is now undergoing chemotherapy, also for Rev. Brian & Jen Sturtridge of Bognor and their daughter, Caroline on the recent tragic death of their son Jonathon whilst working with the Church in Taiwan.

**Officerships.** Rev. Peter McIntosh will take Rev. Ron Christopher's place on Provincial Church and Society Committee. A District Ecumenical Officer is required.

**Vacant Pastorates.** Shelley Rd has been scoped full time with full flexibility.

**Goring.** Mrs. Elsie Flack approved as Interim Moderator for 1 year from May 1st.

**Pastoral Care Report. Worthing.** The Elders representing 4 Churches (Goring, Sompting, St. Columba's, Shelley Rd.) had a lively meeting with the Moderator and Ministers at Shelley Rd, exploring the possibility of team ministry. (Durrington LEP had not notified this time). A small working party is to be set up to look into the feasibility of 3 Ministers serving 4 Churches. There was much concern within the District meeting and it was felt that it was important to discuss these possibilities within the individual Churches because the ultimate decision for any team ministry lies with the local Church.

**Flexibility.** The Pastoral Care Committee brought a draft resolution on the flexibility clause which should be read in conjunction with their letter on scoping. It is important for all Churches to discuss this at Elders' and Church Meetings so that the District can discuss it at their September meeting.

**Pastoral Care of Churches.** A new scheme for each Church to carry out a self-assessment at periodic intervals will be discussed at the next District Meeting in June.

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**Property Matters.** Shelley Rd. has had a new roof over its kitchen area and has plans to improve the Church main entrance area. Ultimately they would like to have a coffee bar and lounge, toilets and a youth activity room.

**Financial Matters.** Ministry and Missions contributions for 1994 will be finalised after General Assembly.

**Ministers' Pension Fund** - further information on the changes are available from the District Secretary.

**Forward Planning Group.** A small group meeting informally as and when needed to bring ideas to the District was approved.

**Youth Matters.** A Youth Convenor is needed.

Connect '93 will be in London on October 22 - 24.

On June 26th there will be a walk and Barbeque in the Worthing Area.

On Nov. 28 there will be a Youth Service at St. Columba's URC at 6.30 pm.

**World Church and Mission.** Rev. Brian Stone asked for news of open air Services. He spoke about our Church's Evangelistic Meal with Rev. V. Jackopson on June 26th.

On Nov. 13 there will be a District Day of Evangelism with Rev. Lindsay Urwin at Hove Central URC.

**PENTECOST '94! 'ON FIRE'** All local Churches are encouraged to come together to celebrate Pentecost and to use that as a launch pad for 2 weeks local evangelism.

Aug. 7/13 is the World Mission Holiday Conference at Swanwick.

**Secretary's Items.** The Secretary has need of a minute secretary, also a filing cabinet.

**The District Representatives to General Assembly** in Portsmouth from July 5 - 9 are Revs. Frank Cochrane, Bob Murray and Colin Foreman. Mr. Lang Popley, Dis Sec, Mrs. Darryl Sinclair and Mrs. Irene Tuley.

**The Moderator of the Southern Province.** The Synod Clerk, Mrs. Meekison reported that Rev. David Helyar's term of office for 7 years ends in 1994, and a review group has been set up comprising 10 people appointed by Province, of lay and ministerial, male



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**Sussex West District Report Continued**

and female, which includes Mrs. Ruby Clarenbone from this District, plus 10 others appointed from General Assembly, under the chairmanship of Rev. Brian Johanson. They will meet in Croydon on Sept. 16th. All Churches and Ministers are asked to put forward any views they may hold. It is possible for a Moderator to serve more than one term.

The next District Council Meeting is on June 10th at St. Columba's URC when Rev. Roy Parkington will be inducted as President.

Goring URC will host the Dis Mtg on February 10th

The meeting ended with The Grace. Irene Tuley.

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SOCIAL EVENTS - CHURCH.

Coach Outing to Canterbury. At the time of writing this for the Chronicle it would seem that as I have not had enough names to fill the smallest coach this outing will have to be cancelled. I apologise to those who wished to come and I will inform everyone who gave me their name of the cancellation.

In order that we can have a social event during the summer I suggest that, on the 17th July, we have a Church picnic on the green at the sea front, either at Alinora Crescent or near The Plantation. Garden chairs can be brought for those who would like them, and for the more energetic a rounders or cricket match could be arranged.

See next month's Chronicle for more precise details.

Sheila Gooderham.

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'Spring is when a boy Mantis sees a girl Mantis and finally realises what he's been praying for.'

Robert Orben.

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**CELEBRATION GARDEN PARTY. LOMAS HOUSE.
43 WORDSWORTH ROAD. WORTHING.
SATURDAY JUNE 12TH.**

To celebrate the 21st Birthday of the U.R.C. the three Churches in Worthing - St. Columba's, Shelley Road and Goring - are to hold a GARDEN PARTY at above address from 2.30 till 5 pm. TICKETS, which will include refreshments, will be 50 pence each, are now on sale after Sunday Services.

There will be Stalls, Sideshows and a HAT COMPETITION, based on Book Titles. The competition is open to three age groups. Under 7 years, Age 7 to 12 years, and Adult. Entry Fee is 10p per person.

If wet the Party will be held at Shelley Road United Reformed Church Hall. Our Church is responsible for the PROVISIONS STALL. Therefore, would you please bring any provisions you would care to donate and place them in the BOX provided for that purpose in the CHURCH VESTIBULE each Sunday. We are hoping for a sunny day and a good crowd. The Garden Party is to be opened at 2.30pm by Rev. Barrie Scopes, former General Secretary of C.W.M. Entertainment will be provided by a Silver Band and Sompting Morris Dancers. We still need offers of help from this Church for teas, etc., plus cakes and scones to be made for tea and for the stall. Provisions, too, are needed for us to sell. Has anyone got a sun umbrella we can borrow, please?

Please think hard about the support you are able and willing to give on this occasion. We receive so much from our Church in fellowship, let us join together and give something in return. The proceeds from the Event are in aid of Committee of World Mission to be especially used for Lomas House. At least 12 people from THIS CHURCH are required to help in the kitchen, both before and afterwards, for serving the teas, on the Provision Stall and Side Shows. Please contact either of us with any offers of Help or Gifts, or if in need of further information. Irene Tuley & Doreen Norris.

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A Family Camp will be held at Southwater from FRIDAY 4th June to SUNDAY 6th June. Final reminder that all campers are most welcome, or just come for a day visit.

PROGRAMME: -

Friday		Set up Camp.
Saturday	AM	Games at Campsite.
	2.30pm	Either trip to Horsham for swimming and/or time in Park OR walk around Southwater Country Park.
	6.30pm	Barbeque
Sunday	11 am	Family Service.
	1.30pm	Barbeque.

WOULD ALL VISITORS PLEASE NOTE THAT THEY MUST
REPORT TO RECEPTION BEFORE MAKING THEIR WAY TO THE
FIELD.

If you intend coming, or need any other information, please contact Julian Brewer or me.

Ken Arkinstall.

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KESTRO - STROKE CLUB.

June 4 Bring and Buy Sale
June 11 Outing to Exbury Gardens.
June 18 Dough modelling.
June 25 Games afternoon.
July 2 Blockbusters.

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'You don't get much Blessing if you go to the Well of Salvation with a thimble'. Beth Clarke.

EVANGELISM.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies' Discipleship Group are holding an Evangelistic Evening Meal in the Church Hall on Saturday 26th JUNE at 7.15pm. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Vic Jackopson. There will be an opportunity for the whole Church to hear Rev. Vic Jackopson speak on Sunday 27th June as he leads the Morning Service. Irene Tuley and Jane Archer.

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MISSION NEWS.

**Tuesday 20th July Afternoon Mission Event
and Bring and Buy Sale.**

It will take place in the Church Hall from 2.30pm to 5pm approx. Admission, which includes TEA, will be £1.00 payable at the door. Tea will be in the capable hands of Mrs. Bobby Hitchin and Mrs. Dorothy Miller, so quantity and quality are assured.

In addition to the usual Cakes, Preserves, Bric-a-brac and Garden Stalls we will have a 'Biblical Stall' for items mentioned in the Bible, each item to bear a label showing its Biblical Source eg: Jewels (Pro.8.11), Beans (2Sam.17.) Honey (Ex.3.8) etc. The Holy Bible contains many such subjects, so please consult your Concordances and take part.

Offerings for all these Stalls will be most gratefully received and sold to provide funds for a Mission Project in one of our Partner Churches, and recommended by our Guest Speaker, The Rev. John Crocker of Horsham URC and a one-time Missionary in Bangladesh.

More specific information about the project will appear in the July Chronicle.

World Mission Committee.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

June 7 Indian Visit - Mr. Donald Stewart. 8 pm.

June 21 Victorian Evening - Members 8 pm

Doreen Norris.



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JUNIOR CHURCH.

What a most enjoyable and varied Service we had on the morning of 9th May. The Church was full with Children, regular worshippers, members of the Youth Service and parents of Junior Church.

Presentations were made by Mrs. Robin Bradley to the children who had sat the Scripture Exam, who had worked very hard both in Junior Church and at home and well deserved their prizes. They were:-

ORANGE GROUP 7-8 years. Ricky Mitchell. (Hons.) (Shield). Laura Sibley. (Hons.) Kezia Brewer. Ruth Williams. Trevor Williams. Susan Eames. Nicky Hill. Robert Douglass. (1st. Class)

YELLOW GROUP 9-10 years. Paul and Mark Byerley. (Hons.) (Shield.) Daniel Mitchell. (Hons.)

Michael Feest. Avallon Wade-Brown. (1st. Class)

GREEN GROUP. 11-12 years Adrian Leal. (Hons.) (Shield.) Martin Leal. Melanie Feest. (Hons.)

BLUE GROUP. 13-14 yrs. Claire Webber. (Hons.) (Shield.)

It is always a joy to hear the children singing and to watch their faces. They were accompanied by Geoffrey Redman and Melanie Feest. The readers spoke clearly and every word was heard at the back of the Church.

It was also an important occasion for 6 of our Anchor Boys who received individual shields for coming first in the Brighton Battalion Anchor Section Competition in March. They were Craig Sibley. Graham Ward, Michael Douglas, Adam Graham, Jack Richards and Jonathan Arkinstall. They were also presented with a larger Shield for the Group. Well done Boys and your Leaders.

Val Walters used modern methods to bring to us all the knowledge of God's love and forgiveness in 'Lost and Found' using an Emu, ably assisted by Giles Tewksbury, and an up-to-date pictorial talk on the Prodigal Son. I'm sure we all left the Church with gratitude and thanksgiving in our hearts for all that God is and has done, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Goring URC certainly shows that we are very much alive and well because of our young people.

Sheila Gooderham.

ADVENTURERS BIKE-RIDE

The Junior Church's 7's-11's, "Adventurers," went on a cross country bike-ride on Thursday 15th April. We all met up at Honeysuckle Lane carpark, which is at the top of High Salvington. Some of the kids rode up on their bikes whilst others came up with parents in cars. Mr. Don Stewart was kind enough to bring a party of Adventurers in his van. There were about fifteen children and four adults who joined the ride. The weather was ideal for cycling, bright sun and a cool breeze to stop us getting too hot.

The ride followed a circular route on roads and bridleways, going down Mill Lane; along the Gallops; past Rogers Farm and then up the side of Findon Valley back on to Honeysuckle Lane where we had a down-hill ride back to the carpark. Mr. Stewart was there waiting with refreshments for all the riders.

Some riders found that 2 hours in the saddle was quite long enough, whilst the energetic ones could have ridden round the route again!

The most common question after the ride was, "When are we going on another ride?" - we shall have to wait and see!

E.P. REDMAN.



JUNE PREACHERS.

6	11 am	Rev. John Flack
	6.30 pm	Mrs. Elsie Flack/Rev. Tom Dyer.
13	11 am	Rev. John Flack
	6.30 pm	Mr. Richard Tuley/Mr. Julian Brewer.
20	11 am	Mr. Simon Richards.
	6.30 pm	Mrs. Elsie Flack/Rev. John Flack.
27	11 am	Rev. Victor Jackopson.
	6.30 pm	Mrs. Bobby Hitchin/Mr. Derek Hanson.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE. AND EXPLORERS.

Since our last report in May Chronicle so many things have happened in the Company. Firstly, as you know, we had our Spring Jumble Sale when we raised £195.00. Not only does the Jumble Sale benefit our funds, but all that is left at the end is collected by 'LINK ROMANIA', and is sold in their shops, so you can see your contributions of Jumble or money help a great many more people than our Company. Thank you all!

The next day was our DISTRICT CHURCH PARADE, this year held at Aldwick Free Baptist Church. We were all very proud to march behind the newly formed District Band which has been so well trained by Mr. Brian White of 2nd Worthing Boys' Brigade. Four members of 5th Worthing were playing, HEIDI ROOKE, TARA HALE, SUZANNE WEBBER and KAREN JONES. During the Service the Lessons were read by CLAIRE WEBBER, SOPHIE BORG and EMILY RICHARDS. We were very proud of all our Girls, but I think the Explorers stole the show. It was the first time they had been allowed to march, and they looked a joy in their red jumpers. I heard the odd 'Don't they look lovely' as we passed.

During this summer session the Girls are learning about 'My Town' and, as part of this, after Church Parade on May 9th the Juniors and Seniors enjoyed a barbeque at Captain's house, and then a walk to Salvington Windmill. It was National Mill Day and we were lucky enough to have a guided tour by 'Miller Bob'.

Last, but by no means least, on Saturday May 8th we had a wonderful day in London at the annual GIRLS' BRIGADE RALLY, at the ROYAL ALBERT HALL. We were joined by no less than FOUR retired 5th Worthing Officers as well as members and friends of the Church. We also gave 6 Horsham Officers a 'lift'. When we arrived in our seats we were treated to the very best performance I have ever seen! There were Girls from all over England and Wales and there was the most magnificent performance by both Northern Ireland and Eire! It was a most uplifting day of

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friendship and fellowship and I think I speak for all who were there when I say, Thank you Captain for taking us.

God bless you all. Caroline Hibbs, Auxiliary Helper.

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

On Saturday 8th MAY we all went to the Royal Albert Hall to see the Girls' Brigade Annual Rally. When we arrived we had our picnic lunch in Kensington Gardens facing the Albert Memorial which was, unfortunately, covered with scaffolding. There were hundreds of Girls all around the park. It was interesting to look at the jackets of Officers and see where they had come from. One I saw was from 50th BIRMINGHAM! When we had finished lunch we went into the Royal Albert Hall. There was great excitement from everyone. The Rally was excellent, and I am really glad I went. The bands and dancing were especially good. Those who did not go missed a treat!

A BRIGADER.

5th WORTHING BOYS' BRIGADE.

We rejoice in the birth of a second son to Sue and Malcolm Nicholls. Already Simon has attended his first Church Parade, just as his brother, Paul, did.

It was good to have Dylis Croucher, a Lady Officer from the Brighton Battalion, visit us to present the various trophies to the Anchor Boys at the Parade Service recently. It seems that most of the energies in the 5th Worthing comes from the younger element!

We have not planned a summer camp this year, but will probably hold one or two week-end camps. If all goes well we hope some of the Junior Boys will be spending a Spring Bank Holiday week-end at Petworth URC. Our Copper Collection scheme is almost as abundant as it has always been, and it still boosts our Mission Funds. We are considering starting a 5 penny piece collection! Your support of us is greatly appreciated. Donald W. Stewart. Captain.

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CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1993.

- 3 Thu Prayer Group. Little Chapel 2.30pm
 4 Fri BEANO CAMP week-end at Southwater to 6th.
 5 Sat Girls' Bde. Dis. Explorer Fun Day.
 Torch Fellowship St. Columba's URC. 2.30pm
 6 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Rev. John Flack.
 6.30 pm Mrs. Elsie Flack/Rev. Tom Dyer.
 7 Mon Monday Evng Fellowship. Cornwall Rm. 8pm
 10 Thu Monthly Prayers/Holy Communion 10.30 am
 District Council Meeting. St. Columba's URC.
 Rev. Roy Parkington inducted as President.
 12 Sat Garden Party Lomas Hse. Wordsworth Rd.
 2.30 to 5pm.
 13 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.
 11 am Parade Service Rev. John Flack.
 6.30 pm Mr. Richard Tuley/Mr. Julian Brewer.
 16 Wed NATIONAL QUIET DAY.
 17 Thu Prayer Group. Little Chapel 2.30pm.
 Women's Guild Craft/B & B Fair.
 Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm
 19 Sat Girls' Brigade Fun Day. West Lawns Hove.
 Junior Church Outing to Littlehampton.
 Torch Fellowship. Jubilee Hall. D'ton 2.30
 20 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Mr. Simon Richards
 Holy Communion/Healing Service.
 6.30 PM Rev. John and Mrs. Elsie Flack.
 21 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship Cornwall Rm 8pm.
 24 Thu Church Meeting 7.30 pm
 26 Sat Youth Walk & Barbeque in Worthing Area.
 Evangelistic Meal Church Hall. 7.15pm
 Guest Speaker Rev. Victor Jackopson.
 27 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.
 11 am Rev. Victor Jackopson.
 6.30 pm Mrs. Bobby Hitchin/Mr. Derek Hanson.



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OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR JUNE 1993.

SUN. COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION. United Church in Jamaica and Cayman Islands: pray that the Officers and Leaders and each loyal congregation will receive much joy and benefit from the CWM council to be held there during JUNE. Pray for a deepening realisation that they are part of the world-wide family of CWM.

MON. THE BIBLE SOCIETY Pray for distribution in Venezuela and for the Scriptures taken by the Bus & Boat aimed at taking the Word of God to every corner of the nation. Remember the world's millions who cannot read or write that God's Word might reach them

TUE. IRAQ. Pray for Christian workers who, under great hardship, share the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ to the people of Iraq. Remember also Iraqis who receive Jesus and that they will be protected from the many dangers they have to face.

WED. TORCH TRUST FOR THE BLIND. Many of their giant print Scriptures are out of print. This underlines the urgent need for a full-time off-set litho printer at the HQ in Hallaton. The Worthing Central Torch Group is in need of helpers. Please pray. Any offers?

THU. FEBA RADIO. Your prayers are asked for: wisdom when replying to the 5,000 letters each month from Bengali listeners; customs waivers to be granted for equipment into Mauritius so the new studio can be set up in time for the Indian Ocean Games in August.

FRI. VISIT OF REV. JOHN CROCKER. Please pray for the coming of John Crocker on 20 July who will share with us about work in Bangladesh where he served as a missionary for a number of years. Also join us if you can. (see Chronicle elsewhere for more details.)

SAT. OPERATION MOBILIZATION. Teams of witnesses continue to go to all parts of the world. Pray for those who have confessed faith in Christ in the Kushtia region of Bangladesh. Also remember Jane Bickmore as she prepares to go to Germany with one of the Love Europe teams this summer.

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JUNE 1993 PRAYER CALENDAR.

- 1 Rejoice and give thanks for the call of Rev.
Peter Heckels as our Minister.
- 2 Remember the Reformed Church in Roumania as it
struggles to survive against all odds.
- 3 For continuing guidance of the Holy Spirit in
all our Church activities.
- 4 Pray for the Beano Club at weekend camp in
Southwater.
- 5 Remember the G.B. Explorers enjoying their
Fun Day.
- 6 Pray for God's blessing on our Worship today.
- 7 Pray for all our housebound, lonely, bereaved,
aged, and sick members and friends.
- 8 Remember our local Goring Ministers fraternal
today.
- 9 Pray for our Interim Moderator and her family.
- 10 Pray for our West Sussex District Council
Meeting today.
- 11 Pray for fine weather, safety and fun for
Junior Church on their outing 19 June.
- 12 For fellowship at Lomas House Garden Party
today.
- 13 Pray for our GB and BB as they gather for
their Parade Service.
- 14 Give thanks for 21 years of the URC and pray
for God's continuing guidance for the future.
- 15 For the love and care exercised by our
Church Family Committee.
- 16 On this National Quiet Day, set aside time
for peace and quiet. Pray for God's presence.
- 17 Pray for the Elders' Meeting tonight.
- 18 For the Mentally Handicapped and all those
responsible for their care and training.
- 19 Pray for the Anchor Boys and their Leaders.
- 20 On Fathers' Day pray for fathers everywhere
and their families.
- 21 Uphold our Provincial Moderator in your prayers.
- 22 Pray for all Churches in the Reformed tradition
- 23 For a continuing and lasting peace between
Croatsians, Serbs and Muslims in Bosnia.

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- NO GOD. NO PEACE. KNOW GOD. KNOW PEACE.

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When offering general reports please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. Thank you. Editor.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

Here we are at the end of our Spring Session. We have spent a very happy year under the leadership of our President, Mrs. Lily Collison who has opened each meeting with prayer and a well-prepared message.

We have an average attendance of 50/52 at each meeting throughout the year. We had 4 new members.

At the Annual General Meeting our President expressed regret that Mrs. Betty Hislop had indicated that she wished to step down from being Secretary. How we shall miss her efficient organisation! Unfortunately Betty recently had a fall resulting in a badly broken shoulder. We do wish her a speedy recovery and thank her for all her hard work over past years.

Summer looks to be as busy as ever. On May 11 members and friends boarded a coach and were whisked through the beautiful Sussex/Surrey countryside amidst perfect weather to Guildford Cathedral. We had a clear view for miles around from that vantage point. We spent an interesting time in the Cathedral. We drove through Surrey in search of a welcome cup of tea which we obtained at Gomshall Mill. Altogether a happy afternoon enjoyed by us all. On May 20th we entertained some 52 ladies from Clapton Women's Union, whilst plans are afoot to hold a Craft/Bring and Buy Fair, with refreshments on 17th June at 3pm in the Church Hall. Admission 20 pence.

On June 29 the ladies will again be busy baking ready to entertain some 90 members from the Burnham Club. Please mark your diaries and calendars. We commence our Autumn Session on Tuesday 7 Sept. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Robin Bradley as our Speaker. The meeting starts at 2.45 and we're always pleased to welcome new members. Do come along. We're a friendly gathering. Audrey Gerlach.

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# **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.** **ANNUAL REPORT 1992/3.**

We have 22 members, with an average attendance at meetings of 12. We mourned the passing of our Vice-President, Mr. John Blackwood last November.

Our Speakers dealt with a wide variety of subjects from the work of the Red Cross, Samaritans, RSPCA, United Nations, Guide Dogs for the Blind to Astronomy and the Why and How of Missions, to modelling of ships. We combined with the Women's Guild at their Anniversary Service, Easter Service, Christmas Party and Service.

We made a donation to RSPCA £ 6.41  
Worthing Museum £ 12.50  
Church Funds £ 30.00

We invite all our Members and friends who are free on alternate Tuesday afternoons to join us in Fellowship. Our Session subscription is £1.00

We have only one Rule - Be friendly.

Alex Blackford. Secretary.

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The Men's Fellowship are very saddened by the death of one of their longest serving Members, Mr. Fred Goode on Sun. 9th May. Fred had been a Member since the days of the late R. Goodchild as Secretary, and joined the Fellowship along with two other friends from St. Richard's Church. The funeral was held at St. Richard's Church, Maybridge on May 17. Fred had been in poor health for a long time and had a number of strokes but, as soon as he was able to get about again, was always keen to attend our meetings. We pray the Lord's Blessing on his wife, Wyn, and family at this time of bereavement.

Alex Blackford. Secretary.

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## FAVOURITE HYMN

ARE YOU A THIRD CHILD, A FOURTH, FIFTH. SIXTH. SEVENTH. OR MORE? If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please. Leslie Montford. I have only 1 more.

This is the favourite hymn of Mrs. Bobby Hitchin, a third child.

Just as I am, without one plea,  
     but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
     and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
     O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not  
     to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
     to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot  
     O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about  
     with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
     fighting within, and fears without,  
     O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
     sight, riches, healing of the mind  
     yea, all I need, in Thee I find,  
     O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
     wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
     because Thy promise I believe,  
     O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
     hath broken every barrier down;  
     now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
     O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

M.P. 396. Charlotte Elliott. 1789/1871.

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**BIBLE SOCIETY.**

Five year old CERI sent £5 from her money box so that others could enjoy Bible Stories as she does. Her father explained what happened.

'We have been reading through the Beginner's Bible and she has so enjoyed this that she cannot wait for bedtime and often tries to read the words herself. In talking recently I mentioned that some children did not have Bibles like us, whereupon she immediately said "We could send them some money from my money box!", so here it is! I was thrilled she wanted to give, and that she valued her Bible so much at her age.'

Phyllis Wheeler.

**BOOK AID.**

From the Christian Herald :- Book aid sent 1 Million surplus and unused Christian Books and Bibles to book-hungry parts of Africa and the Caribbean in 1992, bringin Book Aid's full total to 4 Million books sent to ten English language countries in the 'third' world. So far, in 1993, 2 containers have been shipped abroad, adding to this total. Phyllis.

**BIBLES FOR JUNIOR CHURCH.**

Thank you so much for the great response to the need for Bibles in the Junior Church. We have received enough money to buy 20 Bibles and we are very grateful to all who contributed. Please go on praying that we will still get adequate staff and we will be faithful stewards as we teach the children. Irene Dearsley. On behalf of Junior Church.

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**NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.**

Handbook Changes

Change of Address.

- 14 Ken and Vera IRVING now reside at  
7 Woodside Close. Storrington. RH20 2NR 743730
- 15 Eric & Barbara Popplestone moved on  
28 May to :- 'WOODCOTE'  
22 Singleton Cres. Ferring. BN12 5DG.

**CONGRATULATIONS** To Sue and Malcolm Nicholls  
on the birth of Simon on April 27 weighing 7 lbs.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kirsty Craghill on becoming  
18 years of age on MAY 23rd

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We are pleased to report that Betty Hislop is  
back at home but still recovering from her broken  
shoulder, and that Do Goodchild is now at Rustington  
Convalescent Home recuperating after her recent  
operations.

At the time of printing we were sorry to learn  
that Jane Bond has slipped a disc and was lying in  
bed with frozen peas on her back. After a lovely  
holiday, too! Get well soon, Jane.

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**THANKS.**

Please convey my appreciation and thanks for  
the visits of Church friends and the beautiful  
flowers during my recent stay at the West Sussex  
Clinic. Also thanks to 5th Worthing Company Girls'  
Brigade for their kind card. Alfred Cleall.

**RUBY WEDDING APPRECIATION.**

We are very grateful for the lovely 'Ruby  
Wedding' Rose Bush given to us on behalf of the  
Church Family. What a super idea! We praise the Lord  
for 40 happy years together in Nigeria and England  
and for all the love and fellowship given to us by  
our family and many friends, especially more  
recently at our Church in Goring.

Geoffrey and Irene Dearsley.

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**AUTUMN MARKET 23.10.93. FROM 2pm to 5pm  
IN THE CHURCH HALLS.**

Further plans were made at the meeting on 13th May and many good ideas put forward. Each of the organisations was asked to think up a title for their particular stall under the umbrella of 'AUTUMN MARKET'. It will look like a Shopping Mall!!

PUBLICITY. We decided that we would produce a leaflet describing the occasion and include, if room, a Word Search to interest the children. This would be delivered locally. We would have 2 large Banners up on the day - across the Notice Board and above the East Hall. There is to be a Poster Competition which will be judged early and the Posters displayed throughout the area. Each organisation will appeal through the Chronicle for goods to stock the stalls. Competitions. Photographic. details of this competition appeared in April Chronicle.

Organised by Roy Webb.

FLOWERS. Jean Webb will put details in a later edition of the Chronicle.

CHILDREN. There will be 'Vegetable Modelling', 'Poster', and 'Thanksgiving Prayer, Rap or Poem', for all ages. A special leaflet will be produced giving details of all competitions and will be available when all the details have been drawn up. So, watch out for an announcement in 'WELCOME' or Chronicle.

PROCEEDS. At the time of writing we know that money will be needed towards the Manse, but we also felt concern for those without homes as well, and decided to divide the proceeds between a 'Home for our Minister and his family and the Worthing Night Shelter for the Homeless.' Sheila Gooderham.

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"ALL GOOD GIFTS" is to be the name of the Stall selling knitted, needlework and handicraft items at the above, so I am making this appeal well in advance in order that those of you who are able to do so will knit, sew and craft to help us fill the stall. Other kinds of gifts, unwanted Christmas presents etc., will also be very gratefully received.

Many thanks!! Doreen Morris. Monday Evng Fellowship.

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**CHURCH FAMILY WEEK-END.**

Eastbourne took on a new look during the weekend of 2/4 April last. For long a favourite of mine, the town nestles in the shelter of Beachy Head giving it a comfortable and warm atmosphere ideal for holidays or weekend breaks.

All that changed at the beginning of April. Goring URC took the town by storm and laid siege to The Links in the nicest possible way! 'Sharing the Good News' was our theme and this we did to the full. Barriers were broken down and we all enjoyed a time of real fellowship and study, drawing us all much closer together.

We are deeply indebted to Rev. Bill McCrorie for his thoughtful presentation which hit the right note from the start. Our discussion groups were challenging and thought-provoking. The nightly 'sing in' was enjoyed by all who took part, and who will forget our final act of Worship and Communion which cemented our thoughts and feelings at the highest possible level.

We had our lighter moments. The impromptu cabaret, (obviously well rehearsed!) on Saturday evening was a wow! And certain individuals will never be seen in the same light again! Meal times were eagerly awaited as much for the good food as for the companionship and laughter. We are grateful to the Manager and Staff at The Links for making our stay a memorable one.

The Children, too, had a wonderful time under the expert guidance of Mrs. Mary Connelly. They delighted us with a short display of what they had been doing, which all fitted neatly in to our overall theme. They were certainly kept busy and, for the most part, quiet!

To the top of the mountain we have certainly been. Back to the valley of reality we have certainly come. 'Goring United Round Christ' we have certainly become. Let us continue to 'Share the Good News' together in the days that lie ahead.

Norman Prattent.

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**A MEDITATION.  
AFTER READING JOHN. CHS. 14. 15. and 16.**

Carefully, prayerfully, study His Word,  
Just as if you were hearing Him speak!  
Blessed are those who listen and seek  
Carefully, prayerfully, wondrously stirred!

Pondering, pondering, "What means He here?"  
Ask for enlightenment! Plead for His aid!  
What means "The Trinity?" Will He make clear?  
God's in His Heaven; Ghosts make me afraid!

Trembling, trembling - Three Gods in One!  
Unravel this Mystery for me, I pray!  
Is Heaven's door closed to me if I can't say,  
And say with sincerity, "God's Three-in-One?"

Counsellor, Comforter, Spirit of Truth!  
Incomprehensible to me when young -  
Dimly I see what I saw not in youth,  
A Spirit Most Holy IS Father, IS Son!

"In Proverbs, in Proverbs, I speak" said our Lord -  
One has to dig deeply to fathom His word:  
Realising while we are in human guise,  
The Truth is too dazzling for mere mortal eyes.

Grant us Heavenly vision, and ears tuned to hear  
Above earth's loud clamour, Your calm, quiet Voice.  
Be our Light in the Darkness, and drive away fear;  
In Your Presence, O Lord, may we always rejoice!

E. Joy Blackford.



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## ANOTHER LETTER FROM THE EDITOR OF *REFORM*

Dear Theophilus (to borrow a trick from St Luke),

If your magazine editor has allowed me the courtesy of this page in a previous issue, you will remember that I wrote about the first URC Mission Council last October as something 'disturbingly different'. There have been two more Mission Councils since then, and some who were there might comment that they were becoming disturbingly similar: they are always under pressure at the end to complete the agenda; and they are still looking for an agenda which will be mission-led.

In January Mission Council were the guests of Muswell Hill URC in north London. In March they returned to High Leigh in Hertfordshire, and found that their first job was to balance the URC's 1994 Budget. Few Council members, I imagine, had expected this to be one of their tasks, but then they remembered that the Council is asked to decide the Church's priorities. And when the Church's programme is estimated to cost half a million pounds more than its expected income, who else should decide how to raise the extra money or, alternatively, cut the programme?

After learning sessions with the URC's financial officers, and discussion and prayer spread over three days, Council agreed, with sadness, to recommend that the stipend rise which had been expected to provide our ministers with £13,200 per annum from July 1 should only go to £13,000. With some other, smaller savings from the programmes, this should provide a balanced budget for 1994.

The Council was told by its prophet-in-residence, this time the Revd Victor Premasager from the Church of South India, that Mission Council had lost its vision of mission, to be 'co-opted and domesticated into the budget concerns of the Church', and members nodded their heads in sad acknowledgement. Your reporter would say, however, that mission in the 20th century does need a budget: the URC's priority in the last two years has been to pay its full-time ministers enough to set them free from worries which can cloud the mission vision for us all.

The Council made a good many other decisions in which the element of money was less apparent. Positive approaches to work among children, decisions to maintain a high standard of training for ministers, a review of the way all kinds of training are given in our Church. With the mission priority in mind, they looked at the resolutions coming to the 1993 General Assembly in Portsmouth. That should ensure that there is adequate time for the provincial resolutions which each synod, including yours, decided on after the Mission Council meeting.

The Portsmouth Assembly will have Europe as a theme. What fun it would have been to have held part of the Assembly on a cross-channel ferry, stopping off in Caen or Cherbourg to greet a few of our fellow-Europeans and catch their vision of mission as well. But maybe Assembly at sea isn't everyone's idea of fun.

*Norman Hart*

Lord, can I say 'Our'.....  
if my religion has no room for other people's needs?  
Lord, can I say 'Father'.....  
if I fail to resemble You in the way I live my  
daily life?  
Lord, can I say 'Who art in heaven'.....  
if my attention is focussed only on earthly things?  
Lord, can I say 'Hallowed be Thy name'.....  
if I who am called by Your name am not holy?  
Lord, can I say 'Thy kingdom come'.....  
if I fail to acknowledge your sovereignty in my life?  
Lord, can I say 'On earth as it is in heaven'.....  
unless I am truly ready to serve You here and now?  
Lord, can I say 'Give us this day our daily bread'...  
without doing an honest day's work, and without  
considering the needs of those less fortunate?  
Lord, can I say 'Forgive us our debts as we forgive  
our debtors'  
if I harbour a grudge against my brother or sister?  
Lord, can I say 'Lead us not into temptation'.....  
if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation  
where I am likely to be tempted?  
Lord, can I say 'Deliver us from evil'.....  
if I am not prepared to take a stand against  
injustice in my society?  
Lord, can I say 'Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and  
the Glory'.....  
if I do not submit to Christ the King, if I fail to  
trust You to act in my life, or if in pride I seek  
my own glory?  
Lord, can I say 'Amen'.....  
unless I can honestly say, 'Come what may, this is  
my prayer?

Adapted from 'Lamplighter',  
Speedway Christian Church. Indianapolis. Indiana.

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## REFLECTIONS OF A SENIOR CITIZEN.

Just a line to say I'm living, that I'm not among  
the dead,  
Though I'm getting more forgetful and mixed up in  
the head.  
I've got used to my arthritis, to my dentures I'm  
resigned,  
I can manage my bi-focals, but oh I miss my mind.  
Sometimes I can't remember, when I'm standing on  
the stair,  
If I am going up for something or have just come  
down from there.  
Before the fridge, so often, my head is filled  
with doubt -  
Now, did I put that food away, or come to take  
it out?  
Sometimes, when it's dark, and I've my nightcap  
on my head,  
I don't know if I'm retiring, or just getting  
out of bed.  
If it's not my turn to write, dear, I know you'll  
forgive me, for  
I may have already written and don't want to be  
a bore.  
But as I stand beside the mailbox, my face is  
very red;  
I didn't mail this off to you - I've opened it  
instead!

Extracted from East Africa Women's League  
UK Magazine 1943-1993  
Spring 93 No. 57

WHO LOANED ME THIS, please? Leslie!!!!!!!!!!!!  
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JULY 1993

The CHRONICLE



GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

25 PENCE

'REST IN ME'

We are approaching holiday time. A time when we get away from our normal daily routine and find relaxation in different pursuits in, perhaps, different locations, possibly in exotic parts of the world. While relaxing we should remember the thoughts shared with us by Tony Dobinson recently, that Satan does not take holidays. So remember to always clothe yourselves in the armour of God, even while relaxing on the beach. It will let the sun (Son) through, but keep the principalities at bay. We take holidays, of course, not only as a means of rest, but also as a means of preparation. We have much to prepare for as we await the coming of our new Minister, Rev. Peter Heckels. Many practical things, of course, but more importantly we need to prepare ourselves. In the current edition of 'Everyday with Jesus' Selwyn Hughes tells us that 'men and women of God are best prepared for future service by being involved in Church life, by experiencing the life of Christ as it is being worked out in His Church.' There are many areas of Church life where the gifts God has given you can be used in His service. Junior Church and the Brigades would welcome those who have a calling for this work. Pray fervently about your gifts, listen attentively to God's call and respond enthusiastically. Some have responded to the call of Eldership and their names are on our hearts now. Meditate on God's word and seek His guidance so that you exercise God's will when you cast your vote at the Church Meeting at the end of this month.

Enjoy your holidays, have fun, relax, gain strength, so that you are ready to play your part to help Rev. Peter Heckels and his family in their new life and ministry. By giving of your time, tithes and talents you will be richly blessed.

My soul finds rest in God alone,
My salvation comes from Him,
He alone is my rock and salvation
He is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.
Psalms 62.

Charlie Ward.

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MISSION NEWS.

Tuesday 20th July Afternoon Mission Event
and Bring and Buy Sale.

Just a reminder that the above event will take place in the Church Hall from 2.30pm to 5pm approx. Admission, which includes TEA, will be £1.00 payable at the door. Tea will be in the capable hands of Mrs. Bobby Hitchin and Mrs. Dorothy Miller, so quantity and quality are assured.

In addition to the usual Cakes, Preserves, Bric-a-brac and Garden Stalls we will have a 'Biblical Stall' for items mentioned in the Bible, each item to bear a label showing its Biblical Source eg: Jewels (Pro.8.11), Beans (2Sam.17.) Honey (Ex.3.8) etc. The Holy Bible contains many such subjects, so please consult your Concordances and take part.

Offerings for all these Stalls will be most gratefully received and sold to provide funds for a Mission Project in one of our Partner Churches overseas. Our Guest Speaker will be the Rev. John Crocker of Horsham URC and a one-time Missionary in Bangladesh.

GHANA. We are most happy to announce that the £300 we sent on behalf of the Church to our friends in the Hope Church, Assin Nsuta, have safely arrived. Their recent letter tells us that the District Pastor is chairing a building committee to decide how best to use the money. The letter includes such phrases as 'a million thanks for your bold effort to put our church on a solid foundation' and 'the Presbytery Chairman has asked us to give his thanks to you' and 'we shall never forget you in our prayers'. A copy of the full text of the letter is on the Mission Notice Board in the Church Hall.

World Mission Committee.

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THESE PEOPLE.

Sudan stands at the crossroads of Islam and Christianity in East Africa. The outcome of the violent conflict between these two spiritual forces and their social and political manifestations will have a great bearing on the destiny of the whole African Continent. Since the abolition of the South's autonomy and the introduction of Sharia (fundamentalist Islamic Law) up to 1.5 million people are believed to have perished and up to 5 million moved from their homes. The National Islamic Front-backed regime of General Umar Hasan Al-Bashir has adopted genocide as its ultimate weapon in its jihad (Holy War) against the black non-Muslims.

Mass starvation and displacement of population, razing scores of villages in the Nuba Mountains, deporting over 400,000 refugees to desert concentration camps and terrorising over 250,000 hostages in Juba without adequate food, medicine and sanitation, are among the means the regime uses against Sudan's non-Muslim communities.

The dynamic Church is the principal barrier to Islamisation. Gen. Bashir's regime uses drastic measures in its battle to subjugate and eliminate it: arrest and, in the Nuba Mountains, crucifixion of pastors and evangelists, expulsion of missionaries, closure and destruction of Churches, crude anti-Christian propaganda, and harassment of ordinary Christians. In the midst of all this the Church has been growing at a phenomenal rate. Just over 20 years ago 5% of the population claimed to be Christian. Reliable estimates now put the figure at 20% nationwide, with 80% of Southern people identifying themselves with the Church.

From his refuge in Nimule the Episcopalian Bishop of BOR said that his war-torn diocese had grown from 2 to 140 congregations in 10 years. Other denominations have seen similar growth. The strong faith and courage of Sudanese Christians has been forged with great suffering. 'Though we are hungry, thirsty and dying of disease, we will take our cross to show the world that we are Christians,' declared a

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bold pastor in a village that had been bombed and occupied by the Sudanese Military, 'so why doesn't the Christian Community in the rest of the world raise its voice on our behalf?'

Response from the Church in the West has been conspicuously absent! The Church in Sudan is grateful for material aid, but has been largely left alone while paying a heavy price for standing true to Christ.

Christians in Sudan ask for Prayer support and public expressions of solidarity from Western Church Leaders. BRETHREN - PRAY FOR US!!!

Contributed by Phyllis Wheeler.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.

The 12 folding TABLES in the East/West Hall are becoming very old and worn. Children have been hurt by splinters on the woodwork. The tables are used by Junior Church and Fairdean School, and other Organisations. Total cost of replacement of all tables is approx: £755, but there are no funds available. The Stewardship Committee would appreciate donations from individuals or groups to enable us to buy at least 4 or 5. GO PAK folding tables, Concept Range, cost £48 - £55 each, plus VAT and carriage. 5 items and over is carriage paid, and 5 items brings a 5% discount.

Warings Contractors Ltd., will be resurfacing the Church driveway and car park on Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th August. Please note the driveway and car park will be closed to all vehicles on 26th, 27th & 28th August. Kindly park your vehicles in nearby roads.

The NEW FLOOR in the East Hall is to be laid during week commencing 26th July.

The Stewardship Committee are considering the construction of two Speed Humps/Ramps on the Western Driveway. Colin Nodes. Stewardship Committee.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE. AND EXPLORERS.

Parade Church Service July 11th

On a beautiful sunny summer day on June 5th our EXPLORERS joined the other Explorers from the West Sussex District for a FUN DAY. This was held at Trinity Methodist Church, Storrington. The afternoon was a great success, and was enjoyed by all, young and old alike. The hot dogs, cooked with great expertise by Vernon Craghill, went down well at the end of the day.

Continuing on the subject of 'MY TOWN' the Juniors and Seniors went to Highdown Gardens on 8th June. They were given a conducted tour around the Gardens by the uncle of one of our Juniors, Mr. Chris Beardsley who is head gardener. As well as learning about the history of the Gardens the evening was both interesting and enjoyable.

On 19th June it will be the turn of the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders to have a FUN DAY. They will be joining Brighton & Hove Division for this on Hove Lawns and the day will finish with a barbecue on the beach for the Seniors and Brigaders.

On Tuesday 13th July from 6 - 8 pm we are holding an OPEN EVENING. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall, a Cake Stall, as well as other stalls. The main event of the evening will be A MILE OF PENNIES COLLECTION around the outside of the Church, so please come along with your small change and join us. You can also enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with friends and we are looking forward to seeing you all.

From 24th to 31st July some of our Officers and Girls are going to CAMP AT Ashdown House, Forest Row along with other Companies from the District. Please join together and pray for this Camp, and keep us in your thoughts and prayers that week.

Blessings to you all.

Valerie Hayden. Auxiliary Helper.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We have been asked to organise and man the Flower and Garden Stall - BILL AND BEN - for the October Market in the Church Hall on 23rd October.

Now is the time to propagate your plants by layering, division and cuttings, and to sow Wallflower seeds for transplanting in the Autumn! Please plant a few extra for our stall.

Our member, Charles Taylor, will give help and advice, and later receive your contributions for the stall. His telephone number is 246523.

Alex Blackford. Secretary.

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5th WORTHING BOYS' BRIGADE.

Some of the Junior Boys enjoyed their Spring Bank Holiday week-end away at Petworth URC. The Church kindly accommodated us in the Church Hall. Malcolm and Sue Nicholls, with Paul and Simon, had a small room downstairs in the basement. The building set-up means that the hall is a kind of extension to the Church with the organ and kitchen wedged between. We had to be careful that the cooking smells did not waft into the Church during a service! The boys carried out some of their projects, including visits to Singleton Open Air Museum, Chichester swimming pool, and Petworth Park.

We are in the process of getting together ideas for our stall at the Autumn Market on 23rd October. We have decided to trade as 'STEPTOES' which should indicate to folk our intentions. If you have any items you would care to give please let us know. How about skeletons in the cupboard, what-nots in the loft, and whatever's in the garage??? It may be possible to sell some items on a commission basis - say 10%??? Please give it some thought.

Donald W. Stewart. Captain.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

in the Cornwall Room at 8 o'clock

July 5 'A struggling Artist' Miss E. Essex.

July 19 Annual General Meeting and refreshments.

Doreen Norris.

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CALENDAR FOR JULY 1993.

- 1 Thu Prayer Group. Little Chapel 2.30pm
 3 Sat Torch Fellowship St. Columba's URC. 2.30pm
 4 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Mr. Richard Tuley
 6.30 pm Mr. Paul Archer/Mr. Campbell McAlpine
 5 Mon General Assembly URC, Portsmouth.
 Our Representative Mrs. Irene Tuley
 Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Rm. 8pm
 8 Thu Monthly Prayers/Holy Communion 10.30 am
 11 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.
 11 am Parade & Youth Service
 6.30 pm Mr. Charlie Ward/Mr. Bob Jackson
 13 Tue Girls' Brigade OPEN EVENING 6-8pm
 15 Thu Prayer Group. Little Chapel 2.30pm.
 17 Sat Church Picnic on seafront.
 Torch Fellowship. Jubilee Hall. D'ton 2.30
 18 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Mr. Geoff. Dearsley
 6.30pm. Holy Communion/Healing Service.
 Mrs. Hilary Redman/Mrs. Kay McIntosh
 19 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship Cornwall Rm 8pm.
 20 Tue Mission Committee B & B Sale Church Hall.
 22 Thu Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm
 24 Sat Girls' Brigade Camp Ashdown House
 Forest Row. to 31st July.
 25 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Rev. John Flack
 6.30 pm Mr Julian Brewer/Mr. John Sutcliffe.
 29 Thu Prayer Group. Little Chapel. 2.30pm
 Church Meeting. 7.30pm
 Aug 1 Sun. 8am Holy Communion. 11am Rev. Tom Neal.
 Sep 18 Sat Induction of Rev. Peter Heckels.
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JULY PREACHERS.

- 4 11 am Mr. Richard Tuley.
 6.30 pm Mr. Paul Archer/Mr. Campbell McAlpine.
 11 11 am Young People.
 6.30 pm Mr. Charlie Ward/Mr. Bob Jackson.
 18 11 am Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley.
 6.30 pm Mrs. Hilary Redman/Mrs. Kay McIntosh
 25 11 am Rev. John Flack.
 6.30 pm Mr. Julian Brewer/Mr. John Sutcliffe.

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OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR JULY 1993.

SUN. COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION. Pray for the Officers and Staff of the CWM Council as they return from Jamaica to their own countries that they may have joy and assurance in their labours for the furtherance of the Gospel. Especially remember the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (formerly Burma) and for the people.

MON. THE BIBLE SOCIETY News for the former Yugoslavia tells of Church growth and demands for Scriptures in addition to food and clothing. In Croatia Christians are able to broadcast on radio and TV for the first time. The distribution of 50,000 N.Ts among refugees has been exhausted and a further 50,000 are being printed. Theological training continues.

TUE. BIENTOT. Continue in prayer for the extra staff needed in the Worthing office. Many more sending units are needed to wrap and post off packets of copies world wide. The postal service in Zaire seems to be improving; praise the Lord for the safe arrival of the thousands of copies sent there.

WED. OPERATION MOBILISATION Pray for the Love Europe teams as they go out this month to many cities in Europe. Our own JANE BICKMORE leaves on 16th July for a training week in Offenberf in Germany; remember her and her team colleagues as they are assigned and settle into an outreach probably in a town in Belgium.

THU. GHANA. Give thanks to God for the safe arrival at the Hope Church in Assi Nsuta of our gift of £300. Pray for the district pastor and committee to be guided into finishing the manse so that a pastor may be appointed to help and encourage the Church in outreach. In the meantime uphold the catechist.

FRI. IRAQ. Since the end of the Gulf War demand for Scriptures has been insatiable. Many tons of Scriptures have gone into the country including 100,000 Gospels in Kurdish. Kurds have since reprinted these Gospels themselves. Pray for more Iraqis and Kurds to receive Scriptures and believe what they read about Jesus.

SAT. THE LEPROSY MISSION. Dr. Paul Birch would value prayer for his safety while travelling around Bangladesh and for his wife Anne and family left in Dhaka. Pray for wisdom and guidance for TLM staff as they consider starting a major rehabilitation project in the South West.

JULY 1993 PRAYER CALENDAR.

- 1 Pray for the Congregation of St. Mary's, Goring
during their interregnum.
- 2 For the KESTRO Club as they meet today.
- 3 Remember Sarah Cargill and Bryan Jupe as they
marry in our Church today.
- 4 For all who are leading our Worship today.
- 5 The General Assembly of the URC meeting in
Portsmouth until 9th July.
- 6 Pray for the family of God in Goring URC.
- 7 For all serving in Government, that they may seek
God's guidance in all their decisions.
- 8 For the fellowship of Shelley Road URC as they
seek a new Minister.
- 9 Pray for our Church choir and all our musicians.
- 10 For the Junior Section of our Boys' Brigade,
celebrating 75th Anniversary in the grounds of
Christ's Hospital.
- 11 Remember our Young People as they lead our
Morning Worship.
- 12 For criminals serving sentences, that they may be
changed.
- 13 Remember Jane Bickmore, preparing to join OM's
project 'Love Europe' See June Chronicle p 22.
- 14 Pray for those planning to start a new Youth Club.
- 15 Remember in your prayers the bereaved, Widows and
Orphans.
- 16 Pray for 'Christians in Life' and special
Conference at Westhill College, Birmingham.
- 17 Remember preparations being made for the
forthcoming Church social activities.
- 18 Pray for our brethren at Sawston URC as Rev.
Peter Heckels conducts his last Services there.
- 19 Pray for the leadership of the Anchor Boys.
- 20 Our afternoon Mission Event, and for Rev. John
Crocker from Horsham URC.
- 21 For our Hospitals, Doctors, Nurses and all who
care for our bodily health.
- 22 Pray for our Elders meeting tonight.
- 23 For those anxiously awaiting their exam. results.

The Sellers sold The Buyers bought
The Dancers danced and the Band played on

Despite the weather the Organisers went forward
in Faith, and it really was a GARDEN PARTY, not a
Church Hall in sight!!!

Some of us got very wet, but no one cared. A happy time was had by all. Our own provisions stall did a roaring trade and was the only one to sell out, raising nearly £60 in the process!!

THE GRAND TOTAL WAS £300, after expenses.

It was good to see so many of you there. We hope we don't have to wait another 21 years for a similar occasion when our three Churches can come together in fellowship.

Grateful thanks to EVERYONE who helped in any way WHATSOEVER! Blessings and Love.

Irene and Doreen

After more than 40 years under Soviet rule Latvia once again is a sovereign, independent state. Today this small Baltic state is pressing ahead with economic reforms in an attempt to bring in a market-led economy, and to achieve independence from the rest of the former Soviet Union.

The Bible Society will be distributing 40,000 Latvian Children's Bibles this year. These are welcomed by the adults, too. 10,000 Latvian Bibles are to be supplied to help to satisfy the great need for Scriptures for the rapidly-growing churches.

Extracted from the Bible a Month Club.

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BEANO CLUB FAMILY WEEK END.

A big Thank You to everyone who helped to organise such a successful weekend at Southwater, especially the weather! I think, over Friday to Monday (some of us stayed on), I counted 20 adults, 22 youngsters, 2 dogs, 1 hedgehog, and numerous rabbits camping and caravanning together, and what fun and fellowship we had!

Friday was spent setting up tents, caravans and awnings, then relaxing, but on Saturday the fun began. There was a Tuck-Shop for the children, Swingball and Football. The bicycles were shared around and there always seemed enough for everyone. All the Children were so good.

On Saturday afternoon some families went swimming, and others for a walk around Southwater Park, to return for an evening barbecue. It was lovely to have visitors join us, and partake in the barbecue and Rounders match that followed. I think I overdid the Swimming and Rounders and had to retire before the Children. Unfortunately I missed the 'Britquiz'. (Or was I lucky to miss the forfeits?)

On Sunday morning we gathered in the shade of a tree for our Service. Kerry and Kezia (ages 6 & 7) read the prayer and lesson, Ray led the singing and Paul talked about the wise man building his house upon the rock, explaining it beautifully with tent and tent pegs.

Then it was time for another barbecue with more visitors. The afternoon involved a water fight for the Children while many packed up ready to go.

It really was a lovely weekend with so many friends helping each other and sharing together.

Val Gill.

I would like to thank all those who came to the camp weekend (4/6 June) and helped to make it such a tremendous success. Also, it was lovely to see the folk who came for the day or joined us just for the barbecues.

The Sunday morning Service under the shade of the trees was one to be remembered for a long time:

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thanks to Ray Close for leading the time of worship and to Paul Archer for an apt and challenging message from the word of God. I must not forget to thank the three sterling musicians and the Children who behaved so well and participated in the Service.

I look forward to continuing the fellowship now we are back home. Ken Arkinstall.

KESTRO - STROKE CLUB.

July 2 Blockbusters.
 July 9 Outing to be arranged.
 July 16 Talk about Bats. by Miss Anita Fort.
 July 23 Pencil and Paper games.
 July 30 Card Bingo.

SOCIAL EVENTS - CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC.

On the 17th July, in place of the coach outing to Canterbury, there will be a Church Family picnic on the green at the sea front. We propose to meet on the green east of George Fifth Avenue between Bernard Road and Anscombe Road. There is car parking along the sea-front and also in the side roads; there are toilets near-by by the Yacht Club. We shall meet at 3pm. Please bring your own tea and garden chairs, although there are some wooden seats there. If anyone has a Rounders bat or cricket equipment please let me know, and we will, if possible, set up a match. Please ring 506452 if you have any queries.

Sheila Gooderham.

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LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH.

Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through letter box of Hayward House.
 2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing.

Please note the Chronicle may be full up by then
 so do not leave material until the last day. Editor.

When offering general reports please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. Thank you. Editor.

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CHRISTIAN AID NEWS.

On behalf of Christian Aid we wish to convey our grateful thanks to the following:-

Mr. & Mrs. K. Arkinstall.	Mr. John Bradley
Mr. & Mrs. J. Brewer.	Mrs. Olive Bushby
Mr. & Mrs. R. Courtnadge.	Mr. & Mrs. G. Dean
Mr. & Mrs. G. Dearsley.	Mrs. T. Hunt
Mr. & Mrs. M. Ebeling.	Mr. & Mrs. R. Luckin
Mr. & Mrs. R. Gooderham.	Mrs. Jenny Merritt
Mr. & Mrs. V.S. Marshall.	Mrs. Hilary Redman
Mr. & Mrs. K. Williams.	Mrs. Audrey Stewart.

for their generous help in collecting for this worthy cause. The total collected from

House Collections	£ 792.18
Church	£ 302.51
Total collected	£1094.69

Grace and Alec Ralph. Christian Aid Secretaries.

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THE LEPROSY MISSION.

I arrived at St. Paul's Church, Worthing just in time to sit with friends from our Church. We had a very nice tea of scones and cakes. The 'cuppa' was excellent! From the stalls I bought marmalade and flapjacks for Bob, and two gifts for Christmas.

The talk, with slides, were of Papua, New Guinea. It was all really very interesting. Thank goodness for roads and medical services within our reach!

Last year's target of £10,000 to buy a Land Rover was exceeded by £5,000, a sum given by a generous donor! The project target for 1993 is to provide motorcycles, fuel and publicity material, with medicine for The Leprosy Control Unit at RAYAGADA, north west India, a tribal area where permission to work has to be obtained from the Village Chief and Village Elders!

At the Meeting the stalls, tea and donations came to £282.35.

Hope to see you all there next year!

Mary Luckin. Florrie Freeman.

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FAVOURITE HYMN

ARE YOU A SECOND CHILD? If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please. Editor.

This is the favourite hymn of SARAH JANE ARCHER the third child of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Archer.

You laid aside your Majesty,
gave up everything for me,
suffered at the hands of those you had created;
You took all my guilt and shame,
when You died and rose again;
now today You reign in heaven and earth exalted.

I really want to worship You, my Lord,
You have won my heart and I am Yours
for ever and ever:

I will love You.
You are the only one who died for me,
gave Your life to set me free,
so I lift my voice to You in adoration.

Noel Richards. Mission Praise 795 and
Songs & Hymns of Fellowship 638.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

BAPTISMS.

May 23rd Jade Leigh Harvey
Hayley Francesca Stoner
13.6.93 Simon John, second son for Malcolm
and Sue Nicholls & brother for Paul
Suffer little children to come unto Me.

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Elijah William Lewis arrived on
May 25th 1993 at 6.15pm weighing 7 lbs 5ozs
his delighted parents, William and Michele
Lewis are proud to inform us from California
per William Connelly.

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COMMUNION SERVICES

'DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME'

8am Communion. There are regular communicants at this Service, and others find it an opportunity to come to Church on a Sunday when work or other reasons prevent their attendance at 11am or 6.30pm. The Thursday 10.30am Communion with prayers for healing and Gospel message will continue on the second Thursday in the month. The bringing of the Communion to anyone in their home, residential home, or nursing home, may be arranged on request.

Rev. Ron Christopher. Worthing 230330.

LETTERS.

BILLY GRAHAM IN RUSSIA.

Billy Graham's sixth visit to Russia was unlike any other. Communism had collapsed. The once mighty Soviet empire was history. The evangelist who has communicated the Christian Message to more people than anyone else in history was now as free to do so here as he has been in other nations around the world.

But his Meetings in Moscow Olympic Stadium, attracting record-breaking crowds, are only part of the remarkable story told in a unique documentary on video. It covers, maybe, the most extraordinary year in a millenium of Russian Church history.

The appearance of the Red Army Choir - now the Russian Army Choir - singing God's praises, is a fitting and unusual climax, as the stadium resounds to their stirring affirmation that 'His truth is marching on'.

The video 'Billy Graham in Russia' is available on loan from me.

Phyllis Wheeler.

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A CHRISTIAN CRACKER.

The Council were digging up the pavement and replacing the paving stones outside St. Paul's Church, Chapel Road, using road drills and a generator.

On the wall of the Church building was a notice.

'CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER AND QUIET'

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TRANSPORT NEWS.**MY FIRST LETTER AS TRANSPORT OFFICER!**

Are you a car driver? Have you a spare seat, and would you offer the occasional lift to someone in need of transport to our Church events?

Throughout the year we have many events which people would like to attend if only they had transport, including Sunday Services.

With your help we could make this possible.

There are two events for JULY - the Picnic on the 17th and the Mission Tea on the 20th.

If you can help or are in need of transport for either of these events please contact me on 243194.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

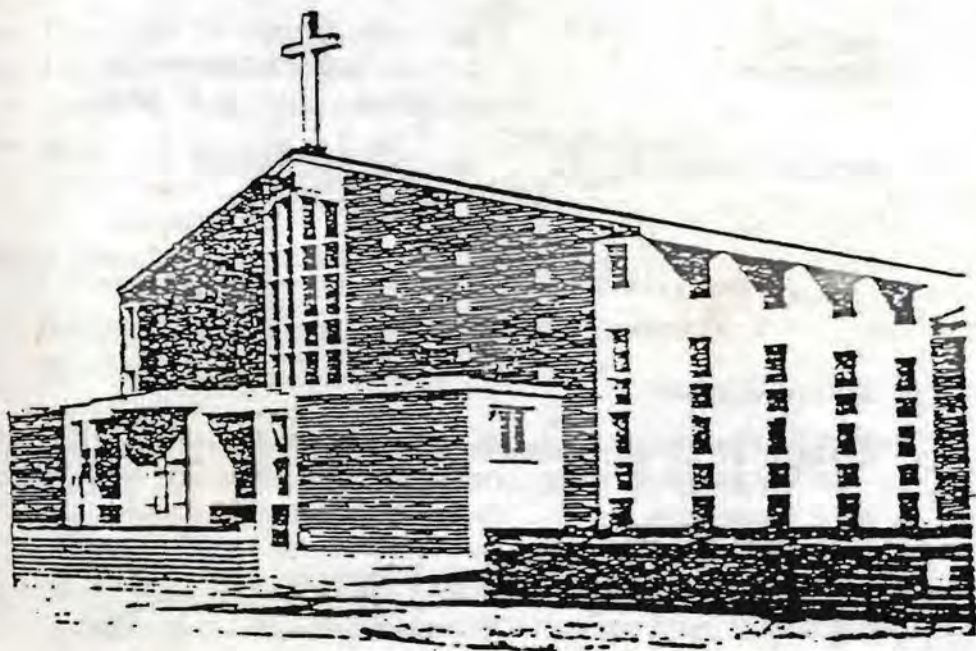
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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

25 PENCE

Dear Friends,

August, month of sun, sea, sandcastles and school-holidays. Yet, already the shops are full of satchels, geometry sets and school uniforms. Diminutive children are being fitted with their first school blazers, and older children are buying trainers and sports equipment for a new school.

So it is with us at Goring, as our interregnum is drawing to its close, we are relaxing a little, whilst, like the children, we are looking forward with a mixture of eager anticipation and excitement, tinged with a faint apprehension.

We are beginning a new term in our Church life. What opportunities to learn and widen our Christian life.

Let us take this opportunity to take all that is good from the past and build on it in the coming days.

May our vision for the future be boundless.

Whatever the days ahead may hold let us step forward in faith, looking ever onwards and upwards, with our minds and hearts firmly fixed on Jesus Christ, Our Saviour, Redeemer and Guide.

'With God all things are possible' Matthew 19 v 26.

'The Lord has yet more light and truth

To break forth from this world'

C.P. 230.

Robin Bradley.

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REFORM JULY/AUGUST EDITION.

For those of you who do not take or see Reform Magazine, which reports on what is happening within the hierarchy and the Churches of our denomination, would not have seen the item in the 'Church Life' section about the Church Family Week-end at The Links, Eastbourne. It is entitled 'Goring cures vacancy blues'. Perhaps we have set an example to other Churches who are awaiting a Minister.

Sheila Gooderham.

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REPORT OF THE SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING.

10th JUNE 1993.

The meeting was held at St. Columba's U.R.Church, Worthing and opening devotions were led by Rev. Stuart Bidmead during which Rev. Roy Parkington was inducted as President of the District Council for a period of 2 years. Thanks were expressed to Rev. Stuart Bidmead for his work as retiring President, and to Rev. Beryl Chatfield recently inducted into Durrington L.E.P.

Officerships Vacancies still exist for District Ecumenical Officer, and for the Convenor of the District Youth Committee.

Ecumenism. Rev. Geoffrey Beck, speaking about his experiences of Eastern Europe, said that the Church there is alive and active, but under great pressure both from within and without.

Vacant Pastorates. TELSCOMBE CLIFFS. Rev. Alan Whillis will be inducted September 11th at 2.45pm.

GORING. The District concurred to the calling of Rev. Peter Heckels as full time Minister and he will be inducted on September 18th at 3pm.

EAST WITTING. Mr. James Bailey will be commissioned as Pastoral Leader on June 14th at 7 pm, and Rev. Alf Lawson (Methodist) will be the Oversight Minister.

PAGHAM. Scoping is deferred until September, but the members would prefer to be linked with Bognor URC.

Pastoral Concerns.

BRIGHTON. Brighthelm has some problems, and needs our prayers. The Pastoral Care Committee suggest the setting up of a Support Group.

WORTHING AREA. 1. Shelley Road is to be scoped full time.

2. After much discussion and 2 amendments, the following resolution was passed:-

'Following the Pastoral Care Committee recommendation to the last meeting of the Council that when a Ministerial vacancy next occurs in one of the four Worthing UR Churches (Goring, St. Columba's, Shelley Road or Sompting) it should not be filled. Council now requests that the four Churches, in consultation with the Pastoral Care Committee, should determine the future pattern of Ministry for those Churches, and the framework

for its implementation as soon as possible, and to report back to Council not later than JUNE 1994.

The scheme should envisage the possibility of extension to other Churches at a later date if that is desirable.'

It is, therefore, important that the 4 Churches bring this matter to the attention of all their Church Members for discussion, as there are many points to be considered. Perhaps we could discuss it at our July Church Meeting.

3. Rev. Roy Parkington asked for the District's approval to continue for an extra 2 years in the Ministry following his 65th Birthday in 1995. This had been verbally agreed by him and St. Columba's Church when he came. After some discussion this was approved. SOUTH OF THE DOWNS AREA. Bosham. The situation regarding the sale of the Manse at Bosham is serious as no other housing has been found for the Pastor and his family.

Pastoral Care of Churches. More detailed information and a draft form on a new scheme should be sent to Churches before discussion at the September Council Meeting.

All Churches are reminded of the need to discuss the Pastoral Committee's Draft Resolution on the Flexibility Clause as this will be discussed at the District Meeting in September.

This reads as follows:-

'In view of the current shortage of Ministers which makes it no longer possible to provide one Minister for every Church, and following the statement of intent contained in the Pastoral Care Committee's letter to Churches, dated 25th Jan 1993, Council hereby gives notice that, in order to provide for joint or team Ministries, it may be necessary at any time to change the scoping of any Church and to invite both Church and Minister to negotiate a new call with terms of settlement for approval by the Council.'

This should be read in conjunction with the letter mentioned in the draft.

Perhaps this could also be discussed at the July Church Meeting as it is relevant to the Pastoral Care Committee's resolution on the Worthing Area.

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The District appreciated the work of Peter Spicer and his Pastoral Care Committee.

Property Matters.

All Churches were asked to check on the safety of their electrical installations as one Church recently had a serious incident which could have been fatal. Churches should consider fitting Earth Leakage Trips in both Manse and Church buildings.

GORING. It was stated that because of Rev. Peter Heckels' family, consideration is being given to the selling of the present Manse and purchase of a more suitable house.

PORTSLADE are selling their Manse.

LITTLEHAMPTON had urgent roof repairs and District approved their application to the Province for a Grant and a loan.

Financial Matters.

Our prayers continue for the District Treasurer - Rev. Derek Morrill.

World Church and Mission.

Rev. Brian Stone urged us to start planning now for 'ON FIRE - PENTECOST 94'.

The District Day on Evangelism will be held at Hove Central on Saturday November 13th.

The next District Council Meeting will be held on September 9th at Portslade.

As a result of my being informed that the Elders' Church and Family Committee had given permission to release some of our old Mission Praise hymn books which were surplus to requirements, I announced that we had some spare copies. As a result, I'm sure that you will be pleased to know, they are now in use at the Durrington LEP, Bosham, Pulborough, Petworth and Brighton.

The Meeting ended with the Grace.

Irene Tuley. Representative.

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MORNING SERVICE 11 JULY 1993.

The theme of the Service was 'the cost of following Jesus'. We were reminded, by a poem and a drama, that the cost of following Jesus is everything we have.

Jesus said 'none of you can be my disciples unless he gives up everything he has'. If we are committed to Jesus we will listen to Him and be prepared to go where He sends us, and do what He asks of us.

This was clearly shown when listening to Jane Bickmore describing her visit to 'LOVE EUROPE' which was to begin the following Friday (16th).

The Service ended with a challenge to consider what part Jesus plays in our lives. Does He have no part at all? Is he buried so deep that no-one can see Him? Or is He Lord of our life, controlling every part of our lives?

We sang these words that morning:-

' I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANY OTHER.

SO MUCH MORE THAN ANYTHING.' Luke 14 v 26.

Can you and I really say that to God, because that is what is required.

Denise Elliott.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

DEDICATION.

27.6.93 Shauni Leigh Jackson.

WEDDING.

3.7.93 Sarah Denise Cargill married

Bryan William Jupe

We wish them a happy life together.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

15 PIKE Mrs. L. 54 Goring Way. Goring.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE U.R.C.
'AN OBSERVERS'S VIEW.'

Being a Portsmouth lad I couldn't resist popping into the URC General Assembly to check out what was going on.

The word that best describes my reaction was SURPRISE. My initial surprise was at the excellent quality of the resources available at the conference, especially the resources from FURY, and the Yardley Hastings Centre.

Another surprise was that one lunchtime a fellow researcher came and told me 'a group of your Christian lot are strumming guitars and singing on the Guildhall steps', though from hearsay I understand that the worship inside the Guildhall was on a totally different level!

Continuing my tour of the Assembly, information stands produced more surprises! In one corner of the room I saw a stand entitled 'Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement'. Initially I thought that the stand was promoting that we should welcome homosexuals into the church and show them the freedom possible through Christ Jesus. I was, however, shocked to read that the stand was promoting the notion that you could be a sexually practicing homosexual and be a Christian at the same time!

I approached an official-looking person, wearing a clerical collar, and asked him whether the URC agreed with this, and he said they didn't. I then explained that, by allowing the stand to be at the General Assembly they were, in fact, endorsing it. His answer to this was 'woolly', and when I told him he replied, "Yes, well that just about sums up the United Reformed Church - woolly."

As Christians we should not be woolly about our faith. We should love all people, irrespective of their sexuality but, at the same time, should stand firm in the Bible's teaching, and not conform to the standards and pressures of this world.

Giles Tewksbury.

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FAVOURITE HYMN

ARE YOU A SECOND CHILD? If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please. Editor.

This is the favourite hymn of MRS. GERTRUDE 'TRUDIE' KNIGHT a third child.

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Jesu's love;
The fellowship of Christian minds
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers:
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

When for a while we part,
this thought will soothe our pain,
that we shall still be joined in heart,
and one day meet again.

One glorious hope revives
our courage by the way;
While each in expectation lives,
and longs to see the day.

When from all toil and pain
and sin we shall be free,
And perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

John Fawcett. 1740-1817. C.P.245.

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FOR YOUR CALENDARS AND DIARIES LADIES!
COMING SOON!

THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER - AREA CONFERENCE.
FOR THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

THEME:- 'GO, SEE AND ACT'

Written by the Women of Jerusalem.

To be held at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HORSHAM
 FROM 10am until 3.30 pm.

COST:- £1.50 Please bring a packed lunch.

FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER.

G. P. A. S. LADIES' DAY CONFERENCE.

THEME:- 'LIVING WITH PAIN.'

SPEAKER:- June Greysam - author.

To be held at ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND.
 EAST WORTHING.

FROM 9.15am until 2.30pm.

COST:- £3.00 Please bring a packed lunch.

Further details and registration forms from

Irene Tuley.

 THANKS.

It was wonderful going through the Church
 doors after an absence of six months, and to receive
 such a warm welcome from so many of my good friends.

Thank you all very much.

Ena G. Hanson.

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 SHELLEY ROAD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

FLOWER FESTIVAL OCTOBER 1 - 3.10.93.
 90 years commemorated.

HARVEST SERVICE
 3rd OCTOBER 1993.

Only flowers

Not produce.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE. AND EXPLORERS.

June has been yet another fun-packed month at Brigade - the highlight being a fun-day held by the Brighton and Hove Division. This Event, to commemorate Girls' Brigade Centenary, took place on the 19th June on the Lawns adjacent to King Alfred Sports Centre. Companies throughout Sussex were invited to participate in various activities which included learning how to make Kites, Badges and Friendship Bracelets; Face painting, Bouncy Castle - to name but a few! We were blessed with fine weather which helped make the day such a success. In the evening we had a barbecue followed by Worship in a marquee. This was led by an excellent Gospel Group. Many thanks go to Brighton and Hove Division for such a well organised and entertaining day.

The Juniors and I are learning how to play Stoolball and are thoroughly enjoying it. Once we learned how to hold the bat round the right way there was no stopping us with this Sussex game! I may retaliate and introduce them to a spot of Caber Tossing!

As I write this the countdown is on for the Summer Camp at Ashdown House, Forest Row from 24th to 31st July. This is District Camp to commemorate Girls' Brigade Centenary, and so Girls from Horsham, Aldwick, Goring and other Worthing Companies will be there. This is another great opportunity for Girls from different Companies to meet and enjoy fellowship with each other.

Thank you for the continued support from Parents and Church Members.

God Bless. Lt. Julie Gray.

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ADVANCE NOTICE. OUR NEXT JUMBLE SALE IS ON 11th SEPT

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AUGUST 1993 PRAYER CALENDAR.

- 1 Pray for a blessing on all our worship today.
- 2 Remember the Moderator of our General Assembly as he
commences his year of office.
- 3 Uphold our friends at Brighthelm in their time of
difficulty.
- 4 Remember Jane Bickmore as she proclaims her faith in
her 'Love Europe' venture.
- 5 Pray for 'Churches Together in Worthing'.
- 6 Pray for all our friends and families on holiday.
- 7 Pray for World Mission Family Holiday Conference,
at Swanwick for one week.
- 8 For the blessing of the Holy Spirit on our worship.
- 9 For the continued work of Christian Aid worldwide.
- 10 For the URC in Worthing as they seek the way forward
- 11 Pray that we may not be blind to the disease of
homelessness.
- 12 Pray for a greater awareness of ecumenism.
- 13 Remember Rev. Peter Heckels and his family as they
settle in Worthing.
- 14 Pray for the Presbyterian Church in Korea.
- 15 Pray for Mr. John Gordon leading our worship this
morning.
- 16 For URC colleges as they seek to train candidates
for the Ministry.
- 17 Pray for ethnic minorities and easing of racial
prejudice.
- 18 Give thanks for the beauty of God's earth.
- 19 Pray for all doctors and nurses and medical staff.
- 20 For all those suffering from AIDS. Give us a
greater sympathy and understanding.
- 21 Pray for the URC Family Forum at Swanwick,
remembering 21 years of the URC.
- 22 Pray for a special blessing on worship in all
Churches today.
- 23 For a deeper understanding of God's purpose for
each of us, and as a Church.
- 24 Remember the elderly, lonely and bereaved.
Pray for God's comfort for them all.
- 25 For all young people everywhere that they may
have strength to cope with today's pressures.
- 26 Remember Bosnia. Pray for peace in the midst of
tragedy.

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- 27 Pray for God's guidance in the light of proposed changes to Sunday trading laws.
 - 28 Pray for our Provincial Moderator. Pray for continued grace, wisdom, patience and good health.
 - 29 For our worship today that it may be of the highest order.
 - 30 Pray for the leaders of our new Youth Group.
 - 31 Pray for our Elders as they prepare for another year of service.
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L O N E L Y

Sad because without friends or company?

H O S T (Hosting for Overseas Students) is looking for friendly families who would like to offer private hospitality to lonely overseas students at all times of the year, but especially over Christmas.

Please help if you can offer a warm welcome to one or two guests to join your family; they are longing to make friends and be part of a family for a few days.

Please ring 0273 890757 or write to :-

Mrs. Brenda Watson, 'Marines', 6 East View Fields.

Plumpton Green. Lewes. BN7 3EE.

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LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS

15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH.

Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through letter box of Hayward House.

2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing.

Please note the Chronicle may be full up by then so do not leave material until the last day. Editor.

When offering Contributions please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. Thank you. Editor.

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AUTUMN MARKET PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

You will remember this competition, announced in The Chronicle for April 1993, and you will have collected a pile of Truprints to sweep the first prizes in all five classes:

1. Goring United Reformed Church and its activities.
2. Sussex.
3. Animals.
4. Children.
5. Miscellaneous.

There was a hint of an entrance fee, and the Treasurer tells me it will be 20 pence per print - that may encourage you to sort out the best! Now the good news - entries from photographers aged 14 or less on 23rd October will be FREE, but put your date of birth on the back of the print, and our judge, Mr. Don Jenkin, will take that into consideration.

You can give me your entries and entrance fees at any time now, but closing date must be 16th October.

Reminders: Prints no larger than
 7 inches x 5 inches.

Unmounted

Name, address and class on reverse.

Happy snapping.

Roy Webb.

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Following the successful sale of BULBS last year I am pleased to say that Headquarters are repeating the offer of BULBS at the same price as last year:-

100 MIXED DAFFODIL BULBS	£5.50
120 MIXED BULBS	£5.50

Anyone who is interested please contact me for an Order Form Telephone 873806. A percentage of the proceeds will go to Company Funds.

Talking of flowers - our BADGE grown in flowers in Denton Gardens to commemorate our Centenary looks really good. Have you seen it yet? On the Company's visit to Highdown I was lucky enough to be given a copy of the Plan and there are 3,800 plants used, for which we offer grateful thanks to Worthing's Parks and Gardens Department.

Margaret Craghill. Captain.
5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We look forward to our Autumn Programme, which starts next month, when we will have talks on INDIA, SUSSEX POSTAL SERVICE, UNITED NATIONS, THE GREEN PARTY, and FAMILY HISTORY.

We will combine with the Women's Guild for their Anniversary Service, Christmas Party and Christmas Service.

We give a special invitation to those members and friends who are free on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm to join us and enjoy an hour or so of friendship.

We have only one rule - Be Friendly.

Alex Blackford. Secretary.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Despite a few showers of rain the Junior Boys had a good day in the magnificent grounds of Christ's Hospital at Horsham. It was the occasion of the Juniors 75th Anniversary Celebrations on Saturday 10th July. Many Boys were there from all over the Southern District.

Our Boys were able to participate in all kinds of games and competitions in their endeavour to obtain at least 75 Points to gain a special certificate.

Glad to say all our Boys succeeded!! Well done PAUL ARKINSTALL, STEPHEN HOOD, GAVIN EASEY, MATTHEW WILLS, MARCUS DALY, THE HARRIS TWINS, JAMES AND DAVID, AND MARK BYERLEY who was top with 110 points!!

We did not have a team in the 'It's a Knock Out' competition, but enjoyed watching it all. Marcus, for some reason, had to fall out of a tree, for which he got no marks, but seems to be all right.

Please pray for the Officers as we make plans for the new Session starting in September. There will be some difficult decisions to make especially amongst the Company Section Boys as several of them are over 16 years of age.

Donald W. Stewart. Captain.

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ANCHOR BOYS.

The Anchor Boys are to have a new Leader from September. Miss JENNY COMPTON, who has been helping Anchor Boys for two years has agreed to take over and her appointment is warmly recommended by myself and the Church Meeting. I have to be out of circulation for some time in the autumn and it seemed an appropriate time to step down from the Leadership. I have loved every minute of my 14 years (11 as Leader) with the Boys and will miss them dearly. Thank you, friends and parents, for your prayers and support week by week. I know you will continue to encourage Jenny and her helpers, Mrs. Bobby Hitchin, and Mrs. Bett Swierk - new to Anchor Boys. It is great to know that Anchor Boys will be up to its capacity of 16 in September, though the addition of another helper could allow these numbers to increase.

Eileen M. Rhodes. (Mrs.)

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OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR AUGUST 1993

SUN COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION "As o'er each continent and island the dawn leads on another day the voice of prayer is never silent". Hold in prayer the Congregational and Prebyterian churches in New Zealand and the Congregational Christian Church in Samoa with the churches and peoples of the Pacific Islands.

MON THE BIBLE SOCIETY In Ethiopia Scriptures have been distributed in a prison camp among soldiers of the former Communist Govt. and also in a rehabilitation camp for soldiers. The commandant sought to see why the camp was so silent and found the soldiers studying the Scriptures & some had been saved. Pray also for the church in Ethiopia.

TUE OM SHIP LOGOS II Paulino Diay, the main contact in Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, left the Operation Mobilization ship with over 800 response cards most of which came through direct evangelism to visitors on board the vessel. Pray for this ministry of the team.

WED SERBIA A British Christian who took a load of Scriptures into this part of former Yugoslavia said "There is a great hunger for the Word of Life. Even during our prolonged wait at the border many Gospels were given to most grateful recipients. Despite the troubles it is harvest time here." Similar reports of a great Spiritual hunger come from other parts.

THU BANGLADESH Pray for reconciliation among the members and leaders of the Church of Bangladesh and those who have joined the newly formed United C.of B.

FRI FEBA RADIO Pray for the engineers maintaining the masts and broadcasting equipment in the Seychelles and for their spiritual and physical health and that of their families home and away; for continued prayer and financial support and encouragement that they are exactly where the Lord wants them to be.

SAT SUDAN Pray that the United Nations, the British Govt. and humanitarian agencies will be able to put pressure on the Sudan Govt. and the Sudan Peoples Liberation Army to end the mindless torture and killing. Remember, too, the Christian groups trying to bring food and help to the suffering.

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**AUTUMN MARKET 23.10.93.FROM 2pm to 5pm
IN THE CHURCH HALLS.**

Please make a note in your diaries and on your calendars that there will be a Meeting to finalise the details for the above on **THURSDAY** 2nd September at 7.30 pm in the Harris Room. Please let me have before then, if possible, the **NAME** you are giving your **STALL** so that the programme can be prepared. These are going to be delivered locally - house to house. From the middle of **SEPTEMBER** boxes will be available in the Church Vestibule for your donations to the Stalls. I hope that you are, or will be shortly, busy turning out Jam making. Bottling. Baking. Knitting. Sewing. Planting and Sowing. so that we can reap the benefit to help in housing our new Minister and his family, and the homeless in our Town.

Sheila Gooderham.

HANDKERCHIEF GIRL.

My daughter, **SUSAN EAMES**, is going to be the **HANDKERCHIEF GIRL** again, at the Market.

Anyone kindly donating handkerchiefs will they please hand them to me or leave in the Church vestibule where I will collect them.

Is anyone in possession of a **LONG DRESS** they would lend me for **SUSAN** to wear at the Market, please, to fit a 9 - 10 year old?

MRS. DAPHNE EAMES. 268489.

'WOBBLE TOY SHOP.'

The **ARK** and **JUNIOR CHURCH** will be organising a **TOY STALL** at the above. We would welcome children's gifts and good-as-new **TOYS** for the **STALL**. A box will be placed in the vestibule on **SUNDAY MORNING** nearer the time. **MUMS** - if you are having a 'turn out' during the school holidays we would be happy to receive your **TOYS NOW!!** Thanking you in anticipation of your generous support. We look forward to a happy afternoon of fun and fellowship. If you would like more details please contact **IRENE DEARSLEY** on 690996 or **VAL GILL** on 267655.*****

JUNIOR CHURCH OUTING 19th JUNE.

His fingers tightened round the pole as he slowly raised his arms. In order to gain maximum balance he stood with his legs apart, his muscles tense in preparation and anticipation, eyes set directly in front. All of a sudden he drew back one arm and propelled his weapon forward. Thump! It crashed into his opponent who tried to counter-attack, but one end of the padded joust caught the side of his head causing his helmet to fly off into the cheering crowd. Smelling victory he swung his joust time and again, blow after blow raining into the body opposite him.

Soon it was all over. With a cry of defeat his opponent lost his footing and fell off his podium crashing on to the surface below.

What has all this got to do with a Sunday School outing I hear you ask? Don't worry, the teachers are not literally raising an army of soldiers for Christ! The 'gladiator fight' was one of the activities on offer in the Sportsdrome at Littlehampton; the others being a Bouncy Castle, Mini Go-Karts, Football, Hockey, and Basketball Practice.

70 adults and children had screamed and waved their way to Littlehampton on an open-topped bus. An exciting game of Rounders preceded a picnic lunch. Before our hour of fun in the Sportsdrome a group ventured on to the beach, armed with buckets and spades.

All too soon it was time to board the bus for our journey home after each having been treated to a very welcome Ice Lolly.

A very big thank you must be extended to the organisers and to Keith Merritt who, quite literally, had a busman's holiday!

Sue Arkinstall.

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EVANGELISTIC DINNER held on 26th June 1993

'Open Thy mouth wide and I will fill it' Psalm 81. 10

Our great God instructed us to open our mouths wide in prayer for this special occasion in the life of our Church and how beautifully He has blessed us all through it.

Were you not filled in some way as a result of that weekend?

Those who helped with the preparation and service of the meal, as well as the seventy guests, were full to overflowing with food and laughter. The challenge given to one and all through Vic Jackopson filled us with much food for thought.

Once again God used His servant, Vic, to fill all those at the Sunday morning Service with, not only the message of the Good News of our Lord, but also a lovely picture of how our Lord reaches out with love and compassion to both the little children and those He is calling into His sheepfold.

We just thank and praise our faithful God in the way He surrounded us all with His tender love and care that weekend.

Liz Stilwell,
on behalf of the Tuesday Morning Ladies
Discipleship Group.

**FRIDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP GROUP
FOR YOUNG MUMS.**

We have a great need for another helper in our creche when we start back in SEPTEMBER. At the moment we have four darling boys aged between 2 and 3, and we meet on alternate Friday mornings between 10 o'clock and 12 o'clock.

If you feel God is calling you to serve Him in this way please get in touch with either Liz Stilwell 504359 or Jenny Merritt 262609.

THANK YOU!!

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SOCIAL EVENTS - CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC.

17th July 1993

"We had an energetic afternoon at the Church Family Picnic where some of us got sunburned. We invented a game which was part cricket, part rounders and part tip-and-run, using equipment loaned to us by the Boys' Brigade (many thanks, Don). We got so carried away that one of the Team hit the ball over the wall into some one's front garden and two of us went cap-in-hand to ask for it back. Still play went on - with another ball. We quietened down a little and played Boules, with thanks to Martin Swierk for the loan of his pack. Next time the International Bowls Championships are held in Worthing Goring IRC might be able to enter a Team! If we felt tired we rested, and passed the time of day with each other on a handy bench. We ate our picnic teas and agreed that we had enjoyed the afternoon in pleasant sunshine and a cool wind. We covered a wide range from almost 5 to 70 plus. There were 8 of us!

WE HOPE YOU WILL COME NEXT YEAR!!

Sheila Gooderham.

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BIBLE A MONTH CLUB.

PRAYERS FOR CHINA.

During August please pray for God to raise up Leaders for the many new Churches being formed. Ask the Lord to give existing Leaders discernment, perseverance, and joy as they nurture new believers and encourage them in their faith.

Pray, also, for the many men, women and children in China who will be receiving Scriptures in 1993. Do pray that they will come to know the joy and hope of the Lord in increasing measure.

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TWO EXTRACTS, BY PERMISSION, FROM SHELLEY ROAD U.R.C.
MAGAZINE 'THE OUTLOOK' JULY/AUGUST 1993.

I said a prayer for you today, and know God must have heard....I felt the answer in my heart, though He spoke no word....I didn't ask for wealth or fame, (I know you wouldn't mind).....I asked Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind.

I asked that He'd be near you at the start of each new day....To grant you health and blessings, and friends to share your way.....I asked for happiness for you and all things great and small....But it was for His loving care I prayed the most of all.

Mrs. Lutterloch. Grace Magazine

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How delightful is the company of people who overlook trifles and keep their minds instinctively fixed on whatever is good and positive in the world about them.

People of small calibre are always carping. They are bent on showing their own superiority, their knowledge or prowess or good breeding.

But magnanimous people have no vanity, they have no jealousy. They have no reserves and they feed on the true and the solid wherever they find it. And, what is more, they find it everywhere!

Van Wyck Brooks

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CHRISTIAN CRACKERS.

Under the heading of Grave Situation there are the following :-

'Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult and it will be appreciated if parishioners will cut the grass around their own graves.'

'During the clergy conference a skeleton staff will be left in each deanery for cemetery duty.'

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T R A N S P O R T N E W S .



Are you a car driver? Have you a spare seat, and would you offer the occasional lift to someone in need of transport to our Church events?

Throughout the year we have many events which people would like to attend if only they had transport, including Sunday Services.

With your help we could make this possible.

If you can help or are in need of transport please contact me on 243194.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Bett Swierk. Transport Officer.

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B O O K S .

May I remind you that to obtain discount for the Church on purchases from the Christian Book Centre, 11 Chatsworth Road, a book agent needs to be involved. These are Irene Tuley, Jenny Merritt, Jonathan Wetherell and myself.

The system is :-

1. You choose your goods.
2. Ask for purchases (at least £5) to be put aside for Goring URC'.
3. Tell one of us who will go and collect.

If the goods are paid for on collection the Church receives 12% discount, otherwise 10% if booked to our account.

We can also, of course, go and buy items from the CBC - books, cassettes, (audio and visual) for you.

Ron Jordan,

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OUR FATHER, WHO IS IN HEAVEN.

For everyone here this poem's for you,
so just sit back for a minute or two,
and think very carefully about what I'm to say
and try and apply it to your life today.

When did you glorify our Lord Jesus last?
Was it this morning or way back in the past?
Do you give up anything, yes, anything at all
Compared with God's people like Stephen and Paul?

Let's take a look at what we've got in our lives.
our houses, our cars, our children, our wives.
Just reading your Bible - is that all you do
for Jesus who gave up His whole life for you?

All the things that you have now in your home,
they're not really your's, they're only on loan.
Whatever you think, and whatever they're worth,
they're your's to borrow while you're here on the earth.

Are you spreading the love that God sends
to family, neighbours and all of your friends?
Are you willing to open your home to all?
Can you answer yes, or is that order too tall?

If God asks you to do something, do you obey?
Or do you just turn and walk away?
Do you work hard for God, or is life a long rest?
Do you always remember that Jesus knows best?

If you answer quite honestly that all this you do,
then let's open our mouths and praise God for you.
But then, again, if you know you're not quite there,
don't worry, there's really no need for despair.

Just make a commitment and offer your life,
and everything in it's your own sacrifice.
It won't be easy at first, things never are,
and at times it'll feel like you haven't moved very far.

But Jesus is with you, He won't let you stray,
fix your eyes on Him and He won't go away.
And don't forget you must thank God, too,
for the Lamb of God, who died for you.

Julie Vetherell.

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STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.

At the last committee meeting it was agreed that our Church premises were in urgent need of a thorough Spring Clean. The work is in addition to that undertaken by the cleaners every week. We are seeking volunteers from Organisations or Individuals to clean specific parts of our Church. For example, the Stewardship Committee will clean the Harris Room.

Other areas needing attention are:-

CLOAKROOMS. KITCHENS. CHURCH HALL. CORNWALL ROOM. EAST AND WEST HALLS. VESTRY AND PASSAGES. INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF ALL WINDOWS. HYMN BOOK RACKS IN THE CHURCH. TRANSEPTS.

The Spring Clean will take place on Saturday 4th SEPTEMBER commencing at 10am. Please bring your own cleaning materials as the Church has only a limited number of brooms, buckets, polishes, cloths etc.

Even if you can only stay for a short time carrying out cleaning your help will be much appreciated.

Colin Noddes. Co-Chairman.

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LISTENING.

Luke 10 v 39

John 10 v 4.

These ears of ours, now opened by grace
are given to us to hear
Thy blessed voice of love, Oh Saviour dear,
how quick to cheer,
how kind, how gentle, every word expressed,
how charming to my soul.
Oh joy, to sit at Jesus' feet
and hear is bliss complete. A.Wheeler.

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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1993.

- 1 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Rev. Tom Neal
6.30 pm Mr.Alec Ralph/Mr.Charlie Ward.
- 8 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Rev. Tom Dyer.
6.30 pm Mr.Geoffrey Dearsley/Mrs.Bobby Hitchin.
- 12 Thu Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 10.30am
- 15 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Mr. John Gordon
6.30pm.Holy Communion/Healing Service.
Rev. Patrick McManus/Mr.Richard Tuley.
- 22 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Mr. Derek Hanson.
6.30 pm Rev. John & Mrs. Elsie Flack
- 26/28 Driveway & Car Park closed to all vehicles.
Re-surfacing of Church driveway.
- 27/30 Greenbelt '93. Field of Dreams. Deene Park
Near Corby. Northants.
- 29 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Rev. Ron Christopher.
6.30 pm Mr.Wilfred & Mrs.Eileen Rhodes.

Sep 18 Sat Induction of Rev. Peter Heckels. 3 pm
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AUGUST PREACHERS.

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this on the day after Rev. Tom Neal spoke about deserts and how we all have to pass through our particular desert. Whilst we are in that desert we should remember that we are not alone - the Lord is with us - our friends and neighbours have been there, too.

But deserts can be fascinating places, and though barren and dry and dangerous, can be full of colour and interest, even life. We have driven through the deserts of Arizona and the Mohjave in the USA and there, square mile after square mile is filled with all kinds of tough, scrubby bushes and cacti. They often have incredibly coloured flowers. There are birds, too, including runner-birds, very odd they are, and lizards and snakes.

So, whilst we may pass through a desert in our lives it can be a living desert if we look around and see where we are walking. You could say that our interregnum has been a desert experience, and without our own Minister there have been times when we have foundered. However, our 'Ministers for the moment', John and Elsie Flack, have helped so much to keep us far more than just floating.

There have been a number of highlights over the past two years, and much has been accomplished that will be taken into the New Era of ministry; some may not be obvious to everyone, such as discussions in Elders' Meetings to clarify our thinking on Baptism and Dedication. We are much clearer than we ever used to be, and parents are made very aware of the promises they will be asked to make when Elders visit them. Church Membership, too, is more clearly defined and several visits may be made before the Right Hand of Fellowship is offered. Other more obvious highlights have been the Provincial Synod held in the Church in March 1992, the Church Weekend this year, and the very remarkable Evangelistic Weekend at the end of June this year.

As Church Secretary it has been a wonderful privilege to be involved in so many of the Church's activities. Truly we believe in the Priesthood of all Believers, and we have all ministered to one another. Just recently we have seen the Lord's hand in the calling of our new

Minister. We now know why things happened as they did last November.

I can do no better than to quote that other Peter's words to the Roman Church (and I'm sure Peter's words to the Goring Church): "IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR GOOD WITH THOSE WHO LOVE HIM - THOSE WHOM GOD SET APART, HE CALLED."

I thank you for all the love and support you have given me, and pass them on to Geoffrey Dearsley, in Jesus' name.

Wilfred Rhodes.

THINKING.

Philippians ch 4.v 8 and ch 2.v 1/2

These minds of ours, renewed by grace,
are given us to use,
And what a scope for thought have we
as we His word peruse.
And after Him, His thoughts to think,
As one before did say,
'I think Thy thoughts, after Thee O Lord,'
Oh, blessed living, stay.

These minds of ours, renewed by grace,
are given to us to keep
ever before our souls 'Thy things' so pure,
so holy, true and deep.
Thy 'lovely' things so honest, full of grace,
and we can truly say
of virtue full, and praise, O Lord
as we 'think on' each day.

A.Wheeler. on SS 'City of London' 1929
Aberdeen to London.

CHRISTIAN CRACKER.

"When on holiday my brother and I attended the local church. On the way my brother had a fall which delayed us somewhat. We entered as the congregation were singing the first hymn:

'Courage, brother, do not stumble' "

MY IMPRESSIONS OF ASSEMBLY 1993.

It was a tremendous privilege and joy to be chosen as one of the 6 Representatives for our District at the URC General Assembly held at Portsmouth from July 5 - 9. The 21st Birthday of the URC. Thank you for all your prayers; we were very conscious of being supported in prayer.

John Gordon, representing Northern College, and I stayed at Giles Tewkesbury's house, which meant that we enjoyed times of fellowship and prayer together, plus an enjoyable short walk to and from The Guildhall for our 12 hour day. During the week we learnt that Alison Gordon had gained a place at a College in Manchester for a 2 year training as a Dental Surgery Assistant, starting in September. John is now doing a 6 week placement with a Church in Manchester, having passed his first year exams.

It was wonderful to be at Assembly with over 700 people - truly we are just a small part of God's family world-wide, as we were reminded by the presence of visitors from other denominations and from our Churches overseas. One evening John and I chatted to the President of the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar where British missionaries took the Gospel 175 years ago.

Going to my first Assembly was a very interesting experience. One votes and speaks by holding up a red card and catching the Moderator's eye! Some things surprised me - I was disappointed with the lack of life and joy in some of the worship - we had unfamiliar hymns with difficult tunes and a number of set response prayers. I found the Bible study each morning rather dry - and I know others felt the same way. However, for me Assembly was all about people and much delighted me - the richness of fellowship at the opening Holy Communion Service, the opportunity to pray for those in need and for one another, and the times of sharing together and encouraging each other before the business began, over meal times and at the ending of the day. I enjoyed meeting several old friends and making many new ones, realising we have many brothers and sisters in Christ.

Supper one evening was spent with John Gordon, David Helyar and John Titlow at the Burger King! John Titlow, at Sittingbourne, now also has a small Church at

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Sheerness, which is where his wife Barbara has a teaching post starting in September, having passed her B.Ed. Degree at Sussex University. Another supper I spent with Cyril and Joan Franks.

I found that The Guildhall ladies' cloakroom was an ideal place for a quiet moment of prayer with a friend!

I was refreshed and blessed by going to the G.E.A.R. informal worship on Tuesday at lunchtime, and by the young people from FURY leading informal singing, accompanied by guitars, on the steps of The Guildhall at lunchtimes - a lovely witness to the Lord!.

I was pleased at the way in which the business of Assembly was conducted. We had received a book full of reports to read through beforehand with over 50 resolutions. There were opportunities for any voting member to raise questions or state their point of view, as we debated these reports and resolutions. One resolution, dealing with part of the Statement of Faith for Ministers' Ordinations and Inductions, had 7 amendments before it was finally passed.

We learnt about the work of the Mission Council and the Church was congratulated on it's increased giving, but a further increase will be needed to meet the budget for 1994. As a result of the increased stipends for Ministers supplements should cease and Ministers will now have to retire within 6 months of their 65th birthday, unless prior arrangements have been made. After much debate it was decided to welcome representatives of other faiths as guests at future Assemblies.

We rejoiced to see 44 newly ordained Ministers and 6 new Churches being welcomed into the URC, but it was said we should also hear about the closure of Churches.

Concern was expressed for the Unemployed, Homeless and poverty of many in this country and for the plight of the Third World. We are asked to put our concern into action by:

a. Writing to M.Ps expressing that concern, being willing to have higher direct taxation, and by opposing VAT on domestic fuel.

b. Asking local Supermarkets to stock Fairtrade Mark products like Café Direct.

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c. Boycotting Nestlé products because of many infant deaths in countries where free baby milk has been issued to ill-equipped and uneducated mothers.

We had several excellent presentations, including one on Disability presented by a lady in a wheelchair, one on Urban and Rural Mission, and another presented by Rev. Martin Nicholls, the Chaplain of the Fury Youth Centre at Yardley Hastings, who brought to life the excellent new URC resource materials for children, young people and Church Members.

Time was spent on Europe and Rev. Pavel Smetana, Moderator of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren gave a moving address of what difficulties the Church is facing there.

The Wessex Province put together a thought-provoking Wednesday evening Celebration entitled 'Treasure', involving drama, mime, song and words. based upon the discovery of Treasure within the Tudor Ship 'Mary Rose' - we, too, have spiritual treasure that needs to be discovered, recovered, uncovered and shared with the world.

The new General Assembly Moderator, Rev. Donald Hilton, spoke in his address of how very big God is - yet he has chosen as his symbol for his year of office a question mark (?) - in our quest to follow truth.

The retiring Moderator, Mrs. Ruth Clarke, gave her reflections on her year of office under the headings of Celebration, Together and In Good Heart. She spoke of Romans 13 v9-13 being a suitable text for a Moderator.

Rev. David Helyar, giving the Provincial Moderator's report said that as the Church we need to be:-

RISK - TAKERS - going forward in faith.
CARE - TAKERS - having compassion and understanding
UNDER - TAKERS - doing God's will with perseverance and prayer for our God remains faithful.

We voted for next year's Moderator who will be Rev. Jack McElvey, recently retired principal of Northern College, where John Gordon is training. An overseas student has challenged him to consider Mission in his year of office 1994-1995.

The Assembly next year will be residential and held at Lancaster University from July 7-11. In 1995 it will be at Eastbourne.

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I would like to end with a prayer with which we ended Assembly, from the URC Prayer Handbook.

Hand of Jesus	-	Bless us
Feet of Jesus	-	Lead us
Arms of Jesus	-	Uphold us
Heart of Jesus	-	Burn in us
Mind of Jesus	-	Move us
Presence of Jesus	-	Be in your neighbour

So may we encounter constantly Your Grace and Glory.
Amen. Irene Tuley.

TRANSPORT NEWS.



Are you a car driver? Have you a spare seat, and would you offer the occasional lift to someone in need of transport to our Church events like Sunday Services?

With your help we could make this possible.

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Bett Swierk. Transport Officer.

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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE PRAYER GROUP.
Meets in our Church from 7.30 to 8.30 pm OCT 5th.
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RE AUGUST CHRONICLE.

Has anyone anything to say about the superb articles sent in to this magazine, especially the two items from Shelley Road URC 'The Outlook'? You can contact Hazel and Ron Lee direct on 215729.

200 Chronicles were issued.LM.
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THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

You will have no other gods but Me.
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NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.**CONGRATULATIONS.**

28TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

MR. AND MRS. IAN WETHERELL 18th SEPTEMBER.

Mr. Mark Tuley. B.Sc. Building Surveyor.

**DEDICATION.**

Kya Elizabeth Poat on 15th August.

DEATH.

Mr. 'Robbie' Turton on August 4th.

REST IN PEACE.

THANKS.

I would like to thank the Church for the lovely flowers brought to me by Mrs. Jean Webb after the very sad loss of my dear Mum. It was so very much appreciated to know your thoughts and prayers were with me,
 May Johnston

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F E B A RADIO AUGUST MAILING.

Ivy Arch Road. Worthing on Tuesday 31st August to Wednesday 1st September from 9 am to 5 pm.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be supplied.

Come and meet your friends and make new ones while collating information and putting it into envelopes.

Ann Hall. Supporter Relations.



FAVOURITE HYMN

ARE YOU A SECOND CHILD? If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please. Editor.

This is the favourite song of Miss Victoria Matthewson, the third child of Mrs. Mary Matthewson.

WE SHALL STAND.

CHORUS: -

We shall stand with our feet on the rocks,
whatever men may say;
we'll lift Your name on high,
and we shall walk through the darkest night,
setting our faces like flint
we'll walk into the light.

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Lord You have chosen me for fruitfulness
to be transformed into Your likeness.
I'm going to fight on through
till I see You face to face.

CHORUS:

Verse TWO

Lord as witness you have appointed us
and with Your Holy Spirit anointed us
and so I'll fight on through
till I see you face to face.

CHORUS:

[illegible]

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FOR YOUR CALENDARS AND DIARIES LADIES!
COMING SOON!

THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER - AREA CONFERENCE.
FOR THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

THEME:- 'GO, SEE AND ACT'
 Written by the Women of Jerusalem.

To be held at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HORSHAM
 FROM 10am until 3.30 pm.
 COST:- £1.50 Please bring a packed lunch.

FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER.
C. P. A. S. LADIES' DAY CONFERENCE.

THEME:- 'LIVING WITH PAIN.'
 SPEAKER:- June Greysam - author.

To be held at ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND.
 EAST WORTHING.
 FROM 9.15am until 2.30pm.
 COST:- £3.00 Please bring a packed lunch.

Further details and registration forms from
 Irene Tuley.

WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE.

We warmly thank all who supported and helped at this event, especially Mrs. Bobby Hitchin and Mrs. Dorothy Miller who provided and prepared the TEA. The £160 raised is well on its way to the Church Of North India to help sustain their Youth Hostel and Trade School in the NICOBAR ISLANDS which lie in the Bay of Bengal about 850 miles east of Sri Lanka. More information about the project is on a CWM 'Second Mile Giving' leaflet on the Mission Notice Board in the Church Hall. Sidney Hider. Secretary.

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EVANGELISM & OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT.

Here are a number of items I have to report on:

1. Following the success of the Outreach Dinner on 26 June Mrs. Liz Stilwell and Mrs. Sue Arkinstall (our Cradle Roll Secretary) are organising, with the help of others, a **BUFFET MEAL** on Saturday **OCTOBER 16th** for Parents of Children baptised over the past few years in our Church with a view to encouraging the Parents in their Christian Family Life.
2. A circular letter has been sent to our Church Groups inviting them to consider undertaking some Outreach in this, the **THIRD YEAR OF THE DECADE OF EVANGELISM**.
3. West Sussex District are holding a **DAY OF EVANGELISM** at **HOVE CENTRAL U.R.C.** on Saturday **NOVEMBER 13th**. This is advertised on our Notice Board in the vestibule, but please let me know if you require further details, and are likely to attend.
4. The **WORTHING HOMELESS PROJECTS** (including Night Shelter) are inviting help at all times in the day in various capacities. Again, please see the notice board for details.
5. Miss Ella Robertson will be reporting, at a later Church Meeting, on Meetings of **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORTHING** to which she is our Representative. Various of the Churches have recently been undertaking Outreach Projects and this is very encouraging for our Town.
6. On the Notice Board is a copy of a circular letter from the Curate of the Parish of Christ The King, Worthing (The four main Anglican Churches in the Town) inviting help from those interested in putting on **EVANGELISTIC LUNCHESES** in the Town Centre. Would those interested please respond to him direct.

In conclusion I would remind you of our Lord's Commission to all of us in **MARK 16. v 15** 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation' With God's help we can do this. **Geoffrey M. Dean.**

Convenor.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

We had a good end to our Summer Session with our open evening in July. We didn't achieve a Mile of Pennies but, despite the rain, we covered 117.5 metres (128 YARDS) and raised £63.28. The Stalls took another £89 to give us a grand total of £152.28. Thank you to all who supported us on that evening.

Our District Camp at Ashdown House was a time of great blessing for Officers and Girls as we joined with the 5 other Companies in our District. The Girls were divided into 9 squads of 10 Girls each and named: ALLSORTS, SMARTIES, LOLLYPOPS, JELLY BABIES, POPPETS, HUMBUGS, REFRESHERS, MUNCHIES and CHEWITS. On Wednesday the Juniors had a day at Drusilla's Zoo whilst the Seniors/Brigaders went to Blacklands Farm to try out Archery, Canoeing, and Rock Climbing. On Friday everyone went to Hastings where they either went to the Sea Life Centre or St. Clement's Caves. Each day the worship times were divided into 2 groups - Juniors and Seniors/Brigaders. The theme of the week was based on JOHN 14 v 6, and each day we considered our path through life and how Jesus could help us.

We begin our Autumn Session on September 7th when we will be collecting jumble for our Jumble sale on Saturday September 11th. If you have any you wish us to collect please phone either 873806 or 820983. The following Saturday, 18th Sept, we will be taking part in IT'S A KNOCKOUT at Lower Tanbridge School in Horsham as part of the Centenary Celebrations.

This will be a very busy session for us as we'll be preparing for both our own Company Display as well as the District Display and the Oct Church Parade.

We would value your continued prayers for us as we seek to share the love of Jesus to the Girls.

Lieut. Denise Elliott.

100 MIXED DAFFODIL BULBS	£5.50
120 MIXED BULBS	£5.50



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MR'S FELLOWSHIP.

We open our Autumn Programme with our member Mr. Donald Stewart giving a talk on his Indian Experience, on Tuesday September 7th at 2.45pm.

On September 21st Mr. John Hobbs will talk about the Sussex Postal History at 2.45pm

May we remind members and friends to save cuttings and Wallflower plants for our Garden Stall 'Bill and Ben' at the October Market on 23rd October in the Church Halls. Our Mr. Charles Taylor will receive your contributions for this Stall.

We look forward to meeting our members and friends again and invite any 'old timer' who has a Tuesday afternoon free, to join us in fellowship.

We have only one rule - Be Friendly.

Alex Blackford. Secretary.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Nothing much has been happening during the last few weeks, and the Officers have enjoyed something of a break, apart from planning for the next session. We start again on Monday Sept. 6th at 6.15 pm for the Junior Section and Friday 10th Sept. at 7.15 pm for the Company Section. We could do with a few more Boys in both sections, so please let us know if there are any likely candidates about.

By the time you read this report we will probably have camped with some of the Boys at Washington over the August Bank Holiday week-end.

Don't forget to let us know if you have any commodities for our STEPTOE STALL for the Autumn Market on 23rd October.

Please pray that our new session will be a blessing to the Boys. Don Stewart. Captain.



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JUNIOR CHURCH

As we start our new session with PROMOTION SUNDAY on September 5th there will be changes for both Children and Teachers. We shall miss some, like those moving on to the Youth Service, but welcome others. Perhaps, most of all, we shall miss having Mrs. OLIVE BUSHBY with us. Olive has served Junior Church for over 12 years with great love and faithfulness, both as a teacher and our secretary. We are so grateful for her enthusiasm and loyalty, and for the help and encouragement she has given to us all. She has been a real friend to so many Children, and their families too, as she has shared her love for the Lord Jesus with them. 'THANK YOU OLIVE, AND MAY THE LORD CONTINUE TO BLESS AND USE YOU.'

So for our new Staff Team:

We are grateful to Mrs. Wilma Smith for taking on the responsibility as Secretary.

In the ADVENTURERS GROUP 8 - 11s we welcome back Mrs. Jenny Merritt and Mrs. Val Gill to join our stalwart Mr. Paul Redman.

In the SEEKERS GROUP 5 - 7s Miss Denise Elliott and Mrs. Wilma Smith continue to teach and will be joined part time by Mrs. Christine Sharpe, who takes the place of Miss Jane Bickmore whose help we really appreciated last year.

In the BEGINNERS GROUP 3 - 5s we welcome Mrs. Sue Mitchell part time to join the faithful team of Mrs. Christine Brewer and Mrs. Sue Arkinstall.

We do also appreciate the help that others give in practical ways, including Mr. Don Stewart, Dr. Roy Webb, Miss Jenny Bushby and Mrs. Audrey Ebeling our treasurer.

The CRECHE, though small, is run on a rota system, and we are grateful to all who already take part in this, and would welcome others.

The number of Children with us each Sunday varies considerably, but they are always a lively group, and we look forward to working with them. We trust they will grow both in numbers and in their knowledge of the Lord Jesus. We believe the Lord has called us together as a Team, and we do value your continued prayers and support as we serve Him in Junior Church. Irene Dearsley. Leader of Junr. Church.

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OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR SEPTEMBER

SUN COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION Pray for the visit of Rev. John Crocker on the 12th. Sept. both for the parade service and the evening service including slides. May the day increase our sense of Mission. The Bangladesh Church leaders ask for prayer in their witness and service to their neighbours of other religions.

MON THE BIBLE SOCIETY Pray that the Lord will give encouragement to face the changes that come in working in the turbulent world of today. May God's wisdom and love provide opportunities in many countries now open to the Scriptures as never before.

TUE LOVE EUROPE Give thanks for Jane Bickmore's safe return from Gent and Nivelles in Belgium. Pray for the many people contacted and that those who have shown interest in the Gospel will be encouraged and disciplined by the local churches.

WED BIENIOT Praise God that a French speaking missionary from Burkino Faso is now helping in the office in Worthing two days a week. Over 300,000 Bientot calendars for 1994 are being distributed world wide with the challenge 'Choose this day whom you will serve.' Pray that readers will be blessed.

THU THE LEPROSY MISSION The Pemba team in Mozambique has restarted a weekly clinic and are hoping to expand the work. They ask prayer for good health and also that "we may bring our patients relief, not just physically and socially but also show them Jesus."

FRI VISUALLY HANDICAPPED 'Compass Braille' produces quantities of braille Scriptures in various Indian languages. They urgently need someone with a degree in computer studies. Pray for the right person who must be willing to familiarize him/herself with the different scripts and have a vision for helping blind people.

SAT RUSSIA Pray for Russia and her president Boris Yeltsin. The battle for the control of Russia is far from over. If hardline communists gain power Christian work could be closed down overnight.

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SEPTEMBER 1993 PRAYER CALENDAR.

- 1 Remember the needy children of Bosnia that they may
be relieved of all pain and suffering.
- 2 For peace between all races and tribes in S.Africa.
- 3 Pray for those responsible for law and order that
they may act with mercy and justice.
- 4 A blessing for the newly ordained Elders this mning.
- 5 For the bereaved, widowed and orphaned. A sense of
God's presence and love.
- 6 Remember the homeless and those who sleep rough.
- 7 Pray for the innocent victims of indiscriminate
bombing in our towns and cities.
- 8 For all patients in hospital and those in need of
medical care at home.
- 9 For our GB and BB Officers as they prepare for a new
Session.
- 10 Remember all doctors, nurses and ancillary staff as
they care for all sick people.
- 11 Pray for the Church at Telscombe Cliffs as they
welcome their new Minister.
- 12 Pray for the Ministry of Rev. John Crocker on our
Mission Day.
- 13 Remember our Goring Community and our
responsibilities.
- 14 A special prayer for all lonely, aged and house-
bound friends.
- 15 For the leaders of our Youth Group as they commence
their venture in faith.
- 17 For our organists and all responsible for music in
our worship.
- 18 For a special blessing for Rev. Peter Heckels and
his family as he is inducted to the Ministry here.
- 19 Pray for God's blessing on the first day of a new
Ministry.
- 20 For the leading of the Holy Spirit on a new chapter
in the life of our Church.
- 21 For our Junior Church, its leaders and children.
- 22 Remember the victims of flooding in America that
they may be given patience to recover their way of
life.
- 23 Remember the Elders as they meet tonight.
- 24 That we may have a deeper ecumenical understanding
as we proclaim the true faith.

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- 25 Give thanks for the richness of the Harvest as we
worship.
- 26 For those who farm the land and fish the seas for
our food.
- 27 Remember the long term unemployed and redundant
that they may have hope and dignity.
- 28 Pray for God's guidance at our Church Meeting.
- 29 For our new Church Secretary that he may have wis-
dom, patience & Christian love in the days to come.
- 30 That we may all accept a sense of humility each day
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THE LORD'S PRAYER (CALYPSO VERSION)

Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
Hallowed be Thy name.

On earth as it is in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Give us this day our daily bread
Hallowed be Thy name.

Forgive us all our trespasses
Hallowed be Thy name
As we forgive those who trespass against us
Hallowed be Thy name.

And lead us not into temptation
Hallowed be Thy name
But deliver us from evil
Hallowed be Thy name.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the
glory
Hallowed be Thy name
For ever and ever, for ever, Amen.
Hallowed be Thy name.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

Our Summer holiday period found us busy arranging a Craft/Bring and Buy Fair. This was a new venture for the Guild as we were uncertain quite how it would develop. However, we went forth in faith and the results proved rewarding in all ways. Our thanks to the Ladies who brought along their treasured arts and crafts for us to admire (such hidden talents we have amongst us) and not least to all those from the Church who came along to support us. The profit we made has gone to help swell the funds for our Projects, namely THE NIGHT SHELTER and SENSE.

On 29th June we entertained 90 Ladies from the Burnham 'Drop-in-Club' to tea. This proved quite a marathon task but, we all put our shoulders to the wheel and our hands to the pump, and a happy time of fellowship was had by all. Thanks to everyone who helped.

As you will know the Church 'called' a new Minister recently. We look forward to welcoming the Reverend Peter Heckels and his family to Goring this month and when they have settled in we hope they will come to visit the Guild one Tuesday afternoon. Meanwhile, we have an interesting programme arranged for our Autumn Session and our own Mrs. Robin Bradley has promised to speak to us at our first meeting on Tuesday SEPTEMBER 7th at 2.45pm.

We hold meetings fortnightly so, if you are free, do come and join us. You will be assured of a very warm welcome. Audrey Gerlach.

ABOUT-TURN BURGLAR.

'This extraordinary story was told by Dr. Bob Holman of the Church of England Children's Society.'

A young man burgled a house and later walked into a Dick Saunders' meeting. (Dick is an evangelist.) He was convicted of sin and then broke into the house again, this time it was to replace the money he had taken! Anon.

Contributed by Miss Phyllis Wheeler.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.**CORNWALL ROOM 8 PM.****ANY LADY IS VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US ON
ALTERNATE MONDAYS.**

Our Autumn programme commences on September 13th and we are to spend 'an evening with Eileen Fowler'. Do you remember her?. Come prepared - in comfortable exercise clothing - or just to sit and watch the rest of us participate. Either way it will be a good laugh!

At our last meeting in July we were sad to lose the services of our Secretary, Bobby Hitchin. She had given us three very good years and so had to stand down. I will miss her help and support. 'Thank you, Bobby, for all your hard work.' Unfortunately no one has been prepared to take on the job so far, so we will, for the time being, be minus a Secretary. Remember us in your prayers.

The Meeting on September 27th is for the Members to show and talk about their favourite holiday souvenirs.

Hope to see you there. Doreen Norris.

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JUST A THOUGHT.

'It's my opinion that 5 minutes on your knees with God, in complete sincerity, will get you closer to the Lord and closer to the truth than all the discussion papers in the world. The farther we get from repentance, the more we run to panel groups and discussions.'

A. W. Tozer.

(Do you agree?) Contributed by Phyllis Wheeler.

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WORTHING STROKE CLUB. KESTRO.

After 7 months of our 12th year of existence we can look back to January 29th when we had our 11th birthday. Good food and pleasant entertainment was had by all members and friends on that occasion.

March 19th we had an ALL DAY meeting when some of us produced a very tasty lunch which was much appreciated. As is usual on these 'special' days we were able to purchase some nice clothes at very reasonable prices from Jills Fashions from Brighton.

June 4th was Bring and Buy Day. One had to look out in case one purchased what one had brought, by mistake.

On May 14th we went by coach to Wakehurst Place, on June 11th to Exbury Gardens, and on July 10th to Drusilla's Zoo near Alfriston. Although the weather could have been better on each of these outings it did not dampen our spirits and we all enjoyed ourselves immensely.

'Call my Bluff' in May had two teams telling us the biggest 'whoppers' imaginable. Those who lied best (or worst) got a bar of chocolate as a reward. Makes you think, doesn't it?

As I end this report I can hear Lily's dulcet call of 'Raffle' ringing in my ears. She produces, week after week, with the help of others, some lovely prizes. Long may she continue. Eileen M. Slatter.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT MONEY WILL BUY:-

A bed, but not sleep?

Books, but not brains?

Finery, but not beauty?

Food, but not an appetite?

A house, but not a home?

Luxuries, but not culture?

Amusement, but not happiness?

A Church, but not heaven?

It is better to have your bank in heaven, than to have your heaven in a bank?

Money is a good servant but a poor master?

It's a fact that this was left in my box anonymously. I thought you might like to read it. Ed.

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**AUTUMN MARKET 23.10.93. FROM 2pm to 5pm
IN THE CHURCH HALLS.**

Please ~~make~~ a note in your diaries and on your calendars that there will be a Meeting to finalise the details for the above on THURSDAY 2nd September at 7.30 pm in the Harris Room. Boxes are available in the Church Vestibule for your donations to the Stalls. If you could mark for which Stall the item is intended it will be a help. Inside this edition of the Chronicle is a leaflet containing details of some of the competitions. We hope many of you will take part. There will be others going on during the afternoon.

Sheila Gooderham.

HANDKERCHIEF GIRL.

My daughter, SUSAN EAMES, is going to be the HANDKERCHIEF GIRL again, at the Market.

Anyone kindly donating handkerchiefs will they please hand them to me or leave in the Church vestibule where I will collect them.

MRS. DAPHNE EAMES. 268489.

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'WOBBLE TOY SHOP.'

The ARK and JUNIOR CHURCH will be organising a TOY STALL at the above. We would welcome children's gifts and good-as-new TOYS for the STALL. A box is placed in the vestibule on SUNDAY MORNINGS to receive your TOYS NOW!! Thanking you in anticipation of your generous support. We look forward to a happy afternoon of fun and fellowship. If you would like more details please contact

IRENE DEARSLEY on 690996 or VAL GILL on 267655

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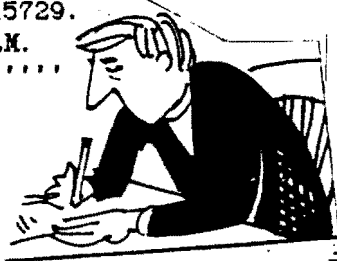
'ALL GOOD GIFTS STALL'**MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.**

Just a gentle reminder that we would be grateful for any donations of things to sell. Even if you don't knit or sew I'm sure you have an unwanted gift tucked away somewhere. Please look it out NOW!

RE AUGUST CHRONICLE.

Has anyone anything to say about the superb articles sent in to this magazine, especially the two items from Shelley Road URC 'The Outlook'? You can contact Hazel and Ron Lee direct on 215729.

200 Chronicles were issued.LM.



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TESTIMONIAL.

JOHN ROBSON 'ROBBIE' TURTON.

On Wednesday 4th August 'Robbie' Turton died aged 89. I had not known him for very many years, but he and his wife, Vi, were in my area when I became a Church visitor. They both were living examples of the Christian faith and after Vi died, and 'Robbie' went to live at Irene House, his faith was stronger than ever.

We also had a common interest in choral music and he was very modest about his own great musical gifts. He could pick up an orchestral, or choral score, and read it as we do the written word, and he could hear all the sounds in his head as the composer wrote them. He had a deep and resonant base voice and sang in many competitions, and as a soloist in choirs, not only here in Worthing, but in other places, too. In Bouchart Gardens on Vancouver Island was one. Some of us joined with him last Christmas to enable him to conduct an evening of carol singing with the residents of Irene House, and he never ceased to be grateful for the opportunity to conduct once more.

It was always a great joy and pleasure for me to visit him and, although he expressed his pleasure at seeing me, I always felt very blessed in spending time with him. His sense of humour, his love of music, his deep faith and his love for his Lord will be how I remember him.

Sheila Gooderham.

HARVEST SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26th.

Once again I've approached the various Organisations and all're happy to help decorate our Church for Harvest. If any of you're willing and able to help deliver the gifts on Monday September 27th, and can let me know beforehand, I'd be very grateful. The Theme this year is 'ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL', and I'm sure it all will be.

GIRLS' BRIGADE. All 8 shelves down sides of church
A R K. Shelf in vestibule nearest ladies' cloakroom.

BOYS' BRIGADE. Shelf in vestibule nearest gentlemen's cloakroom.

JUNIOR CHURCH. East transept.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP. Arrangement on pedestal in vestibule, plus help on Monday with packaging of gifts.

WOMEN'S GUILD. Flower arrangement on pedestal near lectern, the lectern, plus helping Monday morning with packaging of gifts.

KESTRO CLUB. Flower arrangement on pedestal near pulpit and the pulpit.

C H O I R. Flower arrangement on pedestal at back of choir, plus shelf above screen at back of choir.

COMMUNION LADIES Communion table.

PRAYER GROUPS. Little Chapel and surroundings.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Shelf above double glass doors at entrance of church (inside).

If you know of anyone willing to drive and distribute on Monday 27th please let me know.

All must be in place by Saturday 25th September at noon at the latest, and all Bills to me. No one must be out of pocket!

Whether you appeal for extra greenery etc, I leave to you. Not a lot should be needed with each group being responsible for it's own space. Oasis will be provided as I can buy in bulk. I will be around until Sunday 26th, but leave for my holiday early on 27th!!! Not done on purpose, I can assure you. Bless you all. Jean Webb.

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MY COMMITTAL.

Take my heart, Lord, ~~make~~ it Thine.
Controlled alone, by Love divine!

Take my mind, Lord, set it free
To function, (as renewed), for Thee!

Take my will, Lord, ~~make~~ it Thine,
Let it be no longer mine!

Take my hands, Lord, let them be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee!

Take my feet, Lord, ~~may~~ they go
Thy way, Lord, while here below!

Take my lips, Lord, set Thy seal,
So shall they Thy love reveal!

Take my eyes, Lord, let them see
All beauty, Lord, alone in Thee!

Take my ears, Lord, ~~may~~ they hear
Thy voice of Love, as ever near!

Take my tongue, Lord, let it be
Used in praise, addressed to Thee!

A. Wheeler. Clacton-on-Sea 22.2.1950!



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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1993.

- 3 Fri Kestro re-starts at 1.30pm
- 4 Sat Torch Fellowship. St.Columba's URC. 2.30pm
- 5 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Rev.John Flack
Elders' Induction and Ordination
Junior Church Promotion Sunday
6.30 pm Mrs.Bobby Hitchin/Mr.Paul Archer
- 7 Tue Men's Fellowship/Women's Guild. 2.45pm
Girls' Brigade session starts 6.30pm
- 9 Thu Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 10.30 am
Praise & Prayer Meeting Little Chapel 2pm
District Council Meeting. Portslade
- 11 Sat Girls' Brigade Jumble Sale Church Hall. 2pm
- 12 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Rev.John Crocker
Mission Sunday
6.30 pm Rev. John Crocker
- 13 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Room. 8pm
- 14 Tue Bible Study 12 West Park Lane 2.30 pm
- 18 Sat Torch Fellowship. Durrington 2.30pm
Induction of Rev. Peter Heckels 3 pm
- 19 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Rev.Peter Heckels
6.30pm.Holy Communion/Healing Service
Rev. Peter Heckels
- 21 Tue Women's Guild/Men's Fellowship 2.45pm
- 23 Thu Praise & Prayer Meeting Little Chapel 2pm
Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm
- 24 Fri Decorating Church for Harvest Festival
- 25 Sat Decorating Church for Harvest Festival
and receiving gifts of fruit and flowers
- 26 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Harvest Festival
Rev. Peter Heckels
6.30 pm Rev. Peter Heckels
- 27 Mon Distribution of Harvest Festival gifts 10.am
Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Room. 8pm
- 28 Tue Bible Study 12 West Park Lane. 2.30pm
- 30 Thu Church Meeting 7.30 pm

OCT 23 AUTUMN MARKET CHURCH HALLS 2 - 5 pm

SEPTEMBER PREACHERS.

5	11 am	Rev. John Flack
	6.30 pm	Mrs. Bobby Hitchin/Mr. Paul Archer
12	11 am	Rev. John Crocker
	6.30 pm	Rev. John Crocker
19	11 am	Rev. Peter Heckels
	6.30 pm	Rev. Peter Heckels
26	11 am	Rev. Peter Heckels
	6.30 pm	Rev. Peter Heckels

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.

Our Church premises are in urgent need of a thorough Spring Clean. The work is in addition to that undertaken by the cleaners every week. We are seeking volunteers from Organisations or Individuals to clean specific parts of our Church. For example, the Stewardship Committee will clean the Harris Room.

Other areas needing attention are:-

CLOAKROOMS. KITCHENS. CHURCH HALL. CORNWALL ROOM. EAST AND WEST HALLS. VESTRY AND PASSAGES. INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF ALL WINDOWS. HYMN BOOK RACKS IN THE CHURCH. TRANSEPTS.

The Spring Clean will take place on Saturday 4th SEPTEMBER commencing at 10am. Please bring your own cleaning materials as the Church has only a limited number of brooms, buckets, polishes, cloths etc.

Even if you can only stay for a short time carrying out cleaning your help will be much appreciated.

As members will know the stacking chairs in the Church Hall are old and in danger of collapse. Accidents are occurring on a regular basis and replacement is essential to prevent people being injured.

The Church Meeting has given authority for 80 new chairs to be purchased at a cost not exceeding £1100. Any donations to help the Church defray some or all of the cost should be given to the Treasurer. Members assistance in this matter will be very much appreciated.

Colin Nodes. Co-Chairman.

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'THE GOOD OLD DAYS.'

We met, we married, a long time ago.
He worked for long hours, and wages were low.
No telly, no radio, no bath; times were hard.
No holidays abroad, no carpets on floors.
We had coal on the fire. We never locked doors.
Just a cold water tap, and a walk up the yard.
Our children arrived - no pill in those days.
And we brought them up without State aid.
No valium, no drugs, no L.S.D.
We cured our pains with a good cup of tea.
If you were sick you were treated at once.
Not fill in a form and come back next month.
No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob.
In fact, you were rich with a couple of bob.
People were happier in those far-off days.
Kinder, and caring, in so many ways.
Milkmen and paper boys would whistle and sing.
And a night at the flicks was a wonderful thing.
Oh, we had our share of troubles and strife.
But we had to face it, that was life.
But now I'm alone and look back through the years,
I don't think of bad times, the trouble and tears.
I remember the blessings of our home, and love.
We shared them together, I thank God and my dove.

P. John George, Sec. & PRO. Burma Star Asscn. Wthg.



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Please place material in box in Church vestibule
or through letter box of Hayward House.
2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing.

When offering Contributions please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. Thank you. Editor.

We have a great need for another helper in our creche when we start back THIS MONTH. We meet on alternate Friday mornings between 10 o'clock and 12.

If you feel God is calling you to serve Him in this way please get in touch with either Liz Stilwell 504359 or Jenny Merritt 262609.

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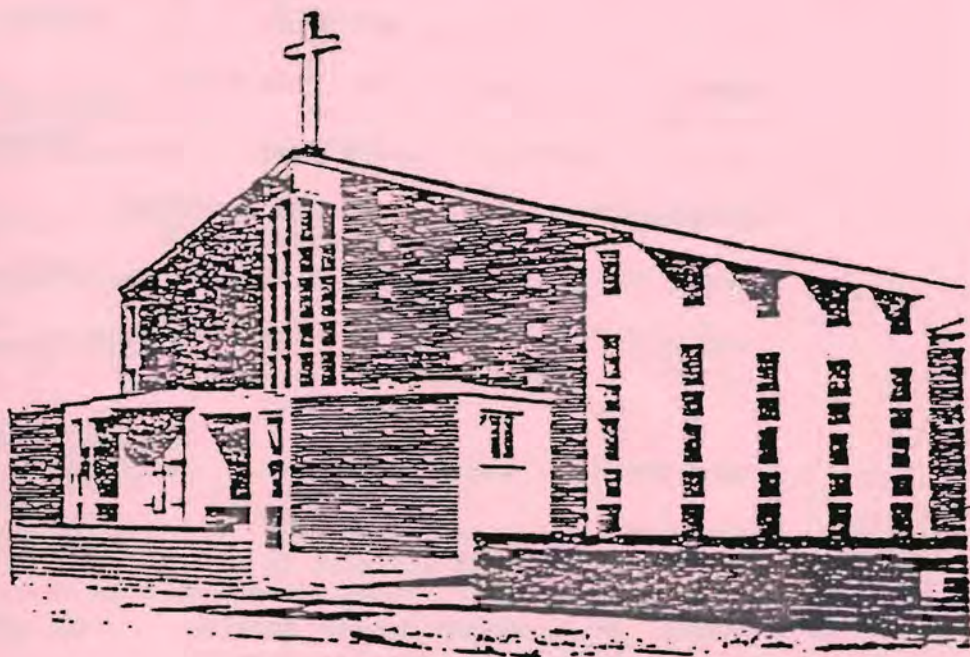
This Group re-starts on Tuesday September 14th at 2.30 pm. We welcome anyone who enjoys learning more with us from God's word. If transport is a problem we will try to help. Our Transport Officer is on the last page of this Chronicle or you can obtain further information from Bobby Hitchin 249580.

Peace to you,
We bless you now in the name of the Lord,
Peace to you.
We bless you now in the name of the Prince of Peace.
Peace to you

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GORING
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SHAFTESBURY AVENUE - WEST WORTHING

25 PENCE

Dear Friends,

In many ways the first letter to any church is probably the most difficult as you don't know the people to whom you are writing. Yet we must start somewhere and so may we begin by saying 'thank you' to all who have made us feel so welcome, to the people who have sent us cards, those who have made us feel welcome when we have met them, and thank you for the support which helped us through our interim move.

So far neither of us really feel that we have seen much beyond packing cases and unpacking. However, by the time you read this our moving should be over and it will be time to start some work for me at least. We are hoping to visit every member of the congregation in the near future in order to work out our visiting rota; if, however, you feel we are taking too long to visit a particular member who has a need please do not hesitate to let us know as, at this stage, we are very much in your hands in knowing the needs of various people. Apart from knowing the needs of people there is also the problem of simply knowing the people when you first move. If you see either of us, or both of us, out walking or shopping please stop us and make yourself known. You have only two faces to remember - a much easier task than we have.

Finally, can I say that once I start work I shall try to get into some routine which means I shall be in the study most mornings, which is probably the best time to contact me. However, please feel free to contact us at any time if you think we can help you or someone you know - we would rather hear ten times of someone who needs a visit than not hear at all.

Please remember our family in your prayers as we start our work among you.

Your Servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels.

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A REPORT ON THE INDUCTION OF REV. PETER HECKELS 18th SEPTEMBER 1993.

Today our prayers were answered! Rev. Peter Heckels was inducted as our Minister. Many of his family and friends from Sawston joined us at this happy event. The Service was conducted by Rev. David Helyar, Moderator of the Southern Province.

The Service started with the Call to Worship. We then sang 'To God be the Glory.'. After prayers and Bible Reading 2 Peter ch 1 vv 1/15, read by Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley, we heard an amusing sermon by Rev. Peter McIntosh, Minister of Portslade and Hounsom Memorial U.R.Cs. and a good friend of Peter's. He spoke of the three Peters. The First being Peter Heckels, the Second was the Bible reading 2 Peter, and the Third one being Peter himself.

After singing 'Put Peace into each other's Hands' by Fred Kaan, a presentation was given of Rev. Peter Heckels by Mrs. Elsie Flack, our Interim Moderator.

Statements were then given by Rev. David Helyar, Mr. Wilfred Rhodes on behalf of the Church, and by Rev. Peter Heckels. There then followed a statement of faith by the President of the District, Rev. Roy Parkington with responses by the Congregation.

The Affirmation was taken by Rev. Peter Heckels and then by the Congregation.

We sang 'O Lord as your love fills my heart.', written by Mrs. Eileen Heckels.

Prayers of intercession were led by Rev. John and Mrs. Elsie Flack.

The final hymn, 'There's a sound on the wind.', followed by a Blessing and Grace by Peter.

The Organist, Jonathan Ericson, finished with a voluntary. Toccata - Widor

After the Service all the family and friends joined together in the Halls for tea to end a wonderful day that was truly blessed and that none of us will ever forget.

Chris Sharpe. Publicity Officer.

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STEPTON'S

With a title like that the Boys' Brigade stall will accept and sell everything imaginable (within reason). Even though our horse 'Hercules' has passed on we are still able to collect any articles you care to donate. If you have anything to sell on a commission basis please let us know.

Empty that LOFT, clear out that GARAGE. turn out that CUPBOARD. We are at your service.

Steptoe and Staff.

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AUTUMN MARKET 23rd OCTOBER 2 - 5 pm.

All the arrangements for the Market have now been finalised. All we need now is a fine afternoon with plenty of people coming and that includes YOU! The proceeds from the Market will be shared between the Church Funds, to help replenish our reserves following the ⁵⁰⁰purchase of the New Manse, and Worthing's Night Shelter for the Homeless.

The event will be opened by Mrs. Elsie Black.

The Market has been planned as a Shopping Mall - all under cover - and the Stalls are as follows:-

In the Cornwall Room known as Cornwall Alley:

STEPTOR'S - Boys' Brigade, Bric-a-Brac. Books etc. Don Stewart.

BILL AND BEN - Men's Fellowship, Plants and Produce. Alex Blackford.

In the East Hall known as East Hall Court:

The Amusement Arcade - Youth Service. Julie Ward.

In the West Hall known as West Hall Way:

POPPY'S PANTRY - Refreshments. Robin Bradley.

In the Main Hall known as Big Hall Lane:

THE FLOWER BASKET - Flower Ladies - Baskets of dried flowers. Jean Webb.

KEYNOTES SUPER STORE - Choir - as a General Store selling all things not included on the other stalls. Bobby Hitchin.

ALL GOOD GIFTS - Monday Evening Fellowship. Hand made items and new goods for presents - Doreen Morris.

THE WOBBLY TOY SHOP - Junior Church and the Ark. Toys and Games. Irene Dearsley/Val Gill.

FLOUR POWER - Women's Guild. Cakes, etc. Lily Collison.

RUB AND SCRUB - Girls' Brigade. Toiletries. Margaret Craghill.

The photographic and flower arranging competitions will be displayed in the Harris Room and the vegetable modelling, Thanksgiving prayer, rap or poem will be in the West Hall. Other competitions will be on-going in the Halls.

Boxes have been placed in the Church vestibule for your contributions and, if possible, should be marked with the name of the Stalls for which they are intended.

Please come and support our Church and Church Organisations who have been working extremely hard to stock the Stalls and make this Market a social and financial success, and bring your friends.

If you have any queries please contact the stall representative or myself.

Sheila Gonderham. W.506452.

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BARN DANCE SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER at 7.30pm.

Please note the date of the next Social event which is the Barn Dance which will be held in the Large Church Hall. The Caller will be Mr. Brian Holland. The tickets are priced at £2 each, to include a Ploughman's Supper plus coffee/tea. Soft drinks will be available during the whole evening - donations gratefully received. Barn Dancing is thirsty work! Tickets are available from me and must be bought BEFORE the event to assist with the catering. Please do come and bring your friends and enjoy a pleasant evening. Numbers will be limited!!

Sheila Gonderham. W.506452.

HARVEST SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26th.

Thank you so very much to all who helped to make our Church look so beautiful for Harvest Thanksgiving. Being able to see it all before I headed off to Italy was lovely. Thanks, also, to all those who helped pack and distribute gifts on the Monday following.

Bless you all. Jean Webb. Flower Secretary.

THE PRAYER OF A WEALTHY MAN.

BY PERMISSION OF DR. PAULINE WEBB.

P.K.C. D. THOM.

Grant, O Lord, that I who have never known an empty stomach may ever remember those who have never known a full one; that I who have never known poverty may never forget those who have never known anything else; that I who have never known extreme cold may remember those who have never known warmth; above all that I to whom so much has been given may ever remember those who have so little, and that remembering these things I may ever seek to minister to their needs, in every way I can, and all for Thy Love's sake.

The author Nadir Dinshaw. With his permission.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

The weather was good, the Boys were well behaved, the site was ideal, the Officers managed to get some sleep and so our August Bank Holiday week-end camp was quite a success! It was held in a field behind Washington Village Hall where we have camped on and off for many a year, courtesy of Mr. Riddell, a local farmer. The programme included a visit to Amberley Chalk Pits Museum where the Boys enjoyed themselves immensely. Of course, things not planned had to happen. Mark Byerley slipped over on some gravel in the car park and damaged his face and knees. Our ministrations were not quite sufficient so he had a trip to hospital. He returned some time later with his knees profusely bandaged which gave us a bit of a giggle as he looked like a young racehorse - even Mark laughed!!

We did not forget our Boys' Brigade object of advancing Christ's Kingdom amongst Boys, and we enjoyed discussing things that matter to enquiring minds typical of Boys.

Thank you to the Byerley family for organizing the games and our camp fire barbecue. Thank you to Sue, Malcolm, Paul and Simon Nicholls for organizing the camp. Thank you to Brian, Colin, Jean Easey and Chris for putting up and taking down of the tents, etc. Thank you, Ken Irving, for paying us a visit.

Church Parade October 10th at 11 am.

Don Stewart. Captain.

JUNIOR CHURCH

The CRECHE, though small, is run on a rota system, and we are grateful to all who already take part in this, and would welcome others.

Irene Dearsley. Leader of Junior Church.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

We are in the throes of a very busy session which started last month with our Jumble Sale. Thank you to everyone who supported us and helped to raise £235.15

We have THREE MAIN EVENTS this term the first of which is CHURCH PARADE on October 10th. We hope you will be able to join us for a time of fellowship and praise. After the Service we will be serving coffee in the Main Hall and it would be lovely to meet you. We will also have an exhibition in the East Transcept showing 40 YEARS OF 5th WORTHING COMPANY. Please have a browse and see if you recognise any of the 'old' faces. That same afternoon of October 10th the Girls will be able to join in a Thanksgiving Service for Centenary Year at Steyne Gardens Methodist Church, after marching through our town. The Service starts at 2.30 pm

The other two Events are the DISTRICT DISPLAY at the Assembly Hall, Worthing, on November 20th, and our own COMPANY DISPLAY in December. The EXPLORERS have been making a joyful noise practising for these three occasions with their band and singing choruses.

Last month our Company also participated in a District Event; they all had great fun with their own 'It's a Knockout' tournament in Horsham.

Please do not forget our love and care scheme; if you know of someone celebrating a happy occasion, or if you think someone would appreciate a card in a time of need please let us know.

Also we are in charge of the RUB AND SCRUB stall for the Autumn Market on 23rd October. We would be grateful for any donations of toiletries please.

We especially need your prayers for this busy session.

Alison Baldwin. Lieutenant.
Explorer Leader.

100 MIXED DAFFODIL BULBS	£5.50
120 MIXED BULBS	£5.50

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Oct. 5. We join the Women's Guild at their Anniversary Service at 2.45pm

Oct. 19 Misses M. and P. Featherston will tell us about the United Nations at 2.45 pm.

Our Member, Mr. Don Stewart, gave us a very interesting talk on his recent visit to India.

He had served in H.M. Armed Forces in India during the 1939/45 war, and he was able to fulfill a 50 year promise to return, and visit the Taj Mahal.

He showed us a video on life in that huge Continent. The masses of people put up with an appalling way of life in the hope of being reincarnated into a higher caste.

We hope our Members enjoyed the summer recess and that Mr. Ron Pownall and Mr. Sidney Hider are now better.

We share the Cornwall Room with the Boys' Brigade for the AUTUMN MARKET. Please bring your contributions by 10 am on 23rd OCTOBER. Mr. Charles Taylor will receive them and give advice.

We give a warm welcome to any male person who is free on a Tuesday afternoon to join us at 2.45pm

We have only one rule - Be Friendly.

Alex Blackford, Secretary

BIBLR STUDY GROUP.

12 WEST PARK LANE. GORING.

This Group meets on Tuesdays 12th & 26th October at 2.30 pm. We welcome anyone who enjoys learning more with us from God's word. If transport is a problem we will try to help. Our Transport Officer is on the last page of this Chronicle or you can obtain further information from Bobby Hitchin 249580.

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WORTHING STROKE CLUB. KESTRO.

KESTRO CLUB FIXTURES.

Oct. 1 'I remember' talk by Members.

Oct. 8 Wordsearch.

Oct. 15 Q U I Z.

Oct. 22 Talk by Thelma 137 on the work of
The Samaritans.

Oct. 29 Painting afternoon.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

Members turned up in force for the first meeting of our Autumn session on 7th September. Mrs. Robin Bradley was our Speaker and she kept us entertained as she regaled us with stories of her experiences as a nurse/health visitor when she visited some of the poorer London homes during the late forties/early fifties. Pre and early National Health days. How quickly we take for granted all the modern facilities and advantages.

She told us that it was during these years that she learnt to love the Lord and from there to love her fellow man and woman. A love which shows as Robin works so hard in her quiet way for our Church in Goring.

We hold meetings fortnightly so, if you are free, do come and join us. You will be assured of a very warm welcome. Audrey Gerlach.

Oct 5th the Men's Fellowship join us for our Anniversary Service. Guest Mrs. Elsie Flack
Oct 19th Mr. Hobbs - Post Office Services

Both meetings in Church Hall at 2.45pm.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

CORNWALL ROOM 8 PM.

ANY LADY IS VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US ON
ALTERNATE MONDAYS.

For the time being we are minus a Secretary. Remember us in your prayers.

Oct 11th 'Magistrate' Daphne Hearne.

Oct 25th Bring and Buy etc.,

Hope to see you there. Doreen Norris.

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SAILING WEEK-END.

Sailing Camp - it seems a long time ago now - but it was a good week-end. The weather was really good, but not for sailing, because there was very little wind. We all made some new friends who we shared fellowship with, both on the Saturday and Sunday evenings when we had Services. Everybody had a good time, even although during the day our feet were continually in about four inches of freezing cold water, and at night we didn't have a lot of sleep.

Lesley Smith.

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NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.**DEATH.**

Miss June (Liz) Dyer on September 2nd..
 REST IN PEACE.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mr. John and Mrs. Alison Gordon now live at :-
 26 CORNBROOK GROVE. OLD TRAFFORD, MANCHESTER.
 M16 7PQ 2.9.93.

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CONGRATULATIONS.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 26th OCTOBER 1968/1993.

Richard and Irene TULEY

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 23rd OCTOBER 1943/1993.

Sidney and Audrey HIDER.

On passing his examination in Economics and
 Accountancy

Marcus ARCHER. B.Sc.

On obtaining a Beauty Therapist Diploma at Northbrook
 College. Broadwater. after 1 year's Intensive Course -

Ms. Alison CAPPELLA. W.S.B.T.H.

And for obtaining a Diploma in Caring (Nursery Nursing)
 Miss Denise Elliott. BTRC.

APPRECIATION.

LIZ (JUNE) DYER.

Liz (June) Dyer was called from death to life above on September 2nd.

Many in this Church have prayed for her over the years for which she was always grateful, as by God's grace and strength she courageously bore much suffering and pain. She was a very special lady.

Although confined bodily to four walls or a hospital bed her life touched and blessed so many people in all walks of life. All who knew her loved her and were inspired by her faith and love for her Lord, Jesus Christ, which radiated through her.

We give thanks to God for the privilege of being her friends.

The Tuley family.

IN MEMORY OF LIZ.

No more confined to bed or chair
accepting - with a courage rare
so many ills - it seemed unfair
for one who had been once so fair.
Yet always ready with a smile
for any who would stay a while,
content to listen - never speak
an unkind word - forever meek.
And did you know who were so brave
how much to each of us you gave?
Free now at last to dance and sing
eternal praises to her King.
Rejoice with me with one accord
for one now dwelling with her Lord.

Robin Bradley.

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THANKS.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way with the tea following the Induction Service of Rev. Peter Heckels on September 18th

For those who baked, and gave so generously. For those who prepared, served or washed up.

Thank you all.

Any food left at the end of the day was taken to the WORTHING NIGHT SHELTER.

Every Blessing.

Robin Bradley.

When sometimes having cause to come to the Church premises during the week I more often than not find 'not so young' members quietly and unobtrusively giving of their time and energy in gardening, painting, fixing and repairing. This helps so much in cutting down on Church expenses. How lovely the garden has looked this summer!

The Church Banner is looking so fresh and clean now after being marked by mildew and dampness. This is due to the caring work of members.

Every month we look forward to The Chronicle which is so well compiled and printed by our editor and his helpers. Also we must not forget our friends who faithfully type and print 'WELCOME' week by week.

Our grateful appreciation and thanks go to those concerned in the smooth running of our Church during this interregnum period.

Thank you all. Rosemary C. Evans. Sept. 93.

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FROM A FRIEND WE HAVE MISSED.

It is good to feel fit once again and for that I give thanks to God for His goodness to me, and to you for your love and prayers on my behalf. Your flowers, cards and friendly visits cheered me so much while in hospital. Thank you every one. Do Goodchild.

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OVERSEAS PRAYER Calendar

SUN COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION Pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit in giving strength and guidance to the pastors of the Churches of Christ in Malawi and also for the same guidance to the leaders and congregations in the life and work of the Church of North India.

MON THE BIBLE SOCIETY Give thanks for the new Danish Bible (the first new translation for 250 years) Pray for its wide distribution and that it may be a blessing to all who read it. Praise God for a growing interest in the Bible in Norway especially among young people.

TUE RUSSIA Eurovangelism has been invited to produce a series on the life of Jesus for Russian TV with total freedom to make it directly evangelistic. The prime time transmission on the national network is being provided free! This opportunity provided by the Lord may be unrepeatable. Please praise and pray.

WED IRAQ Pray for the people who continue to live in terror and poverty. Pray also for the safety of Christians especially those in the govt. who have been arrested, included one of Saddam Hussein's family. Let us remember those who share and those who receive the love of Jesus among these people.

THU FEBA RADIO Pray for Stewart, Alison, Claire and Jonathan Pepper. As director in Seychelles Stewart's demanding role includes leading 50 national and 20 expatriate workers keeping the Gospel message and Christian issues on the air through 460 programmes every week in 39 languages. Alison also assists.

FRI BANGLADESH Pray for our fellow Christians in this country. Poverty, recurring floods and also drought plagues them. But the church still spreads the good news of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Pray for the unity of the church that misunderstanding may be solved and leaders reconciled.

SAT CONGO Pray for Ruth Chatfield who was brought up in our church and whose mother is minister at Durrington LEP. Ruth has been accepted by Wycliffe Bible Translators and is preparing to go out to the Congo in the new year having raised enough support.

OCTOBER 1993 PRAYER CALENDAR.

- 1 Pray for the continued work of God in this Decade of
Evangelism.
- 2 For God's help as the URC seeks stronger links with
other European Churches.
- 3 That our worship is acceptable in the sight of God.
- 4 Give thanks for the new peace in the Middle East.
- 5 For dignity for the poorly paid overseas workers who
provide food and clothing for us.
- 6 For all our sick friends at home or in hospital.
- 7 For the education of third world mothers as they care
for their families, often in ignorance.
- 8 For the ministry of the URC and its witness.
- 9 Remember those responsible for Christian Education.
- 10 Pray for a special blessing on the GB Anniversary
Service.
- 11 Pray for the poor in urban and rural Britain that
they be liberated from the ties of poverty.
- 12 For a greater openness of mind towards Churches of
other faiths.
- 13 For an easing of racial tensions and violence.
- 14 Remember the Women's World Day of Prayer Area
Conference at Horsham.
- 15 Pray for the CPAS Ladies' Day Conference at
St. George's C of E Church, East Worthing.
- 16 For Bosnia, that there will be an end to the war and
suffering.
- 17 That our worship and healing ministry may be blessed
- 18 For the Church in South Africa as that country
lurches towards a multi-racial society.
- 19 For our Area Fellowship Groups.
- 20 Pray for our elected representatives on Worthing
Borough Council.
- 21 For the Elders meeting tonight.
- 22 Pray for the physically and mentally handicapped.
- 23 Pray for God's blessing on the success of our
Autumn Market.
- 24 That God's people everywhere be united through
worship.
- 25 Pray for the people of Malawi as they seek political
and social change in place of tyranny.
- 26 For our elderly, lonely and bereaved friends.
- 27 For a deeper knowledge of Holy Scripture.

I wonder how many of you grew up with 'God make my life a little light', learnt by heart as children? For me it laid it's foundation of Christian living, for in every verse there is some lesson Jesus taught us.

1. Cheerfulness as you live day by day.
2. Be content to do the daily tasks God asks of you however small, and do them cheerfully.
3. Use your talents to give pleasure and happiness to others.
4. Be ready to listen to, and help others always - all your neighbours.
5. Remember to praise and thank God daily for His many gifts to you.

How thankful I am for the teaching I received in Sunday School. Ethel Dearsley.

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FOR YOUR CALENDARS AND DIARIES LADIES!

THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER - AREA CONFERENCE.
FOR THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

THEME:- 'GO, SEE AND ACT'

Written by the Women of Jerusalem.

To be held at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HORSHAM

FROM 10am until 3.30 pm.

COST:- £1.50

Please bring a packed lunch.

FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER.

C. P. A. S. LADIES' DAY CONFERENCE.

THEME:- 'LIVING WITH PAIN.'

SPEAKER:- June Graysham - author.

To be held at ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

EAST WORTHING.

FROM 9.15am until 2.30pm.

COST:- £3.00

Please bring a packed lunch.

Further details and registration forms from

Irene Tuley.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUPS

DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY

Fortnightly - Monday - 8 p.m.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Fortnightly - 2nd. & 4th. Tuesday - 10.30 a.m.

DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY

Fortnightly - Tuesday - 2.30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Fortnightly - Wednesday - 7.30 p.m.

GROWING CHRISTIANS BIBLE STUDY

Fortnightly - Wednesday - 8 p.m.

MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETING

Fortnightly - Thursday - 2 p.m.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Fortnightly - Thursday - 2 p.m.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Fortnightly - 1st. & 3rd. Thursday - 8 p.m.

YOUNG MOTHERS BIBLE STUDY

Fortnightly - Friday - 10 a.m.

PRAYER MEETING

Weekly - Friday - 6 p.m.

DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY

Fortnightly - Friday - 8 p.m.

Geoffrey Dean

38 Trent Road

Jane Archer & Irene Tuley

Church, Harris Room

Bobby Hitchin

12 West Park Lane

Geoffrey Dean

38 Trent Road

Richard & Irene Tuley

25 Walton Close

Bobby Hitchin & Irene Tuley

Church, Side Chapel

Rosemary Kitto

73 Shelby Road

Charlie & Julie Ward

24 Raleigh Crescent

Jenny Merritt & Liz Stillwell

Church, Harris Room

Glen Dean & Irene Kitto

Church, Side Chapel

Paul Archer

176 Salvington Road

WORLD MISSION. EUROVANGELISM IN RUSSIA.

Eurovangelism has been invited to produce a series on the life of Jesus for Russian television with total freedom to make it as directly evangelistic as desired. The prime-time transmission on Russia's network is being provided free! The fact that Eurovangelism had already produced two widely-acclaimed programmes, at Christmas and Easter, brought this unique opportunity.

The Director, Dave Foster, is (or has been) in Israel with a TV crew and Russian presenter.

The idea for the 'Life of Jesus' series came from TATIANA TCHERNIAEVA, one of Russia's best-known TV presenters. From Communism she came to faith in Christ and now uses her professional skills and high-level contacts to communicate the reality of the Person who transformed her life.

The series will not be dramatised in the sense of using actors but more as a journey to places of significance (Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Jerusalem.) with commentary from the Gospels.

The National network claims viewing audiences in excess of 100,000,000 (One Hundred Million!). The potential is even greater when extended to 25,000,000 (25 Million) more Russians living in now-independent states of the former Soviet Union.

Previous programmes attracted requests for video versions to show in schools, hospitals, children's and old people's homes, prisons, etc. Video tapes of the new Series can be provided for similar use.

'Bibles International of Canada', working with the Russian Ministry of Education, on the Biblical content of the new curriculum being developed for schools, is interested in producing - at their expense - a booklet of the series which can be offered free of charge when it is shown.

The concept need not be confined to the Russian language. Interest has already been expressed in relation to Romanian TV, and then production will be such that for comparatively little extra expense it can go into any language.

This is not 'just another' project, but an unique - perhaps unrepeatable - opportunity to communicate a positive message to tens of millions of Russians. Eurovangelism is already demonstrating God's love in action through its humanitarian ministry in the country.

Now, with the help of Christians who care for their Spiritual welfare, they can discover the life-changing reality of One who 'when He saw the multitudes was moved with compassion' and responded to their need.

Eurovangelism. PO Box 50. Kingswood. Bristol. BS15 1EX
Condensed from an Eurovangelism report. Phyllis Wheeler.

WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE.

We warmly thank all who supported and helped at this event, especially Mrs. Bobby Hitchin and Mrs. Dorothy Miller who provided and prepared the TEA. The £160 raised is well on its way to the Church Of North India to help sustain their Youth Hostel and Trade School in the NICOBAR ISLANDS which lie in the Bay of Bengal about 850 miles east of Sri Lanka. More information about the project is on a CWM 'Second Mile Giving' leaflet on the Mission Notice Board in the Church Hall.

Sidney Hider. Secretary.

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COMMUNION SERVICES

'DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME'

8am Communion. There are regular communicants at this Service, and others find it an opportunity to come to Church on a Sunday when work or other reasons prevent their attendance at 11am or 6.30pm. The Thursday 10.30am Communion with prayers for healing and Gospel message will continue on the second Thursday in the month. The bringing of the Communion to anyone in their home, residential home, or nursing home, may be arranged on request.

Rev. Ron Christopher. Worthing 230330.

SNIPPETS FROM EVANGELISM TODAY.**SEPTEMBER 1993.**

The Bible Society has received an order for 50,000 New Testaments from the Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church in Cyprus. Executive secretary Jacob Yiacomou reckons it to be the most significant order in the history of the Bible Society.

Vic Jackopson spoke on 19th Sept at Upton Vale Church at a special Service organised for the Liberal Conference at Torquay.

BORIS YELTSIN REFUSES TO SIGN.

This is further to a report seen in May Chronicle.

A collective sigh of relief was heard around the Western world and from millions of Protestants in Russia when Boris Yeltsin refused to sign or veto the controversial amendments to the country's law on religious freedom of conscience.

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TEAR FUND CELEBRATES 25 YEARS,

Under the title 'GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION' special regional events will celebrate this anniversary. Guest speakers will be key Christian leaders and Tear Fund partners from around the world.

Some will be at ST. DAVID'S HALL, CARDIFF on 15th October. On 16th Oct MANCHESTER TRADE HALL. 30th Oct at 2.30 and 7.30 WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL. £5 ticket

The same slogan is for the Day of Prayer 31st Oct, and churches and individuals are urged to focus attention on world needs. Graham Kendrick's 'Beauty for Brokenness' is available, and a cassette tape by Cliff Richard 'A drop in the bucket'. Eight songs Cliff has written for Tear Fund over the years!

Cliff, Graham, Noel Tredinnick and the All Souls Orchestra will be heard in Songs of Praise on 31st October.

Tear Fund's Harvest material is based on the theme 'Harvest of Hope, Harvest of Peace' with materials that are useful at any time. They will be tremendous programmes, witnessing to God's love in action around this country and the world.

**INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION.
I.B.R.A. 1994.**

Would you like some help and encouragement with your daily Bible reading? Many of us do, and find the help we need in either of these 2 publications from the NATIONAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL. (NCEC)

WORDS FOR TODAY (Notes on Bible readings) is a 12 month Bible reading plan, informative and thought-provoking, designed to help you reflect, in the light of God's word, on your experience and the contemporary world.

LIGHT FOR OUR PATH is a 12-month reading plan with the Bible passage included, with inspiring comment for personal reflection. 'Quiet Moment' reading an aid to daily devotions.

Each costs only £3.25, remarkable value for a whole year's inspiration!

For many years Mrs. Betty Barnett has faithfully ordered and distributed these books, but for 1994 I will be doing it. An order for existing subscribers will be sent unless I hear to the contrary, but if more people are interested I would be pleased to increase the order and give more details. Jane Bond.

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**FRIDAY MORNING DISCIPLERSHIP GROUP
FOR YOUNG WUMS.**

We have a great need for another helper in our creche. We meet on alternate Friday mornings between 10 o'clock and 12.

If you feel God is calling you to serve Him in this way please get in touch with either Liz Stilwell 504359 or Jenny Merritt 262609. THANK YOU!!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the Spring Clean on Saturday 4th September. Our Church premises look really clean and bright. The event was so successful that another Spring Clean might be arranged in March or April 1994. We also wish to give thanks to Mr. Ken ARKINSTALL and Mr. Keith MERRITT who, with the aid of a Wifty Lift, replaced defective fluorescent light fittings and cleaned the panels on the ceiling of the Sanctuary.

QUINQUENNIAL SURVEY.

Works specified for Year 3 of the Survey have now been completed, and the Stewardship Committee are considering the repairs listed for Year 4. These repairs are as follows:-

1. Renew asphalt roof above school toilets (WORK ALREADY CARRIED OUT).

2. Investigate horizontal cracks on side wall of Church just below gutters. An examination by Colin Redman of Architects drawings or detailed investigation with an endoscope of the interior of the cavity wall.

Concrete eaves beam forms part of the main structure. This beam is rendered and finished with grit. Repair defective rendering in consultation with Colin Redman.

3. Provide hot water supply to Ladies' Cloakroom in Church Hall and Cornwall Room. Also the cloakroom in the East Hall.

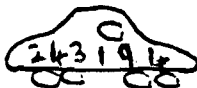
4. Service heating plant not attended to under Gas Board contract.

Members of the Committee will be repairing the defective panels either side of front doors of Church with UPVC boarding.

Colin Modes - Co-Chairman.

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TRANSPORT NEWS.



Are you a car driver? Have you a spare seat, and would you offer the occasional lift to someone in need of transport to our Church events like Sunday Services?

With your help we could make this possible.

If you can help or are in need of transport please contact me on 243194.

Bett Swierk. Transport Officer.

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE PRAYER GROUP.

Meets in our Church from 7.30 to 8.30pm OCT 5th

DURRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP.

Second Tuesday of each month. Little Chapel.

October 12th from 2pm to 2.45pm

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

Do not make for yourselves images of anything in heaven or on earth or in the water under the earth. Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, because I am the Lord your God and I tolerate no rivals. I bring punishment on those who hate me and on their descendants down to the third and fourth generation. But I show my love to thousands of generations of those who love me and obey my laws.

B O O K S.

May I remind you that to obtain discount for the Church on purchases from the Christian Book Centre, 11 Chatsworth Road, a book agent needs to be involved. These are Irene Tiley, Jenny Merritt, Jonathan Wetherell and myself.

The system is :-

1. You choose your goods.
2. Ask for purchases (at least £5) to be put aside for Goring URC'.
3. Tell one of us who will go and collect.

If the goods are paid for on collection the Church receives 12% discount, otherwise 10% if booked to our account.

We can also, of course, go and buy items from the CRC - books, cassettes, (audio and visual) for you.

By the way, you may find a book you wish to read in our Church Library which is situated in the east Transept (near the organ). Additions are often made - so keep looking!

At this time of year I also take orders for Christmas Cards. Sample boxes, from which you may make your choice, are also in the east Transept. Ron Jordan.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER.

God make us a family
 We need one another
 We love one another
 We forgive one another
 We work together
 We worship together
 Together we use God's word
 Together we grow in Christ
 Together we love all men
 Together we serve God
 Together we hope for Heaven
 These are our hopes and ideals
 Help us to attain them O God
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Published by Tim Tiley Ltd. (Lily Collison)

A LETTER OF FRIENDSHIP.

Dear friends, Warm greetings to you all from Manchester, and it is a different part of Manchester. We have now moved to Old Trafford into a house which Northern College has just bought to rent out to married students.

Alison started her course at the University Hospital on 6th Sept, armed with paper and pens, dental uniform and fob watch! I finished my church placement at Hulme URC by conducting Holy Communion with Rev. Brian Harris. Brian is the new Minister at Hulme and Chorlton Road URC.

College started back on 20th Sept with a theological theme week on the doctrine of humanity. The University courses begin in Oct. Hopefully by then the new rules will be changed. The new proposed rules on course requirements will increase my work load to unrealistic levels.

At the end of Sept there was a Service of Recognition at St. Peter's Chaplaincy at the University. The purpose of the Service was to say thank you to Jack McKelvey and Roger Tones for their ministry at Northern College & to welcome David Peel as the new Principal and three new members of staff.

Alison and I enjoyed seeing you all in August and were greatly encouraged by all your prayers and support. We pray that God will richly bless you all when Peter Heckels comes to serve in Goring and you begin a new ministry together.

With every blessing. John and Alison Gordon.

LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH.

Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through letter box of Hayward House.

2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Wokingham.

Please note the Chronicle may be full up by then so do not leave material until the last day. Editor.

When offering Contributions please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. Thank you. Editor.

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SUNDRIES AND SNIPPETS AND LETTERS.

A small boy, writing out the Lord's Prayer, wrote:-
'Give us this day our day in bed'.

I'm sure we all know the feeling!

There are millions of stars in the galaxy, most of them just known to astronomers by their coded numbers. But God brings out the starry host one by one and calls them each by name.

Isaiah ch 40 v 26. GNR.

Look up at the sky!

Who created the stars you see?

The One who leads them out like an army;

He knows how many there are

and calls each one by name!

His power is so great --

not one of them is ever missing!

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It is a great pity that the last verse of the hymn beginning 'May the mind of Christ my Saviour' has been omitted from Mission Praise hymn book 463.

Perhaps you would like to read what it is.

May His beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win;
and may they forget the channel
seeing only Him.

Kate R. Wilkinson.

Phyllis Wheeler.

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BIBLE SOCIETY.

DURING THE COMING MONTHS PLEASE PRAY FOR Miss Mary Aguilera, General Secretary of the Bible Society of Ecuador, and her fellow workers in the Bible cause. Praise God for their commitment to making the Scriptures more widely available in Ecuador, and do pray that they will continue to know the joy and peace of the Lord in their work.

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OCTOBER EVENING. BY D. R. BULSTRODE.

The chestnut leaves are tanner's brown,
the willow lemon green,
and over all the close-cropped grass
the mist has shed a sheen.

The distant hills have faded out
into the haze afar.
The crescent moon has donned a veil
which covers every star.

A single note from out a brake
must be a lone bird's call:
No answer comes; yet still he chirps
a melancholy call.

The fresh-tilled fields are darkly trim;
most hedges clipped and neat.
Each season has it's beauty sole
to make the year complete!

The Autumn scents and colours fill
October's short'ning days
with harvest-home and ripened fruits
should merit heartfelt praise.

GREENBELT 1993.

This year 14 people from G.U.R.C. went to enjoy another Greenbelt.

We set off in the cold and wet weather, but after a few days the weather warmed up. We went to lots of concerts and saw some singers, such as Cliff Richard, Iona Dezrez, Martin Josiph and loads of others. We also enjoyed going around the fringe together, where nearly everything was hand-made.

We enjoyed a very good time together praising and worshipping God. We sang songs in a Morning Service. We all enjoyed this time together as we got to know each other better. Ine Martin and Tanya Close.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1993.

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- 1 Fri Keston 1.30pm
- 2 Sat Torch Fellowship. St. Columba's URC. 2.30pm
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- 3 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Divine Worship/
Holy Communion.
6.30 pm Evening Service
- 5 Tue Men's Fellowship/Women's Guild. 2.45pm
Area Fellowship Group. 15 Harvey Rd. 7.30 pm
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- 7 Thu Praise and Prayer Meeting Little/Chapel 2 pm.
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- 10 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Parade Service.
6.30 pm Evening Service.
- 11 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship 8 pm Cornwall Room
'Magistrate' Daphne Hearne
- 12 Tue Bible Study. 12 West Park Lane. 2.30 pm.
- 14 Thu Monthly Prayer with Holy Communion. 10.30 am.
- 16 Sat Torch Fellowship. Durrington 2.30pm
Cradle Roll Supper Church Hall 7.15pm
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- 17 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Divine Worship.
6.30 pm. Holy Communion/Healing Service
- 19 Tue Women's Guild/Men's Fellowship 2.45pm
- 21 Thu Praise & Prayer Meeting Little Chapel 2pm
Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm
- 23 Sat AUTUMN MARKET TO BE OPENED BY MRS. E. FLACK.
AT 2pm in CHURCH HALLS.
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- 24 Sun British Summer Time Ends. United Nations Day.
8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Divine Worship
6.30 pm Evening Service.
- 25 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Room. 8pm
Bring and Buy etc., Sale.
- 26 Tue Bible Study 12 West Park Lane. 2.30 pm
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- 28 Thu Church Meeting 7.30 pm
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- 31 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Divine Worship.
6.30 pm Evening Service.
BRC Songs of Praise Tear Fund 25th Anniversary.
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The CHRONICLE

We saw his star
in the East
and are come to
worship him
Matt 2 v2



Goring United Reformed Church
Shaftesbury Ave W Worthing 25p

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1993.

2 Thu Praise and Prayer Meeting Little Chapel 2 p.m.

4 Sat Torch Fellowship. St.Columba's URC. 2.30p.m.

5 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Holy Communion.

6.30 pm Evening Service

6 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship Cornwall Room 8 p.m

7 Tue Durrington High School Prayer Group

Little Chapel. 2 to 2.45 p.m.

Bible Study 12 West Park Lane. 2.30 p.m.

Sixth Form College Prayer Group 7.30 to 8.30 pm.

9 Thu Monthly Prayer with Holy Communion. 10.30 am.

Elders' Meeting 7.30 p.m.

11 Sat Service of Carol Singing in the morning

Torch Fellowship, Durrington. 2.30 p.m.

Girls' Brigade Awards Evening & Display.

John Selden School, Nelson Road, Worthing. 6.30pm

12 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Parade Service

6.30 pm Evening Service.

14 Tue Men's Fellowship/Women's Guild Mtgs. 2.45 pm

16 Thu Praise and Prayer Meeting Little Chapel 2 p.m.

18 Sat Service of Carol Singing in the morning

19 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am ~~Parade Service~~.

Junior Church & Youth Service lead us in Worship

6.30 pm. Holy Communion/Healing Service

20 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship Cornwall Room 8 p.m.

21 Tue Bible Study 12 West Park Lane. 2.30 p.m.

22 Wed A.D.A. Meeting. Church Halls 2.15 p.m.

24 Fri 5.30 p.m. Family Carol Service.

11.30 p.m. Watchnight Service.

25 Sat 10.30 to 11.15 a.m. Christmas Service.

26 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Family Communion.

6.30 pm No Evening Service.

Jan 1st 1994 Prayer Vigil 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Little Chapel.

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Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this issue of 'Chronicle' the final countdown for Christmas will once more have begun, and most of you will be thinking about what lies ahead. The children will be full of anticipation, while parents are busy organising all the things that are necessary to ensure that, wherever possible, all hopes are satisfied. The story will be the same all over the world where Christmas is celebrated, for this time of great joy for us all has the additional advantage of drawing all God's people together. As you wake up on Christmas morning to celebrate Jesus' birth you will know that others all over the world are sharing the same experience. Then, as you gather with our church family again, you will be united with others all over the world. For Christmas Day is the one day of the Christian Year which is universally seen as a day when the family of Jesus gather to worship, for its importance is recognised by young and old alike.

Of course, there will be many others who will not see Christmas as a time for worship; yet, as I have already said, cannot ignore what it is about. So this year let us look at what is happening within our church and take the opportunity to invite others to come and join our celebrations. You know your family, friends and neighbours better than we do, so look at what is offered this year in your church and invite them to come with you to celebrate. Or perhaps you would like to take them a list of the Services, which will be available later in the month, and let them choose, but don't forget to offer to go with them to the Services of their choice.

We will all be very busy in the build up to Christmas, but not too busy to worship and, hopefully, not too busy to invite others to join us. As we put so much effort into pleasing everyone else it would be great to put some effort into a gift for God, the gift of our neighbours, friends and family.

So start praying now for the right opportunity and the right way to bring people to receive the gift God has for them this Christmas.

Our prayer is that you will receive this special gift this year. Please continue to pray for our family; a life of faith requires much prayer.

Your Servants in Christ.

Peter and Eileen Heckels.

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L O N E L Y

Sad because without friends or company?

H O S T (Hosting for Overseas Students) is looking for friendly families who would like to offer private hospitality to lonely overseas students at all times of the year, but especially over Christmas.

Please help if you can offer a warm welcome to one or two guests to join your family; they are longing to make friends and be part of a family for a few days.

Please ring 0273 890757 or write to :-
Mrs. Brenda Watson, 'Marines', 6 East View
Fields.

Plumpton Green. Lewes. BN7 3EE.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

NEW MEMBER. 7.11.93

9 Mrs. Janet WETHERELL. 27 Westland Ave.
208307

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE OTHER SIDE
OF THE WORLD.

'PREPARATIONS ARE WELL ADVANCED TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS HERE IN PERTH, AUSTRALIA, AND THIS YEAR IT WILL BE QUITE DIFFERENT FOR US. HOWEVER, WE ARE REMINDED OF GOD'S CREATION AS WE LOOK AT THE BLUE SKIES, AS WE FEEL THE WARMTH OF THE SUN, AS WE BASK IN THE REFLECTIVE LIGHT OF THE MOON - GOD CREATED ALL THIS, AND WE MARVEL, FOR THEY ARE THE SAME SKIES, THE SAME SUN, AND THE SAME MOON AS WE SEE FROM TIME TO TIME IN WORTHING! ABOVE ALL ARE THE STARS OF THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE REMINDING US OF THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM. WE SHALL MISS THE FELLOWSHIP OF GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY BUT LOOK FORWARD TO WORSHIPPING IN PERTH CATHEDRAL WITH OUR FAMILY. BY THE TIME YOU HAVE YOUR WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS MORNING WE SHALL BE IN TO THE EVENING, BUT KNOWING THAT IN THE WONDER OF GOD WE HAVE BEEN UNITED WITH YOU THROUGH THE 'BARK OF BETHLEHEM' IN OUR WORSHIP.

SO - CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR. WE THINK OF YOU FREQUENTLY AND PRAY THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO BLESS US ALL.'

ALMA AND NORMAN PRATTENT.

If you would like to write to them their address is:-
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Prattent. LOT 17. Boronia Road,
BANJUP. Perth 6164. Western Australia.

FAVOURITE HYMNARE YOU A SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH OR MORE CHILD?

If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle.
I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can
find it, please. Editor.

This is the favourite hymn of Miss Winefred TRRW, a
fourth child.

God is holding the key of all unknown, and I am glad:
if other hands should hold the key;
or if He trusted it to me,
I might be sad, I might be sad.

What if tomorrow's cares were here without its rest?
I'd rather He unlocked the day,
and, as the hours swing open, say,
'My will is best, My will is best.'

The very dimness of my sight makes me secure;
for, groping in my misty way,
I feel His hand; I hear Him say,
'My help is sure, My help is sure.'

I cannot read His future plans; but this I know:
I have the smiling of His face,
and all the refuge of His grace,
while here below, while here below.

Enough: this covers all my wants; and so I rest!
for what I cannot, He can see,
and in His care I saved shall be,
for ever blest, for ever blest.

Mission Praise 183. Joseph Parker. 1830-1902.

TESTIMONY.

At 16 years of age I went forward at a Billy Graham Rally Relay to give myself to the Lord and was eventually baptised in a Baptist Church in Kent. Follow-up teaching was virtually nil, but I was encouraged to continue coming to Church on Sundays. There were no Study Groups, Prayer Groups or Youth Groups, but as I was a Scout Leader I considered that I was probably leading quite a useful life and I tried to be as good as I could - not always with hoped-for results!

At Scouts I subsequently met and married Ian and, when our two children arrived, it seemed important for us all to worship together, and I became a member of our Parish Church and was Confirmed. When, in 1979, we moved to Worthing, my younger sister became very ill and, after 5 years, died of cancer. I was so angry with God that I just did not go to Church at all, and was secretly quite horrified when my son 'got involved' with a Christian family. Of course, I went several times to Services at his 'new' Church, and to see him and his fiancée admitted into Church Membership - and was amazed that everyone was so friendly and kind.

He was Baptised in West Worthing Baptist Church in February 1992, and it was at that Service that I realised that, although I had turned my back to the Lord, He was still there for me. It was then that I re-dedicated my life to the Lord Jesus. I also met a member of my old Kentish Baptist Church!

I started going regularly to Goring United Reformed Church, and joined a Bible Study Group lead by Irene Tuley and Jane Archer, and started, at long last, to become more knowledgeable about God's Word - something which should have happened to me at 16! I learned that to be a more effective Christian I did not need to try to be good, but that if I invited the help of the Lord Jesus He would Baptise me, not with water, but the Holy Spirit, to enable me to do His will. I am quite amazed now to find that I reached 50 years of age before knowing this basic undeniable fact!

A lot of things suddenly became very clear to me as the Holy Spirit gently led me forward to do His will. I was very blessed with some special gifts, and every morning was woken up with the song 'We've a story to tell to the Nations'. I avidly read every copy I could find of this - trying to work out what I was supposed to do with it. I eventually blotted it out, and sang 'Praise the Lord' under the shower instead. Then 4 months later, the day after my son married, it became clear. It was the song chosen by PERA Radio at the morning Service. I knew then that I had to volunteer to help there and struggled for 3 weeks, with my normal reticence, to keep away. I finally went to volunteer, fully expecting them to laugh or bring out a straight-jacket but, to my absolute amazement, they had a job for me to do. I am still there, after a year!

Last Sunday I was very warmly welcomed into GURC as a Church Member and now feel, not only part of the Body, but also a member of a loving, caring family. In the last 18 months I have been encouraged to grow from the babyhood of last year to become more mature for God's work and to His Glory.

I feel the Lord will have many more surprises in store for me in this second part of my life; if I listen to the Lord's Word in the stillness; if I obey His Word; if I am, if not able, but available; if I love the Lord my God with heart and soul and mind and my neighbour as myself; if I pray to Him for His enabling and guidance in all these things. My Scout motto is still 'Be Prepared', but now it has, for me, a different meaning.

You may see me smiling when I enter His building - I have a lot to smile about!

HAVE YOU?

Janet R. Wetherell.

14th November 1993.

HERE I AM, WHOLLY AVAILABLE

AS FOR ME, I WILL SERVE THE LORD.

ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS.

The date for our next meeting in the Church Hall at 2.15 p.m. is December 15th.

Doreen Morris.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.
CENTENARY CELEBRATION SERVICE
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON.

On Saturday October 23rd I went to London with Cathrine, Rachel, Rebecca and Captain. We met at West Worthing Station and got off the train in London. Then we went on the Underground Railway and got off at the 8th Station which is called BANK. (Bank of England).

We had lunch and then marched to St. Paul's Cathedral to have a special Service.

When we came out we went on the Underground to Oxford Circus Station, then we walked to another Underground Station to go to Victoria Station. There we had a "MacDonald's". Then we got on a train and came home.

I thought that St. Paul's Cathedral was very big and beautiful. There are some steps that go up the inside wall of the Cathedral which I learnt went to the Whispering Gallery. If one person on one side whispers some words another person on the other side can hear them being spoken.

Gemma Richardson. Aged 10.

I am a Junior in the Girls' Brigade in 5th Worthing Company.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY in the Central African Republic is pressing ahead with its task of distributing God's Word, and by the end of 1993 will have supplied these important outlets with 10,600 Bibles in Sango and French, 4,000 New Testaments in Sango, and 1,050 Portions in French. The number of Sunday Schools is increasing in nearly every active denomination in the Republic, so this year the Bible Society has decided to supply Churches with 2,000 New Reader Portions, 3,500 Selections, and 7,000 New Reader Scripture Comics. Another initiative is the distribution to soldiers of 7,000 Bibles in Sango and French; many men in the armed forces are very appreciative of the New Testaments they receive, and this creates a desire for the whole Bible.

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.
AWARDS EVENING AND DISPLAY SATURDAY DECEMBER
11th from 6.30 p.m. AT JOHN SELDEN COUNTY
SCHOOL. NELSON ROAD. WORTHING.

CHURCH PARADE SUNDAY DECEMBER 12th 11 a.m.

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE
CENTENARY, HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

23rd OCTOBER

When we arrived at the Guildhall in London there were quite a few other groups around having their packed lunches.

By the time we had finished our's it was truly amazing to see how many hundreds of Girls had arrived!

It was soon time to form up for the march to St. Paul's Cathedral. Once we were on the road to the Cathedral I was surprised how quickly it had all happened.

The Salute was taken by Baroness McFarlane, our National President. We were a little bit disappointed it was not the Queen Mother or Princess Alice, our Patrons.

During the Service, when we sang, it echoed throughout the Cathedral! When the choir sang the Brigade Song 'Seek, Serve and Follow', it sounded lovely with the echo!

Once the Service was over the 1500 Girls from all over Great Britain made their way home.

I was very glad to be able to go as I will never have the chance again.

REBECCA.

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

What a lot we are packing into Brigade this month!! We are still practising hard for our District Display which, by the time you will read this, will be a happy memory - we hope!! The Girls are working hard on our 100 plus 'Love and Care' Christmas Gifts, as well as preparing for our Company Awards Evening and Display which this year is to be held at JOHN SRIJDERN MIDDLE SCHOOL, Nelson Road, Worthing on Saturday December 11th commencing at 6.30 p.m. You are most welcome to join us. The Girls have worked so hard this year that it will encourage them to have your support at their own special evening.

Denise Elliott, who has been in Brigade since a girl, going through the ranks of young leadership to when she took her Commission as a Lieutenant in December 1987, is to have a break from Brigade, and will go on to the "Reserve" from January.

May I take this opportunity of thanking Denise for her support and loyalty and all she has done for our Company. Denise will be missed very much by us all, and you will appreciate how extremely short staffed we will now be.

We have 45 (forty five) Girls aged from 5 to 16 years in the 4 Sections, and I have only TWO Commissioned Officers - Mrs. ALISON BALDWIN, my Explorer Leader, and Mrs. JULIE GRAY, and 3 Auxiliary Helpers.

What better plea could there be than that within the prayer of the Rev. David Coffey, General Secretary of the Baptist Union at our Service of Thanksgiving and Re-dedication at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on 23rd October 1993.

He said :-

Heavenly Father, at this time of Centenary Thanksgiving we seek your blessing on the Girls' Brigade. Grant vision to its Leaders as they face the challenge of presenting your

Amen.

PLEASE - PLEASE, I do earnestly ask you to consider this. You will be assured of a warm welcome, and they really are lovely girls!

Margaret. Craghill. Captain.

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F O I L.

The collection of clean foil can be made by placing it in the boxes provided in the Kitchen. It will be removed, in due course, by Mrs. Olive Bushby. Thank you.

Thank you.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.**CHURCH PARADE DECEMBER 12th AT 11 a.m.**

At the time of writing there is not much to report, but we look forward to a good result of our BR week fund-raising efforts this month.

We took some of our Boys to a Police Station, but don't panic. It was only for a look round.

Paul Arkinstall is trying to arrange for us to visit FRBA Radio in the near future. He tells me he has now 4 pen friends in various parts.

The Company Boys will soon be involved in a Night Exercise on the South Downs with unexpected tasks to be performed and with a surprise conclusion.

The Officers and Boys wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year with many blessings coming your way.

Don Stewart. Captain.

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LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS

15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH.

Please place material in box in Church vestibule or through letter box of Hayward House.

2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing.

Please note the Chronicle may be full up by then so do not leave material until the last day. Editor.

When offering Contributions please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. Thank you. Editor.

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PLEASE NOTE :- A form is available to help friends who may be living alone and are in difficulty because of illness or an emergency.

Many friends have used this form to give information about next-of-kin etc.

Please ask for a form.

This is a confidential Pastoral Service.

ANCHOR BOYS.

On the last day of the Summer Term we had a sad farewell to Mrs. Eileen Rhodes as leader of Anchor Boys, and to Graham Ward who, having reached the grand age of 8, is too old for Anchor Boys.

Since re-starting our meetings in September we have welcomed FOUR new Boys. These are MARTIN SWIERK, STEFAN CAPPELLA, LUKE SHROEDER AND RORY LAXTON, all aged 5, taking us up to our full quota.

MRS. BETT SWIERK has joined me and Mrs. Bobby Hitchin as a Third Leader. I would like to thank Bobby and Bett for their help as we endeavour to keep the Boys fully occupied during our hour-long meeting each week.

We will, in fact, be in need of a new helper from January 10th 1994 due to a vacancy. If you are free between 5 and 6 on a Monday evening, are able to communicate well with 5 - 7 year old boys and don't mind being covered in glue, paint or icing sugar, then you would be the person we are looking for!! Please do not hesitate - come and let me know as soon as possible.

If you have any men's shirts you no longer require then please pass them on to me. I can adapt them into overalls for the Boys to wear when we are using paints or doing cookery. I would be very grateful.

Thank you. Miss Jenny Compton. Leader.

COUNCIL OF WORLD MISSION.

NEWSHARE is a bi-monthly publication of the Council for World Mission which contains interesting news of the varied activities of CWM member Churches throughout the world. Now is the time to order 1994 copies at an annual cost of £5.00 including postage. I shall assume that everyone who had copies in 1993 will wish to continue in 1994.

Anyone wishing to withdraw from the list - and anyone wishing to join it - is asked to contact me on 243832 or at 200 Goring Way before 19th December 1993.

Sidney Hider.

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OVERSEAS PRAYER CALENDAR - DECEMBER

SUN COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION Hold in prayer the Botswana and Zimbabwe synods of the United Congregational Church in Southern Africa. Also remember the Mozambique region of the same church. May they be of one mind in proclaiming the Gospel and service.

MON THE BIBLE SOCIETY Pray for the prison ministry which has now continued for five years and for the distribution of Mark's Gospel through the Prison Service Chaplaincy. Give thanks for the new opportunities for Bible work in Russia, especially in Siberia and pray for enough supplies of Bibles.

TUE ARGENTINA One prison may have the biggest behind-bars church in the world. So far some 750 inmates have become Christians. At night groups of six go round the beds praying for their companions. Bible Study courses are well attended. Scripture Gift Mission publications are used. A third are involved in praying & fasting.

WED MOZAMBIQUE Give thanks for the many ministry opportunities the OM South Africa team and the Doulos crew have had over the last few months. Pray for the teams and local believers as they are involved in evangelism and relief work restoring faith and hope.

THU RUTH CHATFIELD Now that we have agreed to support her prayerfully and financially remember Ruth's final preparations and plans to leave at the beginning of January. Her commissioning service at her home church in Streatham will be held on Sunday 12th. December.

FRI IRAQ Pray for the marsh arabs who have suffered so much from the deliberate draining of the marshes being forced from their homes and now experiencing the latest atrocity of chemical attacks. Pray for the safety of the aid workers and the UN investigators.

SAT FEBA RADIO In the run up to Christmas pray for protection of engineers, operators, presenters, tape librarians, programme supplies and equipment that there may be no disruption to broadcasts at this key time for proclaiming the Gospel. Remember also those members of families that are separated over this period.

DECEMBER 1993 PRAYER CALENDAR.

Let us pray for

- Wed 1 our Minister and his family.
 Thu 2 the financial needs of the Church.
 Fri 3 people working in shops at this time of the year
 Sat 4 the Youth Club and its leaders.
 Sun 5 our Services today and all who attend them.
 Mon 6 peace in Northern Ireland.
 Tue 7 all those who cater for our needs.
 Wed 8 the Government and all W. Ps.
 Thu 9 our Elders' meeting this evening.
 Fri 10 those responsible for Welcome and the Chronicle.
 Sat 11 outreach- carol singing at the Goring Road shops.
 Sun 12 all involved in the different services in our
 Church today.
 Mon 13 all those ill at home or in hospital.
 Tue 14 the joy found in art, music and literature.
 Wed 15 fellow Christians and their friendship.
 Thu 16 the new Vicar at St. Mary's and the Goring
 Fraternal.
 Fri 17 our choir, organists and musicians.
 Sat 18 outreach - carol singing at the Strand shops.
 Sun 19 our Services today and the message of Christmas.
 Mon 20 the homeless and all refugees at Christmas.
 Tue 21 'Challenge'; the Christian newspaper published
 in Worthing.
 Wed 22 Christian Aid and its work.
 Thu 23 all lonely people.
 Fri 24 all families separated by distance.
 Sat 25 Give thanks for the birthday of the Lord.
 Sun 26 our Communion Service this morning.
 Mon 27 refreshment and relaxation.
 Tue 28 all those made redundant and unemployed.
 Wed 29 those returning to work after the holiday.
 Thu 30 FRBA radio and its outreach.
 Fri 31 peace in the hearts of men and women.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all members and friends who so kindly supplied us with such a magnificent array of plants suitable for indoor and outdoor planting.

We contributed £55.56 to the grand total of £750 raised for Church funds and the Worthing Night Shelter Scheme. We would like to say a special thank you to our member, Mr. Charles Taylor, for organising the stall.

We had a very interesting talk from Miss Pauline Beaver on the aims of the Worthing Green Party at our meeting on Tuesday November 2nd. She has been selected to represent the United Kingdom in Europe next June.

We join the Women's Guild for their Christmas Service on Tuesday December 14th.

Please remember our member, Les Gilbert, in your prayers and we look forward to his return to our Fellowship.

We wish all Members and Friends a Happy Christmas and New Year, and look forward to meeting again on Tuesday January 18th 1994 when our Church Member, Mrs. Doreen Norris, will tell us about her recent trip to Australia.

We have only one rule - Be friendly.

Alex Blackford. Secretary.

RBC 1 will be featuring All Souls Orchestra in its Boxing Day programme this year. The TV crew will be at the Wembley Conference Centre for the live concert at 7.30 p.m. on December 11th.

All these items were extracted from November's copy of EVANGELISM TODAY.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday November 30th at 2.45 we are planning to hold our Christmas Party in the Church Hall when once again the Men's Fellowship will be with us. Ladies/Gentlemen, we do extend a warm welcome to you all - come and join in the fun and games, and in the tea party to follow.

Dec. 14th Christmas Service with Men's Fellowship. 2.45 p.m.

Audrey Gerlach. Secretary.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

CORNWALL ROOM 8 PM.

ANY LADY IS VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US ON
ALTERNATE MONDAYS.

6th December Christmas Craft.

20th December Christmas Party.

Doreen Morris.

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SPEAKING.

Phil. ch 3. v 20 Eph. 5 v 19/20. Col. 3 16/17

These lips of our's now clean through grace
are given to us to speak,
to sing Thy worth, Thy wondrous works declare,
and unto Thee a 'sacrifice of praise' to bear.
To talk of Thee, Thy thoughts express,
and taught by Thee can pray.
Give power to grasp Thy love, O Lord,
increasingly each day.

These lips of our's now clean through grace
are given to us to share
with others, psalms, hymns, spiritual songs so
rare
by psalms experience speak;
by hymns in mutual lays Thy praise.
In spiritual songs so free.
Making melody in our hearts, O Lord, to Thee,
giving thanks to God.

A. Wheeler. on SS 'City of London' 1929
Aberdeen to London.

AUTUMN MARKET 23 OCTOBER 1993

I promise that this is the very last you will hear from me about the Autumn Market, but for those who may not have heard the final total received at the Market was £782.28 (after expenses had been paid) and, as arranged, half of that, namely £391.14, was sent to the Worthing Night Shelter. I would like to express my personal thanks to all who made it such a happy day by their hard work and their co-operation. You may also like to know who the prize winners were in the various competitions. They were :-

University Challenge - Mr. Pearce.

Sweets in a jar - Paul Arkinstall.

Photographic:

Goring URC and its activities and Animals -

Michael Rheling

Sussex - Vernon Craghill.

Children - Paul Spengenberg.

Miscellaneous - Dennis Rushby.

Birthday of the - Ann Hutchings.

Flower Arranging Adult Fresh flowers in an egg cup
and Dried flowers in a thimble - Jane Bond.

Up to 14 years of age. Both - Ruth Williams.

Poster 1. Laura Sibley.

Runner up - Graham Ward.

Thanksgiving Poem Ann Freeman.

Vegetable Modelling

1. Graham and Julie Ward.

Runner up - Laura Sibley.

Sheila Gooderham.

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CHURCH SOCIAL.

It has been agreed by the Elders and the Church Meeting that we shall have a Church Social in January 1994. The last one was a very happy occasion and we shall try and make it so again. The date is to be Saturday 22nd January 1994. Please see next month's Chronicle for all the details. Sheila Gooderham.

BOOKS, CARDS, ETC.

CHURCH NOTELETS can be ordered from Jane and Eric BOND. Samples are in the card stand. Proceeds will go to Church funds.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - As in previous years there is a wide selection of boxed religious Christmas Cards in the East Transept, from which you may order. Prices range from £1.60 to £2.50 for a box of 12. Others may also be obtained for you on request, as can other items from the Christian Book Centre. Ron Jordan.

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DURRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP.

Second Tuesday of each month. Little Chapel.

DECEMBER 14th from 2pm to 2.45pm

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THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy. You have 6 days in which to do your work, but the 7th day is a day of rest dedicated to me. On that day no one is to work - neither you nor your children, nor the foreigners who live in your country. In 6 days I, the Lord, made the earth, the sky, the sea and everything in them, but on the 7th day I rested. That is why I, the Lord, blessed the Sabbath and made it holy.

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A CHRISTIAN CRACKER.

When asked how many people worked in the Vatican Pope John Paul XXIII replied, 'Oh, about half.'

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CHURCH FLOWERS.

The Flower Calendar for 1994 is now up on the Notice Board in the Vestibule. If you wish to provide flowers for a particular Sunday during the year please enter your name on the list against your chosen date, or see me and I will do it for you.

If you would like to contribute to the Flower Fund and are not wanting a particular date then I shall be pleased to receive any money you wish to donate and this will be used at some time during the year.

Thank you for your donations during 1993 and for all the encouragement you have given me. I do enjoy this aspect of service to the Lord. Please continue to let me know of anyone in need of flowers. I usually take out flowers on a Monday afternoon and that I enjoy doing, too.

A Happy and Peaceful Christmas and every blessing for 1994.

Jean Webb. Flower Secretary.

F.R.B.A.

Far East Broadcasting Association's next mailing will be on Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th December between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. We would love to see some new faces. Friends who come to help enjoy a full day with us; others drop in for just an hour or so. The time you spend here is up to you. Also tea, coffee and biscuits are served during the day to help you in the job! If you would like to help but are not quite sure what is involved, please feel free to contact Ann Hall at Worthing 237281. She is happy to chat with you.

Thanks for your help.

IVY ARCH ROAD. WORTHING.

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T H A N K S.

Jim and Tania HUNT would like to thank the fellowship of the Church for their kind thoughts and gift of a pot plant on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 20th October 1993.

Thank you.

Tania and Jim Hunt.

LETTERS.

26 Cornbrook Grove. Old Trafford. Manchester. M16 7PQ
November 1st Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alison has now completed her 8 week Induction Course at the Dental Hospital. From now on she will be spending more time working in the Dental clinics in the hospital. Please remember her in your prayers as she begins this new phase of her work.

Life at College and Church is very busy. Exciting times lie ahead of us at Northern College as part of the Northern Federation. The Federation is hoping to gain Affiliated Institution Status from the University. This will allow the Federation to start the new modular course which is tailor-made for training Ordinands and Lay People for Christian Ministry.

At home we have been adopted by a cat, so we now have the first addition to the family! Saturday mornings see me playing football for the College. I am also Social Secretary for the College so I am in the throes of organising trips to the theatre and the Christmas party.

Finally we would like to thank you all once again for the generous gift of £200 you sent for it was a real blessing to us. May we also take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and that God will bless you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

John and Alison Gordon.

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TWO OF OUR YOUNGER CHURCH FRIENDS would appreciate your prayers and kind thoughts as they commence their studies at Universities away from home. Pen friends would not come amiss. Please help if you can spare the time.

Miss Kirsty Louisa Craghill, 11 Caledon Way, Kings Hedges, Cambridge. Cambs

Miss Jane Bickmore, 211 Fratton Road. Portsmouth.

PO1 5EZ 0705 738577

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"COME CAROLLING WITH THE LONDON ROMANUREL CHOIR"

SPECIAL GUEST. DAVE POPE.

1993 Carol Festivals on Saturdays 4th & 11th December.

2.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

at WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL, LONDON.

Tickets £6. and £5. (Children under 13 half price.)

Send S.A.R. to L.R.C., 2, Buckles Way, Banstead, Surrey.
SM7 1HD. (Phone 0737 350637.)

Organise a coach party - 2 free tickets for every 20 booked for same performance.

BOOK REVIEW.

'HOW TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO CHRIST' BY ANDREW MURRAY.

Published by Whitaker House.

We bought this book at the Cradle Roll Supper where we had a lovely time of fellowship. It was beautifully organized and the food, of course, was delicious!

This book has really blessed us, so we wanted to write a review on it.

It was written in the early 1900s and is based on God's word. It has recently been updated, so we can understand the language!

We may think we know how to lead our children to Christ, but a quick look down at the contents of this book shows that it holds much more.

It is made up of 50 short chapters which each take a verse or two of Scripture and applies them to the family situation. Although written in the early 1900s it speaks with clarity and directness to the needs of the Christian family today.

This book is a CLASSIC and we thoroughly recommend it!

Julian and Christine Brewer.

THE 'WALK OF A 1000 MEN' finished with a magnificent gathering of around 2,000 in the famous Gwennap Pit, near Redruth, where John Vestley claimed he spoke to 10,000 250 years ago. The Walkers were joined by many local believers who had worked with them, and some who were new to the Church. The Bishop of Truro, Rt. Rev. Michael Ball, and the Methodist Moderator, Stephen Dawes, led the Service, and the main evangelist, Daniel Cozens, preached - a little weary after 6 strenuous weeks of speaking in all kinds of venues across the county. 'The reception we received in Cornwall was heartening: this type of Mission meets a very great need' he said.

Plans are being considered for walks in 4 other regions.

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The new Severn Bridge is growing rapidly and is expected to be completed by 1996. 60% of the current bridge's traffic will take the short cut into CARDIFF and WEST WALES. The current M4 will be diverted over the new bridge and a new road will cut across from the M5 west of Bristol. Members of Emmaus Chapel at Severn Beach learned that this new road would pass directly through their premises! The Ministry of Transport provided £300,000 for a new one to be built and this month the Emmaus Christian Centre was officially opened.

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BBC 1 will be featuring All Souls Orchestra in its Boxing Day programme this year. The TV crew will be at the Wembley Conference Centre for the live concert at 7.30 p.m. on December 11th.

All these items were extracted from November's copy of EVANGELISM TODAY.

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WORTHING STROKE CLUB.
KESTRO CLUB FIXTURES.

- Dec 3 Worthing Light Operatic Society entertain us
Dec 10 Entertainment by Members of
Women's Institute Drama Group.
Dec 17 Christmas afternoon.

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EVENING SERVICES PARTICIPANTS.

Dec 5 Worship Leader Mr. Paul Archer
 Speaker Mr. Richard Tuley
 Dec 12 Worship Leader Mr. Julian Brewer
 Speaker Rev. Peter Heckels
 Dec 19 Worship Leader
 and Speaker Rev. Peter Heckels
 Dec 26 No evening Service

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REV. EDWARD & MRS. JEAN SYMONNS.

Edward and Jean Symmons and their daughters, Mary and Ruth, will be leaving Andover URC on Easter Sunday 1994.

Edward has accepted a call from St. John's URC, Bexhill-on-Sea and will be inducted into that pastorate on SATURDAY APRIL 23rd 1994.

Our thoughts and prayers will be with them in their remaining months at Andover, and after.

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BARN DANCE 13.11.93

This was the last social event for our Church in 1993, and 38 people of all ages, both members of the fellowship and friends, enjoyed the dancing, where we were instructed and guided by Brian and Betsy Holland, and also their supper.

After paying all expenses, including a donation to the Church for heating, we were left with £9.60, so this, too, was given to the Church funds.

Thank you all for your support.

Sheila Gooderham.

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APPEAL. Has anyone any old white sheets they no longer require? If so, the YOUTH CLUB are seeking them. Please contact Giles Tewksbury on 266429, Julie Ward on 501949, Jon or Julie Vetherell on 203578. Or on Sunday mornings before or after the Youth Service.

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THREE-BEDROOM FAMILY HOUSE.,

Available for three weeks over Christmas and New Year.
Saturday December 18th to Friday January 7th.

Saint Lawrence Avenue area, close to shops, trains
and buses. Phone 0903 232542.

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STAFF NEEDED.

ENGLISH PROGRAMME PRODUCER IN THE SEYCHELLES.

This is an Overseas Staff appointment for a term of up to 3 years. The person needs to have radio-broadcasting experience. The required balance of the NETWORK team suggests the need for another male voice on the programme. The individual could be single or married.

PART TIME RECEPTIONIST.

We shall be looking to fill a vacancy for a part time receptionist in February 1994. This position is for 22+25 hours per week. Experience working in an office environment, with good contact with the general public is required. Ability to operate a switchboard, photocopier, PC, Fax, Answerphone and Franking Machine will be necessary.

All enquiries or applications for the above by letter or telephone to the Personnel Department, Ken Welford/Jaci Geal. FRRA Radio, Ivy Arch Road, Worthing. BN14 8RX. Telephone 0903 237281.

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FRRA RADIO ALSO HAS A PART TIME VACANCY FOR AN ASSISTANT TO DEPUTATION MANAGER. THE POST REQUIRES GOOD SECRETARIAL CAPABILITIES, LETTER WRITING AND WORD PROCESSING SKILLS TO WORK ON OWN INITIATIVE. CONTACT DAVID DOHERTY OR KEN WELFORD AT ABOVE ADDRESS OR ON WORTHING 237281.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

12 WEST PARK LANE. GORING.

This Group meets on Tuesdays at 2.30 pm. We welcome anyone who enjoys learning more with us from God's word. If transport is a problem we will try to help. Our Transport Officer is on the last page of this Chronicle or you can obtain further information from Bobby Hitchin 249580.

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HOW LONG WILL THE SAND LAST?

Sand can be used to measure time, build insecure houses on, or bury our heads in.

The whole 'pattern of life' as we know it, is being tested, including in the arena of Government. I am **NOT** talking party politics, but the issue of God's laws and making 'legal' the breaking of God's laws.

Keep the Sabbath Holy - unless we can squeeze out a bit more profit. (I know Sabbath is Saturday - the principal still stands). Taken to the vote before the pressure of the Church, among others, prevented complete de-regulation of Sunday Trading and its attendant social/family quality of life pressures. Now we can commend a sensible change in laws which protect, as much as humanly possible, this principal. Will we play a part, or leave it to the intense lobbying of big business? What kind of world do we want to leave behind us? **DO WE CARE?**

Do not kill - except when a person is especially vulnerable - aged or in pain, unwanted or handicapped. We have seen the potentially handicapped discriminated against in recent changes to abortion laws; people are against animal experiments, while experimenting on babies who should be experiencing the love and security of their mum is allowed. Euthanasia is the next area to be attacked. **DO WE CARE?**

Here is your big opportunity to join the massive wave of apathy about such subjects. Alternatively you could always ask, and pray, and write. But then, **DO YOU CARE?** If you want to know more ask or phone us, **JULIAN AND CHRISTINE BREWER**. Address and Phone No. in Handbook.

TORCH TRUST FOR THE BLIND.

There is a **GREAT** need for cassettes for re-cycling, so please pray for suitable C60s and C90s to fill this need. The Trust has always used second-hand cassettes for Africa and about a 1000 are needed each **MONTH!!**

Please send cassettes to **THE TORCH TRUST FOR THE BLIND, TORCH HOUSE, HALLATON, MARKET HARBOROUGH. LEICS. LE16 8UJ**, or it might be possible to get them delivered.

Please see me for details. Phyllis Wheeler.

WOMEN'S ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

MEALS ON WHEELS.

Meals-on-Wheels is just one of the services supplied by the W.R.V.S. and they are looking for both drivers and helpers for this work. You do have to make a commitment, but this can be for as little or as much time as you can spare. Meals are delivered 4 mornings a week throughout the Worthing area. Expenses can be claimed for petrol. If you feel you can help in this way please contact either Mrs. Marie Hughes (W.505157) or ourselves. There is one big bonus in this work and that is your customer is always pleased to see you.

Roy and Sheila Gonderham. W.506452.

..... G E A R.

'All over the world the Spirit is moving' is the title for the GEAR conference on 18th to 20th February 1994 at THE HAYES, SWANWICK, DERRYSHIRE.

Taking the recommendation of Rev. John Black we went as a family last year and would thoroughly recommend the weekend which is sure to be an enriching experience.

For more details do speak to Christine or me, Julian Brewer, or Richard and Irene Tuley, or contact Elizabeth Watson, 5 Brancaster Avenue, Charlton, Andover, Hampshire SD10 4EN. 0264 323359, but be warned, they get booked up pretty quickly - so don't leave it too long!!

..... TRANSPORT NEWS.

Many thanks to all who have helped with transport this year. I would still be pleased to hear from anyone who could offer the occasional lift to DAY or EVENING SERVICES, WEEKLY or MONTHLY MEETINGS in the Church and Halls.

I value your support.

PEACE AND HAPPINESS FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR. Bett Swierk. Transport Officer.

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL. 1994.

Once again, the Church will be OPEN FOR PRAYER on NEW YEAR'S DAY SATURDAY JANUARY 1st from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Little Chapel.

EVERYONE is invited to come and share in this day by attending at some period and joining those who are responsible for each hour.

We shall be praying for all in the Church Handbook as well as praying for the Church in its new Ministry. Those unable to attend are invited to pray at home.

COME WHEN YOU CAN - LEAVE WHEN YOU MUST.

Prayer was a priority in the life of Jesus - so let us be obedient to His call to pray - in John 16 v 24:-
'Until now you have not asked for anything in My Name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.'

Irene Tuley.

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THANKS.

I would like to say a sincere 'thank you' to Graham Redman for faithfully recording each Morning Service and his son, Paul, now the evening Sermons on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Now that I am often not able to come to Church or sit through the Services, which is a great sadness to me, I am enabled to keep in touch by regularly listening to these tapes. This not only makes me feel part of the Fellowship still but it also uplifts my spirit by the singing, the Bible readings and the spiritual messages of our Minister, Rev. Peter Heckels, and others.

Rileen Jordan.

Eileen Jordan.

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(The more blank tapes that are donated the more copies can be made and shared. Ed.)

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YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

This academic year we have eleven of our young people in different centres. Remember them as they seek to give the right balance to study and Christian activities.

HAYLEY ARCHER Second year	Cardiff <i>Biochemistry</i>
JANE BICKMORE First year	Portsmouth Sociology
ELIZABETH BOND Second year	Southampton Biology
VICKY CARRINGTON First year	Aberystwyth French
KIRSTY CRAGHILL First year	Anglia, Cambridge Law and Sociology
NICKY CRAGHILL Third year	City Univ. London Nursing & Social Sc.
JOHN GORDON Second Year	Northern College, Manch Ministerial Training
ANNA HUDNUT Second Year	Loughborough Chemistry
KERRY MCCARTHY Second Year	Cheltenham Teacher Train. & P.E.
ZOE RHODES Second Year	Bath Religion & Sociology
GILES TEWKESBURY Post Graduate	Portsmouth Elect.Eng./Robotics

Also pray for those who have recently finished their studies like Marcus Archer and Denise Elliott that they will find suitable employment soon. Simon Merritt is also expecting to join the army any time.

Geoffrey Dearsley