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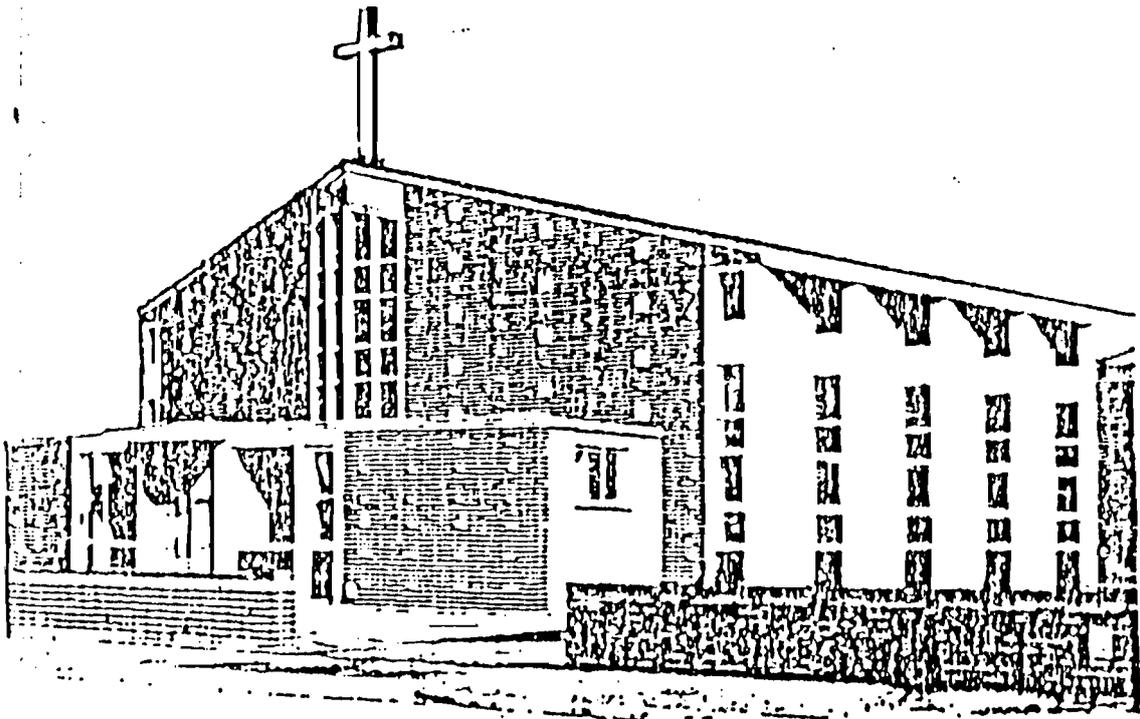
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UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SILAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTING

25p

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday - Holy Communion) Youth Service
6.30 pm	Evening Worship (3rd Sunday - Holy Communion and Healing)

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3 Courtlands	Mrs B Swierk	9 Terringes & Melrose	Mrs I Tuley
4 West Worthing	Mrs E Rhodes	10 Durrington	
5 Central Worthing	Mr G Dean	11 Salvington	Miss A Gerlach
6 Marlborough	Mrs R Bradley		

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World Mission Secretary	Mr Sidney Hider	243832
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JANUARY 1996

Dear Friends,

By the time you are reading this it will be 1996, or close to the new year, and you will be wishing everyone 'A Happy New Year', but I wonder if we really believe that such a thing is possible. We still lack that 'Feel Good' factor in the economy, and there are many without work or who feel their job is not as secure, or rewarding as they would like. We still see areas of war and hardship as we look at the world, despite the encouraging signs that we all hope will bear lasting fruit. The news is, nevertheless, filled with tragedy and violence each time we read the newspaper or listen to the radio or television, and how often do you wonder where it is all going to, or where it will end. So as we come to a new year, how much do we believe it can be a happy one?

Yet we have just celebrated Christmas and the coming of 'the True Light that enlightens everyone'. Our hope has come again, born with the infant of Bethlehem, born so long ago in the stable and laid in a manger. To place your trust in such an event as this seems almost as naive as trusting in a God who will be crucified to save the world and bring forgiveness for sins; yet this is our faith; this we believe. If Christmas and the birth of Jesus is to mean anything then it is that God is with us, Emmanuel, and that He remains with us no matter what is before us, no matter what is behind us, no matter where we find ourselves today or tomorrow. If Christmas means anything to the followers of Jesus it is that we are encouraged again to allow Him into our lives and to take His Gospel into a needy world.

Many people you will talk to will want to tell you that there is as much wrong in the church as there is in the world. Perhaps that is true, for so often we seem to mirror the world with its arguments and divisions into groups, instead of reflecting the glory of the Living Lord, who comes to draw His people together with His Father and so with one another. One of the good things about Christmas is that there seems to be a real sense of peace and joy that slips into the church, and indeed the world, as we celebrate together and remember Jesus' birth. It's as if the angel song of peace and goodwill is still heard in many hearts at this time of year, but as we move away from Christmas, we need to pray that this sense of peace and joy will stay with us into the days ahead. Then perhaps we can begin to be an influence for the Gospel in the dark world into which God's light has come, for 'The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out'.

So let us all resolve as this new year begins that we will be true followers of Jesus, that we will all unite to proclaim His message of Good News, that the world may see in us the unity that He wills for His people. If this will be the message that we take with us then we will discover that we can greet our families and friends confidently with the words 'Happy New Year' for we have the means of making it true; a baby born in a stable who will go to His cross that the sins of the world may be forgiven. Let us pray that more and more hearts will be open to receive this Good News for 1996, that we, and those whom we love, will find the way to a happy new year as we 'See Him more clearly, follow Him more nearly, and love Him more dearly, day by day.'

We at the manse wish you a Christ filled new year.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels

*News of the Fellowship**Deaths*

Dec 1st James 'Jim' Johnston. Rest in Peace.

Dec 10th Deryck Jones in Darlington. We remember him and his wife, Violet who were members of this congregation for many years.

Change of Address

1 Mrs Dorothy Turner, Flat 57, Homesearle House, Goring Road, 243843 . (From Dec 13 1995)

Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their prayerful support during my studying and training at City University and Bart's Hospital, London. I qualified in October and had a lovely graduation ceremony in the Guildhall. I am now a Staff Nurse working in Bart's Hospital on the blood cancer ward, and plan to stay in London for a couple of years to consolidate my knowledge and experience in cancer, and would value your continued prayerful support. Please note my new address:- PO box 529, QMNH, St. Bart's Hospital, West Smithfield, LONDON EC1A 7BE. Tel: 0171 601 888 X7307 RM 9.

Nicola Craghill

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the Church flowers delivered by Don Stewart on behalf of the Boys' Brigade. They cheered Joy and me up no end.

Alex Blackford

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who sustained me with cards, gifts of flowers, etc., thoughts and prayers during my most recent spell in hospital. Especially thanks to Girls' Brigade for their lovely embroidered car. Thanks also for the many visits to cheer the days. I was very touched by all your kindnesses and it is good to belong to such a caring Church.

Brenda Brunton

May I add my thanks to the person who drew the cover for December Chronicle and the Advent booklet, also the typist, photocopier, collator and stapler of the Advent booklet. Well done.

Our Minister has been thanked already for the composition of the Advent booklet - at the November Church meeting.

A. Member

My thanks to one and all who have been such a help and inspiration during my six weeks in plaster - the longest and most frustrating experience I have ever had. Your visits, phone talks, letters and kind messages cheered me and kept me in touch.

Bless you all and may you enjoy good health in 1996.

Ethel Dearsley

New Year Social

This will take place on **SATURDAY JANUARY 20th** in the Church hall and we invite everyone to it - members, non-members, relations, friends and neighbours - from 7pm to 9.30pm. The tickets are priced at 75 pence for adults, and 50 pence for children 12 years and under, and will include refreshments. Tickets are available from Robin Bradley, Audrey & Michael Ebeling, Roy and me.

Sheila Gooderham (506452)

BOYS' BRIGADE

Mondays	Anchor Boys	5.00pm
	Juniors	6.15pm
Fridays	Company Section	7.15pm

Many thanks to those who gave us valued support during our B.B. week effort in November. The Coffee Morning yielded £142 and the Jumble Sale a record £224. With the Church gift envelopes and parents' contributions we reached our target of £400 comfortably. Thank you ladies and gentlemen who worked on the stalls.

Our Coffee Mornings are a great time of fellowship and should not be missed. Several friends in the congregation and our enthusiastic Junior Boys have faithfully supported our Copper Club and their efforts helped us to swell our Mission Fund to over £100 for the year! Thank you, one and all, for your support.

Please pray for us in this our thirty eighth (38th) year since we started. Our Junior Section re-starts on Monday January 8th and the Company Section on Friday January 12th.

Donald Stewart, Captain

MEMBERS OF BOYS' BRIGADE 1995/6

Anchor Boys Leaders	Jenny Compton	Bett Swierk
BOYS:- Timothy Austin	Richard Brackenbury	Oliver Leighton
Gareth Russell	Luke Schroeder	Nigel Stilwell
Martin Swierk		Nathan Tingley
Junior Section Leaders	Malcolm & Sue Nicholls	Barbara Popplestone
BOYS:- David Green	James Harris	Mark Byerley
James Moseley	James Tilley	Patrick Smith
Michael Douglas	Dean Reynolds	Gavin Read
James Dore	Michael Green	Alan Johnson
Jonathan Arkinstall		
Company Section Officers	Brian White	Don Stewart
BOYS:- Andrew Brown	Stephen Hood	Daniel Tilley
Gavin Easey	Jodie Norris	Richard Brown
Dane Norris	Stuart James	Stuart Murphy

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

The opening meeting of the Spring session will be held in the East Hall on Tuesday January 16th at 2.45pm when a talk will be given by Rev. Ron Christopher. Printed programmes should be available now. Never mind the winter weather - come along and enjoy a friendly gathering, remembering our one and only Rule - 'BE FRIENDLY'. Ian Hennell. Secretary.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Secretary of Company:- Lt. Julie Gray. 30 Kingsland Road. Worthing.
BN14 9GB 525483

EXPLORERS	5-8 years	TUESDAYS	6 - 7.15 pm
JUNIORS	8-11 years	TUESDAYS	6 - 7.45 pm
SENIORS	11-14 years	TUESDAYS	6 - 8.30 pm
BRIGADERS	14 years plus	TUESDAYS	6 - 8.30 pm

We finished 1995 with our Awards and Display evening on Saturday December 9th, and an outing to the Pantomime on Saturday December 16th. (More about that next month.) The Girls had worked very hard during 1995 and deserved the awards they were presented with by Mrs. Margaret Craghill. The second part of our evening was an item entitled 'THE GIFT OF LOVE' in which we thought about God's love for us beginning at Christmas, going on to Easter, and forever, with the aid of Christmas present boxes, Bible readings and songs. We began this part of the evening by listening to these words being sung:-

We often start to worry and people get upset
if things don't all go right on Christmas Day.
What we should remember in all the push and shove
is Christmas is a time to love.

Maybe things don't sound right or look the way they should
or maybe they're not perfectly in tune.
It really doesn't matter, let's keep our eyes above,
'cos Christmas is a time to love.

We look forward to a new year with slight staff changes. Julie Stanford, who is one of our Auxiliary Helpers, is having a break from GB for a while, but we have a Warrant Officer from 1st Forest Hill Company helping us until July. Her name is Rachel Spiller, and she is working at the John Horniman School for a year (Sep. 95 to July 96). This term we will be looking at Singing Games (EXPLORERS), Scottish Dancing (JUNIORS), and Art - Collage Work (SENIORS AND BRIGADERS) for our Badgework. As we begin our second year without a Captain Julie and I, especially, would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us during the past years. Please continue to uphold us in your prayers.

Denise Elliott. Lieutenant.

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JUNIOR CHURCH: Only 2 weeks to Christmas at the time of writing. We are busy preparing for our celebration of God's gift with the children and young people of Youth Service. We pray that this will be a happy family time together. During this last session we have taught the children about celebrating God's greatness, finding out about Jesus, living in a family and celebrating Jesus' birthday. We teach from Scripture Union - The SALT Programme. SALT stands for sharing and learning together. As well as the teaching there has been the enjoyment of watching the children bring their gifts for harvest and the toy Service and sharing in the fun at the Hallelujah party. Central to everything that we do is the love of Jesus we share with the children. As relationships with the children deepen through His love we find ourselves rewarded in so many ways, not least in our own growth. If you would like to share your love with the children why not offer yourself as a teacher or helper. You won't be disappointed! Contact Irene Dearsley or me, Wilma Smith.

GIRLS' BRIGADE AWARDS 1995.

Joanna Courtnadge)
 Chloe Huxham)
 Stacey Buckland)
 Rachel Buckland) Joined since January 1995 so no badge yet.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BADGE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u> <u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u> <u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Louise Courtnadge	Bronze Explorer Circle	1 year	
Laura Howard	ditto	1 year	
Elizabeth Hibbs	ditto	1 year	1 year
Gail Winnie	ditto	1 year	1 year
Vanessa Baldwin	Silver Explorer Circle	2 years	
Catherine Brown	Gold Explorer Circle	3 years	3 years
Simone Brown	ditto	3 years	3 years
Kate Byerley	1st Junior Circle	3 years	3 years
Emily Harris	2nd Junior Circle	1 year	
Kirsty Lake	ditto	3 years	3 years
Jade Wood	ditto	4 years	
Siobhan Smith	ditto	5 years	5 years
Laura Sibley	3rd Junior Circle	4 years	4 years
Claire Stanford	ditto	5 years	
Rachel Hood	1st Senior Circle	5 years	
Gemma Richardson	ditto	6 years	
Carina Brown	ditto	7 years	
Karen Jones	1st Brigadier Triangle	7 years	7 years
Tania Hale	ditto	8 years	8 years
Suzy Webber	ditto	9 years	

OFFICERS PROGRESS PRIZES.

Explorer - Louise Courtnadge
 Junior - Claire Stanford and Laura Sibley
 Senior - Gemma Richardson
 Brigadier - Suzy Webber

Rachel Brunton Cup for Happiest Explorer - Vanessa Baldwin
 Handicraft Shield - Laura Sibley
 Physical Shield
 Scripture Prize - Gemma Richardson
 Most Squad Points - Suzy Webber
 Sponsored Walk Highest Fundraiser - Gail Winnie (£120.00!!)

WORTHING & DISTRICT STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)

Jan 5 Board games
 Jan 12 What's my line?
 Jan 19 New Year party.
 Jan 26 Pencil and paper games
 Feb 2 Entertainment by Park Lane Duo.

Beano Club

Thursday January 11th - Meeting

Serendipity Club

Monday January 15th - Swimming

Women's Guild

On November 28th we held our Christmas Party. Tea ended a happy afternoon of games, quizzes and fellowship.

December 12th was our Christmas Service of Readings and Carols reminding once more of the birth of our Lord.

The Men's Fellowship were warmly welcomed on both occasions.

B.H.

Goring Little Fishes Playgroup

Term starts January 3rd

Sue Mitchell

Action for Dysphasic Adults - Worthing Group

Wednesday January 24th in the Church Hall 2.15 to 4.30pm

Just a few Informative Thoughts

I have put over 300 pieces of paper on the photocopier glass and watched the machine go backwards and forwards 48,000 times during 1995.

Chronicle	2500 each month	30,000 a year
Welcome	1500 each month	18,000 a year

Collated approximately 17,300 pieces of paper a year and used up 4,200 staples

Eric (B) has done the Advent Calendar, the Handbook, tickets for dances, garden parties etc., programmes for Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship and many more - photocopying, collating and stapling.

This is purely for information - and nothing else.

Les M.

Churches Together in Worthing

Annual Unity Service

You are warmly invited to the Service which is to be held this year in St. Columba's United Reformed Church, Shelley Road, on **Wednesday January 24th at 7.30pm.**

Father Anthony Milner will be inducted as President for 1996, and the preacher for the occasion will be Bishop Cormac Murphy-O'Connor (Roman Catholic Bishop of Arundel and Brighton).

Refreshments will be available afterwards.

SECOND QUINQUENNIAL SURVEY- 1995 to 2000.
HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE.

Brief summary of some of the recommended repairs:-

Repairs not so onerous as for period 1990-1995.

Works not specified on a yearly basis EXCEPT for repainting the exterior. To be undertaken in 1996.

To include renewal of rotted wood in 2 window frames, replace defective rainwater gutters on North side of Church Hall and North side of West Hall, and above Cornwall Room passage adjacent to flat roof (this gutter does not appear to have been repainted since Cornwall Room built in 1967.) Windows on stage to be replaced with UPVC windows. (no fanlights.)

1. Replace louvre windows in Cornwall Room with MACO louvres. New suspended ceiling - consider safe access to windows - Construction Design Maintenance Regulations.

2. Maintenance contract for gas appliances. Marking gas pipes or painting gas pipes BS1710 or colour BS 08 C 35. Gas meter East Hall. Check with gas regulations as to whether this should be in fire resistant cupboard and air vent from outside. Notice on meters on procedure in event of gas escape. Lock on cupboard to outside meter. Felt on roof.

3. Upgrade glass doors in entrance vestibule (Fablon). Renew North door East Hall and ceiling in the lobby.

4. Wire guard above Cornwall Room passage will need renewal. Plastic plates on top rainwater gullies in passage.

5. Re-decorate Cloakrooms. Partial re-decoration of sanctuary.

6. Outlet on flat roof over Minister's Vestry is partly blocked. Clean with bolster or blow lamp and scraper.

7. Front elevation. It may be necessary to put weep holes in wall just above flat roof.

8. Hatch to loft in Church Hall. Fit sign 'ROOF VOID BEYOND CONTAINS ASBESTOS'.

9. Fixings on UPVC cladding on Cornwall Room are rusting.

10. CDM Regulations impose some duties on CLIENTS when Contractors working on non-residential buildings. Prepare a HEALTH AND SAFETY FILE. CDM Regulations apply if works last for 30 days or more or 5 or more persons working on site. Contractor to show you a copy of his accident record book (over last 3 years). Any notices served on Company? Has the Contractor and his staff received any training? Even if CDM does not apply the Church still has a responsibility to consider Health and Safety matters when appointing Contractors.

11. Various taps need attention, also flush in Ladies' Cloakroom Church Hall. Some re-pointing needed on front elevation and around windows of Choir Vestry and Gents' Cloakroom Church Hall. Proposed UPVC door Cornwall Room - check on suitable re-reinforcement (aluminium) and quality of UPVC.

Hot water supply needed in some Cloakrooms.

Church premises inspected on October 23rd 1995 by P.H. Williams Esq.,
FRICS. CN.

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YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time.

Please remember those at home who also need your prayers.

Hayley ARCHER	Cardiff.	Medicine.
Victoria CARRINGTON	Paris.	French.
Kirsty CRAGHILL	Anglia. Cambridge	Law & Sociology Science
Nicola DAVIS	Chelsea College. Eastbourne.	P.E. and Gymnastics.
Elizabeth and Nigel DAVIES	Exeter Exeter	Teacher Training D. Ph.
Jan EVERSFIELD	London.	Nursing
John GORDON	Northern College Manchester	Ministerial Training
Alison GORDON	Manchester	Dental Training
Anna HUDNUT	Loughborough	Chemistry
Kerry McCARTHY	Cheltenham	Teacher Training and P. E.
Jane TEWKSBURY	Portsmouth.	Sociology.

For details of the addresses for the above please ask Mrs. Hilary Redman, Pastoral Secretary.

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FLOOD TIDE.

Let the sea match my soul with it sullen grey,
with the storm winds blowing and the sea-spray flying;
and the waves dashed to pieces on the rock-bound shore,
the hollow caves roaring and the seagulls crying.

Let the sea match my soul with its ebbing tide,
when the rocks are left bare, and the sea weed drying;
when the sea-creatures hide in the half-filled pools,
and dry sands are whispering and the hollow caves sighing.

Have you seen how a soft wind can clear the sky,
how the sun shines again, life and colour supplying?
Have you seen how the flood tide can fill all the pools,
how all is transformed where life had seemed dying?

Be Thou that fair wind, clear the clouds from my skies,
as the sun softly shines; the stormy waves stilling.
How my soul would exult in that ocean of love
if Thou be the tide, my empty heart filling.

MARY CONNELLY.

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THE 1996 NEW YEAR PRAYER VIGIL

As decided at our Church Meeting, the 1996 Prayer Vigil will be held on the first THURSDAY, 4 JANUARY, in the Church from 7 am. until 7 pm. to enable those who work to attend.

There will be a list in the vestibule for people to sign up for half or hour long periods, with at least two people present.

We shall be praying for everyone in the Church by name, as well as praying for the needs of the wider Church, for this town, the nation and the world.

"We have courage in God's presence, because we are sure that He hears us if we ask Him for anything that is according to His will. He hears us whenever we ask Him; and since we know this is true, we know also that He gives us what we ask from Him."
1 John 5. vv 14 & 15.

Irene Tuley.

SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT ELDERS DAY

For all serving and non-serving Elders, their spouses and potential Elders.

SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 1996, 10am - 4.30pm at GORING URC. Cost £2

Theme: 'Equipped To Serve'

Speaker: Rev. Ray Whittle of Paraclete International Mission.

Irene Tuley.

SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT LADIES DAY

Monday 22 April 1996, 10 am - 2.30 pm, at GORING URC.

Theme: 'God of our Journey - steps along the way'.

Speaker: Rev. Lady Helena Mc.Kinnon from Wiltshire.

Please bring packed lunch, Bible and notebook, drinks provided.

There will be a creche and bookstall. Cost £2.

Irene Tuley.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 1996, 10am - 11.30am

Preparatory PRAISE, PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY

at St Laurence's C.E. Sea Place, Goring.

FRIDAY 1 MARCH 1996 Women's World Day of Prayer SERVICES

3pm St Mary's C.E. Goring

8pm St Andrew's C.E. Tarring

The Speaker at both services will be Mrs Shelagh McAlpine.

Irene Dearsley & Irene Tuley.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND



GET READY for this annual service
with PRAISE, PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY (led by Canon Muriel Pargeter).

at St. Laurence's Church, Sea Place, Goring
on THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 1996 at 10.30 - 11.30 am.
(coffee served from 10.00 am.)

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE on FRIDAY 1 MARCH 1996

"God calls us to respond" has been prepared by the women of Haiti.
3pm. Service at ST.MARY'S C.E., GORING.
8pm. Service at ST.ANDREW'S C.E. TARRING, followed by coffee.

The speaker at both services will be Mrs. Shelagh Mc.Alpine of Lydia Fellowship International. Everyone (men and women) is welcome to come.

Through the Women's World Day of Prayer, women from 170 countries around the world affirm their faith in Jesus Christ, share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs and come together to pray. The symbol above shows the cross in the centre, the heart of our faith, with four praying figures from the four corners of the earth. All are joined together within the circle of the world and enfolded in God's love.

Irene Dearsley and Irene Tuley.

TORCH FELLOWSHIP GROUP.

'Torch' is a Christian meeting held twice monthly for blind and partially sighted people. (See December calendar)

One meeting takes place in Jubilee Hall, New Life Church (Baptist), Greenland Road at 2.30pm, usually on the third Saturday of each month. December it is the second Saturday.

We have chorus and hymn books in large print so that partially sighted people can join in. Also available for borrowing are tapes and large-print books, all Christian based.

If any member of our congregation is interested please will they get in touch with John and/or Dorothy Cass, Torch Group Leaders, 137 Limbrick Lane, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing. BN12 6AQ. 248276.

At the moment they need more drivers who could help, not only to serve the people, but to serve the Lord by their use.



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To: All Churches in Southern Province

Christmas, 1995

Dear Friends,

Rejoice! With glad anticipation we prepare to celebrate once more the birth of Jesus Christ, given to the world "in the fulness of time."

In the opening chapter of his gospel, John writes of the Christ of whose "fulness we have all received, grace upon grace." Later, John records the purpose of Christ's coming in our Lord's own words: "I have come that they may have life, life in all its fulness."

We look to Christmas to be a time of "fulness".

Children wait excitedly for a full measure of presents. Most of us end up with full stomachs, enriched by all the goodies from the Christmas table.

We even expect that our churches will be much fuller than usual!

The "fulness of time" is the "time of fulness".

Paradoxically, the Christ who came to bring us "fulness of life" was also the Son of God who "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant."

The Incarnation is all about the God who became nothing in order that we might have everything, the Christ who allowed himself to become empty so that he might give himself wholly to doing the will of God and making real the Kingdom of God in our midst.

In Christ we are offered not only the model and example for our own living, but also the empowering of his Spirit to make it a reality.

It is through humble self-emptying, waiting on God in prayer, seeking the Kingdom of God before all else, serving others and counting them better than ourselves, that we discover that everything else is indeed added, and Christ's gift of "fulness of life" becomes ours.

So we give thanks and celebrate again this glorious and sacred mystery of the God who is eternally with us, turning upside down all our worldly ideas and standards, offering a way, a peace and a life such as the world cannot give. Yet it is a way, a peace and a life which we must share with the world if it is to be rescued from all that continues to blight and destroy human life.

May your services and celebrations this Christmas be filled with the grace and glory of the Christ who empties himself in love for the world.

May the offering of yourselves in the service of the community around you bring new hope and joy to all who seek fresh meaning and purpose in life.

May the year ahead be one of discovering new insights, grasping new opportunities and experiencing new growth.

Thank you for the privilege of sharing and serving together in the name of Christ. Mary joins me in greetings and good wishes to you all.

Yours in the fellowship of Christ,

Synod Clerk: Mrs C.P. Meekison DCS

Synod Treasurer: Mr B.M. Edwards, 3 Riverside Court, Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge, TN9 1EZ. Telephone: 0732 351145

Eurovangelism

The following are extracts from a letter dated December 4th 1995 from Dave Foster, the founder of Eurovangelism.

'Following my previous letter about Christmas productions for Russian TV here is an update after my visit to Moscow last month.

"Two Russian news reports evoked different emotions;

"One was from Reuters Moscow office reviewing cost of TV time for political representations in the run-up to the December Duma (parliamentary) elections; Prices of one minute . . . will range up to \$23,000 for the prime slot . . . (after the main evening news). This indicates the value of free transmission time provided for Eurovangelism's two productions in highly valued prime time Christmas slots. At this rate they would cost £1,725,000 . . not including production cost!

"The other (in Moscow News) reported . . . widespread concern that Communists and Nationalists may gain power . . . resulting in a backlash against religious freedom.

"The uncertain heartbeat of an ailing President further emphasises the fragility of the situation. Could this privilege of taking the good news of the Gospel into up to 60,000,000 Russian homes, presenting the real message of Christmas, be the final opportunity of this kind?

" We will appreciate your prayers . . . for the transmission of the programmes on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (according to the Orthodox calendar), January 6&7.

The address of Eurovangelism is P.O. Box 50, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 1EX

"In the Christian theology of history the death of Christ is the central point of history; here all the roads of the past converge; hence all the roads of the future diverge." Stephen Neill.

Entries supplied by Phyllis Wheeler

Wanted

Has anyone taken flower arrangements away as gifts from the ladies supper or afternoon teas? I would be very grateful if the dishes or containers could be returned to the Church kitchen.

Has anyone unwanted baskets or flower arrangement bowls , any shape or size, that they no longer require? I would be very pleased to have them to make use of.

Carol Webber

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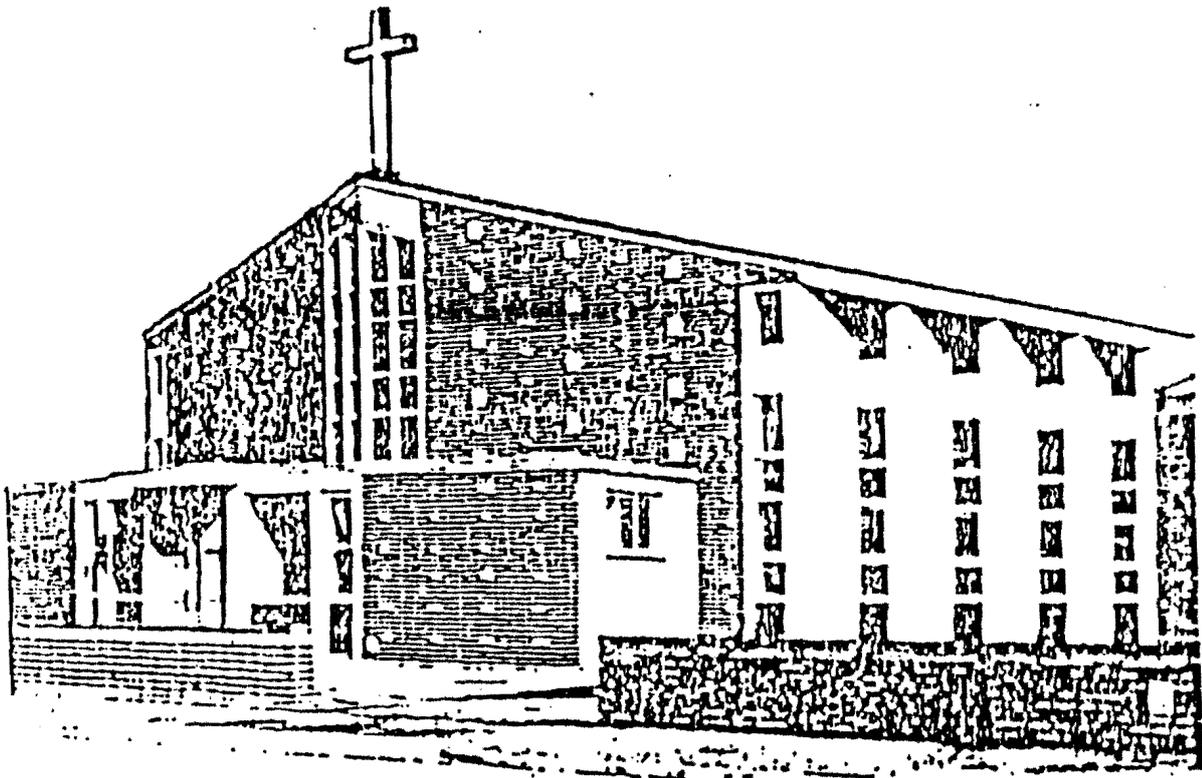
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	Banner Making Group	1.30pm
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	Women's Guild	2.45pm
	Men's Fellowship	2.45pm
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	Beano Club	
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	Service	6.30pm
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	Serendipity - swimming	
16 Tue	Sixth Form College Prayer Group in Little Chapel	7.30pm to 8.30pm
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20 Sat	Torch Fellowship- Durrington	2.30pm
	New Year Social Church hall	7.00pm to 9.30pm
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	Service	11.00am
	Service with Holy Communion & Healing	6.30pm
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	A.D.A. Meeting Church Hall	2.15pm to 4.30pm
	Special Service at St. Columba's URC	7.30pm
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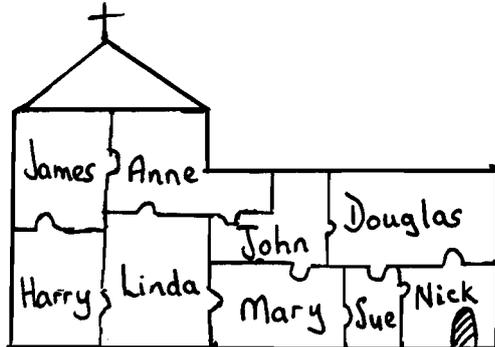
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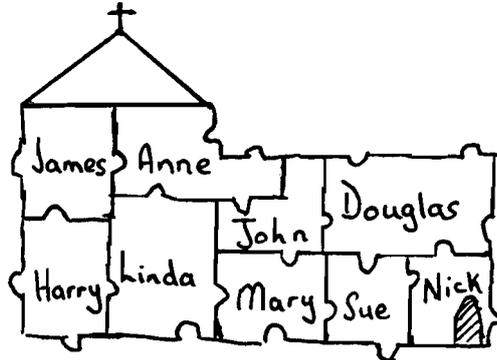
Dear Friends,

I was recently reading a book about the Early Church and its welcoming of people, and came across the following illustration:-



The illustration is, of course, all wrong. The people who make up the church are all interlocked - they are probably all great friends (that certainly is an image we present to those outside the church). Now it may well be that these people know others, indeed have friends, outside the church, but how do they get in? Look carefully at the picture - the church is complete. The Friendship Church has no room for anyone else. If I am outside it is impossible for me to join.

Personally, I would rather the church was drawn like this:-



It may not look as tidy, but there are lots of places for the outsider to join on to.

How do you want our church to appear to those outside? All neat and tidily finished, or with places for them to become a part? Of course, newcomers will alter the shape and maybe make it unrecognisable. Yet it is the cross that makes the drawing a church, and as that remains constant, everyone can see what it is. Jesus' own group of followers was always open to receive others. Which image does Jesus want for our church?

As we move forward in Jesus' name, continue to pray that we may be obedient to His call.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter & Eileen Heckels

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

DEATHS

Dec 28 Arthur Randle
Jan Miss M Wills

REST IN PEACE

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BIRTH

Our friends Andrew and Julia Close have been blessed with a daughter - Bethany (11.1.96)

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

4 Miss Denise Elliott, Flat 7, 12 Byron Road, Worthing, BN11 3 HN (Tel: 208809)

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THANKS

Thank you for all your cards and Christmas wishes. It was so good to hear from you all. We are fine, but all pretty tired as we've missed our half term break this year. The boys have worked almost solidly since September which has been tough going although we did have Thursday off last week because there was too much snow! It is very cold here now, with a windchill factor of minus 36 degrees centigrade, -36 being the coldest, so far! January and February are supposed to be difficult months so we are off to Florida tomorrow (22.12.95) to see the sun and blue skies for a couple of weeks. The boys are really excited about that! Neil and I are too!

Love from Linda, Neil, Nicholas and Timothy to all at Goring URC. (The Andersons in Hamilton, Ontario, until August 1996).

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The **BANNER MAKING GROUP OF LADIES** have called a halt to their work. They have made over 15 banners. Thanks. Well done, ladies.

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Feb 21 Meeting in Church Hall - 2.15 pm to 4.20 pm

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WOMEN'S GUILD

- Feb 13 Mr P Hudson - The Work of the Gideons International - 2.45 pm
 Feb 27 Mr T Seddon - Over that Wall at Petworth (slides) - 2.45 pm

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

- Feb 13 A talk about St Barnabas Hospice, Durrington,
 by Mr Phil Cottrell - 2.45 pm
 Feb 27 Ms Laura Woolley - Assistant Curator of Worthing
 Museum will give a talk - 2.45 pm

Complete programmes for the Spring session are now available in the church vestibule - please take a copy. We should like to see some new faces at our meetings, so come along and enjoy a friendly afternoon.

Ian Hennell, Secretary

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YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight, but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time.

Please remember those at home who also need your prayers.

Hayley ARCHER	Cardiff	Medicine
Victoria CARRINGTON	Paris	French
Kirsty CRAGHILL	Anglia Cambridge	Law & Sociology Science
Nicola DAVIS	Chelsea College Eastbourne	PE and Gymnastics
Elizabeth and	Exeter	Teacher Training
Nigel DAVIES	Exeter	D.Ph
Jan EVERSFIELD	London	Nursing
John GORDON	Northern College, M'chester	Ministerial Training
Alison GORDON	Manchester	Dental Training
Anna HUDNUT	Loughborough	Chemistry
Kerry McCARTHY	Cheltenham	Teacher Training and PE
Jane TEWKSBURY	Portsmouth	Sociology

For details of the addresses for the above please ask Mrs Hilary Redman, Pastoral Secretary.

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5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Secretary of Company: Lt Julie Gray, 30 Kingsland Road, Worthing BN14 9GB
 Tel: 525483

EXPLORERS	5-8 years	TUESDAYS	6-7.15 pm
JUNIORS	8-11 years	TUESDAYS	6-7.45 pm
SENIORS	11-14 years	TUESDAYS	6-8.30 pm
BRIGADERS	14 years plus	TUESDAYS	6-8.30 pm

We ended a busy 1995 on December 16th with an outing to the Dome in Brighton to see a pantomime 'DICK WHITTINGTON'. There were about 25 of us altogether and it was a very enjoyable afternoon for the young, and not so young!

We have started the new session now and on January 16th, in an effort to increase our numbers, each girl was invited to bring a friend along. This was a fun evening, but badge work, etc was still done to show what happens on Tuesday evenings in the Church Hall. The evening ended with a 'Banana Party'.

Brigade Week is from February 4th to 11th, and on Saturday, 10th we are holding a coffee morning in the Church Hall at 10.30 am. Please come along for a cup of coffee, or just to chat to friends.

Church Parade is on Sunday, February 11th at 11 am.

Blessings from us all.

Valerie Hayden (Explorer Helper)

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WORTHING AND DISTRICT STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)

Feb 2	Entertainment by Park Lane Duo	2.00 pm
Feb 9	Annual General Meeting	2.00 pm
Feb 16	Slides on India by John & Pat Marwick	2.00 pm
Feb 23	Mr Eric Fossleitner brings Ben the fox	2.00 pm
Mar 1	'A funny thing happened	2.00 pm

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LEPROSY MISSION

On behalf of the Worthing Branch of the Leprosy Mission I would like to thank all members and friends at Goring United Reformed Church for £657.69 contributed to the work of the Mission during 1995. This amount included £150 raised for COUNTDOWN TO CURE at the garden party held at Mrs Bobby Hitchin's home on July 11th.

Florrie Freeman

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MISSION COMMITTEE

The MISSION COMMITTEE are seeking two people to join them. Anyone with interest in WORLD MISSION - or who would like to learn more about it - will be most welcome. We meet no more than once each month, usually on a Wednesday morning. - Please contact the Rev Ron C Christopher for further information.

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FEBA RADIO - FEBRUARY MAILING

A FEBA mailing is due at their Ivy Arch Road, Worthing office on **MONDAY, 5th and TUESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY**. Help is needed to collate information and put post into envelopes, between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. Come for an hour or so, or all day, if you wish. Tea, coffee and biscuits are supplied, and bring sandwiches if desired.

For more details contact Jennie Ring on Worthing 237281.

PW

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Please note that TEAR FUND received £361 from Christmas collections and CHRISTIAN AID £127. Thank you everyone who contributed so generously.

C.P.A.S. MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN

All ladies are warmly invited to come to this WORKSHOP Day on FRIDAY 8 MARCH from 9.15 - 2.30 pm. at ST.STEPHEN'S C.E. Angola Road, East Worthing.

Choose ONE WORKSHOP on "RECEIVING HIS GRACE"

1. Through Parenting with John and Jan Gooding
2. Through Bereavement with Janet Weil
3. Through Friendship with Dawn Cuthbertson

There will be a creche and bookstall; please bring packed lunch, Bible, notebook and pen. Cost £4. Registration forms are available from I. Tuley.

SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT LADIES DAY

Monday 22 April 1996, 10 am - 2.30 pm, at GORING URC.

Theme: 'God of our Journey - steps along the way'.

Speaker: Rev. Lady Helena Mc.Kinnon from Wiltshire.

Please bring packed lunch, Bible and notebook, drinks provided.

There will be a creche and bookstall. Cost £2.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND



GET READY for this annual service
with PRAISE, PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY (led by Canon Muriel Pargeter).

at St. Laurence's Church, Sea Place, Goring
on THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 1996 at 10.30 - 11.30 am.
(coffee served from 10.00 am.)

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE on FRIDAY 1 MARCH 1996

"God calls us to respond" has been prepared by the women of Haiti.
3pm. Service at ST.MARY'S C.E., GORING.
8pm. Service at ST.ANDREW'S C.E. TARRING, followed by coffee.

The speaker at both services will be Mrs. Shelagh Mc.Alpine of Lydia Fellowship International. Everyone (men and women) is welcome to come.

Through the Women's World Day of Prayer, women from 170 countries around the world affirm their faith in Jesus Christ, share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs and come together to pray. The symbol above shows the cross in the centre, the heart of our faith, with four praying figures from the four corners of the earth. All are joined together within the circle of the world and enfolded in God's love.

Irene Dearsley and Irene Tuley.

From Christian Herald: 'In the USA the Fellowship of Merry Christians gave its 1995 Scrooge Award to the legal and support departments of the US Postal Service in Washington DC. It had banned signs which said 'MERRY CHRISTMAS' or 'HAPPY HANNUKAH' in post office lobbies.'

What a lovely title! I think I'll join the Fellowship of Merry Christians!

PW

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He fixed thee midst this dance
 of plastic circumstance;
 this present thou, forsooth, wouldst fain arrest;
 machinery just meant
 to give thy soul its bent,
 try thee and turn thee forth sufficiently impressed.

We are poor and of no reputation,
 and our habits are thought far from nice
 but our sharp teeth one nibbled the bowstrings
 and the victors were vanquished - by micel!

We can't always follow the sermon,
 and don't know where to sing or to pray,
 but we're there in the church every Sunday.
 which is more than some humans can say!

B F Smyth, Church of England Newspaper

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TEAR FUND

As a result of the combined collections from our Christmas services, I was able to send a cheque for £361.09 to Tear Fund. May I extend a really big thank you on behalf of Tear Fund for your very generous gifts. May the Lord bless you all.

I would also like to give advance notice of the church's intent to support Tear Fund Sunday which, this year falls on March 3rd. Not only will there be gift envelopes available, but I also hope to have other Tear Fund resource material, such as prayer leaflets and gift boxes. Thank you once again for all your support.

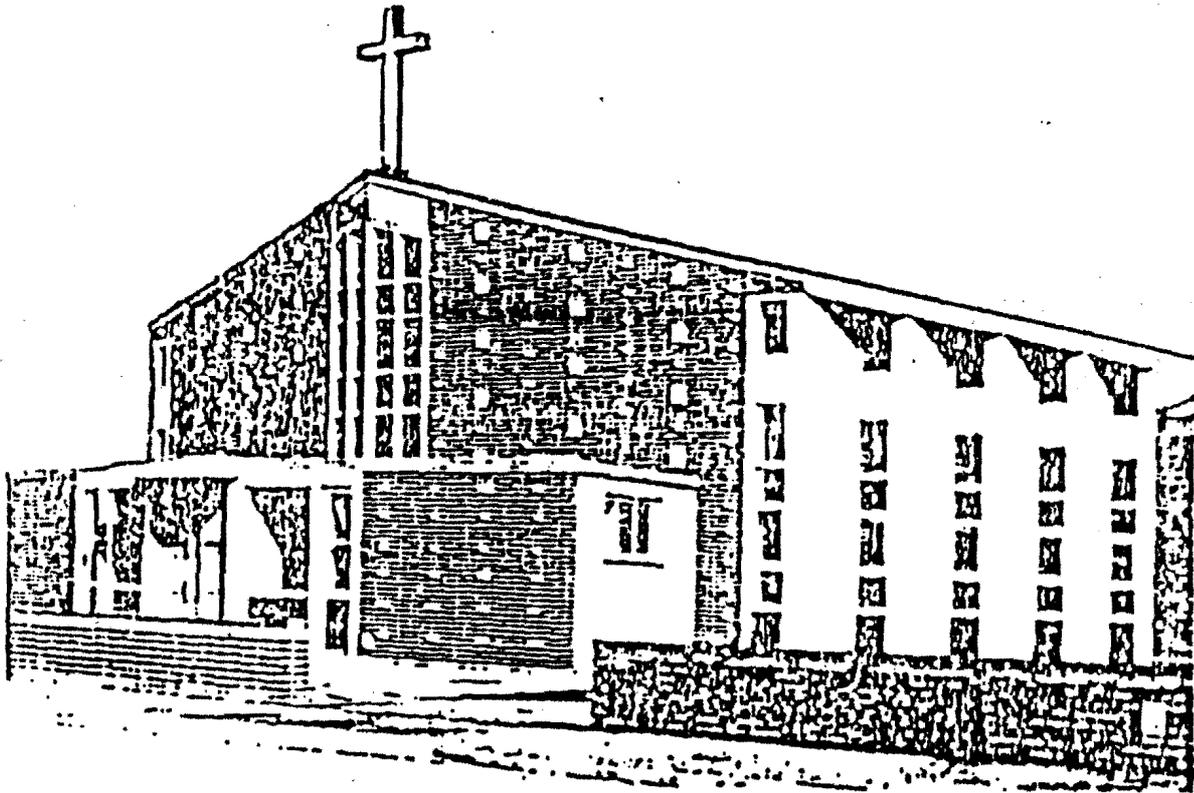
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Dear Friends,

Do you remember the Bird's Eye advert when only the best vegetables were allowed into the country club, or do you ever wonder what happens to the fish that John West rejects? All advertising is based on the idea that only the best is good enough and the rest will be put to one side. How would you like to write an advert for the church? What would you say? Remember people will need to feel wanted - the old, the sick, the outcast, the rejected. We could always quote St. Paul as he described those inside the church:- "God chose what the world looks down on and despises, and thinks as nothing". (1 Corinthians 1: 26-28).

You may feel that this may be off-putting for people who show wisdom in their lives, some of whom are powerful and, perhaps, of noble birth, or at least successful in their business activities. That will be so until they realise that all they have depends upon God and that in His eyes they need to be healed. "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Jesus).

Now there is a word that we may want to avoid - sinners. It's not that we don't want the world to think that we are sinners, in need of God's love in Jesus. More that we do not want to offend people by calling them sinners. Or is it?

We too often give the impression that the church is the place for the righteous rather than the sinner, and perhaps if we were to say that more sinners were welcome, people would feel able to become part of the life of the church. A place for sinners who must bear the burdens of the world which they find very heavy, "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest". (Jesus).

Of course, once your advert encourages people to come in, you must show them what life will be like on the inside. You cannot end with people moving away rejoicing at their good fortune, but rather they must themselves stand at the door encouraging others to come and join them. By the time you are reading these words we will be well into Lent. A period in the church of penitence when we should all examine our lives and repent, asking God's forgiveness for our sins. This, I believe, should not only be a personal thing, but a collective exercise, so we need to have a good look, not only at our own lives, but at the life of our church.

When I was called here I set out my understanding that the church should be truly a family of God's people, united in their understanding of God's purpose for His gathered people within the church community. I still believe that to be our first priority. God has called us together in Goring URC and while we will never be perfect, we can support and encourage each other to be His family here. What sort of advert can we put forward? Remember, it must be honest. We need to see ourselves as others see us for as we welcome them in to join us we become sinners together, seeking to be broken vessels which hold God's love, that all may see and taste of His saving grace through Jesus Christ. Or else we could portray ourselves as some sort of exclusive club into which only those who receive our approval are welcome.

We all know what Jesus desires. As we move through Lent towards Easter, let us pray that we allow Him to be Lord of His church.

Yours servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels

CHARLES STAFFORD STEPHENS

Charles was an upright and conscientious man with high Christian principles which he brought to both his personal life and in his professional life as a Chartered Accountant. His greatest desire was to serve his Lord in a quiet and unassuming manner. One of his greatest fulfillments was in serving on the Board of Governors of New College, London, where he felt he was contributing to the training of young men and women for the Ministry. He first served as Treasurer and latterly as Chairman of the Governors.

Charles initially worshipped at Lyndhurst Road Congregational Church, Hampstead, where he met Mary, his wife, both of whom were members of the choir. Later, at Union Church, Mill Hill, he became a Deacon and Co-Treasurer. In 1958, with his family, he removed to Goring, serving here as Deacon, Elder, Church Secretary and Chairman of the Sussex West District Council of the URC. His great love of music continued, finding expression in the Church Choir for many years, and in his service on the Organ Committee for the, then, new Church Building. In later years he dedicated himself to the care of Mary in her declining years until her death in 1989. He was devoted to his daughters and grandchildren, sustaining them by his faith and example in Christian discipleship. His fine spirit and determination enabled him to be independent to the end.

Many of us, not only those in his family, have benefitted through his wise counsel, his friendship and by his example of a life lived according to Christian principles.

ECB

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Following a television Service broadcast from Friary Church, Nottingham in the early spring of 1974, Charles visited the Church and met both myself and my wife, Mary. There quickly developed a bond of friendship which, by Grace, contributed to my being called to the pastorate of Goring URC. The friendship continued over the years, having been sealed in the happy and holy gift from Charles of the preaching gown, which is still in use today.

When I last visited Charles the discussion centred upon the words:

"The eternal God is thy dwelling place
And underneath are the everlasting arms."

Deuteronomy 33 v 27

Charles' funeral service was on Friday, 9th February at Goring URC, conducted by the Revd Peter Heckels, with organ music played by Geoffrey, one of his grandsons, rejoicing the heart and speaking of Heaven's joys and blessing the family and friends present.

Charles and his dear wife, Mary, are together and we give thanks to God in the ever blessed name of Jesus Christ.

Before and beside us,
Still holden in Thine hand,
A cloud of unseen witnesses,
Our elder comrades stand
One family unbroken,
We join, with one acclaim
One heart, one voice uplifting,
To glorify Thy name.

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Deaths

Mrs Winifred Redman January 26th 1996
Mr Charles Stephens January 31st 1996

Rest in Peace

An Appreciation

Jesus said:- "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you."

Win Redman has now gone to the place her Lord has prepared for her. We shall remember Win who, with Norman, had been a member of our Church for over thirty years, as a quiet gentle lady but with an inward strength. She had strong convictions of faith, loyalty and love. Her faith in her Lord was strong, her loyalty to her friends staunch, so much so that she travelled to the other side of the world to visit one, and she had a deep rooted love for her family.

Win will be missed by many, and very much by Norman, with whom she had shared a love for so many years.

We uphold Norman and the family in our prayers and we give thanks for Win's life, remembering that Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Joan Burrage

Birth

A son, Ellis John, born January 26th to Sandy and Tim Bushby

Thanks

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who upheld me during my recent illness, with cards, flowers, visits and offers of help, but mostly through your prayers. I am pleased to be feeling much better, and able to join you in worship once again on Sundays.

God bless you all

Sidney (Brad) Bradley

Barbara, Jane, Hilary and their families thank everyone for their many expressions of love and sympathy on the death of their dear father, Charles Stephens. These have been much appreciated.

We would like to say how enjoyable the Church Social was - held on Ricky's birthday - January 20th. The fun and fellowship was terrific. We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Roy Gooderham and Mr and Mrs Michael Ebeling for all their hard work in making it such fun. Thanks to all the other helpers, too. We are sure we speak for all when we say how much of a Church family we all felt that night.

Thanks from the Mitchells

Tear Fund

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Liz Stillwell

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Monthly Meeting March 27th 2.15 to 4.30pm

SPECIAL SPEECH THERAPY CLASSES from 9am to 1pm: - February
26th, 27th, 28th, March 1st, 4th,
5th, 6th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 15th.
In Church Hall

Worthing & District Stroke Club (KESTRO)

March 1st 'A funny thing happened	2.00pm
March 8th Musical afternoon	2.00pm
March 15th P.C.Peter Jones talks about Crime Prevention	2.00pm
March 22nd Word search	2.00pm
March 29th Easter Bonnet competition	2.00pm

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Easter Concert

On Wednesday March 27th at 7.30pm the Rowland Singers will once again be presenting a Concert of Easter Music in our Church.

The programme consists of three contrasting works - 'Blest Pair of Sirns' by C. P.H. Parry; 'The Saviour by Lloyd Webber; (Father of Andrew and Julian), and 'Stabat Mater' by Pergoleis.

Conductor and Soprano Soloist	-	Jacky Emery
Contarto Soloist	-	Anthea Myall
Tenor Soloist	-	John Watkins
Bass Soloist	-	John Polwin
Organist	-	Richard Colbourn

The programme, containing the Congregational Hymns and Latin translation, are priced at 30 pence each, and there will be a retiring collection. After the choir expenses have been paid the balance will be given to our Church. Please book this date in your diaries and on your calendars, support the choir, support our Church and enjoy the music.

Programmes can be obtained from Mrs Rosemary Terry, Roy and Sheila Gooderham.

Sheila Gooderham

Feba Radio - March Mailing

The next mailing days are due at their Ivy Arch Road, Worthing office on Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th March.

Help is needed to collate information and post into envelopes, between 9.00am and 5.00pm. Come for an hour or so, or all day, if you wish. Tea, coffee and biscuits are supplied and bring sandwiches if desired. For more information contact Jennie on Worthing 237281.

P.W.

Goring Little Fishes

Denise and I were so busy settling in new little ones after Christmas that we missed the January deadline for the Chronicle so some of our news is a bit old now.

We finished last term with two parties for the children and two little Christmas shows for their families. We had to split these into 2 as we had 39 children on roll. We also did our little show for the Kestro club and received a great welcome. Father Christmas came to visit us there and a good time was had by all. Our Northbrook College student was wonderful, and she stayed an extra 4 days of her own time to help us with our Christmas celebrations. We were all sorry to see her go, but she has promised to pop in and see us from time to time.

We have started the new term well, and now have 45 children on roll and rising. Social Services have re-visited us and we now have 4 children attending here from them. We have another Northbrook College placement at the moment.

Denise and I will be attending courses and meetings during the coming months in respect of the Government's voucher scheme and children with special needs.

We look forward to a busy and enjoyable term

Sue Mitchell

Recycling

Every drum or toner cartridge in a laser printer or photocopier returned for recycling to PBT International Ltd., triggers a £2 donation by the Company to TEAR FUND's 'Bread for Life' programme. More information from Carole Allen, Tear Fund, 100 Church Road, Teddington, Middx, TW11 8QE (0181 977 9144)

New Year Social

On January 20th about 50 people - men , women and children - enjoyed the fun and fellowship of the Social which was held in the Church hall. The Social followed the pattern of previous years and it all went with a swing. Thanks to Mrs Bobby Hitchin and Mrs Christine Sharpe who provided the refreshments, to Paul and Graham Redman who provided the audio system, and to Audrey and Michael Ebeling who joined with Roy and me to plan and run the evening. It was a good team effort. After paying out expenses, just over £17 was given to our Church. Thank you to all who came.

Sheila Gooderham (Social Secretary)

Opportunities available to work with the next generation of Christians

Our young people need you to share your faith in Jesus.

We have openings for willing members of Goring URC to share in the important task of teaching our children. Training available; no previous experience necessary; enthusiasm preferred.

This rewarding, hands on job will bring you into contact with many interesting people. We can offer you all the benefits you would expect from an employer whose nature is love, and the opportunity to be part of a committed team of fellow workers.

Pay - Enjoyment, satisfaction and heavenly rewards.

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Do you remember your Sunday school teacher? I doubt if any of you know Tom Hume, but I have much to be grateful to him for as he shared with me his faith and understanding of the Scriptures, and opened up the wonderful revelation of Jesus from their pages. He was not a teacher by profession, but received all the skills he needed from the Lord, whose ways he taught. No doubt you too have your own 'Tom Hume', someone who led and guided you during the important early years of your life - those who sowed the seeds and waited patiently for the Lord to bring them to fruition. Our children deserve the same from us and perhaps it is you who the Lord now wants to use.

I was never in Girls' Brigade, but many will bear witness to dedicated GB leaders who have had a similar effect on their life, and the same will be true of BB.

We have openings in many areas of our work with young people and we encourage you to think and pray about the possibility of your involvement.

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Current Opportunities

JUNIOR CHURCH

In our Junior Church with the children aged 3-11, teachers are special friends. It's been lovely recently to see the look of reassurance and joy on the faces of different children as they are told that THEIR TEACHER is here. But there are gaps to be filled, and by April we shall be needing THREE NEW TEACHERS. Come, as the Lord speaks to you, and talk with us about the opportunity for you to help and to see where you would best fit in. As you give to the children and the Lord you certainly will receive your reward.

Contact: Irene Dearsley

GIRLS' BRIGADE

GB is a lot of fun for girls aged from 5 years. We meet in four age groups on Tuesday evenings.

Each week we have badge work sessions, fun time and a short prayer time.

We are looking for people to come and work alongside the existing group leaders for either the whole or just part of the evening.

- No previous training is required.
- No upper age limit
- Just plenty of enthusiasm

Contact: Denise Elliott

There are other opportunities. Please contact Peter Heckels if you are interested in any aspect of our work with young people.

HEAVENLY FATHER

Heavenly Father lead us through times of deep despair.
 True to our faith in Jesus, we cry to you in prayer.
 You'll always be right by our side;
 Sharing our load, you'll be our guide.
 Taking the hand that healed us, we follow you, O Lord.

Heavenly Father break us, revealing stubborn pride.
 Tear us apart and make us your worthy, humble bride.
 You broke your body on the tree,
 Shedding your blood to set us free.
 Come now and recreate us; we honour you, O Lord.

Heavenly Father raise us to heights beyond our view.
 Give us a fire that blazes within our hearts for you.
 We don't deserve your gracious love,
 Sent through your Son from Heaven above.
 Offering up our praises, we worship you, O Lord.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Although our Nativity Service was held a few weeks' ago, we hope its message remains with you - Emmanuel, God with us. All contributed to a very special evening which emphasized the true meaning of Christmas and that our relationship with God is two-way. Not long ago we had fun, games, laughter and food at our New Year party - thanks once again to Bobby and Robin for a delicious tea.

If you ventured into the Main Hall on a Sunday morning, you would be met with a studious sight, because children from age 8 are busy working through the Bible Exploration which culminates in a written test at the end of March. This year the subject is 'Shalom' which is Hebrew for harmony in every aspect of life i.e. health, wholeness, fulfilment etc. This time of study requires a great deal of preparation on behalf of the teachers and, because the books are arranged in different age groups, more help than usual is necessary. In view of this, we are extremely grateful to Chris and Janice Byerley for agreeing to teach a group each Sunday. Don't forget you can help too by praying for the teachers and children, that they may learn together more about the limitless love of God.

Sue Arkinstall

C.P.A.S. MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN

All ladies are warmly invited to come to this WORKSHOP Day on FRIDAY 8 MARCH from 9.15 - 2.30 pm. at ST.STEPHEN'S C.E. Angola Road, East Worthing.

Choose ONE WORKSHOP on "RECEIVING HIS GRACE"

1. Through Parenting with John and Jan Gooding
2. Through Bereavement with Janet Weil
3. Through Friendship with Dawn Cuthbertson

There will be a creche and bookstall; please bring packed lunch, Bible, notebook and pen. Cost £4. Registration forms are available from I. Tuley.

SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT LADIES DAY

Monday 22 April 1996, 10 am - 2.30 pm, at GORING URC.

Theme: 'God of our Journey - steps along the way'.

Speaker: Rev. Lady Helena Mc.Kinnon from Wiltshire.

Please bring packed lunch, Bible and notebook, drinks provided.

There will be a creche and bookstall. Cost £2.

Irene Tuley.

RUTH's CHAT

(from the FIELD)

January 1996

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM CONGO!

Whilst Andrea and I celebrate Christmas and the New Year in Brazzaville with colleagues and friends, it's also a good opportunity for another CHAT with you all ...

A feast of Christmas food, "Hark the herald angels sing", "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas", even a visit by Santa - these things are not usually part of Christmas in CONGO - UNLESS you get invited to the American Ambassador's Christmas party!!

For a few hours on the Sunday before Christmas we were transported to another world to celebrate according to OUR culture, along with most of the expatriate community in Brazzaville.

Engaging stuff!

Just a week earlier Andrea and I witnessed a very different traditional ceremony which is part of MBOSHI culture. Our Mboshi co-worker, Louis, invited us to the wine-giving ceremony (in his case it was mostly coke!) marking his engagement to Marianne.

In Congo, marriage is the coming together of two whole families, sealed by payment of

the bride price. However, the first step which the husband-to-be must take is to offer drinks to his in-laws-to-be.



After traditional speeches have been made by representatives of the two families, the commitment of both sides is confirmed when Marianne holds a glass of coke to her fiancé's lips for him to drink, and he gives her a drink in the same way.

Please pray for Louis and Marianne as they commit themselves to marriage. Just like in our culture, many young people laugh at the idea of committing yourself to one person for life.

Team work

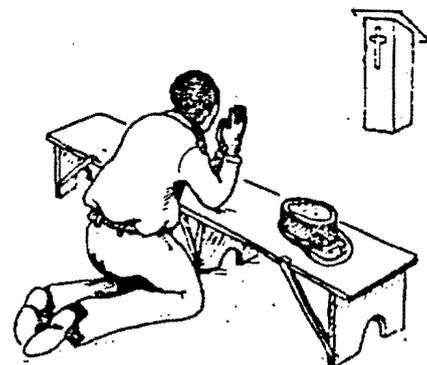
Louis and Marianne plan to move to Boundji in January, since Louis is keen to help us develop the written form of his language and see Scripture translated. He also has some

training in linguistics, and we praise God for his input. (Thanks to the generous financial support which some of you give to Andrea and me, we will be able to give him a monthly allowance, so that he has a source of income.)

We are also very pleased to have on-going input from Henri Camille, our part-time Catholic language helper.

A bit of history...

The village of Boundji grew up around a Catholic mission station, founded in 1900. Henri's grandfather was the village chief. The first Protestant church was not started until 1988! Other churches have been planted in the past three years, since the end of the Marxist regime in Congo.



Lightening strikes

Just two days after returning to Boundji in September, our solar panel was damaged by lightening. ☹️ We praise God that our computers were not plugged in at the time, since they could have been "written off". From then on we had many paraffin-lamp-or-candle-lit dinners (no solar lights!) and very little power for entering data into the computer.



Our solar panel is currently being worked on in Brazzaville, and we hope that when we return to Boundji in mid-January we will be able to use it again. We've now decided that a lightening conductor of some kind would be a good idea!

Other "highlights" since September

- ☺️ It was mango season in Boundji! ☺️ We now have plenty of mango jam in the kitchen cupboard.
- ☺️ Our latrine (outhouse) had a cement floor put in and a roof put on, so we no longer have to take our umbrellas with us when it is raining!
- ☺️ We made a week-long trip up to the Equator to make recordings of the dialect spoken there.
- ☺️ A lady accused of practising sorcery was murdered in Boundji
- ☺️ We attended a funeral. Women go bare-foot to sit with the family, wailing and crying loudly. (Henri was horrified when I told him that in England we often "burn" our dead!)
- ☺️ We made progress in speaking Mboshi ☺️
- ☺️ In working with people on our manual "How to read and write Mboshi", we found that each person has different ideas about how the language should be written! We want to take notice of the suggestions people are making, but we know we will not be able to please everybody!
- ☺️ We learned that an airline company is starting fortnightly flights from Brazza to Boundji! (So when you come to visit, you don't have to take a two-day truck ride!)
- ☺️ A one-page calendar for 1996 with Mboshi proverbs on it has been produced, and we are now busy selling it to the Mboshi community in Brazzaville.
- ☺️ We have also been able to give out some copies of the Christmas story translated into Mboshi, which was produced last year by our colleagues in Brazzaville.

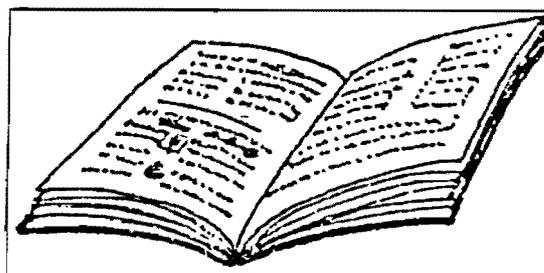
Coming home...

As you may have heard, Andrea and I will be taking a short furlough during 1996. I plan to be in England from mid-May to mid-October 1996, and look forward to seeing many of you then.

Until we leave for furlough, we will continue to focus on language learning and analysis, in the hope that, after furlough, it will not be too long before the task of translating Scripture into Mboshi can begin in earnest.

Of course, we can achieve nothing without giving ourselves first to God - "Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him and He will act!" (Ps.37 v5) Thank you for your partnership in prayer! Blessings,

Ruth



RUTH CHATFIELD

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Juniors 8-11 years	Tuesdays	6 - 7.45pm
Seniors 11-14 years	Tuesdays	6 - 8.30pm
Brigaders 14 years plus	Tuesdays	6 - 8.30pm

Church Parade is on Sunday March 10th at 11am

We wish to thank the Church friends and parents for their support at our coffee morning. We raised £100 toward Company funds/fees.

On a sad note for us at 5th Worthing we have to say good-bye to Mrs Julie Gray. We wish to thank her for her tremendous help over the years. All Officers, helpers and girls will miss her cheery outlook on life. Please pray for us as we continue our work with the Girls.

To Julie, Alan her husband, and baby Stuart, we hope you will be happy in your new life in Scotland. God be with you all.

Amanda Nash

May I, and all their friends here in GURC, add our sincere good wishes for the future, to Alan, Julie and Stuart.

Editor

"Gently loosens He thy hold
of the former, treasured things,
loves and joys which were of old,
shapes to which the spirit clings;
and alone, alone, He stands,
stretching out beseeching hands."

anon.

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Church Concert

The Elders have given me permission to organise a concert in our Church on Saturday May 11th at 7.30pm, with a retiring collections for Christian Aid. All the music will be performed by those who attend our Church at the present time, and I hope that there will be a wide range of music. Geoffrey Redman will play organ solos as well as accompany a choir of about 20 singers. Those who heard Geoffrey play at a coffee morning a few months ago will welcome the opportunity of listening to him again. In addition we expect to have contributions from soloists or groups of singers or musicians, so if you would like to take part or can suggest someone who might be interested, please speak to me as soon as possible.

I hope to involve people from all parts of our Church family, so that we can work together in harmony to produce a Concert which will be a time of enjoyment and praise. Please put a note in your diary or on your calendar so that you can come and show your support for the performers and for Christian Aid.

Michael Ebeling

From the Fabric Committee

It has been brought to our attention that the Kitchen is not being kept as clean and tidy as it should be. We would like to ask all Organisations who use the kitchen to make sure that, even if they just boil a kettle for a cup of tea or prepare refreshments or a meal, to make sure that the equipment - trays, china and cutlery - are grease free, and that electric switches are turned OFF after use. Also that the Cooker has spillage wiped away.

The Kitchen, apart from the floor, is not part of the cleaners' work, so it is up to each one of us to be sure to leave the KITCHEN as you would like to find it.

Could you take home and wash any tea towels you have used, and return them please.

We have been told that sometimes there is a smell of gas in the kitchen. The Cooker has been checked and there is no gas leak. We believe that this happens when the pilot lights are not ignited when lighting the burners and/or the controls are not being switched off correctly. A notice explaining this will be placed on the wall near the Cooker and we hope this problem will then be a thing of the past.

We do find that from time to time the Kitchen is used as a 'collection point' or 'a place to leave items until a permanent position is found'. Please ask either Don Stewart or me if you wish to do either of these things, otherwise we will dispose of these items after a short period of time.

One other important thing. Please do not place items on the work surfaces near the First Aid Box and notice. We are required by law to keep a First Aid Box on the premises and displayed prominently.

We do hope that you will all take on board the above comments so that, should an Inspector call, we shall not be found wanting!!

Sheila Gooderham. Chairman.

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YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time.

Please remember those at home who also need your prayers.

Hayley ARCHER	Cardiff.	Medicine.
Victoria CARRINGTON	Paris.	French.
Kirsty CRAGHILL	Anglia. Cambridge	Law & Sociology Science
Elizabeth and	Exeter	Teacher Training
Nigel DAVIES	Exeter	D. Ph.
John GORDON	Northern College Manchester	Ministerial Training
Alison GORDON	Manchester	Dental Training

For details of the addresses for the above please ask Mrs. Hilary Redman, Pastoral Secretary.

	BOYS BRIGADE	
Mondays	Anchor Boys	5.00pm
	Juniors	6.15pm
Fridays	Company Section	7.15pm

The Junior Section Boys enjoyed their games evening on Monday February 12th. Parents and Church friends came along to give their support. Our chaplain, Peter, had been training the Boys over the past few weeks to participate in games organised by the BB International Group. To make sure everything was 'above board' Norman Prattent came along and did the judging on the evening. The official results will not be known for a few months, but we are sure the Boys did reasonably well. Thank you, Peter and Norman, for your efforts. Perhaps you could organise another evening when a team from the congregation could compete with the Boys! Having seen the church secretary endeavouring to walk with a balloon between his knees leaves much to your imagination!

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed into our ranks some new members. GARY HARRISON and JASON TILLEY into the Juniors and KEVIN LOCK and CRAIG HARRISON into the Company Section. We hope to see more Boys coming along in the next few weeks.

MARK BYERLEY, DAVID GREEN, DAVID and JAMES HARRIS (twins) have now transferred from the Juniors into the Company Section and seem to have settled down to the different routine. Just a few more Officers and we shall be well away!

Donald Stewart. Captain.

Calendar for MARCH 1996

1 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)		2.00pm
	Women's World Day of Prayer		
2 Sat	Torch Fellowship St. Columbas URC		2.30pm
3 Sun	Tear Fund Sunday		
	Holy Communion		8.00am
	Holy Communion Service		11.00am
	Service		6.30pm
5 Tue	Vlth Form College Prayer Group	7.30pm to	8.30pm
7 Thu	Day of Prayer (H/C 10.30pm)	7.00am to	6.00pm
8 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)		2.00pm
10 Sun	Holy Communion		8.00am
	Parade Service		11.00am
	Service		6.30pm
12 Tue	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship		2.45pm
15 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)		2.00pm
16 Sat	Torch Fellowship- Durrington		2.30pm
17 Sun	Mothering Sunday		
	Holy Communion		8.00am
	Service		11.00am
	Healing with Holy Communion Service		6.30pm
18 Mon	Serendipity Club (Venue TBA)		
21 Thu	Prayer & Praise Meeting	2.30pm to	3.30pm
22 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)		2.00pm
24 Sun	2nd Sunday before Easter		
	Holy Communion		8.00am
	Service		11.00am
	Service		6.30pm
27 Wed	A.D.A. Meeting Church Hall	2.15pm to	4.30pm
	Rowland Singers Easter Programme in our Church		7.30pm
28 Thu	Church Meeting		7.30pm
29 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)		2.00pm
	Little Fishes term ends (to 14 April inc)		4.00pm
30 Sat	Clocks forward 1 hour tonight		
31 Sun	Palm Sunday Sunday before Easter		
	Holy Communion		8.00am
	Service		11.00am
	Service		6.30pm

Please kindly inform the editor if an entry is incorrect

Late items

Thank you, Don Stewart, for making such a good job cleaning the filthy gas cooker in the kitchen on Friday February 23rd.

BAPTISM.

Emily May Cherriman, daughter of Anthony and Karen Cherriman, and sister to Philip and Patrick, on Sunday February 25th 1996.

CONGRATULATIONS.

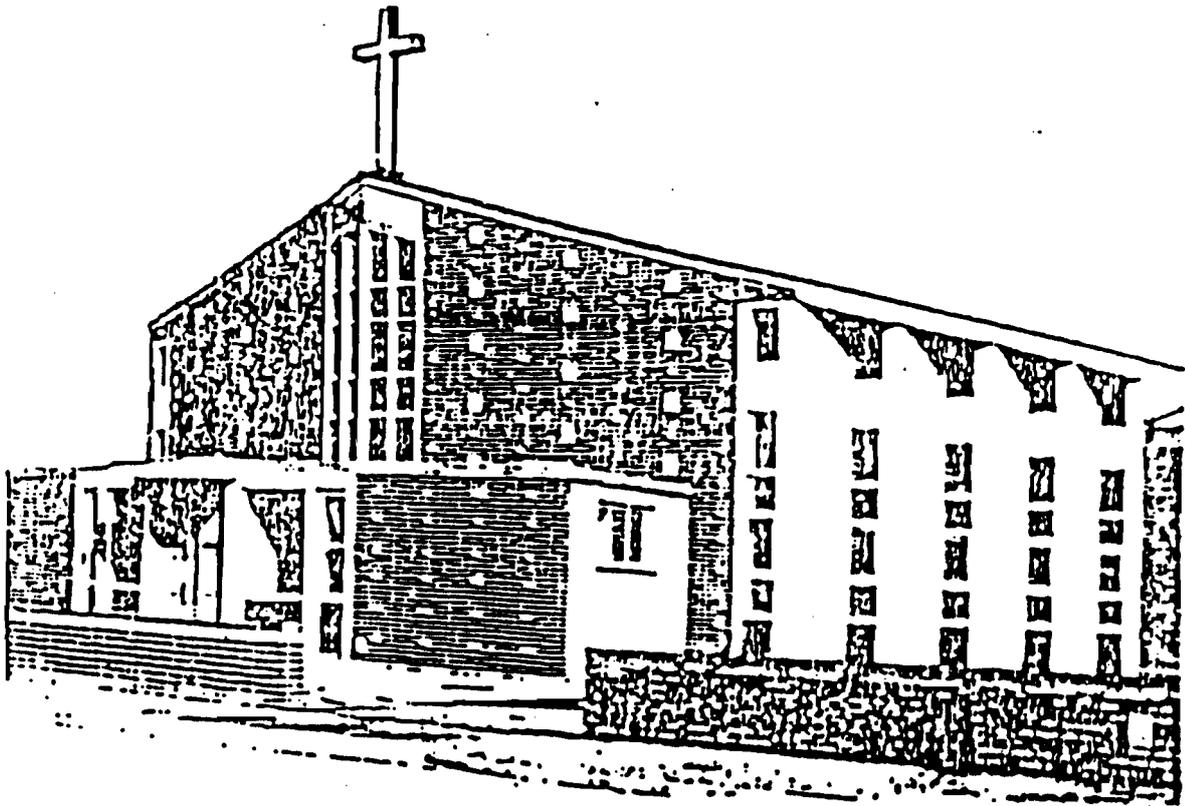
Mrs. Ellen Munday celebrated her 100th birthday on Friday February 23rd in 'Holywynd', St. Botolph's Road. Thanks are due to all the staff in Holywynd for all the care and love they have shown towards her over the years.

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday - Holy Communion) Youth Service
6.30 pm	Evening Worship (3rd Sunday - Holy Communion and Healing)

CHURCH OFFICERS

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Dear Friends,

This letter is being written within days of the tragedy at Dunblane being flashed across our television screens and the devastation of those families involved, gradually beginning to sink in to the whole nation. "Evil visited us on Wednesday and why, we will probably never know" said the head teacher, and thus he summed up what many people were thinking. The families and, indeed, the whole community saw their whole lives turned inside out, and although many wanted to find words to express support and comfort, such words are always inadequate. In the midst of the thousands of words written and spoken, we are only left with a feeling of horror and helplessness. Our prayers are with all those involved in this appalling horror as they seek to rebuild their shattered lives.

Looking forward to better things is very much a part of the human character, for even in the darkest moments of life we hold on to the hope for better times to come. This has helped many people at times of sickness or personal, national or even international crisis. The ability to look forward to tomorrow is very often a strength we fall back on, although often the darkest moments have to pass before tomorrow can even seem possible.

We are to celebrate Easter at the beginning of this month when we will celebrate Easter Day which lies beyond Good Friday. Easter Day when hopes are renewed in the words "Christ has Risen", despite the depths to which they plumbed as Christ was hanging and dying on the Cross. Easter is the time when the church is a community alive with vibrant power when we live in the triumph of love over evil, when we proclaim "Christ is Risen". Yet we cannot know the power unless we come with Jesus to that stark, ugly cross, which cries out of defeat and despair. We cannot conquer the world until we understand the full force of the victory and see Christ's power at work over evil.

To those visited by evil there can be no words, only love, and then only Christ's love to uphold them and support them, that in His arms they may bear the burden and horror that evil brings, until they are able to see that tomorrow will be. Tomorrow, which can be faced with the same love and support from Jesus. For us too, as the people of Christ, tomorrow which is built on the joy of Resurrection and the promises which Jesus makes to His people, "I am with you always", a promise in sorrow and joy, a promise from the cross of Good Friday and the garden of Easter Day. Here is the hope for us all, that in faith we may know the living Lord who upholds us in His love, triumphant over evil.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels

- 11 Mrs Kathleen Green died on March 9th
 8 Mr Alex Blackford died on March 16th.
 Another two friends have gone to our Lord. Rest in Peace

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CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

- 10 MITCHELL Mr Peter & Mrs Sue 01903 531551

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LETTERS

It is with much regret that I must announce my departure from Goring United Reformed Church and 5th Worthing Company of Girls' Brigade. Restructuring within SmithKline Beecham has left my position there redundant, but I have been very fortunate in being offered another job at the Irvine site in Scotland.

I leave this GB Company after almost 7 years of happy service, and have been honoured to meet so many kind people through it.

The Company is left in the capable hands of Denise, Valerie, Amanda and Hannah who are all committed to keeping 5th Worthing alive and kicking. Margaret Craghill, to whom we are all indebted, has offered to take on the role of Secretary.

I will miss you all from Church and Girls' Brigade and I know that Stuart will miss all his wee friends from Creche. However, it is lovely to be going back home to our families.

Thank you all for all your love and support shown over the past years. I wish the Company every success. May God bless you all.

Julie Gray (Lieutenant)

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AN APPEAL

Will the person/s who has/have 'borrowed' the large grey/green trays from our kitchen now kindly return them? Kestro Stroke Club, who meet in the Church Hall nearly every Friday afternoon, miss the use of these trays tremendously and, I'm sure you'll appreciate, so do other organisations within our church. We are now down to 7 small trays and this is proving inefficient. The kitchen is open every day of the week and the trays can be slipped under the counter without anyone being the wiser. I don't think any more will be purchased to replace them in case they, too, are 'borrowed' when they're needed.

Leslie Montford

PS Kestro Club have purchased a tray (not like those above) for £1, and donated it to our church. Let's hope no one thinks of 'borrowing' it.

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SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AT ST.COLUMBAS ON 7.3.96.

Opening devotions were led by Kitty Pugh of St.Columbas, based on 2 Corinth. 5v 16-19, with special prayers for Rev Brian Wroe (retiring end March), Brian & Jenny Sturtridge (moving in April) and Archie Hamilton (ill).

The District Elders Day had been good with 100 registered but 80 came due to illness and the bad weather. Ray Whittle had been delighted with the response on the day and the gift of £70 for Paraclete Ministry International. The President asked us to uphold David Helyar (the Moderator) in prayer.

PASTORAL CONCERNS

BOGNOR - District concurred to the call of Rev Brian Sturtridge to move to the Dursley Group, Gloucester District. Last service is on Easter Sunday.

BOGNOR and PAGHAM Sun. March 10, Service to inaugurate this joint pastorate.

BRIGHTHELM - District approved the call of Rev Ken Lynch from Redhill July 13

PROPERTY MATTERS -

BRIGHTHELM and BOGNOR - Approval given to sell Manses and purchase new ones.

CLERMONT - Approval given for a Child's Activity Centre on the premises.

LEWES ROAD - Last service in Church held on March 3, in hall pro-tem.

Dedication of new Church due end of May or early June.

New Health and Safety Standards Regulations now available.

PROVINCIAL YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK TRAINER - MISS WENDY WALKER

Young peoples' voices need to be heard at Church, District and Provincial levels. Are they represented and are they involved? Please inform Wendy or Darryl of any youth events. There is deep concern that many Churches have few young people, that the Church and the youngsters are missing out. We need to build up relationships and make them feel welcome, involving them in services. Teenagers are a great resource and challenge but very rewarding. Contact Wendy for information on training, resources and experience. At Croydon Provincial Youth Weekend for age 13+, September 14/15 'Fairground Attractions'.

MINISTRY IN THE DISTRICT

The Proposed Scoping as introduced at the special District Meeting in January was discussed and with 2 amendments was carried unanimously.

1. Rustington to discuss possible entry in future Worthing Area Team Ministry.
2. St.Columbas and Shelley Road are scoped for 1 Minister, (2 until August 1997), and that they should call a Minister to work alongside Rev. Roy Parkington until his retirement in August 1997.
3. District Officers authorised to declare a vacancy at Bognor and Pagham as from April 10 1996.
4. District Officers authorised to declare a vacancy in the West Sussex Area Ministry (Pulborough, Petworth & Billingshurst) as from April 30 1996.
5. Hove and Brighton Churches to explore possibility of Hove & Brighton Team.
6. Recognised the formation of Brighton Group of URCs and that they be scoped for 3 Ministers for Brighthelm, Lewes Road, Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs, and possibly Clermont.
7. Hove area be scoped for 2 Ministers with:
 - a. Hounsom and Sompting to share ministry thus $\frac{1}{2}$ scoping for Hove.
 - b. Portslade and Brighthelm to discuss sharing Ministry thus $\frac{1}{2}$ scoping.
 - c. Hove Central left with scoping of 1 Minister, but their aim should be to explore and create Group Ministry in Hove Area.
8. Proposed Scoping to be implemented and effective from March 8 1996, to allow Churches to proceed with calling a Minister.

Total number of Ministers 13. Total number of URC Ministers 11.

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 Provincial Youth Weekend Event in Croydon for 13+ 'Fairground Attractions'.
 District Autumn Event to be arranged.
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WOMEN'S DAY At Goring URC, Monday 22 April 10am - 2.30. Rev Helena McKinnon
 'God Of Our Journey - Steps along the way'. Creche and bookstall. £2.
PROVINCIAL DAY Saturday 14 September, Fairfield Hall, Croydon. Many activities.

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SOUTHERN LINK Newsletter of our Province, contact Rev Jim Gould with items.

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Irene Tuley.

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WOMEN'S GUILD

April 9th	Members' own afternoon	2.45 pm
April 23rd	Mr G.K. Toole Mackson - Life of a caring solicitor	2.45 pm

Our Spring Session commenced on January 16th - too late to have this report in the February Chronicle. Our President, Mrs Joan Finlay, gave members a warm welcome and began the meeting with her customary devotions, which are always appreciated.

We have sixty-six paid-up members and our Guild continues to flourish under her leadership.

The theme of the first meeting was CHRISTMAS PAST AND PRESENT, which evoked many memories both serious and amusing.

Dr Basil Hunnisett came along on January 30th to talk of 'steel engraving', and showed slides of Victorian Prints from 1820 onwards, which included special stamps, book illustrations, and the start of the post card industry.

During tea our Treasurer, Mrs Burrage, said that Mrs Finlay had handed her a cheque for £80 being proceeds from the sale at our meetings of birthday and Christmas cards. A vote of thanks was accorded her in appreciation of this donation, and of all the work this had involved.

The afternoon closed, as usual, with the singing of Mission Praise Hymn No 460 "May God's blessing surround you each day." The £80 cheque will go to our charity which is St. Barnabas Hospice.

Betty Hislop

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

April 9th	A talk by Mr & Mrs Heath on the work of the Torch Trust for the Blind
April 23rd	Mr C Ainsworth of the Worthing Archaeological Society

Both meetings commence at 2.45 pm. Why not come and join with us?

Ian Hennell (Secretary)

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SERENDIPITY CLUB. No meeting this month.

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WORTHING & DISTRICT STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)

April 5th	Good Friday - No meeting	
April 12th	Board games	2.00 pm
April 19th	Pencil and paper games	2.00 pm
April 26th	Painting	2.00 pm

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ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS - WORTHING GROUP

April 10th	Monthly meeting	2.15 pm to 4.30 pm
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Secretary: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley, BN14 0BY (873806)

EXPLORERS	5-8 years	TUESDAYS	6.00 pm - 7.15 pm
JUNIORS	8-11 years	TUESDAYS	6.00 pm - 7.45 pm
SENIORS	11-14 years	TUESDAYS	6.00 pm - 8.30 pm
BRIGADERS	14 plus years	TUESDAYS	6.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Our new session begins on April 16th with the following staff:-

Lieutenant:-	Denise Elliott
Auxiliary Workers:-	Valerie Hayden Hannah Honsa Amanda Nash
Warrant Officer:-	Rachel Spiller

On **SATURDAY, APRIL 27th** at 2.00 pm we are holding a **JUMBLE SALE** in the Church Hall. If you have any items for collection please contact Mrs Margaret Craghill (873806) who is now our Company Secretary.

We will also be taking part in the District Church Parade on **SUNDAY, APRIL 28th**.

Please continue to uphold us in your prayers as we seek the way forward.

Denise Elliot (Lieutenant)

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GORING LITTLE FISHES PLAYGROUP

Just a little note to let you know that during the holidays we are going, as a group, to see 'PLAYDAYS' at the Pavilion Theatre. A coach will collect and return us from and to the church. This will be a good time for us all to be together - parents, children and helpers.

Our parent representatives on our Committee have organised an **EASTER EGG HUNT** for the children at Field Place children's area on Easter Monday - that is April 8th. The HUNT will be staged in three age groups - 0 to 3 years; 4 to 7 years and 8 to 10 years. The cost will be £1.00 per child. This should be great fun and, hopefully, will add to our funds.

Thank you all for your continued prayer support.

Sue Mitchell

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SCRIPTURE CAKE

(References are King James' Version or Revised Standard Version, but not New English Version).

4½ cupfuls of	1st Kings	chapter 4 verse 22
1½ cupfuls of	Judges	chapter 5 verse 25
2 cupfuls of	Jeremiah	chapter 6 verse 20
2 cupfuls of	1st Samuel	chapter 30 verse 12
2 cupfuls of	Nahum	chapter 3 verse 12
2 cupfuls of	Numbers	chapter 17 verse 8
1 cupful of	1st Samuel	chapter 14 verse 25
6 articles of	Jeremiah	chapter 17 verse 11
A pinch of	Leviticus	chapter 2 verse 13
2 teaspoons of	Amos	chapter 4 verse 5
Season to taste with 2nd Chronicles chapter 9 verse 9		
Add citron and follow Solomon's advice for making a good boy -		
Proverbs chapter 23 verse 14, and you will have a good cake.		

(Answers on back page)

MRS ELLEN MUNDAY

Ellen Munday, a member of this Church for nearly 40 years, celebrated her 100th BIRTHDAY at Hollywynd Rest Home on February 23, where she has lived for 9 years after the death of her husband Ernest.

She had a wonderful day of celebration and enjoyed a buffet lunch with the residents and 15 of her friends, including Dulcie Jenkins who has known her for about 85 years. She was visited by the Mayor and Mayoress of Worthing and received a 100th Birthday telegram from the Queen, another from Peter Lilley, (Secretary of State for Social Services), 5 bouquets of flowers, 3 flower arrangements, various presents and 47 cards.

She thanks everyone for their good wishes and especially for their prayers. She herself spends much time in her "prayer room" and prays constantly for the Church, for Hollywynd and her many friends.

'The joy of the LORD is her strength' Nehemiah 8 v 10.

Richard & Irene Tuley



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WINDERMERE CENTRE : LAKE DISTRICT

The Centre is our denomination's Conference and Holiday Centre.

The year's program is on the vestibule notice board. Anyone may attend any of the courses mentioned, or stay for a week or weekend as a holiday break. There is total flexibility!

The Windermere Centre celebrates its 10th Anniversary from 10th to 17th July 1996 with a special program. People are invited to stay from one to four days at £28 for full board. Details are on the vestibule notice board and from me..

Also throughout August there are wonderful opportunities for holidays varying from Taize Meditations and Music to Walks in the Lake District for all ages.

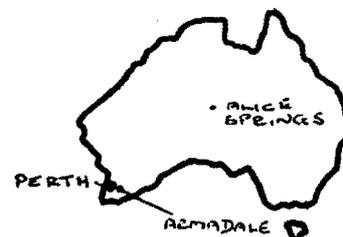
Do consider the Centre for part of your holiday this year. I can supply further details.

Wilfred Rhodes

WORLD MISSION

FOCUS ON AUSTRALIA

ARMADALE/KELMSCOTT UNITING CHURCH,
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Following the recent decision of our Church Meeting to investigate the possibility of setting up a link with the Armadale/ Kelmscott Uniting Church in Western Australia (Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian), we have now received a letter from the Associate Minister of that Church and Parish from which the relevant passages are given below. If you would like to see the full text please contact Norman Prattent or any member of the World Mission Committee.

"Missionaries of the "old type" are not sent out these days to evangelise people of other countries. We have an agreement with some countries whereby we keep in touch and help out, where possible, with whatever is needful in those places. We call it "Partners". These countries we have an interest in are mostly in Asia - Burma, Phillipines, Indonesia, Irian Jaya, and even in Japan and Thailand. We have one person in Korea, and in Western Samoa and Tonga educating the young in High Schools. San Salvador, Jerusalem and Johannesburg are included in our Joint Enrichment Programme.

We do have a youth volunteer scheme called Volunteers in Mission and young people go to various places for a fairly short term to learn about the folk they are visiting and their needs.

Work parties go to the Pacific/Asian countries to help with building churches, homes etc., where there has been volcanic eruption or in cyclone and hurricane affected places. The work is varied and, sometimes, unusual. It almost seems as if the "bringing the people to Christ" has been left out, but the "helping out" in so many different ways is the way we bring Him to them nowadays and our example shows Him in our lives so that others may see Jesus in us.

The Synod Mission Support Group also works in the Australian Outback among the Aboriginal people and in other wayout areas. Ministers are appointed in the capacity of a patrol padre, sometimes in a flying (aircraft) capacity. In towns like Alice Springs and other towns there are children's care centres and old peoples homes. This is part of our missionary work called "Frontier Services".

The church here in Armadale is willing to share where it can in this idea of your church and we will try to send you news of this type fairly regularly. Perhaps we could decide, your church and ours, to swap the work done in both our areas, and the way that it is accomplished.

God bless your group and your church and parish".

HONG KONG AND DEBBIE Janet Wetherell

After leaving the peaceful and beautiful New Zealand shores last November, we stopped off in Hong Kong to stay with our friend, Ian's co-director, Bob and to see the sights. My first impressions on getting through Customs were the fantastic number of people, the smell of Chinese food, and the noise. For every passenger arriving there appeared to be at least 5 people to greet them as three jumbos arrived within half an hour of each other. One good thing about Hong Kong crowds is that we towered above everyone else and easily spotted Bob.

The week before travelling to New Zealand, I'd been to the Ellet Conference "Healing to Serve" in Blackpool where the keynote speaker was Jackie Pullinger-To. Jackie is a missionary serving our Lord in Hong Kong for the last 24 years, spreading the Word to drug addicts in the dreadful Walled City with St. Stephen's. In her book, "Chasing the Dragon", she tells how God is using her and her team to bring light to Hong Kong through the Holy Spirit working miracles of healing and deliverance.

A young scouting friend of mine, Debbie, since leaving University has been working for St. Stephen's. Until Blackpool I had no idea what she was doing out there but, when a friend gave me her address and asked me to "look her up" while visiting Hong Kong, I discovered that Debbie is house mother to 12-18 year olds in various stages drug withdrawal. I didn't insist on visiting the house but, when learning it was her day off, invited her to come out with us to an "English" meal in a rather exclusive restaurant on the top of a mountain! We discovered it had been her birthday earlier in the week, so celebration, followed by the amazing sight of Hong Kong by night from the roof of the restaurant at midnight. I hardly need to say that we talked non-stop for about 5 hours. We all learned so much about her life. Here is a brief extract from her latest letter, copies of which can be supplied, together with her prayer requests:

"Christmas Day was very quiet and lazy. We made the guys stockings and gave them all some item of clothing as a special present. Many of them had never received presents before. Ah Kei didn't open his stocking 'til the 27th because he just wanted to look at it!"

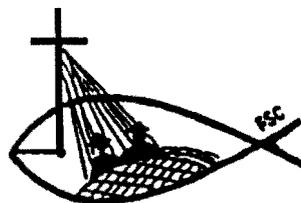
Debbie's house now has: "Ah Ming, Ah Yung, K Jai, Julia, Debbie, 5 guys, one guy in detox., 2 dogs, 5 cats and 1,000,000 cockroaches!!"

Afraid to be a fisherman

Fishermen face the threats of death, being lost at sea, detention and robbery. The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan Fishermen's Service Centre (FSC) provides care to fishermen and their families and acts on their behalf in legal and civil rights' cases.

The FSC receives reports of men being told by fishing company agents that a fisherman's life is fun, work is light and that they can earn a lot of money. In reality it may consist of a heavy workload, malnutrition and ill-treatment by superiors.

Rev Zaidarhauva, FSC staff member and a missionary from the Presbyterian Church of India, visited Lona Church in Nantou county, cen-



tral Taiwan, to talk about the problems fishermen face and the role of the Fishermen's Service Centre. A church elder shared with him a problem between a fishing company and a teenager at Lona village.

Three years ago, a fishing company sent recruiting agents to the villages in Nantou county. In Lona village, they met a villager and invited him to drink alcohol with them. After

getting him drunk they took his hand and put his fingerprint on a contract which meant he or his son was bound to work on their fishing boat. They gave him NT\$10,000 (£235).

That man died a year ago and his son is now 17 years old. In June 1995 the fishing company sent people to take the boy to work on their fishing boat. When he heard about it he was afraid and ran away. They could not find him so they went away, returning a few days later, but still the boy could not be traced.

The boy dares not go home because he is afraid of being forced to work on the fishing boat.

You may remember the article in the January issue of Chronicle called The Amazing Tale of Typewriters. This was about the need for portable typewriters to help blind students in the School for Visually Handicapped Children at Gindiri in Nigeria (where Irene and I worked some years ago). Now there is an opportunity to help deaf people and the need is for hearing aids, so if you know of any **NON NHS** hearing aids that are no longer required, I would be grateful if you could pass them on to me and I will see that they get out to needy people in Nigeria. Typewriters, spectacles **AND NOW HEARING AIDS**. Thank you.

Geoffrey Dearsley

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NORTHWOOD MISSIONARY AUCTIONS

A charity run by Christian volunteers will sell by auction jewellery, silver, china, glass, pictures, Victoriana, stamps, and other valuables.

Proceeds in full to a missionary or outreach society of your choice; no commission or charges. Send for free leaflet to:- Northwood Missionary Auctions, FREEPOST, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 1BR. (0192 383 6634)

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THE TORCH TRUST FOR THE BLIND is appealing for Communion cups and plates for use in Malawi, where the Trust is now working. If you know of any such cups and plates please contact The Torch Trust for the Blind, c/o Stafford, Hallaton, Market Harborough, Leics. LE16 8UJ.

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MARANATHA - COME DOWN, LORD!

The Great Creator, Spirit, God, spoke and the Word was born,
who was with God, and who was God, upon Creation's morn!
This pre-existent Spirit came, God's Heavenly Son, to earth,
to live in Christ from birth.

Christ is God's own begotten Son, begotten of the Spirit,
reflecting God and with Him one, a Man of wondrous merit!
He, sinless, bore the punishment for human sin and shame,
but we must be born again!

Jesus, true Man, Incarnate Lord, who was for sinners slain,
was seen by those who Him adored, to rise from death again!
This self-same Spirit, Word of God, doth still in Jesus dwell,
known as Emmanuel!

The Incarnate Spirit, Love Divine, His universe sustained,
performed His cosmic tasks sublime while in Christ He remained!
This is a mystery indeed, taught by the great Divines,
who were inspired by signs!

We search through mists of ancient time for God, our souls' desire;
and mountains difficult to climb, our longing hearts afire!
And as we go our pilgrim way we try to understand,
and, trusting, clasp His hand!

Most Holy Counsellor and Guide, help us to comprehend!
from Whitsuntide to Whitsuntide, oh come, our Lord, descend!
With cloven tongues as if of fire, Thy Holy Ghost impart -
inspire every heart!

Mrs E. Joy Blackford

"Maranatha" - God with us! Emmanuel.

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Members met again on February 13th and, after our President's welcome, we were given an excellent insight into the working of Gideon International by Mr Brian Dyer who, incidentally, is a member of Sompting URC. The work was started by a Scottish American, John Nicholson. 1909 saw the first 25 Bibles in hotels in Montana; now Gideons operate in 170 different countries, and in every language. Copies of the New Testament and Psalms are given to the police, prisoners, firefighters, nurses and schools, and there are large print copies for nursing homes and hospitals. The work is funded by business and professional people, and the Friends of Gideons.

A collection was taken and £60 handed to Mr Dyer for the work of the Society.

B. Hislop

Our speaker for our meeting on February 27th had to cancel at short notice and we were grateful to Betty Hislop for stepping into the breach. With wonderful slides and very interesting dialogue, Betty made her holiday in China generally, and Shanghai in particular, come alive to each one of us. From comments overheard at tea-time I know everyone thoroughly enjoyed their visit to far off climes whilst sitting in the comfort of the Church Hall. Thank you, Betty.

Audrey Gerlach

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FEBA RADIO - MAILING

The next mailing days are due at their Ivy Arch Road, Worthing office on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 7th and 8th between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. Help is needed to collate information and put post into envelopes. Come for an hour or so, or all day if you wish. Tea, coffee and biscuits are supplied, and bring sandwiches if desired.

For more details contact Jennie Ring on Worthing 237281.

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ALSO URGENTLY NEEDED:- People willing to trim and sort stamps - however few or many! Do it at your own pace as and when you have the time! If you are able to help, or you know someone who would help, please contact Dorothy Gant in the FEBA office, mornings only, on Worthing 237381.

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CHURCH CONCERT

Concert in our church on **SATURDAY, MAY 11th at 7.30 pm**, with a retiring collection for Christian Aid. Please put a note in your diary or on your calendar so that you can come and show your support for the performers and for Christian Aid.

Michael Ebeling

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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On **TUESDAY, MAY 28** at the home of **NORMAN AND ALMA PRATTENT** there will be a **GARDEN PARTY** and a **BRING AND BUY SALE** to raise funds to send to our Christian friends in **GHANA**, who need help in stocking their newly-repaired clinic. More details will be given in the **MAY Chronicle**.

World Mission Committee

PROVINCIAL DAY OUT

14th September

At Croydon

Programs will be available during May (£2.00). Tickets will be required for various events in the Fairfield Hall and will be allocated to us in June (no extra cost). There will be a creche, and we hope to organise a coach that may include our friends from St. Columbas and Shelley Road churches. **BOOK THE DATE NOW!!**

A form will be on the vestibule notice board for those who would like a seat on the coach.

Willfred Rhodes

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1996

3	Wed	Service of Prayer in Church	7.30pm - 8.30pm
4	Thu	Maundy Thursday Day of Prayer (Holy Communion 10.30am & 7.30pm)	7.00am - 8.00pm
5	Fri	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	10.30am
6	Sat	Torch Fellowship, St. Columbas URC	2.30pm
7	Sun	EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion	8.00am
		Service with Holy Communion	11.00am
		Service	6.30pm
8	Mon	Bank Holiday	
9	Tue	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship	2.45pm
10	Wed	ADA Monthly Meeting, Church Hall	2.15pm - 4.30pm
11	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.30am - 11.30am
12	Fri	Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00pm
14	Sun	Low Sunday Holy Communion	8.00am
		Service	11.00am
		Service	6.30pm
15	Mon	Little Fishes Playgroup term re-starts	8.30am
16	Tue	Girls' Brigade session re-starts	6.00pm
18	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.30am - 11.30am
		Praise & Prayer Meeting, Little Chapel	2.30pm - 3.30pm
19	Fri	Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00pm
20	Sat	Torch Fellowship, Durrington	2.30pm
21	Sun	Holy Communion	8.00am
		Service	11.00am
		Service with Holy Communion and Healing	6.30pm
22	Mon	Sussex West District Ladies' Day, GURC	10.00am - 2.30pm
23	Tues	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship	2.45pm
		Sixth Form College PPG	7.30pm - 8.30pm
25	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.30am - 11.30am
		Church Meeting	7.30pm
26	Fri	Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00pm
27	Sat	Jumble Sale, Girls' Brigade	2.00pm
28	Sun	Holy Communion	8.00am
		Service	11.00am
		Service	6.30pm

Please kindly inform the Editor if there is any incorrect entry

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SCRIPTURE CAKE ANSWERS

4½ cups of flour	2 cups almonds
1½ cups milk and butter	1 cup honey
2 cups sugar	6 eggs
2 cups raisins	pinch of salt
2 cups figs	2 teaspoons leaven
Season to taste. Spice. Beat it.	

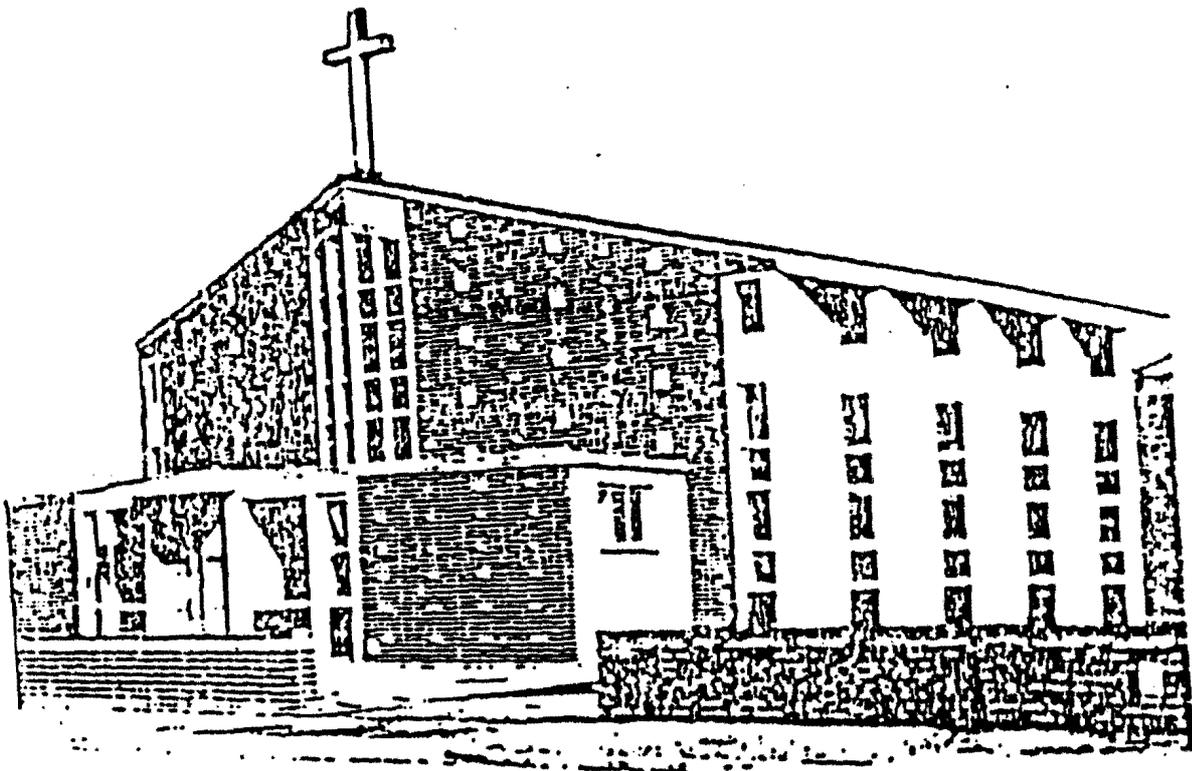
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THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15TH OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES.** Thank you.
Editor.

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)
6.30pm	Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister	Rev. Peter Heckels 17 Drummond Road	248259
Secretary	Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley 60 Princess Avenue	690996
Pastoral Secretary	Mrs Hilary Redman 5 Salvington Hill	260568
Treasurer	Mr Roy Gooderham 15 Harvey Road	506452

PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS

1 Ferring	Mrs P Taylor	6 Marlborough	Mrs R Bradley
2 Goring		7 West Park	Mrs B Hitchin
3 Courtlands	Mrs B Swierk	8 Lakeland & Strand	Mr D Stewart
4 West Worthing	Mrs E Rhodes	9 Terringes & Melrose	Mrs I Tuley
5 Central Worthing	Mr G Dean	10 Durrington	Mrs I Tuley
		11 Salvington	Miss A Gerlach

For more Information about other activities please enquire from:

Ark Parent & Toddler Club	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
	Mrs Jane Bond	244157
Boys Brigade	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Choir Secretary	Mr Michael Ebeling	240448
Christian Aid	Mr Keith Williams	266975
Chronicle Editor	Mr Leslie Montford	243698
Church Warden	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Cradle Roll Secretary	Mrs Pat Bailey	
Flower Secretary	Mrs Eileen Heckels	248259
Girls' Brigade Secretary	Mrs Margaret Craghill	873806
Junior Church Secretary	Mrs Wilma Smith	821843
Leprosy Mission	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
Letting Secretary	Mrs Lily Collison	248861
Little Fishes Play Group	Mrs Sue Mitchell	531551
Men's Fellowship	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Publicity Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Serendipity Club	Mrs Sue Arkininstall	263157
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Tear Fund & Tearcraft	Mrs. E (Liz) Stilwell	504359
The Bible Society	Rev. Ron Christopher	230330
Traidcraft	Mrs. Christine Sharpe	525239
Transport Officer	Miss Rosemary Kitto	690009
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
World Mission Secretary	Mr. Sidney Hider	243832
Worthing&District Stroke Club (Kestro)	Mrs. Robin Bradley	240908

NO. 495

MAY 1996

Dear Friends,

During May we shall be having a Gift Day. This will be on a Sunday so that it can be part of our worship life, rather than simply a fund-raising event. No doubt there are those who would like to have the Gift Day on a Saturday, or some other time, with the opportunity to bring our gifts to the minister, treasurer, or an elder, and have a chance to meet together with other folk from church, perhaps over a cup of coffee or tea. While recognising the strengths of such a day, perhaps the Sunday reasoning can be explained. Firstly, we are bringing our gifts to God and to God alone; we are declaring that Jesus is Lord of the church, the one to whom all our gifts, money, talents, time, are given. We bring our gifts and tithes week by week as a natural part of our worship, and our Gift Day is an extension of this weekly giving. Sunday is also the natural time for us to meet together, for as we come to worship, we meet other members of our church family, those with whom we come to share our meeting with Jesus, Sunday by Sunday, those with whom we share Communion as we come to our Lord's Table.

Why do we need to have a Gift Day? some people are asking. You may remember that when our budget was presented for 1996 there was an estimated shortfall of £8,000 between the amount that our Finance Committee felt was needed to do the Lord's work here in Goring, and the income we could realistically anticipate, based on our previous year's figures. The decision was taken, therefore, to have a Gift Day to ensure that we can achieve the work the Lord has for us to do. This work will include work here in Goring with young people and children in our Junior Church and youth work, or our support of work in Worthing, such as the night shelter. It will also include work overseas through our support of Ruth Chatfield, or through the work of CWM. We shall also be supporting the wider work of the URC through our support of the work of our Provincial Moderator, or through our support of churches and their ministers where, perhaps, local resources cannot fund ministry. The work that the Lord has for us is exciting and varied, and a real privilege for us to be able to share in.

What if we are all giving to our limit already? is another question I have been asked. My response is similar to that I gave when we had a Gift Day for the heating system - I believe the Lord will guide us all in our response. We can never repay what Jesus has given to us as we have remembered at Easter, but we can all listen to Him and be obedient. However, we can all take this opportunity to consider what we could sacrifice to make our contribution to the Gift Day. Is there some special treat we allow ourselves? A meal out, a trip to the theatre or some other treat we could give up? Perhaps there is a magazine we could do without for the rest of the year, or we could do without some other little luxury that we enjoy regularly which would release some of our money. Is there something you would like to buy that you know you could manage without? For many of us a Gift Day will not be measured just in the amount given, but in the sacrifice made to give. Yet surely this is what this day is really about. The people of God giving sacrificially that the Lord's work may be done wherever that work is needed. That is, of course, the main reason for such a day being a time of worship and thanksgiving for what we have received, and the privilege of doing our Lord's work.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter & Eileen Heckels

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Deaths

Mrs Ellen Munday died on Tuesday 16th April 1996

Change of Address

11 Mrs Dorothy Turner M.B.E. has moved to :- Larkspur Nursing Home, 17 Newling Way, High Salvington Worthing. Telephone Nos: Patients 830691, Staff 262828

Thanks

Rosemary, Angela and I wish to convey our sincere gratitude to those friends at Goring United Reformed Church who so kindly sent us messages of sympathy following the death of our dear Mother, Kathleen Green, and also to those who were present at the funeral service. Thank you, too, for the numerous visits many of you made to Mum during her many spells in hospital in recent years, but particularly during Mum's stay at Longacre, not forgetting those of you who wrote to her. Your love and friendship towards her meant a great deal to her and have given us all much comfort and support. May God bless you all.

Geraldine Thomson

We wish to say how grateful we are for the many loving, prayerful expressions of support we have received since the recent 'hiccup' in Sidney's health. Progress is slow but steady, and by the time this is in print we hope he will be well on the road to recovery.

Audrey and Sidney Hider

May I through the pages of the Chronicle, thank all kind friends for their words of consolation, sympathy, cards and letters. Also for being allowed the use of the Cornwall Room for those who attended the funeral of Alex to partake of refreshments after the Service. I thank them for giving so generously to the Royal Artillery Welfare Fund. It was a day we, the family, will always remember. Along with the sadness of the occasion there sprung gratitude for the love and warmth of our friends. We give thanks to God for the life of a dearly loved husband, father, and grandfather. Joy, Vivien, John, Cathy and David, not forgetting Mary, Sarah and Rees who were with us in spirit.

Joy Blackford

I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to all the Dear Friends who supported me with their prayers and love, cards and phone calls, during my recent visit to hospital. God bless you all.

Doreen Norris

WOMEN'S GUILD

May	7	Annual General Meeting	2.45pm
May	21	Outing (together with the Men's Fellowship)	1.00pm
June	4	Mr Love 'Jills Fashions'	2.45pm

On March 12th Mrs Mary Freeland spoke on visits, usually for a period of three years, to the 'third' world, and showed slides. She travelled with her husband, who trained young men in veterinary work. As a nurse she had taught nurses in a leper colony mission hospital in Swaziland in theatre work and intensive care.

Betty Hislop

March 26th. My attendance at Guild is always a very happy and enjoyable occasion and I was indeed grateful to be present at the Easter Service. It was also a pleasure to have the Men's Fellowship joining us on that day. Some members took us with them on the journey of Jesus to his Crucifixion. Whilst there is much sadness each episode was read with deep feeling and love. The journey was beautifully presented and continuity was perfect. I would like to say a warm thank you to all concerned. The afternoon will live on in my memory.

Ellen Manix

April 9th. Members gave us their gems of interest and wisdom which included poems, readings and personal memories. All most enjoyable!

Betty Hislop

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MAY	7	Annual General Meeting	2.45pm
MAY	21	Outing to Bird world, Farnham. Meet at Church (together with the Women's Guild)	1.00pm

We shall be looking forward to seeing you.

Ian Hennell (Secretary)

SERENDIPITY CLUB

MAY 21 Ten Pin Bowling

Worthing & District Stroke Club (KESTRO)

May	3	Behind the scenes at Arundel Castle. Talk by Mr. Puttick	2pm
May	10	Call My Bluff	2pm
May	17	Outing to Arundel Wild Life Centre	2pm
May	24	Card Bingo	2pm
May	31	All day plus Jills Fashions	10am - 4pm

PROVINCIAL DAY OUT

Saturday 14th September at Croydon

Programs will be available during May at £2

Tickets will be required for all events in the Fairfield Hall (no extra cost) and these will be sent to churches in June.

We shall have the use of the Fairfield Halls, Croydon College, and East Croydon URC. The Queen's Gardens, Fairfield Gardens, and Park Hill recreations ground will be used for gathering in and picnics.

The Day will begin and end with 45 minute worship Celebrations. It is anticipated that the congregation in the Fairfield Hall will be nearly 2000. There will be a crèche in the Hall and at East Croydon URC. We need to send approximate numbers of children for the crèche organisers a.s.a.p. There will be 'pre-school praise' for the small children in the afternoon. Activities are for all ages throughout the Day.

An orchestra, choral group, and children's choir are being formed, and there will be drama and dance too. There will be a variety of workshops', exhibitions, displays, a steel band, and Boys Brigade bands. There will be book stalls and Traidcraft stalls.

We plan to hire a coach to take us there and back, and perhaps share this with Shelley Road and Sompting churches. St.Columbas say they will fill a coach by themselves, so to this end we need to know how many would like to **HAVE A DAY OUT IN CROYDON.**

A list will be found on the church vestibule notice board for YOU ALL to enter your names.

Times of travelling and costs will be announced later. Further details from:-

Wilfred Rhodes

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN GORING:-

is a gathering together of two lay representatives from each of the Goring churches to compliment the Fraternal of clergy, and to plan how we might the better unite in some of our Christian activities.

first met last October in Goring Vicarage and since then monthly in our Harris room.

have been studying various Bible passages in various ways in order that we can all get to know one another better.

At the meeting in February it was decided to plan more definitely for the future, and in March we discussed a wide range of possible ways forward. There are 15 of us altogether, including Revs. Michael Hore of St.Mary's and John Sutcliffe of Goring New Life Church. They are, I suppose, to keep us to the letter of the law and the Word of the Law. Nevertheless Michael frequently has the best ideas and puts them forward in a most understandable manner.

What has been suggested for all our churches' discussion and agreement is:

1. that every 2 months one of our churches 'hosts' an evening service to which all the others are invited, closing their own churches. It would be a 'normal' service for the host church.

2. a shared evening to which a certain number from each church would be invited by name to attend. This would be for fellowship and for serious talk and discussion on our faith and our various ways of looking at it.

3. a more 'leisure' activity such as volleyball, cricket, or a united picnic might be organised for the summer.

These three ideas, whilst being the ones that the Group would like to pursue, are only in a very rough outline so far, and require all churches to agree in order to bring them about.

Do be with us in your thoughts and prayers as we meet on the first Friday of each month.

Wilfred Rhodes

SPRING SYNOD - 9th March 1996, at Dorking URC

Opening Worship, led by Rev.B.Bowyer, Minister of Dorking URC, included Bible Study conducted by Rev. P.Jones BD, Minister of Sanderstead URC. The study was based on the book of the prophet Hosea, chapter 11 vs 1-11: 'What does your God look like?' Hosea was a prophet ahead of his time, in this extract giving a 'word picture' of a loving God, as if a parent pouring out His love on his children (the Jews). The passage includes threats of dire consequence if there is no mending of ways, followed by relenting: 'my heart recoils within me' and parent-like, being unable to reject His chosen children because of his love for them.

Matters brought to the Synod included the following:-

Provincial Day 14 September 1996 to be held in Croydon

There will be a wide range of activities in a number of centres, including a new musical presentation in the Fairfield Hall, street theatre, activities for children arranged by FURY, an 'Any Questions Panel' with John Cole, formerly of the BBC, aerobics, followed by a workshop on healing!

General Assembly Moderator

Following a paper ballot, Rev. Peter McIntosh was nominated by Synod as the next General Assembly Moderator.

Provincial Council Report (Extracts)

(a) '40 Ways for 40 Days'.

Churches will soon receive a stimulating and challenging brochure dealing with Mission and Evangelism.

(b) Training

Rev. W. McRorie has been encouraged by Provincial Council to set up courses in the Southern Province and to oversee the selection of tutors for a programme initiated by the Yorkshire Province called 'Starting to lead Worship'.

(c) Resolution to General Assembly

Medway District Council brought a resolution to Synod which, after discussion, was adopted and will be recommended for inclusion in the Agenda for the General Assembly.

'Assembly requests the Mission Council to review the prioritising of the business of General Assembly with a view to improving its relationship with Synods, Districts and local churches - particularly to improve the drafting and channelling of resolutions through more effective consultation and giving more time between the publication of papers and General Assembly'.

A Story from Wimbledon District

As part of their Outreach, Dorking Church has a stall in the local market on which Bible-based material is displayed. A few years ago the Church decided to add to this by opening their premises on one morning a week to serve coffee and tea to the public. Such was the success of this venture that it was extended to include the serving of light lunches. This has resulted in ever increasing numbers using these facilities, more new faces in the congregation, some becoming members, and additional income for the church.

Local Church Mission

This was the theme of the address given to Synod by the present General Assembly Moderator, Rev John Reardon, extracts from which follow.

'He saw the mission of the Church as being co-operation between God and Man in God's reign on earth and seeing the Church as an integral part of God's design. The life and work of the Church should reflect the love of God, revealed to Man through Jesus Christ.

There is no decline in belief, as manifested by the large proportion of the population who still believe in God, only 10% of whom attend a church. The URC is an open Church but what of our openness to growth; does it matter if we don't grow? We mostly have too few links with the community and should try to identify those at risk from dropping-out i.e. the widowed, the disabled, the unemployed, the unbelievers etc.

Reference to 'families' in services can isolate certain people, particularly single persons. People are seeking to make a commitment; how can we help in this? By better publicity of what we have to offer i.e. better publicity through local radio and the press. In addition, by establishing coffee clubs and luncheon clubs, developing relationships with those who rent our premises. If we settle for the status-quo, we settle for decline'.

Copies of circulated literature relating to the Spring Synod are available in the Church Vestibule.

E.C.BOND

House & Fabric Committee

The House and Fabric Committee met on the 11th April and I would like to let you know what has been done in this church, what is proposed to be done and some suggestions for you to consider.

Firstly, Don Stewart has repaired, replaced, renewed and repainted so many things on the church premises over the last 2-3 months that they are too numerous to mention individually. He has saved us pounds and pounds and we are indebted to him. What would we do without him? Many thanks Don.

Cornwall Room Door. This door should be installed any time now. There are also repairs to be made to the step and surrounds. We hope this will not cause too much inconvenience but we would ask for your co-operation. As soon as the date is arranged we will let people know.

Kitchen. It has been brought to our notice that items in the kitchen i.e. washing up liquid, dishcloths, floor cloths etc. are going 'walk-about'. We would suggest that everybody brings their own and if they have a lockable cupboard to keep them in there.

Church Garden. Unfortunately Stan Sanders has had to give up looking after the Church garden which he has done so well for many years, because of ill-health. We would like to thank Stan for his labour of love; we have all appreciated his hard work and we pray that his health will improve. This means that we need to find another person or persons who would be prepared to take on this task. The amount of work varies with the kind of weather we have during the summer months, but generally it is the weeding the front flower beds, de-heading the roses and looking after the two flower beds next to the Church door, A group of people could work together on a rota system. If you could give some of your time please let either Colin Nodes or me know.

Notice Board. The Church notice board is in a very sorry state and needs replacing. It is a focal point of our church and we want to give a good impression to passers by. We have had a very expensive quote from a professional firm which we just cannot afford. We wonder whether any of you could give us the name of a carpenter who might be able to make one for us. The supports are in good condition but the board itself is not. Don is looking into it and he may be able to produce one, but if anyone else has ideas they would be welcome. Again names to Colin.

Heating in the Hall. We have been asked whether improvements could be made to the heating as it is all concentrated on one side and when it is very cold it is not very effective. Rest assured that we are looking into it and considering various options. We hope by next Autumn things will be better.

Security. At the last Church meeting concern was raised at the lack security with regard to the Little Fishes Play group. The regulations laid down by the Social Services include that no person should be able to have access to the Play group without first contacting Sue or Denise, i.e. by ringing the bell. A possible new parent called and walked straight into the West hall because the Kitchen/Harris door was unlocked. Please will all who have access by key to the halls make sure that the Kitchen/Harris door and the Cornwall room door are locked before you start your meeting. Unfortunately there are some unstable people about and we do not want to see harm come to these little ones, or anyone else for that matter.

Inventory. Please, please can I ask the Church organisations to let Colin or me have inventories as soon as possible please. We need them for insurance purposes. We would appreciate them before you all close down for the summer.

Sheila Gooderham(Chairman)

THE POWER OF SILENCE

Abide in peace. Do not listen to your imagination which is too lively and full of fancies. This excessive activity consumes your body and dries up your inward life. You are preying upon yourself uselessly. It is merely your restlessness which hinders peace and interior grace. How can you expect God to speak in that gentle and inward voice which melts the soul when you are making so much noise with your rapid reflections! Be silent and God will speak again.

Fenelon

Tear Fund has raised £163,000 through reclaiming used laser printer cartridges since 1991. Details 01819437865

JUNIOR CHURCH

Trailblazers have been busy studying and taking the Bible exploration exams and are now eagerly awaiting the results.

All-stars are very happy to welcome Vera Irving who has joined them to help with teaching.

We are sorry to be saying good-bye to Sue Arkinstall who is stepping down as teacher in the **Sparklers**. We do thank her for her dedication and work with the children. We welcome Jackie Parkinson who will be working with Val Gill in **Sparklers**.

We are preparing for our **Anniversary Service** on **May 12th** and are looking forward to hearing our Speaker Tony Dobinson.

We are looking forward to our Junior Church Outing which will take place on Saturday June 8th and do hope for fine weather this year.

In our prayers we continue to ask God to find us new teachers.

Christine Sharpe

WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE

The world mission committee have pleasure in announcing that a **GARDEN PARTY and BRING & BUY SALE** will take place on **Tuesday May 28th** at **2.30pm** at the home of Mr & Mrs Norman Prattent, 12 Moat Way, Goring -by-Sea. The Ghanaian Chaplain, Rev.E.K. Frempong, will be the Guest Speaker.

Tickets will cost £1 each, including a cream tea, will be on sale shortly. Cakes, preserves, bric-a-brac, garden produce will be much appreciated. We will want you to buy what others may bring so come prepared and enjoy the occasion.

To facilitate seating please bring along chairs, if available.

Proceeds of the Sale will go to the Church in Ghana.

GOSPEL OFFER BY AIR

At the close of an annual Children's Festival Service, held by the Church Missionary Society in Guildford diocese, 100 gas-filled balloons were released. Each carried an invitation to the finder to write in for a copy of St Mark's Gospel.

ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS - Worthing Group

Wednesday May 8th	Annual General Meeting	
Wednesday May 22nd	Monthly meeting	2.15 to 4.30pm
Wednesday May 29th	Special meeting	

I thought I would like to share with you the triumph of our first Intensive Speech Therapy Project. It really was an amazing success! The 15 DYSPHASIC members who were chosen for this initial course were able to gain a great deal of benefit, not only from the actual therapy, but from the fellowship with one another over a longer period than that afforded by our ordinary group meetings.

The fact that the Project was so successful was all down to our wonderful Speech and Language Therapist Brooke Quinteros - and I would like to pay a special tribute to her and to all the hard work she put into it, aided by her loyal band of volunteer helpers.

The most moving story to come out of this concerns a lady who lost most of her speech when she had her stroke 4 years ago - since when her dear husband has only been called 'OY!' One evening recently their phone rang and she called to him as he was preparing their supper. 'John' As someone used to say on the TV 'It makes it all worthwhile!!'

Doreen Norris

The Material for the Chronicle **SHOULD** be in the hands of the Editor by 15th of the previous month. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. **Please do not leave it until the last day. Please do not seal the envelopes.**

Thank you

Editor

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Secretary: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley BN14 0BY
(01903)873806

Explorers	5- 8	Tuesday	6 - 7.15 pm
Juniors	8-11	Tuesdays	6 - 7.45 pm
Seniors	11-14	Tuesdays	6 - 8.30 pm
Brigaders	14 plus	Tuesdays	6 - 8.30 pm

Staff:-	Lieutenant	Denise Elliott
Auxiliary Workers:-		Valerie Hayden
		Hannah Honsa
		Amanda Nash
		Rachel Spiller
Warrant Officer:-		

Church Parade May 12th 11am

Please continue to uphold us in your prayers as we seek the way forward.

Denise Elliott (Lieutenant)

Sponsorship of the New Testament by Phyllis Wheeler

Phyllis Wheeler is writing out the New Testament Chapters by hand. There are 260 chapters. She has now reached the end of Jude and started on REVELATION. If you would like to give a donation to the Bible Society please let Roy Gooderham know.

Chapters in the New Testament

1	Matthew	28	15	1 Timothy	6
2	Mark	16	16	2 Timothy	4
3	Luke	24	17	Titus	3
4	John	21	18	Philemon	1
5	Acts	28	19	Hebrews	13
6	Romans	16	20	James	5
7	1 Corinthians	16	21	1 Peter	5
8	2 Corinthians	13	22	2 Peter	3
9	Galatians	6	23	1 John	5
10	Ephesians	6	24	2 John	1
11	Philippians	4	25	3 John	1
12	Colossians	4	26	Jude	1
13	1 Thessalonians	5	27	Revelation	22
14	2 Thessalonians	3			

Spring Clean

At a recent meeting of the House and Fabric Committee it was decided that there should be another Spring Clean, This will take place on Saturday 18th May 1996, and we shall be seeking volunteers to carry out the following:-

1. Paint inside of organ loft windows(this may take 2 or 3 days)
2. Touch up paint work on walls of Church Hall
3. Help with maintenance of Church garden
4. Repaint Boys Brigade garage (some repairs to woodwork may mean that this job will take more than a day)
5. Clean windows
6. Clean the panels in Sanctuary which are affected by condensation stains
7. Dust cills, ledges and the bible and hymn book racks at rear of chairs
8. Paint heaters in East hall
9. Touch up decorations in Cloakrooms and Kitchen
10. Fix fablon to glazed doors

All offers of help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sheila Gooderham or myself.

Colin Nodes (Secretary House & Fabric Committee)

MRS ELLEN MUNDAY

Ellen, or Nellie as she was christened, was born 100 years ago in Hastings as the youngest of 4 children. Her father died before she was born and her mother died when she was 3 years old and so she was cared for by relatives and friends. When she was 14 years old she went to London to live with her older sister and nephew. She attended the Brethren Church and there was baptised as a believer. It was through the Brethren that she and Dulcie Jenkins became lifelong friends. She worked in an office in London and became a member of St John Ambulance Brigade, helping as a nurse. During the war she lived with Dulcie and her parents.

She was 58 years old when she married Ernest and after a few years they retired to Worthing and joined this Church. Ellen was involved in the Women's Guild and enjoyed visiting people. Together with Ernest she was involved in a Bible Study group and prayer was always a priority with Ellen.

They were married for nearly 30 years until Ernest died some 10 years ago. After a year of seeking God's guidance, Ellen believed the time had come to enter a rest home and she became a resident of Hollywynd where she was very well cared for and was very happy. She was much loved by staff and residents alike, bringing a smile to many and encouraging folk with a cheery word and with prayer. Her bedroom became a prayer room and many can testify to being upheld and blessed through her prayers and by visiting her. She was constant in her prayers for the Church. The joy of the Lord was her strength.

She was a very special lady and a wonderful friend, always grateful for everything done for her, always cheerful and full of faith. Her faith was reflected in her choice of funeral hymns. She said recently that the Devil attacked her when she was at her weakest, but through Christ she had the victory over him.

In February she had a wonderful 100th birthday celebration and really enjoyed being the centre of attention.

As her health and strength deteriorated, so her longing increased to be with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and she looked forward to being reunited with Ernest. Several times she spoke of hearing heavenly choirs singing a chorus of Hallelujahs.

Surely the trumpets were sounding on Tuesday 16th April when she at last received her call home. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Richard & Irene Tuley

BY PERSEVERANCE THE SNAIL REACHED THE ARK IN TIME, C.H.SPURGEON

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands
 for our offences riven;
 but now at God's right hand He stands
 and brings us life from Heaven.
 Wherefore let us joyful be
 and sing to God right thankfully
 loud songs of Hallelujah!

So let us keep the festival
 whereto the Lord invites us.
 Christ is Himself the joy of all
 the sun that warms and lights us.

Martin Luther

'Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in
 God, and once again I will praise Him, my Saviour and my God.
 Psalm 42.11 GNB

Be still, sad soul! Lift thou no passionate cry,
 but spread the desert of thy being bare
 to the full searching of the all-seeing eye;
 Wait! and through dark misgiving, black despair
 God will come down in pity and fill the dry
 dead place with light and life and vernal air.'

J.C.Sharpe

Partners against Crime

Neighbourhood Watch gets the people of a neighbourhood together - to look
 out for one another and to protect their property from crime.
 Street Watch takes 'eyes and ears' activities out on to the streets. It means
 being sharp and observant when out and about, helping to block opportunities
 for the criminal.
 Neighbourhood Constables bring visible foot patrols to their neighbourhoods.
 As a regular feature of the local scene they help to deter criminals.

Home Office Public Relations Booklet

Young People at College and University

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to
 their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they
 are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if
 you can spare the time. Please remember those at home who also need your
 prayers.

Victoria Carrington
 Kirsty Craghill

Paris
 Anglia Cambridge

French
 Law & Sociology Science

FEBA RADIO

The next Mailing days are due at their Ivy Arch Road office on Monday June 10th to Wednesday June 12th between 9am and 5pm. Help is needed to collate information and put post into envelope, between 9am and 5pm. Come for an hour or so, or all day, if you wish. Tea, coffee and biscuits are supplied and bring sandwiches if desired. For more details contact Jennie on (01903) 237281.

P.W.

Church Concert

The Church Concert will be held on Saturday May 11th at 7.30pm in our Church. There will be a varied programme of choral and instrumental music performed by Church members. Admission is free. There will be a retiring collection in support of Christian Aid. Leaflets are available in our Church vestibule for giving to friends and neighbours - perhaps you can ask a local shopkeeper to display one. Please come and support the performers and Christian Aid.

Michael Ebeling

CHRISTIAN AID

A Coffee morning will be held on Saturday May 4th from 10am to Noon to help Christian Aid. We would welcome your support to make this a success. Gifts of groceries, books, bric-a-brac etc. are requested. A box will be placed in the Church vestibule for your donations. Any enquiries please contact Mrs Bobby Hitchin on 249580.

A Date for your Diary**Church Ramble**

Please will you make a note in your diaries that the Church Ramble will take place on Saturday 15th June. We have not decided the route so watch this space for the time and further details.

Sheila Gooderham(Social Secretary)

HEARING AIDS

There is an opportunity to help deaf people. The need is for hearing aids. If you know of any NON NHS hearing aids that are no longer required I would be grateful if you could pass them on to me and I will see that they get out to needy people in Nigeria. Thank you

Geoffrey Dearsley

**GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.
HOLY COMMUNION.**

You are warmly invited to share in a short service of Holy Communion in our church on Sunday 19th May 1996 at 3.00 p.m.

The Church will be warm and there will be a number of comfortable chairs available. Following the service tea will be served in the hall.

Transport can be provided if necessary.

Please let your visiting Elder or Eileen Rhodes know if you would like to come.

Eileen M. Rhodes

Tel:- Worthing 248263

BOYS BRIGADE

Mondays	Anchor Boys	5.00pm
	Juniors	6.15pm
Fridays	Company Section	7.15pm

We rejoice with Sue and Malcolm Nicholls in the birth of their third son, Mark Peter, born on Friday April 12th, weighing in at 8 lbs. He attended church on Sunday April 14th with his Mum, Dad, and brothers Paul and Simon!

The Anchor Boys did well in coming THIRD in the Easter Garden competition, and THIRD in the games event, at Westergate on March 23rd. There were 16 teams taking part altogether, so it was an excellent show by our Boys!

We hope you spared a few minutes over the Easter-time to look at our Easter Project put together by the JUNIOR Section Boys. The display was in the East Transept - sorry for you if you missed it!

Donald Stewart. Captain.

(I didn't miss it. Full marks to the Boys! L.M.)

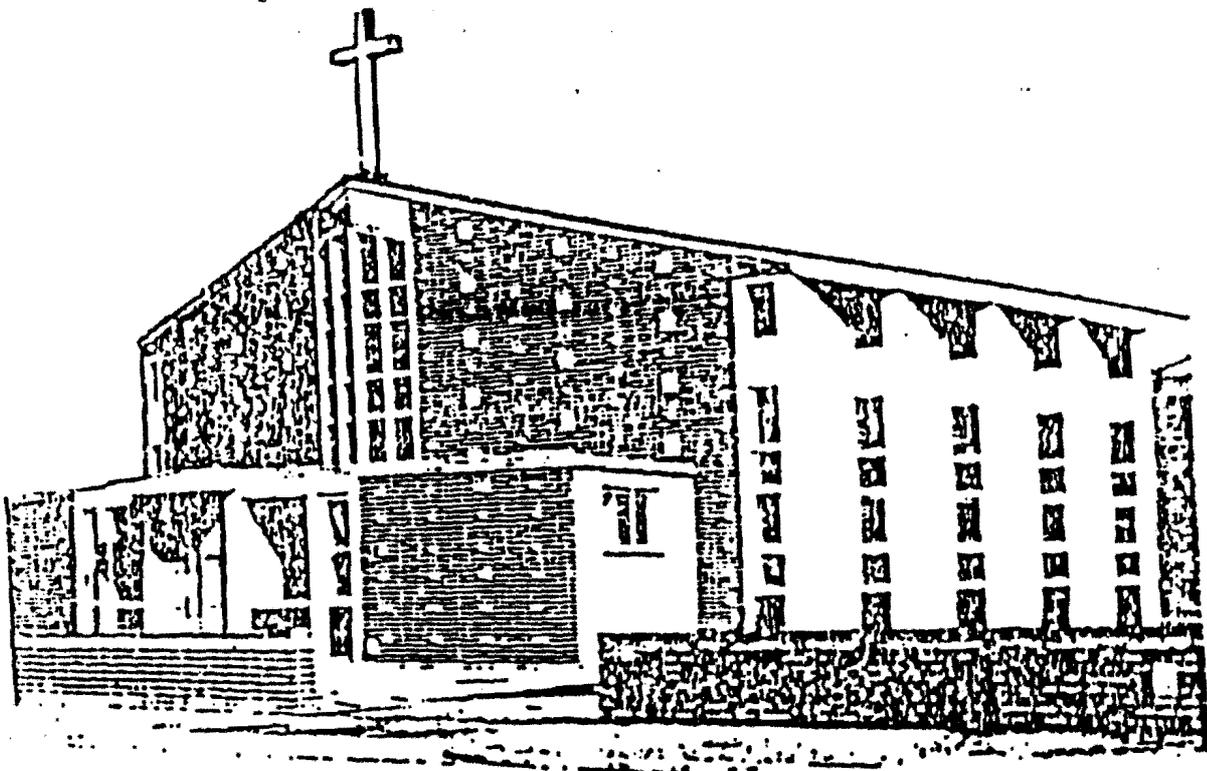
CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mr. Alan and Mrs. Julie and Master Stuart GRAY
are now living at :- 1 Leven Road, TROON. Ayrshire.
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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SILAFESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTING

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)
6.30pm	Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister	Rev. Peter Heckels 17 Drummond Road	248259
Secretary	Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley 60 Princess Avenue	690996
Pastoral Secretary	Mrs Hilary Redman 5 Salvington Hill	260568
Treasurer	Mr Roy Gooderham 15 Harvey Road	506452

PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS

1 Ferring	Mrs P Taylor	6 Marlborough	Mrs R Bradley
2 Goring		7 West Park	Mrs B Hitchin
3 Courtlands	Mrs B Swierk	8 Lakeland & Strand	Mr D Stewart
4 West Worthing	Mrs E Rhodes	9 Terringes & Melrose	Mrs I Tuley
5 Central Worthing	Mr G Dean	10 Durrington	Mrs I Tuley
		11 Salvington	Miss A Gerlach

For more Information about other activities please enquire from:

Ark Parent & Toddler Club	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
	Mrs Jane Bond	244157
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Choir Secretary	Mr Michael Ebeling	240448
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Cradle Roll Secretary	Mrs Pat Bailey	
Flower Secretary	Mrs Eileen Heckels	248259
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Junior Church Secretary	Mrs Wilma Smith	821843
Leprosy Mission	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
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Men's Fellowship	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Publicity Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Serendipity Club	Mrs Sue Arkininstall	263157
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
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The Bible Society	Rev. Ron Christopher	230330
Traidcraft	Mrs. Christine Sharpe	525239
Transport Officer	Miss Rosemary Kitto	690009
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
World Mission Secretary	Mr. Sidney Hider	243832
Worthing&District Stroke Club (Kestro)	Mrs. Robin Bradley	240908

Dear Friends,

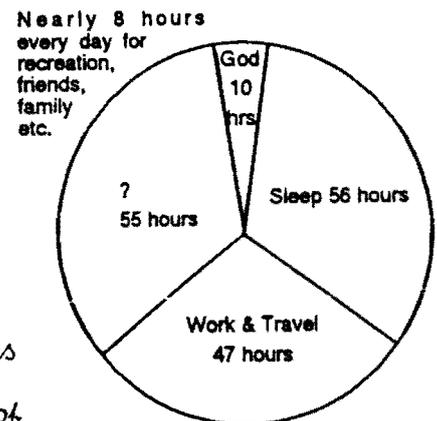
Last month, in anticipation of our gift day, I wrote about money. Many people have reminded me that we need to think about more than just money in our giving, and as we are moving to teaching and involvement in our stewardship study, this month I would like to share some teaching on Priorities which I read some time ago in "Mainstream" magazine, by Andy Twilley, who challenges us to look at what decides how we use our time.

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"I simply do not have the time!" I've lost count of the number of times I have heard that comment made by Christians. And it is certainly true. We are pulled in so many directions. Family, friends, work, sleep, church, and so on - all of them demanding more time, commitment, more attention. The results are disastrous. A decay in family life, breakdown of relationships, nervous breakdowns or other serious health problems occurring at younger ages. So what is the solution? What I hear time and again is this, "I must cut down on the time I give to God." Having heard such comments so often, I thought I should sit down and look very carefully at whether I was expecting/demanding too much time from the members of my church. I didn't think I was, but I needed figures to back it up. The results were amazing and I will outline them below. I realise that these are only average figures. Write down your own figures as we go along:-

Doing the sums

First of all I began with the total number of hours in a week - 168. I reckon that on average people will sleep 8 hours a night so I took off 56 hours. Then I reckoned that most people would be contracted to work 37 hours a week, but I also added 5 hours a week overtime, plus 5 hours a week travel. Take these figures from 168 and we are left with 65 hours. Putting that figure to one side for a moment, let us look at the time people actually give to God. I'd suggest that for many, 3½ hours would be more than average for Sunday church services, 2½ hours a midweek Bible study, 2 hours a week quiet time/prayer, and 2 hours for some other activity. That makes a total of 10 hours for God each week. Take that figure from the 65 hours we had left above and we are then left with 55 hours in the week. Nearly 8 hours every day for family, for watching television, for sport, for our hobbies. Eight hours every day, yet so often when we are under pressure we say it is part of our GOD SLOT that should go, which as we've seen, only gets 10 hours in total. So maybe you will understand my concern.



Some people piously try to excuse themselves by saying, "Well, all of my time is given to God." It is, of course, true that wherever we are and whatever we are doing we should be a witness to God and looking for opportunities to serve Him, but at the end of the day our primary reason for going to work is to get money to live. We play squash, not to serve God or to make contacts, but for our own enjoyment. So let's not fool ourselves that we are doing more for God than we really are. "Well", you may say, "we all have different priorities." In one sense we do, but we have to put our top priority in its rightful place. The problem boils down to 3 things: (a) we are doing too much in our work context; (b) we are simply very badly organised; (c) we have not fully understood or taken on board Jesus' words, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:26). People read those words and say, "Well, Jesus didn't actually mean that." They don't stop to ask "What did He mean?" To put it very

simply, Jesus was saying that unless God takes first place over against everything else, we cannot be one of His disciples. When work, or hobbies, or sport, or even family, take priority we are not fit for God's Kingdom. The problem often stems from the fact that so many people have been offered and have received a cheap Gospel outlining the benefits of faith, such as forgiveness and eternal salvation; they have never been told about the cost, let alone accepted it. Salvation has been rightly explained as a free gift, but the concept of submitting our lives under the Lord's direction has been omitted. The result is we want the rights of God's Kingdom without the rule of the King.

What should we do?

I believe that we should all think through very carefully how God wants us to use our time. He doesn't want us to be under pressures. He wants us to have life in all its fullness. "Well, life is full," we may think, but that's not quite what God meant. I would encourage you to construct your own timetable. Start with 168 hours. Obviously we all have to sleep, so take off 56 hours for that. Next, I'd encourage you to consider the idea of tithing your time for God. We are all familiar with the concept of tithing our money by giving one tenth to God. I believe we should also prayerfully consider tithing our time. In other words, to give 16 hours and 48 minutes to God each week. This could be done by increasing your quiet time, by offering to serve in some way in the church, as well as Sunday attendance, of course, and midweek Bible study. Next, I think we should also consider tithing our time to our families, particularly people with young families or children who very particularly need quality time with their parents. You may be thinking "Well, I am running out of hours and I haven't included work yet!" Do not worry, there are still 78 hours in the week left; over 11 hours every day left to do work, to do the garden, to meet friends, to do whatever you want. It is here that our priorities will differ. Some will want to spend many of those hours at work. Others will want to do more around the house, while others will choose to be with friends. We must sit down and prayerfully seek God's way in this matter. I am convinced that He doesn't want us to be under so much pressure.



Next time you are tempted to say "I'm under too much pressure, I've got too much on I'll have to reduce my 'God Time', or when you feel your minister is expecting too much from you, then pause and carefully ask, "How much am I really giving to God?" and then make your decision.

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We have been challenged ever since reading this article. Our prayer is that we can all respond as God leads.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter & Eileen Heckels

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Tel: 01705 293295

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THANKS

GUILD CARE - PEOPLE IN PARTNERSHIP

Thank you very much for supporting our BRING-A-TIN EASTER APPEAL. Your generous donation will go a long way to providing meals for homeless people and people in crisis. We are always grateful for the support we receive.

Hilary Woolgar, Community Support Worker

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A big thank you to many friends for their prayerful support during my recent visit to hospital. Phone calls, visits, flowers, cards and advice to take things easy have all been very welcome and, I am sure, have helped the healing process. Thanks, too, to Colin for being my chauffeur.

Donald Stewart

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WOMEN'S GUILD

June 4 Mr. Love Jill's Fashions 2.45 pm

On April 23rd our speaker was Mr Graham Mackson a member of the firm of Thomas, Edgar, Verrall, Bowles. He was printed on our programme as a Caring Solicitor - and we really felt he did 'care' for those who came to him for help and advice. He told us of several of his experiences with clients, etc. during the course of his work - interesting, sometimes very sad. He originally worked in London, starting as a clerk for £3 per week, rising to £8 after three months. Today, clerks receive £11,200 per annum - over £200 per week. No wonder solicitors' fees are so high!

A very helpful and interesting afternoon meeting.

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SERENDIPITY CLUB

June 17 Bicycle ride 8.15 pm ?

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WORTHING & DISTRICT STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)

June 7	Dough modelling		2.00 pm
June 14	Outing to Marwell Zoo	10.00 am to	5.30 pm
June 21	Methold Choir entertain us		2.00 pm
June 28	QUIZ		2.00 pm

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FEBA RADIO - MAILING

The next mailing days are due at their Ivy Arch Road, Worthing office on Monday, June 10th to Wednesday June 12th between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm.

Help is needed to collate information and put post into envelopes. Come for an hour or so, or all day, if you wish. Tea, coffee and biscuits are supplied; bring sandwiches if desired.

For more details contact Jennie Ring on Worthing 237281.

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CHURCH CONCERT

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the concert in church on May 11th for making it such an enjoyable evening. In particular, I would like to thank Geoffrey Redman for working so hard to accompany all the singing, as well as playing organ solos. As the music ranged from a Bach Fugue to a Rock Group singing and playing SHINE JESUS SHINE, there was something for everybody to enjoy.

However, the support from church members was disappointing as, apart from families of the choir, and a welcome contingent of 10 from St Columba's, only about a dozen other people attended.

Those who did were also generous with their donations, and £160.00 was raised for Christian Aid.

Michael Ebeling

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CHURCH RAMBLE

This year we are proposing to go on an easy walk - no hill climbing. We shall do a circular walk along by the river Adur. The views of the South Downs and countryside are excellent. We shall meet at 2.30 pm on JUNE 15th at the Old Shoreham Bridge (South of the A27 and north of the railway bridge). Turn right at the 'SUSSEX PAD' traffic lights on the A27 and follow the road to the Airport. It is only a few hundred yards to the bridge and you can park on the right hand side of this road. The walk is on grass and, unless it actually rains on the day, we shall go! If you have any queries, would like a lift, or can offer one, please let me know. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Sheila Gooderham 506452

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JUNIOR CHURCH BIBLE EXPLORATION 1996 - SHALOM

ORANGE GROUP	%	CERTIFICATES
KATE BYERLEY	86	Honours + Shield
KEVIN GILL	74	1st class
JAMES HILL	75	1st class
GEMMA PARKINSON	75	1st class
CRAIG SIBLEY	80	1st class
YELLOW GROUP		
JONATHAN ARKINSTALL	70	1st class
KERRY GILL	88	Honours + Shield
GAVIN READ	81	1st class
DEAN REYNOLDS	88	Honours + Shield
SIOBHAN SMITH	76	1st class
EMMA STONEHAM	64	2nd class
GREEN GROUP		
SUSAN EAMES	56	2nd class
RICKY MITCHELL	78	1st class + Shield
LAURA SIBLEY	77	1st class + Shield
BLUE GROUP		
DANIEL MITCHELL	78	1st class + Shield

WELL DONE EVERYBODY

ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS - WORTHING GROUP

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday June 26th - 2.15 pm to 4.30 pm

As you may realise from my occasional reports, the above Group is thriving - which is wonderful - but it does mean that we desperately need more volunteer help on our meeting days. If you have a few hours to spare once a month, on a Wednesday afternoon, I would be pleased if you could phone me for a chat about it.

GO ON - GIVE IT A GO! YOU MAY BE VERY GLAD YOU DID!!

Doreen Norris Tel: 503783

PS We are an equal opportunities group - gentlemen are as welcome as ladies! This is especially so, as half our Dysphasic members are gentlemen.

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5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Secretary: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley. BN14 OBY Tel 873806

EXPLORERS	5-8 years	TUESDAYS	6.00 pm - 7.15pm
JUNIORS	8-11 years	TUESDAYS	6.00 pm - 7.45 pm
SENIORS	11-14 years	TUESDAYS	6.00 pm - 8.30 pm
BRIGADERS	14 plus years	TUESDAYS	6.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Staff:-	Lieutenant	Denise Elliott
Auxiliary Workers:-		Valerie Haden
		Hannah Honsa
		Amanda Nash
Warrant Officer:-		Rachel Spiller

Church Parade June 9th - 11.00 am

Our badgework is going well. The EXPLORERS have been learning about people with handicaps, ie deaf, blind, paralysed hands and legs. The JUNIORS are doing Bible Drama which they hope to use to take our Devotional Time this month. KAREN has taken her Young Leader's Grade I and passed with flying colours, whilst TANIA is helping in Little Fishes Playgroup on Wednesday afternoons as part of her Service Award.

We do value your continuing prayers at this difficult time for us.

Denise Elliott Lieutenant

June 22nd West Sussex District Fun Day from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at PARK FARM, ALDINGBOURNE. Tickets for events £1.00, plus £1.00 for BARBEQUE.

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CHRISTIAN AID

A Coffee Morning held on SATURDAY May 4th from 10.00 am to noon helped Christian Aid by £150.00. We welcomed your support to make this a success. Gifts of groceries, books, bric-a-brac, etc were greatly appreciated.

Bobby Hitchin

THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15TH OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES.** Thank you.
Editor

YOUNG PERSON AT UNIVERSITY

Kirsty CRAGHILL Anglia, Cambridge Law and Sociology Science

Please remember her as she seeks and strives to give the right balance to her studies and Christian activities. She may be out of our sight, but she is not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to her if you can spare the time. Please remember those at home who also need your prayers.

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PARTNERS AGAINST CRIME

At the heart of the Neighbourhood Watch Movement lies a simple and effective idea - **GETTING TOGETHER WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS CAN PREVENT LOCAL CRIME.** The idea may be simple, but it works! How many schemes are there? More than 130,000 covering 5,000,000 households. Do they reduce crime? Yes. Well-run schemes can have a big impact on crime. One scheme wiped out 3/4 of the burglaries in the area. Others are pushing the burglary figures down year after year. This is because the best schemes are not talking shops. They target local crimes and devise ways of preventing them. Everyone can play some part, however great or small. You may want to take a very active role as a committee member or even as a co-ordinator (leader) of a group. This could mean liaising with local police, running committee meetings, working together with local councils and others, or raising money for security improvements. Or your part may be just keeping an eye on your neighbours' homes while they're away; something as simple as this can help to prevent a distressing break-in.

Neighbourhood Watch is built on the idea of looking after one another and your neighbourhood.

Home Office Public Relations Booklet

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BOYS' BRIGADE

MONDAYS	Anchor Boys	5.00 pm
	Juniors	6.15 pm
FRIDAYS	Company Section	7.15 pm

We welcome up from the Anchor Boys into the Junior Section GARETH RUSSELL and TIMOTHY AUSTIN. Also TWO NEW MEMBERS - RICKY HUGHES and PAUL WHELAN. We hope they will soon settle down to the new routine.

The Juniors did well with their recent Tear Fund collection and raised over £25.00. PATRICK SMITH and JAMES MOSELEY collected over £4.00 each and DEAN REYNOLDS managed the magnificent total of over £11.00. Truly a very good effort!

DEAN REYNOLDS, GAVIN READ and JONATHAN ARKINSTALL took part in the recent Bible Exploration and achieved good results. (See separate report from Junior Church in this Chronicle.)

We have not been told how many teams took part in the International Team Games, but we have just received a Certificate telling us we came 85th!

By the time you read this report some of the boys will have spent the Spring Bank Holiday weekend at Westergate, near Chichester. We plan to visit the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum at Singleton and, possibly, Tangmere Airfield.

Donald Stewart, Captain

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BIBLE A MONTH CLUB

This month this Club's funds will supply 9,000 Slovenian Bibles in the new inter-church translation and 250 foreign language Bibles.

SNIPPETS

'God can make much better use of our obedience than He can of our expertise'

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But thanks be to God, for in union with Christ we are always led by God as prisoners in Christ's victory procession. God uses us to make the knowledge about Christ spread everywhere like a sweet fragrance. (2 Cor Ch 2 v 14 GNB)

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I want to see Thee triumphing the whole world o'er,
the bounds of Thy dominion extending more and more,
till all men know Thee, and Thy glory see -
but now, Lord, while I wait Thy triumph, triumph Thou in me!

Frank Houghton

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He will cover you with His wings; you will be safe in His care; His faithfulness will protect and defend you. (Psalm 91 v 4 GNB).

About 100 years ago an evangelist was singing a hymn on a steamer sailing down the River Potomac in the USA. A man asked the singer whether he had fought in the Civil War some 15 years earlier. Comparing notes the men found that the evangelist had, one night, been on sentry duty. The other man was an enemy sniper, ready to shoot him down. His rifle aimed, he was about to fire, when the sentry started singing a well-known hymn. When he reached the words 'Cover my defenceless head with the shadow of Thy wing' the sniper lowered his rifle, unable to pull the trigger.

The lines are from Charles Wesley's hymn 'Jesu, lover of my soul' v 2.

Story from 'The Friendship Book' 1980

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SEEN ON A NOTICE BOARD OF A LEEDS URC

Every grouse shakes this house
every grumble makes it tumble
but loving words and kindly deeds
will give it all the strength it needs.

Anon

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REALLY?

A celebrated Maori, speaking at a banquet in Wellington, New Zealand, said "People often ask me to what I attribute my success. I tell them that my great-grandfather ate the very first Presbyterian missionary to land in this country of ours, and I attribute my success to the Scottish blood in my veins."

(From The Friendship Book by Francis Gay)

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An African's Prayer - 'O Lord, I am a leaky bucket; plaster me with Your heavenly mud.'

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RUTH's CHAT

(from the FIELD)

April 1996

Dear friends, ✉

Bini ware bo? (How are you?) Thanks to all of you who have written to me or prayed over the past months. My trip home to England in May is now drawing near. But first some news from Congo...

Andrea and I have just come down to Brazzaville after ten weeks in Boundji. Although the flights which I mentioned in my last letter stopped due to lack of passengers, the road is being worked on and is improving all the time. God arranged it that our Daihatsu truck carried us faithfully over many miles of isolated roads, and only refused to start here in Brazza where we have access to a garage! ☺

Battling with Mboshi

To give you a little taste of the Mboshi language, here's an example of some confusing verbs! (A rising accent means the tone is high, a falling accent means a low tone):

ipfùrà	to light a fire
ipfùrà	to look for
ifùrà	to pay or to boil
ifùrà	to agree
ifùràà	to wrap
ifùlà	to uproot
ifùlà	to blow or to flower

To add to the confusion, some people pronounce r as l!!

In January, Andrea and I were able to meet with linguistics professors from the University in Brazza, who approved our proposed Mboshi orthography and made some helpful suggestions. One was to make our reading and writing manual (for those who already read French) more accessible to speakers of neighbouring dialects south of Boundji. Thus during February we spent a week travelling to different villages to find out which words from Boundji were not understood there. We were able to replace some of these with words known by all.

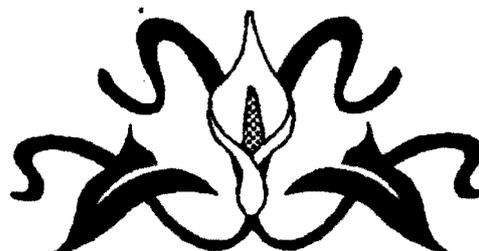
We are currently getting the manual printed so that we can begin to sell it, along with a leaflet containing three folktales in Mboshi. We have worked through the manual with people from

Boundji churches, to give them a head-start in reading Mboshi, and help them feel involved. *Please pray that some Mboshi people will really learn to read and write their language well, in preparation for having translated Scriptures.*

The Catholic church in Boundji is keen to have some Mboshi scripture published for their centenary celebrations in the year 2000. We are encouraged by their enthusiasm, and are trying to plan how we can best work together. In the meantime we hope that Louis and Henri Camille, our two Mboshi co-workers, will continue to promote Mboshi literature during our absence in Europe.

Marriage matters

Louis and Marianne moved to Boundji in March. Sadly, they have decided to try living together and maybe later get married officially (i.e. before the state and church). Virtually no one, not even church leaders, gets married officially in Boundji (it makes divorce harder!). So what constitutes a marriage? - is the traditional ceremony between the two families enough, or does God require a marriage certificate and/or a church wedding??



Sudden departure

What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. (Jas 4v14)

In mid-March Andrea and I suddenly received news of the death of one of our missionary colleagues here in Congo. It was totally unexpected and we can still hardly believe it.

Gary and Kathy Dawson (from USA) were doing the same work as us among the Teke people in Ngo. They have three children, aged 5, 4 and 1. Since their house is half-way between Brazzaville and Boundji, we have always enjoyed staying the night with them on our way to or from the village, and we very much appreciate them as a family.

Gary was taken ill suddenly with appendicitis and was operated on successfully in a hospital near Ngo, but a few days later a serious infection developed. He was driven to Brazzaville by missionary nurses, but despite the efforts of a skilled medical team, and an air ambulance flown in from South Africa, he quickly went to be with the Lord.

As we grieve with Kathy, we cannot help wondering why God allowed this tragedy, although we know we can trust him even in this. All the Wycliffe members are currently here in Brazzaville, together with Kathy and the children before they return to the States. *Please join with us in praying for Kathy, Andrew, Mary Beth and Daniel, and their families in the States, who have not seen them for several years.*

Gary and Kathy were the third team to start working among the Teke people - both the previous teams had to leave for health or personal reasons. Gary completed the first draft of a Teke-French dictionary before he died, and he loved sharing his faith with Teke people, but work on Bible translation has not yet started, and each new team must start again with language learning. *Please pray that the Lord will call a new team who have the faith and courage to take over the Teke translation project.*

Since Gary's death we have heard that the Polish Catholic priest who lived in Ngo has also been forced to leave, since he gave shelter to a man

accused (rightly or wrongly) of sorcery, and local residents tried to kill him. *Please pray that Satan will not win the spiritual battle in Ngo, but that God will intervene powerfully to draw people to himself.*

Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." (Jn 11v25).

**Furlough plans... God willing ☺**

(subject to alteration!)

17th May:	Arrive Heathrow airport!
18th May-10th June:	Streatham. Reintegration and time with Streatham church.
10th-24th June?:	Worthing. Time with family and Worthing churches.
25th June -Aug:	The Wycliffe Centre. Members conference and helping teach linguistics at High Wycombe.
Sept/Oct:	Based in Streatham, with a further week in Worthing, and a week's holiday!
24th Oct:	Return to Congo!

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you shortly! Even whilst teaching at the Wycliffe Centre, I should be free most weekends to visit friends and churches. I can be contacted at one of the following addresses:

- 1) c/o my Mum,
50 Reigate Road, Worthing, W. Sussex,
BN11 5NE (Tel: 01903 248313)
- 2) c/o Ronnie & Merrill April who have kindly offered me a room in their house,
106 Wyatt Park Rd, Streatham Hill,
London SW2 3TP (Tel: 0181 674 3081)
- 3) or c/o:

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS
Horsleys Green, High Wycombe
Bucks HP14 3XL, ENGLAND

Blessings,

Ruth

Ruth Chatfield
SIL, B.P. 1067
Brazzaville, Congo

SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AT GORING ON 16 MAY 1996

Opening devotions were led by Rev Peter Heckels on Ascension Day, with prayers for Roy & Sylvia Parkington, Geoffrey, Irene & Ethel Dearsley, Rev Ken Lynch (coming to Brighthelm) and Charles & Jenny Martin (to Sompting and Hounsom). Roy, as the retiring President, had enjoyed his term of office of 3 years and hoped Geoffrey Dearsley would be as happy.

PASTORAL MATTERS

BOSHAM Ron Scriven as Lay Leader extended to August 1998, review March 1997.
EAST WITTERING J.Bailey as Lay Leader extended to June 1997.
SOMPTING & HOUNSOM District concurred in calling Revs Charles & Jenny Martin to 1½ scope ministry. Induction 28 Sept or 5 Oct. They will live in Sompting.
WORTHING AREA Interim Moderator Rev Peter Newell.
PULBOROUGH, PETWORTH & BILLINGSHURST Interim Moderator Rev Robert Murray.
BOGNOR AND PAGHAM Interim Moderator Ruby Clarenbone.
 Geoffrey Dearsley (as President) authorised to lead Communion within District.
 District ELDERS DAY at Hove Central on 1 March 1997.

PROPERTY MATTERS Clermont's hall to be leased to a Nursery School.
 Bognor to sell present manse and Pagham manse to be used for joint pastorate.
 Brighthelm to sell present manse and buy another for new Minister.
FINANCE REPORT all Churches encouraged to meet District target of 4% increase.

PROVINCIAL DAY 14 September at Croydon, programmes £2, coach from Worthing.
WORLD CHURCH & MISSION spaces at annual CWM conference 3-9 August at Swanwick.
CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORK good weekend at Portslade 11-12 May with 50 approx.
 Provincial Youth Weekend at Sanderstead 13-15 September for 13+ ages.

LEWES ROAD URC open day of new Church Sat. 29 June 10am - 4 pm.
 Formal dedication 3 pm. Sun. 30 June with the Moderator.
SHELLEY ROAD 50th Anniversary of joining with German Church 4 August 10.30am.

DISTRICT WOMEN'S DAY excellent day, enjoyed by 76 ladies from 17 URCs and 6 from other Churches on 22 April at Goring. Rev Helena McKinnon gave an inspiring talk on 'God of our Journey - steps along the way'. Profit of £37.

SUSSEX WEST DELEGATES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY JULY 1996

Rev Peter Newell, Rev Philip Jones(Sanderstead), Rev Russell Furley-Smith(West Wickham), Ken Ashby, Geoffrey Dearsley and Mrs. Nancy Welch.

HUMAN SEXUALITY

Two speakers had been invited to address the meeting.

1. Iain MacDonald, a member of Caucus (Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement) shared his story of being with his partner for 20 years and fostering difficult teenage boys. He was an Elder and Pastoral Assistant and is now training for the URC Ministry.
2. Rev Dr Roger Scopes, a retired URC Minister, who practised homosexuality as a teenager, but found compassion and forgiveness in the Church and was delivered by Christ and changed. He is happily married with children and grandchildren. He believes that the authority of the Bible is vital and this will be discussed at the Windermere Centre 10 -12 January 1997.

HUMAN SEXUALITY continued:

People from the District were then invited to speak:

Evelyn Davies of St. Columbas, Irene Tuley, Rev Peter Heckels and Geoffrey Dearsley of Goring spoke against practising homosexuals being Ministers, citing the authority of Scripture and the importance of leadership by example. Andie Camper of Brighton, formerly a Baptist Minister and now training for the URC Ministry, spoke for Unity with Diversity - pro homosexual Ministers. Lyn Rees of Portslade spoke of the newspaper report about former Archbishop Robert Runcie ordaining homosexuals.

Jamie McCormack-Turner of Billingshurst spoke against practising homosexuals as Ministers.

The two main speakers were each invited to reply.

Everyone was invited to complete questionnaires.

INDUCTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT

Geoffrey Dearsley was inducted as President of the District by Rev Roy Parkington. Geoffrey spoke of his call from God to this office and shared 1 Thess. 5 v 24 'The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it.'

This was followed by a service of Holy Communion.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next meeting will be on 19 September 1996.

Irene Tuley

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

It is with sadness that we have to announce the death of Mrs. Marjorie Hayward, widow of the late Rev. Wallis Hayward, at Otford, on Saturday May 18th, aged 92 years.

The funeral took place at Otford on Thursday May 23rd.

All donations will be passed to Christian Aid.

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CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1996

1	Sat	Torch Fellowship, St Columba's URC			2.30 pm
2	Sun	Holy Communion			8.00 am
		Service with Holy Communion			11.00 am
		Service			6.30 pm
4	Tues	Women's Guild - Jill's Fashions			2.45 pm
5	Wed	Service of Prayer in Church	7.30 pm	to	8.30 pm
6	Thu	Day of Prayer (Holy Communion 10.30 am)	7.00 am	to	6.00 pm
		ARK Parent and Toddler Club	10.30 am	to	11.30 am
7	Fri	Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)			2.00 pm
9	Sun	Holy Communion			8.00 am
		Parades Service			11.00 am
		Service			6.30 pm
11	Tue	Sixth Form College Prayer Group in Church	7.30 pm	to	8.30 pm
13	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.30 am	to	11.30 am
		Praise & Prayer Meeting, Little Chapel	2.30 pm	to	3.30 pm
14	Fri	Worthing & Dist Stroke Club (Kestro) Outing	10.00 am	to	5.30 pm
15	Sat	Torch Fellowship, Durrington			2.30 pm
16	Sun	Holy Communion			8.00 am
		Service			11.00 am
		Service of Holy Communion with Healing			6.30 pm
17	Mon	Serendipity Bicycle Ride		(?)	8.15 pm
20	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.30 am	to	11.30 am
		Praise & Prayer Meeting, Little Chapel	2.30 pm	to	3.30 pm
		Church Meeting			7.30 pm
21	Fri	Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)			2.00 pm
22	Sat	Girls' Brigade Fun Day, Aidingbourne	2.00 pm	to	5.00 pm
23	Sun	Holy Communion			8.00 am
		Service			11.00 am
		Service			6.30 pm
26	Wed	ADA Monthly Meeting	2.15 pm	to	4.30 pm
27	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.30 am	to	11.30 am
28	Fri	Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)			2.00 pm
30	Sun	Holy Communion			8.00 am
		Service			11.00 am
		Service			6.30 pm

Please kindly inform the Editor if there is any incorrect entry.

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF TENSAN?
DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?

IT IS IN NEPAL - QUITE A WAY
FROM THE CAPITAL OF KATMANDU.

IT HAS A 100-BED HOSPITAL RUN BY
A MISSION AND THAT IS WHERE
HAYLEY ARCHER IS GOING TO WORK
FOR A FEW MONTHS.

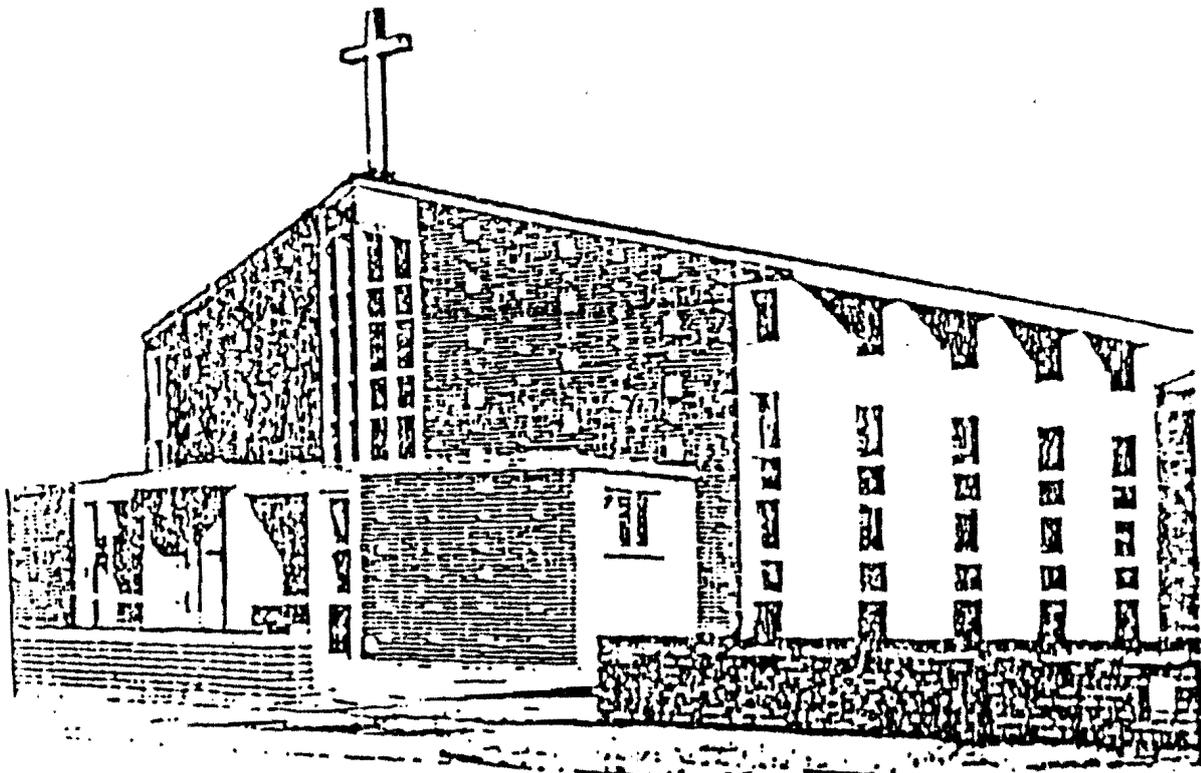
UNTIL RECENTLY HAYLEY WAS A
MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH. NOW SHE
IS LIVING, WORSHIPPING AND
WORKING IN CARDIFF UNTIL SHE
GOES TO TENSAN IN JULY 1996.

MAY GOD GO WITH HER.

JULY

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GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SILAFESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)
6.30pm	Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister	Rev. Peter Heckels 17 Drummond Road	248259
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Pastoral Secretary	Mrs Hilary Redman 5 Salvington Hill	260568
Treasurer	Mr Roy Gooderham 15 Harvey Road	506452

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1 Ferring	Mrs P Taylor	6 Marlborough	Mrs R Bradley
2 Goring		7 West Park	Mrs B Hitchin
3 Courtlands	Mrs B Swierk	8 Lakeland & Strand	Mr D Stewart
4 West Worthing	Mrs E Rhodes	9 Terringes & Melrose	Mrs I Tuley
5 Central Worthing	Mr G Dean	10 Durrington	Mrs I Tuley
		11 Salvington	Miss A Gerlach

For more Information about other activities please enquire from:

Ark Parent & Toddler Club	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
	Mrs Jane Bond	244157
Boys Brigade	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Choir Secretary	Mr Michael Ebeling	240448
Christian Aid	Mr Keith Williams	266975
Chronicle Editor	Mr Leslie Montford	243698
Church Warden	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Cradle Roll Secretary	Mrs Pat Bailey	
Flower Secretary	Mrs Eileen Heckels	248259
Girls' Brigade Secretary	Mrs Margaret Craghill	873806
Junior Church Secretary	Mrs Wilma Smith	821843
Leprosy Mission	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
Letting Secretary	Mrs Lily Collison	248861
Little Fishes Play Group	Mrs Sue Mitchell	531551
Men's Fellowship	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Publicity Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Serendipity Club	Mrs Sue Arkinstall	263157
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Tear Fund & Tearcraft	Mrs. E (Liz) Stilwell	504359
The Bible Society	Rev. Ron Christopher	230330
Traidcraft	Mrs. Christine Sharpe	525239
Transport Officer	Miss Rosemary Kitto	690009
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
World Mission Secretary	Mr. Sidney Hider	243832
Worthing&District Stroke Club (Kestro)	Mrs. Robin Bradley	240908

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JULY 1996

Dear Friends,

Following Pentecost and our reflections on the Holy Spirit as part of our Alpha Course, perhaps it is good to look at the story of the Samaritan Christians in Acts Chapter 8 verses 14-17. It is obvious that this was a group of true believers, yet they were not at first filled with the Holy Spirit. I believe that this account has important implications for the church today, as we compare the barrenness and ineffectiveness of much of our mission with that of the New Testament, where a small group of disciples turned their world upside-down.

Now many people are very frightened of any talk of spiritual renewal, because they say it splits churches. Experience, of course, can always point to where this has happened and, indeed, on the surface this can be sometimes seen as a cause of division. However, let us all be quite clear that the Holy Spirit never causes divisions, HE ALWAYS UNITES Christians. When the wind blows, you discover where the cracks are in your walls or window frames. So when the wind of the Holy Spirit blows, the cracks in our relationships are revealed. Revealed, but not made worse, but rather healed when we are prepared to allow God to repair. As David Watson wrote "In my experience, the Spirit binds people together and releases them in a deeper quality of love." Let us all say 'Amen' to that and acknowledge that it is our refusal to allow the Spirit to reveal His power that causes divisions as we refuse to yield to Him and turn our backs on all He offers. Read Saint Paul "Get rid of all bitterness, passion and anger. No more shouting or insults, no more hateful feelings of any sort. Instead, be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ." (Ephesians 4 vv 31-32).

Is not that the mark of a Christian fellowship? Paul speaks in his letter to the Ephesians of the church being like a single body, each part playing its part. God gives us all gifts so that the body of the church may function properly. Remember, too, that just as a human body takes time to grow to maturity, so the church of Christ needs to grow into Christ in every way for He is the head. This takes much love, but with love we will see the gifts the Holy Spirit gives us and through His power we will grow into a deeper knowledge of the love of Christ, and into the right relationship with one another.

This deeper knowledge and love will be revealed in a fellowship which is renewed through the Holy Spirit in a number of ways. They can be seen in the early church as the apostles met together, for they were devoted to the scriptures, to meeting together to share all things, especially worship and prayer, and they lived with a sense of awe for God. They were servants of one another and none held themselves as important, for Christ was Lord and only He was held on high. No individual, no matter how many gifts they exercised, was to be held above any other. David Watson identifies these characteristics of renewed Christian fellowships, "They talk naturally about Jesus, visit each other, care for those outside the fellowship, pray for the sick, are involved in social caring, give time, talents and money to the ministry of the church, and long for unity between all believers." How do you think we measure up to this high standard? Remember the group of Samaritan Christians at the start of this letter? They may have liked to set these as their aims and objectives, but until they received the power of the Holy Spirit to unite them in common love and purpose, they would never achieve them. So where you think we are making progress, give thanks to God for His gifts; where we are struggling, ask for the Holy Spirit so to fill our church that we may become what He wants us to be.

Please continue to pray for us and our family as we seek to serve in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

JOHN, ALISON AND ELLIOTT GORDON, 77 Ruskin Drive, Dentons Green, St. Helens, Merseyside, WA10 6RW from June 10th. John was inducted into the Pastorates of HARESFINCH URC in St Helens, and RAINFORD URC on Saturday June 29th.

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THANKS

Oxford, May 26th 1996. My mother, Marjorie Hayward, died peacefully on May 19th, aged 92, after a considerable number of disabling strokes. She greatly appreciated all the cards and letters she received from her friends at Goring and was very sorry that, as she could no longer write, she was unable to reply to, or even acknowledge them. Although she could hardly communicate at the end of her life, her mind was largely clear, and she always remained interested in news of everyone. The monthly Chronicle, sent over the years, was always appreciated and read by us to her.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Hull (Mrs)

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A lot of you won't know me just yet. My name is Janet Dean. I've been in the area for a month at the time of writing. I have been impressed with the warm welcome I have received by those who have met me, and would like to say 'thank you' through the pages of this Chronicle. When you move from an area where you were born and grew up and have to change things, it is all new and strange. It was nice to walk into GURC and be made welcome. I already feel part of the furniture. I must ask you to forgive me if you introduce yourself to me and I forget your name when next we meet. It will take time to remember you all. I am looking forward to working with you, though I may not know those who are sick and in need. My prayer for them is that God will bless them and that they will feel and know His love and presence with them, also that He will meet their need. May God bless you all in GURC. Thank you again for making me feel at home here. It is very much appreciated.

Janet Dean, 44 Melrose Avenue, Goring.

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OUR SPECIAL MUM, ETHEL DEARSLEY

On behalf of ourselves and our family we would like to express our deep appreciation for all the love and concern shown to Mum by so many from within the church family, especially during the last six months of her failing health. The day of her committal into the Lord's care, and the Thanksgiving Service, will always be a treasured memory for us. It helped us in our loss as we shared the assurance that she is now with her Lord, and encouraged us to go on living for Him. We are so grateful to all who were able to support us then, and also for the many messages and tokens of sympathy and love that we have received. We have felt so upheld through this time by being in the heart of the Christian family at Goring. In Jesus' name we thank you all.

Geoffrey and Irene

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There was a special gathering in our church at 12.15 pm on Monday, June 3rd when Ethel Dearsley's family and friends held a Memorial Service for her. We were pleased to see and meet some old friends who are now worshipping our Lord in other churches - Julie and Charlie Ward, Jenny Merrit, Julian and Keziah Brewer and Ray Close I saw, also Margaret

Briggs who was visiting from her home in Peterborough. Although others were not present in person their presence was felt by me because some of the banners they had worked on adorned the walls of the church. The church was full of love for Ethel - at least 150 persons were there - and heard of the wonderful things she had done over so many years of her life.

Some 70 or so sat in the church hall afterwards to share in light refreshments prepared and served by some of those friends.

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Hilary and I wish to thank you for all your loving support and sustaining prayers during the last few weeks. We are glad to be able to say that at the time of writing (June 14th) Hilary is already well on the way to improved health (although she is still enjoying putting her feet up whenever she is able!)

Graham Redman

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CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs Do Goodchild has won the ANNUAL SCRABBLE COMPETITION cup for the Goring Evening Townswomen's Guild. Do is a member of this church.

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WOMEN'S GUILD

May 7th was our Annual General Meeting, and on May 27th we, with the Men's Fellowship, had a successful and delightful outing to Birdworld at Farnham. Our Spring Session ended with another visit from Mr Love of Jill's Fashions. This is always a popular event. With the present few warm days hopefully heralding a long hot summer, we are now looking forward to our usual STRAWBERRY TEA to be held this year on TUESDAY, July 2nd. The church hall doors will be open from 2.30 pm and, at a price of £1.50 per person, it is an occasion not to be missed. Do come and join us - you are all welcome. Tickets are available from any committee member. September 10th will see the start of our new Session, when we hope to welcome new members with our present members.

Betty Hislop/Audrey Gerlach

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SERENDIPITY CLUB

Family barbeque to be arranged.

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WORTHING AND DISTRICT STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)

July 5th	Talk by Mr Michael 'Mick' Plumb - Editor-in-Chief of Worthing Herald
July 12th	Pencil and paper games
July 19th	Outing - to be arranged
July 26th	All the fun of the fair

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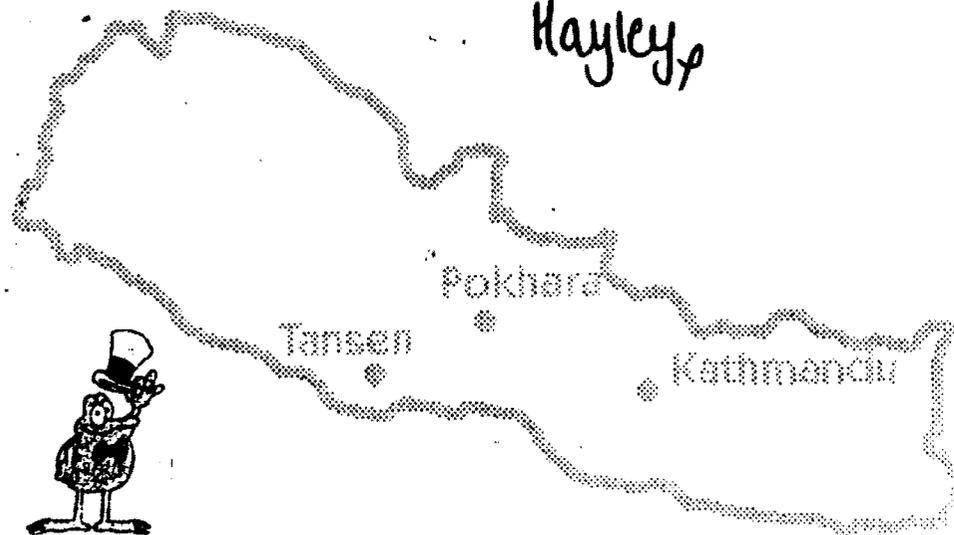
THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15TH OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES.** Thank you.
Editor

My address in Nepal:


ARCHER Hayley
 Tansen Hospital
 care of United Mission to Nepal
 PO Box 126
 katmandu
 NEPAL

Thankyou for praying for me

Hayley



FRIDAY
26
 JULY

HAYLEY'S NEPAL
LETTER
PRAYER

SATURDAY
21
 SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY
26
JULY

Leave Cardiff 1230 Hours. Arrive Gatwick 1530 Hours. Meet family at airport to say 'Bye Bye'. Depart Gatwick 1930 Hours.

Pray for:

- ☺ No problems on the railway lines.
- ☺ Meaningful time with my family.
- ☺ Safety in Travel.
- ☺ Sleep!!!!!!

SATURDAY
27
JULY

Arrive Katmandu 1445 Hours.

Pray for:

- ☺ People meeting me at the airport.
- ☺ Dealing with Jet Lag.
- ☺ Protection of luggage.
- ☺ Understanding of the culture.

SUNDAY
28
JULY

Extending Visas in Katmandu.

Pray for:

- ☺ No problems in extending Visas.

MONDAY
29
JULY

Catch bus to Tansen Hospital.

Pray for:

- ☺ Safety - no landslides, no upturned buses and not getting stuck in the mud.
- ☺ Travelsickness or lack of.
- ☺ Good connections when I arrive.

TUESDAY
30
JULY

Working in Tansen Hospital.

Pray for:

- ☺ Good relationships with Missionary and Nepalese staff.
- ☺ Sensitivity to Nepalese culture and ability to adjust to it.
- ☺ Help with language barriers.

FRIDAY
13
SEPTEMBER

- ☺ Health and Safety.
- ☺ Homesickness.
- ☺ Development of my relationship with God.
- ☺ Political Problems that may arise.

FRIDAY
13
SEPTEMBER

Bus to Pokhara to meet fellow student, Janet

Pray for:

- ☺ Safe travel and smooth execution of plans

SATURDAY
14
SEPTEMBER

Arranging trekking in Himalyas

SUNDAY
15
SEPTEMBER

Trekking

Pray for:

- ☺ A good porter and guide (who won't run off with our luggage).
- ☺ Good weather.
- ☺ safety.
- ☺ Opportunity for Janet and I to share hospital experiences.

THURSDAY
19
SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY
20
SEPTEMBER

Fly from Pokhara to Katmandu

Pray for:

- ☺ Flight to depart on time.

SATURDAY
21
SEPTEMBER

Return home.

Leave Katmandu 0800 Hours. Arrive Home 1825 Hours.

Pray for:

- ☺ Culture Shock.
- ☺ Good time with my family sharing experiences that I've had.
- ☺ Anything else you can think of!

JUNIOR CHURCH

Working with children always calls for a response to their openness and potential. This was true for our Anniversary Day when, as well as the children receiving their SHALOM Bible Exploration Certificates and Shields, Tony Dobinson captivated us all, using a bowl and a bandage, to tell so vividly the two Bible stories (even incorporating the bird that came flying in). He showed clearly the difference between KNOWING ABOUT JESUS and KNOWING HIM and letting Him change our lives.

We were glad to have parents, friends and Youth Service join us for our recent outing to Littlehampton. It was a warm, happy day as we picnicked and played together. All ages had fun, even in the egg and spoon and sack races, and the Sports Dome proved very popular once again. A special 'thank you' to Keith Merritt who, with Jenny, his wife, took us and brought us home safely in the special double-decker bus. We also say 'thank you' to our Lord for a day when friendships were built and strengthened.

At the time of writing (14th June) we were looking forward to seeing our special missionary friend, Ruth Chatfield, and to hearing about her work in the Congo. The children enjoy supporting her, together with the Mission Aviation Fellowship, and others, and recently too, they actually saw their gift of a lovely 'ride in' car being handed over to the Little Fishes Playgroup.

As I step down from the leadership of Junior Church, I would like to express my appreciation for such united and supportive teams of teachers and helpers serving through all the departments - Creche, Sparklers, All-stars and Trailblazers. We have seen our Lord at work among us and the children, and as others are called to fill the gaps I pray that our Lord will be uplifted as our faith in Him is shared, expressing itself in love.

Irene Dearsley

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OUR GIFT DAY TOTAL, AT JUNE 16th, HAD REACHED £4,910.

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Monthly meeting - Wednesday - 2.15 pm to 4.30 pm

CHRISTIAN AID

The recent house-to-house collections in our area amounted to £690. Well done those who worked on behalf of Christian Aid, and to those who gave so generously.

HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE

Although good progress was made during the spring clean on May 18th, a number of jobs remain outstanding. These include painting the inside of the organ loft windows, painting and woodwork repairs to Boys' Brigade garage, painting in link passage, cloakrooms, kitchen and Harris Room, etc. As most Organisations do not meet during August, we thought that this would be an appropriate time in which to carry out the work. All offers of help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sheila Gooderham or me.

Colin Nokes, Secretary, H & FC

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN GORING

It is proposed to start joint bi-monthly EVENING SERVICES on the FIRST SUNDAY of NOVEMBER. Other churches will close that evening. The services will follow each church's usual 'pattern'.

November	3rd	at Bury Drive Methodist Church	at 6.30 pm
January	5th	at St Richard's C of E	at 6.00 pm
March	2nd	at The New Life Baptist meeting at Goring First School	
May	4th	at St Laurence C of E	at 6.00 pm
July	6th	at Goring URC	at 6.30 pm
September	7th	at English Martyrs RC	at 6.00 pm
November	2nd	at St Mary's C of E	at 6.00 pm

There will be a shared social evening in the autumn with approximately 10 people invited from each church to discuss together the basics of their faith.

A shared Praise Service with Healing is being planned for a Saturday evening in October in Goring, hopefully the first of several, with a well-known speaker.

It is hoped to organise an inter-church sporting afternoon with, perhaps, a picnic on a Saturday afternoon in July or August at Chatsmore High School.

Please continue to support Wilf and me in your prayers.

Irene Tuley

G A S

No, this isn't a warning from Sheila or Colin about gas leaks! It's the new name for our Sunday Morning Youth Group. If you want to know what the initials mean, ask one of the young people!

Since January 1996 the young people, ages 11+, have been meeting every Sunday in the East Hall from 11.00 am to noon. Paul Redman, Denise Elliott, and a group of Elders on a rota basis, have been leading their time together, following the SALT material from Scripture Union. From June 2nd we have changed the format slightly and have been coming in for the first part of the main Sunday morning service, before returning to the East Hall to continue our activities.

FURY

On Sunday evenings the group, aged 12+, is known as FURY, and meet fortnightly under the leadership of Peter and Eileen Heckels. We meet in the East Hall from 7.30 pm to play table-tennis, snooker, etc., to chat and listen to music. At approximately 9.00 pm we stop for drinks and a group activity/discussion time.

Please continue to support us in prayer as we seek to learn more of God's ways for us.

Paul, Denise, Peter, Eileen

FURY: Fellowship of United Reformed Youth

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SNIPPETS

An African's letter to the Pocket Testament League read as follows:-

"Expensive Sir, my pen dances across the page, my eyes are moist with tears. I write with amorous intent Please send me a Bible."

THE BOWL

There is an old Indian story of a woman suffering from inconsolable grief who went to the holy man for help. He thought for some time and then said 'Take this bowl and visit every house in the city. From each house where sorrow has not entered, beg one grain of rice. When your bowl is full, your grief will have disappeared.' Months later she visited him again. Her bowl was still empty, but on her face was a look of serenity. 'I could find no home where sorrow had not entered' she said, 'but as my heart went out in sympathy to others so the pain went from it.'

(From The Friendship Book by Francis Gay)

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GARDEN PARTY AND BRING-AND-BUY SALE

On Tuesday, May 28th at the home of NORMAN AND ALMA PRATTENT, a GARDEN PARTY and BRING-AND-BUY SALE was held on behalf of our Christian friends in GHANA who need help in stocking their newly-repaired clinic. This resulted in a total of £136 being raised. Thanks are due to everyone who contributed.

World Mission Committee

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5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

EXPLORERS	5-8 years	TUESDAYS	6.00 pm - 7.15 pm
JUNIORS	8-11 years	TUESDAYS	6.00 pm - 7.45 pm
SENIORS	11-14 years	TUESDAYS	6.00 pm - 8.30 pm
BRIGADERS	14 plus years	TUESDAYS	6.00 pm - 8.30 pm

STAFF: Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley, BN14 OBY
Tel: 873806

Lieutenants: Denise Elliott
Linda Gray

Acting Lieutenant: Lesley Hood (see over)

Auxiliary Workers: Valerie Hayden
Hannah Honsa
Amanda Nash

Warrant Officer: Rachel Spiller

Church Parade - July 14th at 11.00 am

This has been a very traumatic session, to say the least, Lt. Julie Gray has returned to Scotland with her family, where she is happily settling in, and Lt. Denise Elliott, who has taken on more responsibilities within the life of our church, feels she would like a break, and we would like to thank her for all her hard work.

We were, therefore, in great need of committed leadership. Indeed, it was very regretfully announced at the May Church Meeting that the Company was to close at the end of this session unless committed leaders came forward - but our Lord had it in His hands. I know our Lord's timing is not ours, but at the 11th hour, or to be more precise, 11 hours and 55 minutes, the matter was resolved!

The parents' meeting was assembled to discuss the closure when Lt. Linda Gray, who has been an Officer in 1st Goring Company for many years, offered to run the Explorer Section for us. I have known Linda for 17 years - her daughter, Katy, was in Niki's class at school.

Linda has good and varied experience within the Explorer and Company Sections, and is a committed Christian. Both of her daughters went through the ranks of Girls' Brigade, and Jenny, her younger daughter, is taking her Commission with 1st Goring.

I am also pleased to welcome Lesley Hood back to the Company. Lesley went through the ranks of 5th Worthing to be a Lieutenant, leaving when she got married and her husband's job moved them away. Lesley has always been a very supportive and willing parent. Unfortunately, due to the length of time she has been out of uniform, she will have to re-train as an Officer, but Mrs Goddard, our District Commandant, has undertaken to do this, and we are very grateful.

I shall, therefore, come back as Captain - after all, the Girls have never stopped calling me 'Captain' and I have still been involved behind the scenes - and most of all I HAVE MISSED IT!!!

Hannah, Amanda and Valerie will continue as before, for which I am grateful, and I know we can all work together as a team, and with your prayerful support.

Our Lord knows I am not an eleventh hour person, so I feel I must 'be still and know' and 'trust and obey'.

Having so nearly lost 5th Worthing after 43 years - I speak for all the staff - we are determined not just to carry on, but to go from strength to strength, and look on this as a fresh beginning! We all do need all your support, and if anyone could consider coming to help us for a session - or longer - do not hesitate. You would be assured of a very warm welcome.

Tuesday, July 16th is our last evening of this session so we will be celebrating with an outing. The Explorers will visit the Amazon Adventure at the Sports Centre, and have chicken nuggets and chips, and games, in the church hall. The rest of the Girls will spend the evening bowling, and share 'basket meals.' I shall be away on holiday for their evening, and the next Church Parade, unfortunately, but I shall be with them in thought.

We give thanks for being able to continue. We have appreciated everyone who has been so supportive at this difficult time, and would ask you to continue to do so. Please make LESLEY and LINDA feel welcome, and uphold them in your prayers.

We especially ask for your prayers for each GIRL in the Company, many of whom would not know of our Lord's love and power if they were not able to come to the church hall on a Tuesday evening.

I pray that our church and our Girls may be a blessing to each other.

Margaret Craghill, Captain

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What a lovely afternoon we had on Saturday, June 15th when 10 of us walked along by the River Adur, starting at the Old Shoreham Bridge. We believe the distance was about 6 miles (9½ kilometres?), but the route was over grass and flat, which made for easy walking, so it didn't seem that long. I'm sure that if we had said 6 miles in length, we may have been doing it on our own! We were sent on our way by Elsie and John Flack who met us at the bridge, and were entertained en route by the magnificent 'old' planes flying out from Shoreham Airport, celebrating its 60 years! Well done, everybody, especially Kate Byerley who must have walked (or ran) half as far again going backwards and forwards. We shall soon start looking at our maps again to plan next year's ramble!

Sheila Gooderham

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BOYS' BRIGADE

Mondays	Anchor Boys	5.00 pm
	Juniors	6.15 pm
Fridays	Company Section	7.15 pm

July 14th - Parade Service at 11.00 am

In our last report in June Chronicle we failed to include GAVIN READ'S collection of nearly £10 in the Mission Fund Collection. Our apologies, Gavin, for not congratulating you at the time on your magnificent effort.

Despite a very wet Friday evening, we still travelled to Westergate Methodist Church for our Juniors' Whitsun week-end. Saturday morning, after a hearty breakfast cooked by Malcolm Nicholls and Bob Read, we emerged to find the sun shining! We then almost enjoyed a football match with the local BB team. I say 'almost enjoyed' as we lost 13 - 0. Mind you, they were all fully kitted out with boots, shorts, shirts, etc., that made them look quite professional! Later on in the day, with a packed lunch, we had an interesting time at the Open Air Museum at Singleton. On Sunday we joined in the morning worship, and the boys also spent time in the Sunday School. Over the rest of the week-end we visited Slindon, Swanbourne Lake, Arundel, and the nature trail on a farm at Tillington. Thank you to Sue, Malcolm, Paul, Simon and Marc Nicholls, Barbara Popplestone and Bob Read for their sterling support which helped the boys and me to make it a lovely week-end.

It has been a very long time since we had the pleasure of a new Officer being enrolled into the 5th Worthing Company. We welcomed Mrs Barbara Popplestone as a Warrant Officer into our team after receiving her official appointment card at our June Church Parade.

Donald Stewart, Captain

SPONSORSHIP OF THE NEW TESTAMENT BY PHYLLIS WHEELER

Phyllis Wheeler has completed the writing out of the New Testament Chapters. There are 260. She reached the end of REVELATION on Saturday June 15th 1996. If you would like to give a donation to the Bible Society please let Roy Gooderham know.

CHAPTERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

1	Matthew	28	15	1 Timothy	6
2	Mark	16	16	2 Timothy	4
3	Luke	24	17	Titus	3
4	John	21	18	Philemon	1
5	Acts	28	19	Hebrews	13
6	Romans	16	20	James	5
7	1 Corinthians	16	21	1 Peter	5
8	2 Corinthians	13	22	2 Peter	3
9	Galatians	6	23	1 John	5
10	Ephesians	6	24	2 John	1
11	Philippians	4	25	3 John	1
12	Colossians	4	26	Jude	1
13	1 Thessalonians	5	27	Revelation	22
14	2 Thessalonians	3			

This Island of Mountains, of blue seas, of quiet villages hidden in mountain valleys, and small and large Greek Orthodox churches, their white walls gleaming in the sunlight. I visited this magic and relaxing Island from the 14th to the 28th May. During the day the weather was pleasant -not too hot- but the evenings and early mornings were cold. Often during the mornings an heat haze would cause the mountains to apparently disappear to reappear as quickly, such is the magic of this Island.

My visit was made even more interesting having the company of Mrs Mary Connelly who travelled on the same plane to visit her daughter Helen now married to Christos. Mary drove me around the area of Hania and Georgioupolis. I stayed at the Kournas Village Hotel, Kavros. A modern hotel designed as a village opened last year. My holiday was also enhanced by the friendship of Clifton and Pam retired teachers from Swindon who accompanied me on the day trips to the Western Mountains and to Knossos. The Western Mountains reminded me of the Trodos Mountains in Cyprus with narrow roads and spectacular views. At Knossos with its Palace of the Minoan Civilisation you travel back in time for two thousand years!

Mary speaks Greek and was well known in the villages where I had the privilege of being taken into some of the homes such as the lady who completed the nets ready for the fishermen, the elderly lady who preferred cooking the old primitive way than electricity, and the gentleman who entertained Mary and me to lunch in his garden and where I had a comfortable siesta on a stone slab under the vines overhead. Then there was the English couple, Jonathan and Honor, who had built their lovely house high up on a mountain site where I had a Communion Service with them. There is no Anglican Chaplaincy so they attend the Roman Catholic Church at Hania (where there is an open Communion Table). I went with them on the Sunday morning. Mary also took me to a Greek Orthodox Service in one of the villages where I met the priest. Limitations of space prevents my writing more. I have some photographs and slides if anyone would like to see them or an organisation would like a talk. Ron Christopher.

The British and Foreign Bible Society (Worthing Group) invite you to a Summer Melodies Concert on Saturday, 20th July at 7.30. p.m. at the URC, Shelley Road. Tickets (including light refreshments) £1-50 from Ron or at the door.

JOHN GORDON

John Gordon has finished his Course at our Northern College and this month proceeds to his first pastorate at Haresfinch, St. Helens and Rainford after his Ordination on 29th June at Rainford - one of our historical churches founded in 1692. The Reverend William Connelly gave the Charge and conveyed greetings from Goring URC.

I attended John's Valedictory Service on the 7th June. This was held at St. Peter's University Chaplaincy in the large Chapel which is ecumenical in its purpose and use. The Service was an impressive one. The processional hymn was "For all the saints", the other hymns were by modern hymn writers and they contained words of meaning and devotion, concluding with "Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided". The sermon was preached by the Reverend Graham Cook, Moderator of the Mersey Province. Three other students were valedicted with John. May God bless John's ministry and Alison and their son in the Manse. Ron Christopher.

KEN FISH IS IN THE ANGUS MCKINNON WARD NO. 7. ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, STANMORE, MIDDX. FROM JUNE 9th TO DECEMBER 31st 1996. YOUR LETTERS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY HIM.

CALENDAR FOR JULY 1996

1	Mon	Boys' Brigade Meeting Night - Anchor Boys Juniors	5.00 pm 6.15 pm
2	Tue	Women's Guild Strawberry Tea	2.30 pm
		Girls' Brigade Meeting Night	6.00 pm to 9.30 pm
3	Wed	Service of Prayer in Church	7.30 pm to 8.30 pm
4	Thu	Day of Prayer (Holy Communion 10.30am)	7.00 am to 6.00 pm
		Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.30 am to 11.30 am
5	Fri	Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade Meeting - Company Section	7.15 pm
6	Sat	Torch Fellowship - St Columba's URC	2.30 pm
6-9		General Assembly of the URC - University of York	
7	Sun	Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Service with Holy Communion	11.00 am
		Service	6.30 pm
8	Mon	Boys' Brigade Meeting night - as above	
9	Tue	Girls' Brigade Meeting Night - as above	
11	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.30 am to 11.30 am
		Praise and Prayer Meeting - Little Chapel	2.30 pm to 3.30 pm
12	Fri	Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade Meeting Night - as above	
14	Sun	Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Parades Service	11.00 am
		Open Air Service Songs of Praise organised by Goring Fraternal - ? Where and When	
15	Mon	Boys' Brigade Meeting Night - as above	
		Serendipity Club is holding a Barbeque	
		Time and place not known yet	
16	Tue	Girls' Brigade Meeting Night - as above	
18	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.30 am to 11.30 am
19	Fri	Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	
		Outing	10.00 am to 5.30 pm
		Little Fishes Term Ends	4.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade Meeting Night - as above	
20	Sat	Torch Fellowship Durrington	2.30 pm
21	Sun	Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Service	11.00 am
		Service of Holy Communion with Healing	6.30 pm
22	Mon	Boys' Brigade Night - as above	
24	Wed	ADA Monthly Meeting	2.15 pm to 4.30 pm
25	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.30 am to 11.30 am
		Praise & Prayer Meeting, Little Chapel	2.30 pm to 3.30 pm
		Church Meeting	7.30 pm
26	Fri	Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	
		(Last until September)	2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade Meeting Night - as above	
28	Sun	Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Service	11.00 am
		Service	6.30 pm
29	Mon	Boys' Brigade Meeting Night - as above	

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2	Mon	Little Fishes re-starts	8.30 am
6	Fri	Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro) restarts	2.00 pm
10	Tue	Women's Guild re-starts	2.45 pm

Please kindly inform the Editor if there is any incorrect entry

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AUGUST 1996

Dear Friends,

August is the traditional time for holidays and the going away with family and friends for a welcome break from the routine. Of course, holidays come in four stages really. First there is the time of preparation, choosing where you want to go and making the necessary plans. Then there is the time of anticipation and the excitement as the holiday draws ever nearer. Thirdly, there is the actual holiday, the event itself, and finally there is the looking back, going over each moment in our minds, often helped with photographs to remind us of what we saw and did.

I wonder which part you like the best. Are you a planner? The sort of person for whom the deciding about holidays is really exciting. What sort of holiday do we want? Where shall we go? These questions fill some people with real joy as they pour over the colourful brochures encouraging us to stay in this resort or the other; to sample the delights of an active or quiet time on holiday. Perhaps this phase fills you more with dread than joy, but once the decision is made, you come into your own, especially as the time draws nearer and nearer and you begin to think of all the things you will need to have a really good time. On the other hand, you may be the type of person who just wants to be on holiday without any fuss, and all you want to do is be there, and be able to enjoy yourself. Or maybe you are like someone we once knew who hated arranging holidays, did not have any sense of anticipation, and in some ways did not really enjoy being away from home, but loved the reminiscing and being able to relive each moment in the knowledge that it was all over and they were safely home. Or perhaps you never analyse all that goes on and enjoy each part as it comes.

I think that our life as a church can be very similar to this sort of holiday picture. I believe that the Lord is always looking ahead and wants His people to be involved with Him as He works His purpose out. There are some people who love the planning, and get really excited drawing up programmes and events, filling the months, even years ahead, with meetings to prepare for events as the Lord leads His people forward. There are those who enjoy the excitement of seeing events draw nearer and who, maybe, become involved in the more detailed planning, or merely look forward with anticipation to whatever is coming. Then there are those who come to things which go on in church, coming to play their part in all the Lord has planned, and enjoying the event, enjoying being a part of the Lord's family. And, of course, there are always those who look back remembering what has gone before, remembering past events shared with old friends and who will only enjoy the present times with the Lord, when they have gone and new friends can be called old friends. However, deep down we know the Lord who is ever moving us into deeper experiences of His love, wants us to enjoy it all from planning to recounting as we share in all He has done.

So enjoy your holidays, or reminiscing if you have been, or planning if you are that organised for 1997, so that we may come back refreshed for the Lord's service. For let us make no mistake, the Lord does not want us just to dwell on what has been and what was, He calls us to move forward to ever new and greater things for Him as we take our part in His plans.

Please continue to pray for our family as we enjoy our holiday and refreshment with the Lord.

Your servants in Christ

Peter & Eileen Heckels

News of the Fellowship

Change of Address

Mr and Mrs Richard Colbourne have moved from Worthing to their new home in Essex. Richard was our organist for many years.

Congratulations

Mrs Elizabeth (Bond) Davies has finished her training at Exeter University and obtained a teaching position in a school in Honiton.

Healing Ministry

A special group of Lay Persons has been formed to work in this Ministry in our Church, consisting of: Mrs R Bradley, Mrs R Hitchin, Mrs G Dean and Mr R Tuley. They will conduct healing and laying on of hands at Healing Worship.

May I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks towards those kind people who lead us in prayer during Sunday morning Services, also those who read the lessons.

Leslie Montford

Thank You

We would like to extend our thanks to all of you who have supported us and our family by your continuing prayers over the last 8 months. Our daughter-in-law, Sarah is now greatly improved in health, and the family are back together and thriving. We have all felt sustained by the love and care shown by you, together with other family members and friends in different parts of the country. Prayer is the greatest power on earth.

Roy & Sheila Gooderham

Ken Fish is in the Angus McKinnon Ward No 7 Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, Middlesex from June 9th to December 31st 1996. Your letters will be greatly appreciated by him.

The **MATERIAL** for the **CHRONICLE SHOULD** be in the **HANDS** of the **EDITOR** by the 15th of the **PREVIOUS MONTH**. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES**. Thank you. **Editor**

News

It is always interesting to know how members of our Church use their gifts and talents and also of their achievements. So congratulations to:-

Caroline Hibbs who recently trod the catwalk with other students from Chichester College of Arts, Science & Technology modelling her own fashion designs. All money raised went to the Snowdrop Trust, a charity for children with life-threatening diseases.

Geoffrey Redman who received in July the results of his Higher National Certificate BTEC Electrical Engineering part 1 and obtained 3 distinctions and 3 Merits.

Karen Jones, a member of our Girls Brigade, has been awarded her Chevron Grade 1 which is the first step along the way to becoming a Warrant Officer in the Brigade.

Carol Webber who has just completed an NVQ level two course in Floristry at Northbrook College and is hoping to achieve level three next year.

Paul Redman, who has recently taken up running, joined in a fun run from Splash Point to George Vth Avenue - and back. He has also run in a 10k race being organised in aid of St. Barnabas Hospice. Not satisfied with that Paul and members of the Fury Group in three teams, Paul and Paul Arkinstall, Suzy Webber, Ruth Heckles and Denise Elliot, Daniel and Ricky Mitchell took part in a 'Sponsored Pram Race' on 13th July organised by the Oasis Centre in Broadwater in aid of Worthing Women's Aid and Camelia Botnar Children's Centre.

They all wore badges saying 'I am a push over for Jesus' and, using Kestro's wheelchairs with a 'patient' and a 'nurse', they pushed from Sea Lane Cafe to Splash Point, a distance of 2.5 miles. There were 7 teams participating from different churches and we provided 3 of them. Last, but not least, Paul and Paul won the race in just 15 minutes (I am sure they were wind assisted by that flag). They were presented with a cup and certificates by the Deputy Mayor, and their photo taken by the press (did you see it?). A great effort by them all.

The FURY group and their families (21 in all) met on the Sunday following the pram race, before closing for the summer holidays. After rounders on the Findon Gallops with a score of 13 - 12, they enjoyed a BBQ in Suzy's garden with a surprise birthday cake baked by Eileen. They are gathering together during the holidays to paint the East hall where GAS and FURY meet and they get together again on Sunday September 8th.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our 'Strawberry Tea' was held on July 2nd when our President welcomed members, Men's Fellowship members, and friends to a very enjoyable afternoon of fellowship. It marked the end of our summer session.

We start our Autumn session on September 10th at 2.45pm when we look forward to welcoming present and new members, especially those from amongst our Church ladies.

Betty Hislop

Were you in our Church on Monday 3rd June around 12.15pm? What a grand gathering there was of family and friends of Ethel Dearsly. We were there to give thanks for the life and witness of almost 92 years.

We heard of her many activities from Rev William Connelly - teaching in Sunday school as well as day school; enjoying her drama group in Banstead, and becoming very much involved in Goring Congregational Church as an Elder, Junior Church leader, Missionary Committee work, (always with Geoffrey and Irene in mind); and as a 'Welcomer' to our services in latter years.

She was, in the past, President of our Women's Guild and several times a committee member, she was a great organiser and loved to play the piano for our meetings. Now there is a gap in our organisation which will take time to heal, but we can hear her saying, 'Get on with it - you can do it'.

She was a guide and mentor to young and old, relating particularly to the young, and whilst rejoicing that she is now with her Lord, we miss her - we always will.

We thank you Father for Ethel, a lovely lady.

The Women's Guild

Tensan Hospital, Nepal

If you wish to donate money for medical supplies to Tensan 100 bed hospital please send them to ECHO (International Health Services Limited) Ullswater Crescent, Coulsdon, Surrey, CR5 2HR. For Account Number 121011, or you can send or give them to me so that I can post them to Echo. Keith Slatter is Chief Executive of Echo.

Leslie Montford - Editor

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

EXPLORERS	5--8	years	TUESDAYS	6 - 7.15 pm
JUNIORS	8-11	years	TUESDAYS	6 - 7.45 pm
SENIORS	11-14	years	TUESDAYS	6 - 8.30 pm
BRIGADERS	14 plus	years	TUESDAYS	6 - 8.30 pm

Staff:- Captain: Mrs. Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley.
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Acting Lieut: Lesley Hood (see below)
Auxiliary Workers:- Valerie Hayden
Hannah Honsa
Amanda Nash
Warrant Officer:- Rachel Spiller

On June 22nd we joined together with all 6 other Companies in the District for an 'It's a Knock Out' type of fun day and barbeque. This day was enjoyed by all.

We finished this Session on July 16th. The Explorers went to 'The Amazon Adventure' in the Sports Centre, and followed it with chicken nuggets and chips in the Church Hall. The rest of the Company went 'Ten Pin Bowling', and then had basket meals.

We were all very sorry to have to say good-bye to Denise (Elliott) - she has now moved on to other things. Our thanks and prayers go with her.

We start our new Session and, hopefully, a new beginning on September 10th with a 'fun evening' 'Around the Camp Fire', and we hope all the Girls will bring a friend.

May we go forth and grow stronger. Please remember the Company and our new Officers and Helpers in your prayers over the next few months.

Valerie Hayden.

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LATE EXTRAS
CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

DAVIES, Nigel and Elizabeth, 21 Monterey Gardens,
Rosebarn Park. Exeter. EX4 5EN.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Elizabeth Davies starts teaching at Honiton Community College on September 2nd and she has a challenging timetable and tutor group, so please pray for her.

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House and Fabric Committee

The Committee is proposing to form a **Working Party** to carry out repairs and maintenance on **Saturday 3 August** and **Saturday 17 August 1996** at **9.15am**

Amongst the items which need attention are the following:-

1. Repaint markings on perimeter road.
2. Repaint lower panels in transepts & echelon windows.
3. Repaint interior of organ loft windows and stained plasterboards.
4. Complete repainting of new panel on front door of Church.
5. Repair cracks on floor of vestibule. Re-plaster wall of Cornwall Room (where hot water radiators removed), and redecorate wall.
6. Repaint woodwork in link passage, and kitchen.
7. Repair broken plaster on walls of choir vestry and redecorate.

All offers of help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sheila or Colin Nodes.

Church Garden

Roy Gooderham and slaves have been looking after the Church gardens over the last few months and Roy is now thinking about the future. He would like to plant some spring bulbs (snowdrops, tulips and hyacinths only) together with some perennials and low flowering shrubs which will help reduce the work load. We wondered whether members of the Fellowship might like to contribute some of these or give Roy their suggestions and financial contributions would also be welcome. In September a list will be placed on the vestibule notice board and reminders given.

Cornwall Room

A request has been made to the committee from Junior Church for a carpet to be placed on the uncarpeted section of the Cornwall Room as the floor is very cold for Sparklers (3-5years) who kneel and sit on it. To keep the costs down we are asking if anybody is thinking of replacing some carpet in the near future to let us know and perhaps the old one could be of use in the Cornwall Room. Please let Colin or me know. Many thanks.

Sheila Gooderham - Chairman

F.E.B.A.

Mailings will take place at FEBA offices on Tuesday and Wednesday August 27th and 28th and Monday and Wednesday September 16th and 18th between 9am and 5pm. Helpers are invited for an hour or so or a full day. Bring sandwiches. Drinks provided. For more details please ring Jennie. (01903 - 237281) Office address: Ivy Arch Road, Worthing.

ACTION for DYSPHASIC ADULTS - Worthing Group
August 28th 2.15 to 4.30pm

Snippets

BURUNDI: ' We think things can't get any worse - but they do! ' said a Missionary in Burundi, Africa. Millions of people have been displaced in the conflict between Hutus and Tutsis. Pray, however, that Scripture booklets produced by Scripture Gift Mission International may help and comfort many who have little earthly hope left.

A Child's Prayer from Vietnam:

'Lord Jesus thank You for dying for me. You shed Your blood for me. Thank You, Jesus Lord. Forgive all my sins. Let me see Your face tonight. O Jesus, Lord, I love You.'

From 'Children's Prayers from around the world'.

Psalm 91 verse 1 Arabic version. 'He that chooseth to make his permanent abode in the secret place of the Most High shall always be in touch with the Almightyness of God.'

Canon Kenneth Budd says:- 'the story in Genesis 21 is the dramatic account of a mother who was driven into the wilderness with her young child. When the latter was dying of thirst the Mother was Divinely directed to a place where there was a hidden spring, and the child's life was saved.

The story is a parable of the Presence of God. A spring can be formed, sometimes, in the most unlikely places. When life is hard and there seems to be nothing to give us the renewal we desperately need, we must ask God to lead us to 'a well of water'. We may find it by our own 'doorstep'. v.19.

'More Precious than Gold'

A few villagers brought three Bibles back to share with their families and neighbours in Long Nowong, in Kalimantan, Indonesia. Each day the villagers met to listen to the Bible being read. The number of people who believed and accepted the Good News of Jesus Christ grew steadily, and 1123 people were baptised. So greatly did they desire Scriptures for themselves that they divided the three Bibles so that each could have at least one page. (from a Bible Society leaflet)

Rev John Gordon BA, Mrs Alison and Eliot Gordon
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July 10th 1996

Dear Friends at Goring

My Ordination and Induction went very well. Rev William Connelly preached a good charge to the Church and me. In response to the Call I mentioned Goring and all the help and support I received, especially in my early days. This coupled with the content of William's talk, led several people to say to me afterwards 'It's hardly surprising that you went into the Ministry having had such a good Church and Minister.' It really was a great day as we worshipped together. During the tea following the service, the Church secretary read out letters of greeting from Peter and Geoffrey. I would also like to say 'thank you' for the final £150 I received from Goring United Reformed Church towards the end of my time at College.

We have settled in very well. All our neighbours are friendly. We are able to leave Eliot with Catherine and Tony, next door, 'on spec' if we need to get some work done quickly. Alison helps me in leading worship - mainly at Rainford - and when she is not doing that she is taking Eliot to 'Mums and Tots'.

I have begun to visit Church folk, which is a priority at the moment. My first 'full' Sunday was on July 7th at Haresfinch. I led the morning Worship and I used the parable of the Sower, and Philip and the Ethiopian Official, from Acts, to encourage us this summer to prepare for Mission. Then at 2pm we had a walk of witness. We joined with St. Peter's and St. Paul's R. C. to walk around Haresfinch. A local brass band marched ahead of us so the whole of the estate came out into their gardens to see our banners and flags. We ended the March at St. Peter's and St. Paul's where we had an act of Worship by Father Matthew. We then went across to the URC for Sunday afternoon tea! After I had led the evening Service we went across to Rainford to share with the Ecumenical Youth Club. They were having a BBQ at Anne Abrams - from Rainford URC. We had a lovely relaxed time, and we met the Anglican Minister Noel and his wife. I hope not all my Sundays will be as busy as that one.

I've got District on Thursday and I am joining all the new Ministers at the Moderator's house next Tuesday. I also have two weddings coming up.

I passed my Bachelor of Arts Degree - I got a 2:1.

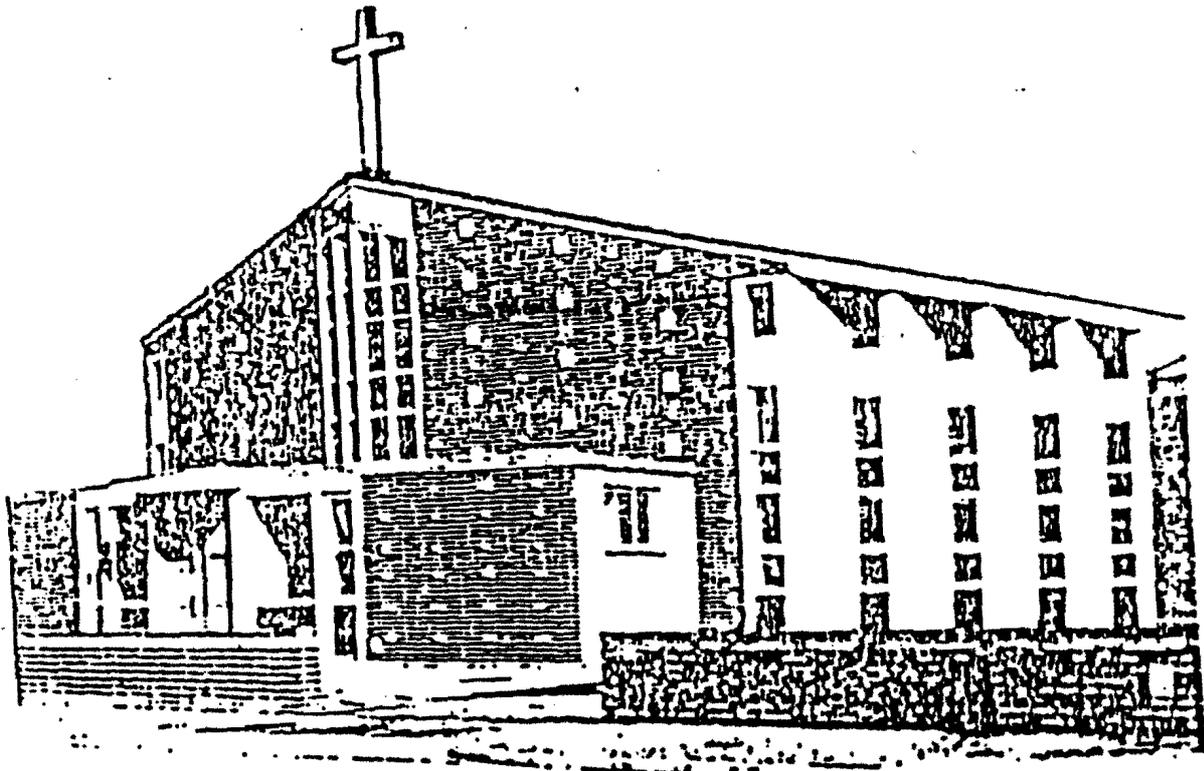
Love in Christ,

John, Alison and Eliot

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday - Holy Communion)
6.30 pm	Evening Worship (3rd Sunday - Holy Communion and Healing)

CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister:	Rev Peter Heckels, 17 Drummond Road	248259
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Pastoral Secretary:		
Treasurer:	Mr Roy Gooderham, 15 Harvey Road	506452

PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS

1 Ferring	Mrs P Taylor	7 West Park	Mrs B Hitchin
2 Goring		8 Lakeland & Strand	Mr D Stewart
3 Courtlands	Mrs B Swierk	9 Terringes & Melrose	Mrs I Tuley
4 West Worthing	Mrs E Rhodes	10 Durrington	Mrs I Tuley
5 Central Worthing	Mr G Dean	11 Salvington	Miss A Gerlach
6 Marlborough	Mrs R Bradley		

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

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	Mrs Jane Bond	244157
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Choir Secretary	Mr Michael Ebeling	240448
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Cradle Roll Secretary		
Flower Secretary	Mrs Eileen Heckels	248259
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Leprosy Mission	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
Lettings Secretary	Mrs Lily Collison	248861
Little Fishes Playgroup	Mrs Sue Mitchell	531551
Men's Fellowship	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Publicity Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Serendipity Club	Mrs Janice Byerley	233330
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Tear Fund and Tearcraft	Mrs Irene Dearsley	690996
The Bible Society	Rev Ron Christopher	230330
Traidcraft	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Transport Officer	Mrs Carol Webber	690334
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
World Mission Secretary	Mr Geoffrey Dearsley	690996
Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	Mrs Robin Bradley	240908

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Dear Friends

There was once a time when we were in a united church where we shared with the Methodists and there was no doubt when the church year began - it was September 1st, for this was the day when all ministers in Methodism who are changing churches begin in their new appointments. For Goring URC, September 1st will be of no less importance, for on that day we shall ordain one new elder, Doreen Norris, and induct for a further term four elders who have served us well before, including Wilf Rhodes, who returns following some 'time out', as our younger folk would phrase it. For the URC the role of elder is so crucial that it is important that we uphold all those who serve us in this way in a special way within our prayers. We call elders to be spiritual leaders and, as such, they are people who work alongside ordained ministers to ensure that the Lord's will is sought and carried out in the URC here in Goring.

To most of us our contact with elders is through the organisation of our pastoral care. Having divided the church membership into various 'areas', each of our pastoral elders is given responsibility for a number of homes. So you should know who your pastoral elder is, and it should be someone who you can feel comfortable talking with and sharing with as they visit and care for you. They will be praying regularly for you - our hope is that you are praying regularly for them, for they too have needs which only the Lord can meet. Some of them have needs which, perhaps, you can meet in terms of working alongside them, taking some share in the care of even one or two church homes near you. The emphasis is, of course, on the fact that we are all working as a team - members, elders and minister - in the care of our church family and, of course, on the need to share with one another as we find or perceive needs which need further contact and visiting. September will see our new elders' areas coming into being; an important time for all of us as we develop relationships which allow God's Spirit to move through our midst.

Each of us are also affected by the work of those elders who chair the various committees of our church. It is important that we do have an organisational system that allows us to deal with the many matters that come before us, and to have people who can concentrate their minds on each area is a real blessing from the Lord. Of course, these elders are working alongside those we elected to our committees at church meeting and each committee will work through the church meeting as we deliberate together on their reports and seek the Lord's will together on any recommendations our committees bring. Again, however, our major support should be through prayer. Perhaps you could use "Welcome" to pray for the duty elder each week.

So we call and appoint elders - surely a major contribution of the URC to any talks about Christian organisation and our understanding of the church in unity discussions, - and we must agree to support them in their work. Yet the eldership is not all about visiting and committee work; they are also called to seek the Lord's will for His people, to be our spiritual leaders. A common criticism heard about elders is that they are not recognised as 'spiritual' in their leadership, so may I share what I consider a real source of encouragement from what was a hard year in many ways for last year's eldership. In the midst of some difficult meetings it was decided to place some time for study together, and although it took some time to work through, we eventually began to look at 'Spiritual Warfare' by studying Ephesians. This proved a good topic as we felt engaged in warfare which continued to make it difficult even to create time for study. However, through much prayer and determination, by the closing elders' meetings, we did manage to get there. Certainly the minister noticed a great change in our meetings as we began to realise that the committees could report direct to church meetings without us listening to everything the week before, and we were able to think about those issues which have a major impact on the Lord's people. This pattern having been established it is hoped that it can now be developed so that when our elders meet

together there will be a real growth in real spiritual leadership. Our next area will be the life of the church as we study 1 Thessalonians. Please do pray for the elders when they meet together each month.

So September 1st will be important as we see a new phase in our life together. For many people church life just goes on and they do not really sense much happening, yet we share in all this work together, and we shall see a new ministry team undertaking its work in our midst. Let us all support them in prayer, by welcoming them as they visit, by sharing their work at church meetings, by encouraging them in the Lord's name. Let us also look to what the Lord wants to do, for this is His church and His alone, and we His people are called to follow His leading whatever our role may be in His work.

Please also continue to pray for our family as we seek to serve with you.

Your servants in Christ

Peter & Eileen Heckels

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MEMBERSHIP GROUPS

Within any organisation there is a need for a sense of belonging, identified through joining and being a member. This is also true within the church, and certainly in the URC there is a real importance attached to membership of the local church into which you are called by the Lord. We do, of course, all belong to the church of Jesus Christ, and through our baptism we are members of the church universal, in heaven and earth, and join with all the saints in worshipping our Lord. Our understanding of the church, however, is that the Lord does join His people in local churches, and if we feel this is where He wants us to serve Him, then membership of that church is a response to that call.

You may be very new to Goring URC, or you may have been around for years without making any commitment to membership. Perhaps you have never been asked, or perhaps you were asked at the wrong time. You may have belonged to another church in the URC or a different denomination, but now you are worshipping regularly with us Sunday by Sunday. Whatever your situation it does not matter. You may have even joined, but would like a 'refresher' on membership. You are invited to a 'no strings attached' meeting on Tuesday, 10th September to share what sort of membership discussions are best for you. Following the success of timings for our 'Alpha' course, we shall meet at 10.00 am, 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm somewhere at church and one of the things we shall discuss is sensible venues and meeting times/days for those who want to come.

Please take this as a personal invitation, especially if you are wondering what sort of welcome you will receive. Everyone is unique and yet by coming together we can grow and share from the beginning of our groups, but the group does need you to come and be part, just as the Lord's church at Goring URC needs you to be a member of His people here.

Peter

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HARVEST 1996

This year our harvest festival will take place on 29th September and we will have a day full of celebration beginning with our 8.00 am Communion Service.

Following that quiet start in thanksgiving, at 9.30 am we shall join in **TIME FOR TOTS**, a chance for families with young children to share in praise for all God gives.

Our **FAMILY SERVICE** at 11.00 am will be a harvest service with a slight difference. As decided at church meeting, we shall all be encouraged to bring **CHRISTIAN BOOKS** either

new or good second-hand, for our harvest gifts. Few of us grow fruit or vegetables to bring as gifts (although we hope that those who do will bring them to help decorate the church on the Saturday), and in the past we have had some problems distributing the gifts brought. So the hope is that instead of buying fruit or vegetables, you will buy a Christian book which we will pass on to **BOOK AID** for distribution to those overseas who long to read such books. Children's Bible stories, books on prayer, devotional life, healing, any topics to do with the Christian life, evangelistic tracts, or Bibles, all will be welcome. Just bring them to our harvest service and we will receive them.

3.00 pm will be the time for another of our short Communion Services when we shall invite those who are house-bound or in residential homes and find our normal services too long to come and join us. Traditionally we close this service in time for a tea, and because this is a special day, we want to invite as many as possible for TEA at 4.00 pm.

Our house-bound guests will leave after tea, but everyone else is invited to share in fellowship and, perhaps, some praise, before Linda Holcoup will lead our **EVENING SERVICE** at the earlier time of 6.00 pm.

Make a note in your diary:-

29th September

- 8.00 am - Communion
- 9.30 am - Time for Tots
- 11.00 am - Family Service - Book Aid
- 3.00 pm - Communion for the house-bound
- 4.00 pm - Tea for everyone
- 6.00 pm - Evening Service

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Transport! Transport! Transport!

Can you help?

At the last Church meeting I took over the role of 'Transport Officer' and have found the list of volunteers rather depleted. I would like to update the names of people who are able to offer a lift to others ;

*on a regular basis to Sunday services
occasionally to a Sunday service
to Church meetings or other events during the week
to a special event e.g. an afternoon communion service*

I know that many of you already provide this valuable service to others but I would be particularly pleased to hear from friends living north of the railway line.

If you need transport at any time please contact me and I will try and be of assistance.

Carol Webber 690334

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Change of Telephone Number

9 Miss Victoria Carrington - 503292

CONGRATULATIONS

To Richard and Martin Wiseman - both former Anchor Boys here in our Church! Richard gained a Master of Engineering degree (Electronic Systems Engineering) from York University. In the autumn, after a two month holiday in the USA (with Martin) he will work for British Telecommunications (BT) in their Research and Development Department at Ipswich.

To Martin who has been successful in gaining HND in Motor Vehicle Engineering Management from the West Kent College at Tonbridge. He will study Mechanical Engineering at Bradford University on his return from America.

WELL DONE, LADS! May the Lord continue to bless you on your holiday of a lifetime, and in your future careers.
Eileen Rhodes

Also to Miss Kirsty Craghill who has passed her Law Degree with a 2:1 at Anglia University, Cambridge.

VAL and GRAEME GILL, together with KEVIN and KERRY are members of the Solent Cycle Club and go to Oxford each year with other enthusiasts, on vintage bicycles and wearing Edwardian clothing. This year Val and Kerry 'rode' away with awards for their costumes and bicycles. Well done all of you.

Jonathan Ericson, who was organist at GURC a few years ago, was married recently to Joanne Simmons at St Symphorian's Church. Jonathan, who had a reputation with our church choir of rarely being on time, was certainly early for his own wedding as he played the organ for the entry of his bride. We wish them both every happiness.

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HOSPITALIZED

KEN FISH is in Angus McKinnon Ward, No.7, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, Middlesex until the end of this year. Your letters, or other ways of communicating with him, would be greatly appreciated by him.

CHURCH BARN DANCE

Our ANNUAL CHURCH BARN DANCE will be held on SATURDAY evening, OCTOBER 19th. The caller and the refreshments will be the same as last year - Elsie Flack and Fish/Chicken and Chips. Further details will appear in the October Chronicle. Just make a note of the date on your calendars and in your diaries.

Sheila Gooderham (Social Secretary)

FABRIC COMMITTEE

The appeal in last month's Chronicle for a carpet for the Cornwall Room has brought forth a response, and we give thanks to Mrs Blackwood, Mrs Burrage, Mr & Mrs Dearsley and Mr & Mrs Lyons for their welcome offers. We are optimistic that a similar response will be forthcoming for BULBS, PERENNIAL PLANTS and SMALL SHRUBS for the church garden, so do not forget to look at the list in the vestibule.

You may also like to know that work on the outside painting and repairs started in the middle of August.
Sheila Gooderham (Chairman)

THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15TH OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES.** Thank you.
Editor

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The opening meeting of the Men's Fellowship Autumn Session will take place in the East Hall at 2.45 pm on Tuesday, September 10th when our Minister, Rev Peter Heckels, will introduce the autumn programme. The second meeting this month will be on Tuesday, September 24th at 2.45 pm when we shall have a talk about the work of Gideons International. We look forward to seeing old and new members on these occasions. Come along and enjoy the fellowship.
Ian Hennell (Secretary)

ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS - WORTHING GROUP

September 25th - Meeting - 2.15pm to 4.30pm

FEBA

Mallings will take place at FEBA OFFICES on MONDAY to WEDNESDAY, September 16th to 18th (3 days) between 9am and 5pm. Helpers are invited for an hour or so or full day. Bring sandwiches. Drinks provided. For more details please ring Jennie Ring Tel: 237281. Office address: Ivy Arch Road, Worthing.

SERENDIPITY GROUP

Daphne Eames and Janice Byerley have taken over the Serendipity Group, and the first meeting will be on Monday, 16th September at 8.00 pm in the Church Hall.

We have some games organised (non-energetic), so please come along and take part and enjoy meeting other ladies from the Church.

If you have any ideas for future evenings, please contact us. We would welcome your suggestions.
Daphne 268489 Janice 233330

5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

EXPLORERS	5-8 years	TUESDAYS	6.00pm - 7.15pm
JUNIORS	8-11 years	TUESDAYS	6.00pm - 7.45pm
SENIORS	11-14 years	TUESDAYS	6.00pm - 8.30pm
BRIGADERS	14 plus years	TUESDAYS	6.00pm - 8.30pm

Staff:- Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley, BN14 0BY Tel: 873806

Lieutenant: Linda Gray
Acting Lieutenant: Lesley Hood
Auxilliary Workers: Valerie Hayden; Hannah Honsa; Amanda Nash
Warrant Officer: Rachel Spiller

URC PRAYER HANDBOOK 1997

This publication is obtainable at a cost of £1.75, including postage. Included is a 'Praying with CWM 1997 Leaflet' for use when praying for worldwide missions. I will assume that those people who already subscribe to the 1996 issue will want to continue with a 1997 copy, unless I hear to the contrary. New subscribers are welcome. You may contact me on 246523 should you wish to join, preferably before October 31st.

Pheniah Taylor

WORTHING STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)

September 6 Wordsearch
 September 13 'Sussex Postal History' talk by Mr Hobbs, with slides
 September 20 Pencil and Paper Games
 September 27 Outing to Notcutts Garden Centre, Cranleigh, Surrey

LET US MAKE MORE ROOM FOR MORE!!

No, this is not an evangelistic statement, but a very practical one. Have you acquired over the years lots of trinkets and bits and pieces that you never use and have no intention of using? Then let us assist you. We are holding a 'ROOM' sale on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH** in the church hall from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, in an attempt to help you to clear your house of unwanted or unused articles. There will be a **KITCHEN ROOM, a DINING ROOM, a LOUNGE, a BATHROOM, a BEDROOM and a DRESSING ROOM**. Most are self-explanatory. For example, a saucepan will be for the kitchen, while a set of coasters would be for the dining room, and so on. The **DRESSING ROOM**, however, is not for jumble, but for good, second-hand clothes, neatly washed and pressed.

Now for you men who think this is not for you, we will also have space for the **SHED and GARAGE**, if you're lucky enough to have one. What do you keep in there that nobody knows about, including you, because you haven't used it for such a long time? Let's make some space in there - you may need it once you see what's on offer!

Once you've all made room, come along to the **COFFEE MORNING and CAKE STALL** (because, hopefully, you will have made a cake before discarding the **TIN!**), and there you will find lots of useful things to fill the gaps left in your cupboards. Then, because you have enjoyed the fellowship over coffee, the cakes are now eaten, and Christmas is coming, we thought we would have another **COFFEE MORNING and CAKE STALL** on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH** in the church hall, also from 10.30 am to 12.30pm. This time we will enhance it with home-made gifts of any sort - **JAMS, MARMALADE, CRAFT KNITTING OR SEWING, STATIONERY** - you know the sort of thing.

Please put these dates in your diary or on your calendar and come along to support one another and share fellowship - get to know a few more folk and help our finances into the bargain.

If all this is not clear and you would like further information, please contact either **EILEEN HECKELS 248259**, or **SHEILA GOODERHAM 506452**.

YOUNG PERSONS AT UNIVERSITY

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time. Please remember those at home who also need your prayers.

Kirsty CRAGHILL
 Victoria CARRINGTON

Anglia, Cambridge
 Aberystwyth

Law & Sociology Science

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN GORING

It is proposed to start joint bi-monthly **EVENING SERVICES** on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of **NOVEMBER**. Other Churches will close that evening. The services will follow each Church's usual 'pattern'.

November 3rd at Bury Drive Methodist Church at 6.30pm
 January 5th or 12th at St Richard's CofE at 6.00pm
 March 2nd at the New Life Baptist Church - at Goring First School at 7.00pm
 May 4th at St Laurence CofE at 6.00pm
 July 6th at Goring URC at 6.30pm
 September 7th at St Mary's CofE at 6.00pm
 November 2nd at English Martyrs RC Church at 6.00pm
 (To be confirmed)

There will be a shared social evening on Saturday, November 16th at St Mary's Church Hall with approximately 10 people invited from each Church, to discuss together the basics of their faith.

A shared Praise Service with Healing is being planned for Saturday evening, January 25th, 1997 at Goring URC, hopefully the first of several, with a well-known speaker.

One idea which is being taken to the Ministers' Fraternal, is to begin having a regular ecumenical Prayer Meeting for the Goring area.

Christians Together in England have produced a booklet 'CALLED TO BE ONE', and they ask that ecumenical groups, as well as churches, respond to the question 'WHAT IS VISIBLE UNITY?' by Easter 1997. CTC are, therefore, hoping to meet several times during ADVENT to discuss this. We would encourage discussion in all our Churches.

The Worthing Unity Service will be on Wednesday, JANUARY 22nd, 1997 at Worthing Baptist Church in Christchurch Road when Rev Michael Hore of St Mary's will become President of Christians Together in Worthing.

Please continue to support Wilf and me in your prayers. *Irene Tuley*

CPAS MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN

LADIES - a date for your diary - all are warmly invited. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11th 1996 at Broadwater Baptist Church, Dominion Road, Worthing. 'DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST FOR THE WORLD'.

Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm. Speakers: Lynn Murdoch and Jill Kingston. Creche available. Please bring Bible and notebook and packed lunch.

Registration forms will be available from Irene Tuley. Cost £5.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP 1946-1996

Six people from this church attended Shelley Road URC's special service on Sunday morning, August 4th, celebrating their link with the Protestant Palatinate Church in Wolfstein, Germany. This had started after the war with the sending of monthly food and clothing parcels, and continued with exchanges between the Churches every two years.

The Church was well filled with nearly 60 coming from Germany, including a choir of 20, who sang beautifully a specially written song 'I would like to build bridges', during the service, which was conducted in English and German. Rev Beryl Chatfield (one member of the first exchange party) led the service, Rev David Helyer, our Moderator, took part and the German Pastor preached.

At the ending of the Service gifts were exchanged and coffee served. *I. Tuley*

THANKS

I would like to extend to all my dear friends my heartfelt thanks for their encouragement and love shown to me as I become an Elder. I pray I will be given the strength to do as the Lord would have me do.

Doreen Norris

Dear Friends

Thank you for your love, care and prayers that have surrounded me recently. My flowers are still beautiful.

Love, Lily Collison

STOP PRESS. HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE. The Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped at the Working Party days on the 3rd and 17th August. Good progress was made in carrying out repairs and redecoration. We are most grateful to all who took part.

Colin Nokes

AUDIO CASSETTE

This is available at a cost of £3.00, plus postage and packing. It contains a selection of the prayers linked with appropriate music. It is particularly suited for the visually impaired. Please let me know before October 31st if you wish me to obtain a copy.

Pheniah Taylor 246523

SNIPPETS

DID YOU KNOW that there are an estimated 6,528 languages in our world? The whole Bible is now available to 341 of them!

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THAILAND means 'The Land of the Free', but the freedom has been used to create industries from crime syndicates, drug networks, sexual exploitation and prostitution - enslaving millions, including most of the 35,000 street children. It is a land of bondage to spirit appeasement, occult practices and Buddhism. Missions have considerable freedom for ministry, so pray for Christ's light to penetrate the darkness. The Christian Literature Crusade is one of the ministries bringing light to Thailand's darkness. CLC has two workshops in the centre of Bangkok, with a Thai and an English department. Opportunities abound in the cities for book tables in churches, and at Christian gatherings, but lack of workers means that the opportunities cannot be fully grasped. There are over a hundred churches in Bangkok, but many are small and in need of growth. Please pray for Thailand,

From 'Revival' Magazine PBW

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ECHO's vote for the 'Wedding of the Year' goes to Dr Rebecca Macartney and Dr Peter Winfrey whose wedding was celebrated on March 30th, 1996 at Elton Church, Peterborough. We have a very special reason for sharing the occasion with our readers as it is the first time in ECHO'S history that a list of wedding presents has been deposited with ECHO in order to supply medical items selected by guests as their wedding presents. In lieu of gifts for themselves the couple asked for contributions to purchase medical instruments and equipment for donation to KISIIZI hospital, Kabala, and KAGANDO hospital, Kasese, both places in Uganda, where the bride and groom respectively had worked for 6 months prior to their wedding. Peter and Rebecca hope that their unusual wedding list stimulated their family and friends to think more about people in the developing world, as well as giving them an opportunity to do something practical about it. They are hoping to get jobs in the UK for a year or so, but wish to serve overseas again after that. (Please note that ECHO stands for EQUIPMENT FOR CHARITY HOSPITALS OVERSEAS and their full title is ECHO INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES LIMITED.) Some of our ladies knit babies' and toddlers' vests, and squares for blankets for ECHO. Details and patterns on request from them.

P.B. Wheeler

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BOY'S BRIGADE

MONDAYS	Anchor Boys	5.00 pm
	Juniors	6.15 pm
FRIDAYS	Company Section	7.15 pm

Our new session begins on Friday, September 6th for the Company Section, and Monday, September 9th for the Anchor Boys and Junior Section. We look forward to the working together of the Officers and Boys to make it a rewarding time for all. Our staff at the present time is as follows:

Jenny Compton and Bett Swierk in Anchor Boys; Malcolm and Sue Nicholls and Barbara Popplestone in Junior Company; Brian White and Don Stewart in Company Section and, of course, our Minister, Rev Peter Heckels.

Please contact us at any time if you are able to assist us in any way. Perhaps a short talk instructing on some particular skill you have. You name it and we might try it! Please do not hide your God given talent away!

Donald Stewart (Captain)

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH POCKET DIARY 1997

These are available in four colours, RED, BLUE, GREEN, BLACK, price £3.50, plus postage and packing. For more details please see Notice Board in the Church Vestibule.

Pheniah Taylor

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1996

1	Sun	Holy Communion		8.00 am
		Service with Holy Communion		11.00 am
		Family Service		6.30 pm
2	Mon	Little Fishes Term Commences		8.30 am
		Boys' Brigade - see 9th - Anchor Boys		5.00 pm
		" " Juniors		6.15 pm
3	Tue	Girls' Brigade	6.00 pm to	9.30 pm
5	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am to	11.30 am
		Day of Prayer (Holy Communion 10.30 am)	7.30 am to	5.00 pm
		Praise and Prayer	7.30 pm to	8.30 pm
6	Fri	Kestro Club		2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade - Company Section		7.15 pm
8	Sun	Holy Communion		8.00 am
		Family Service		11.00 am
		Service		6.30 pm
9	Mon	Boys' Brigade - Beginning of session		
10	Tue	Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship		2.45 pm
		Girls' Brigade - As above		
12	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am to	11.30 am
13	Fri	Kestro Club		2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade - As above		
14	Sat	Provincial Day Out to Croydon - Coach leaves		9.30 am
15	Sun	Holy Communion		8.00 am
		Family Service		11.00 am
		Service of Healing with Holy Communion		6.30 pm
16	Mon	Boys' Brigade - As above		
		Serendipity Group Games in Church Hall		8.00 pm
17	Tue	Girls' Brigade - As above		
19	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am to	11.30 am
		Praise and Prayer Meeting - Little Chapel	2.30 pm to	3.30 pm
20	Fri	Kestro Club		2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade - As above		
21	Sat	A Day in 1 Peter at our Church	10.00 am to	3.00 pm
22	Sun	Holy Communion		8.00 am
		Service		11.00 am
		Service		6.30 pm
23	Mon	Boys' Brigade - As above		
24	Tue	Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship		2.45 pm
		Girls' Brigade - As above		
25	Wed	ADA Monthly Meeting	2.15 pm to	4.30 pm
26	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am to	11.30 am
		Church Meeting		7.30 pm
27	Fri	Kestro Club Outing		1.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade - As above		
29	Sun	HARVEST FESTIVAL		
		Holy Communion		8.00 am
		Time for Tots Service		9.30 am
		Family Service - Book Aid		11.00 am
		Holy Communion Special Service		3.00 pm
		Tea in Church Hall		4.00 pm
		Family Service		6.00 pm
30	Mon	Boys' Brigade - As above		

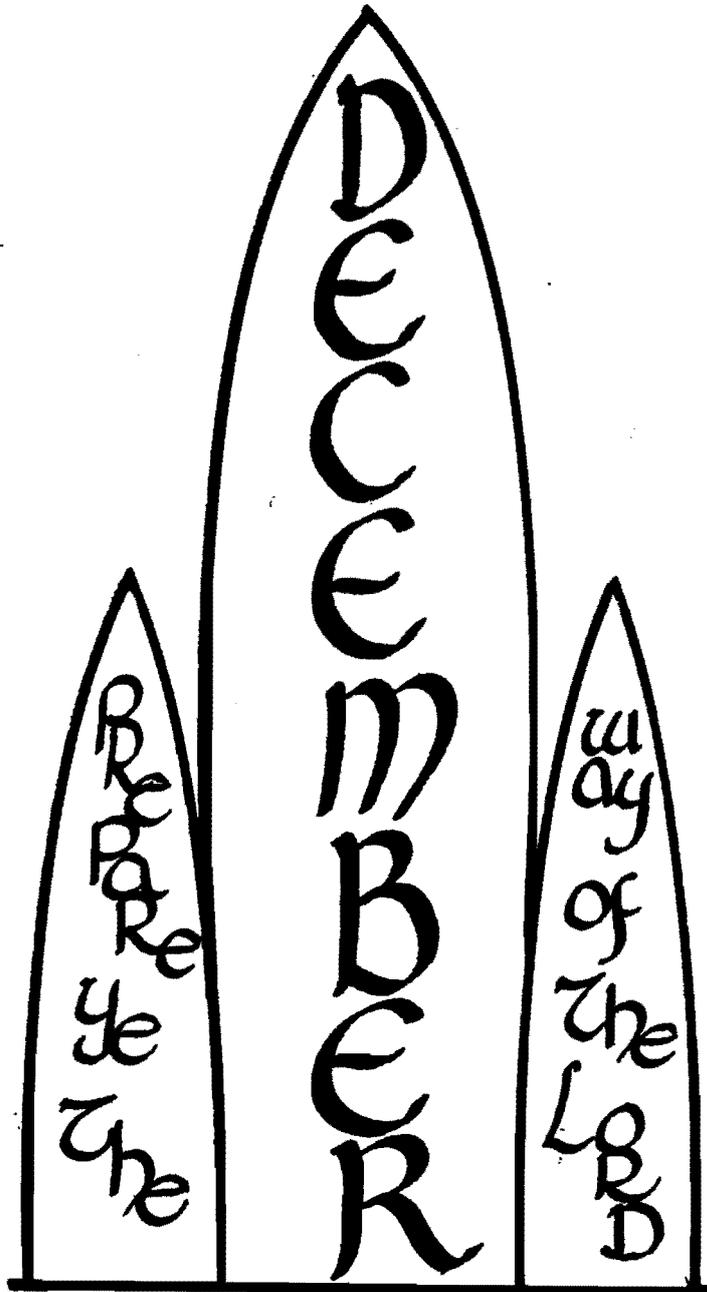
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SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion
 11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday - Holy Communion)
 6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday - Holy Communion and Healing)

CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister:	Rev Peter Heckels, 17 Drummond Road	248259
Church Secretary:	Mrs Hilary Redman, 5 Salvington Hill	260568
Pastoral Secretary:		
Treasurer:	Mr Roy Gooderham, 15 Harvey Road	506452

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

Ark Parent & Toddler Club	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
	Mrs Jane Bond	244157
Boys' Brigade	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Choir Secretary	Mr Michael Ebeling	240448
Christian Aid	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Chronicle Editor	Mr Leslie Montford	243698
Church Warden	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Cradle Roll Secretary	Mrs Bett Swierk	243194
Flower Secretary	Mrs Eileen Heckels	248259
Girls' Brigade	Mrs Margaret Craghill	873806
Junior Church Secretary	Mrs Wilma Smith	821843
Leprosy Mission	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
Lettings Secretary	Mrs Lily Collison	248861
Little Fishes Playgroup	Mrs Sue Mitchell	531551
Men's Fellowship	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Publicity Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Serendipity Club	Mrs Janice Byerley	233330
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Tear Fund and Tearcraft	Mrs Irene Dearsley	690996
The Bible Society	Rev Ron Christopher	230330
Traidcraft	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Transport Officer	Mrs Carol Webber	690334
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
World Mission Secretary	Mr Geoffrey Dearsley	690996
Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	Mrs Robin Bradley	240908

NO 502 DECEMBER 1996

Dear Friends

This is the time of year when peace and goodwill begin to come out of those hidden compartments within human beings, and make themselves known. This, of course, happens because we begin to think of Christmas, and the joy of celebration begins to take over from the everyday cares and anxieties that seem to beset so many lives today. Of course, people still manage to grumble - "It's not like it used to be!! I remember when I was young and we". Of course, we've all heard it before - those who can never really stop and enjoy the moment as it is now.

Yet I am not really sure that Christmas does change, for surely we continue to celebrate Christ's coming as we always have in the church, with joy and a sense of God being with us, which always comes each year. I also believe that it is because Christmas is still a time of celebrating God's coming that we are able to feel the goodwill and peace in all men and women. Even those who will not acknowledge Jesus as God's Son, feel something a bit special at Christmas, more than the presents (you get them on your own birthday), more than the food (we all have occasions in the year when we eat well). It's something in the air as the birth of Jesus comes again amid the celebrations. Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that we Christians begin to get excited and, maybe, our excitement becomes infectious, or perhaps it is just that the joy of God's coming can never be stopped.

Whatever the reason for it, this season is a time when some of the things that the faithful servants of Jesus hope to see, do abound, and we should stop and give thanks to God for this time of peace and goodwill. We should also see this as a time for outreach, and an opportunity for us to tell the world of the joy we daily find in Jesus. This is a chance for us to spread the Gospel to receptive ears, and how much our land needs to hear what we offer today; a chance to tell of the joy of receiving Jesus, not just at Christmas, but always. This really should be our Christmas gift to our friends and neighbours, the joy THEY can find in Jesus.

To help us prepare ourselves to share in God's gift, and to share it with others, we have again prepared our Advent booklet. It may be that you already have yours, but if you have not received one, can you please let your Pastoral Elder know, and they will endeavour to get you one so that we may join together in our preparation. Also, we invite everyone to our Christmas services, and again remind you that on Christmas morning we will start at 10.30 am and end by 11.15 am, so that we can all plan our day around these times. I would rather everyone encouraged all their family to come, with the presents that cannot be left if necessary, and everyone rallied round so that the dinner was not a burden, so that we can celebrate with joy on this important day.

We at the manse wish you all a joyous Christmas, and pray that God's peace will be real for you all.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels

PS Xmas, with its cross, reminds us of Easter and what the Christchild will face for you. Remember this when you receive such greetings.



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Christmas 1996

To: All Churches in Southern Province

Dear Friends,

This is now my tenth Christmas letter to the churches of the Southern Province, and I am grateful for this annual opportunity to send greetings and good wishes to you all. As we prepare to celebrate once more the "good news of great joy that will be for all the people", so I reflect on the joy and privilege which I continue to experience as a servant of Christ among you. Thank you for the warmth of friendship and welcome which I continue to receive. Some of you I seem to see more regularly than others, but there are a few "Sunday slots" still free in my 1997 diary if anyone should want to do anything about it

Despite the ups and downs which we have all faced this year, it has been encouraging to see the number of churches where a willingness to take risks has resulted in new opportunities for witness and growth. Faith demands that we take risks in which we rely, not on our own meagre resources, but on those which are available to us through the amazing grace and generosity of God. No greater risk could have been taken by God than that of allowing his son, Jesus Christ, to be born in an outhouse and to be placed into frail human hands and care. The risk was even greater when it resulted in the death of all the baby boys in and around Bethlehem and, thirty years later, in the death of Jesus himself. But God knows what he is doing, and the fact that Jesus went on to choose followers who would deny, desert and betray him, and then left the Church in human hands, says much to me about risk-taking and putting trust where it doesn't seem to be merited.

In Galatians 2:20 Paul speaks of "living by the faith of the Son of God". It is not just a matter of my living by faith in him. Christ has faith in me even when I find it hard to believe in or trust myself. God in Christ goes on having that faith in us all. What a risky business! Yet what glorious possibilities emerge when we take him at his word. May we go on risking ourselves in love, even when that love is spurned and flies back in our faces.

The asylum seekers, the homeless, the refugees and the many marginalised people of this land often find it hard to speak for themselves. But I know how grateful they are for the love and care which has been shown to them by many individuals and churches. As we celebrate the birth of the Christ born in a stable, forced to flee with his parents to Egypt, having nowhere to lay his head, so may we discover again his love for us all, that love which he challenges us to take the risk of sharing.

Joy and peace be yours this Christmas and in the coming year. Mary joins me in love and greetings.

Yours in the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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Synod Treasurer: Mr B.M. Edwards, 3 Riverside Court, Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge, TN9 1EZ. Telephone: 01732 351145

News of the Fellowship

Congratulations!

Births

Oct 20th	To Christine and Julian Brewer	a son Benjamin Daniel
Oct 27th	To Julie and John Wetherell	a son Matthew James
Oct 31st	To Alison Cappella	a daughter Chloe

Baptisms

Nov 17th	Rebecca Marie Noble
	Samantha Joanne Noble
	Sian Louise Noble
	Stacey Ellen Noble

New Year Prayer Vigil

Thursday 2nd January 1997

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Come and share in prayer for this Church when we shall be praying for all named in the Handbook, also for the needs of the Nation and the world, on Thursday January 2nd from 7.30am until 5.00pm at the Church. There will be a list in the vestibule to sign, with **TWO people** responsible for each hour. All are invited - come when you can - leave when you must. The day will end with prayer and praise from 7.30 to 8.30pm.

"I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love that the Spirit gives: join us in praying fervently to God. May God, our source of peace, be with all of you." Romans 15 vv30 & 33

Irene Tuley

Newshare 1997

This is a bimonthly publication produced by the Council for World Mission. It contains news about people and events in the 31 Member Churches throughout the world. CMW was inaugurated in 1997, although its origins go back to the London Missionary Society in 1795. The annual subscription is £5.00. New subscribers are welcome. For further details please contact Mrs Phenia Taylor on 246523

Christmas Music - Sunday 22nd December

Lessons and Carols - including two choruses from the Messiah - at 11am
 'Bethlehem Bound' - tea in the Church Hall at 4.30pm followed by 'Bethlehem Bound' the Christmas story told in words and music, lasting approximately 45 minutes.

If you need transport, please contact our Transport Officer or your Elder.

The **MATERIAL** for the **CHRONICLE SHOULD** be in the **HANDS** of the **EDITOR** by the **15th** of the **PREVIOUS MONTH**. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES**. Thank you.

Editor

IN GRATITUDE.

We wish to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone who, through individual or group prayer, visits, letters, cards and telephone calls, has helped to sustain us during the past traumatic weeks. These acts of Christian concern made us aware that His Loving Care was, and still is, at work in our lives. It would be invidious to name people to whom the Lord gave the opportunity to vander us special help.

What we wish to make known is that Peter, by his kind, sensitive and understanding reaction to the situation, has confirmed to us that the Church was wise to invite him to be our Minister. Audrey and Sidney Hider.

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THANKS.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all my kind friends for their many words of encouragement, prayers, cards, phone messages, and other good wishes, during my long absence from GURC owing to a persistent virus infection. This is still with me, and is stopping me from returning to be with you. All my love to you. Janet Wetherell.

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Will you please join me in wishing our dear friend, Keith Merritt, a speedy recovery from the injuries and shock he sustained when another vehicle ploughed into his when he was driving it in late November. Editor.

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Thank you, Jane Bond, for once again designing and drawing so nicely the front cover of the DECEMBER Chronicle. LM

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Outreach and Evangelism Committee

The committee has produced a policy document showing where our responsibilities lie. It is as follows:-

Goring URC Policy on UK Outreach and Evangelism

By prayer and activity to extend and strengthen the Kingdom of God outside the Church walls within the UK, but particularly in our local area.

Primarily this is to be achieved by:-

1. Building links with baptismal, wedding and funeral parties.
2. Taking faith into the community.
3. Encouraging Christian values and justice in our nation and society.
4. Building ecumenical and URC links

Our task is to be God's people in this place and, therefore, to reach out through all the means available to us with His word.

If you were at the November Church Meeting you will know that we are discussing Mission Pursuit in our Committee Meetings - how to spread the 'Good News' in our local area.

The first part is to prayer walk our local area. A map has been drawn up - one square mile - placing the Church in the centre, and we intend to walk each street, and pray for the families who live and work in them. The map, and the list of streets, is in the vestibule on the noticeboard, and we would like people to sign up and indicate which roads they will walk. Those of you who are unable to join in are asked to pray for this outreach. Without a prayer foundation any activity will not be successful. So when you walk to the station, the shops or walk the dog, or take the children to school, think about your route and tick it off the list. Your spiritual and physical health will be all the better for it.

On December 22nd at 9.30am, we will be holding another 'Time for Tots' Service, and we ask for your prayers for the families who attend as they hear the word of God.

The Committee is allocated £700 per annum and below is printed how we have spent this money:-

To the Night Shelter	£100
To Activate	£ 50
On posters for the new Notice Board -a set of 50 size A2	£ 55
Towards the cost of a new Notice Board	£300
To Bernice Mitchell taking the Christian message into Worthing Schools	£100
To be spent on Baptismal Bibles and paper etc for printing our own posters	£ 95

Sheila Gooderham (Chairman O and E Committee)

No need to travel far to find His star,
nor search to find the inn He lay within.
In every humble heart will He abide
that, opening wide its door, asks Him inside

R.E. Cleeve

Social Events

Barn Dance

With apologies to all poetry lovers!

On October 19th at the Church Barn Dance
 people came by ticket and not by chance
 Elsie called us all onto the floor
 and we made sets from door to door.
 We did dosi-dos, and went in and out,
 we were doing well, and began to shout.
 After a while we felt a little weary,
 so we had supper, and soon felt cheery.
 We were not allowed to waste any time,
 Elsie soon had us all standing in a line.
 This was new, and we did it alone,
 no partner to help - we were really on our own.
 It wasn't too bad 'til the cha-cha rhythm came,
 most got into a muddle, and we thought 'what a shame'.
 Then into a circle and partners were twirled,
 we also promenaded, and our heads whirled.
 For the last dance we all had to rally,
 and even changed sex as we went down the Valley!!

A good time was had by all 28 of us, and we give thanks to Elsie for keeping us going. We handed over £17 to the Treasurer. Watch this space this time next year.

P.S. 'The Red River Valley' needed 2 ladies to each gentleman, and we could not muster that number, hence the last line of the doggerel.

New Year Social

This annual event will take place on Saturday January 18th 1997 from 7 to 9.30pm. Tickets are 75p adults and 50p children 12 years and under. The programme will be similar to previous years, and refreshments are included. The tickets will be on sale from the beginning of January from Audrey and Michael Ebeling, Roy and Sheila Gooderham. We look forward to seeing you there. Bring your relations, neighbours and friends.

Sheila Gooderham (Social Secretary)

From Letters in 'The People's Friend.'

The Church organist, who also teaches the choir, was introducing a new anthem. "Please remember, you wait until the tenors reach 'the Gates of Hell', and then you all come in!"

Christmas tale from a magazine

'Our son came home from school very excited because he had been told that he was to play a wise man in the Nativity play. "I thought you were to be a shepherd?" I asked in surprise. "I was", he replied, "but I got all my sums right, so they made me a wise man instead."'

What did the Vicar call his cat?

Magnificat!

Boys Brigade

Mondays	Anchor Boys	5.00pm
	Juniors	6.15pm
Fridays	Company Section	7.15pm

Parade Service Sunday December 8th 11.00am

We had a good turn-out of the Boys at the Remembrance Day Service on November 10th. For a change we joined with Junior Church and GAS for the later part of the Service, and that proved to be quite enjoyable.

Thank you all for your valued support at our Coffee Morning, which raised the grand total of £201, and Jumble Sale in November. At the time of writing we cannot tell you whether we reached our target figure or not. Anyway, whatever the result, it will help considerably to pay our subscription to Headquarters and the Battalion. Our Copper Collection is still functioning, but not quite so successfully as in previous years. Thank you to the folk who regularly bring along their contributions.

The Officers and Boys wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year in 1997, with many blessings coming your way.

Thank you all for your support.

Donald Stewart (Captain)

Women's Guild

President	Mrs Joan Finlay	Vice-President	Mrs Ivy Berry
Secretary	Miss Audrey Gerlach	Treasurer	Mrs Joan Burrage

Dec 3	Christmas Party with Men's Fellowship	2.45pm
Dec 17	Christmas Service with Men's Fellowship	2.45pm

Our Anniversary Service was held on October 22nd when our President, Mrs Joan Finlay, welcomed visitors from other Churches, our Men's Fellowship, and friends from our congregation. The Rev Lynda Hulcoup gave the address and spoke on our Spiritual Blessings in Christ, the reading being from Ephesians 1 vv3-14. All were invited to join us in the Hall for tea.

Mr T Seddon was our Speaker on November 5th and showed slides covering some 15 years work on the gardens and grounds of the Petworth Estate. These included the devastation caused by the 'hurricane' in 1987 when 780 large trees were lost, and as it now looks after the clearing and replanting.

On November 19th we were entertained on the violin played by Mrs Lorna Sivyour. We enjoyed music, fellowship, tea, and the opportunity to buy Christmas cards and calendars.

Betty Hislop

Young Persons at University

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to them if you can spare the time. Please remember those at home who need your prayers.

Victoria Carrington	Aberystwyth
David Sibley	North London University

F.E.B.A.

Mailings will take place at FEBA Offices from Monday 9th December to Wednesday 11th. (3 days), between 9am and 5pm. Helpers are invited for an hour or so or a full day. Bring your own sandwiches and drinks are provided. For more details ring Jennie on 237281, Ivy Arch Road.

Serendipity

Thursday December 19th Peter Pan Connaught Theatre
Please meet in the foyer at 6.45pm. Transport can be arranged if required.
Please contact Janice Byerley on 233330 or Daphne Eames on 268489 by
Thursday 5th December to reserve your seat.

Worthing Stroke Club (KESTRO)

Dec 6	The Singalongs entertain us.
Dec 13	Seasonal Quiz
Dec 20	Father Christmas & Nativity

House & Fabric Committee

The committee wishes to thank all those members of the fellowship who took part in the Working Party Day on Saturday November 9th, and on other days. Good progress was made in respect of many of the items we had planned, and we are very grateful for all the enthusiastic support received from the Church.

Colin Nodes (Secretary, House & Fabric Committee)

5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade

Explorers	5 - 8 years	Tuesdays	6 - 7.15 pm
Juniors	8 - 11 years	Tuesdays	6 - 7.45 pm
Seniors	11 - 14 years	Tuesdays	6 - 8.30 pm
Brigaders	14 plus years	Tuesdays	6 - 8.30 pm

Staff:-

Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley, BN14 OBY (873806)

Lieutenant: Linda Gray

Officer in training: Lesley Hood

Auxiliary Workers:- Valerie Hayden, Hannah Honsa, Amanda Nash, Janet Dean

Display Evening Saturday December 7th in the Church 6.30pm
Parade Service Sunday December 8th 11.00am

We are having a busy session rehearsing for our Awards Evening. The Girls are working very hard on their items. The Awards evening is on Saturday 7th December in our Church. It will start at 6.30pm. A collection will be taken at the end for our '*Uniform Fund*'. We look forward to seeing you all there.

All the Officers and Girls wish you every blessing for a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Amanda

Tuesday morning Bible Study December 10th 9.45 - Contact- Irene Tuley

Churches Together in Worthing

Churches Together in Worthing, working in service with the local community to share the love of Jesus Christ, supply friendship lunches for old people consisting of nutritious 3-course meals.

Tuesdays	New Life Church Hall, Durrington West Worthing Baptist Church, Tarring
Wednesdays	St. Andrew's Church Hall, Ferring Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring Worthing Baptist Church, Central Worthing
Thursdays	St. Columba's Church Hall, West Worthing
Fridays	Offington Park Methodist Church, Broadwater Findon Valley Free Church, Findon

Proposed New Pastoral Elders' Visitation Areas

1.	Mrs Pheniah Taylor	246523
2.	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
3.	Mrs Bett Swierk	243194
4.	Mrs Doreen Norris	503783
5.	Mr Geoffrey Dean	240376
6.	Mrs Robin Bradley	240908
7.	Mrs Bobby Hitchin	249580
8.	Mr Don Stewart	243787
9.	Mrs Irene Tuley	265319

Church Committee Chairpersons

Deputy Secretary	Mr Wilfred Rhodes
Church Family	Mrs Jane Bond
Fabric	Mr Matthew Smith
Finance	Mr Wilfred Rhodes
Outreach & Evangelism	Mrs Sheila Gooderham
World Church Mission	Mr Geoffrey Dearsley

Junior Church

We held our Annual Hallelujah Party on October 31st when 23 children took part in the celebration. We had great fun playing games and making lighthouse hats. Our grateful thanks to Peter and Eileen for all they did in helping to make this event such a success.

On Saturday November 10th was the District Children's Day, held at Sompting United Reformed Church. Wilma and I spent the afternoon with 32 children - 17 from GURC - playing games, making badges and lanterns and icing cakes. A good time was had by all, and we came home feeling shattered!

We were pleased to welcome the Brigades to Junior Church on Sunday November 10th, and do hope they will join us again.

We do ask you to remember us in your prayers in helping us to find Junior Church Teachers!

Christine Sharpe

Christians Together in Goring

January 5th	at St Richards C of E	at 6.00pm
March 2nd	at New Life- Goring First School	at 7.00pm
May 4th	at St Lawrence C of E	at 6.00pm
July 6th	at Goring URC	at 6.30pm
September 7th	at St Mary's C of E	at 6.00pm

A shared Praise Service with Healing is being planned for Saturday evening January 25th 1997 at Goring URC, hopefully the first of several with a well-known speaker.

One idea, which is being taken to the Ministers' Fraternal, is to begin having a regular ecumenical Prayer Meeting for the Goring Area.

Christians together in England have produced a booklet 'Called to Be One', and they ask that Ecumenical Groups, as well as Churches, respond to the question 'What is Visible Unity?' by Easter 1997. C.T.C. are, therefore, hoping to meet several times during Advent to discuss this. We would encourage discussion in all our Churches.

The Worthing Unity Service will be on Wednesday January 22nd 1997 at Worthing Baptist Church in Christchurch Road when Rev Michael Hore of St Mary's will become President of Christians Together in Worthing.

Please continue to support Wilf and me in your prayers.

Irene Tuley

Goring Together

Goring Together was the name of a most enjoyable evening which ten of us from this Church attended recently. Members from all seven Goring Churches met for the first time in an informal setting.

A very Ecumenical Occasion!

After coffee, light refreshments and 'getting to know you' chats, we sat at tables in groups of six - making sure we were well mixed - and then discussed questions we were given which were relevant to our Churches, but after ten minutes it was ALL CHANGE - new group - different table - more questions - great fun!

Everybody enjoyed the challenge of the exchange of ideas and opinions and we all decided that it was an excellent way for the Denominations to come together with the Lord in our midst.

Doreen Norris

Rowland Singers 'Traditional Carol Concert'

This concert will take place on Wednesday December 11th at 7.30pm in our Church. There will be plenty of singing for the audience, and some old and new carols for you to listen to. The conductor is Jacky Emery, and her daughter, Helen, is the accompanist. Refreshments will be served during the interval, and there will be a retiring collection which, after deducting minor expenses of the Choir, the balance will go to Church funds. Please join us for an enjoyable evening.

Sheila Gooderham

Goring Little Fishes Playgroup

Denise and I would like to apologise for not having put an entry into the Chronicle for so long. We have been very busy with new children and their families throughout the year, and attended courses. We both went to an evening on the new Government voucher scheme at the start of the year and, as a result, we have been looking carefully at our curriculum planning and layout of the playroom. I have almost completed my Pre-School Learning Alliance Diploma course, and have attended a Governor course entitled 'Assessing the Achievements of the Under Fives', an equal opportunities course, and have studied the practices of other groups.

Denise has been on an all day course to refresh her first aid skills, and is looking ahead to next year when she will be able to attend some courses that will be relevant to her areas of special responsibility.

We are pleased to welcome Val Gill onto our staff officially. Val has been voluntarily attending the group since the beginning, but now she is employed for five hours per week. This is wonderful, as the children all adore her, and it gives Denise and me the opportunity to spend some time doing the ever-present paper work.

The children will be doing their little Christmas Shows on Saturday 14th December in the playroom at 10.00am and again at 11.30am. The children's Christmas Parties are on Wednesday 18th December and Thursday 19th December from 4.15 to 6.15pm. I would like to thank all the members of our committee for the tremendous support that they give us.

On Monday 30th December we are, as a group, going to see the Snow White Pantomime. There are 102 of us going in two coaches, children, families and staff. We are sure this will be a great time together.

A successful yearly inspection was held by Social Services on Tuesday 1st October; this lasted for four hours.

We would like to thank you all for your continued prayer support.

Sue Mitchell

Tear Fund News

About thirty of us came together on the afternoon of October 15th and enjoyed learning more about Tear Fund. Joan Fleming gave an interesting introductory talk on the different aspects of the work - sometimes sending personnel or supporting church/mission projects in needy areas, but always linked with a message of hope in Jesus Christ. This was illustrated by two videos: on health care in India, and the opportunities of earning a livelihood in third world countries by producing high quality crafts for Tearcraft.

We thank all of you who supported us, and we can report that about £95 of goods were sold, with further orders amounting to £150 being received. We trust these lovely crafts will bring much pleasure, as well as help, to the needy producers. The retiring offering of £56 was added to the £100 from the Mission Budget and sent to Tear Fund's Disaster Response Unit. We have just received a PRAYERGRAMME from the Unit asking us to pray for the Tear Fund team - Richard, Rachel and Steve - as they plan to go and give medical assistance in Eastern Zaire, so we too can have a part in their relief work. May God's wisdom, strength and protection be theirs.

Irene Dearsley

I Love God's Tiny Creatures (from Christian Herald)

Compton House, near Sherborne, Dorset is the home of the Lullington Silk Farm - as well as 'Worldwide Butterflies'. The farm produces silk used for the robes for many royal occasions. The silkworm is one of God's wonderful, tiny creatures. After it's fourth moult the worm encases itself in silken thread. The Silk Farm then has to unwind the thread from the cocoons. One of the uses for high grade reeled silk is in specialised eye surgery. (Taken from an article entitled 'Down on the (silk) Farm')

'Let us cherish Thankfulness' Hebrews 12v28 (Weymouth)

Amy Carmichael says; ' I think Thankfulness is like a flower. It needs care and cherishing if it is to live and grow. Perhaps Thankfulness, even more than some other qualities that seem to come naturally to us, is in need of cherishing, because of the withering winds of life. I often think we must disappoint our kind Father by not noticing The Little Things - as well as the countless Great Things - that He does to give us pleasure.'

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

Extract from Bible Society's Sponsored Projects 1996.'

KAZAKHSTAN - KYRGYZSTAN. 'People talk about Religion, but what they need is the Bible so that they can read God's Word,' says Nikolaj Vozaev, a leader of the United Reformed Church, and strong Bible Society advocate. In the past all Churches have had difficulties in getting Bibles but since the Bible Society in Kazakhstan was formed in 1994 we have been able to increase supplies. Every £3 you raise will go directly to provide the Kazak 'Holy Book', and £2 will provide neighbouring Kyrgyzstan with Kyrgyz New Testaments. These officially secular republics, making up the largest of the former Soviet republics, and bordering on China, have a majority of followers of Islam, so these projects will need a considerable amount of prayer support.'

As our Bible Sponsorship money is for the above projects, our giving needs to be followed up by prayer.

P.B. Wheeler

ARE YOU RECEIVING ME ?

You may be one of a number of people who are finding it difficult to hear in church.

Following your recent comments on the subject I arranged for a gentleman from the West Sussex Hard of Hearing Association to come to our church to carry out a few checks on the Loop system, and to generally discuss with me the subject of hearing within our church building. I would like to pass onto you some information that I gleaned from his visit.

- First of all after thorough checks the loop and loudspeaker systems proved to be functioning well.
- Secondly, if you wear a hearing aid, make sure that it is switched to the "T" position whilst in the church and if it is working properly, this on its own should be sufficient for your needs. However, if you still prefer to use one of the portable *hearing sticks* as well then certainly do come and collect one from the vestibule.

I was told by the Association Rep that the individual should really seek professional help if they are having difficulty hearing whilst using the "T" position, or indeed if their hearing aid does not have this facility.

- You may be one of those who can generally hear well but for one reason or another you experience difficulties with hearing in the church. If this is the case, you may like to try sitting in a different seat, say close to one of the loudspeakers or, if you prefer, collecting a portable *hearing stick* from the vestibule. Church buildings can sometimes present complex acoustic problems that are often difficult to solve.
- The Association Rep also spoke about hearing difficulties in other locations. i.e. Crowded halls for social occasions. He would be pleased to come again to talk to the Church meeting or to any other gathering of interested people, with more tips and helpful guidelines. (Did you know it is possible to purchase a personal loop system at a very reasonable price?). He could come again, possibly sometime in the New Year. If you think you would benefit from such a talk, or speaking to him yourself please let me know and I will get in touch with him.

The existing portable hearing sticks are now quite a few years old and the reception signal has become poor and very noisy. I am therefore trying to find a supplier for some modern instruments as a replacement. We have had about 20 years' good use from them and thank God and the generosity of the Girls' Brigade who provided them as part of the Loop system.

I found the visit by the West Sussex Hard of Hearing Association to be most interesting and informative and I should be pleased to invite him again.

Finally, don't forget that a tape recording is made of each morning and evening service. Please ask if you would like to borrow these.

- a) If you are unable to come to Church yourself, because you are unwell or just stuck at home; (ask your Pastoral Elder if he/she would arrange this for you.)
- b) If you would like to pass it on to a friend or neighbour to borrow.
- c) If you would like to listen to the service again, perhaps to clarify the sound- it is sometimes easier to hear from the tape.

Are you receiving me now ? or more importantly, are you receiving what you have come to hear?

Graham Redman

1 Sun	Advent Sunday	
	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Service of Holy Communion	11.00am
	Evening Service	6.30pm
2 Mon	Boys Brigade - Anchor Boys	5.00pm
	Junior Section	6.15pm
3 Tue	Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship	2.45pm
	Girls Brigade	6.00pm to 8.30pm
5 Thu	Day of Prayer with Holy Communion at 10.30am	7.30am to 5.00pm
	Praise and Prayer	7.30pm to 8.30pm
	Ark parent and toddler group	10.00am to 11.30am
6 Fri	Kestro Club	2.00pm
	Boys Brigade - as above	7.15pm
	Choir Christmas Rehearsal	8.00pm
7 Sat	Girls Brigade Display in the Church	6.30pm
8 Sun	Advent Two	
	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Parades Service	11.00am
	Evening Service	6.30pm
9 Mon	Boys Brigade - as above	
10 Tue	Girls Brigade - as above	
	Bible Study	9.45am
11 Wed	Rowland Singers Traditional Christmas Concert	7.30pm
12 Thu	Ark parent & toddler group	10.00am to 11.30am
	Praise & Prayer in Little Chapel	2.30pm to 3.30pm
13 Fri	Kestro Club	2.00pm
	Boys Brigade - as above	
	Choir - Christmas rehearsal	8.00pm
15 Sun	Advent Three	
	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Service	11.00am
	Service of Holy Communion with Healing	6.30pm
17 Tue	Inland Revenue Carol Service in Church	1.00pm to 1.30pm
	Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild	2.45pm
19 Thu	Serendipity - Connaught Theatre	6.45pm
20 Fri	Kestro Club	2.00pm
	Choir - Christmas Rehearsal	8.00pm
22 Sun	Advent Four	
	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Time for Tots Service	9.30am
	Family Service - Christmas Music	11.00am
	Evening Service - Christmas Music	6.30pm
24 Tue	Junior Church - Service	5.30pm
25 Wed	Christmas Day	
	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Service	10.30am
29 Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Service	11.00am
	Service of Holy Communion	6.30pm
	January	
2 Thu	New Year Prayer Vigil & Day of Prayer - see notice inside.	7.30am to 5.00pm
5 Sun	Churches Together in Goring - St. Richard's C of E Church	6.00pm

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