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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-

The Decade of Evangelism.

In churches throughout the country the focus of worship this year will be as much on the Feast of the Epiphany as on Christmas Day. This is the date chosen by the main churches in Britain to begin the DECADE OF EVANGELISM, or in the case of the Roman Catholics the DECADE OF EVANGELISATION.

The above is taken from a leading National newspaper. Included among the Lessons for Epiphany is St. Matthew 2 vv 1-12 where in fulfilment of the prophecy in Isaiah 60 vv 1-3, the Wise Men come as the Kings of the Gentile nations and offer their worship and allegiance to Jesus Christ the new-born King.

It may be that some of the following thoughts will stimulate us to prayer in prospect of this event. A well-known Methodist leader has said: 'I must confess to feeling uneasy about the Decade of Evangelism. It is a high-sounding title, but what does it mean? What are we supposed to be doing that we are not already doing? If it is another attempt to remind us that we are not doing enough, or we could be doing better, then it is a truism that will fall on deaf ears'. The Revd. Paul Hulme, writing in the Methodist Recorder, has serious questions to raise. The Revd. Bernard Thorogood of the URC writes: 'We believe there is a permanent calling of the people of God to witness to the great acts of God in Jesus Christ, and this involves all of us, not just the professionals.'

J.B. Phillips writes: 'The gospel is nothing but a frozen asset unless it is communicated' Someone has written, maybe with the south coast of England in mind: 'The church is not a yachting club but a fleet of fishing boats!' D.T. Niles comments: 'Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to get bread'.

We are reminded that Evangelism is not a human enterprise; it is a divine operation.

Our call, then, for the Decade of Evangelism is not so much for the church to be on its toes, but with the wise men whose coming to Jesus we remember, we need to begin this task on our KNEES!

Here are some thoughts on 'A Certain Hope' which you will find based upon the 8th chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Romans. Read the thoughts and pray into the readings.

'HOPE is biblical shorthand for unconditional certainty'

'HOPE is faith in future tense.'

'HOPE is disciplined waiting.'

'My future is as bright as the promises of God.'

Let us then pray in 'A CERTAIN HOPE' in every hour of every day of the week.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be given to our forces in the Gulf, to their families in their anxieties, and may He, the Prince of Peace Jesus Christ, Rule over all.

WITH EVERY BLESSING.

WILLIAM CONNELLY.

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#### JUBILEE 1990

Commemorative Mugs may be purchased. £1.30 each for Pottery, or 4 for £5.00, £2.00 each for China.

Also Commemorative Pens at

25 pence white Trend 40 pence for black Royale.

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JUBILEE TAPESTRY:- Photographs of this Tapestry are available from Dr. Roy Webb as follows:-

Postcard size. 6 x 4 60 pence each

Enlargements 10 x 8 £5.50 each.

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REVIEW OF JANUARY REFORM.

It is January and this month's Reform does not differ from other magazines because there is a holiday section. Goring U.R.C. appears again with an item on our Bible Read-in. As would be expected there are articles on "Where the Churches stand in the Gulf", the editorial "Listening for the logic of peace" and "Strands of hope for a tense Holy Land". Also by Roger Tones on looking at the Bible "A time for war". The ministry of money by John Woodman sets out more fully what our Treasurer and Covenant Secretaries are trying to tell us!! The issue contains the first lines of the hymns in the new hymn book, which is not having a denominational title so that it can be used in any Church, and will be called "Rejoice and Sing". Church Life brings news of other Churches and there are book reviews and letters.

I was amused by an advert on the last page:-

Wanted: Reform by hundreds of churchgoers who don't yet know how helpful it is. You can tell them."

Sheila Gooderham. Reform Distributor.

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A touch of humour: A small boy in Church sees a plaque on the wall. "What is that for, Dad?" he asks. The reply "It is to remember people who have died in the services.!!!!

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T O R C H C L U B.

Feb 2nd. St. Columba's U.R.C. 2.30 pm  
 Feb 16th. Jubilee Hall. Greenland Road.  
 Durrington. 2.30 pm

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WOMEN'S GUILD

Feb 12 Mr. Rae Fox -  
 Sussex Wildlife Trust. 2.45pm  
 Feb 26 Mrs. M. Dewdney -  
 My last visit to Papua, New Guinea  
 2.45 pm

JUNIOR CHURCH.

We thought it would be nice to have the usual lighted candles, also a life-size nativity scene at our Christmas Eve Service.

The stable may have looked more like a frame tent but at least the figures, the sheep, the straw and crib looked fairly authentic.

Thank you Anne-Marie of Northbrook College for making the sheep out of wire netting, paper and cotton wool.

The figures originated from a friend at Brighton and they looked quite life-like in the mini-bus on the journey to Worthing.

Several youngsters visited the scene and one could feel they were experiencing the true childlike wonder of the baby Jesus.

Donald W. Stewart.

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AN APPRECIATION.

I felt I must express my appreciation of the Re-dedication Service on 2nd December last year. I loved every minute of it. I have been unable to attend a Service for a very long time, so taking part in the packed Church and the hearty singing was a great joy.

I was surprised and delighted that members of the choir I was with many years ago and other friends came to welcome me so warmly. I did not think I would be remembered; I also remembered the Girls' Brigade gave hearing-aids to those who needed them. I was able to hear every word spoken by Mr. Connelly. Thanks to them.

All this pleasure is due to the kindness of the one who brought me to the Church and looked after me so well. I needed a lot, I am afraid, as I recently had a Hip Replacement.

My thanks also to Mr. Connelly and all those who helped in the Service and Holy Communion.

Susie H. Stredwick.

18 Orchard Road. East Preston.

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

As many of you will know the World Council of Churches is to meet, in a few weeks time, for its seventh Assembly, this time in Canberra, Australia. My daughter, Rosemary, has worked for W.C.C. for many years as a tri-lingual secretary and has now taken on the job of Minutes Secretary. I have been asked to tell you a little of what I know of these meetings.

The delegates number some thousands, coming from all branches of Christian Churches throughout the world, many from African countries who brighten the gathering with their, to us, spectacular and colourful national dress. The Russian Orthodox members are also outstanding in their dresses, as are many Islanders from far and wide. There are also many Observers at these gatherings, and advisors, while members of the staff from Geneva attend as stewards and secretaries. Each Assembly has a particular theme, this one being 'Come Holy Spirit, renew the whole Creation'.

These Assembly Meetings bring together Christians of all walks of life, and the united worship sessions are always a major part, as they share so many different ideas and customs in spiritual ways.

For the Central Committee meetings Rosemary produces a book of Minutes! What it will be for the Assembly I cannot imagine - a library perhaps!! It is for this type of work that the modernish machinery in the form of a word-processor is such a great help. Let us remember this great gathering in our prayers, and especially Emilio Castro from Uruguay, the current Secretary General. Kathleen E. Green. 15.1.91



### T H E   A R K.

At present we have 36 Mums on the Register with 50 children, and on average 21 Mums attend each week with 30 children.

Each week there is a selection of activities for the children, including playdough, colouring, cutting and sticking, puzzles, books, painting and always very popular is the 'making' table. We also have many sit-and-ride toys for the more boisterous children. We always finish the morning with a Bible story, prayer and music time, which includes the children playing instruments.

Additional activities during the past year have included a party in April to celebrate our first birthday, a buffet supper during Jubilee Week, weekly get-togethers at Field Place during the summer holidays. At Christmas we had a sale and coffee morning, Toddlers Service in Church, and a party with a visit from Father Christmas to finish the session.

Our aim is to provide an enjoyable morning for Mothers and children, and where the children are introduced to activities not always available at home, and helping them to mix and play with others. We also hope we are 'introducing them to Jesus' by telling them a Bible story each week and inviting them to Sunday School once they become 3 years old. For the Mothers we provide an opportunity for them to get out of their homes and 'relax' for a while, and meet and make friends over a cup of coffee, safe in the knowledge that their children are enjoying themselves.

We thank all those who have supported us and ask for your continuous prayers in the coming year.

We would welcome visits from members of the Church and if anyone would like to know more about the ARK please contact: Janice Byerley. Worthing 65993, Val Gill Worthing 67655, Sue Mitchell Worthing 66570. Well Done Ark. Ed.

5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Our numbers have increased somewhat. We have also 'adopted' two boys from the 4th Worthing Company as their Junior Section has closed down, temporarily we hope. We are very disappointed in not getting any response to our request for help of any sort. There surely must be someone with something to offer from amongst our Church fellowship. Perhaps someone prepared to give a short talk to the boys on a Friday evening would make a good start. Think about it, pray about, then let us know, please.

Thank you for your anticipated support and interest.

Don Stewart. Captain

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LADIES' DAY OF PRAYER.

Come to the next one in April 1991, also being held at Goring J.U.R.C. Make a date now - SATURDAY 6 April 1991 10am to 4pm, with a lunchtime break. Rosemary Kitto.

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GO UNITED RENEWED in CHRIST.

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THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS VIDEO.

Copies may be purchased for £8.50, or hired for short periods of time for £1.00 per session. All proceeds will go to the Church Gift Day Fund. Graham Redman.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Meeting arranged for Monday Feb 11 at 8pm for a Craft Evening. They look forward to seeing you all there. Bobby Hitchin. Secretary.

"EUROVANGELISM" has produced a video tape entitled 'Miracle in Moscow' which runs for 15 minutes. If you would like to borrow this for a Church or House Group please let me know. Phyllis B. Wheeler. 24 Wellesley Avenue. Goring-by-Sea.

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Appreciations.

Thank you very much for the lovely presents and cards from the 5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade. The work, thought and love poured into the preparation and presentation of these gifts was greatly appreciated by not only me, but other recipients of them. L. Montford.

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Many thanks are due to 6th Form College Choir for the carol concert they gave us on 16th December. Their performance was of the best, as usual, and we were allowed to show our appreciation by applause.

This we were not given the chance to do at the Durrington High School carol concert two days later. They deserved it as much as the others.

These are two annual events which we look forward to attending. The singing and its accompaniment were superb.

May I be allowed to add a few words of praise to our own Choir and Organists, especially over the Christmas period. Thank you. Editor.

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CHRISTIAN AID.

On behalf of Christian Aid, thank you for all contributions. and a special thank you for the generous gifts which enabled £460 to be donated by this Church for the homeless. They were despised and rejected and cried 'My God, my God, Why hast Thou forsaken me? ..and so did He! When you have fed them you have fed Him.

God Bless you.

Sandy Clark

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Feb 2nd Saturday Coffee morning with a Bring and Buy and Table Sale in Church Hall from 10am to 12  
Feb 10th CHURCH PARADE.  
Feb 19th Half term.

February is the month set aside by Brigade world wide for fund raising and all Companies have to participate. We hope you will come to our event on Feb 2nd. If you would like to book a TABLE it will cost you £1 with no more than 2 people sharing. Phone 40546. On Tuesday Feb 5th Mrs. Irene Dearsley is visiting the Company to talk about Brigade in Nigeria and, although this is primarily for the girls, if you would like to come along you will be most welcome. Refreshments are always available and Mrs. Dearsley will begin her talk at 6.30pm. At our Parade Service on Feb 10th we hope to see the promotion of our Young Leaders.

At the time of writing we are delighted to know Mrs. Hibbs is making progress following her recent illness and assure her that we shall be glad to see her back with us on Tuesdays when she is fully recovered.

Thank you to those who have by letter wished Captain a happy retirement!! You are, however, a year too early! She retires on December 31st this year. When you start your spring cleaning - remember us. We shall be holding a Jumble Sale in April. Bless you all. Jean Webb.



House Fellowship Groups for members living in the same locality.

Discipleship Groups for new Christians and existing Church Members.

Discovery Groups for new Christians and enquirers.

HOUSE GROUPS. Rev. Wm. Connelly.

Mr. M.A. Donnelly. or Mr. W. Davis.

Prayer and Praise Alternate Thursdays at 2.30pm Little Chapel.

Mrs. I. Tuley.

Fridays Prayer Group 6pm Little Chapel.

Rev. Wm. Connelly.

Junior Church Sundays at 11am.

Church Halls Mrs. C. Davis.

Creche Sundays at 11 am.

Harris Room. Mrs. M. Matthewson.

Flower Secretary Mrs. D. Turner.

For further details of any of these activities please contact the person whose name is shown above. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES ARE GIVEN IN THE Church Handbook, or can be obtained from the Vestry. If any of the information shown on the list needs to be up-dated please advise Mr. M. Ebeling on Worthing 40448 and the Chronicle Editor.

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VIETNAM.

'Living Bibles International' have reported that the Government of Vietnam approached the Churches, knowing that they needed Christian literature, to see whether they would like to use the Government printing presses in the evenings. The Churches were not allowed to put in their printers, as the Government had their own printing staff who would work the presses. The outcome was that 'Living Bibles International' got their Vietnamese New Testaments printed on the Government presses by Buddhist Monks!

'At one Secondary School an assembly was addressed by Revd. Tony Sargent, pastor of Worthing Tabernacle. A teacher came up to him afterwards and remarked 'You've just made history. It is years since anyone prayed in assembly at our school''

(Items taken from the Tabernacle 'Notes and News')

Do you pray 'Thy kingdom come' and yet know little of the kingdom's progress in these days? If this is so, why not take the monthly paper 'Evangelism Today', which gives up-to-date news from around the world? Good value at 40 pence per copy. Please see me for a free sample.

Phyllis B. Wheeler.

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Notice on a Glamis Door:

'This ancient parish church befriend.

If poor but still in spirit willing  
Out with thy purse and give a shilling.

But if its depths should be profound  
Thank God and give a pound.

Look not for record to be given,  
But trust for thy receipt in Heaven.

LETTER FROM MARIAM BAROI. RAJSHAHI. BANGLADESH

12.12.90.

Dear Richard, Irene, Mark and Sarah,

Thank you so much for your letter. I got it yesterday. I was sending you a letter and right at that time the postman gave me your parcel so I am writing you a new letter. I will open the present on Christmas day.

I think Christmas decorating is already started in England, but in my country not yet. We have started to decorate the hostel because the children will go home for Christmas. So we will have a Christmas feast on 14th December. Then on the 15th they will go home. We are giving a new dress for Christmas to all the children in this home.

You have written me that John Gordon is coming to Nittyanandapur in April next year. If he wants I could invite him to come to our children's home where I stay. He can stay here 2 days. Could you tell him? If he would like to I could arrange that he comes to here from Nittyanandapur.

I am going home for Christmas holiday on 23rd December. Do you have any plans for Christmas?

Could you give this card to the Church? I hope you will have a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Thank you for your gift.

Love

Mariam Baroi.

Mariam sent a beautiful hand embroidered card with greetings and best wishes to everyone in our Church, which we passed on to Rev. William Connelly. I.T.

Behold, NOW is the accepted time;  
Behold, NOW is the day of salvation.

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### Sal V A T ion

Have you ever wondered how things will be with yourself next week? next month? next year? CAN YOU BE SURE OF TOMORROW?

The Lord Jesus Christ is coming again, very soon, to take His own to be with Him.

Many are worried and anxious today; perhaps you are? Perhaps you wake up in the night trying to work out a way through - a way out perhaps? GOD has the answer to every human need and worry; the answer to ALL your problems, and there's NOTHING TO PAY. Nothing at all!

'For the wages of sin is death; but the GIFT OF GOD is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

The Lord Jesus had paid the price when He cried from the cross: 'IT IS FINISHED'.

Sal V A T ion means believing in Him for this life and for the life to come.

Sal V A T ion means VALUE ADDED TODAY, for time and TOMORROW for ever!

We gladly invite you to come and hear more about Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

Remember V A T means Sal V A T ion Value Added Today, for tomorrow. A.J. RALPH.

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### BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP 1991.

The publication and prices of the above Bible Reading Notes 'DAYLIGHT' & 'GUIDELINES' have been altered as follows:- January to April 1991 price £1.55 each.

May 1st 1991 to April 1992 price £5.25 per annum.

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THE MISSIONARY MARKET - AN AWAKENING?

When at the end of October last year the Church Meeting voted to send John Gordon to visit our link Church in Bangladesh the Church Missionary Committee undertook to raise the money for the venture. Letters were sent as soon as possible to all Church groups announcing a 'Missionary Market' on Jan 12th 1991, asking for their support. We realized you were busy with Christmas preparations, some were going away, and January not a good month weather-wise, and this was the first all Church Market for some years; but we took all to God in prayer that He would bless our effort and guide you all in your help.

We know the results. A fine morning weather-wise, a grand group of helpers, early activity when all got on with their own particular job, and by 10 am the tables were laden with your gifts for sale.

Church members, friends, neighbours, and friends from other Churches came to buy, and found a spirit of true Christian fellowship and co-operation among young, and dare I say old, all working happily together. Yes, a truly happy morning. At the end Mr. Connelly was able to announce that our target of £500 had been exceeded by over £100. (Jan 20 total was £763 and rising.)

In the singing of the Doxology we thanked God for the success of the morning and prayed for the fulfilment of this mission.

As we were all leaving someone said: "You see what can happen when we all work together", and I am sure this was the thought in everyone's mind that morning.

Ethel Dearsley.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Chairman            Mr. T. Lyons  
 Treasurer         Mr. A. Head.  
 Secretary         Mr. S. Hider.  
 Committee:-

Mr. J. Blackwood.

Mr. R. Josselyn.

Feb 12th Visit to R.C. Church of English Martyrs to view Sistine ceiling with Mr. Bevans.

A collection will be taken during this visit.

Feb 26th Revd. J.W. Ansley of Bury Drive talks about Open Air Sitting Rooms.

Both meetings start at 2.45 pm.

Sidney Hider.

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BILLINGSHURST U.R.C.

Trinity U.R.C. Billingshurst look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday February 27th 1991 when Peter Conlan will speak on 'Operation Mobilisation'. 7.30 pm Irene Tuley.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYERON THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

The Christian women of Kenya call us to join them in prayer. They remind us Jesus is the way, the life. Jesus lights the way for us as we journey together.

FRIDAY 1st MARCH. SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT:-

At Goring U.R.C. at 3 pm

Speaker Mrs. Anne Ball.

and

St. Andrew's Tarring at 8 pm.

Speaker Mrs. Nona May.

All are welcome to these Services. Mrs. Ball, who has served in Kenya, will be able to give first-hand information about the country and its people.

There will be restricted parking - please share lifts if you can. Eileen M. Rhodes.

CHRISTIAN AID. Middle East. £565,330 spent.  
Preventive Health - The Union of Palestinian  
Medical Relief Committee £20,200

Doctors in a Jerusalem hospital wanted to do more than cure illnesses among the many Palestinians coming to see them. They volunteered their time to take health care, including teaching about preventing disease, out to the villages.

In the areas where most Palestinians live, diseases of poverty, contaminated water supplies and poor sanitation are endemic. Children die from preventable illnesses like gastroenteritis, diarrhoea, respiratory infections and malnutrition. Many people cannot afford health insurance and with no committed national authority to oversee a health care programme the Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees took charge.

The first medical relief committee began 11 years ago. Now there is a union of committees, 500 trained volunteers, 24 permanent health centres and eight mobile clinics. Help and treatment was given to more than 80,000 people in 1988. Six centres have also been set up, since the Intifada (uprising) began, for the treatment and rehabilitation of the disabled and injured.

#### Key Worker.

Dr. Jumana Budeiri travels to Palestinian villages and centres including homes for orphaned children and those whose parents are in prison. Nine doctors and one nurse have been detained for travelling with the village medical teams. But Dr. Budeiri remains committed to teaching people about health and treating illnesses and injuries.

ISRAEL AND BIBLE PROPHECY.

Seminar to be held in Worthing.

Saturday March 9th

'I will also gather all nations and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations and parted my land.' Joel 2.3

How does Bible prophecy help our understanding of the Middle East crisis?

What should be our attitude to Israel and Jewish people?

How can we use current world events to point people to our hope in the Messiah Jesus?

We will be considering these questions at the Seminar which will be held on the 9th March at Glyn Owen Centre, South Farm Road. Worthing From 10.30 am to 4 pm. Coffee will be served at 10.30 am. Please bring your own lunch. Hot drinks will be available.

Speaker: Mr. Tony Pearce, M.A. Director of the Messianic Testimony, 93 Axe Street, Barking, Essex. IG11 7LZ who are organizing this day.

A collection will be taken.

Any queries please contact: Celia Hanks  
0903 47017 or Tristan McDonald 0273 418914.

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B E A N O C L U B.

Feb 9th Saturday Q U I Z. Open evening 7.30 pm

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GORING U.R.C. YOUTH CLUB.

Feb 2 Club night 7 - 9 pm

with Committee meeting 8pm

Feb 9 Beano Quiz in Church Hall 7.30 pm

Feb 16 Video at 5 Salvington Hill. 7pm

Feb 23 Club night 7 - 9 pm

with Committee meeting 8pm

ZIGGIES - CRESCENT YOUTH CENTRE.Times of openings:-

TUESDAYS 12 noon to 4 pm Drop in.  
 THURSDAYS 10 am to 12 noon For young mums  
 12 noon to 4 pm Drop in  
 7 pm to 9.30 pm Members' night  
 FRIDAYS 12 noon to 4 pm Drop in  
 7.30 pm to 11 pm Disco

SATURDAYS 12 noon to 4 pm Drop in

For details of other activities see Club News.

11 Crescent Road. Worthing. 34497.

Mrs. Sylvia Dent. Co-ordinator.

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ANCHOR BOYS.

Congratulations to RICHARD SMITH whose prayer came 3rd in a Battalion competition recently!!

Thank you PAUL ARKINSTALL for helping to deliver the crocus bulbs we had planted last autumn to some of our Church friends.

Thank you mums and boys for helping to make our Christmas party such a success.

Thank GOD for our Anchor Boys.

Eileen M. Rhodes.

CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY. MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN  
CALLING ALL LADIES

TO THE ROOTS OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

There will be another Ladies' Day, organised by C.P.A.S on Wednesday 13th March at Broadwater Baptist Church, Dominion Road, Worthing.

The Speaker will be Mrs. Marlene COHEN - the wife of the Director of the Scripture Union, and the subject is "THE ROOTS OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT BACKWARDS".

The day will begin at 9.30am and end at 2.30 pm. Coffee and tea are included in the cost of £1.50, but please bring a packed lunch. There will be a creche.

Ladies of all ages in our Church have found these days to be a blessing and we hope that others will come and experience them, too. I.T.

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HOLIDAYS 1991.

For 11 to 14 year olds.    Inters.    Staying in a residential centre and sharing the chores, young people learn in a relaxed way about Jesus and explore different aspects of the Christian life. Discussion, drama, art, music, worship, sport, games, discos and a guarantee of new friends. August 3 - 10. (place to be arranged)    £75 plus fares pool.

For 14 to 18 year olds.    Anchors aweigh 14-17 on the Norfolk Broads.    A week at Easter spent exploring the Christian faith and community living, living in well-equipped cruisers. Boat-handling skills, sailing and canoeing. March 30 to April 6.    £94 plus fares pool.

Seniors 15 to 18.    A Christian theme explored in many ways during a week at Halton Gill Bunk Barn, Skipton, Lancs, with discos, praising, singing, cooking, eating, giving, receiving and good fellowship. August 3-10    £70 plus fares pool. See all these in Reform magazine.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING.I. B. R. A.

Please note the price of 'Notes on Bible Readings' & 'Light for our Path' has increased to £2.50 per annum. Will members of the above Bible Readings who wish to alter their order let me know as soon as possible. We would like to increase the order for these Bible Readings and would welcome new members.

I will be glad to supply any details.

Thank you for the contribution to the IBRA International Fund and would appreciate any further donations. Mrs. Betty Barnett. 11 Twyford Rd. Durrington. Worthing 62217

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### HOST ORGANISATION FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS.

In October our Church Secretary announced that Host Organisation was looking for people willing to entertain overseas students in their homes at Christmas. We contacted the regional director in Lewes and as a result of a discussion with her we arranged for two students to stay for the 3 days of Christmas.

It has been a great joy to welcome 18 year old Esther from Uganda and 27 year old Kenan from Germany, in addition to our Brazilian friends Pedro and Nena who were already staying. Everyone got on well and we learned much about each other's countries and the way we each did things. It was the first Christmas in England for all 4 students and they obviously enjoyed it.

We all attended the midnight service on Christmas Eve when they were introduced. Other friends joined us on Christmas Day and added to the warmth of welcome they received.

We have been delighted by the efficient organisation of Host and warmly commend it to others. Host also seeks people to offer hospitality at Easter or for week-ends during the year. Perhaps other Church Members would like to be involved. It is always a joy and privilege to share one's home with strangers who become friends.

Richard and Irene Tuley and family.



THE NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL 1991.

We began the year with God - praying for everyone in the Church, and I thank God for all who were willing to take part in the prayer vigil. Many have found it a blessing to be involved and we pray that all who were not will also be blessed.

God calls us to be co-workers with Him in this decade of evangelism, and one vital ingredient of evangelism is prayer. Will YOU be prepared to become intercessors, who will stand in the gap, and pray for the needs of the Church, this nation and our world?

"Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God"

Colossians Ch, 4. verse 2.

Irene Tuley.

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Thou, Lord, hast given Thyself for our healing;  
Poured out Thy life that our souls might be freed.  
Love, from the heart of the Father, revealing  
Light for our darkness and grace for our need.  
MP. 243. R. D. Browne.  
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WE WELCOME all who attend our Services (or receive The Chronicle) and hope you find this time of Worship a helpful and enriching experience.

Please tick in empty spaces below if you require any of these or if they refer to you:-

VISITOR.....NEW RESIDENT....

REQUEST FOR PASTORAL CALL.....

JOIN ENVELOPE SCHEME.....

COVENANT MY GIVING.....

NAME & ADDRESS :- .....

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TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS.

I expect you have, on many occasions, heard the phrase 'knock-on effect'. Well, I thought I would tell you about a kind of 'knock-on effect' concerning a Bible Study group within this Church.

It all started simply enough as a group of people gathered to study the Bible. Then one day one member fell ill which necessitated a stay in hospital of a few weeks. To help this person out the others in the group rounded up their families and proceeded to tidy his garden, after which a great time of fellowship was enjoyed over lunch. This event was shortly followed by another similar good 'green-fingered' deed. When winter came and there were less opportunities to do work outside the group met (and still meet) at one another's house for a meal and games.

This has brought about a deeper feeling of love and care for one another as brothers and sisters in God's family.

Of course, it may not be practical for every group to meet on occasions like this but we should always be ready to consider any 'knock-on effect' which encourages us to show God's love. S.A.  
(Thanks S.A.)

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Ron Jordan.

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

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### BOOK NEWS



27 Wed Missionary Mthly Svce. 10.30 am.

Billingshurst U.R.C. 7.30 pm. Operation  
Mobilisation. Peter Conlan.

Bible Study Deans' Home. 38 Trent Rd. 8pm

28 Thu ARK CLUB 10 to 11.30am.

Church Meeting 7.30pm

1 Mar Fri Women's World Day of Prayer at G.U.R.C. 3pm

And at St. Andrew's Church Tarring 8 pm.

### MY FAITH.

This is the day the Lord has made,  
Be glad, not sad.  
Do not borrow the sorrow from tomorrow,  
Think just of today.  
So many people worry about tomorrow  
Before it even comes.  
For each day Jesus will only ask us  
to do our best,  
Then he will take over,  
and do the rest.



JESUS:

Hard is the way and high the hill;  
That I must climb to do Thy will,  
The path is stony and rough is the road,  
It's very heavy, Lord, this living load.  
But Lord mine is such a little cross.  
I ask not for a lighter load,  
But just your presence on the road.

Peter Sheldon. 5am on 10th January 1991  
in St. Barnabas Hospice.

### SCHOOL PRAYER GROUPS.

The Durrington High School Prayer Group for  
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Carole Davis.

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### THE ARK MOTHERS AND TODDLERS CLUB

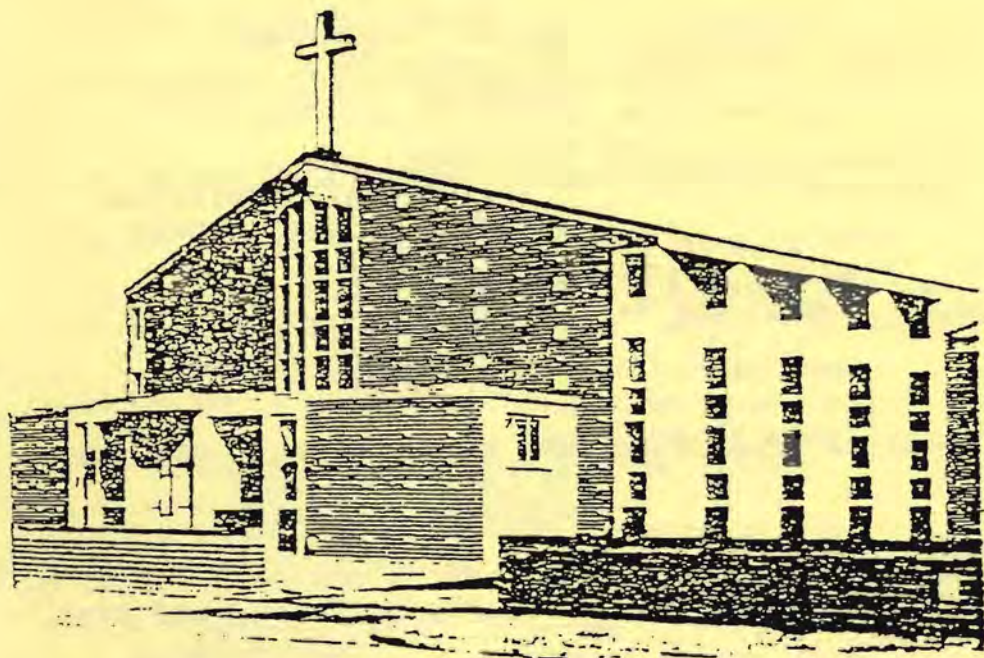
Every Thursday 10 to 11.30 am in Church Hall.  
Janice Byerley and Valerie Gill

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# The CHRONICLE



GORING  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

25 PENCE

FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-  
FROM WINTER TO SPRING.....and EASTER!

The Lord is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

"Lord of the frost-rimmed earth  
 and snow clad morning,  
 Shew us with Spring's new birth  
 A glorious dawning!  
 When He - Spring's Lord  
 Shall speak to earth's sad mourning  
 The Ressurrection Word"

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is  
 over and gone;  
 The flowers appear on the earth;  
 The time of the singing of birds is come"  
 Songs 2v 11-12

"The desert shall rejoice  
 and blossom as the Rose"  
 Isaiah 35 v1

"Look! the earth waits breathless  
 After winter's strife:  
 Easter shows man deathless -  
 Spring leads death to life"

WITH EVERY BLESSING.  
 WILLIAM CONNELLY.

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LADIES MOVEMENT WORKSHOP.

We warmly invite ladies of all ages to join us on MONDAY 18th MARCH in the main Church Hall from 8.15 to 9.30 pm.

The theme will be 'New Life with Christ!'

Please come suitably dressed (track-suits) as all will be participating in the evening.

Jane Archer.

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EXCEEDING OUR LIMITS.

Listen to the sounds of earth's resurrection, as a solitary blackbird heralds the dawn calling his fellows to sing out a chorus in glad celebration of light and life re-born.

The sun has risen. Let us greet the day.

Alleluia!

Listen to the sound of Christ's resurrection, as the earth trembles and the stone is rolled away, as women take courage to tell their good news no longer fearful of what anyone may say.

Christ had risen. The stone is rolled away.

Alleluia!

Listen to faith's resurrection, in the thud of racing heartbeats and running feet, in word tumbling over word in their eagerness to announce love's vindication and death's defeat.

Christ has risen. He has given us the victory.

Alleluia!

Celebrate today the sounds of resurrection in early morning worship and breaking bread. Sing with glad thanksgiving the church's dawn chorus, 'Christ is alive! He has risen from the dead.'

Christ is alive. He has risen from the dead.

Alleluia!

Celebrate today the sounds of resurrection where truth is mocked and violence glorified. Shout out for joy, an Easter song of freedom in every place where love is crucified.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.

Alleluia.

Jean Mortimer.

5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Money - every Company spends it, and needs it to continue. Publications, competitions, tents and equipment. It is your privilege, although you might not think so, to help find this money.

Most Companies ask their boys to bring a weekly subscription. In some cases it is paid annually. Your Company takes part in the Annual 'BB Week', when you will be issued with a collecting card and asked to look up all your friends and relations. You invite them, in the nicest possible way, to contribute. Other Companies may raise money in other ways like Sponsored Everythings, Sales, Christmas Goods catalogues, and so on.

The Boys' Brigade is a great international organisation and obviously needs money to provide us with the support and materials for running our Company. We help by making our contributions annually. You will be expected, in most cases, to pay for your Uniform.

The best money making events of all are those for people or organisations in need, of the BB extension in other lands. Do your best to raise funds for others. Easter Greetings.

Don Stewart. Captain.

JUBILEE 1990

Commemorative Mugs may be purchased. £1.30 each for Pottery, or 4 for £5.00.

£2.00 each for China.

Also Commemorative Pens at  
25 pence white Trend

40 pence for black Rovale.

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JUBILEE TAPESTRY:- Photographs of this Tapestry are available from Dr. Roy Webb as follows:-

Postcard size. 6 x 4 60 pence each

Enlargements 10 x 8 £5.50 each.



R E F O R M.

February Reform is in a sombre mood. It opens with a prayer for the Gulf; the violence, poverty and Christian courage in North India; an editorial on the New Age Movement - very disturbing. "Eight ways to test a Prophet" writes Roger Tomes, and an article on the new FURY project. What makes inspiring reading is the 'necessity' of a computer in the vestry - Hilary, will you be redundant?

On a brighter note it also looks forward to the World Council of Churches Assembly in Canberra, to which the U.R.C. is sending three representatives. The theme is 'Come Holy Spirit - renew the whole creation'. Sompting U.R.C. has a spot this month on the Just Peace Church together with a U.R.C. press statement saying that we are backing the Decade of Evangelism.

We hear of Anneka Rice's challenge to help the homeless in Telford and Church Life gives views and events from all round the country. Forthcoming events nationally and reviews on videos, a pantomime and books make interesting reading. The letters page contains one from Rev. Stuart Bidmead of Chichester, in a joint pastorate, on the 'proposed' merger with the Methodist Church. The whole edition is brightened up by the advertisement on the inside back cover for the Good News Bible.

Sheila Gooderham. Reform Distributor.

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Christian Cracker.

Some Baby: The minister had travelled from Birmingham to London to attend to the details of a new banner that was being made for his Church. On his arrival he discovered that he had lost the piece of paper with the details on. He sent his wife a telegram asking her to send details by return. When the answer arrived at the Post Office the Postmistress almost fainted when she read :- UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, EIGHT FEET LONG, THREE FEET WIDE, ASSORTED COLOURS. S.H.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE PRAYER GROUPS.

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Carole Davis.

6th Form College Prayer Group for Parents will be meeting in this Church on TUESDAY evening 5th March from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. Irene Tuley.

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Handbook Amendments:-

Address correction -

Mrs. J. Oakes. 40 Normandy Lane. East Preston.  
Tel 772965

Name change - Anita Luckin is now

Mrs. T. Shelton. Flat 7.

95/99 Rowlands Road. Worthing. 208477

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TORCH MEETINGS.

2nd March St. Columba's U.R.C. 2.30 pm

16th March Jubilee Hall. Greenland Road.

Durrington 2.30 pm.

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KESTRO STROKE CLUB.

Spring 1991.

March 1st 'The Singalongs' 2 pm

March 8th Coffee Morning and ALL DAY MEETING.

March 15th Q U I Z. 2 pm.

March 22nd 'The WORLD OF THE MAGIC LANTERN'

Illustrated talk 2 pm

by Don & Marjorie ATTLE.

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Novels by local author obtainable from

OPTIMUS BOOKS - Warwick Street. Worthing.

'THE VIKINGS' £4.95 by Leslie Montford.

'THE TUNNEL DIG' and 'THE SACCHARIN MURDERS'

£6.95 by Leslie Montford.

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**BOOK NEWS**

It was announced in Church a few Sundays ago that the highlight of the year was the Beano Club Quiz night in February. I will not dispute that, but here are some more. Please make a note in your diaries and try very hard to support them all:-

On WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH at 7.30 pm in the Church a concert of Easter music will be given by the Rowland Singers, with their conductor Jack Emery, soloists brothers Christopher and Stephen Long with one of our organists Richard Colbourn accompanying. There will be an interval for refreshments and a retiring collection will be taken to off-set expenses. Programmes will be available shortly price 30 pence. The music will be Stainer's Crucifixion and the Easter music from Handel's Messiah. Sheila and Roy Gooderham.

On SATURDAY 20th APRIL another concert. This time in order to raise some money to help pay for essential repairs to the organ - about £300 is needed. We shall start with tea in the Hall and then adjourn to the Church for a varied programme. Taking part will be Richard Colbourn, Andy Close and our Sunday evening music group - all very talented, some items from the Rowland Singers (they are very versatile) with solos from Jack Emery. Tickets will be on sale soon.

A grand Harvest Fair will take place on SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER. This will include a floral display and an exhibition of crafts in the Church. A meeting will be arranged soon to which each organisation will be asked to send a representative. Watch for announcements in Welcome and the Chronicle. S & R G.

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### T H E   A R K .

We would welcome visits from members of the Church and if anyone would like to know more about the ARK please contact: Janice Byerley. Worthing 65993, Val Gill Worthing 67655, Sue Mitchell Worthing 66570.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
ON THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

The Christian women of Kenya call us to join them in prayer. They remind us Jesus is the way, the life. Jesus lights the way for us as we journey together.

FRIDAY 1st MARCH. SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT:-

At Goring U.R.C. at 3 pm

Speaker Mrs. Anne Ball.  
 and



St. Andrew's Tarring at 8 pm.

Speaker Mrs. Nona May.

All are welcome to these Services. Mrs. Ball, who has served in Kenya, will be able to give first-hand information about the country and its people.

There will be restricted parking - please share lifts if you can. Eileen M. Rhodes.

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CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY. MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN  
CALLING ALL LADIES

TO THE ROOTS OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

There will be another Ladies' Day, organised by C.P.A.S on Wednesday 13th March at Broadwater Baptist Church, Dominion Road, Worthing.

The Speaker will be Mrs. Marlene COHEN - the wife of the Director of the Scripture Union, and the subject is "THE ROOTS OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT BACKWARDS".

The day will begin at 9.30am and end at 2.30 pm. Coffee and tea are included in the cost of £1.50, but please bring a packed lunch. There will be a creche.

Ladies of all ages in our Church have found these days to be a blessing and we hope that others will come and experience them, too. I.T.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

March 12th Major John Methven. Salvation Army  
Missing Persons. 2.45 pm

A collection will be taken at this meeting  
March 26th Easter Meeting with Men's Fellowship  
2.45 pm.

Memory - what a wonderful gift from God. We hoped great things from Memory when we were young and now we thank God we still call upon its help. I am sure this was how all Guild members felt on January 15th when they brought their 'Memories of Childhood' for us to enjoy. Memories that had brought fun and laughter and love in family life, special visits to Grandma and her little tit-bits. Memories of childhood escapades surprised some of us. Memories of struggle and hardship in the early part of this century, all were shared and we realized that this part of the century has much to be thankful for, but there are things we treasured that seem to be lost.

On January 29th we travelled to the Holy Land, our guides being Charles and Pheniah Taylor. The slides were truly beautiful and as we journeyed we realized that our guide carried that journey for ever in his heart. He conveyed to us so simply his love for Christ that we, too, were conscious of having walked in the steps of the Master. Thank you both for a wonderful journey that will live in our memories, I think, for ever.

E. Dearsley.

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THE NEXT LADIES' DAY OF PRAYER is being held at Goring United Reformed Church on APRIL 6th this year from 10am to 4 pm with a lunchtime break. It is a Saturday. Rosemary Kitto.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

10th March Church Parade 11 am.

April 13th Jumble Sale Church Hall. 2 pm.

Thank you for your support during Brigade Week. Our Coffee Morning and Table Sale raised £124.50. £100 of this has gone towards our fees, and £24.50 towards our Riding for the Disabled Fund. We are, of course, hoping to raise more towards our fees from the Smartie tubes distributed after the February and March Church Parade Services.

Mrs. Irene Dearsley visited us on the Tuesday of Brigade Week to tell and show us about the Girls' Brigade in Nigeria. It was a most enjoyable evening and, as four staff members were away sick that particular night it was wonderful to have someone who could hold the girls' attention so well. Thank you again, Irene.

Dates for your diaries! We hope to have a Jumble Sale on Saturday APRIL 13th and if you have anything for collection please let an Officer know, although we cannot collect before Tuesday APRIL 9th due to lack of storage space.

The Girls' Brigade Annual Display is to take place at the Royal Albert Hall in London on SATURDAY MAY 4th. 40 tickets have been purchased for the afternoon performance and a coach booked to leave the Church at 10 am. There are some spare seats for the journey and the performance, and if anyone is interested in joining the outing please let Captain know. The price, which includes travel and seat in the Albert Hall is £10. Each person will need to take a packed lunch and a drink, and the coach should be back at the Church at approximately 7 pm. We are give to understand that this is to be the last time the Display will take place at the Albert Hall due to rising costs and that the Rally Committee are busy looking for a new venue. We wish you all Joy at Easter time.

Blessings and love. Jean Webb. Captain

MISSION NEWS.

GHANA. Late in January we received the long-awaited news that the cartons of dressings collected from us in November 1989 by the Ghana High Commission have at last reached Assin Nsuta. This extract from the letter from A.N. best expresses their feelings:- 'Let us give thanks to God for answering our prayers .... the cartons of dressings are now at Nsuta. I can't describe the joy of the entire congregation and the whole village folk..... I can't write the number of people who have asked me to write and say a big thank you on their part.' Faith and patience have both been rewarded.

BANGLADESH. Many readers will already know that, at the request of Bishop Mendal of Dhaka, we have postponed John Gordon's visit for a year - an action also made necessary by the Gulf War. The magnificent response of £793.86 to the Mission Market has been invested and will be earning interest in readiness for a new attempt, provisionally planned for April 1992. The postponement has been a great disappointment here and in Nittyanandapur - plans at both ends being well advanced.

## WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE.

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LADIES' DAY OF PRAYER.

The next DAY, led by Pat Hughes, Patricia Gordon and Beth Clark, will be held at Goring URC on Saturday April 6th. 10am to 4pm, with a lunchtime break. Please provide your own drinks. The last such DAY was full of rich blessing. I hope you can be with us this time, even for part of the day. For further information please ring 504733. Rosemary Kitto.

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GO UNITED RENEWED in CHRIST.

AFRICAN PALMS.

If you buy African Palms you will be giving work to people whose only other source of income is very limited. The palm crosses are made in seven mud villages in the Diocese of Masai in Tanzania, where the income for each mud hut is approximately £30 a YEAR! This must buy all the household necessities - clothes for the parents and their children, salt, soap and any money required to pay for travel to the nearest hospital for medical treatment. You will encourage people in their daily lives.

Although the aim of the scheme is to enable very poor people to earn some money we are also able to provide some help in the area where the crosses are made. Last year we were able to send a container full of various supplies. Medical supplies, bandages and dressings for the local hospital. Sewing machines for women's groups and a large quantity of second hand clothes aimed to help people who have lost all their belongings in recent flooding in the area. Over the years the scheme has gradually grown. Palm crosses are now sold in Canada, the United States of America, U.K. and Sweden. They cost £4.35 for 50 and £8.70 for 100. This price includes VAT and carriage. African Palms are at 46 Brandon Street, London. SE 17 1NL. 071 703 0719.

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AN APPRECIATION.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all our many friends who in a variety of ways made our Golden Wedding a time to remember with happiness. We thank you for your messages, cards, flowers and gifts, including the rose bushes to help replenish the rose garden at the front of the Church. God bless you all as He has blessed us over 50 years.

Eileen & Ron Jordan.

GEAR DAY CONFERENCE EARLY WARNING NOTICE.

SATURDAY 13th APRIL 10.30am to 4.30pm. at  
 HASSOCKS UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. KEYMER ROAD.  
 HASSOCKS. Bookings and enquiries :- Rev. Michael  
 Playdon, BD., 15 Chancellors Park. Hassocks.

Theme:- TO BOLDLY GO. Faith - and how to share it

The programme includes worship, and provision  
 for younger children. Coffee will be available  
 from 10am, and the day will end with tea at  
 4.30pm. A creche will be provided for 0-5 years  
 and a programme for 5-12s. Other young people  
 will join adults for the main sessions. Please  
 bring a Bible, notebook and pen. An offering will  
 be taken during the closing worship.

It is situated on the north side of B2116.  
 Keymer Road between Chancellors Park and Grand  
 Avenue, Hassocks, a short distance to the east of  
 the B.R. Station. Parking is in the long-stay car  
 park almost opposite the church, and in  
 surrounding streets.

Conference fees. Adults £1.50, Children up to  
 12 No charge, Other young people still in  
 education 50 pence. Cheques made payable to  
 Hassocks GEAR Day.

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We rejoice with Eileen and Ron Jordan on the  
 occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary on  
 30th January. We thought it might be interesting  
 to find out how many 'Golden Oldies', or more we  
 have in the fellowship. Please let me know on  
 Worthing 506452. Sheila Gooderham.

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THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS VIDEO.

Copies may be purchased for £8.50, or  
 hired for short periods of time for £1.00 per  
 session. All proceeds will go to the Church Gift  
 Day Fund. Graham Redman.

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ISRAEL AND BIBLE PROPHECY.

Seminar to be held in Worthing.

Saturday March 9th

'I will also gather all nations and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations and parted my land.' Joel 2.3

How does Bible prophecy help our understanding of the Middle East crisis?

What should be our attitude to Israel and Jewish people?

How can we use current world events to point people to our hope in the Messiah Jesus?

We will be considering these questions at the Seminar which will be held on the 9th March at Glyn Owen Centre, South Farm Road. Worthing From 10.30 am to 4 pm. Coffee will be served at 10.30 am. Please bring your own lunch. Hot drinks will be available.

Speaker: Mr. Tony Pearce, M.A. Director of the Messianic Testimony, 93 Axe Street, Barking, Essex. IG11 7LZ who are organizing this day.

A collection will be taken.

Any queries please contact: Celia Hanks  
0903 47017 or Tristan McDonald 0273 418914.

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GORING U.R.C. YOUTH CLUB.

2nd March Club Night 7 - 9 pm  
9th March 10-pin Bowling at Worthing Bowl £2.00  
16th March Club Night 7 - 9 pm  
23rd March Club Night 7 - 9 pm  
30th March Easter No Club.

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B E A N O C L U B

March 14th 10-pin Bowling.



SPIRITUAL VISION.

Once I could see, but ne'er again  
Shall I behold the verdant plain  
Jewelled with flowers of colours bright  
Bathed in a flood of golden light;  
The birds, the brilliant butterflies,  
These all in thought before me rise;  
The shining rivulet whose song  
Comes sweetly murmuring along;  
The sky, the clouds, the grass, the trees -  
All waving, glancing in the breeze;  
I see them pictured in my mind,  
But there alone, for I am blind.  
Blind, did I say? How can that be,  
Since I by faith my Saviour see  
Exalted on the throne above,  
Beaming with mercy, grace and love?  
A view like this is better far  
Than sun, and moon, or glittering star,  
Or glowing landscape, sunny skies,  
Or sight that's fair to mortal eyes.  
I thank my God that He has put  
A veil before mine eyes, and shut  
All earthly objects from my sight,  
And Christ revealed in glory bright.  
Henceforth my word shall ever be,  
Once I was blind, but now I see!

The above lines were composed by a believer of 38 years of age, once strong and healthy, but as a result of an illness for 18 years, he became so crippled that he was bent almost double, with his chin pressing hard against his chest. He also became blind as the disease progressed.

"Things which eye has not seen, and ear not heard, and which have not come into man's heart, which God has prepared for them that love Him, but God has revealed to us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 1 Cor. ch.2 vv 9 & 10."

S.A.W.

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Ron Jordan.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Summer Programme 1991.

8th April Early days of Nursing. Robin Bradley.  
 22nd April Buffet Supper.  
 6th May Making nylon flowers. Betty Razzell.  
 20th May 'My Dancing Years' Joan Priestley  
 3rd June Methold House - Youth Hostel.  
                   Mrs. Betty Marris.  
 17th June Wartime Memories - Members.  
 1st July Summer Walk.  
 15th July A.G.M. and Supper.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Chairman	Mr. T. Lyons
Treasurer	Mr. A. Head.
Secretary	Mr. S. Hider.

Committee:- Mr. J. Blackwood.  
Mr. R. Josselyn.

March 12 Mrs. Dulcie Knapman on the  
Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund 2.45pm

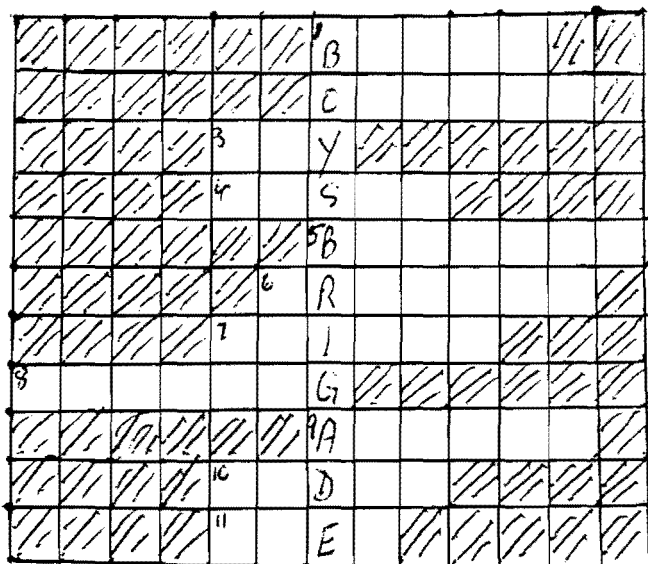
March 26 Joint Easter Meeting with Women's Guild.

At our meeting on 29th January Worthing-born-and-bred Keith Downer gave us a very interesting talk about his home town during the 1939-45 war. Illustrated by newspaper photographs of fire watchers, Home Guard parades, police identity checks (Worthing was a restricted area when invasion was a threat) etc., he then showed both sides of the bombing offensive with pictures of crashed German aircraft and captured airmen, followed by bomb-damaged houses with contrasting photographs of the same areas after post-war rebuilding. The talk showed evidence of careful research and planning by Mr. Downer and was appreciated by all - especially Robbie Turton who frequently exclaimed 'I saw that' or 'I was there at the time'.  
Sidney Hider.

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Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death has won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes, where Thy body lay.

Edmond Budry 1854-1932  
tr R. Birch Hoyle 1875-1939.



### FOR THE CHILDREN.

Crossword devised entirely by the ANCHOR BOYS.

Clues Across.

1. This teaches you about God.
2. A fruit.
3. You play with this.
4. You pray to Him.
5. The opposite of sister.
6. A musical instrument.
7. You cross the river this way.
8. You do this with a book.
9. God's messengers.
10. My father.
11. We say this at the end of prayers.



ZIGGIES. 11 CRESCENT ROAD. WORTHING. BN11 1RL

Friday and Saturday nights are for Ziggies discos - the new name chosen by the members when the 'Parrot and Palm' was closed and re-fitted. It is different from other clubs, not just because alcohol is not allowed (other discos do 'under 18' nights) but because it is non-commercial. Any profit made from the discos is used only to make the club a better place for those who use it. Discos are run for the mentally handicapped too, in association with MENCAP, but not to the exclusion of other club members - indeed the members are the hosts, and many of them say that these nights are the most enjoyable.

What is the work like? Frustrating is a word which springs easily to the mind. A lot of the time we are trying to undo the damage that the world does, and it is an uphill task. How do you persuade a young person to respect others if his/her hero's motto is 'Don't push me'.

It is still hard to find Christian people willing to commit themselves to work in what they see as a secular setting. This is not a Christian club, but it is a caring club. Caring work at its best, directed at those who are often the least cared for - normal young people with no recognised problems. Christians are vital in this work as much as Christian doctors in a secular hospital, and Christian teachers in state schools.

Strong young Christians are needed, too. The members of the club must meet people of their own age who care about living out the life of service to Jesus in the world. I don't say it would be easy for them; this is not the cosy enclave of the Church, but the reality of Paul's spiritual warfare. It does not allow the short-cut of preaching, either. Any impression made here is only by the reality of a different life and standard. I pray that there will be young people who will take up the challenge to be ordinary members of the club. (More next month)

Co-ordinator, P.D.

A TRUE STORY CONTRIBUTED BY S. A. W.

The vicar, a puzzled frown on his face, hurried to the cottage where the Church caretaker lived. "I am worried," he explained. "Every day at twelve o'clock a shabby old man goes into the Church. I can see him through the vicarage window. He stays only a few minutes. It seems most mysterious and you know the altar furnishings are quite valuable. I wish you would keep an eye open and question the fellow."

The next day, and so for many days, the caretaker watched, and sure enough at twelve o'clock the shabby figure would arrive.

One day the caretaker accosted him. "Look here, my friend, what are you up to, going into the Church every day?"

"I go to pray," the old man replied quietly.

"Now come," the caretaker said sternly, "you don't stay long enough to pray. You are only there a few minutes, for I have watched you. You just go up to the altar every day and then come away."

"Yes, that's true. I can't pray a long prayer but every day at twelve o'clock I just come and say 'Jesus, it's Jim.' Then I wait a minute, then come away. It's just a little prayer, but I guess He hears me."

Some time later poor old Jim was knocked down by a lorry and was taken to the City hospital where he settled down quite happily while his broken leg mended.

The ward where Jim lay had been a sore spot to the hospital Sister for a long time. Some of the men were cross and miserable, others did nothing but grumble from morning to night. Try as she would they did not improve.

Then slowly but surely things changed. The men stopped grumbling and were cheerful and contented. They took their medicine, ate their food, and settled down without a complaint.

One day, hearing a burst of happy laughter, the Sister asked, "What's happened to you all?"

You are such a nice cheerful lot of patients now. Where have all your grumbles gone?"

"Oh, it's old Jim," one patient replied. "He's always so happy, never complains, although we know he must be in a lot of pain. He makes us ashamed to make a murmur. No, we can't grouse when Jim's about, he's always so cheerful."

Sister crossed over to where Jim lay. His silvery hair gave him an angelic look. His quiet eyes were full of peace.

"Well, Jim," the Sister greeted him, "the men say that you are responsible for the change in this ward. They say that you are always happy."

"Yes, Sister, that I am. I can't help being happy. You see, Sister, it's my visitor. Every day He makes me happy."

"Your visitor?" The Sister was puzzled. She had always noticed that Jim's chair was empty on visiting days, for he was a lonely old man without any relations. "Your visitor?" she repeated. "But when does he come?"

"Every day," Jim replied, the light in his eyes growing brighter. "Yes, every day at twelve o'clock He comes and stands at the foot of my bed. I see Him and He smiles and says 'Jim, it's Jesus'."

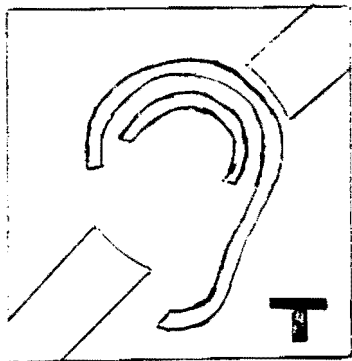
#### Answers to crossword.

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|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. Bible.   | 2. Orange.  | 3. Toy.    | 4. Jesus. |
| 5. Brother. | 6. Trumpet. | 7. Bridge. |           |
| 8. Reading. | 9. Angels.  | 10. Daddy. | 11. Amen. |



### HELP FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

Way back in July 1979, our Girl's Brigade presented to the Church an induction loop connected to our public address system. Recently, a friend who had had a hearing aid for about two years, discovered she could tune into this loop by switching over her aid to the T (telephone) position. Anywhere in the Church, she joyfully reported, she could hear the sermon, readings, prayers and notices amplified clearly through her own personal aid.



One of the system's greatest fans presented us with an RNID sign, drawing our visitors' attention to this induction loop. This is displayed in the Church vestibule, above a notice giving further details. Some may find the acoustics of the Church difficult and hollow; others have difficulties with some voices and not others. For these, our Girls Brigade have provided hand held aids, which you can borrow

from a Steward in the Vestibule. Sit where you like - there are no wires to plug in. Switch on with the thumb wheel in the handle. Hold the red spot to your good ear. Adjust the volume for the best results - the more you turn the thumb wheel, the louder the volume. PLEASE SWITCH OFF after use (red line visible on thumb wheel) to save the battery, and return to a Steward in the Vestibule

Roy Webb

### TAPE RECORDINGS OF SERVICES

Tape recordings are made of services held in the Church every Sunday. If you would like to borrow a tape for a friend, or hear again that inspiring reading or sermon, please apply at the public address cabinet at the back of the Church, or to Dr. Roy Webb, tel. Worthing 40546. We do not claim copyright, so you are welcome to make your own copy, or provide a C90 tape or £1, and I will do it for you.

But, please, please, PLEASE return the original promptly. Unfortunately, dozens of tapes are never returned - a drain on our budget! Please check your drawers and cupboards, or ask that friend to whom you loaned a tape to return it as soon as convenient. Very often there is a waiting list. I had a tape returned last month dated June 1988!

Roy Webb

### RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Are you booking your foreign holidays yet? May I remind you that charities now accept foreign coins for their funds. Please pass on any you have left over from last year, or any you get this year - your bank will not accept them - in an envelope marked GIRL'S BRIGADE via the collection plate or direct, and we will put them towards our Riding for the Disabled project.

Plus, of, course, used stamps, British and foreign, and aluminium - washed bottle tops, cake dishes, yoghurt tops, etc., but not the flimsy metallised plastic type. They all help this worthwhile cause.

Jean Webb

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#### U.R.C. YOUTH EVENTS 1991.

Breakout (14 to 18) BALA, North Wales.

August 6 to 13. £30 plus fares pool.

Breakout is a camp made up of a combination of community living, workshops, worship, activities, free time and trips out.

A camp for young people aged 14 to 18 who enjoy the outdoor life, like to be challenged, and are interested in trying out new things.

Breakout is for you. If you fit the bill then apply now. If you think you don't then why not apply anyway. You may be surprised.

Crossfire 14 to 25. May 24-27 £25.

Camping at Marsh Gibbon Farm, Bicester, Oxfordshire, with discussions, drama, teaching, worship, games, bible study, art sessions and a Christian rock band. Organised by GEAR for the U.R.C., to emphasise Jesus Christ is the foundation of Christian life, explore evangelism, deepen spiritual life and encourage renewal in the Holy Spirit. All in Reform January 1991.



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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-

Now near the place where He was crucified  
there was a garden.

It has been a long journey from Caesarea Philippi and Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ which was both his death sentence and promise of life in all its fulness.

'For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it'. St. Matthew 16 v 25.

And so we have tried to follow Jesus along the Calvary Road, He bearing His Cross for our Salvation, and we carrying with thanksgiving that cross which belongs to our obedience as His Disciples. The road to Calvary leads to the Cross, and Christ's death. The road to Calvary leads to our crucifixion with Him, and to Eternal Life ... and the RESURRECTION is the final word and hope for us all.

You will have experienced the truth represented in our text for Easter Day. 'Now near the place where He was crucified there was a garden'. The Resurrection of Christ and His power to raise us from the sleep of death in sin is not far from the Cross. This is why we must hold the Cross and the Resurrection together. St. Paul, in Philippians 3 vv 10-11 writes:-

'That I may know him, and the power of His Resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I may attain unto the Resurrection of the dead'.

Our text may be taken with the utmost confidence. The Power of the Cross and the Power of the Resurrection are in Christ so close together. It is a short walk of faith, though a vital one, from the Cross of suffering and death in Divine and human life, to the Garden of Resurrection and Eternal Life .. this is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Away with death, and welcome life!  
In Him we died and live again;  
And welcome peace, away with strife!  
For He returns to reign.  
Alleluia!

The crucified shall reign.  
A very happy and blessed Easter to us all,  
William Connelly.

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THY HOLY LIGHT, LORD JESUS.

Dear Jesus, I praise and give Thee thanks  
For helping me through all my pain and joy  
each day.

Praise to Thee for all the joys of living,  
For all the comforts that my home contains.  
Dear Jesus, make me content with what this  
day is giving,  
Bearing the losses, sharing out the gains.

I who need Thee now more so, praise Thee,  
For sound and sight made clearer,  
For the rain and wind, for scent and song  
and dew;  
May every evening bring Your presence, Lord,  
nearer,  
And Lord Jesus, lift my heart anew.

Lord Jesus, give me the faith to live  
One day at a time for Thee,  
Give me Thy hand to cling to in the darkness.  
Give me Thy love to light my path ahead.  
Give me Thy wisdom when my courage falters,  
And when you call me home, Lord,  
And Thy holy light to shine where I must tread.

In His love.

Peter Sheldon.

FOR TODAY.

Lord Jesus, today help me to help the world  
And not to hinder; nor lose my love towards  
                    my fellow folk,  
Nor be indifferent to another's talents,  
With ridicule and the unkindly joke.

This life on earth though but a lovely  
day is ending.

My sun has set above the highest hill.  
Now when Jesus calls me home  
There will be loving friends to wait my coming,  
To stretch a hand and draw me home to Thee  
For I know kindly kin who have gone before me  
And all my loved ones I am longing now to see  
For I know, through faith, all this did not come  
Without the Master's design;  
Our lives are fashioned by Thy hand divine.

In His love. Peter Sheldon.

A SOLDIER - HIS PRAYER.

I knew that death is but a door;  
I knew what we were fighting for -  
Peace for the lads, our brothers freed,  
A kinder world, a cleaner breed.

I'm but the son my mother bore,  
A simple man, and nothing more.  
But - God of strength and gentleness -  
Be pleased to make me nothing less!

Help me again when death is near,  
To mock the haggard face of fear,  
That when I fall, if fall I must,  
My soul may triumph in the dust!

Last three verses of this poem which was written on a scrap of paper during the Battle of El Agheila.

EXCITING NEW VIDEO FROM EUROVANGELISM.'Like Men Dreaming'

See the effects of the Gospel in such diverse settings as a sports stadium in Romania and among prisoners in a Siberian labour camp.

Psalm 126 opens with reference to 'captives' who are so bewildered by the blessing of release that they were 'like men dreaming'. This presentation focuses on Christians whose new freedoms in the former Soviet bloc have caused them to be 'like men dreaming'. During the filming of unprecedented scenes, from mass evangelism in Romania to newly-converted prisoners singing God's praises in a Siberian labour camp.

EUROVANGELISM's Gary Cox and Dave Foster claim that they, too, were 'like men dreaming'. As East European believers express their sometimes surprising reactions to sudden and unfamiliar freedom, they welcome the release it brings. Aware that being 'like men dreaming' is a luxury to be relished only briefly, they are now awakening to the reality of current opportunities.

'LIKE MEN DREAMING' is an excellent discussion-starter for Church and home groups and is available for loan or purchase. It features projects typical of the many-sided Ministry of EUROVANGELISM, a Missionary Service Organisation helping Christian Nationals in their Ministries. Purchase price £15, including postage and packing, or free loan. Write to: EUROVANGELISM. P.O. BOX. 50. KINGSWOOD. BRISTOL. BS15 1EX. Telephone no. 0272 615161. Running time 28 minutes. Those wishing to borrow the video might like to contact me so that I may put them in touch with each other.

N.B. The earlier video 'Miracle in Moscow' is still available on loan from me. Running time 15 minutes.

Phyllis Wheeler.

HUSSEIN PLOY LEADS TO BIBLE DEMAND.

Saddam Hussein's attempts to copy Nebuchadnezzar and rebuild Babylon has led to thousands of Iraqis trying to buy Bibles.

They want to find out more about the historical King and discover their own history in the pages of the Old Testament.

Christians travelling in the area also report that many Muslims are receiving visions of Jesus Christ. He appears to them as Isa, the Son of God, and shows them some of His Miracle Ministry, Gethsemane, 'Calvary, the Resurrection and Ascension.

These people, who have had no previous contact with Christians, then look at the Injil (New Testament) which is Isa's book.

Many Saudis are said to have travelled from Saudi Arabia specifically to buy the New Testament.

A worker has told 'Operation Mobilisation' that it is impossible to supply the demand for thousands of Bibles.

From 'Christian Herald' 9.2.91. P.W.

To leaders of Church organisations and  
hirers of Church halls and rooms.

Please draw to the attention of your Members the need to be careful when driving or parking in the Church driveway.

1. Do not obstruct corners with vehicles. Leave sufficient space for other vehicles to pass.
2. Parking immediately outside the exit doors of the Halls and Church is prohibited.
3. Follow the one-way system i.e. enter on the West side of Church and proceed along the perimeter drive in a Northerly direction, and park so that your vehicle does not cause an obstruction.

Do not attempt to drive in the forecourt of the Church as this area is reserved for ambulances or drivers with disabilities or handicaps.

Your co-operation will be appreciated. C.Nodes.

### GETTING THE MESSAGE.

Research indicates that people who read as well as hear Bible readings retain significantly more of the message than those who only hear it.

On hearing alone, only 15% of the message is retained. On reading alone the retention is increased to 40%, but when there is simultaneous reading and hearing the percentage rises to 60%.

Which is why the Bible Society is promoting special offers of 'pew' Bibles for Churches to buy in quantity and distribute throughout the Church.

The Minister can then invite the congregation to look up the relevant passage and follow for themselves the text as it is read from the pulpit.

The trouble at the moment, says the Bible Society, is that with the many modern translations of the Bible available, churchgoers are uncertain which one they should take, so many simply do not bother and fail to grasp the full impact of the Minister's message.

(Extracted from the European Christian Bookseller)

A 10% discount is still offered on all Good News Bibles for personal use, purchased from the Christian Book Centre, when charged to Goring U.R.C.

Ron Jordan.

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



### CHURCH FELLOWSHIP GROUPS.

Those of us able to attend the last Fellowship meeting at Julie and Charlie Ward's had again a most enjoyable evening. We appreciate all the effort which goes into their preparation for these meetings. As is now the routine we open these meetings with a prayer, and songs from Mission Praise. The songs, selected by any of those present, are unaccompanied, but we produce a joyful sound. Then we had a video of the 'Tomb Garden' which was most enjoyable and well presented. Afterwards there was a Quiz and we each put down our answers on a paper and marked our own results at the finish. Charlie and Julie had gone to a lot of trouble to have questions appropriate to Easter which was close at hand. It was this that made me think the questions would be very suitable for a little test we all might like to participate in at home, and enhance our knowledge of the Bible. And so I have got consent to publish the questions but without giving the actual answers. I have quoted the Bible verses wherein the answers lie. This should add to the interest in the Quiz and maybe improve our own appreciation of the events which took place. The questions follow on from this article and the references are at the back of this Chronicle.

Julie then gave us all a piece of marzipan with which to make an Easter Chick - good fun from this. We then had tea and hot cross buns - maybe a little 'hot', and a chat during which Julie displayed some of her excellent 'dough handiwork' to us all. This is very remarkable. Even the 'sandwiches' looked good enough to eat! The chat was so good we kept Julie and Charlie out of bed a long time. Our sincere thanks to them for all their very hard work in making each Fellowship Evening such an enjoyable and interesting occasion. We hope the other groups have an equally good time. Frazer Finlay.

### QUIZ QUESTIONS.

1. What is the traditional cake we have at Easter?
2. Who wrote 'There is a green hill far away'?
3. How many pieces of silver did Judas receive for betraying Jesus?
4. Name the field purchased with the money?
5. What did Pilate do to shed responsibility from himself?
6. Who did they force to help carry the Cross?
7. What does the word Golgotha mean?
8. After the crucifixion what did the soldiers do to divide between them Jesus' garments?
9. What was written on the sign above His head?
10. Name 3 of the statements Jesus made from the Cross?
11. What happened the moment Jesus gave up His spirit?
12. Who went to Pilate in the evening to ask for the body of Jesus for burial?
13. Why did the Chief Priests and the Pharisees go to Pilate and ask that a guard be placed on the tomb and to make it secure?
14. After the Sabbath day name the people who went to the Tomb?
15. What was the name of the Court which tried Jesus?
16. The Passover meal - can you name what is eaten and what it represents?
17. What does the Easter egg represent?

References are at the back but some answers are missing, so that someone might like to give their version of what is intended by their use. We found a slight variation among us on the purpose or reason for having them.

P.S. Has anyone got thoughts on producing further Quiz items on a regular basis. We found it very interesting and it improved our knowledge. Maybe our Minister might be persuaded to present some ten or twelve at a time, or one of the Elders, perhaps.

Frazer Finlay.

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For further details of any of these activities please contact the person whose name is shown above. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES ARE GIVEN IN THE Church Handbook, or can be obtained from the Vestry. If any of the information shown on the list needs to be up-dated please advise Mr. M. Ebeling on Worthing 40448 and the Chronicle Editor.

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JUBILEE TAPESTRY:- Photographs of this Tapestry are available from Dr. Roy Webb as follows:-

Postcard size. 6 x 4 60 pence each

Enlargements 10 x 8 £5.50 each.

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### T H E A R K.

We would welcome visits from members of the Church and if anyone would like to know more about the ARK please contact: Janice Byerley. Worthing 65993, Val Gill Worthing 67655. Sue Mitchell Worthing 66570.

R E F O R M.

A really beautiful cover for March Reform illustrating death and new life - just right for Easter. We are given advance notice of a day of prayer for the URC on Sat 27th April. There are a few items on the Middle East conflict which we read in a different way since the cease fire. Attention is drawn to the famine in Africa which has been overshadowed by events in the Gulf. The Editorial is very disturbing about Truth and Balance in news reporting headed 'When no one is looking'. Salman Rushdie, the Community for Reconciliation and St. Patrick's Day - diverse but similar. 'Making the cap fit the story' writes Roger Tones on 'The last shall be first etc.' Arachnaphilia, two amusing stories and a poem 'Thank God for Mums' are new to Reform. Why folk come to faith, a subject being undertaken by the Evangelism Research Project. Church Life shows ecumenism in the Church on the Rise. N. London: an invitation to Christians and Christian Groups to take part in the Welsh Garden Festival in 1992; Churches together in Dronfield; and Oxted's Three in One. The Book reviews range far and wide but two that appealed to me are 'Marie' about Marie Wilson who was killed at Enniskillen and 'Through Desert Places' a version of Psalms 1-50. Letters include comments on the new Hymn Book, Methodist Union and Children in Church. Homework for the month - find something about us again! Sheila Gooderham. Reform Distributor.

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SCHOOL AND COLLEGE PRAYER GROUPS.

6th Form College Prayer Group for Parents will be meeting in this Church on TUESDAY evening April 23rd from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. Irene Tuley.

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Humour in Church.

I once lived in a small village where the vicar began every Service by thanking God for one of His many blessings. One particular Sunday the weather was awful, gales and torrential rain. Very few made the effort to get to Church. We wondered what the vicar would find to thank God for in such conditions. He climbed the steps, looked down on his small drenched congregation and said, "Thank God the weather's not as bad as this every Sunday." George Lanning. Weymouth.

On SATURDAY 20th APRIL another concert. This time in order to raise some money to help pay for essential repairs to the organ - about £300 is needed. We shall start with tea in the Hall and then adjourn to the Church for a varied programme. Taking part will be Richard Colbourn, Andy Close and our Sunday evening music group - all very talented, some items from the Rowland Singers (they are very versatile) with solos from Jack Emery. Tickets will be on sale soon. Tea ticket and programme £2. Programme only £1.50

A grand Harvest Fair will take place on SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER. This will include a floral display and an exhibition of crafts in the Church. A meeting will be arranged soon to which each organisation will be asked to send a representative. Watch for announcements in Welcome and the Chronicle. S & R G.

The Harvest Fair - A Planning Meeting will be held in the Harris Room on Thursday evening 11th April at 7.30 pm. Please could each Organisation send a representative to this meeting to allocate stalls etc. Contact Sheila Gooderham for any information on Worthing 506452.

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THANKS.

To all who wrote to me while I was in hospital and since I've been home I wish to send my heartfelt thanks! To be remembered and prayed for by so many people must indeed empower the very air with healing, and I was indeed surrounded by such loving thoughts and prayers for those weeks.

Thank you all, including the Minister and Elders, Girls' Brigade, Women's Guild and so many friends, and thanks for the lovely plants and flowers, too! Kathleen Green.

May I, through the Chronicle, express my grateful thanks to the Minister, 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade, and the many other friends from the Church, for the sympathy and fellowship shown to me on the recent death of my dear sister.

Audrey Gerlach.

May I, through the Chronicle, express my thanks for the many kind remembrances given to me on my 95th Birthday, also for those who came to visit me on that day. How fortunate I am to belong to such a caring Fellowship. I am still able to be with you whenever I can. My special thanks to the Girls' Brigade, and to the Minister who provides transport for me to attend Church, weather permitting. Again many thanks.

Ellen Munday

TORCH MEETINGS.

St. Columba's U.R.C. 2.30 pm 6th April  
Jubilee Hall. Greenland Road. Durrington  
2.30 pm. 20th April

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THE ARK MOTHERS AND TODDLERS CLUB

Every Thursday 10 to 11.30 am in Church Hall.  
Janice Byerley and Valerie Gill

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GEAR DAY CONFERENCE. TO BOLDLY GO.

SATURDAY 13th APRIL 10.30am to 4.30pm. at  
 HASOCKS UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. KEYMER ROAD.  
 HASOCKS. Bookings and enquiries :- Rev. Michael  
 Playdon, BD., 15 Chancellors Park. Hassocks.

Theme:- TO BOLDLY GO. Faith - and how to share it

The programme includes worship, and provision  
 for younger children. Coffee will be available  
 from 10am, and the day will end with tea at  
 4.30pm. A creche will be provided for 0-5 years  
 and a programme for 5-12s. Other young people  
 will join adults for the main sessions. Please  
 bring a Bible, notebook and pen. An offering will  
 be taken during the closing worship.

It is situated on the north side of B2116.  
 Keymer Road between Chancellors Park and Grand  
 Avenue, Hassocks, a short distance to the east of  
 the B.R. Station. Parking is in the long-stay car  
 park almost opposite the church, and in  
 surrounding streets.

Conference fees. Adults £1.50, Children up to  
 12 No charge, Other young people still in  
 education 50 pence. Cheques made payable to  
 Hassocks GEAR Day.

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BADMINTON.

Come and join us playing badminton in the  
 Chchurch Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to  
 9.30 pm. 30 pence an evening to cover shuttles  
 and a cup of coffee. Beginners are welcome and we  
 have spare racquets to borrow.

Carol Webber (690334) Janice Byerley (65993)



"TILL HE COME"

These wonderful words are said every time we take Communion; they are from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 11 verse 26. 'For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do show forth the Lord's death, till He come.'

Thus at the fellowship meal of the Church, at the moment we celebrate the Eucharist and keep our Lord's command - 'Do this to call me to mind' there is this wonderful promise, and, too, a tremendous challenge. This is not a human formula; it is part of God's word - the assured future for every believer. 'I go to prepare a place for you ..... I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am, you may be also' John 14. A very present comfort in the context of world affairs.

I do not know the origin of the following words but they are worth passing on.

'HE SHALL COME AGAIN WITH GLORY'

Considering that I have said these words so often in church it is amazing that I have never taken them very seriously. How seriously are we meant to take them? It is certainly the case that the first disciples took them very seriously indeed. According to the Book of Acts the first thing that the disciples heard, after the ascension of Christ was the promise of His return. And in His own teaching it seems quite clear that Jesus frequently spoke about His second coming. I see that this event is referred to over two hundred times in the New Testament. The book is full of it. So far as the Bible is concerned then - so far as the Creeds are concerned then - so far as the Church is concerned then the whole idea of Christ's second coming is not an optional extra to which, out of courtesy, we do no more than tip our hats in the creed. It is something of paramount importance. And amongst other things it must be something in which my own ordinary life must one day be involved. And yet it has been so foreign to my way of thinking it makes me think of cranks

and queer religious sects. And indeed it is just the sort of idea which can be so easily distorted by cranks within the Church and by critics outside it. What does the Bible tell us about it? That it will be sudden, universal, irreversible. Something beyond our powers, either to forecast or stop. It will be something absolutely just, right, fair and good. It will be a thing of great gladness for those who love God. It will be a day of terror and destruction for those who worship themselves. It will be a day of complete reality when the fictions with which we surround ourselves and cloud our minds are dispersed and we see God and ourselves as we truly are and at last understand everything.

Source unknown.

See also 1 Thessalonians Ch. 4. vv 13-18.

1 Corinthians ch 15 vv 51 - 52.

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Update on the Golden Oldies :-

Mr. & Mrs. Will Freeman. 56 years married.

September 1990.

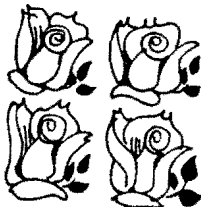
Any advance? Sheila Gooderham.

GO UNITED RENEWED in CHRIST.

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THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS VIDEO.

Copies may be purchased for £8.50, or hired for short periods of time for £1.00 per session. All proceeds will go to the Church Gift Day Fund. Graham Redman.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Chairman	Mr. T. Lyons
Treasurer	Mr. A. Head.
Secretary	Mr. S. Hider.

Committee:- Mr. J. Blackwood.  
Mr. R. Josselyn.

Our speaker on 26th February was the Revd John Ansley who gave us a very interesting insight into the life of Octavia Hill and her influence in helping to found the National Trust which, however, was only a small part of the activities of this energetic Christian lady. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries she fought to improve the living and working conditions of the poor, and many influential people e.g. John Ruskin and Lord Shaftesbury supported her efforts.

'Open Air Sitting Rooms' - the title of the talk - were Octavia's words to describe her vision of having areas of the countryside available for the delight and recreation of town dwellers. Sidney Hider.

April 9th Mr. & Mrs. Steve Stevens talk about their work with the Missionary Aviation Fellowship. 2.45 pm

April 23rd Annual General Meeting. 2.45pm

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CHURCH BOOKSTALL

On the revolving card stand there are two books that we have been asked by their authors to sell: "Jottings through the year" by Lilian Columbine at £2.00 the proceeds of which are to be donated to Christian Aid.

"More miracles of healing", by H.V.Frampton priced at £4.95.

(Please ensure remittance envelope is noted in order that I may make payment as appropriate.)

You are reminded that a selection of competitively priced greetings cards is maintained on the card stand.

More members of our congregation now visit the Christian Book Centre, 11 Chatsworth Road, and have their purchases of books, greetings cards, music etc., booked to 'Goring URC Account'. By so doing the Church receives a discount of 10%. In 1990 £184 was raised in this way. With your purchase you would be given an invoice which should be passed to me, without undue delay, with your remittance.

Ron Jordan.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Summer Programme 1991.

8th April	Early days of Nursing.	Robin Bradley.
22nd April	Buffet Supper.	
6th May	Making nylon flowers.	Betty Razzell.
20th May	'My Dancing Years'	Joan Priestley
3rd June	Methold House - Youth Hostel.	
	Mrs. Betty Marris.	
17th June	Wartime Memories - Members.	
1st July	Summer Walk.	
15th July	A.G.M. and Supper.	

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

Despite the very bad weather 42 members attended the meeting on 5th Feb - surely a recommendation to those ladies considering joining us!! Mr. David Randall, special promotions officer for the Sussex Wildlife Trust gave a most interesting talk, with slides, on the very worthwhile work of the Trust. The photographs of the centre at Woods Mill, Henfield, showed the many activities carried out there by children and grown-ups. Betty Hislop.

"My last visit to Papua" was the subject of Mrs. Dewdney's talk on Feb 26th. She and her husband went with the old 'London Missionary Society' as missionaries to Papua early in the 1930s when travel to that country was only by sea.

Her last visit was to attend the opening of a new Church dedicated to the memory of her and her husband, as a tribute for all the work they had both shared in Papua. The affection that the people felt for them both, and still for her on her arrival was demonstrated by the tremendous reception she got everywhere she went on that last visit. The slides she showed gave us a very good idea of life in Papua.

I was particularly interested in her talk for she went from Lewisham Congregational Church (Courthill) where I was a member and it was great talking about old Courthill friends whom we both remembered.

Mrs. Dowdney also recalled with love the years Lillah Redman spent with her in Papua. For many of us her talk brought back the days when in Church both young and old were brought up on 'Mission for Christ'.

March 12th. Another part of 'Mission' when Brigadier T. Cheadle, a retired Salvation Army Officer told us of the Army's work among 'Missing Persons'.

We see the Army at work in their meetings and out of doors when we listen to their preaching and the band, but few of us have come into contact

with the many and varied activities within the Army, nor had we realized the training necessary for so many professional works they undertake.

It was a most interesting and enlightening afternoon, and how we appreciated it was shown in a donation of £50 towards their great work for Christ.  
E. Dearsley.

April 9th The Iris Milsom Trio. 2.45 pm

April 23rd Annual General Meeting. 2.45 pm

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THE NEXT LADIES' DAY OF PRAYER is being held at Goring United Reformed Church on APRIL 6th this year from 10am to 4 pm with a lunchtime break. It is a Saturday. Rosemary Kitto.

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On Saturday 27th April U.R.C. District Spring Meeting "Just Peace Church" Rev. Roy Parkington at Petworth U.R.C. 2.30 pm.

On Monday 29th April to Friday 3rd May U. R. C. General Assembly at Torbay

WE WELCOME all who attend our Services (or receive The Chronicle) and hope you find this time of Worship a helpful and enriching experience.

Please tick in empty spaces below if you require any of these or if they refer to you:-

VISITOR.....NEW RESIDENT....

REQUEST FOR PASTORAL CALL.....

JOIN ENVELOPE SCHEME.....

COVENANT MY GIVING.....

NAME & ADDRESS :- .....

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TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

### 5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Thank you for the gracious way you accepted our Smartie tubes. At the time of writing 52 have been returned and we are delighted with your generous response. Some 248 tubes are still out there somewhere! They can be returned by giving them to any of our Officers, or to Dr. Webb, or via the Offertory plate. Again, our grateful thanks.

We are hoping to hold a Jumble Sale on Saturday April 13th at 2 pm in the Church Hall. If you have any items for collection please let a GB Officer know and arrangements will be made to call between April 9th & 12th. We cannot accept items before then due to lack of storage space.

So far we have had no response to our invitation for anyone who is interested, to join us on our outing to the Girls' Brigade display at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday May 4th. We have 12 seats to spare in the coach and at the display at an all-in cost of £10. We do hope some of you will join us.

Blessings.

Jean Webb.

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Novels by local author obtainable from  
OPTIMUS BOOKS - Warwick Street. Worthing.  
'THE VIKINGS' £4.95 by Leslie Montford.  
'THE TUNNEL DIG' and 'THE SACCHARIN MURDERS'  
£6.95 by Leslie Montford.

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The Walking Haystack. £4.95. Eileen Jordan.

## BOOK NEWS



### COVENANT SCHEME.

You will no doubt be aware that the Covenant Scheme is a very important source of income for the Church as it enables us to recover tax of £3.33 for every £10 covenanted, but at the present time less than one quarter of Church Members have taken out covenants.

You may have thought about covenants but decided that you did not want to commit yourself for four years but we can assure you that if for any reason your circumstances change the Treasurer will not appear on your doorstep asking for arrears.

We would be very grateful if more people could take out covenants and if you have any queries we should be pleased to help in any way we can.

Audrey and Michael Ebeling.

Covenant Secretaries.

### CAN A MARRIED WOMAN COVENANT?

Separate taxation of a wife's income has made it very complicated to work out whether a wife can covenant, but you should bear in mind the underlying principle that the Inland Revenue will not make a repayment of income tax to the church unless it has already received tax from the wife in some form or other.

In the present tax year to 5th April 1991 banks and building societies have to deduct income tax from interest paid on deposit accounts with them and you cannot reclaim this regardless of the level of your total income. This means that the Revenue has received income tax from you, and so you could make a nett covenant up to the amount of your net interest. remembering that half of any interest on joint accounts will be treated as a wife's income, even if she did not actually put anything into the account herself.

However, this situation changes with effect from April 6th 1991 because any income tax deducted at source will be recoverable if the

income is covered by your Personal Allowance. Unfortunately this means that you have to work out whether you have any taxable income before you can tell whether you could make a covenant.

The calculation is as follows:-

Add any gross salary or earnings

State Pension (even if it is paid due to your husband's National Insurance contributions rather than your own.

Any other pension in your own right

Gross dividends on your own shares

Bank or Building Society interest on accounts in your own name.

Half the interest on any joint bank account or building society accounts

One third of the bank or building society interest. (i.e. the tax deducted)

Deduct your Personal Allowance, which is as follows:-

£3,005 if you are under 65

£3,670 if you are between 65 and 75

£3,820 if you are over 75.

You can pay as a net covenant three-quarters of the amount by which your income exceeds your Personal Allowance.

As an example, supposing Mrs. GURC, who is aged 67, has the following income:

	£
State Pension	2,478
Building society interest on her own account	250
Half the interest on a joint building society account	800
	<u>3,528</u>
She adds one-third of the building society interest	350
	<u>3,878</u>
She deducts her Personal Allowance	3,670
	<u>208</u>

She can therefore pay an annual net covenant of three-quarters of £208 which is £156 - or £3 per week.

Do please sit down and see whether you can covenant because the church has far less money than the Inland Revenue and would be grateful for your help.

Michael Ebeling.

### 5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE

OFFICERS:- Captain DON STEWART

Lieutenant MALCOLM NICHOLLS.

MEETING NIGHTS MONDAYS

Anchor Boys 5 pm

Junior Boys 6 pm

FRIDAYS Boys Brigade 7 pm

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### 5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

OFFICERS:-

Captain Mrs. J. WEBB

Lieutenants Mrs. B. BRUNTON Mrs. A. BALDWIN

Mrs. M. CRAGHILL Miss D. ELLIOTT

Miss J. GARDNER

MEETING NIGHTS:-

TUESDAYS Explorers 5 to 8 years 6 to 7.15 pm

Juniors 8 to 11 years 6 to 7.45 pm

Seniors 11 to 14 years 6 to 8.30 pm

Brigaders 14 yrs upwards 6 to 9.30 pm

- 23 Tue Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship 2.45pm.  
Sixth Form College Prayer Group 7.30 to 8.30pm
- 24 Wed Missionary Monthly Service 10.30 am.  
Badminton 7.30 to 9.30 pm 30 pence.  
Bible Study 38 Trent Rd. 8 pm.
- 25 Thu Ark Mothers and Toddlers Club 10 - 11.30am  
Church meeting 7.30 pm.
- 26 Fri Kestro Stroke Club 2pm I've been there. Members  
memories of foreign travels.  
Choir practice 7.30pm
- 27 Sat U.R.C. District Spring Mtg Petworth URC 2.30pm  
Youth Club. 7pm Barn Dance in Main Hall  
£2.00
- 28 Sun Holy Communion. 8am Divine Worship 11am.  
6.30 See Welcome.
- 29 Mon General Assembly at TORBAY to 3rd May
- May 1 Wed. Badminton 7.30 to 9.30 pm 30 pence.

### Answers to Quiz at Easter.

1. Have you guessed?
2. Frances Alexander.
3. Matthew 26 14-16.
4. Matthew 27 6-8
5. Matthew 27 24
6. Matthew 27 31-32. Mark 15 20-21.
7. Matthew 27 32-33. Mark 15 22-23.
8. Matthew 27 35. Mark 15 24.
9. Matthew 27 36-37. Mark 15 25-26.  
John 19 19.
10. Matthew 27 45-50. John 19 25.  
Luke 23 41-44.
11. Matthew 27 51 Mark 15 38
12. Matthew 27 57 John 19 37-39.  
Mark 15 42-45.
13. Matthew 27 63-65
14. Mark 16 1 Matthew 28 1
15. Can you name the Court?
16. Now - what does the meal consist of  
and represent?
17. I wonder why we used to roll Easter eggs?

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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-LIVING WORDS

Signs and Symbols used to project interest and meaning where words appear to fail, abound. What is the logo of your firm or business? Do you find it helpful, deceiving, funny or without meaning? The idea of a logo from the Greek *λογος*..... is to use 'pictorial shorthand' for practical publicity.

Cambridge University has now entered the world of commerce by registering its four-hundred-and-eighteen-year-old crest as a trademark, and together with a number of other universities from Paris to Tokyo to America, will be marketed round the world. And you will remember your old school or college 'motto', as we called them in those days. 'Tenax Propositi' - 'firm of purpose' was my school motto, and it was drilled into our minds, if not wills.

The United Reformed Church has a logo. It is the Cross and Fish; no signs earlier than these express the faith. But you ask, why the fish? Find out and with all things that we discover for ourselves we shall remember it better - perhaps you could ask that person who wears the sign of the fish in his button hole if he knows what it means. After all, the logo and motto are there to inform and not to confuse.

14th April's morning sermon was based on a motto. 'Et teneo et teneor' is the logo of a very dear friend of mine with whom I spend many happy hours. Scripturally based, upon Deuteronomy 33 verse 27 with reinforcement from Romans 8 verses 37-39 and St. Matthew 28 verses 16-20, this text or motto may be translated :-

I BOTH HOLD AND AM HELD.

To go back to the world of advertisements and logos, we do not believe that the God who is revealed to us in the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ is 'probably' the best God in the

world. We believe Him to be that One and True Living Power in love and grace to hold on to us eternally, even when by reason of age or weakness we cannot hold on to Him.

Remember this when we sing :-

Have faith in God, my soul,  
His Cross for ever stands;  
And neither life nor death can pluck  
His children from his hands.



GOD BLESS YOU ALL

WILLIAM CONNELLY.

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CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS FOR 1991.

Friday May 10th A UNITED SERVICE TO START THE WEEK will be held at St. Paul's Church, Chapel Road. Worthing at 7.30 pm. Preacher - The Revd. ROGER NUNN. Baptist Union.

Sunday May 12th Austerity lunch at West Worthing Baptist Church at 12.30 pm.

Wednesday May 15th Coffee morning and bring and buy sale at St. Mary's Hall, Goring at 10.30 am.

Same day a Coffee morning at St. Paul's Church Hall 10.15am to Noon.

Same day a Coffee morning and bring and buy sale and raffle for St. Botolph's at 32 Langham Court, Grand Avenue. Tickets 50 pence from Mrs. Freestone on Worthing 34956.

Thursday May 16th an Austerity lunch at St. Paul's Church Hall Noon to 1.15 pm.

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Did you purchase a jig-saw-puzzle at a recent jumble sale and find you were a piece short? If so the Editor has such a piece in his possession found outside the Church. SEE PAGE 14.

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GEAR DAY HASSOCKS U.R.C. 13 April 1991

The Gear Day showed us that there are opportunities for all in the field of Evangelism. John Hall, with a lively group of assistants, guided delegates through a course of prayer, praise and practical workshops.

Those who were able to make it to the Church in good time were welcomed warmly and helped to refreshments. After a full welcome by the Minister, the chairman of Gear, John Hall took his place to lead the prayer and praise. During this opening session he asked us to tell him what we knew about God and Jesus. This exercise enabled us to see that the old excuse of 'we wouldn't know what to say' is not valid!

With that in mind he introduced us to the first of the practical group sessions. In our assigned group we considered three situations:-

1. A seriously sick friend (knows you well - that you go to church, etc.) says 'I'm afraid to die, why do you believe in God?

What do you say?

2. You are on the London to Three Bridges train and get into a conversation about Christianity with another passenger. As you pull out of Gatwick (2 minutes to Three Bridges) they say 'What makes a person a Christian then?

What do you say?

3. Prepare two or three illustrations/analogies which describe the content of the Gospel.

It was not easy to complete the task within an hour let alone two or three minutes. There was a high quality in the replies of all the groups during the report back session before lunch.

Many expressed the feeling that from now on they would carry a tract or two in their pocket, together with a condensed testimony.

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Lunch was taken in the warm Spring sunshine, with the children playing and telling us of their activities.

As an introduction to the afternoon workshops John Hall asked us to consider Christ's great commission to us all. The workshops were to take the collective theme of Temple, Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the rest of the world. How were we to evangelise to the different groups of people?

Each of the groups names indicate their closeness to God, or their own relationship to us, those of the Temple being the closest - fellow Church members.

My group considered the Samaritans (beyond the fringe). These are the people who wish to get something out of the Church i.e. Parents who leave children at the door of Junior Church and collect them an hour or so later. Baptismal, Wedding, Funeral parties each with a different expectation of what the Church should give them. However, because they are on Church territory an opening is available for discussion and hence opportunities for further meetings. We were introduced to the concept of the 'Good News Down the Street' approach.

The final prayer and praise was further enlivened by the children who showed off their handicrafts, and led us all in the singing of 'Who's the King of the jungle? Uh! Uh!' We finished the singing with Ruth's favourite 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'.

Before setting off for home more tea was drunk and addresses exchanged. We left Hassocks feeling that we had had a very good day out. John Hall and his assistants had taught us, encouraged us, showing us that we too could be on the train and be required to give our best for Jesus in 2/3 minutes.

Keith Williams.

GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1990

<u>1989</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989 PAYMENTS</u>	<u>1990</u>
£		£	£	£
18755	F. W. O.		MMM +	
	Envelopes and		Min. Suppt.	
	Bankers Orders	21906	16564	18348
9297	Loose	10093		
		272	Nat Ins Con	296
195	Donations		198	
		284 Pulpit		
			Supply	260
2685	Rents	4846	672 Car	1052
---	Donations			
	Heating	603	1897 Manse	1988
3557	Income Tax			
	Refund	4137	Church/Halls.	
972	Dividends	982	2592 Cleaning	2592
1127	Interest	1391	1040 Heating	3010
-	Gift Day	5531	738 Rates	378
	Insurances:-			
	Claims/			
204	Refunds	1277	4179 Repairs/	
			Dectns.	4579
1327	Sundries	1828	1040 Music	929
			Miscellaneous.	
			300 Jnr. Ch.	300
			483 Prntg/Stary	861
			277 Ch. Phone	326
			152 Subs&Dontns	160
			552 Secretarial	537
			4620 Unifd Apl	5040
			-- Other Funds	5190
			3001 Sundries	4294
			Excess	1118
<u>38119</u>		<u>52792</u>	<u>39923</u>	<u>52792</u>

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS.

	Bal.	Inc.	Exp.	Bal.
	31.12.89			31.12.89
ARK	177	494	514	156
Boys' Brigade	793	1410	1363	840
Choir	61	95	75	81
Flowers	246	837	848	236
Gils' Brigade	4190	2939	2628	4501
Men's Fellowship	30	58	48	41
Women's Guild	176	878	865	189
Bookstall	167	1927	1736	358
Junior Church	128	1204	1274	58
World Mission Committee	86	133	199	26
Monday Evng. Fellowship	57	59	77	39

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCH HEATING COSTS.

Kestro Stroke Club	100
Men's Fellowship	25
Women's Guild	80
Boys' Brigade	50
Youth Club	25
Ark	50

DONATIONS TO CHARITIESCHURCH ORGANIZATIONSCHURCH

From Junior Church	640	To Christian Aid	1526
From Women's Guild	523	To Worthing Council of Churches	40
from M. E. F.	56	To Westminster College	50
From Men's Fellowship	12	To Nrthn. Coll	50
From Anchor Boys	10	To Bible Soc.	40
From Girls' Bde.	1000	To Untd. Nations	10
(To be donated to Menscap later)			

EXCITING NEW VIDEO FROM EUROVANGELISM.'Like Men Dreaming'

See the effects of the Gospel in such diverse settings as a sports stadium in Romania and among prisoners in a Siberian labour camp.

Psalms 126 opens with reference to 'captives' who are so bewildered by the blessing of release that they were 'like men dreaming'. This presentation focuses on Christians whose new freedoms in the former Soviet bloc have caused them to be 'like men dreaming'. During the filming of unprecedented scenes, from mass evangelism in Romania to newly-converted prisoners singing God's praises in a Siberian labour camp.

EUROVANGELISM's Gary Cox and Dave Foster claim that they, too, were 'like men dreaming'. As East European believers express their sometimes surprising reactions to sudden and unfamiliar freedom, they welcome the release it brings. Aware that being 'like men dreaming' is a luxury to be relished only briefly, they are now awakening to the reality of current opportunities.

'LIKE MEN DREAMING' is an excellent discussion-starter for Church and home groups and is available for loan or purchase. It features projects typical of the many-sided Ministry of EUROVANGELISM, a Missionary Service Organisation helping Christian Nationals in their Ministries. Purchase price £15, including postage and packing, or free loan. Write to: EUROVANGELISM. P.O. BOX. 50. KINGSWOOD. BRISTOL. BS15 1EX. Telephone no. 0272 615161. Running time 28 minutes. Those wishing to borrow the video might like to contact me so that I may put them in touch with each other.

N.B. The earlier video 'Miracle in Moscow' is still available on loan from me. Running time 15 minutes.

Phyllis Wheeler.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Did you know that our Company is but one player in a big team of Companies, who are in turn organised into leagues and super leagues? Here's how it works. Our Company joins up with all the other Companies in our area to form a Battalion with its own name. Our Battalion in turn joins up with other Battalions to form large Districts such as South of England. The 20 Districts join together to complete our immediate family to form The BOYS' BRIGADE in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. The BB Team is managed by Brigade Executive, not a person but a group of people elected by the Districts, plus a number of top officials, but once a year a super-manager has a look in. His name is Brigade Council. As you have guessed Brigade Council is not a person but a meeting of all the Officers in our BB family. They get together for a weekend of meetings and fellowship, once a year. They take a close look at what is going on, and agree plans for the year ahead. In Centenary Year there were in the U.K. 3,024 Companies, 28,937 Leaders and 145,190 Members in our part of the BB family. And we have lots of relatives. The BB has grown from one small Company in Glasgow in 1883 into a worldwide family of some 400,000 members, spread through every continent, including Kindred Organizations in Scandinavia, America and India. In the early days it was a case of transplanting the BB Method, as used in the U.K., to other countries. Later on it was realised that it was necessary to adapt the activities of the BB to suit local conditions and cultures totally different to ours. Each country is responsible for its own affairs, but we are still a close family. The family is called THE WORLD CONFERENCE. Just as our own far flung relations like to come together at special seasons, like Christmas, so the BB family comes together every three years to plan and make decisions. Best wishes at this Whitsuntide.

Don Stewart. Captain.

VISIT BY U.P.C. ASSEMBLY MODERATOR.

The Moderator, Revd. Malcolm Hanson, will be visiting St. Columba's Church on Saturday evening May 25th, to lead a meeting starting at 7 pm. St. Columba's Church have kindly invited members and friends of our Church to attend. Please let me know if you would like to attend, as soon as possible.

Wilfred Rhodes. Secretary.

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FACE TO FACE.

A World Mission Conference will be held at The Hayes, Swanwick from 3rd to 9th August 1991. The conference is for all ages and will include a variety of activity groups. Cost will vary with age from a minimum of £13.70 to a maximum of £116.45, and will cover full board. Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact me for further details.

Sidney Hider.

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CHURCH TAPES.

Please look to see if you have in your possession Church Tapes which you may have borrowed and forgotten to return to Dr. Roy Webb. They are in very short supply. Thank you.

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KESTRO STROKE CLUB.

May 3rd Bring and Buy Sale.  
 May 10th 'JUSTICE' Talk by Mr. J. Sams. J.P.  
 May 17th Outing to 'Heaselands'.  
 May 24th 'Singalongs' Entertainment.  
 Do Goodchild.  
 May 31st Q U I Z.

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BEANO CLUB.

May 9th Pitch and Putt.  
 June 13th Bowls.  
 May 31 to June 2nd Family Camp.  
 June 29th Family Barbecue.

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JUBILEE TAPESTRY:- Photographs of this Tapestry are available from Dr. Roy Webb as follows:-

Postcard size. 6 x 4 50 pence each

Enlargements 10 x 8 £5.50 each.

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### R E F O R M.

The April Reform devotes some of its pages to the URC at the World Council of Churches Assembly at Canberra. There is an article headed 'A Challenging Church Census for the URC'. The Editor comments on the sale of arms and the census on church-going. In Bristol 20 congregations of different religions, including URC, have founded 'Congregations organised for a greater Bristol' - to try and get things done for the benefit of the whole community.

A personal interest in the article by David Bedford about the fellowship in London's East End. David was a young member in our former Church before entering the Ministry.

'The Mystery of Cain's wife' by Roger Tones. Has it been solved?

Church Life: The 14 Churches in Old Colwyn, North Wales, some with good old biblical names, hold an annual Ecumenical Fair in the URC hall: St. Martin's URC, South Oxhey raised £1,000 for the needy during December. "Our own church work is entirely supported by the regular giving of our members" says their Minister "so we are glad we can raise funds for charities ...."

Just before the Gulf war started, Christians in Iraq received 50,000 Scriptures through the offices of the Bible Society in Jordan.

Book reviews, including for the first time some fiction with a Christian theme. The letters section shows a healthy interest in all aspects of the URC, politics and social problems.

A mention is made of Mrs. K.E. Green's daughter, Rosemary. Can you find it?

Sheila Gooderham. Reform Distributor.

EXTRACT FROM ST. COLUMBA'S U.R.C. NEWS.A 'Tri de Coeur' from the Choir.Vocal Subtraction

9 in the Church Choir, no one ever late.  
 One went and got a cold  
 And then there were 8.

8 in the Church Choir, singing songs in Heaven,  
 One felt the nights too cold  
 And then there were 7.

7 in the Church Choir, getting in a fix,  
 One went and lost his voice,  
 And then there were 6.

6 in the Church Choir, trying to survive,  
 One went on holiday  
 And then there were 5.

5 in the Church Choir, calling out for more,  
 Another feels it's all too much,  
 And then there were 4.

Four are, alas, too few;  
 We sing with might and main.  
 Oh that we could find someone  
 Our numbers so to gain.

We found our volunteer organists,  
 And so we'll pray again  
 That someone with a heart and voice  
 Will come to us, Amen.

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A CHRISTIAN CRACKER FROM APRIL REFORM.

From the Parish Magazine of Collingham with Harewood.

"We shall be meeting on Wed 11th April when the subject will be 'Heaven. How do we get there?' Transport is available at 7.55 p.m. from the bus stop opposite the Harewood Arms." Daily Telegraph

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HARVEST FAIR SEPTEMBER 28/29th

At a recent meeting held to plan the Harvest Fair the following was agreed :-

There would be a Thanksgiving Week-end on 28/29th September 1991 to include the Harvest Fair and Harvest Festival. A time to give thanks to God for all His gifts and blessings - not only of the Harvest - and to share in fellowship together.

In the Church there will be a Flower Festival incorporating exhibits of Craft made by members of the fellowship. This will include woodwork, tapestry, art work, embroidery, crochet, dried flowers, etc., etc., and Mrs. Dorothy Turner will have overall responsibility for this.

In the main hall there will be stalls of :-

PLANTS and PRODUCE - Men's Fellowship.

CAKES - Women's Guild

HOMEMADE - Monday Evening Fellowship

BRIC-A-BRAC and BOOKS.- Minister & Boys' Brigade

CHILDREN'S STALL - Junior Church and Ark.

HOLIDAY STALL - Girls' Brigade.

GENERAL STORE - .

There will be GAMES OF SKILL AND COMPETITIONS and possibly an AUCTION. PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCHES AND REFRESHMENTS will be served.

Although the Organisations will be responsible for certain stalls this does not mean that they will be solely responsible for stocking it. This is where you all come in. Any donations you have for the stalls will be given to a representative. Each month between now and September I will give details of names.

Because of its title 'HOLIDAY STALL' mention of it needs to be made now. The idea is that whenever you go on holiday you bring back a small item for the stall i.e. tea towel, handkerchief, stick of rock (?) etc. If you take day trips out - the same idea. All contributions to Capt. Jean Webb and Officers of the Girls' Brigade.

Watch out for information in both the Chronicle and Welcome. Sheila Gooderham 506452

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BADMINTON.

Come and join us playing badminton in the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. 30 pence an evening to cover shuttles and a cup of coffee. Beginners are welcome and we have spare racquets to borrow.

Carol Webber (690334) Janice Byerley (65993)

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

I would just like to say how moved I was by the wonderful warmth of my welcome into Church Membership on 7th April and to thank in particular Rev. William Connelly, Hilary and Sheila, my two Elders, and my family and friends who supported me and surrounded me with their love.

God Bless you all.

Doreen Norris.

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GOLDEN OLDIES.

Mr. & Mrs. John Blackwood have been married 56 years June 1990.

Mr. Bill & Mrs. Eileen Searle have been married 61 years February 1991. They now live at Birchington, Kent and visit Worthing once a year when they come to our Church. They were last in Church on 14th April 1991. Any more?

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.

MAY 13th to MAY 18th inclusive.

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MINISTRY - NATIONAL ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE.

MAY 30th to JUNE 1st inclusive.

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NEW MEMBERS - HANDBOOK ADJUSTMENTS

14a Mrs. D. NORRIS. 3 Penshurst Court,

Ashburnham Close.

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14a Mr. LEX CAMERON 7 Burnham Road.

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CONTRIBUTION FROM PHYLLIS WHEELER.

The following quotation I find very helpful and so I share it with readers of the Chronicle:-

'I felt deeply perplexed as to the right course to pursue in reference to attempting a settlement of the matter, and own to have felt serious misgivings ....lest I had made a mistake. I do not know whether I was right or not but I simply cried to the Lord to pity His little child and undertake the matter, mistakes and all, and see us through.

How sweet and blessed it is to take the Lord on this ground; I find it more and more. "The God of Jacob is our Refuge". I like to say : 'Yes Lord, I admit all my blunders and folly and sins, but that is just the reason why I count upon Thee to undertake the matter' "The Lord is very pitiful and easy to be entreated and does not upbraid" (anon) Phyllis Wheeler.

'He fixed thee midst this dance of plastic  
circumstance;  
This present thou, forsooth, would'st fain  
arrest;  
Machinery just meant  
To give thy Soul its bent,  
Try thee and turn thee forth sufficiently  
impressed'  
Anon.

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JIG-SAW  
PIECE.

BEANO CLUB - CHURCH FAMILY CAMP.

By popular demand BEANO are again organizing TWO Church family camps this year.

The first is at SOUTHWATER from Friday 31st MAY to Sunday 2nd JUNE. If you can join us please add your name to the list in the Church entrance or contact Peter Mitchell, Ken Arkinstall or Julian Brewer. Day-visitors are also most warmly welcomed so do come and join in the fun.

The second camp will be 30th AUGUST to 1st SEPTEMBER. More details nearer the time, but MARK YOUR DIARIES NOW!!!! Julian Brewer.

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BILLY GRAHAM'S SCOTTISH SCHEDULE.

MAY 25-6 MURRAYFIELD, EDINBURGH.

MAY 30-JUNE 1. PITTODRIE, ABERDEEN.

JUNE 4-8. CELTIC PARK, GLASGOW. Transmitted live by satellite throughout United Kindom

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YOUR CHURCH AND THE HEALING MINISTRY.

Provincial Day Conference East Croydon U.R.C.

SATURDAY JUNE 1st 1991. 10.30 to 4.30

Introduced by Revd. Ralph Essex, a URC Minister, recently chaplain at Crowhurst Home of Healing. Revd. Mike Playdon of the National Health and Healing Committee will introduce us to the URC's Health and Healing Study Pack.

Please bring packed lunch. Coffee and tea provided. No parking available at East Croydon Church but local car parks can be used, or come by train to East Croydon Station. (BR) only 5 minutes walk from the Church. Booking form from Revd. John CROCKER, 4 Blunts Way, Horsham. West Sussex. RH 12 2BL.

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PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR A HEALING SERVICE

TO BE HELD AT COURTLANDS ON THURSDAY 27th JUNE at 7.30 p.m. GORING NEW LIFE CHURCH.

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### NEW'S FELLOWSHIP

On 12th March Mrs. Dulcie Knapman told us how the 'promenaders' decided to subscribe to a permanent memorial to their master musician, Sir Malcolm Sargent, who died in 1967. He had spent much of his life taking the classics to young audiences; his life was ended by cancer; so the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children was a logical combination of these two facts. On the advice of a Royal Marsden cancer consultant the Fund is used to help young patients and their families with the heavy incidental costs associated with the illness e.g. travelling between home and hospital, providing extra home care, etc. Starting in 1969 with a few hundred pounds the Fund now has an annual turn-over of £14 million, employs 47 hospital-based social workers, runs 2 holiday homes for patients and their parents and helps in many other practical ways. We were only too pleased to collect £40 for such a worthy cause.

On 9th April Steve Stevens spoke about his service with the Missionary Aviation Fellowship as an evangelist/pilot. Having flown various types of aircraft in the RAF both during and after the last war he, with his wife's support, decided to put his skills to use in the Mission Field. The M.A.F. was then an embryonic organization but in the following 40 years has grown to maturity, operating 140 light aircraft in areas of the world e.g. New Guinea, Sudan, Nigeria, etc., where overland travel is both time-consuming and hazardous. They fly missionaries into and out of, remote stations, transport urgent medical cases to hospital and carry Christian literature and films to districts inaccessible by road. The pilots' primary task is to propagate the Gospel, their flying skills are a means to this end. A spontaneous collection at the end of this very interesting and informative talk raised £35.

Sidney Hider

WOMEN'S GUILD.

Our Easter meeting jointly with the Men's Fellowship arranged Easter hymns and readings bringing the true meaning of Easter to every one of us. The Service was led by Mr. Tom Lyons whose prayers inspired the meeting.

In the Guild we love to sing and our last two hymns 'Raise the Cross' and 'All for Jesus' proved this, for they were sung with such feeling, surely in our hearts meaning every word we sang; remembering we were preparing for Easter, Jesus' death for us on Good Friday and His glorious resurrection on Easter Day.

On April 9th we were entertained by the Iris Milsom Trio. A singer, a violinist and an excellent piano accompanist. We heard tunes we loved played by the violinist, songs from well-loved shows we remembered all beautifully accompanied on the piano.

From where I sat I saw many lips singing - silently of course - and I realized how many of us were sharing so many happy memories.

Ethel Dearsley

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SCHOOL AND COLLEGE PRAYER GROUPS.

6th Form College Prayer Group for Parents will be meeting in this Church on TUESDAY evening June 11th from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. Irene Tuley.

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TORCH MEETINGS.

St. Columba's U.R.C. 2.30 pm 4th MAY  
Jubilee Hall. Greenland Road. Durrington  
2.30 pm. 18th MAY

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THE ARK MOTHERS AND TODDLERS CLUB

Every Thursday 10 to 11.30 am in Church Hall.  
Janice Byerley and Valerie Gill

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SPRING CONCERT.

On the evening of 20th April we held a Spring Concert in our Church to raise some money for the repairs to the organ and it was a most enjoyable and friendly occasion. It was a treat to hear the organ being played in all its glory and to hear Jacki Emery and the Rowland Singers.

I would like to extend my thanks to those of the fellowship who took part, to Richard Colbourn on the organ, to Hilary and Geoffrey Redman, Eileen and Wilfred Rhodes, Jane and Elizabeth Bond, Bill Marshall, Ron Jordan and Michael Ebeling who gave their talents and their ALL to entertain and amuse us and to Norman Prattent who linked it all together.

We were fed beforehand by Lily Collison, Rosemary Evans, Dorothy Miller and Olive Bushby and a number of people provided cakes, then a large party of washers-up finished off the evening.

It was a lovely time of fellowship and, by the way, we raised over £100 (ONE HUNDRED POUNDS). Many thanks to you all. Sheila Gooderham.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Summer Programme 1991.

6th May	Making nylon flowers. Betty Razzell.
20th May	'My Dancing Years' Joan Priestley
3rd June	Methold House - Youth Hostel.
	Mrs. Betty Marris.
17th June	Wartime Memories - Members.
1st July	Summer Walk.
15th July	A.G.M. and Supper.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADEMAY 12th CHURCH PARADE.

Thank you for the support you have given us with your generosity through the Smartie Tubes. If you still have a tube you wish to hand in please either give it to a Girls' Brigade Officer or girl, or put it on the Offertory Plate. We will announce the total after all the tubes are in.

Thank you also to all who helped and supported our Jumble Sale. The amount raised will be announced in next month's Chronicle.

It is good to be back after the Easter break and it is a long session of 14 weeks for us to enjoy and be busy with badgework. April 21st was our Annual District Church Parade, held this year at West Worthing Baptist Church, and on May 4th we look forward to our visit to the Royal Albert Hall Display.

If you have any oddments of white or yellow wool to spare we will be very grateful for them.

Our Company will be responsible for running the 'HOLIDAY STALL' at the Harvest Fair on September 28th. The stall will consist of items brought back from holidays by members of our Church i.e. tea towels, pens, or any souvenirs you may wish to donate (not biscuits or rock if you have an early holiday, please!!). Any Girls' Brigade Officer will be pleased to receive any donations to this stall. We would be grateful if the items were priced beforehand. Thank you.

Lt. Margaret Craghill.

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 Novels by local author obtainable from the author. 'The Walking Haystack.' £4.95.

Eileen Jordan.

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- 22 Wed Badminton 7.30 to 9.30 pm 30 pence.  
Bible Study 38 Trent Rd. 8 pm.
- 23 Thu Ark Mothers and Toddlers Club 10 - 11.30am  
Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm.
- 24 Fri Kestro Stroke Club 2pm Singalong  
Choir practice 7.30pm
- 25 Sat Moderator St. Columba's Church
- 26 Sun Holy Communion. 8am Divine Worship 11am.  
6.30 See Welcome.
- 29 Wed Monthly Missionary Service 10.30 am  
Badminton 7.30 pm 30 pence
- 30 Thu Ministry - National Assessment Conf. to 1/6  
Ark 10 to 11.30 am  
Church Meeting 7.30 pm
- 31 Fri Kestro Stroke Club 2 pm Q U I Z.  
Choir Practice 7.30 pm  
Family Camp - Beano Club to 2/6
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YOUTH CLUB.

- May 4th Club Night 7 - 9 pm.
- May 11th Ice skating at Brighton Ice Rink.  
Approx £4.00  
Cost and times to be confirmed.
- May 18th Club Night 7 - 9 pm.
- May 25th No Club. Spring Bank Holiday.
- Jun 1st Swimming. Cost & Venue details later.

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HOLIDAYS 1991.

Spectrum Leaders 18-25. A Challenge to Survive as a leader running Spectrum Camp. Training week-end in June. August 12-24 at BALA, North Wales £75.

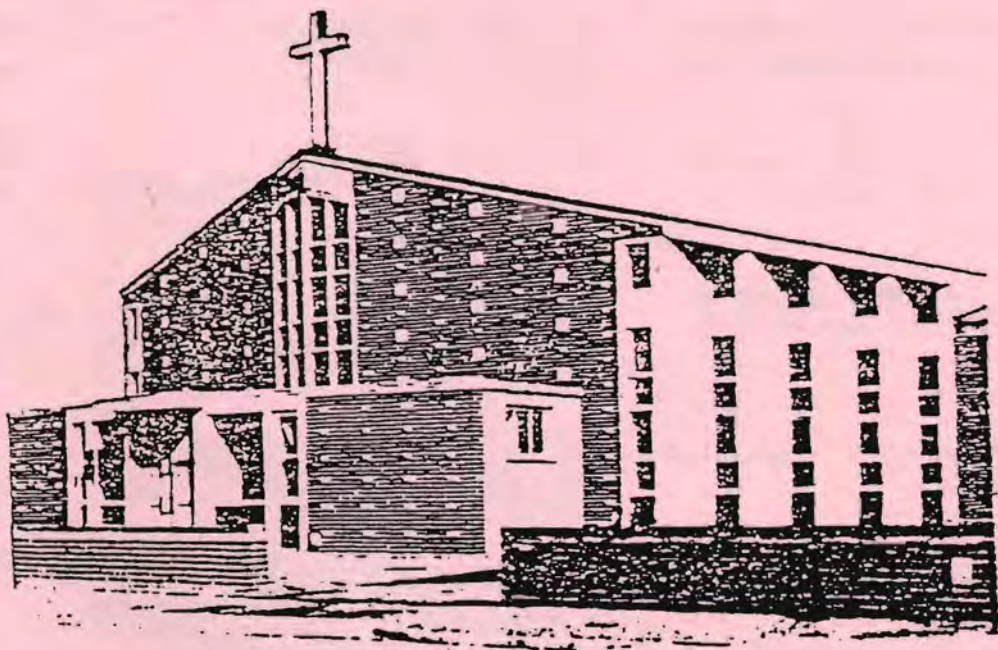
CPW (Camp Project Wales) 18 + Two holiday camps staffed by young people, under experienced leaders, to give youngsters from inner-city areas an adventurous week in a changed environment. BALA, North Wales. July 20-28 and July 28-August 5th. £40 per week + fares pool.  
See January 1991 Reform.

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# The CHRONICLE



GORING  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE - WEST WORTHING

25 PENCE

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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-CHRISTIAN FREEDOM.

I await, my soul doth wait  
 For Him who on His shoulder bears the key;  
 I sit fast bound, and yet not desolate  
 My mighty Lord is free.

He cometh! - o'er my woes  
 A victor, purple in His garments stain.  
 Red with the life-blood of His conquered foes  
 And mine, - Sin, Death and Pain.

Be thou uplifted, Door  
 Of everlasting strength! The Lord on high  
 Hath gone, and captive led for evermore  
 My long captivity.

It may not always be realized that the Calvary Road leads to true Christian Freedom. The above poem by Dora Greenwell echoes the words of Martin Luther in his pamphlet 'On Christian Liberty' - 'A Christian man is the most free lord of all and subject to none. A Christian man is the most dutiful servant of all and subject to everyone' Work out the paradox in your life!

Jesus had problems with His disciples on the Calvary Road - He still does! James and John were asking Jesus for places of glory in His Kingdom - their hope to sit there one on either side of the Lord. A gracious Saviour begins to teach them (again!) the way to glory - it is the Royal Way of the Cross.

Thomas à Kempis writes in 'The Imitation of Christ' "My son, thou canst not possess perfect liberty unless thou wholly renounce thyself" of St. Matthew 16 v 24, and adds "Jesus hath now many lovers of His Heavenly Kingdom but few bearers of His Cross.

'For even the Son of Man did not come to be served: he came to serve and to give His life to redeem many people' St. Mark 10 v 45.

A question based upon St. Mark 10 v 38 and Galations 2 v 20 'I am crucified with Christ'. Is it not the true meaning of being baptised in the Holy Spirit to take your place beside Christ on the Cross and so to enter into the perfect freedom of the children of God?

### JOY IN THE LORD

'In no other religion and in no other literature is JOY so conspicuous as in Christianity and the Bible. Physically and psychologically speaking it is the criterion of health whereby all the powers and affections are enriched and harmonized. So in religion it denotes the satisfaction of the soul at attaining its desire; and Christianity stands firm so long as men and women who have it are invested in JOY.' (From a note on JOY in the Bible Readers' Encyclopaedia and Concordance)

How can we describe the relationship between JOY and HAPPINESS, especially when, as in some new translations of the Bible, they are viewed as being synonymous. It has been said that 'JOY is DISCIPLINED HAPPINESS'. William Blake, whose spiritual insights often awaken rather to shock our lack of warmth, colour and insight into God's Nature writes - 'He who kisses a joy as it flies  
Lives in eternity's sunrise.'

God Himself speaks to Job Ch 38 v 7, and through Job to us, of 'the morning stars singing together and all the sons of God shouting for JOY.' And was it R.L.STEVENSON who wrote with a fine play upon his Greek lyre - 'JOY IS THE GRACE WE GIVE TO GOD.'

A close study of Biblical Theology reveals that JOY, far from being an isolated or occasional consequence of faith, is an integral part of the whole relation to God. It is true to say of the words in Philippians ch 4 v 4 - 'Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say Rejoice' - that here is JOY as God's gift arising from Himself. We do not create but receive JOY in God through Christ our Saviour. St. Paul in Romans 14 v 17 speaks of JOY as an anticipation of our final state in God. 'for the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and JOY in the Holy Spirit.' A further word is given in Romans 15 v 13 : 'Now the God of hope fill you with all JOY and PEACE in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.'

Jesus speaks through the parable of the talents in St. Matthew 25 v 23 - 'enter into JOY of thy Lord' A further statement of JOY as the fulfilment of God's work in us as we are obedient to Him. Jesus also says, and this time over the repentant sinner - 'There is JOY in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents'.

Finally, The Shorter Catechism asks the question - 'What is the chief end of man? To glorify God and to enjoy Him for ever.' This is the answer.

ALL JOY TO YOU IN THE LORD. WILLIAM CONNELLY.

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Did you purchase a jig-saw-puzzle at a recent jumble sale and find you were a piece short? If so the Editor has such a piece in his possession found outside the Church.

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GO UNITED RENEWED in CHRIST.

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THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS VIDEO.

Copies may be purchased for £8.50, or hired for short periods of time for £1.00 per session. All proceeds will go to the Church Gift Day Fund. Graham Redman.

REPORT OF THE U.R.C. DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON APRIL 11th 1991.

The District Council meeting at our Church was cancelled in February due to adverse weather conditions. The Council met on 11th April at Littlehampton United Church. Opening devotions were led by their Minister Revd. Noel Shepherd.

THE RURAL MINISTRY :- Revd. Michael Crichley, the URC Rural Consultant and the Revd. Gerald Kirkham who is on the Church of England Rural Committee were welcomed to the meeting. Revd. Crichley spoke of the need there is now in the rural areas as more and more people are moving out of the towns into the country. These are rapidly becoming growth areas. In West Sussex the population has increased by 5%, unlike London which has fallen 4.5%. The rural areas are not well represented in the decision making - hierarchy of the URC. There is great deprivation in the rural areas, from lack of public facilities to lack of spiritual concern and outreach. We need to look seriously at the needs of the rural areas and, in conjunction with the other Churches, see what can be done and how we can meet those needs in the 1990's.

IS THERE A FUTURE WITH THE METHODISTS? Revd. Harvey Richardson of Haywards Heath, who is the Methodist Ecumenical Officer for Sussex, spoke about the early talks that each of our denominations is beginning. There are now over 200 Ecumenical Projects between the URC and Methodists and, as Lesslie Newbiggin said, 'Denominations are outmoded and a hindrance to the Gospel.' He felt it was important to begin talking together, looking at our own structures and at theological issues and being aware that there would need to be a variety of role models - unity not uniformity. He has met with apathy, also with fear of change. In the short discussion that followed it was said that we need to seek God's will in this - and that any unity must come from the grass-roots level of our denominations and not be imposed from above.



THE NEWS OF OUR LOCAL CHURCHES :- The Elders of the 3 HOVE Churches are not, as yet, unanimous in wanting a team ministry, the representatives of the Ministers of Hove and Brighton Churches and the Pastoral Care Committee are meeting again to discuss the overall needs. Mr. Brian Dyer of Sompting has been appointed as Interim Moderator of Hounsom Memorial for a year, supported by Revd. John Titlow. They have been without a Minister for over a year already! Revd. John Turner-Knell has been appointed as half-time Minister to Brighthelm. The retirement of Revd. William Connelly in November, was announced.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY :- The District will be sending 6 representatives. Three Ministers: Revd. Frank Cochrane of Brighthelm, Revd. John Titlow and Revd. Brian Wroe. Two Lay People: Ken Ashby of Sompting and Ian Sinclair - District Secretary. One Young Person: Chris Vernon who is a Time for God Volunteer from Hove. It was suggested that Churches should invite one representative to speak to each Church following the Assembly.

F U R Y (Fellowship of United Reformed Youth): Each Church in the District is being asked to state how much they have raised towards the Fury Appeal Project.

BILLINGSHURST AND CLERMONT CHURCHES each received grants of £2000 and loans of £2000 from The Province for essential repairs.

PEACEHAVEN :- A grant application was approved and will be submitted to Province for the continuation of the work of a Community Worker through PACT (People and Churches Together) Project at the Peacehaven Resources Centre. £12,000 is needed.

BOSHAM : Plans are being re-submitted to turn the Church Hall into the Manse and create an Ecumenical Building.

LITTLEHAMPTON: Repairs are under way at Littlehampton United Church following an arson attack.

Ken Ashby has a comprehensive list of firms that Churches can use. It is hoped to include Manses in future quinquennial surveys and these may be surveyed during interregnums.

THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Revd. Brian Surtridge together with Revd. Stuart Bidmead and Revd. Bob Murray have undertaken to review this, and an initial report was given. It was felt that a District Social Event would be good, and a tighter agenda at Council meetings would be helpful.

A request has come from Thames North Province asking for young people between the ages of 15 and 30 to help at a work camp in CZECHOSLAVAKIA. The cost would be £150 for the 2-week camp - contact Geoffrey Beck if interested.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS :- A questionnaire from the World Church and Mission Dept will be coming to all Churches.

Saturday June 29th there is a Children's Work Support Day at West Wickham URC.

Irene Tuley. Representative.

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WE WELCOME all who attend our Services (or receive The Chronicle) and hope you find this time of Worship a helpful and enriching experience.

Please tick in empty spaces below if you require any of these or if they refer to you:-

VISITOR.....NEW RESIDENT....

REQUEST FOR PASTORAL CALL.....

JOIN ENVELOPE SCHEME.....

COVENANT MY GIVING.....

NAME & ADDRESS :- .....

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TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

### QUINQUENNIAL SURVEY.

The Stewardship Committee wish to report that good progress is being made in respect of repairs specified for YEAR 1 of the survey undertaken by Peter Williams Associates, Chartered Building Surveyors. Items completed appear on a later page of this Chronicle.

We give thanks to Church members and congregation who have volunteered to help with repairs. In addition, urgent re-decoration is needed to Gents' Cloakroom in Church Hall, and Cornwall Room passage. Some decorations were damaged by BDH Services when void areas were formed to enable removal of asbestos from lofts. Members of BEANO CLUB have offered to carry out this work. Mr. KEN ARKINSTALL is to re-site Burco boiler and fit extract fan over boiler. Mr. PETER MITCHELL has attended to the plumbing repairs and fitted a Cisterniser in Gent's Toilet. Mr. RON COURTNADGE has carried out servicing in the heating chamber. Mr. DON STEWART is to repair defective door furniture. Mr. ROY GOODERHAM has re-decorated Ladies' Cloakroom in Church Hall, and he will also re-decorate cloakroom in Minister's Vestry. Volunteers to repaint the insides of windows by organ lofts will be most welcome.

County Consultants of Peacehaven have issued a site airborne fibre monitoring report/certificate in respect of asbestos.

Outside painting and timber repairs are due to start at the end of May. Vagg Flooring will repair dangerous flooring in Church Hall end of May or August.

Estimates for remaining repairs will be considered by Stewardship Committee at the beginning of June.

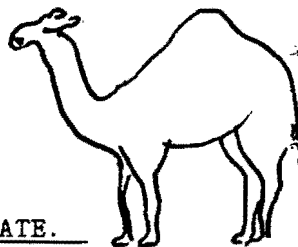
During the year two unexpected items of repair have arisen:-

1. Fence on North Boundary has been badly broken. We may have this fence replaced by concrete posts and hedge.
2. Drainage system at The Manse is not functioning properly and further repairs are likely.

A Quinquennial survey of The Manse will be carried out during the Interregnum.

Commgregational and General Insurance have agreed a claim in respect of repairs following a break-in on 5th March 1991.

Church Stewardship Committee.



#### HOLMEWOOD TRUST - AN UPDATE.

Firstly, a word of thanks to those who have offered items to Simon and Anne in response to the previous article. In case you missed it, Holmewood Trust is a home for unmarried mums within the context of a Christian family.

The house they moved into in the Tarring area required complete redecoration. This is now substantially complete, inside. There are two Mums with babies staying there at the moment, with a third moving in as I write.

The large gardens present another opportunity for Christian service and fellowship: Beano are organizing a family day of gardening from 10.30 am to 4 pm, with the possibility of a barbeque after, on Saturday 15th June. Further details from Ken & Sue Arkinstall or Julian & Christine Brewer. ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED!!  
JKB.

QUINQUENNIAL SURVEY

2 Renewed gutter and/or roof of Cornwall Room Passage.

4 Renewed lead eaves flashing over entrance to link passage

7 Obtained specialist report. Repaired chimney stack over boiler

8 Provided sealant to joints of echelon windows in Church.

12 Ladies toilet - refixed two hand basins; sealed three splashbacks with silicone; re-washed taps and renewed packing and stuffed boxes with polytetrafluorethylene (PTFE) rope.

14 Repaired stage.

16 Kitchen - enabled closer to kitchen fire door and removed hook and eye.

17 Harris room - re-instated door closer.

18 Lubricated floor spring, hydraulic check cylinder and upper pivot of communicating door.

19 Ladies cloakroom, Church hall - re-fixed hand basin, fitted plug and chain, blanked plug to hot point; renewed ball-valve to W.C.

20 Heating Chamber door - improved fire resistance; fitted 1" stops.

- 22 Church Hall loft - pipe lagged with asbestos.  
Specialist firm investigated and remedied.
- 23 Boiler - Fellingham carried out work omitted  
by British Gas.
- 24 East driveway - replaced 'dished' cover with  
class B cover.
- 25 Gents Toilet - fitted Cisterniser.
- Church Stewardship Committee.

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### MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Summer Programme 1991.

3rd June Methold House - Youth Hostel.  
Mrs. Betty Marris.

17th June Early days of Nursing - Robin Bradley

1st July Summer Walk.

15th July A.G.M. and Supper.

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A 'COMFORT' IN MY NIGHT OF PAIN.

Psalm 19.v1. "The Firmament sheweth His handywork"

O Lord Jesus! At the eventide of my life  
I would come to Thee, and glimpse a sunbeam on a petal,  
Catch the dew upon a leaf,  
Watch the shimmer of a butterfly,  
And dare to lack belief.

So, comfort me Lord, with the star of the evening,  
Ho, comfort me, with the song of the sea,  
With hills and heather, with rain and roses,  
In the sparkle of water; O Jesus, comfort me.

I touch a twig and see the tracery  
Of growing grass about,  
Then dare to doubt a greater Mind than man's  
Has worked it all out.

From Peter Sheldon - in His holy name.

Extract from 'Exceeding Our Limits'The triumph of new beginnings.

He will come to us as surely as the day dawns, as surely as  
the spring rains that water the earth.

Forgive us, God, that we have taken your creation for  
granted. You have given us the run of the land, the pick of  
the crop, and we have squandered these resources; distributed  
them unfairly, vandalized their beauty, violated their  
purity.

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KESTRO STROKE CLUB.

June 7th CALL MY BLUFF

June 14th WORD GAMES.

June 21st MY LIFE WITH THE DEAF. TALK BY  
MRS. J. ENGLISH.

June 28th O U T I N G.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Good News is something unusual in the life of a Boys' Brigade company and surely it is something others will find difficult to match. We are very pleased to tell you that Alison Sopp, Sue Nicholls and Stef Easey are all expecting babies! We do wish these ladies every blessing in their motherhood.

Such a happening means, of course, we will be losing the help given by these ladies. Is there a young lady free on a Monday evening to help in our Junior Section? It is a fine opportunity to serve the Lord and one where a lady's influence amongst young boys is invaluable. Such a delightful bunch of youngsters can hardly fail to impress you!

Contributions to our copper collection have slightly dwindled lately but nevertheless we have managed to send SEVENTY pounds in donations to various appeals.

In our concern of the plight of so many people in the world we intend to hold a COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 22nd June at 10.30 am for the BANGLADESH CYCLONE APPEAL. There will be the usual stalls, including bring and buy, cakes and produce, competitions, etc.etc. Contributions of cakes, goods, gifts for the stalls will be most welcome. Do please come along and give us your support.

We now have FIVE boys in the Junior Section who are sons of ex-members of this Company. A mother turning out a cupboard recently found a bugle and returned it to me; her son was in our Company about 12 years ago.

Donald Stewart. Captain

Boys' Brigade - OBJECT - The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Self-Respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness.

BEANO CLUB.

June 13th           Bowls.

May 31 to June 2nd Family Camp. Southwater.

June 29th           Family Barbecue.

You may notice the Church is a little quieter this week as we join together a short distance up the A24. These Church Family Camps seem to be very popular, and we are always pleased to welcome a number of 'day visitors' over the week-end.

By popular request our late Summer camp has been moved to 6 - 8 September. We organize these as Church family camps. All are welcome to join us. If you are not a camper or caravanner why not plan to visit during the weekend? JKB.

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YOUTH CLUB.

June 1st           Swimming. Cost & Venue details later.

June 8th           Club night    7 to 9 pm

June 15th          Club night    7 to 9 pm

June 22nd          Ten Pin Bowling       £4.00

Please make your own arrangements for getting to and from the Bowl.

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HOLIDAYS 1991.

Spectrum Leaders 18-25. A Challenge to Survive as a leader running Spectrum Camp. Training week-end in June. August 12-24 at BALA, North Wales £75.

CPW (Camp Project Wales) 18 + Two holiday camps staffed by young people, under experienced leaders, to give youngsters from inner-city areas an adventurous week in a changed environment. BALA, North Wales. July 20-28 and July 28-August 5th. £40 per week + fares; pool.

See January 1991 Reform.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.  
PARADE SERVICE JUNE 9th  
SATURDAY JUNE 15th NON-CAMPERS LUNCH  
IN CHURCH HALL  
TUESDAY JUNE 18th PARTY NIGHT FOR GB

Half way through the year already! Time to wish you 'Happy Holidays' and 'travelling mercies'.

The total amount raised at our Jumble Sale was £200. This subsequently paid for our coach to the Royal Albert Hall on May 4th when we had super seats at the afternoon performance of THE GIRLS' BRIGADE DISPLAY. It was sad that only 15 of our 61 girls saw the Display that day and even sadder that we had 4 seats we just could not use. The recession must be biting hard everywhere, as the Albert Hall was at least one third empty.

There are still some 160 Smartie tubes out there somewhere. Your generosity has been superb and, as promised, a total figure will be published when all the tubes (or most of them) have been returned.

June sees us in a relaxed mood. On Saturday 15th June we are entertaining and providing non-campers with lunch in the Church hall before visiting John Selden School for a swim in the pool there, and on Tuesday June 18th it is party night as we celebrate Captain's big 60!

Thank you for items already handed in for the 'HOLIDAY STALL' for the Harvest Fair. We have boxes waiting to be filled by those whose holidays are yet to come!

Thank you, too, for oddments of white and yellow wool. More is still required if your need has already been met.

We extend to Ray Marshall and his family our love and sympathy on the death of Rose Marshall. Little Diane is a ray of sunshine in our Junior Section and has already told us that she knows her Mummy is happy and free from pain, with Jesus.

Lord, give to us all a childlike faith.

Blessings - Jean Webb. Captain.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

It seems incredible that we have come to our A.G.M. and the end of the year with our regular programme. We can report a very happy year under the leadership of Mrs. Joan Burrage, our President, who opened all our meetings with a well-prepared message. During the meeting she thanked our Officers and Members of the committee for carrying out their various duties during the year. Three committee members retired after three years service and Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Mott were elected for three years.

Mrs. Finlay and Mrs. Jenkins, who run our card and Christmas stall, were thanked for their work on the committee and for the contribution the stall makes to our Guild Funds. A really happy year when our numbers have been well maintained. We regret the loss of some faithful members but have been happy to welcome many new members.

We have a busy summer ahead of us. In May was our Outing to the Brighton Pavilion and tea at Lewes Church. In June we entertain New Malden, Burnham and Sutton Women's Guilds, and on June 20th at 2.45pm our own CREAM TEA will take place, this year in aid of the Girls' Brigade HORSE. We hope you will join us in a happy afternoon. Then in JULY we entertain HARTING GUILD, where Mrs. Flory and Miss Glue, two of our old members, are now. They look forward to seeing all old friends.

Our own informal meeting on July 9th will be held in the Cornwall Room where all ladies will be welcome.

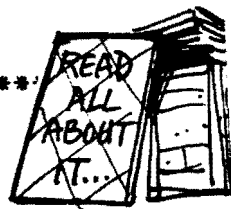
E. Dearsley.

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Novel by local author obtainable from the author. 'The Walking Haystack.' £4.95.

Eileen Jordan.

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EXTRACTED FROM "EVANGELISM TODAY" -

MAY 1991 EDITION.

Time to call it a day!! Pensioner Edwina Pearson crashed her car during a driving lesson. She is 81 and her instructor is 87 - and registered blind!! Miss Pearson had already been banned for two years and has now decided to call it a day. It was obviously a case of the blind leading the banned!

Full credit to Miss Pearson for stickability but, as so often in life, the end does not justify the means. DC.

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CRESCENT YOUTH TRUST - ZIGGIES NEWSLETTER

11 Crescent Road. Worthing.  
34497.

How local Churches and Christian Friends may give their help:-

**PRAYER SUPPORT.** The Crescent Youth Trust needs your prayerful support. The power of prayer plays an important part in the work undertaken by our volunteers. Please pray for us.

**VOLUNTEER HELPERS.** We need people of all ages who are concerned and care about young people. Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs, especially helping to supervise the ZIGGIES club.

**INFORMATION.** Local Churches organize many activities and special events for young people. We need to be kept up to date with what is on offer in the town to interest young people.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT.** The Crescent Youth Trust project urgently needs financial support and help with fundraising. We are extremely grateful to those who have given and continue to give to the work. We need your support.

A speaker representing the Crescent Youth Trust would be prepared to come and talk at meetings about our work amongst young people of the Worthing area. Please contact Mrs. Sylvia Dent on Worthing 34497 or 11 Crescent Road.

GOD'S REST.

Psalms 107.v7. "He led them forth by the right way!"

Thankful, I am, Lord, to tread this way so far,  
 Along this road of happiness and tears;  
 I so love.....seeing the seasons bloom and wane,  
 So gaining a greater courage with the years.

I remember the high excitement...anger...laughter,  
 Boisterous.....and.....loud.  
 Lord, that I may live with tolerance and kindness,  
 Remembering when I was young and proud.

"Ho! Perfect Love!" So shall my life proclaim Him,  
 The God who worketh and heareth prayer.  
 Jesus. You are the answer to those who question  
 "Who is God..... and where?"

"God is rest" and where He dwells is stillness  
 And they who dwell in Him,  
 That 'Perfect' rest shall share.                      Amen.

Written by Peter Sheldon following a night of pain and  
 distress. In the morning he experienced 'God's Rest.'

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FACE TO FACE.

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 Swanwick from 3rd to 9th August 1991. The conference is for  
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 maximum of £116.45, and will cover full board. Anyone  
 interested in attending is asked to contact me for further  
 details.                      Sidney Hider.

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CHURCH TAPES.

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 Church Tapes which you may have borrowed and forgotten to  
 return to Dr. Roy Webb. They are in very short supply.  
 Thank you.

THANKSGIVING THROUGH STEWARDSHIP.  
SUNDAY JUNE 23rd 1991.

In December last year many of us made a verbal promise to renew our faith in God and to commit our lives afresh to our Church here in Goring.

The time has now come to take a positive step forward and to convert our words into definite action. On Sunday 23rd June next we will be challenged to offer to God, in thanks for His many mercies toward us, our TIME, our TALENTS and our TREASURE.

Unique and interesting forms of Service are being prepared for Morning and Evening Worship on 23rd June which, it is hoped, will cause us to pause and consider what we, as individuals, can do for God. Your prayers are requested for the Service to be truly effective but, above all, that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit to rise up and accept the challenge of Service in the name of Jesus Christ.

We commend for your consideration our theme text. 2 Corinthians chapter 9 verse 7. 'EACH ONE SHOULD GIVE, THEN, AS HE HAS DECIDED, NOT WITH REGRET OR OUT OF A SENSE OF DUTY; FOR GOD LOVES THE ONE WHO GIVES GLADLY.'

Remember - Sunday June 23rd 1991

at 11 am and 6.30 pm.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN CHURCH!! NGP.



## PARISH NEWS

### WOMEN'S GUILD

OFFICERS: - President Mrs. J. BURRAGE.

Vice-President Mrs. L. COLLISON.

Secretary Mrs. B. HISLOP.

Treasurer Mrs. P. TAYLOR.

COMMITTEE: - Mrs. J. BATER.

Mrs. E. DEARSLEY. Mrs. E. MARSH.

Mrs. J. MARSH. Mrs. D. MILLER.

Mrs. G. SANDERS. Miss M. BRIGGS.

Miss B. STUTTER. Miss W. TREW.

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### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

OFFICERS: -

President. Revd. W. CONNELLY.

Vice-President. Revd. R. CHRISTOPHER.

Chairman. Mr. T. LYONS.

Secretary Mr. S. HIDER.

Treasurer Mr. A. HEAD.

COMMITTEE: - Mr. J. BLACKWOOD

Mr. R. JOSSELYN.

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- 22 Sat Youth Club 10-pin Bowling £4.00  
 23 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. Stewardship Sunday.  
 11 am Divine Worship. 6.30 pm See Welcome.  
 26 Wed Monthly Missionary Service 10.30 am  
 Badminton 7.30 pm 30 pence  
 27 Thu Ark 10 to 11.30 am  
 Church Meeting 7.30 pm  
 28 Fri Kestro Stroke Club O U T I N G.  
 Choir Practice 7.30 pm  
 29 Sat Youth Club Night 7 - 9 pm  
 Beano Club Family Barbecue  
 30 Sun 8am Holy Communion. 11am Divine Worship.  
 6.30pm See Welcome.

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BARN DANCE.

The Barn Dance held on Saturday April 27th in the Church Hall was a great success, much enjoyed by all.

It raised £140.00 which was divided between Christian Aid and towards the new hall Sound System.

Many thanks to all who supported this event, especially the Band, who gave their services free.  
 Bobby Hitchin.

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16 Orchard Road. East Preston. 12th May 1991.

Dear Friends,

What a lovely Service we enjoyed this morning, and congratulations to parents, teachers and children.

You may agree that on these occasions when we have opportunity to welcome new friends, that our welcoming should be of the highest order. It is so easy to be left out, or to feel left out of the big occasion.

Let us, therefore, always respond to those who are sitting close to us, especially where, through blindness or other handicap, it may not be so easy for friends to respond to us.

Yours most sincerely,

Jane Allan. (Mrs)

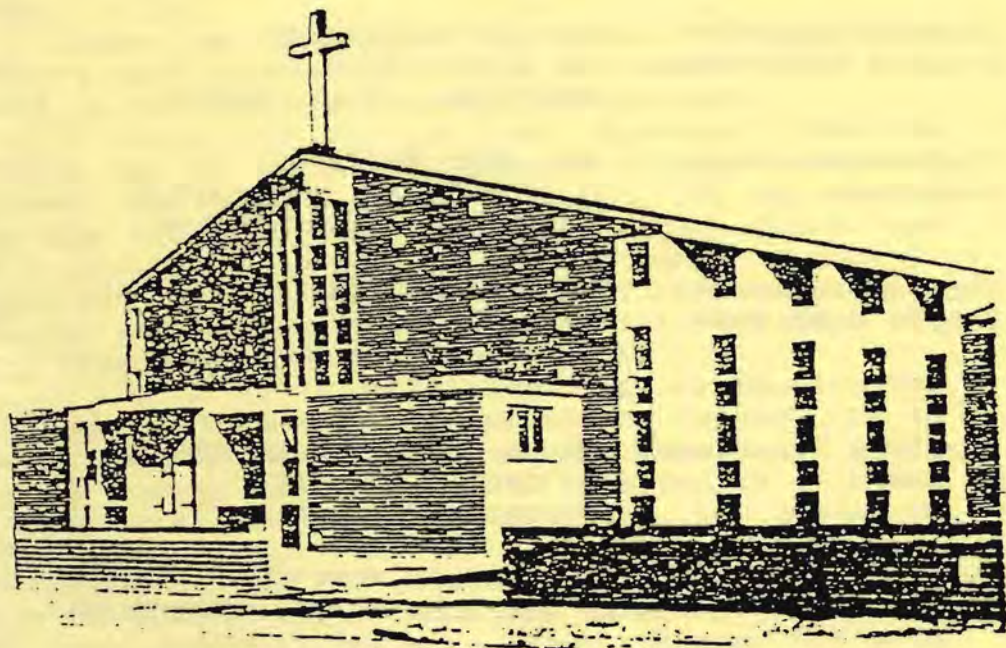
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## FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-



### STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

Saint Paul writes in 2 Corinthians chapter 12 verses 7-10 of his experience of 'Strength in - or through - weakness'.

It is as we draw near to God through the grace of Jesus Christ that we may know this truth in our own experience. Among the many influences exerted upon the present writer's earliest questings for experience of a Living God were the words of Psalm 34 which, when paraphrased by the poets Nahum Tate and Nicholas Brady, seventeenth century writers, include the lines:-

O make but trial of His love:  
EXPERIENCE will decide.

The whole of life in its joys and sorrow - in what we or others may consider, often inaccurately, to be success or failure, is EXPERIENCE, and for the Christian who, neither more nor less than any other, is subject to 'the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune', it is his experience of the Love of God in Christ that decides, and decides for him in the work of the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul in giving his own experience says of a physical affliction that he had prayed the Lord to remove it, without success! God's answer to his prayer is that Grace is what he needs - God's power will be strongest in his weakness. His experience concludes 'For when I am weak, then I am strong'.

In an age when the 'Counsellor' appears to have an important place in society - the 'Personal' column of local newspapers are a mine of information - we wonder what were the means available to counsel our forefathers in their pain and stress. One answer may be found in the way they read their bibles and used their hymn books. Victorian women poets are a rich source of spiritual counsel. One of the hymns we sing is

written by Adelaide A. Procter (1825-1864). It is number 62 in Congregational Praise. Her life was sweet, gentle, faithful, and very short. She died in her 40th year. In this hymn she writes in experience of 'Strength in Weakness'.

'I thank Thee, too, that all our joy  
Is touched with pain;  
That shadows fall on brightest hours:  
That thorns remain:  
So that earth's bliss may be our guide,  
And not our chain.'

Miss Procter also wrote the song 'The Lost Chord' which was originally entitled 'A Lost Chord', which suggests that perfect harmony in life's sorrows and joys can only be awakened by the music of heaven.

Yours with every blessing.  
WILLIAM CONNELLY



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#### PETITIONS.

After consideration and discussion by the Elders' Meeting and agreement of the Church Meeting, it has been decided that no petitions of any sort (that is - name gathering for petitions) should be held in the Church or on any part of our premises without the prior consent of the Elders' Meeting.

WILFRED RHODES. Church Secretary.

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#### BEANO CLUB.

July 11th BOWLS



By popular request our late Summer camp has been moved to 6 - 8 September. We organize these as Church family camps. All are welcome to join us. If you are not a camper or caravanner why not plan to visit during the weekend?  
JKB.

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WERE YOU THERE - WHEN WE GLORIFIED OUR LORD -  
AT CHATSMORE SCHOOL ON PENTECOST  
SUNDAY MAY 19th 1991?

I arrived with my friends at 10.10 am and already found at least two hundred people in the hall. Other friends had gone before us and were able to keep seats for us close to them.

There was a continuous hum and chatter of people's voices exchanging greetings as the hall gradually filled up. We did our share of it - speaking with acquaintances and other Churches members.

At 10.30am there was a hush from at least 800 people in the hall. 40 or so children were sitting on the platform because the chairs for the adults had run out.

Bury Drive Methodist, English Martyrs R.C., Goring New Life Baptist, St. Mary's C.E., St. Laurence C.E., St. Richard's C.E., Goring United Reformed., seven Churches in all, took part in this combined Service and we were greatly moved by the singing of hymns, psalm, the Readings and Homilies.

The choir sang superbly. We came away greatly refreshed and uplifted. The Churches in Goring are surely United, thanks be to God.

Editor.

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KESTRO STROKE CLUB.

July 5th A good life with giddy goats.  
A talk given by Mrs. Jill Hobbs.  
July 12th Give us a clue?  
July 19th OUTING.  
July 26th Card Bingo.



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Sidney Rider.

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The prayer of renewal.

God our Father we thank you,  
     God our Father we thank you  
 for sending us your only Son  
     to call us to your kingdom.  
 Set us on fire, Lord, like his first disciples  
 Set us all on fire, O Lord,  
     with the power of your Holy Spirit,  
 and use us, as you used them,  
     to renew the face of the earth,  
 to renew the face of the earth,  
     through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land  
     with the Father's Glory;  
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace  
     and mercy:  
 Send forth your word, Lord,  
     and let there be light.

THANKS.

May I say, on behalf of my sister who lives in Marlborough and my own family, Jean, Mary, Ruth and me, in Andover, how much we have appreciated the love and care shown towards our mother Mrs. A. Symmons who resides in Worthing, following her accident during the early part of this year. Praise the Lord, she has recovered very well.

May God continue to bless your Church's excellent record of pastoral care for your own people and for those on its periphery.

Edward Symmons (Rev'd)

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Words fail me when I try to thank you all for the flowers, cards, letters and prayers. Douglas would be amazed! Especial thanks to those who supported me during the awful seventeen days when Douglas was in hospital.

Fay Blakey.

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WITH THANKS.

My sister, Miss E. Spurgeon and I would like to express our sincere thanks for all the kindness shown to us both during our illnesses over the past months.

We thank Rev. William Connelly and everyone concerned for all the visits made to us in hospital and the rest home and the lovely flowers and cards received, also the cards from the Girl's Brigade.

We greatly appreciate all the loving care and concern which has been shown to us.

Yours sincerely, Mrs. H. Butler.

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I am 95% over my vertigo but it is the remaining 5% that allows my world to slip and turn sideways at times. In the meantime I feel I have such a lot to be thankful for - for the love I received from you in prayer, love in visiting me in Tenby House and Hayward House, love you sent me by cards and words, love in flowers and love in the gift from our Girls' Brigade. Your love overwhelmed me and brought me to tears on more than one occasion when I was greatly depressed in March. My prayers, added to yours, were answered.

Now I am home again in Hayward House Mary and I join Dulcie in her flat most evenings and this does not allow us to be lonely.

Thank you all most sincerely, Les Montford.

Let there be loved shared among us,  
 Let there be love in our eyes,  
 May now Your love sweep the nation,  
 Cause us, O Lord to arise,  
 Give us a fresh understanding  
 Of brotherly love that is real.  
 Let there be love shared among us,  
 Let there be love.

D. Bilbrough.

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CHRISTIAN AID 1991

I am pleased to inform you that the total collected during the week was £1954.10 of which £575 was donated from our Church and the Barn Dance, an increase of £689.33 or 55%.

The Kurdish, Bangladeshi and African catastrophies may have been responsible for this year's generous donations. We are at war with poverty, disease, disaster and evil. Let us overcome evil with good.

We give thanks for those Christian Aid workers who not only help to feed and give medical attention to the poor but also help in maintaining the health of the planet by planting trees, etc. It is in our interest to help the poor because their diseases and disasters could easily spread to the 'apparent' safety of our own areas.

From a Christian point of view we are supposed to help our neighbours. With TV we can see our neighbours on the other side of the world as easily as we can see them out of our own windows, but many people, including Christians, walk by when their neighbours are shown in great need. We walk by at our own peril.

The local non-Church community are willing to contribute to the needs of others, therefore why cannot the Church community collect their contributions? One of my collectors, of which a great more are required, is Arthur Randle who, at 90 years of age, is prepared to soldier on to the end. Please will those who are fit and able spare some time to collect the money which is, in the majority of cases, freely given. The more who volunteer the easier will be the task and it could be a stepping stone to the evangelisation of the Nation.

Yours in Christ's service, 'Sandy' Clark.

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THE MODERATOR'S VISIT TO WORTHING

On Saturday evening May 25th the new Moderator of the General Assembly of the URC, the Revd. Malcolm Hanson, spoke at St. Columba's URC. The local Churches were well represented and four members of our Church were present.

The Moderator spoke from Ephesians ch 4 vv 4-16 and he likened the Church to a boat with sails that were being filled by the strong, forceful winds of the Holy Spirit of God. The boat is thus driven forward and on course. All our Churches and each one of us as individuals need to be wind-driven.

1. We need to raise our sails and be committed to Jesus Christ and grow up into maturity in Christ. Jesus needs to be the Lord of our lives and the Head of our Churches. We need to challenge the people in our Churches.

2. The wind will give us direction - it will take us forward and lead us back on course. We need to be open to correction by the wind of the Holy Spirit and be open to change. We need discernment to know if it is the wind of God. We can test it by seeing if it is in line with Scripture and if it drives us nearer Christ.

The Moderator spoke of 5 winds that will challenge the Churches in these days:-

1. The ordination of Women - which is a key issue in some denominations.

2. Other faiths - we need to respect other faiths and learn from them, but we must not compromise with the uniqueness of Jesus as the Son of God and with His work of salvation.

3. Sexuality - Aids and Homosexuality. The Church needs to care for those in need.

4. Liberation Theology - as experienced in parts of South America.

5. The Renewal Movement - the freedom, assurance, joy and unpredictability of the Spirit may bring a freshness into our Churches.

We need to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

3. We are on a continuing journey of faith and discovery. We should be impatient with stagnancy in the Church. The Church should always be developing, learning and growing into maturity. We should be a people who would rather change than die.

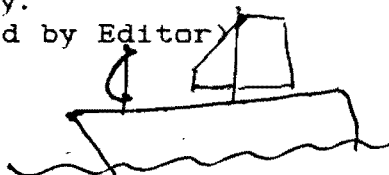
4. We should be living in a state of constant expectancy that God is actually going to do something. That requires faith! Dare we pray for people's healing? We need to have an expectant faith. In a calm sea we must not be complacent or we may be capsized!

Are we open to the wind of the Holy Spirit to blow us on course, both personally and as a Church?

Are we available to God, for Him to take us forward?



Irene Tuley.  
(Report requested by Editor)



### HOLY IS.....

Holy is the name of Jesus, He calms the minds  
And gives us peace within.  
He takes away all love of self,  
Gives encouragement that we may never sin.

Ho! How sweet the name of Jesus is  
At the start of a bright new day.  
The believer knows 'tis food for the soul  
To help us all on our way.

So come to Christ Jesus and believe that  
Jesus died for you;  
Be born again:  
For in His risen body  
We are all born again anew.

In His love, Peter Sheldon.

### ENVIRONMENT

In this world, if we want physical results we must fulfil physical conditions.

If we want spiritual results we must fulfil spiritual conditions.

This is the law of life and it is both stern and magnificent.

Modern religion says - Go out in God's world and fulfil His conditions.

If you want health fulfil the conditions of health. What a man sows he indeed reaps. Sow friendliness and gain friendship. Sow unselfishness and reap an enlarged life. Sow goodwill and reap a better world for our children. Sow worship, the uplift of the heart to the highest and reap open-heartedness to things eternal.

There is a moral order in the Universe if we like to look around us, although it is hard to believe. There never were any 'good old days'. Man's blinding self-concern that prevents him from improving his ways.

Spring in all its glory - is it just by chance that this miracle just happens each year? Plant behaviour, the birds, the earth itself, gets that touch of the Almighty.

Doctor H. B. Fosdick.

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May I just say a word of thanks to those kind people who take the minutes, and then write them up, at our Monthly Church Meetings.

Also, while I am about it, a word of praise and thanks to our orchestra of youth that accompanies our evening Services in the Church Hall.

Editor.

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### CHURCH TAPES.

Please look to see if you have in your possession Church Tapes which you may have borrowed and forgotten to return to Dr. Roy Webb. They are in very short supply. Thank you.

YOUTH CLUB.

July 6th Club night Church Hall 7 - 9 pm  
 July 13th Ramble with Sussex West District  
 Brighton to Truely Hill. Shoreham.  
 July 20th Video at 5 Salvington Hill.  
 July 27th No club.



First club night of Autumn session is 14th September.

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RE-CYCLED CONTAINERS HELP FOR TEAR FUND.

PBT International Ltd, a British company, is offering to give TEAR FUND £1.50 for each used Toner Cartridge, and £2 for each discarded Drum they receive from a wide range of photocopiers and laser printers. One such payment would pay for a child overseas to receive meals for a week.

The Company specialises in re-cycling products - and 100,000 cartridges alone are discarded every month.

PBT International ask prospective suppliers to send them a note of the manufacturer and model, plus SAE. If the materials are suitable for re-cycling the Company will send a set of FREEPOST labels.

People with legitimate access to discarded cartridges and drums can increase the financial return by pooling items: for ten or more PBT will arrange collection and pay £3 per cartridge. Please mention TEAR FUND when making returns to ensure that the funds come to the Agency.

Contact PBT International Ltd., 3F Second Avenue, Midsomer Norton, BATH. BA3 4BH (0761 419044 ask for Greg Thompson) Phyllis Wheeler.

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THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP.

On alternate Thursdays a small group of us meet in the Little Chapel at 2.30 pm for an hour of prayer and praise. There are many needs within our Church family, community and the world that need our constant prayer. This hour set aside is a source of blessing to us who take part, as we seek, through God, to bless others in prayer. We would welcome more friends to join us, as we are instructed in the Bible to 'pray without ceasing'. Our next meeting will be on July 4th at 2.30 pm. Do please consider if this is something you could do in service to God and our Church. With God's blessings to all. Bobby Hitchin.

The following ones will be held on July 18th and August 1st.

### PATTERNS IN THE U. R. C.

The Ministry Department's paper 'Patterns of Ministry in the URC' is to be discussed throughout the Church in preparation for a major debate in 1992. It appears in the book of Assembly Reports, and deals with the character, calling, support, numbers and variety of Ministers in the URC - Ministers of the Word and Sacrament from the UK and overseas serving in local Churches or in special posts, elders, lay preachers, Church Related Community Workers, Youth Leadership Training Officers and Youth and Children's Work Trainers and so on.

How are we to develop and use our resources? The report recommends a regular review of each stipendiary Minister's service and anticipates a growth in the number of CRCWs. Assembly this year agreed to allocate a Special Category Ministry post to a Development Worker to deepen perceptions of and advocate ministry-with-the-community by the URC. Each Province now has a YLTO/CWT. A hundred flowers are blooming. How are they to spread the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere?

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### FINANCE.

Assembly approved the budget for the Ministry and Mission Fund for 1992, providing for an expenditure of £13,595,000.

20 speakers took part in the debate on the plans of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee for increasing ministerial stipends. Most spoke in favour and Assembly agreed by a large majority to raise the stipend on 1st July 1992 to £11,500 a year, with ministers meeting their own heat and light costs from that date. It is hoped to make another increase in July 1993 by a further element above the rise in inflation if adequate funding is forthcoming from local Churches. The 1992 figure will require an average increase of 25% in local Church giving (if the saving in heat and light costs are not taken into account)

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### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.

When I gave the introductory report of our Stewardship to the April Church Meeting I spoke of the most important reason why it was necessary for us to reconsider our giving to our Church.

The stipends of United Reformed Church Ministers are very low and will be raised in 1992. In order to meet these extra costs the district treasurer has asked us to increase our weekly contribution to the Ministry and Mission Fund by £130 to £640 a week. If we, and other Churches, cannot meet these payments, then some of the United Reformed Churches will have to close.

It is important that EVERYBODY should know that if they are on the 1991 Members' Roll of our Church then I have to send almost TWO POUNDS (£2) a week to central funds on their behalf.

Roy Gooderham. Treasurer.

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### SEPTEMBER HARVEST FAIR.

Although September is a good while away NOW is the time to have in mind the Flower and Garden Stall which the Men's Fellowship will organize. While propagating your plants this spring, by layering, division or by cuttings, please plant a few extra so they can be brought to the Harvest Fair.

Charles Taylor.

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### MOVING ON WITH JESUS.

A number in the Church will be pleased to learn that our friends Revd. Philip Gouldson and his wife Pauline, from Wincanton in Somerset have accepted a call to Long Sutton Baptist Church in Lincolnshire, where Philip is to be inducted as Minister on July 20th next.

They write to thank all the friends in Goring who have prayed, loved and supported them since it was decreed that the Church at Wincanton could no longer support a full time Minister.

We pray for God's richest blessing upon their new Ministry. Richard & Irene Tuley.

NEW FURY PROJECT GOES AHEAD.

Your 'Fiver for Fury' is still needed. The 1990 General Assembly stated that it believed the New Fury Project to be the way forward for Youth work in the URC and recognized that this will include the redevelopment of the Church, manse and hall at Yardley Hastings in Northamptonshire. Fury Sunday in February was the focal point of an appeal for funds in support of the project and 40% of local Churches have already contributed. The figures presented to this year's Assembly showed that the project will cost about £250,000 more than the donations, pledges, unconfirmed promises and government grants which have been made up to now. After a vigorous discussion about the consequences of delaying until all the necessary funds were in hand Assembly decided overwhelmingly in favour of starting the building work now in order to take advantage of lower costs and have the Centre in operation by the summer of 1992. After the vote was taken the Moderator commented, "We have counted the cost and looked at what faith requires of us in terms of commitment."

The pressure to get the necessary money soon is considerable. Church members are being urged to give generously so that this important project may go ahead smoothly and FURY members, who themselves are working hard at fund-raising, may be encouraged. LM.

TORCH MEETINGS.

St. Columba's U.R.C. 2.30 pm 6th July.

The speaker will be Mr. Paul Butler.

Jubilee Hall. Greenland Road. Durrington

2.30 pm. 20th July

Outing on August 3rd is to Littlehampton and a ride round the countryside. Cost for coach and tea at Parkside Evangelical Church, Littlehampton is £3.50 per head. We return about 6.30 pm. We meet at St. Columba's Church at 2.30 pm.

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HARVEST FAIR UPDATE.SEPTEMBER 28th 1991.

This is your monthly up-date on the FAIR and to make sure that you do all you can to support some or all the STALLS. This month it is the turn of the PLANTS AND PRODUCE and HOME MADE stalls. You already have made a note of the Holiday Gift Stall.

PLANTS AND PRODUCE - This stall is being co-ordinated by the Men's Fellowship, and Charles Taylor is the person you go to for advice and, later on, contributions. His telephone number is 46523. By 28th September produce should be readily available for those of you who have a vegetable and fruit garden, but perhaps you could grow some wallflowers now, for Autumn planting, or take cuttings of your favourite house-plants and shrubs at the appropriate time. Put your thinking caps on, all green-fingered folk, or ask Charles.

HOME MADE. - The Monday Evening Fellowship are taking over this responsibility. This stall will take anything home-made, except cakes - which will be a stall on its own. So turn out your pieces of material, which might make cushion covers, oven gloves, aprons, etc., and your left-over wool for small jumpers and cardigans for children and babies, also hats and gloves for the winter. What about it workers-in-wood and other craft materials?? Clean out your preserving pans and make jams and chutneys. If you can make it M.E.F. will have it. Consult Bobby Hitchin on 49580 or Robin Bradley on 40908 to know where to take your materials, also if you can knit or sew and need materials.. Sheila Gooderham.



JUBILEE TAPESTRY:- Photographs of this Tapestry are available from Dr. Roy Webb as follows:-

Postcard size. 6 x 4 60 pence each

Enlargements 10 x 8 £5.50 each.

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### R E F O R M.

May Reform opens with an article about Torbay and the 1991 Assembly which takes place there and one on Malcolm Hanson the new Moderator of the General Assembly.

We get a Churchman's eye on the recent Budget by Chancellor Norman Lamont; the book of Daniel is the subject for Roger Tones asking for our opinions; 'Ants' and the part they play in God's world, by Pamela Ford and an introduction to Rejoice and Sing - the new hymn book.

Church Life travels from Torbay to Scotland via Frome, Woking, Uckfield, Durham and others. A double-page spread on Church Related Community Work (CRCW) - another aspect of Ministry - very challenging.

The Book review section on God and children, teenagers, the theatre, women in the Church, Aids, Railways and the Morals of Jesus. Also the Southern Province 'controversial' video on the U.R.C. reviewed by an Anglican!!

The Letters pages show that people read Reform and have the courage to challenge the articles contained in it -- which I think is a healthy sign, showing interest and growth.

Sheila Gooderham. Reform Distributor.

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### CHRISTIAN CRACKER.

At a crowded Church meeting the Vicar asked "Can you hear me at the back?"

A voice at the back said "Yes, I can hear you perfectly, but I don't mind changing with somebody who can't."

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EASTER LETTER FROM MARIAM BAROI. BANGLADESH.

'I have been very busy with my work and I went to Dhakar for a week. My children got a holiday for a month because now is Ramadam month which is a Muslim Festival and 'sacrificing' days. Only 12 children are staying here over the holidays. I am not going home for Easter. My mother will come here after Easter.

I am going to attend a conference next week. A few months ago I met Revd. Biswas in the market. Then we had a chat about Sussex Church. My uncle is a pastor in India. He wrote to me to visit him in India at the end of this year. I will take my mother with me.

At Easter we have a different programme. On Thursday we have a special communion service. On Friday at midnight we have a three hour service to remember Jesus Christ's death. Some of my friends have an examination on Easter Day because that is not a government holiday.

How are the Church Members I remember? I remember everyone whom I have met. Please give them my love.

My work is going well. I love, specially, children who have no parents. I feel pity for them. If you can manage, please come to visit Bangladesh.

Love and greetings to you and all in Sussex.

Mariam Baroi. E.D.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

This month we entertain SOUTH HARTING GUILD, where Mrs. Flory and Miss Glue, two of our old members, are now. They look forward to seeing all old friends.

Our own informal meeting on July 9th will be held in the Cornwall Room where all ladies will be welcome.

E. Dearsley.

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HARVEST FAIR UPDATE.SEPTEMBER 28th 1991.

This is your monthly up-date on the FAIR and to make sure that you do all you can to support some or all the STALLS. This month it is the turn of the Children's Stall, Books and bric-a-brac.

Some of you have returned from Holiday with your contributions to the Holiday Stall. You may have potted up cuttings and organized your gardens to supply the Plant and Produce Stall.

Those with or without green fingers have sorted out pieces of material and wool and I can hear your needles clicking!

In your spare time could you sort out your BOOKS and BRIC -A- BRAC ready for the Minister and Don Stewart to fill their stall nearer the time?

The Children's Stall will need new and second-hand toys, games, books etc. Junior Church - Mrs. Carol Davis and the ARK - Mrs. Val Gill will be pleased to receive your contributions.

Everybody can help in some way in this Church family event, if you would like to contribute. Please contact me.

Sheila Gooderham.      Worthing 506452.

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THE ARK MOTHERS AND TODDLERS CLUB

July 4th, 11th and 18th Thursdays 10 to 11.30 am in Church Hall, and July 25th at Field Place. Also August 1st at Field Place.

Janice Byerley and Valerie Gill

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Summer Programme 1991.



1st July      Summer Walk.  
15th July      A.G.M. and Supper.

BEANO CAMP - 31st MAY - 2nd JUNE 1991.

Once more we have been able to survive another camping week-end at Southwater. Including the children nearly 50 people (11 family units) pitched their various tents and caravans during Friday. Julie had made a superb birthday cake in the form of 'Dennis the Menace' (BEANO - get it?) for Julian's birthday.

On Saturday we had 10 visitors. First half of the football match - Dads versus the Rest. After lunch the children (not sure about the Dads) had enough energy for a trip to Horsham Park where some went swimming! Others spent a relaxing few hours back at the camp site enjoying the peace and quiet whilst preparing for the evening barbeque. Some of the town's best restaurants could not have provided a more delicious meal! Some bright spark then suggested we play the second half of the football match. This turned out to be quite competitive. We have the bruises to prove it. After the children were tucked up in bed, or being looked after by some babysitters, a game of Trivial Pursuit was the entertainment for the evening, held in the Communal Tent. The ladies felt that as they had won twice at the previous camp they had better let the men win this time, but it was a near thing! Someone forgot to tell the weather that it was now June as many of the ladies were sitting with duvets and blankets wrapped round them till the end of the game - midnight!

On Sunday we had 7 day visitors. It was a beautiful sunny start to the day. The Morning Service, held in the Communal Tent, was an informal occasion led mainly by Charlie and Julian. There was an opportunity for people to share and we were greatly blessed by those who shared their recent experiences concerning the Holy Spirit. Charlie's theme for the morning was 'The Parable of the Deflatable Bed'. You will not find any reference to this in the Bible but, should your interest be aroused, see one of the BEANO campers who will gladly explain.



## R E F O R M.

June Reform has a very highly coloured cover with pictures of the Assembly at Torbay. The first 14 pages are given over to a review of the Assembly from the Moderator's address; the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury; the new hymn book; reception by the Moderator of 43 newly ordained Ministers and church-related community workers to a tongue-in-the-cheek editorial devoted to a present given to the Moderator of a card which said 'Ten Rules of Business'.

Church Life tells of 3 couples married in 1941 at Pontnewynydd. For 50 years they have all maintained an active membership and association with the Church and they held a joint Service of thanksgiving celebration. What an example!

The Young people of S.E. Manchester District held an all-night vigil for Peace over the Easter week-end. At St. Andrew's Hoylake, Wirral FURY members prepared and served a gourmet dinner with a 'miracle' service of bread and fish on the following Sunday to raise funds for the new Fury Project. What an example!

Book reviews include scripts for possible performance in Church; 'A smile on the face of God' by Adrian Plass - a challenge for traditional people and a book of meditations for young people called 'Beginning where I am'.

The letters are varied and the one headed 'Joy in my unbelieving husband' gladdened my heart. It took a long time to read this month.

Sheila Gooderham. Reform Distributor.

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### A CHRISTIAN CRACKER.

,From the Daily Telegraph - The wedding music chosen by two young vegetarians included the voluntary 'Sheep may safely graze'.

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### BOYS' BRIGADE CAMP

9 boys from Junior Section and some Company boys went camping near Binstead during the Bank Holiday week-end. We arrived at about 6.30. All the tents, except Captain Stewart's, were up by 9 pm. After playing some games and having something to eat we went to bed and eventually got to sleep.

On Saturday morning we visited Fishbourne Roman Palace. After lunch we went to Arundel and went rowing on Swanbourne Lake. Guy, who was in my boat, lost his oar and we used the other oar to retrieve it. In the evening we made some camp fires and played cricket.

On Sunday Captain Stewart led Bible class in the mess tent and then we made a Roman well. After lunch all the parents came and all the boys took part in an assault course which involved the parents in throwing water at their own child. The parents stayed for tea. After they had gone home we made a big camp fire on which we cooked our burgers. We sang some songs round the fire until quite late. When we were in bed we had a midnight feast!

On Monday we had a wide game and when we were going back we were chased by some cows! We had to take the tents down when we got back to the site. We arrived home in the afternoon.

Thank you to Captain Stewart and all the officers who helped run the camp.

I had a great time!

Paul Byerly.



5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Thank you for Smartie tubes, gifts for Holiday Stall and yellow and white wool. There are a number of Smartie tubes to come in. We are still in need of oddments of yellow and white wool. When handing in your gifts for Holiday Stall please price the items for us.

Our Tuesday evenings continue to be very busy with all sorts of badge work being done. Why not pop in sometime and see for yourself? Regretably very few girls turn up for Church Parades, yet we have 60 names on the register and have, as a rule, 90% attendance on Brigade evenings.

Excitement is mounting as camp gets nearer. This year we are going again to 'HOLCOT', the G.B. house at Edenbridge, Kent. August 3/10. 20 Girls and 5 Officers. 10/17. 15 Girls and 5 Officers.

The collection for the HORSE grows steadily with the total now at £1,400. We still have quite a way to go, but horses usually gather speed nearing the finish, don't they?

Do please continue to remember us in your prayers. The Company needs a new pianist from January, plus at least 2 more ladies to train as Officers. Have you considered what talents you might use in Girls' Brigade to the Glory of God?

Bless you all. Jean Webb. Captain.

5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

JULY 14th PARADE SERVICE 11 am.

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### BOYS' BRIGADE MAY CAMP REPORT.

This year we returned to Church Farm, Binstead. We were joined by two Officers and six Boys from the 4th Worthing Boys' Brigade. Also, for the first time, we took the majority of our Junior Section whose programme included a visit to Fishbourne Roman Villa which the boys showed a lot of interest in and filled out question papers on. From there we had a packed lunch at Bosham Quay and drove around the harbour, then to Arundel and Swanbourne Lake where the boys tried their hands at rowing.

The Junior Boys completed a project including building a Roman well.

On Sunday the Morning Service was led by Mr. Stewart and Mr. Bliss, out in the open. The Boys' parents visited on Sunday afternoon and the Minister visited the site on Monday morning and had a mug of camp tea.

The weather was good to us although it was cold at night. The camp fire kept us warm. The boys from both Companies mixed well together and behaved well.

Thanks to Colin Easey for his endless energy in keeping the boys occupied. Malcolm Nicholls.

A Jumble Sale will be held in the Church Hall at 2 pm on July 20th to which Church Members, parents and friends are cordially invited.

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE 8 Psalm CXLVI

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath,  
And when my voice is lost in death,  
Praise shall employ my nobler powers:  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,  
While life and thought and being last,  
Or immortality endures.

Requested ~~but~~

Owing to lack of space only the  
first verse appears

AN APPRECIATION OF THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES  
SPOKEN AT THE CHATSMORE SCHOOL GATHERING  
OF THE GORING CHURCHES AT PENTECOST  
MAY 19th 1991.

There were some good words spoken by the Clergy, and the Scripture passages were really appropriate for us. From words and Scripture we see that we need to experience baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Can we ignore the gift Jesus asked of the Father on our behalf? Do we each want the gift?

Not only does Jesus give us the authority to go forth (Matt.28 v18), but asked the Father to send His promised gift (Matt 2 v 11, Acts 1 v 8) and told His disciples to stay in Jerusalem to be baptized with the Holy Spirit (v4) and within the next few days (v5) to receive power (v8) (to go forth).

They did, (with others and Jesus' family) constantly praying together. The promise came true and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other tongues as the Spirit gave them power of utterance (Acts 2 v 4). People of different lands heard the great things God has done in their own language (v12). Peter explained this happening from God's Word (Joel 2 vv 28-32a), and I am seeking to do the same.

Jesus also received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2 v 33). Jesus showed who He is, through miracles, portents and signs which God worked through Him among the people (v33).

After Pentecost Peter convinced 3,000 people that Jesus, who was crucified, was 'both Lord and Messiah' (v36). Then Peter was asked by his converts (who were cut to the heart) (v3), "What are we to do?" He said that they had to repent in order to receive forgiveness of their sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus the Messiah. He also said that the promised gift of the Holy Spirit was for them and their children and for everyone whom the Lord our God may call (v39).

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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Day unto day uttereth speech,  
and night unto night shows knowledge.

Boast not yourself of tomorrow;  
for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

The Bible, and not least in the books of Psalms and Proverbs, sharpens by its insight, comforts and challenges our views of the Present Day. 'Today is this scripture fulfilled in your ears', says Jesus when He preaches at Nazareth in St. Luke 4. It is a very useful exercise, spiritually, to look up the many references to the meanings of the word DAY in the Bible.

It was early in the morning when my friend, upon waking, experienced an overpowering sense of the Presence and Glory of God. He telephoned to speak of the blessedness of the experience when, as he said, 'the whole of my soul and of the world seemed charged with the glory of God'. What a gracious gift of God such experiences are; to know God nearer than breathing, and all being possessed by the Holy Spirit. May my friend continue richly to enjoy such blessed experience of God, and may we all be given the blessedness of such days. May we be urged to live day by day in expectation of the blessed Presence of Christ.

But what about those days when, upon our waking, we have no such wonderful experience of God? What are we to do, how are we to act and pray when the dawning day presents miseries to our minds and heaviness to our hearts? As one has put it 'We wake up and wonder what on earth life is all about!'

John Keble, whose morning hymn we sung on Sunday 7th July, offers this thought from his own experience (CP596). He tells us that on those days when, as a country parson, scholar and poet, he awoke feeling unfit to do any great work for God, he had learned a spiritual secret. It is to begin the day, however you feel, with prayer and adoration of God, and then to continue by doing those 'lesser' or humbler acts of Christian service that are all around us. He found by this means the presence of Christ, and his 'spiritual pump' was primed. His experience is described in his hymn:-

"New every morning is the love  
Our wakening and uprising prove;  
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
Restored to life and power and thought.

If on our daily course our mind  
Be set to hallow all we find,  
New treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.

Only, O Lord, in Thy dear love  
Fit us for perfect rest above;  
And help us, this, and every day,  
To live more nearly as we pray.

Yours with every blessing.

WILLIAM CONNELLY



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#### PETITIONS.

After consideration and discussion by the Elders' Meeting and agreement of the Church Meeting, it has been decided that no petitions of any sort (that is - name gathering for petitions) should be held in the Church or on any part of our premises without the prior consent of the Elders' Meeting.

WILFRED RHODES. Church Secretary.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Our grateful thanks to so many of you supporting our efforts at the recent Coffee Morning in which we raised £165.00 for the Bangladesh Cyclone Appeal.

With our Copper Collections we have been able to send £235.00 to the various Missions and Appeals so far this year. Please keep the coppers coming in. We will not grumble if the odd cupro-nickel coin creeps in!

We are pleased to inform you that the following families have been blessed with children:- Mr. & Mrs. Colin Easey, a daughter, Rosie. Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sopp a son, Edward, and Mr. & Mrs. Alan McCrory a son, name not known at this time. Malcolm and Sue are still awaiting their happy event. Our love and best wishes go out to them all.

Our Summer programme has been somewhat disrupted by the weather but we have managed to hold Treasure and Scavenger Hunts, Sausage Sizzles, Wide Games, Treks, Swimming, Rounders, Football, Unihoc, etc., plus our usual visit to Cote Street, Cissbury Ring, and the Plantation. To give the boys a rest after the Officers made so many demands on their energies we will not be meeting during August. We hope to resume operations on 9th September for Juniors and 13th September for the Company Section.

It is hoped to have our last fling of the summer with a week-end camp early in September.

With so many of the staff producing offspring and the Captain virtually an antique where is that queue of volunteers???? Please give it a thought, you young men and ladies.

Have a good holiday. Donald Stewart. Captain.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

The summer holidays are now upon us and we trust that we shall all benefit from some sunshine and a change of scenery. Don't forget the HOLIDAY STALL while you are away, will you? Girls' Brigade are responsible for that particular stall at the HARVEST FAIR and look forward to receiving yours gifts, priced please, when you return home.

Do remember us at camp. Aug 3rd to 10th with 20 girls and 5 staff, and Aug 10th to 17th with 15 girls and 5 staff. Edenbridge, Kent is our destination and we especially hope it will be a good couple of weeks since it will be the last G.B. camp for Captain and Lt. Brunton before they retire at the end of the year.

For Niki Craghill, too, it will be a special time spent with the G.B. family before she prepares to go to City University, London, to commence a four-year Nursing Studies Course. She's a super Warrant Officer and will be sorely missed, but we are delighted for her, and know that in due course she will make a first class nurse.

We were delighted to have a visitor 'pop in' a few Tuesdays ago. Thank you, Mr. Montford, for coming to see us. We wish a few more would call and see what we are up to.

We were also delighted to receive from the Women's Guild a cheque for £130 from the proceeds of their cream tea. This has made our HORSE 'gallop' a bit - we now need just £900 to pass the finishing post!!

For many years now the G.B. have collected foil, and used the money from the sale of it for the various special projects they undertake. With the retirement of Captain and Doctor Webb at the end of the year the Brigade is now looking for someone to take on the job of sorting and bagging-up the foil and selling it, when sufficient bags are full. Are YOU willing and able to do it?

If so, please contact Worthing 40546 for further information.

We are now, of course, on holiday until September 10th gathering strength for what looks like being a busy and exciting session to finish the year. Bless you for your continuing interest and support - it is all much appreciated.

Jean Webb. Captain.

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Novels obtainable from the author at  
5/2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing  
and Optimus Books, Warwick Street, Worthing.

"THE VIKINGS" £4.95 Set in the Faroes.  
Comedy and romance

"THE CHANNEL DIG" About what was found in  
the Channel Tunnel. Humour and romance.  
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"THE SACCHARIN MURDERS"  
Set in a wildfowl park in Sussex.  
Murder and humour.

#### BOOK NEWS



Two novels in one book for £6.95

'AVENAL' £4.95 Modern day Robin Hoods, set  
in Isles of Scilly and Hertfordshire.  
Mainly humour

For every book sold through me I promise to  
pay into Church funds the sum of One Pound (£1.00)

Leslie Montford. Author.

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#### TORCH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS.

Jubilee Hall. Greenland Road. Durrington

2.30 pm. Saturday 17th August

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#### THE ARK MOTHERS AND TODDLERS CLUB

August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.

at Field Place.

Janice Byerley and Valerie Gill

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T H A N K S.

'My sincere thanks for all the good wishes and enquiries during my recent illness, from the Minister, the 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade, as well as the beautiful flowers brought by Dorothy Turner on behalf of the Church.

It was a boost to my morale to have these messages of sympathy and encouragement.

With every blessing, Eileen King,  
Alfriston Road. Worthing.

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'I would like to express my sincere appreciation to those friends in the Church who visited me and wrote to me during my time in hospital. Their prayerful thoughts contributed to a successful recovery. My thanks especially to Rev. William Connelly and Rev. Ron Christopher for their helpful support.'

Ailsa M. Blackwood. West Drive. Ferring.  
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'My wife and I wish to sincerely thank all our friends in Goring U.R.C. for their prayers and expressions of sympathy at the sudden death of my brother-in-law. It helped us during our trip up to Ross-shire on the Sunday and at the funeral service in the local Church of Scotland at Ilam on the Wednesday. The Minister, Rev. Mr. Kelly, travelled with us all the way to the Crematorium at Perth, a distance of about 130 miles, and so from the Service to about 6.45pm we had a very exhausting time, but one in which we felt there was so much love and friendship given to us and my sister at this unexpected death of her husband, Major George Beggs.

The Rev. Mr. Kelly also asked us to extend his sincere good wishes to the Rev. Connelly and our congregation at Goring, for continued good work in the future.' Joan and Frazer Finlay.  
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HARVEST FAIR UPDATE. SEPTEMBER 28th 1991.

The Stalls to bring to your notice this month are, firstly, the GENERAL STORE. This, as its title suggests, covers all saleable items not catered for by others. Grocery, toiletries and stationery. The CHOIR are the ones responsible here, so all contributions to any Choir Member or Mrs. Bobby Hitchin (W.49580) in particular.

Secondly the Women's Guild will be womanning the CAKE STALL (Mrs. Joan Burrage W.502020) and

Thirdly the BEANO lads will be setting up the GAMES ROOM in the East hall.

In the Church Hall will be a display of Floral Decorations interwoven with your CRAFT items. Mrs. Dorothy Turner (W.43843) would like all CRAFT items, with your name securely attached, by Friday 20th September. Please will children send their items in as well; the flowers, fruit and greenery for the decorations in by Friday 27th September at 10am.

From what I have heard there is great activity going on. Please keep it up.

All the final details will be in the September Chronicle but, if you want any information or help, please contact me.

PLEASE NOTE:- THERE WILL BE A MEETING TO SORT OUT THE FINAL DETAILS ON THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER AT 7.30 pm IN THE HARRIS ROOM. PLEASE COME.

Sheila Gooderham. Worthing 506452.

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JUBILEE MUGS AND PENS AVAILABLE FOR SALEJULY/AUGUST R E F O R M.

The opening pages show the challenge to the Christian Church at Canary Wharf in London Docklands.

'A Morning by the Sea' another tongue-in-the-cheek article by the Editor looking at all the papers brought back from the General Assembly.

'Towards meaningful church accounts' is something new, as is also the opportunities offered in the world of radio and television.

Ministry with ventriloquism - that's different! How can we offer 'Care in the Community' - Holme URC Bradford found one way.

Roger Tones writes about 'Gospel Truth'.

Church Life shows a variety of Churches' activities and celebrations.

The Reviews this edition includes one in poetry - all about Eve!

The Letters contain comments on Animal abuse; Infant Baptism and Funerals; Large Print copies of all literature used in Church and an answer to queries on 'Rejoice and Sing.' A truly varied edition.

Sheila Gooderham. Reform Distributor.

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A CHRISTIAN CRACKER.

From the Daily Telegraph :- 'From an advertisement in the Huddersfield Examiner - 'H registered Nissan Micra, in red, one Reverend owner from new, never missed a service'

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"BUROVANGELISM" has produced a video tape entitled 'Miracle in Moscow' which runs for 15 minutes. If you would like to borrow this for a Church or House Group please let me know.  
Phyllis B. Wheeler. 24 Wellesley Avenue. Goring-by-Sea.

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SUSSEX LADIES' DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING.

Saturday 26th October 1991 from 10am to 4pm.  
 GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.  
 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE. GORING-BY-SEA. WORTHING.  
 NEAREST Railway Station - Durrington.  
 Led by Pat Hughes and Patricia Gordon.  
 For further information ring Worthing 504733.  
 Please bring your own coffee/tea.

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GROUP FOR EVANGELISM AND RENEWAL WITHIN THE  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

## 'FOR THIS PURPOSE'

Conference at Ashburnham Place, near Hastings.  
 Led by Rev. John Hall.  
 8th to 10th NOVEMBER 1991.

There will be a Children's programme  
 for under 13s.

COST:- Adults (13 year and over) £46.00  
 Children (3 to under 13) £23.00  
 (under 3 years) FREE.

Further details available from Mrs. Irene Tuley.

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NEW ELDERS' INDUCTION September 1st.TORCH FELLOWSHIP NOTICES.

The Trust now has 3 Wheel-chairs available to cope  
 with disabled visitors.

'Little Torch', Hurstpierpoint, has welcomed  
 groups of children, with their teachers, from the  
 local Junior School. They listened to informal  
 talks about the needs of blind people and the work  
 of the Torch Trust.

Torch Trust News - the Summer Torch Family News is  
 available. Several English Scripture Gift Mission  
 Booklets are now available in GIANT PRINT.

The 1992 Scripture Text Calendar, in Giant Print,  
 is now being prepared. (Please do not order yet!)

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Free books for the Third World:

Lion Publishing's 20th Birthday 'thank you'.

Lion Publishing celebrates its twentieth birthday this year. As a 'thank you' for what has been achieved the Company will be giving away thousands of its most important books to Christians in need in the Third World and Central Eastern Europe:-

The Lion Handbook to the Bible. £16.95

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These are recognized as some of the finest books to have been published in recent years. Lion's Celebration - 'Buy One, Send One' scheme will put thousands of copies into the hands of Christians who could not otherwise get them.

The scheme means that for every copy of any of these books bought in the U.K. between now and August 31st Lion will donate a free copy of the same title to Christians in need overseas.

Managing Director Mark Beedell says 'A total of well over two million of these books are in print in English alone. They are firmly established as some of the most useful Bible reference books available. Yet, so far, only a tiny fraction of the overall quantity has reached some of the most needy areas of the world.

It seemed that here was a way for us to give thanks for the first twenty years of Lion's work by doing something of tangible and lasting value. At the same time we are providing a practical way for others in the UK to be involved in meeting the needs of Christians around the world.'

Books will be sent out through a number of UK agencies, including Book Aid and Sovereign World Trust. For more information contact Philip Henderson, Lion Publishing, on 0865 747550.

Books should be ordered through Ron Jordan, or, if purchased at the Christian Book Centre, should be attributed to the G.U.R.C. Account.

Phyllis Wheeler.

RE-CYCLED CONTAINERS HELP FOR TEAR FUND.

PBT International Ltd, a British company, is offering to give TEAR FUND £1.50 for each used Toner Cartridge, and £2 for each discarded Drum they receive from a wide range of photocopiers and laser printers. One such payment would pay for a child overseas to receive meals for a week.

The Company specialises in re-cycling products - and 100,000 cartridges alone are discarded every month.

PBT International ask prospective suppliers to send them a note of the manufacturer and model, plus SAE. If the materials are suitable for re-cycling the Company will send a set of FREEPOST labels.

People with legitimate access to discarded cartridges and drums can increase the financial return by pooling items: for ten or more PBT will arrange collection and pay £3 per cartridge. Please mention TEAR FUND when making returns to ensure that the funds come to the Agency.

Contact PBT International Ltd., 3F Second Avenue, Midsomer Norton, BATH. BA3 4BH (0761 419044 ask for Greg Thompson) Phyllis Wheeler.

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Bobby Hitchin.

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KURDISH DISASTER FUND APPEAL.

The Kurdish Cultural Centre, 14 Stannary Street, London. SE11 4AA was set up in 1985 to help Kurdish refugees in Britain and abroad.

They have worked with Kurdish refugees in Britain and in camps in Turkey. These are families who fled from Iraq's chemical attacks on Kurdish villages in 1988.

In February they sent money to help children in these camps who were suffering from illness, hunger and cold.

Money is now urgently required to assist in the present crisis in their country.

Can you please help? I.K.

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REPORT OF THE U.R.C. SUSSEX WEST  
DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING ON 13th JUNE 1991.

The meeting was held at Christ Church United Methodist and U.R.C. in Chichester and was attended by our Moderator, David Helyar.

The meeting opened with a service of Holy Communion led by Rev. John Titlow, during which the new District Chairman, Rev. Stuart Bidmead was inducted for a period of 2 years. Mr. Titlow is the new Pastoral Committee Chairman.

Prayers were asked for :-

William Collier - Interim Moderator of Clermont who is to have a hip-replacement operation.

Pat Cochrane, wife of the Minister of Brighthelm, who is unwell.

Thanks were given to Ruby Clarenbone who had served 4 years as chairman, and to Nancy Welch, the ex-chairman of the Pastoral Committee.

Information has been given to all Churches about a new drug danger for children - this information has been circulated in our Church to those working with children.

The Role of the District Council.

The 3 Ministers who undertook a review of the District Council spoke in detail of their findings and comments which the Executive will seriously consider. There was some discussion and representatives responded to it. The District Council meeting should be open and members of one's own Church encouraged to attend when it is held there. The next meeting will be held in this Church on Thursday 12th September at 7.30 pm.

The Moderator had 4 suggestions which work well in the Croydon District.

1. A prayer calendar of every Church in the District to go into each Church's magazine.
2. Quinquennial District visits should show real pastoral care to each Church.
3. News of each Church to be shared.
4. A residential weekend together.

News from the Churches.

The Portslade and Hove Churches are unable to share ministry at this stage. Peacehaven Resources Centre received a grant of £1200 from the Province towards their Community worker. Telscombe Cliffs received a grant of £2500 and a loan of £5500 from the Province. Hounsom will require a grant or loan for repairs. Littlehampton and Sompting have had work completed following an arson attack and a break-in. John Tarry of St. Columba's Church has taken over authority for several homes in the Retired Ministers Housing Society.

Finance.

Pray for continued faith in our Churches as they respond to the District Treasurer's suggested target of £305,000.

The FURY Project. The district raised between £4,000 and £4,500, though it failed to reach the target of £6,000. However, with the favourable responses from all the Provinces Assembly was convinced that there was the faith for the project to go forward.

Near Future Dates.

Women's World Day of Prayer Conference will be held at Littlehampton U.R.C. on Wednesday 11th September from 10.30am to 3.30 pm.

The U.R.C. Musicians' Guild will meet at Winchester on Saturday 21st September.

There will be no District Autumn Conference this year.

Is there a future with the Methodists?

There was much discussion on this subject - both for and against any possible talks about a possible liaison between the U.R.C. and the Methodists. One person spoke about the United Church of Australia, where all denominations were forgotten and a new Church was formed, a radical way.

It is imperative for the District Executive to hear from individual Churches as a District response needs to be sent (in July) to the Provincial Synod. Should we go ahead with preliminary talks, about talks, with the Methodists? A straw poll thought that we should.

In order for our Church to make a response to the District our Church Secretary had 5 questions to put to the Church Meeting, (but was unable to do so owing to shortage of time on a tight agenda).

1. What positive effect could a Methodist/URC union have on the Mission and witness of the Church in your area?

2. Do you feel there would be any sense of threat posed to the life and witness of the Churches in your area by the prospect of a Methodist/URC union?

3. What increase in effectiveness might be achieved by uniting the work of Divisions and Departments at National level?

4. Assembly/Conference is looking for an initial response before spending resources on preparing a union scheme. On balance, with what degree of enthusiasm do you view the possibility of a Methodist/URC union?

5. If your response to question 4 is 'none' or 'little', does your discussion offer any other observations about relationships between the two Churches?

Please add any other comments you think would be helpful. Irene Tuley. Representative.

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#### PROVERBS CH. 9. VV 10-12.

To be wise you must first have reverence for the Lord. If you know the Holy One, you have understanding. Wisdom will add years to your life. You are the one who will profit if you have wisdom, and if you reject it, you are the one who will suffer. G.N.B. page 634.

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### JUNIOR CHURCH SUMMER OUTING.

If you needed any proof that some within Junior Church are slightly mad then you would not have had far to look on Saturday 13th July when they, plus some family members, embarked on their summer outing. A trip on an open-top bus is certainly a thrill for the children, but in the rain? Even the passengers inside the bus did not escape a soaking as part of the bus leaked! The only person to arrive dry at our destination was the driver. Well planned Keith!

It was a disappointment to learn that, as we arrived at Littlehampton later than scheduled, the boat on which we had planned to travel up river had already left. So we continued to Arundel by bus, arriving at St. Nicholas Church in time for lunch in one of the halls. We were then given a tour of the Church by one of the stewards. St. Nicholas, we discovered, is the patron saint of children and sailors - how very apt on this occasion! In order to remind ourselves that it was a summer outing we were treated to an ice-cream before burning off a little energy at the playground.

The return trip was just as soggy as the first run with the added surprise of a few low-hanging branches! There was still time for some games back in the Church Hall before the other Mums and Dads collected their children.

Despite the weather, or was it because of it? everyone seemed to have a great deal of fun. Thanks, Chris for organizing the day, thanks Keith for the transport, and thank God for a safe journey. 'Soggy' Sue Arkinstall.

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GIRLS' BRIGADE MEETING NIGHT.

On July 2nd I went to the Girls' Brigade meeting. As soon as I stepped into the hall I was welcomed with smiles and handshakes. Margaret took me under her wing and, with Nicola on my other side, I joined in with singing a hymn. There were some 30 young ladies of various ages sitting on the floor. Later they were inspected, standing up, by their Captain.

During the evening I was happy to be able to chat with Jean, Margaret, Nicola, Hayley etc., then watched the preparation of 'Get Well' cards - from plain paper stage to finished article, many of them fascinatingly ingenious in their concoction and design and putting together.

I spent a very pleasant hour with them all and wished I had gone earlier.

Well done 5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade, and thank you sincerely for your kind reception of me. Les Montford.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CONFERENCE.

You are invited to a

Women's World Day of Prayer Conference  
at Littlehampton United Church (Methodist/URC)  
1 High Street, Littlehampton. West Sussex  
from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Coffee served from 10am

Wednesday 11th September 1991

Cost for the day £1.00 - to include soup and drinks. Please bring your own lunch.

Please register your name, together with a non-returnable fee of £1.00 by 25th August to :-

Mrs. Eileen Rhodes. W.48263.

or Mrs. Ethel Dearsley. W.45751.

The theme for the day will be 'Living wisely with Creation', in preparation for the Day of Prayer next March.

E.R.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Donald Stewart. Captain

There are several ways in which your Captain may ask you to serve:-

1. As a squad Commander you are in charge! You are responsible! Do not be a bully, but do try to improve your squad. Encourage your Boys to clean their uniforms. Before they come on Parade check that they are well turned out. Encourage good attendance. You may be asked to visit absentees. Be concerned about the Boys in your squad, and how they are getting on. Are they taking part to the full? Are they having difficulties? If there are problems you cannot handle then see the Captain.
2. As a Tent Commander. At Camp you may be given this very important responsibility. Be especially mindful to look after younger Boys. Instruct them in tent craft and make sure they do not feel 'out of it'. That is a sure way of avoiding home-sickness for those at camp for the first time.
3. In Charge of an Activity. It might be anything from instructing a class to helping to run the Club. Whatever it is, make sure you have prepared yourself well before each event. Keep the right measure of discipline and do not let things get out of control. Produce new ideas and try to make your activity as interesting as you possibly can.

In some Companies NCOs are give special privileges, perhaps a special room, perhaps the occasional 'tea' at the Captain's home.

Do not forget these privileges are earned by hard work in serving the other Boys in your Company and your Squad!

Do you still want to be an N. C. O.?

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JESUS IS WEAVING A TAPESTRY.  
BY PETER SHELDON.

My life is but a 'Weaving Tapestry'  
Between my Lord and me,  
For I may not choose the colours,  
But Jesus knows what they should be.

For he can view the pattern  
Upon the other side,  
Whilst I can see it only here on earth  
On this the other side.

Sometimes he does weave sorrow  
And that's so strange to me,  
But I will go on trusting Him,  
And work for him faithfully.

For it is He who fills the shuttle,  
The Lord knows what is best.  
I shall go on praising Him  
And weave away in earnest,  
So leave Him with the rest.

When the call comes from Jesus to me  
With Him I shall abide.  
Then I with Him may view the pattern  
On the other side.

Then at last joyfully I shall know the reason  
Why my pain with joy was entwined,  
So woven into the fabric of this life  
That our Divine Lord God designed.

Amen.

Peter Sheldon

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HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS. NEW MEMBER 21.7.91  
14 CLOSE Mr. Andrew 46 Longlands. 32174



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

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

Please ask the Minister or Mrs. Hilary Redman for a form.

This is a confidential Pastoral Service.

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WE WELCOME all who attend our Services (or receive The Chronicle) and hope you find this time of Worship a helpful and enriching experience.

Please tick in empty spaces below if you require any of these or if they refer to you:-

VISITOR.....NEW RESIDENT....

REQUEST FOR PASTORAL CALL.....

JOIN ENVELOPE SCHEME.....

COVENANT MY GIVING.....

NAME & ADDRESS :- .....

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TELEPHONE NUMBER.....



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FROM THE MINISTER'S PEN :-  
TRAVELLING LIGHT.

Perhaps you have been busy packing or unpacking over the past few days. The thought must out - who does the packing in your household in preparation for your holidays? I can guess who does the unpacking and the washing when you return home.

To pack for travel by Air, Sea, Rail, or by Car requires its own special skill and sense of priorities. Packing for a journey by foot is a much easier business and one with which Jesus and His disciples were very familiar. He insisted upon His disciples travelling light; St. Mark chapter 6 verses 7-13 describes the Lord's instructions to His disciples in preparation for their first evangelistic tour. The job did not take very long - travel with what you stand up in and equip yourself with a big stick!

Sir Walter Raleigh knew a lot about travelling in the world of four hundred years ago. In his poem 'The Passionate Man's Pilgrimage' he writes :  
Give me my scallop shell of quiet,

My staff of faith to walk upon,  
My scrip of joy, immortal diet,  
My bottle of salvation:  
My gown of glory, hope's true gage,  
And thus I'll take my pilgrimage.

And while we are in a classical frame of mind - and books never take up too much space in our baggage - it is worth remembering that the Latin for 'baggage' is 'impedimentum'! And so there is a Biblical and Christian message in the act of packing and unpacking. The older we grow and remain on this planet, and especially so in the western world, the more impedimenta we acquire.

The Bible has many things to say about Possessions - especially about how to possess our possessions and not to be possessed by them.

There is always room for a Bible and concordance in your baggage.

We read in Hebrews chapter 12 vv 1-2:

'Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Looking unto Jesus.....'

Well, we all know that when we are weighed down with baggage it is very hard to look up, even to see the destination board and our fellow travellers. And remember, 'bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ'.

Yours with every blessing.

WILLIAM CONNELLY

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#### CHARGES FOR PHOTO-COPYING.

Since February 1989, when the Church purchased a photo-copying machine, the charges made for copies have not changed.

However, with subsequent increases in the costs of purchasing materials and for servicing of the machine, it is necessary to raise the charges from September 1st 1991, as follows:-

Single-sided A4 sheets: 3½p per copy. (rounded up to the next penny.)

Double-sided A4 sheets: 6p per copy.

E.C. BOND.

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It will be known to every one that our Minister is retiring at the end of this year. Due to the fact that he has not taken his annual holiday in August as usual, Mr. Connelly will be taking November and December as holiday, and his last Service will be the 11 o'clock morning Service on November 3rd.

A small group of Elders (composed of Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Gooderham, and Messrs. Brewer, Bond, Fuley and myself) has been set up to discuss the variety of matters necessary at this time. They report to and seek advice and comments from the Elders' Meeting and Church Meeting. At present this group is known as the Steering Committee.

This notice is to let every one know that we are planning to hold a farewell tea on Saturday November 2nd, in honour of our Minister and Mrs. Connelly. The tea will be followed by a Barn Dance, and between the two a presentation will be made to Mr. Connelly in recognition of the 17 years that he has been our Pastor and Preacher. The presentation will be in the form of a cheque, and all members and friends are invited to contribute to this. Contributions may be handed to me or Mr. Roy Gooderham, our Treasurer, or placed in any Sunday offertory in a suitably marked envelope.

Further details of tea and Barn Dance will be 'broadcast' later.

Wilfred Rhodes. Church Secretary.

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#### THE FRONT GARDENS.

Our thanks are due to several members of the Church who keep the gardens so well. Not an easy job, but what a lovely entry to the Church Robin has made. Have you noticed?

It is such a 'professional' effort!

D. B. J.

5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Donald Stewart. Captain

We pray for a good start to our new session and a hope that the boys soon settle down to working for their various awards.

The Anchor Boys and Junior Sections recommence on Monday 9th September at 5pm and 6pm respectively, and the Company Section on Friday 13th September at 7pm.

PAUL ARKINSTALL and MARK BYERLEY will be moving up to the Juniors. ANDREW BROWN and PETER MASTERTEN, having gained their GOLD AWARDS, will be going up to the Company Section.

We still require help in the Junior and Company Sections. Even if you can only spare an hour or two now and again we would appreciate the offer.

Please do not forget the bric-a-brac and antique items for our stall at the Harvest Fair. We will be pleased to collect it if you give us a ring at Worthing 43787.

Thank you. Don Stewart. Captain.

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G I F T D A Y.

The Elders have decided that our Gift Day this year will be held on the day of the HARVEST FAIR. We have to spend an extra £3,000 in 1991 because of the Quinquennial Survey, so this is to be our target from the Harvest Fair and Gift Day. Envelopes will be available in the vestibule from early SEPTEMBER. Please return them to the Minister in the Harris Room on the day of the HARVEST FAIR. Roy Gooderham. Treasurer.

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HARVEST FAIR AND GIFT DAYSEPTEMBER 28th 1991.10am.

PLEASE NOTE:- THERE WILL BE A MEETING TO  
ARRANGE THE FINAL DETAILS WITH ALL STALL HOLDERS  
ON THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER AT 7.30 pm IN THE HARRIS  
ROOM. PLEASE COME, OR SEND A REPRESENTATIVE.

Flower Festival and Craft Display in the Church -

Mrs. Dorothy Turner W. 43843

All greenery, flowers and fruit at the Church on  
Friday 27th September by 10am.

Craft from adults and children, with names  
attached, to Mrs. Turner by Friday 20th September

A large carboy for donations will be  
needed, please.

IN THE HALLS.

Books and Bric-a-brac - to the Minister W.48259  
and to the Boys' Brigade Mr. Don Stewart. W43787

Cakes - Women's Guild. Mrs. Joan Burrage  
W.502020 or Mrs. Betty Hislop W.44381

Children's Stall - Junior Church and The Ark.

Mrs. Carol Davis W502338 and Mrs. Val Gill W.67655

General Store (Groceries, Stationery, Toiletries)  
the Choir. Mrs. Bobby Hitchin W.49580

Holiday Stall - Girls' Brigade. Mrs. Jean Webb  
W.40546.

Home Made (Anything but cakes) Monday Evening  
Fellowship. Mrs. Robin Bradley W.40908

or Mrs. Bobby Hitchin W.49580.

Plant and Produce (Anything that grows) Men's  
Fellowship. Mr. Charles Taylor. W46523.

Games in the East Hall. B.B.A.N.O. Club.

Mr. Julian Brewer. W.47597.

Refreshments. Mrs. Robin Bradley W.40908.

Donations of tomatoes, lettuce and other  
salad vegetables will be needed for Ploughman's  
lunches. Let Robin know what you can offer,  
before Friday 27th September.

There will be competitions, also a handkerchief  
girl dressed in, guess what? Yes. Handkerchiefs.  
Any donations or hankys to Robin please.

We hope to finish in early afternoon but it has been suggested that we hold an Auction. If this does take place it will follow immediately the Fair is closed.

Do try and help stock the stalls and if you have gifts please telephone the individual in charge of the stall to arrange collection or delivery.

Additional help will be needed to act as Stewards, also with the preparation and serving of refreshments. If you do not belong to any organization and would like to help in any way do please contact ME and I will fit you in.

This HARVEST FAIR has been arranged, not only to raise funds, but to foster a family atmosphere in the Church by working together and getting to know each other better in the light of the interregnum next year. This could be a start! May God be with us during our Harvest celebrations.

Sheila Gooderham. Worthing 506452.

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#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We invite all members and friends to join us in Fellowship this Autumn. We meet in the East Hall on alternate Tuesdays at 2.45pm starting on September 10th.

We begin our programme with a Members' afternoon when we invite members to share their experiences with us.

On September 24th Rolf Rowling will give us an illustrated talk on Sussex Churches.

We finish our meetings with a cup of tea and a chat and in time to take our wives and friends home. If transport is a problem then ring 502821.

We have one rule-Be friendly. Alex Blackford.

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JUBILEE MUGS AND PENS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

After a busy summer entertaining other Guilds and renewing old friendships, we commence our Autumn Programme on September 10th - a Tuesday - at 2.45pm, the actual time the meeting starts, but the hall is ready for you by 2.15pm for that friendly chat etc., beforehand.

We have an interesting programme and Rev. William Connelly will get us off to a good start, as usual. Do come and join us. You will find a very warm welcome here.

September 24th Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley gives us an illustrated talk on Egypt and Sudan.

From Marjorie Hayward:-

"What an amazing surprise I had this morning. Thank you for the lovely card with all those well-remembered names on it. It brought back so many happy memories. Please thank all who signed the card and give them my love. My two friends from the local church told me they had met you and how much they had enjoyed their visit to the church."

When Joan sent the Chronicle to Mrs. Hayward she asked her to add the name of Anne Hamblenden who was not in church when the card was signed.

The reply:- "I have added Anne's name to the list of names which I greatly treasure. I read the Chronicle with such great pleasure for it reminds me of all the happy years Wallace and I spent with you."

Letter received from Mariam Baroi  
on July 16th 1991

Dear Ethel, Thank you very much for your letter. I am sorry not to have written before. I think everything is going on well. Last month there was a dreadful cyclone near our village. One of the children's homes was damaged, but children were safe, except for one boy. He is all right now.

We are in another district so there was no cyclone here. It was in the south of Bangladesh. My home is there but my family is safe. This time the weather is hot and it is a sunny day. We saw

the news of it on TV. I feel very sorry for people who are suffering. Lots of children have no parents now. They are homeless and have no food. They are begging for food. Many NGOs are supporting them with food now, but it is not enough. From our Church people went to that cyclone area and distributed clothing, food and medicine.

What about Sussex Church? Please say Hello to them for me. How is your garden? I have a little flower garden in front of my flat. I have four rose plants.

I was quite sick seven days ago. I had a problem with my eyes and was in hospital. Now I am well again and start work soon. I am planning to go to India next month with my mother to visit my auntie and uncle.

I have received a card for my birthday from Jenny and Keith (Meritt). My mother will invite some of her friends for my birthday. I could not go there because my home is far from here, so I arranged a little party with my children here.

I hope you are fine. I remember you. Take care. My love to you and to all who remember me.

Yours, Mariam Baroi.

Ethel Dearsley

**FROM ABROAD**

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For many years now our Girls' Brigade have collected foil, and used the money from the sale of it for the various special projects they undertake. With the retirement of Captain and Doctor Webb at the end of the year the Brigade is now looking for someone to take on the job of sorting and bagging-up the foil and selling it, when sufficient bags are full. Are YOU willing and able to do it ?

If so, please contact Worthing 40546 for further information.

Jean Webb. Captain.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

New Session starts 6pm September 10th.

Church Parade October 13th.

GIRLS' BRIGADE CAMP AT EDENBRIDGE - REPORT.

3 to 10th August 1991.

We arrived at Holcot House under glorious sunshine which continued for most of our week at camp. Ten of the 19 girls were new campers and were very excited, so the Officers had a very busy evening settling in ten excited Juniors to bed.

We had a busy week with activities, including swimming in the new leisure centre in Edenbridge, a visit to Godstone farm, a working farm where the girls were able to climb into the animals' pens and see them at close quarters.

We all survived the long trek into Edenbridge which we completed no less than four times - 2½ miles each way over fields, stiles and country roads, not forgetting the railway line where Vanessa (the 2 year old daughter of Lt. Baldwin) always hoped that Thomas the Tank Engine would come puffing down the line.

After all the exercise we consumed lots of lovely food, expertly prepared by Captain, Lt. Brunton and Mrs. Hayden.

Our prayertimes were lead by Captain in the evenings and we listened to stories of William the Church mouse.

In the mornings we learnt about the fruits of the Holy Spirit with stories to give new meaning of these to younger girls.

Camp was certainly a fruitful experience for us all and we would like to thank Captain and Lt. Brunton for all their hard work on this, their last camp.

The Brigaders.

(If only all reports of activities for the Chronicle were so well written the job of editor would be simple. God Bless the Brigaders. LM

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Open to all. 7.30 pm.

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Bobby Hitchin.

PETITIONS.

After consideration and discussion by the Elders' Meeting and agreement of the Church Meeting, it has been decided that no petitions of any sort (that is - name gathering for petitions) should be held in the Church or on any part of our premises without the prior consent of the Elders' Meeting.

WILFRED RHODES. Church Secretary.

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TORCH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS.

Jubilee Hall. Greenland Road. Durrington

2.30 pm. Saturday 7th September. Speaker

Mr. L. Rixon. (Soloist Gail Lowther)

We meet at St. Columba's Church at 2.30 pm.

Jubilee Hall Greenland Rd. Durrington.

2.30pm 5th October. Miss Bryce.

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THE ARK MOTHERS AND TODDLERS CLUB

September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th at Church Hall.

Janice Byerley and Valerie Gill

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CONFERENCE.

You are invited to a

Women's World Day of Prayer Conference

at Littlehampton United Church (Methodist/URC)

1 High Street, Littlehampton. West Sussex

from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Coffee served from 10am

Wednesday 11th September 1991

Cost for the day £1.00 - to include soup and drinks. Please bring your own lunch.

Some, late places may still be available. Please register your name, together with a non-returnable fee of £1.00 to :-

Mrs. Eileen Rhodes. W.48263.

or Mrs. Ethel Dearsley. W.45751.

The theme for the day will be 'Living wisely with Creation', in preparation for the Day of Prayer next March.

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WOMEN'S GUILD

OFFICERS:- President Mrs. J. BURRAGE.  
 Vice-President Mrs. L. COLLISON.  
 Secretary Mrs. B. HISLOP.  
 Treasurer Mrs. P. TAYLOR.

COMMITTEE:- Mrs. B. BARNETT.  
 Mrs. E. DEARSLEY. Mrs. E. MARSH.  
 Mrs. J. MARSH. Mrs. M. MORRIS.  
 Mrs. P. MOTT. MRS. G. SANDERS.  
 Miss B. STUTTER. Miss W. TREW.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

OFFICERS:-

President. Revd. W. CONNELLY.  
 Vice-President. Revd. R. CHRISTOPHER.  
 Chairman. Mr. T. LYONS.  
 Secretary Mr. S. HIDER.  
 Treasurer Mr. A. HEAD.

COMMITTEE:- Mr. J. BLACKWOOD  
 Mr. R. JOSSELYN.

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THE CREAM TEA.

On Tuesday 13th August a cream tea was held at the home of Mrs. Bobby Hitchin, 12 West Park Lane, on behalf of the FURY project at Yardley Hastings, Northamptonshire. It was charmingly organized by her and her friends.

Some 40 people attended over the two hours it lasted and at least £70 was raised. Donations were to be added later.

Thank you Bobby. We had a fine day for it.

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SUSSEX LADIES' DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING.

Saturday 26th October 1991 from 10am to 4pm.

GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE. GORING-BY-SEA. WORTHING.

NEAREST Railway Station - Durrington.

Led by Pat Hughes and Patricia Gordon.

For further information ring Worthing 504733.

Please bring your own coffee/tea.

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GROUP FOR EVANGELISM AND RENEWAL WITHIN THE  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

'FOR THIS PURPOSE'

Conference at Ashburnham Place, near Hastings.

Led by Rev. John Hall.

8th to 10th NOVEMBER 1991.

There will be a Children's programme for -13s.

COST:- Adults (13 year and over) £46.00

Children (3 to under 13) £23.00

(under 3 years) FREE.

Further details available from Mrs. Irene Tuley.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Our new session starts on Monday 9th September at 8pm. On that evening we will be pleased to welcome the Minister, Rev. William Connelly, who will be speaking to us. We also extend a warm welcome to any lady in the Church who would like to come along on alternate Mondays and join our group. We have friendly and informal meetings and the forthcoming session should prove to be very interesting.

Our following meeting in September will be on 23rd when we shall be holding an A to Z Quiz, plus.

On behalf of all our Members I should like to take this opportunity to give our sincere thanks to Mrs. Robin Bradley for her three years as Chairman. She has been a wonderful leader and I will find her's a very hard act to follow.

Thank you, Robin.

Doreen Norris.

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### THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE - A MEDITATION.

Change and decay in all around I see

1) Oh thou who changest not,  
Abide with me. Henry Francis Lyte.

2) We shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.....and we shall be changed.

1 Cor. 15 vv51-52

3) We shall be changed in the blink of an eye,  
Mission Praise 2. No.595

4) I am the Lord, I change not.  
Malachi 3 v 6

We have here to consider two views of change.

The first is the changeless nature of God Himself, a vital fact to contemplate and a subject for deep meditation. God is love, writes John in his epistle; the very nature of God, love and with surpassing love; righteousness, and these two characteristics are complementary, without Divine love righteousness could not be displayed, and without righteousness Divine love could not be manifest in Jesus, come in flesh. God's essential nature in revelation - Father, Son and Holy Spirit is changeless - not love at the expense of righteousness, not righteousness at the expense of love, for if the love of God extends to all, God does not will the death of the sinner, in that God loves the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have life everlasting; by the same token the righteousness of God demands the lake of fire: 'The dead were judged out of the things written in the books according to their works...And if anyone was not found written in the book of life he was cast into the lake fire'

When we come to the created Universe, however, we are at once faced with the fact of constant change, or, as Greek philosophers summarised this startling fact - COSMOS-CHAOS-COSMOS. Cosmos is the ordered state of things where everything is under control, when the Devil moves in, as he did in the garden of Eden, chaos

ensues. Everything is thrown into disorder and it requires God to step in to re-establish an ordered state.

As we look around we echo Henry Francis Lyte's words 'change and decay in all around I see', the intervention of Satan into God's world has brought in death. It does not need any more then, to consider the effects of industrialisation of war and pollution for us and witness to negative change and decay in the ordered system of God set up for His pleasure. It will need God's intervention after the disasters predicted in Revelation 4 v 17 for order to come out of chaos, and so we have John's wonderful declaration in Revelation 21 'I saw a new heaven and a new earth for the former things had passed away' This is not a repair job but something entirely new and wonderful.

So with ourselves, our nature, our personalities need changing - it is one of Christianity's challenges; are we prepared, in the first place, to accept the need to change, and then are we prepared to accept the way in which our Lord Jesus Christ brings the necessary changes about? Paul writes of himself 'I am crucified with Christ and no longer live, I, but Christ lives in me; Galatians.

The changes that Jesus wishes to bring about in us need this painful experience and one touches on it very carefully. 'I am crucified with Christ', and yet it is the path for every believer; the things that are part of us according to nature have to be crucified. Galatians 5 v 17-21. So that the Holy Spirit can have His full way with us to transform us after the image of Christ Himself. Galatians 5 v 22-24. To reach the desired end, they that are of the Christ have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts.

Then at the glorious moment of union with Christ Himself, whether by way of resurrection or whether by actual translation 1 Thess. 4. we are

all to be charged, literally and actually, because to be in the company of Christ we shall need these changes in our personalities through the work of the Holy Spirit whilst we are on the earth and then in our bodies when we are glorified with Him at His appearing. 2 Corinthians 3 v18. See Paul again in 1 Cor. 18 v44. 'It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body; if there is a natural body there is also a spiritual one' The natural body refers to our natural life here in the world, as we have in Genesis, Man became a living soul, while the spiritual body is not some mysterious idea, but refers to our heavenly form.

What great things these are to mediate upon! They are part of our great treasure, our Christian inheritance, part of what is referred to as the 'things God has prepared'. In this way we need to be prepared to accept the challenge of change in our lives - in accepted patterns that we may have come to regard as unchangeable. These we have to face as we go with God in our lives. The child in a Christian home faces the challenge of teenage years, the Christian teenager faces all that it means to be part of the adult world. The adult Christian has a life which involves change - the changes that are brought about by Christian maturation. Those of us who are older physically may be facing the challenge of change that retirement brings about. Are we meeting these with the Lord Jesus alongside us? To quote again 'God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year.'

So then finally, we are all facing change as we face changes within Goring U.R.C. Let us go forward together prayerfully and carefully that the will of the Lord be done, for God has great things to do in Goring.

Alec Ralph.

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# *The* CHRONICLE



## GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

25 PENCE

A TESTIMONY IN PREPARATION FOR A BELIEVER'S BAPTISM  
BY MISS JULIE SHARPE.

Together with the Lord I have written this rhyme,  
And though basic and simple it took me some time.  
I find it quite hard to speak out to you.  
But I love the Lord, and it's what I must do.

I have been a Christian, well, not very long,  
And give thanks to the Lord that I feel so strong,  
From a very tiny seed that once was sown,  
My faith in the Lord has grown and grown.

Becoming a Christian has changed my whole life,  
God helps with my worry, my grief and my strife.  
Unlike before I know He'll be there  
Whenever I bow my head for a prayer.

Problems before that tore me apart,  
Now are resolved with peace in my heart.  
God's love for me is so big and round,  
Just like a circle - no end can be found.

The Lord will be with me in good times and bad,  
Whether I'm happy or whether I'm sad.  
And though I know I'll not be without sin,  
With Jesus's help Satan won't be let in.

There'll be problems in my life as there was before,  
But now I know God whom I've let through my door.  
I'll have opposition and my faith may be tried,  
But I'll stay on the narrow path with God as my guide.

So Father now I hold up my hand,  
And with You alone I make my stand.  
Baptism today means a new life with You,  
Get rid of the old and begin again new.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK.CHAPTER 16 VERSES 14/20.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. Believers will be given the power to perform miracles; they will drive out demons in my name; they will speak in strange tongues; if they pick up snakes or drink any poison, they will not be harmed; they will place their hands on sick people who will get well. After the Lord had talked with them he was taken up to heaven and sat at the right hand side of God. The disciples went and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and proved that their preaching was true by the miracles that were performed.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

A warm welcome awaits you at any or  
all of our meetings



Nov 5 Mr. John Gordon. Mencap in the Community.

Nov 19 Mr. & Mrs. Thomson. Switzerland with slides.

The Speaker at our meeting on 24th September was Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley. He told of the conditions in Egypt and the Sudan; of the poverty, and the work done by the different missionary societies spreading the message of the Gospel; how they provide medical aid and schools. We saw slides of a group laboriously translating the Bible into their own language, and we heard how those who had become Christians suffered for their faith at the hands of authority. He gave us much food for thought.

Betty Hislop. Secretary.

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING FAIR. 28.9.91.

We were all very delighted with the result of the Harvest Thanksgiving Fair which amounted to over £730. Although the weather was not at its best it did not deter people from coming. The atmosphere of co-operation and working together was evident both in the planning and on the day and we must surely give thanks to God for all His blessings to us. Sheila Gooderham.

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URC DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING REPORT 12.9.91

The Sussex West District of the United Reformed Church comprises 23 Churches from Bosham, Chichester and Pagham in the west, on to Bognor, Littlehampton and Worthing, to Hove, Brighton and Telscombe Cliffs in the east, and northwards as far as Petworth and Billingshurst. The District Council is made up of all the Ministers in the District plus representatives from each Church. Those with less than 200 members may send one person and those with over 200 members may send two people. Council meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.

About 55 members of the District Council met in this Church on Thursday 12th September and opening devotions were led by Richard & Irene Tuley as our Minister was unable to attend, and Philip Rhodes kindly played the piano. In the prayers we remembered Wilfred Rhodes in hospital and Rev. Vernon Lewis awaiting a major heart operation in Cambridge. Richard spoke from Ephesians ch 4 v 1 upon the importance of living a life that measures up to the standard God set when He called us.

1) The meeting was chaired by Rev. Stuart Bidmead of Chichester and greetings were sent to Douglas Smith who celebrated his 80th birthday. New people were welcomed to the meeting. Bill Collier was awarded the MBE for his work with the YMCA. Rev Peter McIntosh will complete his ministry as Provincial training officer in the summer of 1992.

2) Forthcoming Events. I have further details of these.

Sun 3 Nov. Day of prayer for housing and homelessness.

Fri 8 Nov. The CPAS Ladies day conference in Worthing entitled 'Women in Need', led by Rev. Kathryn Pritchard at St. George's Parish Church. East Worthing 9.30-2.30

Sat 16 Nov. SPIN (Sharing People in Network) Annual Methodist Gathering at Sheffield.

Sun 17 Nov. Lay Ministry Sunday in the District.

Fri 6 Dec. to Sun 8 Dec. Christmas Conference for 18-30 year olds on 'Faith and Work' at Quinta Hall, Oswestry.

3a) URC/Methodist Relationships.

The draft response to the questionnaire on the talks on the Methodist/URC Liaison was approved. The District discussed it at length last time and some Churches also

responded. It was more appropriate than the original draft.

3b) The role of the District Council.

Someone is needed to organize the District Day and the District Prayer Calendar. It is hoped to make District Pastoral visits much more meaningful.

3c) The District recommended Hounsdon Memorial's application for a 2/3 loan and a 1/3 grant totalling £13,365. The Church expects to contribute £5,000. This amount is required for substantial repair work.

4) PACT (People and Churches Together)

Jonathan Smith, the Communications and Publicity Officer for PACT, gave detailed information about the work of PACT. It started at the Brighthelm Centre and they run projects set up by local people to meet local problems, and give back-up. Details were given of the Peacehaven and Community Resource Centre where there is one paid worker and 25 volunteers with all different skills. All kinds of help is given in the community to all ages - from helping with shopping to decorating, to a Youth Cycle Club, a pre-School play group, to a local newspaper. Funding comes from District Councils, Churches and local businesses, whilst the volunteer workers are all local people. Other PACT projects include Counselling and advice centres for the young unemployed homeless in Brighton and Eastbourne, 'Stopover', a house for the young female homeless, plus Church and Community Centres, neighbourhood projects, and adventure playground, a day centre for the elderly, and a centre for those with mental problems to help them to return to work, called Workout.

5) News from the Churches.

Portslade and Hounsdon Memorial Hove are still without Ministers. It has been difficult to scope the Churches. Lewes Road, Brighton are hoping to be re-sited fronted Lewes Road on the site of Preston Barracks where there is to be a new housing development.

Brighthelm Church has had to make its Centre Manager, Rob Parsons, redundant because of severe financial problems. Thanks were given for his leadership of the Centre and prayers were asked for Bob and his family.

## 6) Goring.

After 38 years in the Ministry Rev. William Connelly is due to retire. His work over the last 17 years has been greatly appreciated. This is reflected in the calling of 3 full-time Ministers, an Auxiliary Minister, Lay Preachers and a Ministerial Candidate during that time. It was said that he had done a superb job.

The District Council then authorized 5 Elders at URC Goring to take Holy Communion Services - Mrs. Robin Bradley, Mr. Wilfred Rhodes, Mr. Richard Tuley, Mr. Norman Prattent, Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley.

## 7) Finance.

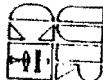
The District has nearly reached its target of £305,000 for 1992. £303,038 has been promised.

## 8) From the General Assembly.

The size and representation of the District Councils should be considered. It was felt that Provinces should determine this, but in this District it was also felt that there should not be any change. The Doctrine and Worship Committee would welcome, by the end of 1991, observations on the wording of the affirmations made by Ministers at ordinations and inductions.

The next Council Meeting will be held at Bognor on Thursday 14 November 1991. The Chairman thanked this Church for its warm welcome and hospitality for the meeting. The meeting ended with a prayer.

(Mrs) Irene Tuley. Representative.



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This excellent report was written by Mrs. Irene Tuley, our Sussex West District Representative. Thank you, Irene, for giving up your time on our behalf. Editor.

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### NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

The United Reformed Church central offices at 86 Tavistock Place, London. W.C.1. have a new telephone number from September 2nd. 071 916 2020

Fax No. 071 916 2021

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Dear Friends,

As you know, I will take over as Captain in January 1992 upon the retirement of Mrs. Jean Webb. At the same time Mrs. Brenda Brunton, our Explorer Leader, and Mrs. Carpenter, our pianist, will also retire. This will leave us very short of help.

Lt. Alison Baldwin is to take over as the Explorer Leader with continued help and support of Mrs. Valerie Hayden and Maggie Brunton.

In the Company Section, with approximately 45 girls aged between 8 and 16, we will have just Lt. Denise Elliot, Mrs. Caroline Hibbs and myself.

Our badgework is fourfold - Spiritual, Physical, Educational and Service. The subjects covered are many and varied.

Do you have any spare time, hobbies or talents you can share with us? Could you be a valued pair of hands helping in one of the classes, when your time can be spread on a rota basis, or for a session of 8 - 10 weeks, or could you give greater commitment? We would be greatly blessed by the help of a pianist, especially.

This could be a great opportunity to share in the fun and fellowship of a happy Company, at the same time as learning something about us!!

We have always needed your prayers and support.

**NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP AS WELL!!**

Thank you and God Bless..



Margaret Craghill. (Mrs)

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LAST DAY FOR CHRONICLE MATERIAL IS 15th O  
PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place material in box 1  
Church vestibule or through letter box of Haywar  
House. 2 Shaftesbury Av. WORTHING. Please not  
The Chronicle may be full-up by then, so please c  
not leave your material until the last da  
Editor.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

Nov 10 Coffee Morning 10.30 am  
 Nov 17 Church Parade. 11 am  
 Nov 23 Jumble Sale 2 pm  
 Dec 8 Church Parade. 11 am

We welcome back into the Company Section as an Officer, BRIAN WHITE. He will be a great help in running the Physical Training and the Band.

It does not mean that we have enough help as we can do with someone in the Junior Section. and someone interested in football and swimming.

As part of our Fund Raising Week in November we will be holding a Coffee Morning at 10.30 on SATURDAY 16th when there will be Stalls, such as Bring-and-Buy. Bric-a-Brac. Books, Cakes and Produce, Cards, etc., etc. Any contributions to these stalls will be greatly appreciated. We do hope you will be able to come along and enjoy the fellowship.

At 2pm on Saturday 23rd there will be a JUMBLE SALE and we will be only too happy to collect any items you may have. Please ring 243787.

Your support at both functions help us considerably.

At PARADE SUNDAY 17th the Boys will be receiving their Membership Cards from our Battalion Vice-President, DEREK HINTON.

Envelopes for personal giving will be available from Sunday 10th. Thank you.

Don Stewart. Captain.

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SIXTH FORM COLLEGEPRAYER GROUP

Meeting at Goring United Reformed Church on TUESDAY EVENING from 7.30 to 8.30pm on NOVEMBER 19th. Irene Tuley.

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DURRINGTON HIGH SCHOOLPRAYER GROUP

Meeting at Goring United Reformed Church on TUESDAY AFTERNOON from 2.00 to 2.45pm on NOVEMBER 12th. Jenny Merritt.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Church Parade November 17th. 11 am

Awards & Display Evening 7 pm SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th  
in the CHURCH.

Church Parade December 8th 11 am

I could tell you how many shopping days there are to Christmas, but instead I will remind you of our Awards & Display Evening on SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th at 7 pm. IN THE CHURCH and NOT at West Park School as in previous years. A buffet supper will be served in the hall after the display at approx. 8.45pm and, in order to help with the catering, please will you let any Girls' Brigade Officer know if you are going to be present and would like to stay for supper? You will be most welcome.

Earlier in the year, you may remember, we gave away 290 tubes of Smarties. We asked you to enjoy the sweets and return the tubes to us in due course, if possible with some coins inside. 135 tubes have been returned, to date, containing a total of £462.74p. Thank you so very very much. £300 was used to pay our annual fees and the rest has gone towards the cost of equipment that was needed.

The HORSE has just about reached the £2,000 mark. Our aim is to hand over a cheque for £2,500 on our Display Night! Can we do it? You bet we can - with your kind help.

If you are in need of small gifts, Christmas cards and paper, all these are for sale on Tuesday evenings, which is Company nights, between 6 and 9.30pm. (I had a great time there one Tuesday night. Editor) Do come and see what we have got and help swell the funds at the same time.

The Explorers will be without their Leader, Brenda Brunton on Tuesday November 18th. We shall be thinking about her and her husband, Gordon, who, at that time, will be sailing up the river Nile enjoying a week's much-needed and well-earned holiday. The Explorers won't be the only ones who will be looking forward to hearing all about it.

Blessings,  
Jean Webb. Captain.

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R E F O R M.

In the October Reform we are encouraged to pray for the topics reported and there are many needs. There are articles telling us of great problems not only here in Britain, but overseas. The fishing industry in NAMIBIA being squeezed out by the E.C.'s Hi-tech fleets. (Spanish); the frightening projected figures of 16 million orphans as a result of AIDS in Africa; the quiet revolution in Madagascar with the Church playing an active role in trying to remove the Government for abuse of power; the Churches and people of Rumania and Hungary and riots in Ely, Wales. There is some good news of the distribution of New Testaments to soldiers who were waiting to attack during the recent coup in Russia. We think we have problems!! The editor writes on 'election fever' and Roger Tones on why God 'hardened their hearts', in the Old Testament, 'to do evil' - was it to serve His purposes? Martin John Nicholls' concern about how people see and hear Jesus suggests we think about our lighting and music in Church. The letters' section contains two of interest to me. One with a suggestion that the Elders meet twice a month, and one on Stewardship - being stewards of ALL God's gifts. It is good to know that the URCs are prepared to put forward ideas, comments and criticism; it indicates to me that there are healthy, lively and growing Churches in our denomination.

. Sheila Gooderham. Reform Distributor.

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REFORM RENEWAL: - The time has now come for your 1992 Reform orders to be sent off. Because of the small increased postage they have had to increase the annual subscription to £6.25. Unless I hear from you by 17th November that you wish to cancel your subs I will assume you wish to continue, and any new subscribers please let me know by the same date. Thanks Sheila Gooderham.506452.

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CHRISTIAN CRACKER FOR THE INTER-REGNUM.

The Bishop thanked the congregation for inviting him to come and preach. As he moved into the pulpit they sang "Dear Lord and Father of mankind forgive our foolish ways"

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We have one rule - Be friendly.

Nov 5 Tuesday Mrs. Sylvia Batchelor with an illustrated talk on the Falklands. 2.45pm

Nov 19 Tuesday Rod Winter - former Chief Inspector of Sussex Constabulary on ROAD SAFETY. 2.45pm

At our meeting on Sept 24th Mr. Rolf Rowling gave us a very interesting talk on the Saxon and Norman Churches in parts of Sussex. He showed us pictures of the inside of Churches. One of a Poor Box dated 1285, and another of a Crusaders' Chest. Several fine examples of stone and wood carvings and screens. It was interesting to learn that several Churches have sun-dials attached to an outside wall so that the congregation can know when the Service begins.

On Oct. 8th we enjoyed looking at slides of Dr. Donald McLaren's work as a Missionary Doctor 40 years ago in a Baptist Hospital in India. He told us a story of one of his patients suffering from an internal tumour that drugs and his treatment had failed to cure. After informing the relatives of the patient's near death he prayed for his soul and left the bedside. The relatives continued to pray for the patient's recovery for several hours and when the Doctor returned expecting the patient to be dead he was sitting up praying for forgiveness of his sins. A case of Supernatural Healing.

We were pleased to welcome MR. HENRY WEBER to our Fellowship and look forward to more members and friends joining us. We meet on alternate Tuesdays at 2.45pm in the East Hall and finish with tea, biscuits and a chat.

If you need transport please phone 502821.

Alex Blackford. Secretary.



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CHURCH BOOKSTALL.

As in previous years boxed Christmas cards are displayed in the East Transept for you to make your choice. Place your orders early! The Christian Book Centre staff have offered to open up their Chatsworth Road shop one evening for a group from the Church to browse and buy in comparative comfort. Please let me know if you are interested, and a preferred evening.

Ron Jordan.

KITCHEN INVENTORY.

When I came to do the annual Kitchen Inventory this year I discovered we were short of 35 CUPS, 60 SAUCERS and 70 TEASPOONS!!!

Whilst allowing for natural breakages throughout the year I cannot understand how a pile of more than 30 GREEN SAUCERS or such a LARGE NUMBER of TEASPOONS came to be missing.

When our Treasurer, Roy Gooderham, presents his Budget in the Spring, amongst the items under 'sundries' will be an amount of £200 to cover the cost of replacing these items. Which of us would prefer to have that same amount to use to greater glory in the Church?

Robin Bradley.

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EVENING SERVICES NOVEMBER

Nov 3 AM Minister's last Service  
PM MR PAUL ARCHER.  
Nov 10 AM MR. NORMAN PRATTENT. Remembrance Service  
PM REV. BERYL CHATFIELD  
Nov 17 AM MR. JAMES HILL. Parade Service.  
PM REV. RONALD CHRISTOPHER. Holy Communion.  
Nov 24 AM MR. SIMON RICHARDS  
PM MR. SIMON RICHARDS



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THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP.

On alternate Thursdays a small group of us meet in the Little Chapel at 2.30 pm for an hour of prayer and praise. There are many needs within our Church family, community and the world that need our constant prayer. This hour set aside is a source of blessing to us who take part, as we seek, through God, to bless others in prayer. We would welcome more friends to join us, as we are instructed in the Bible to 'pray without ceasing'. Our next meetings will be on November 7th and 21st at 2.30 pm. Do please consider if this is something you could do in service to God and our Church. With God's blessings to all. Bobby Hitchin.

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARD.

Miss Sarah Tuley, the 18 year old daughter of Richard & Irene Tuley, has gained the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award on 9th July 1991 by completing all five sections.

1) A Residential Project of a week in which she helped to look after under-privileged children on holiday in Worthing.

2) Service. (a) A Police Service Training Course.

(b) Helping with Beaver Scouts weekly for over a year

3) Expedition: A 4-day tough expedition on foot in the Aran and mountainous Cader Idris (2927 feet) area in Mid-Wales, in a group of 7 people, carrying everything with them, covering 50 miles. (Reminders of the Commandos in the Falklands.) In addition there were lectures to attend and the group planned and had practical training together over a period of 6 months.

4) Skills. a) Learning to drive a car in 3 months.

This is a tough one. (I learned to drive a 3-ton lorry in 7 weeks from scratch in 1940)

b) Dressmaking and making her own clothes over a period of 9 months.

5) Physical Recreation.

Achieved the BAGA Gold Top Double Award in Gymnastics over a period of one year.

Sarah had previously gained both the Bronze and Silver Awards over three years, through 5th Goring Guides and 8th Worthing Venture Sea Scouts.

Sarah looks forward to receiving her certificate from Prince Philip at St. James' Palace next year.

Well done Sarah. You don't look like a toughy, but you are, and we are proud of you. Editor.

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EXTRACT FROM THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK 1982.

'I will never forget the words of a clergyman who was preaching one Remembrance Sunday about courage and how the freedom we enjoy was bought by the courage of ordinary men and women.

'These brave men and women were not born courageous. Courage is fear that has said its prayers.' LM.

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A POEM BY DAVID SIBLEY

The leaves on the trees are falling,  
     All crinkly brown and red.  
 In the morning the crows are calling,  
     Getting you out of bed.  
 And its harvest time and its time to give,  
 With Jesus in our hearts its time to live.  
 Money, food, in the end it all counts,  
 If everybody gives a bit - it all amounts.  
 Love and caring in the world is all that is  
     needed to be done.  
 Kindness and friendship could see a lot more  
     people having fun.

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R A P.

We plough the wheat in the fields,  
 And grind the corn in the mills.  
 Then we make it into bread  
 So other people can be fed.  
 The fruit is picked and ready to eat,  
 The flowers are arranged so beautiful and neat.  
 The seeds are scattered everywhere  
 To replace the corn so empty and bare.  
 We celebrate this wonderful day,  
 We praise the Lord in all our ways.  
 We give to those ill and hurt,  
 All the people who can't come to Church.  
 Harvest is a time to get together,  
 Don't let the crops die, no never, never, never.



ANDREW KERKHOVE      THOMAS ROOKE.

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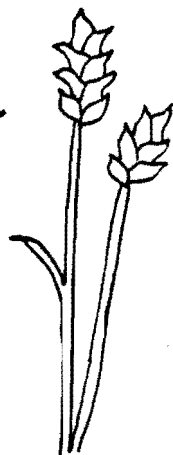
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 1 Corinthians Chapter 3 Verse 11.      FOR GOD HAS  
 ALREADY PLACED JESUS CHRIST AS THE ONE AND ONLY  
 FOUNDATION, AND NO OTHER FOUNDATION CAN BE LAID.  
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PARADE SERVICE.

I just had to put pen to paper to say thank you to all who participated in this morning's Service (13/Oct.). What a happy occasion this turned out to be, although the digression from the Order of Service was a little confusing at times. The children and adults alike were totally engrossed in the proceedings, and wasn't the singing tremendous! The baptismal party remarked to me how much they had enjoyed the Service. This particular morning we were all blessed, I am sure, by the sunshine and the Son's love. Sue Arkinstall.

It was Man,  
Who planted the seed,  
And watered it,  
Throughout the year.

But it was God,  
Who gave it life,  
And the power,  
To bloom and grow.



CLAIRE WEBBER 19.2.78 13

YOUTH CLUB.

Nov 2 Special event in Church Hall. 4.30pm  
 Nov 9 Club night 7 - 9 pm 40 pence  
 Nov 16 Club night 7 - 9 pm 40 pence  
 Nov 23 Ten-pin Bowling. Members £4. Non-members £5.  
 Please make your own arrangements for getting to and from  
 Bowl. Please pay for your ticket by 16th November.  
 Nov 30 Club night 7 - 9 pm 40 pence.

TORCH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS.

St. Columba's Church U.R.C. at 2.30 pm.

Saturday November 2nd

Jubilee Hall Greenland Rd. Durrington. 2.30 pm.

Saturday November 16th

Holy Land Tour 11 - 20th November. Rosina Sharp.

Ron and Stella Heath.

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Dr. A. W. Tozer. 'That Incredible Christian'

God wants worshippers before workers: indeed, the only acceptable workers are those who have learned the lost art of worship. Phyllis Wheeler.

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THE ARK MOTHERS AND TODDLERS CLUB

Every Thursday 10 to 11.30 AM. Church Hall.

Janice Byerley and Valerie Gill

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Retirement of Captain Mrs. Jean Webb.

We are having a collection towards a presentation for her and it occurred to us there may be some of you who would like to contribute towards the gift. Any donations may be handed to any GB Officer (except, of course, Jean herself) or sent to me at 52 Pembroke Avenue, Worthing.

Mrs. Brenda Brunton. Lieutenant.

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TORCH FELLOWSHIP FAMILY NEWS

BRAILLE. Volume 1 of the Russian Genesis has been completed and despatched (1,000 copies) and Volume 2 will be continued as soon as the French Bible text calendar is completed. We are hoping to produce several Scripture Gift Mission booklets in Chichewa (Malawi) in the near future. Michael Stafford & John Oldham.

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FOIL COLLECTION.

As there has been no response to the request for someone to take over the collection of used foil we regret that we will be UNABLE to accept any more.

Thank you for your past support.

GIRLS' BRIGADE.

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KESTRO STROKE CLUB.  
WORTHING & DISTRICT CHEST HEART AND  
STROKE CLUB



Nov 1 Talk by Jacky Hobgood  
           G.T.Dept of Worthing Hospital. 2 pm  
 Nov 3 All the fun of the fair. 2 pm  
 Nov 15 ALL DAY MEETING - Lunch. Mr. Love.  
           Jill's Fashions. Gifts and Clothes to buy.  
 Nov 22 Christmas Bring and Buy Sale 2pm  
 Nov 29 Musical afternoon 2 pm.

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HANDBOOK ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS.

10 Luckin Miss A. Now married.  
 Now Shelton Mrs. A. F7. 95/9 Rowlands Rd. 208477  
 7 Jarrett (singular) Initials J.D. 240502  
 16? Oakes Mrs. J. 40 Normandy Lane. 772965  
           East Preston.

9 Baldwin Mr. & Mrs. J.D.O. (not Baldwin)  
 Change of address:

8 Drew Mr. & Mrs. B. 97 The Boulevard 501934

New Members:

11\* BALCHIN Mrs. K. 91 Boxgrove 501248  
 7\* SWIERK Mrs. B. 23 Marlborough Rd. 243194

Please do not forget to add 2 to the front of all  
 5-figure telephone numbers in the Worthing area NOW.

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USED GREETINGS CARDS.

'Margaret Brito from Brazil is asking you to collect  
 old greetings cards for her outreach work amongst poor  
 children. She gives out the illustrated fronts with a  
 text stamped on the back for them to learn.

Why not write Margaret's address NOW on your  
 calendar for 12th night then send all those 'spent' cards  
 to HER. Only the coloured fronts from any kind of card.  
 Here's her address:- MARGARET BRITO. CAIXA POSTAL 352.  
 30161 BELO HORIZONTE. M.G.BRAZIL.

From Christian Herald.

Phyllis Wheeler.

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GROUP FOR EVANGELISM AND RENEWAL WITHIN THE  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

'FOR THIS PURPOSE'

Conference at Ashburnham Place, near Hastings.

Led by Rev. John Hall.

8th to 10th NOVEMBER 1991.

There will be a Children's programme for  
 under 13s.

COST:- Adults (13 year and over) £46.00

Children (3 to under 13) £23.00

(under 3 years) FREE.

Further details available from

Mrs. Irene Tuley.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Nov 4 Funny happenings of a Registrar. Miss Hider.

Nov 18 Play reading. Both at 8 pm.

Doreen Norris.

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INTERREGNUM.

PASTORAL CARE. Following Mr. Connelly's retirement the Elders will offer pastoral care to all in need in their areas. Members and friends may also contact the Pastoral Secretary, Mr. Fred Marsh, tel.266985 or either of the Church Officers, at home - Mr. W. Rhodes 248263

Mr. R. Gooderham 506452

Calls to the Church telephone number will receive an answer-phone message during the vacancy.

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HOSPITALITY TO VISITING PREACHERS

Some preachers will be with us all day from a distance and hospitality for Sunday lunch and the afternoon will be welcome. Members who would like to share in the pleasure and privilege of this ministry please let me have your names.

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WELCOME NOTES

It is hoped to continue to produce a weekly Order of Service paper. Notices and Family News must be prepared, at the latest, by the week-end before the Sunday of publication and, for the time being, should be handed to me. Jane Bond. Acting Secretary.



PETITIONS.

After consideration and discussion by the Elders' Meeting and agreement of the Church Meeting, it has been decided that no petitions of any sort (that is - name gathering for petitions) should be held in the Church or on any part of our premises without the prior consent of the Elders' Meeting.

WILFRED RHODES. Church Secretary.

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CHARGES FOR PHOTO-COPYING.

Since February 1989, when the Church purchased a photo-copying machine, the charges made for copies have not changed.

However, with subsequent increases in the costs of purchasing materials and for servicing of the machine, it is necessary to raise the charges from September 1st 1991, as follows:-

Single-sided A4 sheets: 3½p per copy. (rounded up to the next penny.)

Double-sided A4 sheets: 6p per copy.  
E.C. BOND.

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PLEASE NOTE. NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR  
WELCOME OR CHRONICLE UNLESS SIGNED. IK/LM.

NOV 8th CPAS. LADIES' DAY. 'WOMEN IN NEED'

C.P.A.S. Ministry among Women have their Autumn Day on Friday 8th November. It will be led by Reverend Kathyryne Pritchard. At St. George's Church of England. St. George's Road. East Worthing.

ALL LADIES WELCOME. 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

The cost is £1.50. A creche will be available.

A number of ladies will be going to it from G.U.R.C. and transport can be provided. Do come and join us. Further details and booking forms from Mrs. Irene Tuley.

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BEANO CLUB.

Nov 14th Thursday Games in Church Hall. 7.30pm



SAINT PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS CHAPTER 12 VV 1-13.

So then, my brothers, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him. This is the true worship that you should offer. Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God - what is good and is pleasing to Him and is perfect.

And because of God's gracious gift to me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you should. Instead, be modest in your thinking, and judge yourself according to the amount of faith that God has given you. We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of the body. So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have; if it is to serve, we should serve; if it is to teach, we should teach; if it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully.

Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good. Love one another warmly as Christian brothers and sisters, and be eager to show respect for one another. Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times. Share your belongings with your needy fellow Christians, and open your homes to strangers. Editor.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE  
 OFFICERS: - Captain DON STEWART  
 Lieutenant MALCOLM NICHOLLS.  
 Lieutenant BRIAN WHITE.

# MEETING NIGHTS

MONDAYS            Anchor Boys     5 pm  
                      Junior Boys     6 pm  
 FRIDAYS           Boys Brigade    7 pm

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## EXCEEDING OUT LIMITS. BY GRAHAM COOK.

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob knew me, but I never told them my name. I will tell you my name and in so doing will reveal my nature to you.

My name is the Lord, the holy one, I am what I am, I will be what I have been, father, mother, husband, wife, lion, lamb, bull and eagle.

I am king and I am servant, I am tower and refuge, rock and pillar, I am fire and cloud, fore-runner and back-marker, shepherd, sheep, plant and planter, wonderful counsellor, prince of peace, maker of heaven and earth.

My name is Jesus, Son of Man, neighbour, friend and Jew, I am seed, and fish and living water, I am the way, the word and the morning star. I am the open door, the vine, the corner-stone, and the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall.

I am the bread of life, and life itself, I am the Messiah, Emmanuel, Mary's son, the carpenter from Nazareth, the one who comes, who has come and will come again. I that speak to you am he.

And many will come in my name, saying 'I am he'.

But you know my name, you know what I am like, you will be able to tell.

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QUINQUENNIAL SURVEY

- 1 Renew clips to rooflights above Cornwall Room.
- 3 Repair asphalt skirting above choir vestry.
- 5 Repaint outside of Church premises, renewing decayed joinery, painting inside of cast iron gutters.
- 6 Repairs doors of East hall.
- 9 Cut out cracks on exterior wall between Minister's vestry and boiler room and form a movement joint.
- 10 Re-wedge mortice and tenons of internal doors of vestibule of Church hall.
- 11 Cornwall Room door - plug and screw back threshold plate. Seal up letter plate or paint end grain of solid core filling to prevent further damage.
- 13 Renew wood block flooring outside elders vestry.
- 15 Apply safety film to glass below middle rails of communicating door and external door of link passage.
- 16a Re-site Burco boiler so main switch is beyond zone of steam; provide extractor fan and face adjacent wall with stainless sheet.
- 21 Minister's vestry cloakroom - re-fix lever door furniture.

I am pleased to report that all items specified for YEAR 1 of the survey have been completed. There were one or two variations to the works. E.G. It was impossible to form a movement-joint in the wall between the Minister's vestry and Boiler Room in view of the proximity of the windows. Instead the cracks on the external walls were re-pointed. (the second option suggested by the surveyor.)

The Stewardship Committee are now considering the works specified for YEAR 2 (1992).

The items are as follows:-

- 1) Re-coat with solar-reflective paint flat roof above ladies' and gents' toilets Cornwall Room Passage.
- 2) Re-new roof covering to porch on East Hall.
- 3) Repair asphalt flat roof North Lobby E/W Halls.
- 4) Pointing repairs - Church Hall. Pointing between bricks on west elevation is weathered and cracking on horizontal joints and step crack below window on return. CHECK WALL TIES IN CAVITY.
- 5) Service heating plant not attended to by British Gas.

THE MANSE 140 George V Avenue. The first '10 Year' Survey will take place in 1992. The Southern Province of the U.R.C. will pay half the surveyors' fee up to a maximum of £150 (ex. VAT). The Church will be responsible for the balance.

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The Stewardship Committee wish to thank all members and friends who have helped with the maintenance of the premises in 1991. The jobs included gardening, painting and decorating, plumbing, electrical work, maintaining the gas heaters, and ducts in heating chamber, locks and door furniture, and clearing refuse and taking it down to the Tip. Further work for the volunteers are planned for 1992.

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There was another break-in at the Church 30 Sept to 1 Oct. Nothing stolen but damage to doors and locks in Elders' Vestry and Minister's Vestry, the overhead projector and communicating door is to cost nearly £300 to repair. In view of the increasing frequency of losses and damage caused by intruders the Stewardship Committee is considering the installation of an alarm system. Colin Noddes. Chairman. Church Stewardship Committee.

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#### CHRISTIAN AID.

What a busy week-end we had on 28th/29th September! September Fair and Gift Day and Harvest Festival on the Sunday following.

We also had a collection for Christian Aid and that came to £171.78p. Sandy Clark says thank you.

Jams and preserves are needed for a FOOD FAIR at West Worthing Baptist Church on November 2nd at 10.30 am. Those willing to contribute please leave items in our Church foyer for Sandy Clark to collect. Thanks again.

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#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

The residents of Hayward House wish to thank the Church for the Harvest Gifts sent to them recently. They were all much appreciated.

Mary, Stan, Dulcie, Les.

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- 19 Tue Women's Guild Meeting 2.45pm.  
 Men's Fellowship meeting 2.45pm  
 Sixth Form College Pry. Grp. 7.30 to 8.30 pm.
- 20 Wed Bible Study 38 Trent Rd. 8 pm.  
 Badminton 7.30pm 30 pence. Church Hall
- 21 Thu Ark Mothers and Toddlers Club. 10/11.30am  
 Prayer Group. Little Chapel. 2.30pm  
 Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm
- 22 Fri Kestro Stroke Club 2pm Christmas B & B Sale.  
 Choir practice 7.30 pm
- 23 Sat Boys' Brigade. Jumble Sale 2 pm  
 Youth Club Ten-pin Bowling. See Chronicle.
- 24 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Divine Worship.  
 6.30 pm See Welcome.
- 27 Wed Badminton 7.30 pm 30 pence. Church Hall.
- 28 Thu Ark 10 to 11.30am Church Hall.  
 Church Meeting ~~7.30~~ pm Church Hall
- 29 Fri Kestro 2pm Musical afternoon
- 30 Sat Youth Club 7 - 9 pm 40 pence
- 1 Dec Sunday 8am Holy Communion.  
 11 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
 6.30pm See Welcome.

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#### INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION.

Please note the prices of 'Notes on Bible Readings' and 'Sight for our Path' have increased to £2.95 per annum. It is now time to order for 1992 so will members of the above Bible Readings who require alterations to their order let me know as soon as possible. We would very much like to increase the order for these readings and would welcome new members. I would be glad to supply any details required.

Thank you for the contributions to the I.B.R.A International Appeal and would appreciate any further donations.

Please contact Mrs. Betty Barnett, 11 Twyford Road, Durrington. Tele. Worthing 262217

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# The CHRONICLE

For unto us a child is born  
and His name shall be called



A  
wonderful



Counsellor, everlasting

Father

Prince of Peace

mighty God

Isaiah 9 v6

Goring United Reformed Church  
Shaftesbury Ave W. Worthing 25f

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER.

"William and Mary Connelly wish to express their warmest thanks to all friends at the Church, for such grace within the many tokens of love given at this time of retirement.

To have enjoyed the privilege of serving Christ among you is grace indeed, and to have received tangible expression of love in letters, words, songs, and gifts comes close to 'Grace Abounding'. It would take a long retirement and long research in order adequately to thank you all personally. Will you then, with assurance of our prayers, please accept this response in thanksgiving to you all?

'And now I commend you all to Him from whom our ways are not hid, and ourselves to your prayers.'

'The sower goeth but the seed is left,  
That which the hand hath scattered, none can  
Gather up till it is grown;  
Some call it wheat, some tares,  
God knows 'twas sown for heavenly seed,  
And all shall know for certain when  
THE HARVEST COMES

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WORDS FROM THE MINISTER'S LAST COMMUNION SERVICE  
SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 1991.

Let each and all remember,  
We broke the sacred bread and drank  
The ritual cup together,  
And pledged from week to week  
Full loyalty to Christ, and to His weakest friend:  
Ah! let us wait, and waiting keep our word  
And wait in hope, however long,  
Till He lift up the cup on high,  
The cup of human tears transformed  
To heavenly wine.

### THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER.

Prayer was a priority with Jesus, therefore we ought also to pray. The age in which we live is so fast-moving that, with so many demands upon our time, more and more Christians may be neglecting the priority of prayer. Someone has said that 'if we are too busy to pray then we are busier than God intended us to be'. Prayer is worth more than all the time it takes.

As we approach the inter-regnum let us get together and Pray -

to seek God's will in the days that lie ahead.

to Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for our Elders and to Pray that, as a Church, we may care for each other, encourage and help each other, and build each other up in the faith, thereby bringing glory to God.

St. Paul's First letter to Timothy Ch. 2 vv 1-4:

'I urge that petitions, prayers, requests and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people, for Kings and all others who are in authority, that we may live a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence towards God and with proper conduct. This is good and it pleases God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to know the truth.'

God is looking for people today who are prepared to be committed to prayer and make prayer their priority. God needs us as intercessors.

Let us come together and start the New Year and this inter-regnum by taking part in the NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1st 1992. This will be held in the Little Chapel of the Church from 8am until 10pm. I would be delighted to receive names of those who are prepared to cover each HOUR - but may I encourage many others to come and join us when they can, and leave as they must.

May I also encourage you to support the Church Prayer Meetings which meet on alternate Thursday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30pm, and every Friday evening from 6 - 7pm. These are attended by only a faithful few.

So, let us be obedient to Jesus' Command -

"TO WATCH AND PRAY".

Irene Tuley.

CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 2nd 1991.

There must have been nigh on 300 of us on Saturday because the Church Hall was full to overflowing and some were in the Cornwall Room - and the kitchen.

We came, some in best clothes, others in every-day apparel. The colours of the ladies' dresses were many and varied. The men's were no match for them. Well, we didn't know what to expect for the 'social evening', did we? We have rhymers amongst us - Julie and Kerry most recently. We have talented musicians and singers that lead us on Sunday mornings and evenings. We also have people who can organize party games.

There's no doubt we talked a lot, but we're well trained. We hushed when we were told to, didn't we?

The presentations to William and Mary were a little tearful as might be expected after 17 years of sterling service, but very happy. But remember, friends, they haven't gone from our lives. We will do the same to them as we always have done, as we should to each other - a handshake, an embrace, a kiss on cheek or lips. This will keep our Church together during the interregnum and after. Our Church will continue to grow with our Lord as our Captain. When we meet Him we put both hands together, silently or clapping, and say a prayer or sing a hymn, or just say 'thank you, Lord'.

FARE WELL GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

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And thanks, too, are due to the wonderfully superb singing of the Anthem by our choir, accompanied by Mr. Richard Colbourn. 'WITH A VOICE OF SINGING' LM.

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1 Corinthians Chapter 3 Verse 11, FOR GOD HAS ALREADY PLACED  
JESUS CHRIST AS THE ONE AND ONLY FOUNDATION, AND NO OTHER FOUNDATION  
CAN BE LAID.

A TESTIMONY IN PREPARATION FOR A BELIEVER'S BAPTISMBY MISS KERRY MCCARTHY.

When I sit down at home and realize He is here  
 I wonder why He chose me and am grateful that He cares.  
 Without Him I am lost, I found that once before,  
 But now I know He's there for me my future is secure.

Jesus, He's a part of me, I love the things He's done,  
 Of all the friends I'm pleased to have, He is my number  
 one.

And that is why I chose to be baptized right here  
 today,  
 With God to help I'll be just fine as He will lead the  
 way.

The new life that I'll start will be good and fruitful,  
 too,  
 Even on the bad days God's spirit will shine through,  
 He'll cleanse away my sins, and forgive me for all I've  
 done,  
 Then He'll be there for ever more, our God the Holy  
 one.

St. Paul's letter to the Romans Ch. 8, Verses 38/39.

For I am certain that nothing can separate us from His love;  
 neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or  
 powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor  
 the world below - there is nothing in all creation that will ever be  
 able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ  
 Jesus our Lord, 27,10,91

BEANO CLUB.

Thursday December 12th Skittles/Swimming proposed.7.30

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YOUTH CLUB.

Dec 7 Club Night 7 - 9pm 40 pence.

Dec 14 Christmas Disco 7-9 pm

Dec 21 Carol Singing, Hot soup & mince pies!!

Dec 28 Christmas Holiday No Club.

Fellowship of United Reformed Youth,

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TESTIMONY OF MISS ELIZABETH BOND ON BECOMING A MEMBER  
OF GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH 20th OCTOBER 1991.

I have had the privilege of a Christian upbringing and can never remember a time when I did not know that God was there, and that He loved me. Because of this my faith and commitment have gradually grown and I remember times of renewing my commitment to the Lord, rather than a specific time of starting my life with God.

I first really made a commitment when I was eleven, at Mr. Dobinson's 'Lighthouse Club' at West Park Middle School.

Significant points of renewal were at the concert given by Phil Rhodes' Band - Gospel Funk - from Warwick University, when they played at the Church. Something about the way they sang, and obviously meant what they sang, impressed me into deepening my relationship with God.

When Mum was in hospital I learnt to trust God - since she was in London I had to trust implicitly that God would care for her as much as I would. He did.

Recently the 'Dirty Hands 2' Mission at the Pavilion showed me ways of recommitting myself that I had never thought of. Here I realized that God's work needs prayer and people to carry out the work, but He also needs money to be able to send people to spread His word. Through this God taught me not to be so selfish and I feel now that, by giving back to God, I am showing some appreciation of all that He has done for me.

On the Biology field-trip just recently I consciously recognized spiritual warfare for the first time and the week was as orientated by everyone's involvement in the battle and the fight between good and bad as it was around Biology. Watching a brother battle with a Mormon made me realize just how little I knew about God's word and, therefore, how much more I needed to find out in order to prepare myself for the daily battles.

At Greenbelt I also learned from my friends here so much about life as a Christian; the fellowship encouraged me greatly. However, the weekend showed me the greatness of God's creation, how big and wonderful, perfect and planned it is. This has had quite an effect on me and it considerably affected my views about the creation.

The fellowship that was shared at Sailing Camp encouraged me by showing me that Christianity is no way a solo thing, despite its orientation around a personal relationship with Christ.

All of these things have gradually built up my relationship with Jesus, and now I feel it is the time to become a more effective part of Christ's body on this Earth so that I may be further encouraged but, more importantly, may encourage others, and serve God as a part of His Son's Church. What form my service will take I do not know yet and only time will show,

My time is in the Lord's hands.

Psalm 16 A Prayer of Confidence,  
Protect me, O God; I trust in you for safety,  
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
all the good things I have come from you."  
How excellent are the Lord's faithful people!  
My greatest pleasure is to be with them,  
Those who rush to other gods bring many troubles on themselves. I will  
not take part in their sacrifices;  
I will not worship their gods.  
You, Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need;  
my future is in your hands,  
How wonderful are your gifts to me; how good they are!  
I praise the Lord, because he guides me, and in the night my conscience  
warns me,  
I am always aware of the Lord's presence;  
he is near, and nothing can shake me,  
And so I am thankful and glad, and I feel completely secure, because you  
protect me from the power of death,  
I have served you faithfully, and you will not abandon me to the world  
of the dead. You will show me the path that leads to life; your  
presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure for ever.  
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TEAR FUND COFFEE MORNING

You are invited to the Coffee Morning to be held in the Church  
Hall on Saturday 14th December at 10.30

STALLS: Cakes, Plants and General.

Please price your gifts.

TEARCRAFT:- These goods will also be on sale.

Liz Stilwell, Phyllis Wheeler,  
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REPORT ON THE AUTUMN SYNOD  
OF THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE  
12th OCTOBER 1991, PART 1.

This year's Autumn Synod was held at Herne Bay URC, opening at 11am with worship conducted by Revd. David Morgan. Bible Study was led by Revd. Dennis Pain with the theme: 'What does God require of you?' with sub-themes 'Walk in His ways', 'Love tenderly' and 'Walk humbly'. Of the Synod Roll of 435 members 355 were present.

In the notices given by the Moderator we were reminded and notified of the following:-

1. The Assembly Moderator's 'Joy in the Spirit' to be held at the City Temple in the evening of Jan 18th, the proceeds of which are to go to the Romanian Appeal.
2. There will be a Recognition Service for Mrs. Ruth Clarke, Assembly Moderator elect for 1992/3, at Dulwich Church on May 10th.
3. The Revd. Peter McIntosh raised £1,000 towards the Fury Appeal as a result of a sponsored beard shaving.

Synod Executive Report.

Revd. William Sewell had produced a paper concerning Local Ecumenical Projects, and the participation of the URC in such projects.

Following the Synod Executive's decision to examine our whole training strategy a working party met and identified and classified the range of training needs as :-Training for Christian Beginnings.

Training for Christian Living.

Training for Christian Ministry.

Evangelism and Outreach could be included in both latter categories.

The Province already has many people involved in training, formally and informally, locally and on a wider basis.

As a further step the Executive recommended that a designated group of people should prepare Job Descriptions for a half-time Provincial Training Officer and a half-time Provincial Evangelism Enabler/Trainer. The group will also consider the Job Description for the In-Service Training Officer. These proposals were accepted.

Proposed URC/Methodist Conversations -  
Provincial Response.

Discussion throughout the Province has been lively but there is no clear outcome. Overall, the Province judges that it would like to take the conversations further. There is a widespread feeling that a greater degree of inter-communion would bring unity nearer. Our encouraging support should be given to ventures such as the Durrington Local Ecumenical Project.

World Church and Missions Department.

At a recent meeting much discussion concerned Mission and other Faiths. It was suggested that the Decade of Evangelism could be viewed as a threat to other Faiths. Among other issues raised was the wording of the Affirmations made by Ministers at Ordination in Schedule C - changes were recommended and will be brought to the Assembly in 1992. Some disquiet was registered and it was suggested that Districts should discuss the new wording before the Assembly. News was given of personnel in the Mission field.

Faith and Life Department.

We were given three 'snapshots' of episodes in the life of the URC and challenged to consider the implications. Are we sometimes asleep in our Church life? Some people admit their faith and spiritual life is 'resting'; they further admit that they are terrified to ask questions in case it disturbs the faith they have found comfortable for many years. Others say they are worried by an inability to answer questions about their faith. We should be concerned that our faith has developed since we left Junior Church or Church Membership Classes. What yard-stick do we use to measure our development?

The Content of our Teaching.

If we do not like the snapshots what do we do to improve the view? Our Church Training Programme should include entry points for :-

The Curious, the new convert, the new Church member, the lapsed member, those searching their faith in depth, those who 'missed-out' on teaching and need to re-start, through Junior Church and others. A lax approach to learning allows the danger of turning faith into folk religion. Modern society needs more than woolly answers. The URC embraces many traditions and expressions of faith. We may not like the descriptions, but could the 'stodgy-podgy' Church concur with the 'happy-clappy' on the basis of the faith to be taught within a 'United Reformed Church'? And what would the 'core-curriculum' contain?

Finance and Maintenance and Mission Fund.

Many of the larger Church buildings up for sale are not sold, but the Province has had more success in the disposal of smaller properties.

The first round of quinquennial surveys has been completed. Manses will be subject to a survey during inter-regna and the Province will contribute towards the cost, up to a maximum of £150 each.

The Maintenance of the Ministry.

The Southern Province's contribution to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund has been set at £1,190,000 for 1992. To date £1,189,713 has been promised - a shortfall of only £287.

The Synod closed with Worship led by the Moderator.

The next meeting will be held at Goring URC on March 14

Mr. Eric Bond and Revd. Ron Christopher,

Our Church Representatives at Synod.

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'ANY OLD IRON'

Have you any old tools you no longer need? If so, Worthing Rotary Club can put them to good use. Members are appealing for saws, planes, hammers, lathes and any other tools that can be sent to 'third world' countries to help men and women to improve their lives and their environment.

The campaign called 'Tools for Self Reliance' has helped co-operative groups to repair homes, dig wells, make clothes and furniture, and erect buildings, such as class rooms, in Tanzania, Nicaragua, India and elsewhere.

The collection point is at the tools counter of BUNCE'S hardware store at 112-114 Chapel Road, Worthing.

(From Worthing Review 19.10.91) P.W.

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CHURCH TAPES.

Please look to see if you have in your possession Church Tapes which you may have borrowed, and forgotten to return to Mr. Graham Redman. They are in very short supply. Thanks,

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

On Oct. 8th we once again welcomed an old friend Mr. Macilroy, a missionary working for the Royal Society for Deep Sea Fishermen. Throughout his talk we were very conscious of the hazardous and sometimes tragic lives of the men who bring us our fish. The film took us around the coast visiting the Mission stations and we realized the necessity and importance these havens were to the men who make port sometimes far from home, sheltering from bad weather. The task of those working in the Mission Centres is to care and help and, sometimes, to advise in family matters, and sometimes to break the news of tragedies, ships sunk and lives lost. It is at times like these that it is their job to love and care for the immediate needs of those suffering loss. We bought goods from the stall, and a collection of £65 was handed to Mr. Macilroy for the work of the R.S.D.S.F.

On Oct 22nd, our anniversary, we were joined by the Men's Fellowship and many representatives of Guilds from other Churches, and we were pleased to see our link with Sompting Guild still alive, for transport is becoming a great problem. Mrs. Dominy, our speaker, chose as her theme 'The Rainbow - God's promise of love and care'. Mrs. B. Wyler, somehow, had selected songs that fitted in with the subject and her last song, after the address, was "Where There's a Rainbow", and it seemed to sum everything up.

On Nov 5th it was with much pleasure we welcomed our own John Gordon who told us of his work among the mentally handicapped. 'Mencap in the Community.' I am sure this is the first time many of us realized what is being done by Mencap in Worthing to rehabilitate some of the mentally ill. John emphasized how much love, care and, above all, patience that is needed in this work, trying to give them confidence so that in some degree they enter into the life of the community. A cheque for £25 was handed to John for the work of Mencap. E. Dearsley.

MISSION NEWS.

Bangladesh. Readers will remember that a plan to send Mr. John Gordon to Nittyandapur in Spring 1991 had to be postponed at the request of Bishop Mondal of Dhaka. In June we re-opened negotiations with the Bishop for a visit in Spring 1992 only to be told that the Bishop wished us to end the contact with N'pur and to link with a different Church instead. His reasons were convincing so we had no choice but to comply and from the two places he gave us as alternatives we asked to be linked to PAITAPUKUR in the diocese of Kushtia and some 50 miles north of N'pur.

We have now received letters from Bishop Baroi of Kushtia and the Revd. Salku Murmu, the priest of P'kur who welcomes the prospect of corresponding with us. With the blessing of the Church Meeting we plan to send John there in Spring 1992. We will keep you informed of progress.

From the Revd. Murmu's letter we know that P'kur is a very small rural village of 38 families of the Santali tribe from the Bihar region of India just across the B'desh border. 31 families (120 people) are Christians and the Church has been in place since 1966 when it was part of the English Presbyterian Church - now absorbed by the Church of Bangladesh. The village has a primary school and a hostel for destitute boys.

Although our official link with N'pur has now ended pen-friendships already established between members of our Church and individuals in N'pur will continue.

Mission Notice Board.

The board now holds two fresh extracts from 'Newshare'. One describes the problems facing Malawi as it tries to cope with the continuing influx of refugees from the civil war in Mozambique; the other tells how the collapse of the Bank of Credit & Commerce International has affected Zambian farmers. There is also an account from Bible Society of the physical attacks being made on their staff and property by the self-styled 'Devil's Gang' in Paraguay.

World Mission Committee.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We have one rule - Be friendly.

Dec 3 Rev. John Childs takes us to Jamaica 2.45pm

Dec 17 Christmas Service with Women's Guild 2.45pm

This Christmas Programme includes readings and carols and we have been invited to supply 2 Members to choose their own readings and carols.

On Tuesday 5th Nov. we enjoyed the very interesting talk, with slides, on the Falkland Islands, given by Mrs. Sylvia Batchelor. Her son, Alec, had visited the Islands in the course of his work with the Meteorological Office.

We wish all Members and friends the 'Compliments of the Season' and that 1992 will be a peaceful year world wide. Alex Blackford. Hon. Secretary.

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

A warm welcome awaits you at any or  
all of our meetings

Dec 3 Christmas Party 2.45pm

Dec 17 Christmas Service with Men's Fellowship 2.45pm

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PREACHERS AT DECEMBER SERVICES.

Dec 1st	11am	Rev. Peter McIntosh, Holy Communion,
	6.30pm	Rev. Peter McIntosh,
Dec 8th	11am	Rev. Ron Christopher, Gift Service,
		Parade Service,
	6.30pm	Elder,
Dec 15th	11am	Rev. John Flack,
	6.30pm	Mr. Richard Tuley Holy Communion
Dec 22nd	11am	Mr. Bob Jackson, Family Service,
	6.30pm	Elder,
Dec 24th	5.30-6.30pm	Junior Church Children's Svce,
	11.30pm	Mr. Wilfred Rhodes,
		Holy Communion,
Dec 25th	10 am	Christmas Day Service,
		Rev. Douglas Smith,
Dec 29th	11am	Mr. John Gordon,
	6.30pm	Elder,

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE

Dec 8th Parade Service 11am

Somewhere, way-out in the Central Pacific, there is an island called KIRIBATI (pronounced Kiribass). At a school on the island pupils and staff have to obtain water from shared dug-out wells that are somewhat unhygienic and about 400 metres away. To help improve the system of collecting rainwater into tanks for drinking purposes an appeal has gone out to raise £4,000 to buy the necessary items, such as cement, timber, drainpipes, etc. Our Junior Section Boys for their World Mission Appeal this Christmas will aim to raise cash for the project. Our Junior Section celebrates its 33rd Birthday this month so it would be appropriate to raise £33. We intend to give the Boys the opportunity of carrying buckets of water, without spilling any, around the Church perimeter, so they may get some idea of what is involved in KIRIBATI. A gallon of water weighs 10 pounds.

The Officers and Boys wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for your valued support. Donald Stewart. Captain.

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FOR SALE.

Small quantity Carbon Paper Quarto size, black,  
ditto Quarto size typing paper white,  
Apply 2 Shaftesbury Avenue.

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HANDBOOK ALTERATIONS.

Change of Address:-

7 \* McLENNAN MRS. M.J. to

F1/2 Shaftesbury Avenue, 243698

5 \* REDMAN Mr. &amp; Mrs. N, 7 High Pines,

St. Botolph's Road, BN11 4JU

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KESTRO STROKE CLUB,  
WORTHING & DISTRICT CHEST HEART AND  
STROKE CLUB

Dec 6 Christmas Cards and Decorations,  
Dec 13 Board Games,  
Dec 20 Christmas Afternoon,

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LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM 5th WORTHING GIRLS'  
BRIGADE TO THEIR DEAR CAPTAIN ON HER RETIREMENT

THANK YOU JEAN,.... December 1991 sees the retirement of Jean Webb as our Captain, after 20 years. She has been a wonderful leader of the Company, working very hard for the benefit of the girls in her charge. Under her leadership girls who otherwise would not know of our Lord Jesus Christ have come to know Him.

Over the years she has developed a real 'family' atmosphere within the Company. An extension of this family is, of course, the 'Love and Care' scheme which not only helps and cares for those Church members who suffer the problems of age or infirmity, but also supports those who are sick or bereaved, never forgetting our Church family on happy occasions, too.

Under her leadership we have made many gifts to the Church, amongst others, the very necessary sound- equipment and hearing-aids to ensure the Services are enjoyable to all.

Our Charity collections have resulted in the Education of a little Indian girl, the training of a second Guide Dog, INKA. Not forgetting our latest venture - £2,500 - which is to provide a horse and the necessary equipment, for the Ferring Country Centre's Riding for the Disabled Stable.

Over the years she has taught girls with love and efficiency. She will be missed by us all. We would like to wish her a long and very happy retirement, never forgetting we have an excellent badge-work marker in the wings!

With love from

THE OFFICERS, HELPERS AND GIRLS OF THE 5th WORTHING COMPANY OF THE  
GIRLS' BRIGADE. GORING U.R. CHURCH,  
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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Awards & Display Evening 7 pm SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th  
Church Parade December 8th 11 am

AWARDS AND DISPLAY - SATURDAY December 7th at 7 PM in the Church, followed by a buffet supper. So far only a couple of folk have responded to the supper invitation. We do hope to see you on December 7th and that you'll stay for refreshments afterwards. Please let any GB Officer know if you intend staying so that we have some idea of numbers for catering purposes.

On Sunday 8th December Officers of the Company will be leading worship at the morning Parade Service. This will mark the official retirement of Jean Webb as Captain and see the Promotion of our Young Leaders, also of MARGARET CRAGHILL from Lieutenant to Captain!!

Please remember us all in your prayers over this very special week-end.

Watch out for the HORSE.

The winning post is in sight!!

This will be my last Chronicle contribution as Captain of the Company. It is very difficult, if not impossible, to find adequate words to express my feelings at this particular time. I've had 24 Wonderful Years with 5th Worthing Company, 20 as its Captain, as well as gaining experience as both District Adjutant and District Commandant during those years. Thank you Goring U.R.C. for the opportunity afforded to me all those years ago. Thank you, too, to all of you for your loyal and loving support over the years.

Pray for Margaret and support her in every way possible - she is taking on a tremendous and challenging task. Bless you all. Happy Christmas and every good wish for 1992.

JEAN WEBB. CAPTAIN.

If you are in need of small gifts, Christmas cards and paper, all these are for sale on Tuesday evenings, which is Company nights, between 6 and 9.30pm. (I had a great time there one Tuesday night. Editor) Do come and see what we have got and help swell the funds at the same time.

R E F O R M.

As the time has come to place orders for REFORM 1992 many of you may wonder what is in it. I have endeavoured over the last year or so to introduce you to various projects, involvements and interests in which the U.R.C. has a finger or an arm. Wherever people are the U.R.C. tries to go.

This month we have articles on preparing to vote in the forthcoming general election; the Reformed Church in Europe; the New English Orchestra, all committed Christians, and there are dedicated singers and dancers, too. Did you know we have a railway chaplain? And in Essex a Royal National Lifeboat Institution one as well? There is also a U.R.C. Golf Society. Reform contains a reprint of part of a commendation by a Minister to his congregation recommending the new hymnbook - written 200 years ago!! Bangkok's problems; religious education in schools; The Ministry & Mission Fund for 1992. In Church News the Southern District Moderator Rev. David Helyar recommends the power of prayer and it also shows the variety of ways in which Churches adapt to modern life and spread the word.

We are part of the U.R.C., not just of Goring, and it helps us to know what other Churches are facing and doing, and we should know what comes out of Church House. If you should be interested in reading REFORM let me know and I will let you see some back copies to whet your interest.

Sheila Gooderham. Reform Distributor. 506452.

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REFORM RENEWAL:- The time has now come for your 1992 Reform orders to be sent off. Because of the small increased postage they have had to increase the annual subscription to £6.25. Unless I hear from you by 17th November that you wish to cancel your subs I will assume you wish to continue, and any new subscribers please let me know by the same date. Thanks Sheila Gooderham. 506452.

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CHRISTIAN CRACKER.

Seen on a Church Notice Board. 'UNLIKE THE POST OFFICE WE HAVE TWO COLLECTIONS EVERY SUNDAY'

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

Baptisms:	Miss Kerry McCarthy	27.10.91
	Miss Julie Sharpe	6.10.91
New Members:	Mrs. K. Balchin	6.10.91
	Mrs. D. Swierk	6.10.91
In Memoriam:	Miss Ann Hambleton	2.11.91
	Date of joining -	2.1.69
	Miss Mabel Redman	9.11.91
	Date of joining -	2.5.61

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THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP.

On alternate Thursdays a small group of us meet in the Little Chapel at 2.30 pm for an hour of prayer and praise. There are many needs within our Church family, community and the world that need our constant prayer. This hour set aside is a source of blessing to us who take part, as we seek, through God, to bless others in prayer. We would welcome more friends to join us, as we are instructed in the Bible to 'pray without ceasing'. Our next meetings will be on 5th and 19th December at 2.30 pm. Do please consider if this is something you could do in service to God and our Church. With God's blessings to all, Bobby Hitchin.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Dec 2 Theatre past and present -  
                     Fiona Mitchell-Innes,      8 pm  
 Dec 16 Christmas Evening                      8 pm  
                     Doreen Norris,

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1992-3 MODERATOR OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Mrs. Ruth Clarke, J.P. is to be the Moderator of the General Assembly next year. She spent 12 years as Head of an Inner London comprehensive school and was Chair at Greenwich Juvenile Court. She is just finishing 4 years in the honorary post of Assistant Director of the Windermere Centre and is currently Convener of the URC Youth Committee.

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Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,  
 You are one with us, Mary's son,  
 Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
 Pouring Your love and goodness in;  
 Jesus, our love for You we sing,  
     Living Lord,

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,  
 Born as one of us, Mary's son,  
 Led out to die on Calvary,  
 Risen from death to set us free,  
 Living Lord Jesus, help us see  
     You are Lord,

Lord Jesus Christ, We would come to You,  
 Live our lives for You, Son of God,  
 All Your commands we know are true,  
 Your many gifts will make us new,  
 Into our lives Your power breaks through,  
     Living Lord,

Songs and Hymns of Fellowship No. 342,  
 By Patrick Appleford,  
 A favourite hymn of Master Stephen John Archer,  
 6.6.83                      Requested by Chronicle Editor,

INTERREGNUM.

PASTORAL CARE. Following Mr. Connelly's retirement the Elders will offer pastoral care to all in need in their areas. Members and friends may also contact the Pastoral Secretary, Mr. Fred Marsh, tel.266985 or either of the Church Officers, at home - Mr. W. Rhodes 248263

Mr. R. Gooderham 506452

Calls to the Church telephone number will receive an answer-phone message during the vacancy.

AN UNUSUAL VISIT.

At 7pm on Thursday 26th Sept, the Church Meeting night, I was making notes of the Church members who were unwell when the phone rang. A lady's voice said 'Can you help me? I've had a fall at 8 this morning and I can't move.' She was able to give her address - 1/2 a mile from us. Jean and I went to the address, a semi-detached bungalow. The bathroom window was open but neither Jean nor I could get through it. A passing newspaper boy climbed through the window and opened the front door. The lady, aged 82, was lying on the floor of the lounge, naked, incontinent and very cold. Her dog was also incontinent and very hungry.

Jean attended to the lady, found a nightgown, slippers and dressing gown. We lifted her into an armchair, covered her with an eiderdown, and gave her a hot drink. She recovered very well. I telephoned her doctor. While waiting for him I asked her how she knew my name and telephone number and she replied 'I don't know you or your number. I just pressed 5 numbers and you answered. I don't know what numbers they were!' I asked her about dialling 999 and she said 'I don't know where it is on the dial - I can't see anything without my glasses and they are in the other room.'

The doctor arrived at 8.30 and, after examining her, phoned for an ambulance, which arrived at 10.05, from Pulborough, their third visit to Worthing that evening! We had fed the dog by now and he was locked in the kitchen with the light on. The ambulance man locked the bungalow and gave the lady her keys. We arrived home at 10.30pm.

Friday morning, at 9am, we were at Worthing hospital to collect the keys. The lady was more concerned about her dog than herself. At the bungalow I explained to the neighbours what had happened. One suggested that we should have phoned for the police but I didn't think much of that suggestion. We phoned a Member of our Church, Mrs. Marjorie Fallowfield, who immediately agreed to take and look after the dog. The patient is recovering very slowly after a stroke. She is now in Tenby House in Downview Road and has met Mollie Hawke.

Jean and Fred Marsh.

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

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

Please ask the Steering Committee for a form.  
This is a confidential Pastoral Service.

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GORING AND FERRING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE,

(Request by Rev. Wm Connelly that this  
be put in the Chronicle for December.)

We need help with finding cooks, waitresses and washers-up. As you know the lunch is held on Wednesdays at Bury Drive Methodist Church Hall. In the first instance people could contact me at 243050 or 42 Compton Avenue. This shortage of helpers does not apply only to Bury Drive. All the centres are short of helpers as many of them are elderly and are having to give up. Sincerely,  
Miss Pam.M.Stower.

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A STORY WITH A TIME-LESS ENDING.

Recently my wife and I went to visit my sister beyond Inverness. On our return home our neighbours informed us there had been a power cut on the very day we went. When he came in later to check over the house the electric phone/clock in one bedroom was blinking and the radio/clock in the other bedroom was to. Thinking this would be bad to have the clocks doing this for two weeks he switched them off. After our arrival home I went into the kitchen to get something to eat. I looked to see the time on that clock only to find that the battery operated clock had also stopped. Nothing daunted, I set the dining table, and looked at the carriage clock on the sideboard. This is also battery operated and, yes, it too had stopped. Was there a Gremlin running loose? Next day, when dressing, I found, my wrist watch had stopped in sympathy. What more could happen, I wondered! As there was a lot of shopping required I went to the garage to get the car out. Turning the ignition on the engine gave a feeble turn-over and I realized there must be a slight discharge from the battery due to a leak. My neighbour came and gave me a jump-start from his car. I knew I should be OK then and gave the car a brief run to help boost the battery. When I returned to the house I looked to see the time on the car clock, which has always been an excellent time-keeper, only to find that it had also packed in. What would an astrologer make of it, I wondered. Frazer Finlay.

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

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THE SERVICE OF CHRIST AS PRIEST AND OUR SERVICE TO  
ONE ANOTHER IN THE PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVER.

At this time of transition and change within our Christian Community at Goring we may be wondering what the immediate future will hold. It is at this point we need the Service of Christ as our Great High Priest; also we shall need to exercise our own priesthood in sustaining one another. God alone knows all that is needed by our Christian Community to face the challenges that are before all believers in this last decade of the twentieth century. Some things are certain. The faithful commitment to the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the need to proclaim the Gospel, to maintain outreach and to continue to support, comfort and help one another within the Church. It is to this end we need both the Priesthood that belongs to our Lord Jesus Christ, and the priesthood that belongs to each and every believer.

We are never without a Priest for Jesus Christ Himself is 'high priest of good things to come by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands (Hebrew 9 v 11) and again in the same chapter 'For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands...but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us (v24) Earlier in this letter to the Hebrew believers the author has reminded them, and thus ourselves - 'We have a great high priest that is passed into Heaven, Jesus, the Son of God, (ch 4 v 14). Now the nature of Christ's eternal priesthood is enshrined in the person of Melchisedec, a mysterious personage - made like unto the Son of God - who met Abraham long before the tribe of Levi was ordained priests to the Tribes of Israel. (Hebrews ch. 5,6, and 7.) The writer of the letter to the Hebrews declares that of this there are things 'hard to be uttered' (or understood), (ch 5 v 11), however we do have that marvellous declaration in ch 8 - 'We have such a High Priest who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.'

So then, as Christ is the Head of the Church, we have our direct access into God's immediate presence - we need no intermediaries or hierarchies, to offer both our praise and our petitions, in full assurance of faith, (ch 10 vv 17-22).

Now, this being so, when we come on to Peter's letters we find that every believer is a priest; in 1 Peter ch 2 v 5 'Ye also as living stones are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood'. For what purpose? 'To offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.'

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This is most important to believers at this present moment - the teaching of the priesthood of all believers, wherever they are, to whatever Christian community they belong, reminds us that we are all equal in the sight of God, all are one in Christ, our present worship and labour being but a foretaste of the glory when the Lord Jesus shall gather all His own at His coming. Now the priesthood of all believers belongs to each of us as of right; it has nothing to do with the gifts set in the church; which are in relation to the work and outreach of local Churches (1 Corinthians ch 12 v 28-31) and to the Church universally, because the priesthood of every believer is exercised at the Lord's Table; where all are equal; where there is no need of earthly presidency, because the Lord Himself is present as the Communion is celebrated - in discharge of the Lord's command through the Apostle Paul 'Do this in remembrance of Me'. Gift, as such, has no place at the Lord's Table, neither does office - here each one of us meets on common ground as a holy priesthood, the celebration of the Lord's Supper is open to us all, without limitation.

If we overlook this, our right, then we can be in danger of preventing the Holy Spirit from using whom He will in praise and worship, and we are calling into question our commitment to the Holy Scriptures as the inspired Word of God and the supreme authority in all matters of doctrine and teaching. Let us hold firmly to these things, that as served by Christ as High Priest over His house; we maintain both our priestly status and function before Him and towards one another to His glory.

ALEC J. RALPH.

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CHURCH BOOKSTALL.

As in previous years boxed Christmas cards are displayed in the East Transept for you to make your choice. Place your orders early! The Christian Book Centre staff have offered to open up their Chatsworth Road shop one evening for a group from the Church to browse and buy in comparative comfort. Please let me know if you are interested, and a preferred evening.

Ron Jordan.

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Mission Praise No. 13.

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,  
 One with each other, Jesus is here,  
 Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,  
 Part of the body, the church of God,  
 As we are gathered, Jesus is here,  
 One with each other, Jesus is here,  
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TORCH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS.

St. Columba's Church U.R.C. at 2.30 pm.

Saturday 7th December

Jubilee Hall Greenland Rd, Durrington, 2.30 pm.

Saturday 21st December

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RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR CHRISTIANSFOR CHRISTMAS AND BEYOND.

A Breath of Fresh Prayer,	Sue Barnett	£2.99
Why Jesus?	Nicky Gumbel	.50
Our God Reigns	Ray McCauley	£3.99
She Called Me Dad	Joe Tosini	£3.50
He knew he had a daughter - would they ever meet?		
Naomi: A Woman to Follow,	Eileen Wallace	£3.99
Being fruitful in the changing seasons of life.		
An Intelligent Fire	Gerald Coates	£6.99
The Daily Devotional Commentary	Richards	£13.99
When Clergymen Ruled The Earth	Humorous	£2.99
101 Survivors Guide to the Church,		£2.99
One Day I'll See You		£3.50
Concerning abortion guilt,		
Know Your Faith	John Young	£2.99
Cliff Richard	Gale Barker	£2.99

All these books, and many more, may be obtained from the Christian Book Shop, Chatsworth Road, Worthing, or through the Church Bookstall. Do book your purchase to Goring URC thereby obtaining a discount of 10% for the Church. If you do not wish to spend money on these books why not borrow one (or more) from our library in the East Transept.

Ron Jordan,

Novels obtainable from the author at

5/2 Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing

"THE VIKINGS" £4.95 Set in the Faroes.

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For any of my books sold through me I promise to pay into Church funds the sum of One Pound (£1.00)

Leslie Montford, Author.

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- 20 Fri Kestro Stroke Club 2pm Christmas Afternoon,  
Choir practice 7.30 pm
- 21 Sat Torch Fellowship, Durrington, 2.30 pm  
Youth Club Carol Singing,
- 22 Sun 8 am Holy Communion, 11 am Family Service  
Mr. Bob Jackson,  
6.30 pm Elder,
- 24 Tue 5.30-6.30pm Junior Church Children's Service  
11.30 pm Holy Communion Mr. Wilfred Rhodes,
- 25 Wed 8 am, Holy Communion,  
10 am Family Service Christmas Day  
Rev. Douglas Smith,
- 29 Sun 8 am Holy Communion, 11 am Mr. John Gordon,  
6.30 pm Elder,
- 1 Wed January 1992 NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL IN  
LITTLE CHAPEL 8am until 10 pm  
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- 10 Tue CAROL SERVICE 12.30pm Inland Revenue  
Christian Union Carols,
- 17 Tue CAROL SERVICE 7.30pm Durrington High School,

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- Dec 6 to 8, Christmas Conference for 18-30 year  
olds on 'Faith & Work' Quinta Hall, Oswestry
- Jan 18 Saturday 'JOY IN THE SPIRIT' with the  
New English Orchestra, City Temple, London,
- Jan 25 Saturday, District Elders' Day at Sompting  
URC, Open to any Church Member to attend,

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COMMUNION SERVICES.

In WELCOME on 3rd November the Rev. Wm. Connelly wrote that the emphasis of his Ministry at Goring URC had been on the command of Jesus 'Do this in remembrance of Me'. This has included the 8am Communion and it will continue as long as people wish to attend. There are regular communicants at this Service, and others find it an opportunity to come to Church on a Sunday when work or other reasons prevent their attendance at 11am or 6.30pm. The Thursday 10.30am Communion with prayers for healing and Gospel message will continue on the second Thursday in the month. The bringing of the Communion to anyone in their home, residential home, or nursing home, may be arranged on request.

Rev. Ron Christopher, Worthing 230330.