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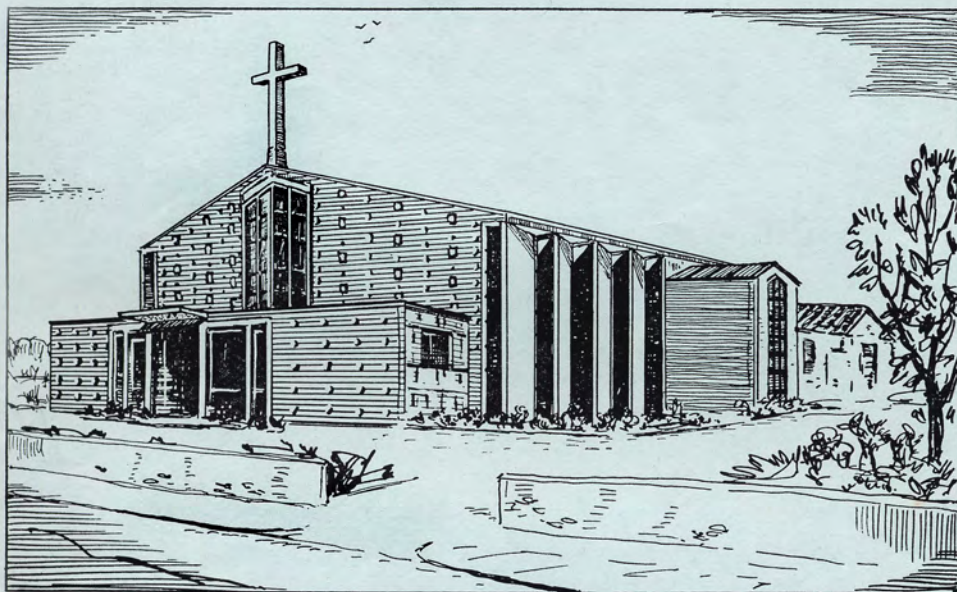
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Dear Friends,

Mrs. Hayward and I would like to thank you all for your greetings and remembrances at Christmastide. It is very difficult for us to thank you all personally, but we do want you to know that your thoughts for us mean a great deal to us. Now we would wish you all a very happy and blessed New Year, for yourselves in your homes and for your loved ones wherever they may be. God bless you all.

January brings to us first of all the annual Free Church exchange of pulpits and this year on Sunday morning the 9th our service will be conducted by Major Chadwick of the Salvation Army. This is the first time in my ministry that the Salvation Army has been represented in our pulpit and I am confident this will be an occasion of real blessing to the Church.

Secondly January brings the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, now one of the most significant weeks in the Church's year. On Wednesday, 19th, we shall have the United Service for Worthing at Christ Church at 7.30 p.m. On Sunday 23rd I shall be preaching in the morning at a United Service at St. Michael's Church, Amberley, and our pulpit will be occupied by our good friend the Revd. John Devereux, M.A. Our Goring United Service will this year be held at St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. when the preacher will be Father D. McCarthy of the Church of the English Martyrs. This is the first time the Roman Catholics have taken part in our United Service and we rejoice greatly at this.

Saturday January 29th will be a special day for

our friends at Buckland, Portsmouth, when Revd. Derek Lindfield will be inducted to the pastorate of that Church. Mr. Lindfield went from Portslade Church to New College and has since been at Norwich; he has twice preached at our Church. We offer our prayerful good wishes to Church and Minister for their years of service together.

Once again, all good wishes and every blessing for 1972 to you all and all your families.

Sincerely yours,

Wallis Hayward.

The Family

Since our last magazine was published two more of the faithful and devoted members of this Church have been promoted to the membership of the Church eternal: Mr. H. Hele, a quiet, shy man, who served as aisle steward and quietly did other services in the life of the Church, and Mr. F. Dearsley who had been a Deacon and Missionary Secretary. We give thanks to God for every memory of them and uphold all who mourn in our prayers.

Mrs. Brand has had a slight heart attack but is getting stronger.

Mr. N. Redman is having treatment for his back trouble, which we hope will quickly give him relief.

Mr. A. Razzell has also developed back trouble and is awaiting xray.

Mr. Pooley is a little easier and we hope this improvement may be maintained.

Miss Dodd has had a slight stroke and we hope she will continue to regain health.

Mrs. Emery is poorly as the result of a fall.

Miss Harris has been suffering from phlebitis.

Thanks

Mrs. V.E. Pearn thanks all friends who have written to her in her recent bereavement, and is grateful for their thoughts and prayers.

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I would like to thank all friends for their prayers and kind inquiries during Harry's illness and for the many expressions of sympathy I have received. Also for the generous gifts to Christian Aid in his memory.

Hilda Hele

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Thank you all that you have truly been faithful to this command, and upheld Fred and me during the past difficult months by your love and prayers, and I ask you to accept the heartfelt appreciation of letters of sympathy and care since he has gone to be with the Lord.

Frances Dearsley and family.

Mrs. Holman is very much better now and wishes to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers during her recent illness.

Flower Rota for January 1972

2nd - Mr. and Mrs. F.L. de Pury
 9th - Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Boyce
 16th - Mr. C.S. Wood
 23rd - Mr. E.C. Bond
 30th - Mr. W.R. Williams.

K.J.W.

Christian Aid

Our grateful thanks to all who have given during December to this fund. Our total was £29.95, which included £13.80 given in memory of our dear friend Mr. Hele.

Marjorie Hayward.

Leprosy Mission

Many thanks once again for half yearly contribution. Total sent up in November was £41.62½ of which nearly £31 was from Church friends.

If you have not had "Without the Camp" for October please ask me; very sorry they are late, but it is owing to indisposition.

G.H.D.

Missionary Account to 30th November

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Bank balance 1st January	£ 35.31	£ 44.95
Envelopes	393.85	439.91
Other donations	85.51	147.80
Tax Refunds	31.74	38.17
Junior Church and B.B.	30.41	21.67
Boxes	4.21	2.87
Coffee Mornings	50.50	-
Missionary Tea 31st Oct.	-	12.71
Payments direct to CCWM or Sussex C.U. to 30th		
Sept. only	71.43	72.48
Adjustment	0.27	-
	<u>£703.23</u>	<u>£780.56</u>

S.A.K.

From the Joint Secretaries' DesksDeaths

Mrs. J.F. McLeod, 2 Meadowside Court, on
16th November
Mr. A.E. Pearn of 23 Eastergate Green, on
19th November
Mr. H.E. Hele of 168a Goring Road, on 24th
November
Mr. F.A. Dearsley of 8 Glynde Close, on 5th
December.

A.B.
E.B.

Girls' Brigade - Open Evening and Presentation of
Awards, Saturday, 4th December.

The predominant feeling of all present was one of happiness - it could be felt in the girls, their officers and in the parents and friends present.

The evening began with the Reception of Colours, the National Anthem, a rousing hymn, and prayer led by the Chairman, the Rev. Wallis Hayward.

Then came the awards presented by Miss M.E. West, who has been pianist of the Brigade for about twenty years, and as a prelude to this the Explorer Leader's Report given by Mrs. Jean Webb.

The Chairman then spoke and welcomed all present. He referred to the retirement of Mrs. Margaret Dobson, who had served the Brigade so devotedly for fourteen years as Lieutenant and Captain. He also mentioned the retirement of Miss Ragan. Mrs. Webb had expressed her willingness to take over from Mrs. Dobson.

Mrs. Dobson had requested that there should be "no fuss" and this wish was adhered to. She then gave her last report as Captain.

On the platform there were Mrs. Dancy representing the Guide Dogs Association, with her dog Kate, also Mrs. Nicholls with her guide dog, which enabled her to get about and live a normal life. Both dogs, a little perturbed by the bouts of clapping behaved

very well. Mrs. Dancy presented a photograph of our dog 'Bella' to Miss Ragan, who since 1968 had undertaken the tremendous task of collecting, packing and despatching 3000 lbs. of tinfoil to raise £250 necessary for the training of a guide dog. The effort had been helped by a sponsored walk, car cleaning, jumble sale, etc.

During the evening there were displays by the girls of drill to music, skipping, etc., and on show were articles made by them - too many to describe, but they included scrap books which would be given to the Children's Ward of Worthing Hospital.

At the conclusion of the evening refreshments were served and a collection taken for the Commonwealth Society for the Blind, which amounted to £11.

Altogether a memorable evening!

M.L.H.

Women's Guild Fellowship

The next meeting will be on 11th January, when the Rev. J.A. Little, M.A., will speak to us.

Women's Guild Working Party.

As we come to the end of 1971 we look back on a session of fellowship and friendship. Our numbers have kept very steady and we have been able to serve our Church in a small way by two afternoons of buying and selling as well as the Sales Table each week. Then I would say thank you to all our members who supported the stall for the Amberley Sale when we were able to help our small Church in their effort to raise their missionary assessment. A little practical help proved a great encouragement to them.

We start 1972 with a social afternoon and tea on January 4th, and hope all members will join us that day. We will meet as usual at 2.30 p.m. and Mrs. Hayward has promised to be responsible for the entertainment.

If there are any in the Church Fellowship who would like to come along and join us for the next

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session please do so. We will do our best to make you welcome and it is an ideal way of getting to know your fellow Church members.

Happy New Year to all.

D.B.J.

Monday Evening Fellowship

The winter session will begin on Monday, 10th January, when we welcome our Minister Mr. Hayward into our midst. We have a new departure from our usual meeting by having Miss Marjorie Butler who is reading poetry and drama. Her title is "With great Pleasure". This is on Monday January 24th.

On February 7th there is Sqd./L. Stratton, a well known speaker in Worthing on many subjects - this one he has called "Russia I have visited".

Our next meeting we are indebted to have the Headmaster of Selden School, Mr. Parker, who gives up his holidays during the summer to go to Swaziland to train their people to be teachers. This I feel sure will be an interesting talk on February 21st.

We usually try to have an evening to ourselves, so on March 6th we will bring along our Daily Newspapers to discuss that particular day's news - this we call "Current Affairs".

Our final meeting on March 20th is a demonstration on Cake Icing by Mr. Colin Hewlett of Knowles Bakery. This will help all of us to be experts - I hope!

Now that you know our programme if anyone would like to have an evening out amongst congenial company, please do come along and join us. We usually meet in the Cornwall Room at 8 p.m. For any alterations during the Session you only have to look at the back of the Order of Service or the Notice Board in the Church vestibule.

We in the Fellowship "Wish everyone a Peaceful and Happy New Year".

C.J.G.

The Minister's Sermon - Coping with Worry.

I know that as soon as I start to talk about worry there are some people who either begin to build up a resistance or stop listening because they think I don't know what I am talking about. But before you switch off let me ask the person who says "You can't help worrying" whether you can't help it because you like to be worried because people will pity you, or because the easiest thing is to worry? Of course everyone faces situations where it is easy to worry - in fact most people can find something to be worried about most of the time if they want to; and it is indeed hard not to worry, but to say it is hard is not to say it is impossible. But if it is hard why should we trouble - why not let us keep our worries? The answer is quite simple. Everyone knows that the person who is worried is to a greater or less extent handicapped in taking their full part in life, that if worry continues and increases then it incapacitates people altogether. A very high proportion of the mentally ill today are so because they cannot control the natural and inevitable tendency to worry, and they cannot control it because they haven't got the means to control it.

So let us ask what worry is - it is compounded of two things and you will not like it when I tell you what they are. The first is fear, that may not surprise you. When you're worried you are afraid of the development of a situation or of the unknown. The second element in worry is selfishness. You may not mind saying "Oh, I am worried" but you won't like saying, "Oh, I am being selfish". And now you will perhaps deny that this is true. When you are worried you are worried for somebody else, someone in trouble or ill. Yes, but how much is really concern for yourself? Are you unhappy because of their situation or suffering, or afraid that the unknown may be hurtful to you? Sometimes a big worry is that we shall ourselves prove inadequate for some need.

Now what can we do about this? First we must say that it is no good thinking that this is something we can cope with by ourselves. It is no use

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making up our minds that we won't worry and trying to suppress every tendency to worry. That is purely negative. The only way of dealing with it is by a positive approach, by putting something else in place of our worry. What can you put in place of fear? "Perfect love casteth out fear". What can you put in place of selfishness but care for others? In other words anxiety is a spiritual condition and it must have a spiritual cure. Love means trust and trust is expressed in prayer.

But before we go further let us be certain of one thing - no amount of prayer and no amount of faith will mean that God will do what we want Him to do. Indeed if we are simply trying to get our own way with God we aren't really praying. When I was a student pastor I went to an old lady who was dying. All the relatives assured me that they had prayed for her recovery. In fact that night she rallied and they said that God had answered their prayers. The old lady lived for another two weeks - two weeks of great suffering for her and anguish for them. No one could believe that that was God's doing. It is dangerous for us to assume that we know what is best for ourselves and our loved ones. The first thing to do in facing a situation of worry is to face the possibilities without trying to hide from them. Let us illustrate our point with a loved one who is ill. What can the result be? He can get better, he may have a long illness, disability or pain. He may not get better at all. Of course we want him to get better. What are we to do? We must pray about it. But we shall not advise God or demand what we want. We shall pray as little children. We shall face the situation before God. We shall tell Him what is in our hearts, ask Him to help us not to be selfish, and then leave the matter entirely in His hands, not believing that God will put everything right for us, though our loved one may get better and our prayers may have helped him. But we must believe that whatever happens, even the worst, it is in God's hands and in the end all is well.

This is not an easy thing to do but nobody has ever said that either faith or love is easy but it is the Christian way. Perfect love casteth out

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fear because fear hath torment.

Mr. F.A. Dearsley

It is strange that within a month the Church should have lost two of the great stalwarts of the Sutton colony in our midst.

One must not press the comparisons too far but there were many similarities between Mr. Pearn and Mr. Dearsley. Both were "big" men in every sense of the word - not only in stature but in big-heartedness. Both, as Fred said to me the last time I saw him, had minds of their own and would not be sidetracked from the course they knew to be right.

As we think of Fred it is not with sadness but with joyous remembrance of a life lived abundantly, suffering borne with great fortitude and death faced with unswerving faith.

In his early days here he served the Church as a Deacon with a special interest in financial affairs and his advice on all matters was always sound and shrewd. It was during this service that I first came to know the strong quality of loyalty which has always characterised his friendship. For four years he gave devoted and enthusiastic service as Missionary Secretary.

There will be many in the Church now who never knew him in his full health. Yet all will remember him as a man of breezy cheerfulness even in the face of adversity. During these long years of suffering endured with amazing courage he displayed his optimism and humour. His secret was his deep Christian faith. His life and the manner of its passing will remain an inspiration to us all.

We express the sympathy of all members of the Church with all the family.

H.A. Winterton

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Amberley Congregational Church

The proceeds of our mini-sale in November amounted to over £42, a very gratifying result, and we would like to thank all who helped in any way. A special word of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hayward, who brought friends and goods from Goring and set up a grocery stall which did a roaring trade.

The united service at our Church on Bible Sunday was very well attended. As always when the seats are full there was a great feeling of warmth and fellowship. Mr. T. Baker, our old friend from Horsham led the service and was joined by the Rev. R. Bell and the Rev. J.H. Williams. In the evening we joined in worship at St. Michael's Church.

The Sisterhood has now closed and will open again on Thursday 13th January 1972.

Members of the Church and Sisterhood would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and joyful New Year.

*Preachers for January at 11 a.m.

- 2nd. To be arranged
- 9th Mr. A. Slater (Holy Communion)
- 16th Mr. L. Knight
- 23rd United Service at St. Michael's.
Preacher: Rev. W. Hayward
- 30th Mr. Deffee.

Material for February Chronicle should be in by
16th January.

Church Calendar for January 1972

- 2 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
Holy Communion after Morning Service.
- 4 Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.
Social Afternoon.
Bible Study 14 Robson Road 7.30 p.m.
- 9 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
Annual exchange of pulpits: Major
Chadwick, Salvation Army, at Morning Service.
- 10 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. Revd.
Wallace Hayward.
- 11 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Rev.
J.A. Little, M.A.
- 13 Thurs. Monthly Prayer Service 10.30 a.m. with
Holy Communion.
- 16 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy
Communion after Evening Service.
- 18 Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.
Bible Study 14 Robson Road 7.30 p.m.
- 19 Wed. Worthing Council of Churches United
Service, Christ Church, at 7.30 p.m.
- 20 Thurs. Junior Church Teachers Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 23 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. Revd. J. Devereux.
Evening Service 6 p.m. at St. Mary's
Goring. United Goring Churches.
Preacher Revd. Father McCarthy=of
Church of English Martyrs.
- 24 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. Miss
M. Butler - "With Great Pleasure".
- 25 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m.

Date of Deacons Meeting to be announced.

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Dear Friends,

I suppose that everybody will by now know that the voting of the Congregational Unions and Churches and of the Presbyterian Presbyteries has been such that there is now no obstacle in the way of the formation of the United Reformed Church in October next. This will mean some changes for us all but it is a dead spirit that objects to change for no other reason than that it is change. Let us have the faith to believe that God has led us all so far and that He will lead us still to the strengthening of His Church and the building of His Kingdom. When we were discussing this proposed union and voting on it we were divided, quite naturally. Now that a decision has been made, a decision which we surely must believe is under God's guidance, since so many people prayed for that guidance, let us be united in our will to take our full part in the life and witness of the United Reformed Church, that it may be to God's glory.

The Deacons have arranged that whilst Mrs. Hayward and I are away on holiday the Rev. Hugh Theobald will conduct any special Services required, and will do the most urgent visiting. It would therefore be a great help if all cases of sickness are reported to Mr. Bond or Mr. Birch so that they can make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Theobald. In the event of funeral arrangements having to be made, the undertaker will get into direct touch with Mr. Theobald, but please also see that a Church Secretary is informed of the arrangements.

The Thursday morning Prayer Service for

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February and March will be conducted by Mr. Knight and Mr. Parker respectively.

I am indeed grateful to all those who in any way will be bearing extra burdens during my absence, and both Mrs. Hayward and I are very touched by the interest in and good wishes of so many people for our holiday.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Wallis Hayward.

The Family

The passing of Mr. W.E. Richardson was a sad shock to us all, for all who knew him loved him; he was not a Foundation Member of the Church but did attend in Elm Grove days and has been faithful through the years.

We have also just heard of the passing of Mrs. Hare who had attended and served in the Church for some time.

Our deep sympathy with Mrs. Machen in the sudden loss of her mother.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brand have been unwell but are slowly improving.

Mrs. Sceales has been in hospital but is now much better and is home again.

Mr. Wright has had another stroke and is very poorly.

Mr. A. Mason is in the Eye Hospital and hopes to be home again very shortly.

Miss Lock has not been so well again; we hope she will soon be feeling better.

Mrs. Roe has had a little heart trouble and is having to rest.

Mrs. Gilbert is in Heaton Lodge and we hope complete rest will do her good.

Mr. Pooley continues to be very poorly.

Mr. N. Rednan is improving and is to have some treatment which we trust will soon make him quite fit again.

Mr. Wilde has been very unwell following hospital

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tests and we hope he will soon be feeling better.

Mrs. Pepperdine is making good progress.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs and to Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins who have both been blessed with another grandchild.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Graham Bond who comes of age on February 22nd.

Christian Aid

Very many thanks for all your giving this month which amounts to £19.55. Life continues very hard in many places for many people and so I am afraid there is still a great need for your gifts. Perhaps one day the golden age will come when all men are fed, clothed and housed adequately - until then we must continue to give, to serve and to pray. As we shall be away during the month of February I should be glad if you would give that month's gifts to Mrs. Hele.

M.E.H .

Specially for the Ladies.

We, the women of the Church, have been asked by the Sussex County Women's Committee to produce a Pageant at the Rally in May. Several of us have prepared a script which we hope will be acceptable, and now we are busy casting it and thinking of costumes. Mrs. Tilbury has kindly agreed to act as Producer. In the Pageant we have several characters needing authentic costumes and we would be glad of any help. We need pictures (any size) of Queen Mary Tudor, an Archbishop of the Russian Orthodox Church, the Emperor Nero and, of course, any material (old curtains, bedspreads, etc.) to help with the making of the costumes needed for the 20 characters in the Pageant.

M.E.H .

From the Treasurer

Here are some details of collections for the months of October, November and December 1971:

	<u>Loose Cash</u>	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Missions included</u>
October	£104.95	£220.63	3.45
November	80.03	158.26	2.65
December	<u>73.30</u>	<u>158.59</u>	<u>3.65</u>
Qtrly Total	<u>£258.28</u>	<u>£537.48</u>	<u>£9.75</u>

Retiring collection for British & Foreign Bible Society, December 5th, £23.11. Special collection Christmas Day for Worthing Council of Social Service £26.55.

Thanks to all who have contributed so splendidly.

N.F.R.

Goring (Sussex) Congregational Housing Assocn. Ltd.

We have obtained Builder's estimates for the proposed conversion of 18/20 Shaftesbury Avenue into 6 flats and a housekeeper's flat, all to accord with the very stringent requirements of the Worthing and the Sussex County Councils and the Department of the Environment. On working out the running costs based on the total cost of about £36,600 and obtaining a loan of £18,000 and grants from the Council, as required we submitted our figures to the County Rents Officer who valued the flats on a rental basis of £6.00 to £6.50 per week.

The Rents Officer takes no account of the capital involved in settling the permissible rent, and as the cost of the loan would be over £5 per week for each flat it is clearly impossible to let the flats at £6 when lighting, heating, cleaning, insurance, repairs and maintenance and a housekeeper would all have to be provided by the Association.

As the Borough Council then refused to grant us the finance needed in addition to our own funds of nearly £12,000 we feel that our plans have been

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frustrated at every turn by 'Officialdon', so to comply with the standard demanded the costs have become prohibitive. The Management Committee have most reluctantly decided that the houses must be sold and a smaller property purchased, perhaps a house already used as a flat-let house, but it must be realised that this is unlikely to be in such a favourable position as Shaftesbury Avenue in regard to the Church.

It would be the intention of the Committee to buy such a property from our own resources without Council loans or grants but possibly with a private mortgage if required, and it is fully intended to continue with the Housing Association.

A concert version of Iolanthe, the Gilmart & Sullivan light hearted fantasy is to be given by the Leighton Singers in aid of the funds of the Association on Wednesday 2nd February at 7.30 in the Church Hall - admission by programme at 15p each (with tea in the interval!) obtainable from the Church Organisations, the writer or at the door.

M.E. Jones

Hon. Secretary.

Monday Evening Fellowship

We began our winter session with a very welcome visit by our Minister, who took as his subject "Prayer". This was a real help for we all need direction with the privilege of communing with "Our Heavenly Father".

On February 7th we have Sqd/L. Stratton on "Russia I have visited". February 21st Mr. A.E. Parken, Headmaster of Selden School - "Teachers Vacation in Swaziland".

These two evenings will I feel sure be very interesting and if anyone would like to come along please do. We meet in the Cornwall Room at 8 p.m.

C.J. Gill

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From the Joint Secretaries' DesksNew members by confession of faith, 30th December

Mr. and Mrs. P.W. Bailey, 62 Arundel Road
 Miss S.S. Hill, 4 Southview Drive
 Mr. J.A. McHugh, 19 Westland Avenue.

Baptism

On 16th January Edward Paul Redman, son of
 Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Redman of 27 Patching Close.

Deaths

Mr. W.E. Richardson of 4 Greena Court, Shelley
 Road, on 5th January
 Mrs. M. Hare of 36 Meadway Court, The
 Boulevard, on 14th January.

Handbook additions and amendments

Mr. P. Colbourn, 311 South Farm Road W.63216
 Miss B.E. Jenkin, 34B, Eton Road W.34684
 Miss E. Merritt, Sinclair Lodge, Gratwick Road
 Mr. and Mrs. P. Templeton, Flat B, 14 Grimston
 Gardens, Folkestone F.54858.

From the Joint Secretaries:

At a recent meeting of the Pastoral Committee
 the question of new members and Visitation Group
 Socials was discussed. As a result the following
 dates were recommended and were subsequently
 approved by the Church Meeting on 30th December -

New Members' Social - Saturday 22nd April
 Visitation Groups 1, 2 & 6 - Saturday 6th May
 Visitation Groups 3 & 4 - Saturday, 20th May
 Visitation Groups 5 & 7 - Saturday, 3rd June.

These dates were chosen because it was felt that
 members would prefer the socials to be held in the
 Spring before the commencement of the main holiday
 season. Invitations will be sent in due course,
 but members are asked to note the dates in their
 diaries.

A.B.
 E.E.

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Missionary Account 1971

Bank Balance 1st Jan.	£ 35.31	Remittances	
Envelopes	426.62½	to S.C.U. per	
Other donations	105.89	District	
Income Tax refunds	31.74	Treasurer	£791.80
Collecting Boxes	6.43½	Direct to	
Junior Church & B .E.	36.14½	S.C.U .	1.05
Coffee Mornings	50.50	Direct to	
From Church Funds	160.00	C.C.W.M.	111.21
Payment direct to			<u>£904.06</u>
Sussex Congl. Union	1.05	Cash in	
Payments to C.C.W.M.	111.21	hand 31.12	0.00½
Miscellaneous	0.27	Bank Bal.	61.11
	<u>£965.17½</u>		<u>£965.17½</u>

Quota of £900 exceeded by £4.06.

S.A.K.

Women's Guild Fellowship

We have two very interesting meetings this month. First on Feb. 8th the Drama Group of the Marine Towns Women's Guild are entertaining us with the play "The Showdown". They have been to us before and everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

Feb. 22nd is very different - we will have a talk and a film on the work of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the B lind. There will be a retiring collection following this meeting.

G.A. Knight Sec.

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Flower Rota for February

6th Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Jones
 13th Miss E. Gilby and Misses E.W. and F. Lock
 20th Dr. and Mrs. S.P. Rea
 27th Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Mercer

K.J.W.

Girls' Brigade

As a special effort for 'Brigade Week' we are arranging a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

There will also be a home-made cake stall. We hope you will be able to join us on that morning.

J.W.

Lent.

Help us, O God, to turn our ill-accustomed hearts to repentance, that humbled by Thy holy will we may become meek with Jesus Christ, the humblest man earth ever knew. Teach us how to forgive by forgetting; keep us in mind of our own humanity, and help us to carry our cross of pride and perplexity without bitterness to one another. Grant us freedom in Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amberley Congregational Church

We had two carol services in Amberley this year. The first at our Church took place after the news for the January Chronicle had been sent in, but we feel we must put on record our appreciation of the fine singing by the Goring Congregational Church choir. The other service at St. Michael's Church on the 2nd January was a united one, with members of the Roman Catholic and our Church taking part. It was very well attended and a great success - enjoyed by choir and congregation alike - the first we hope of many such occasions.

The Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday, 3rd March, and the service will be held this year in our church at 2.30 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. B. Jones from Littlehampton, and we hope all ladies free on that afternoon will come and join us and women all over the world in this annual concentrated act of prayer for the peace of mankind.

Preachers for February - 11 a.m.

6th	Rev. H. Rowse (H.C.)
13th	Mr. C. Pardoe
20th	Mr. A. Appleton
27th	Mr. T. Cole.

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Minister's Sermon - Revelation 21:5 Behold I am
making all things new.

It must have been true for many centuries, ever since man took his first step beyond his most primitive state, that he has looked for a better and happier world. Before the first world war there was a time when many believed that man had reached such an advanced state of civilisation that his progress into the golden age was inevitable. No doubt there have been other periods in human history when men felt they would go on from one stage of human betterment to another. We can be equally sure that there have been periods in history when man has felt that all his effort and struggle towards a better life was in vain, rather than getting better he could see things getting worse. Such a time would be when a civilisation was moving through the collapse of morality and of law and order to its inevitable doom, when it must have seemed to men that there was nothing to take the place of the decaying civilisation but anarchy. Even at such periods of history there would have been those who lived and laboured for the betterment of mankind and who looked for the dawning of a new age. Most people, however, seem to oscillate between hope and despair of the days in which they live as the news which they read or hear seems better or worse.

The Christian believes that the will and purpose of God is for the enrichment of the life of mankind, that all men should live together in peace and without fear - that His provision of the resources of the world should be justly shared by all - that none should be oppressed, but all be so free of material cares as to be able to see the truth of the love of God for then and worship and serve Him.

This then is the Christian faith that God's creative and saving activity goes on still in the world - God is working His purpose out. But God works His purpose out through men, through the hearts and lives of those who being turned towards Him are open to live through the guidance and power of His spirit and do His will.

God is making all things new, and if we seek to

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love and serve Him then we have a part, however small, in His plan and purpose, and the world must be a better place because we have loved and served in it. What a tremendous impetus this thought should give to our Church life and to all avenues of service to which we are called both within and beyond the Church.

But there are some who feel that inspiring as this thought may be to others it has little to say to them, they are in the process of giving things up, of slowing down. Some, because of their age, their health or physical handicap may be tempted at times to wonder what place their life can now have in the purpose and plan of God. Have we not all known what it is to visit somebody in the extreme of illness or handicap and to feel refreshed by their faith and courage? Let us know that so long as we have life we can play a part in the plan and purpose of God.

God is making all things new. There are times in history when it seems that because of man's evil God's purposes are frustrated. We believe that God's purposes cannot finally fail, His will will be done, let us see the glory of our lives in having some place, by God's grace, in the working out of His purposes.

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Church Calendar February 1972

- 1 Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.
Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 14 Robson Road
- 2 Wed. Concert Performance Gilbert & Sullivan's
Iolanthe by the Leighton Singers at
7.30 p.m. in Church Hall, in aid of
Housing Assocn. Programme 15p. with
tea interval.
- 6 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy
Communion after Morning Service - Revd
E.C.D. Stanford.
- 7 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 9 p.m. "Russia
I have visited" - Sqd./L. Stratton
- 8 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Marine
T.G.W. Drama Group
- 10 Thurs. Monthly Prayer Service 10.30 a.m. with
Holy Communion.
- 12 Sat. Girls' Brigade Coffee Morning 10.30-12
- 13 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. -
Rev. H.W. Theobald.
- 15 Tues.* Bible Study 7.30 p.m. Robson Road
- 20 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy
Communion after Evening Service -
Rev. Dr. C.S. Duthie, M.A.
- 21 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m.
"Teachers Vacation in Swaziland" -
Mr. R.E. Parken
- 22 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Royal
Commonwealth Society for the Blind.
- 24 Thurs. Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 27 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Revd.
J. Harries-Rees
- 29 Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.
Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 14 Robson Road.
- * 15 Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.
- 2 March Thurs. Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.

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Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Pooley's condition is still grave.

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Mr. Jaques is in Southlands Hospital and may have to undergo an operation.

We have just heard that Mrs. Kitto is to have an operation in Worthing Hospital.

We send best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery to good health to these members and other sick folk in the Fellowship.

Mr. A. Mason has been discharged from Brighton Eye Hospital and is now home again.

Our best wishes for their future happiness go to Mr. Alan Bond and Miss Jennifer Jenner who will be married at Broadwater Parish Church on Saturday, 26th February.

From the Joint Secretaries

Later this year, to mark the 25th Anniversary of the founding of this Church, we shall be launching "Operation Outreach" in order to bring to all homes in the district a greater awareness of its life and work.

It is proposed that we shall do this initially by

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circulating a letter and other literature, with the exception of the homes of members of other Churches. This will be followed by visits by members of the Church and an invitation to attend a social gathering at the Church. The success and extent of this project will depend on the measure of support we shall have from individual Church members, both in the initial distribution of literature and in the subsequent invitation. Please consider if you will be able to help in any way and, if so, kindly let us know.

At 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 16th March we shall be holding our Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation, when reports will be given on the life and work of the Church by our Minister, the joint Secretaries, the Treasurer and the Leader of Junior Church. This meeting will be preceded by a short social gathering between 7 and 7.30 p.m., at which light refreshments will be served.

A.B.

E.B.

From the Joint Secretaries' Desks

New Member On 27th January, by profession of faith, Mrs. Oliver Neary, 46 Shaftesbury Avenue.

Cessation of membership - Mr. and Mrs. H. Blackman of "Peniel" Durrington Lane, who are now attending the Baptist Evangelical Church in Worthing, to which no transfer of membership is possible.

Change of Address - Mr. E.C. Bond to 26 Falmer Avenue, Goring by Sea. W.44157.

Handbook Addition

Miss J. Boughton, 65 New Timber Avenue, Goring Green.

Monday Evening Fellowship

Though we were small in number on January 24th due to a cold evening and sickness among members, we thoroughly enjoyed having Miss Marjorie Butler with us to give us a delightful evening of Poetry and Drama, her ability to express each piece whether it

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was Eliza from Pygmalion and her cockney accent to the haughty Mrs. Worthington from "The Importance of being Ernest", and into pathos - everyone appreciated her performance.

I would very much like to thank the members who on January 29th prepared refreshments for the three Sunday School parties, they were Dorothy, Doreen, Audrey, Pamela, Mary, Florrie, Doris and by no means least of all Betty. They all braved a bitterly cold day and evening. My own two sons' comments were boy-like, "The Grub was smashin". I must add that they enjoyed the party also, so to Mr. D. Stewart "thank you" too.

During March we are having "Current Affairs" on the 6th, a discussion between ourselves on present day topics. On the 21st a demonstration of Cake Icing by Mr. Colin Hewlett, Knowles Bakery. This is our last meeting before Easter.

Our Spring session begins on April 24th, when we welcome back our Minister, who has titled his talk "Question Time".

C.J.G.

Women's Guild Fellowship

All women are welcome at these very interesting meetings. On 7th March Mrs. Thomas speaks of her year as Mayoress. On 21st March we are having a Musical Afternoon arranged by Mr. Birch, one of our Church secretaries. He has done this before for us, and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.

G.A. Knight, Hon.Sec.

Flower Rota for March

5th	Mr. and Mrs. S. Arnold
12th	Miss E.L. Brickenden and Miss E.M. Ryde Mr. E. Popplestone.
19th	Mrs. M. Hite and family.
26th	Sussex Congregational Union.

K.J.W.

Missionary Account to 31st January

	1972	1971
Bank Balance 1st Jan.	£ 61.01	£ 35.31
Envelopes	40.28	41.43
Other Donations	2.06	0.78
Adjustment	-	1
	<u>£103.35</u>	<u>£ 77.53</u>
Remitted to Group		
Treasurer for C.U. Sussex	<u>£103.10</u>	<u>77.28</u>
Minimum Bank Balance	<u>£ 0.25</u>	<u>£ 0.25</u>

S.A.K.

Girls' Brigade

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who supported our coffee morning on February 12th, when the sum of £10.27 was raised.

If there's a lady who feels she would like to help in Brigade work, particularly with the 5 to 8 year old girls, we would be very pleased to meet her!

J.W.

Housing Association

There will be a Jumble Sale in aid of the Association on the 13th April at 6.30 p.m.

Please let us have your jumble. If you wish to have things collected please ring: W.65593, W.46807 or W.48410.

A Feast for Lent

Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
 Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
 Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
 Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
 Fast from pride, and feast on humility.
 Fast from selfishness, and feast on love.
 Fast from fear, and feast on faith.

Why Doesn't the Church ----?

You have often heard criticism beginning "why doesn't the Church do this or that ...?". This article tells of one of the things the Church does here in Sussex and all over the country.

Do you know that the Church in Sussex runs its own nationally recognised adoption society - a society which has ensured that hundreds of babies have been given the chance of a real family life as the adopted children of Christian married couples who have longed for a baby to love and bring up in the way of Christ?

Do you know that the Church has twelve trained social workers in Sussex, helping people to sort out all manner of family problems?

Do you know that the only mother-and-baby homes in this county for unmarried mothers are maintained and run by the Church?

What branch of the Church does all this?

The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Social Work - C.D.A.F.S.W. for short. It is called the Chichester Diocesan Association because the work was started by the Church of England in Sussex, the Bishop licenses all the workers of the Association and the Diocese is responsible for the central office and staff in Brighton. However, the cost of the workers' salaries and their office and car expenses, and so on, has to be met by the local Branches.

The Cost? Altogether about £40,000 a year. The Local Authorities, recognizing that the Church is doing work on their behalf, meet about one third of this sum, leaving the Churches £26,000 to raise each year!

Now the C.D.A.F.S.W. is not exclusive in the help it gives - it helps anyone, of any religion. For this reason, in recent years, happily, Churches of all denominations have joined in supporting this work, and so it can be said that this is something the whole Church does.

It is vital and compassionate work, undertaken in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose hands

are always outstretched to heal and make whole.
(Our Representative is Miss E. Fisher, 21a Rose
walk.)

Community Education for the Young European

This is a youth exchange programme which offers young adults (17 to 25) the chance to combine community service with further education in a western European country for one year.

Selection for the next group to go will begin shortly and perhaps you could go with them. No special qualifications are needed and the programme is open to all irrespective of educational background.

During the one year there is the chance to learn a new language, see a new country and to become a more interesting and successful person. The fee to the volunteer is £50 (reasonable for a chance of a lifetime) but a further £100 has to be raised by the volunteer through sponsorships. Once you've made your mind up it's all quite simple! More details from: Lyn Roberts, C.E.Y.E., 39 Giles Coppice, Dulwich Wood Park, London, S.E.19 1XF.

Amberley Congregational Church.

A Communion Service will be conducted by the Rev. Wallis Hayward on Good Friday at 9 a.m. We hope friends from the village will join us.

Preachers for March

5th	Mr. Donnelly
12th	Mr. Lovett
19th	Mr. Kimber
26th	Mr. Ball.

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Church Calendar March 1972

- 2 Thurs. Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
 5 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after Morning Service. Preacher - Revd. J.N. Holder.
 6 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. "Current Affairs".
 7 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Mrs. Thomas, former Mayoress.
 9 Thurs. Monthly Prayer Service 10.30 a.m. with Holy Communion - Mr. R.O. Parker.
 12 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. The Minister.
 14 Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m. Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 14 Robson Road.
 16 Thurs. Annual Meeting of Church and Congregation - 7 for 7.30 p.m.
 19 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after Evening Service.
 20 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. "Cake Icing" demonstration.
 21 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Musical Afternoon.
 25 Sat. Sussex Congregational Union County Assembly.
 26 SUN. Palm Sunday Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
 30 Thurs. Maundy Thursday - United Service at St. Columba's Church 7.30 p.m.
 31 Fri. Good Friday Service 11 a.m.

Material for April Chronicle should be in.
 by 12th March.

GORING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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My dear Friends,

First of all I must say on behalf of Mrs. Hayward and myself how moved we have been by the warmth of our welcome home. We have enjoyed a wonderful experience and shall look forward to being able to share it with you later on, when our pictures are ready.

Secondly we must express our appreciation of all those who have gladly undertaken extra duties whilst we have been away - this willingness made our holiday quite carefree and we are most grateful.

This magazine should reach you just in time for me to remind you of the special services for Passiontide and Easter.

On Maundy Thursday at 7.30 p.m. we shall join in a Pres:/Cong: United Communion Service at St. Colomba's Church when the preacher will be the Revd. D. Allon-Smith of Rustington Presbyterian Church.

On Good Friday we shall have a Communion Service at Amberley at 9 a.m. and a Service in our own Church at 11 a.m. to which local Presbyterians will be invited.

On Easter Day we shall, as usual, have Communion after both morning and evening Services.

On April 6th we shall hold our Annual Church Meeting at which Deacons and Church officers will be elected.

On April 16th I shall be ~~ex~~ changing pulpits for the day with the Revd. D. Allon-Smith.

For obvious reasons Mr. Bond will be writing our "Family News" this month, and my guess is that he will omit an item which is of great interest and

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joy to us all, namely his own wedding on April 1st at 12.30 p.m. to Miss Jane Stephens. We are grateful for the love and service of both these members, and the joy and prayers of the whole Church will be with them, that every blessing may rest upon them on that day and through all their years together.

May God grant that Passiontide and Easter will be a time of spiritual renewal for us all.

Sincerely yours,

Wallis Hayward.

From the Joint Secretaries' Desks

Deaths: Mrs. J. Firth (Founder member) on the 20th February
Mr. L.J. Jackson of 21 Marlborough Road on 21st February.
Miss E. Merritt, late of 48 Rose Walk, on 29th February.

Handbook Amendments:

Additional - Mr. N.R. Allport, "Avallon",
Marlborough Road, W.43071.

Changes of Address:

Mr. G.D. Bond to 26 Falmer Avenue, W.44157
Mr. A.R. Bond to 60 Ham Way, Worthing
Miss B. Stephens to 18A Evelyn Road, Worthing.

Transfer Out: Mrs. M. Millward, formerly at 12 Meadway Court, to Burwell Congregational Church on 2nd March.

A.B.
E.B.

From the Joint Secretaries

Our Annual Church Meeting will be held on Thursday, 6th April, at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. At this meeting the election of officers, deacons, delegates and representatives will take place. Six

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deacons retire by rotation this year and we have nominations for six members - one member having withdrawn since the Church Meeting on 2nd March. The members who have been nominated are: Mr. J.R. Beale, Mr. J.S. Blackwood, Mr. N.A. Dobson, Mr. R.F. Hobbs, Mr. E. Tilbury and Mr. E.A. Winstanley.

Where members are ill or have other good reasons for absence from this Church Meeting, they may obtain voting papers from Mr. Birch, to whom they should be returned by 7.30 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

The new members' social will be held on Saturday, 22nd April, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. Invitations are being sent out shortly to those members of the Church and congregation who have come to the Church since October 1970. We hope that we shall miss no one who should come, but if any new member of the congregation does not receive an invitation by Sunday, 9th April, please let us know. The Group Social previously notified for visitation districts 1, 2 and 6, will not now take place on that date. As soon as a date is fixed notice will be given in the Chronicle.

We shall shortly be revising the Church Handbook in preparation for the printing of the 24th (1972) edition and shall be grateful if members will give us early notice of any changes, additions or deletions of handbook entries. Where changes have already been notified in the Chronicle, no further notification is required.

A.B.
E.B.

The Family

During the past two months the following members of the Church and congregation have passed to the fuller life :

Mrs. J. Firth, Founder Member
Mr. L.J. Jackson
Miss E. Merritt
Mrs. M. Hare
Mr. L. Wright

All these our friends were faithful servants of their Lord, Jesus Christ.

Mr. S.D. Jaques has returned home from Southlands Hospital but his condition is still serious.

Mr. H.H. Pooley is still very ill indeed.

Mrs. S. Machen and Mrs. J. Kitto are making good progress.

Mrs. F.E. Gilbert has returned home from nursing home.

We have just heard that Mr. R. Parker's remaining brother has died and we send deepest sympathies to him.

We are very pleased to be able to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. S.E.C. Jones on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary on the 15th March.

Help the Aged Appeal

As in previous years the Church hall will be a depot for receiving clothes for this appeal. The clothes should be in good condition and men's clothes are especially needed.

The hall will be open on Wednesday, April 19th, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 - 5 p.m. Offers of help to man the depot will be gratefully received.

M. Redman

Missionary Account

	1972	1971
Bank Balance 1st Jan.	£ 61.01	£ 35.31
Envelopes	72.46	73.83
Other donations	2.06	0.79
Collecting Boxes	-	1.35
Adjustment	<u>- .01</u>	
	£135.54	£111.28
Remitted to Group		
Treasurer for S.C.Union	<u>135.29</u>	<u>111.03</u>
Minimum Bank Balance	<u>£ 0.25</u>	<u>£ 0.25</u>

S.A.K.

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Leprosy Mission

Miss G.H. Dent will be glad to empty leprosy phials during the first 3 weeks in May (by 21st), the half yearly collection.

She would also be very glad of a volunteer to take this piece of work on, as she feels it is getting rather much at her age. Thanking you for all your help,
G.H.D.

Housing Association

A reminder of the Jumble Sale for this cause to be held on 13th April at 6.30 p.m.

If you wish to have jumble collected please ring W.65593, W.46807 or W.48410.

Saturday 15th April

"Round the World in 42 Days" with Robin Parker. Illustrated talk at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tea. Collection for Housing Association.

Women's Guild Fellowship

Our programme for this month should be very interesting for all our ladies. April 4th - "Flower Arranging" by Mrs. Hodges, who has won many prizes with her arrangements. Then April 18th, Mrs. Wraight's daughter-in-law is coming to show us "Slides of Israel".

All ladies are welcome.

G.A. Knight, Sec.

Monday Evening Fellowship

Many of you would be interested to know that your gifts brought and dedicated every Sunday go, through Christian Aid, to help train people of Swaziland to become teachers. This we learnt when we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. R.E. Parken, Headmaster of Selden School, give a talk and film on "Teacher Vacation in Swaziland". The children

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there walk miles on dusty roads to school and available materials are very small. Being a poor country, to go to secondary school children have to work to pay the fees, and it is not uncommon to see men over 20 years old returning to school and proudly wearing a uniform. Our Government grants also go out to Swaziland. It is of interest to know China pays too, but whereas we do not advertise, China has huge notices in brilliant colours to catch the eye and to persuade the African countries how good Communism is!

Our summer session begins on April 24th, when our Minister will give a talk titled "Question Time". May 8th Mr. R.E. Rutherford on "Prison Visiting". May 22nd Mrs. H.A. Worrall, "British Red Cross". June 5th, W.M. Bunjan, "Health Foods". June 19th - A Ramble. July 3rd A.G.M. and American Supper and on July 17th our Annual Outing.

If you would like to come to any of these meetings please do not hesitate to come along and swell our numbers. You are more than welcome.

C.J. Gill.

The Covenanted Subscription

If you have not already signed a covenant in respect of your Church giving, may I please ask you to do so? It entails merely a promise to continue your present giving for a period of seven years, but no liability will attach to your Estate if you do not yourself survive for that period.

Reductions in the standard rate of Income Tax, while good for the Taxpayer, are bad for the Church, and it will not be possible to maintain revenue from this source at its present very helpful level (£500 p.a.) unless many more friends will join the scheme - preferably before 5th April next.

I shall be most happy to provide full details.

C.S. Stephens.

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Flower Rots for April

2nd Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Stephens
 Miss Wingrove
 9th Miss L. Harris
 16th Mrs. Mabey
 23rd Mrs. P.S. West
 30th Mrs. R. Gowan

K.J.W.

British & Foreign Bible Society

Annual Meeting 7.30 p.m. in St. Paul's Church
 Hall. See notice in vestibule.

Amberley Congregational Church

In spite of appalling weather and a spate of car breakdowns our service on Women's World Day of Prayer was fairly well attended. Mrs. Brian Jones from Littlehampton Congregational Church was the speaker. Her theme was 'Joy' and the many things that can give joy. The collection amounted to £3 and will be donated to the British & Foreign Bible Society. We would like to thank Miss Ludlow, Mrs. Slaughter and Mrs. Reeves for a welcome cup of tea after the meeting.

The Communion Service on Good Friday at 9 a.m. will be conducted by the Rev. W. Hayward.

At the morning service on Sunday 30th April Mr. Deffee will be showing a new film issued by Christian Aid. We hope to be joined by friends from St. Michael's Church. Starting on Easter Day we shall resume evening services at 6.30 p.m.

Preachers for April

11 a.m.
 2nd Mr. Knight
 9th Mr. Jewell
 16th Mr. Roberts
 23rd Mr. Baker
 30th Mr. Deffee

6.30 p.m.
 To be supplies
 Rev. W. Hayward (H.C.)
 Mr. Pardoe
 Rev. H. Rowse
 Mr. Cole

Church Calendar for April

- 2 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion morning & evening - Easter Day.
- 4 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Mrs. F.S. Hodges "Flower Arranging"
- 6 Thurs. Annual Church Business Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 9 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. The Minister & 6 p.m. Revd. H.J. Rowse
- 11 Tues. Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 14 Robson Road
- 13 Thurs. Monthly Prayer Service 10.30 a.m. with Holy Communion.
Jumble Sale for Housing Assocn. 6.30 p.m.
Junior Church Teachers' Meeting 8 p.m.
- 15 Sat. "Round the World in 42 Days" - Mr. Parker.
Tea. Collection for Housing Association
3 p.m.
- 16 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. - Rev. W.D. Allon-Smith. Holy Communion after Evening Service.
- 18 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Slides of Israel - Mrs. Wraight, Jun.
- 19 Wed. "Help the Aged" Church Hall open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. & 2 to 5 p.m. to receive clothes.
British & foreign Bible Society Annual Meeting 7.30 p.m. St. Paul's Church Hall.
- 22 Sat. New Members Social 4 to 6 p.m.
- 23 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 24 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. - Mr. Hayward.
- 27 Thurs. Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 30 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. the Minister and 6.30 p.m. Revd. D.J. Bowen.
- 4 May - Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Material for May Chronicle should be in
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GORING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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My dear Friends,

As has been announced at Church Meeting, on May 7th. our Church will be closed for the Evening Service in order that we may share in the united Presbyterian Congregational Service for the district at Shelley Road. This united service is being held shortly before the two Assemblies put the final seal on the formation of the United Reformed Church and will be our united thanksgiving for God's leading and prayer for the future of the Church. I would like to think that everybody who is physically able will be present at that Service.

We cannot speak of our District without thinking of Mrs. Starkey, whose sudden passing came as a shock to us all. All our Churches owe a debt to Mrs. Starkey for her secretaryship of the district, and those of us who knew her personally have lost a very real friend.

The Deacons are considering the possibility of running a taxi service to bring to Church on Sunday mornings some of our more distant members for whom we have no transport available. Would any friends who would like to use such a service regularly please let me know, as we must first of all assess the use that would be made of such a service if it should prove possible to run.

At the last Church Meeting it was decided to change the date of our next meeting from May 4th to May 11th, to enable me to attend the induction and installation of Revd. K. Tuffell as Vicar of Barnham. We thank God for Mr. Tuffell's work with us here in Goring and pray God's richest blessing

on his future ministry.

We also thank God for the service of Miss Hawke and ~~Miss~~ Jenkins as deacons, for all Mr. A. Birch has done as joint Church Secretary, and for Mr. Norman Gregory's work as Envelope Offerings Secretary for many years. We pray God's blessing on those who are just starting a period of service on the diaconate, Mr. J.R. Beale, Mr. J.S. Blackwood, Mr. N.A. Dobson, Mr. R.F. Hobbs, Mr. E. Tilbury and Mr. E.A. Winstanley. We will also remember in our prayers Dr. R. Webb who on May 1st will take up office as joint Secretary with Mr. Bond, and Mr. C.S. Stephens who becomes our new envelope offertory secretary.

We still need someone to represent us on the committee of the Diocesan Association for Family Social Work, and I should be very glad to hear of a volunteer to share in this most worthwhile piece of work.

Greetings to all,

Sincerely yours,

Wallis Hayward.

The Family

This month we record the passing of four more of our members, Mr. H.H. Pooley, Dr. S.P. Rea, Mr. A.F. Mason and Miss A.M. Wharhirst. "He that believeth on me shall never die" - Thanks be to God.

Mr. Brockis has been poorly and is now with his son; we hope he will be well enough to return to his home soon.

Miss Thomas has had a touch of bronchitis but is improving.

Mr. Jaques seems to be slightly better.

Mrs. Ralph has been very poorly.

Mrs. Bradley is in hospital and we hope she will soon be stronger.

Mrs. Gilbert has had a spell in a nursing home for a complete rest.

Our sympathy with the Misses Gentry in the sudden passing of their brother-in-law.

From the Joint Secretaries' Desks.Membership Transfer

Miss B.E. Jenkin to West Worthing Baptist Church on 6th April.

Deaths

Mr. H.H. Pooley on 24th March
 Dr. S.P. Rea on 28th March
 Mr. A.F. Mason on 10th April
 Miss A.M. Wharhirst on 14th April.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Skirton of 5 Guildford Place, Chichester, on 17th March a son, Matthew David.

To Mr. and Mrs. D.M.A. Spraulé of 223 Lyndhurst Avenue, Tile Meadow, Aldershot, on 3rd April a son, Jonathan William.

We rejoice in the birth of a son, Jason Guy, to Mrs. Linda Wood, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Winstanley.

Telephone - Mr. Kempster is now on the phone, 502360.

Wedding - On Saturday 1st April Miss F.J. Stephens of 7 Arlington Avenue, to Mr. E.C. Bond of 26 Falmer Avenue.

Change of Address - Mrs. B. Grayson and Miss C. Grayson to 35 Harvey Road, Goring by Sea, Tel. W.40098.

A.B.

E.B.

Mrs. Rea and her son wish to thank Mr. Hayward and everyone for their kindness and sympathy. Also to the Church for sending all the lovely flowers.

It has been a great help at this sad time.

From the Treasurer

Collections during the quarter ended 31st March 1972:

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
Loose Cash	£203.02	£229.02
Envelopes (including £11.48 Missions)	577.71	550.92
Totals	<u>£780.73</u>	<u>£779.94</u>

Christian Aid Collection, Good Friday, £13.51
 Easter Day Communion - Moderators' Benevolent Fund £18.49.

Thanks to all who contributed so generously.

N.F.R.

Missionary Account to 7th April 1972

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
Bank Balance 1st January	£ 61.01	£ 35.31
Envelopes	116.37	117.04
Other donations	2.06	-.79
Collection Boxes	-	1.95
Junior Church	-	12.73
Coffee Morning	-	25.50
Adjustment	<u>-.01</u>	
Remitted to Group Treas.	£179.45	£193.32
to date	<u>179.20</u>	<u>172.41</u>
Bank Balance	<u>£ -.25</u>	<u>£ 20.91</u>

S.A.K.

Christian Aid

During Christian Aid Week - May 15th - 20th, we are again asked to do a House to House collection in the roads immediately around our Church. Last year I did not get a very good response to my appeal for this and so this year I am trying a different method. On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (May 17th and 18th) I am hoping that a group of us might tackle this job together, and I am asking that anyone willing to help will join us on one of those afternoons. We should meet at 2.30 and work until

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about 3.30 or 4 and then, if desired, return to the Church for a cup of tea. House to House collections brought in a great deal of money last year and the Committee feel it ought to be done again this year.

The need for Christian Aid is, I am afraid, as great as ever. I know how very generous you all are in giving to this cause already - can I plead with you to go the second mile and help me collect in May?

Every lb collected will help some mother to give food to a starving child or give medical aid to some

suffering person. Please let us know personally if you can help.

We are also joining with St. Mary's to hold a Bric-a-Brac Stall at the Fair on Saturday 20th, and I should be glad of anything to put on this stall.

Our collection for April was £29.85, for which I thank you all.

Marjorie Hayward.

Goring Congregational Housing Assocn.

Two very successful events were held in aid of the Association in April - A Jumble Sale which raised £52 and a Social Afternoon raised a further £26.

It was a great cheer to the Committee to feel the support of so many at a time when we hope to go forward in this project again. Thank you all who helped.

D.B.J.

In this connexion we are arranging monthly Coffee Mornings as follows:- (all 10.15 to 11.30 a.m.)

Saturday May 13th arranged by Mrs. N. Dobson, Miss H. Lowman and Mrs. G. L. Nodes

Wednesday July 12th - Mrs. N. Gregory and Mrs. W.G. Hite.

Saturday August 19th Mrs. Cozens-Walker and Mrs. Reynolds.

Saturday September 16th Mrs. Biggs and Mrs. Tilbury.

Saturday October 14th Mrs. E. Mabey and Mrs. E. Townsend.

There will be a "Bring & Buy Stall" at each event.

Will you please help all these ladies who are

trying to raise more money for the Association. Our thanks to all who help us.

Cicely Nodes.

Worthing & District Council of Social Service

A Flag Day has been allocated for Saturday, 3rd June 1972, and helpers are urgently wanted to give one hour between 9 a.m. and 3.30 p.m., or even two hours.

Anyone able to help should telephone Wor.31716 or write to the Office, 9 North Street.

D.E.B.

St. Barnabas Appeal

The Cecilia Singers with Soloists Philip Challis (Piano) and Maureen Green (Elocution) are giving a Recital at The Sion Convent, Gratwicke Road, on wednesday 31st May at 7.30 p.m. in aid of this Appeal.

Tickets 25p. can be obtained from Choir members, or at the door.

The Boys' Brigade

Though you have had little news of the Company lately we are definitely still functioning. In February at Potworth Park the Junior team gained 2nd place and the Company team 1st place in West Sussex Battalion's Annual Cross Country Competition. At Horsham in the "Art and Action" competition in March the Juniors shared 1st place with the 1st Worthing Company. To achieve this they had to submit paintings of their own work, and take part in Bible readings, Singing and Team games. The Juniors are also top in their section of the Battalion Six a side football league. The Company team is not doing quite so well but with a recent refit in resplendent apparel that would dazzle Solomon they may do better. We are planning an "Open Evening" for parents and friends at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 19th May, and we will be very pleased to see you there. We would be grateful if anyone

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has such a thing as a "metrenome" they could lend us or let us have. Also if anyone has a garage or storage space available we would be pleased to hear from them.

Thank you for your interest.

D.W.S.

Women's Guild Fellowship

Our Meeting on May 2nd is the Annual General Meeting. Will all members make a special effort to be present. May 16th is to be the last Meeting of this session, taking the form of a short "Recipe Session" and a cup of tea and chat.

G.A. Knight Hon. Sec.

Flower Rota for May

7th	Mrs. E.M. Townsend
14th	Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Howe
21st	Mr. and Mrs. N. Gregory
28th	Mr. R.H. Briggs

K.J.W.

Monday Evening Fellowship

By the time this has gone to press we shall have had the visit of our Minister on April 24th, which he entitled "Question Time" and by the look of the questions I have had handed to me it will be for 'deep thinking' and 'A good discussion'.

We continue our Summer Session with the following dates:

May 8th	- R.E. Rutherford	"Prison Visiting".
May 22nd	- Mrs. H.A. Worrall	"British Red Cross".
June 5th	- W.M. Bunyan	"Health Foods"
June 19th	- A. Ramble	
July 3rd	- A.G.M. and	"American Supper"
July 17th	-	Summer Outing.

We try to keep our programme varied and

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interesting and should there be an evening that anyone is interested to hear please do not hesitate to come along, now that the evenings are getting lighter. Should anyone require transport home this can be arranged - also if you are a shy person just come along, for we are a friendly group and you'll soon feel at 'home'. We look forward to seeing some 'new faces'.

C.J. Gill

British & Foreign Bible Society

This is an advance notice to add to your already full diaries -

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of the Bible Society in the Church Hall on Friday, 9th June. We hope a good many will manage to fit in this Coffee Morning also.

Festival of Praise

Thursday 18th May at the Assembly Hall,
7.30 p.m.

For lo, the winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.

O God, we thank Thee for the world in which Thou hast placed us, for the universe whose vastness is revealed in the blue depths of the sky, whose immensities are lit by shining stars beyond the strength of mind to follow. We thank Thee for every sacrament of beauty; for the sweetness of the flowers, the solemnity of the stars; the sound of streams and swelling seas; the purity of dawn which leads to holy dedication; the peace of evening which speaks of everlasting rest. May we not fear to make this world for a little while our home, since it is Thy creation and we ourselves are part of it. Help us humbly to learn its laws and trust its mighty powers. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

W.E. Orchard.

Minister's Sermon 1 Cor.15:7-8 God be praised He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore stand firm and immovable, work for the Lord always.

In this magnificent chapter Paul begins by establishing the truth of the resurrection of Jesus. His last piece of evidence is conclusive. "Finally He appeared unto me". This sort of evidence we can ourselves experience, and if we do nothing can take our conviction away from us. From his absolute certainty about the resurrection Paul draws two conclusions. First, that death is shown to be meaningless. Jesus said "he that believeth on me shall never die". Secondly that our life has ultimate victory; no matter what we suffer here, there we shall enjoy victory beyond all pain and sorrow.

Here we must remind ourselves that when the Gospels talk about eternal life they are not talking about life beyond death, they are talking about the quality of our life here. There are not two lives one here and one beyond. There is only one life, thus dying is like going to sleep, as we awake from sleep the same person as when we went to sleep, we shall wake from death the person we were before we died. Thus what we are doing in this life is fashioning the spirit with which we shall begin the next when we pass through the doorway we call death.

Paul draws exactly the same conclusion about the resurrection because when he comes to his climax and says, "God be praised He gives us the victory", he goes on "therefore my beloved brothers stand firm and immovable, work for the Lord always".

"Stand firm and immovable" - have a faith that nothing can move, a faith that is strong enough to meet temptation - that can overcome failure - can live in this world with its false values without being tarnished - strong enough to stand alone when it seems that everyone else is turning away; a faith that can take hold of the vigour and enthusiasm of youth and make it splendid for God, a faith that can meet ill health, old age and death itself and always see the light beyond. Because life is one - stand

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firm, immovable. But the call is not to the passive resistance of evil or the changes or chances of life, we are to "work for the Lord always". It is not enough to say you believe, your life must be the evidence of what you believe by the service to which your life is devoted; and let us be sure of this, this service is not a part of life, it is not something we do sometimes, a function we fulfil in the life of the Church. To work for the Lord always is so to dedicate life that the spirit in which we live amongst our fellows can only be described as being in the love of Christ.

This is the victory, not one to be entered into later on, not pie in the sky, but victorious living here and now and if, as we have thought about steadfast faith, if, as we have reckoned that the service of life is the whole of life, we have felt that we are such poor beings that this victory cannot be ours, then let us know that it is not something we have to achieve by our own struggle, it is the gift of Christ, the risen, living and present Christ.

Church Calendar May 1972

- 2 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. A.G.M.
 7 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. followed by Holy Communion. United Evening Service 6.30 p.m. at Shelley Road. Goring Church will close for the evening.
 8 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. "Prison Visiting" R.E. Rutherford
 11 Thurs. Monthly Prayer Service 10.30 a.m. with Holy Communion.
 CHURCH MEETING 7.30 p.m.
 13 Sat. Coffee Morning 10.15 - 11.30 in aid of Housing Assocn.
 14 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. Junior Church Anniversary, and 6.30 p.m. Revd. S. Dewdney.
 15 Mon. Christian Aid Service - Christ Church 7.30 p.m.
 16 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Final meeting of this session.
 18 Thurs. Festival of Praise Assembly Hall 7.30p.m.
 19 Fri. Boys' Brigade "Open Evening" 7.30 p.m.
 20 Sat. Group Social in Church H all 4 to 6 p.m.
 21 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after Evening Service.
 22 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. "British Red Cross" Mrs. H.A. Worrall
 25 Thurs. Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
 28 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Please note alteration of date of May Church Meeting.

1 June Thurs. Church Meeting.

Material for June Chronicle should be in by 14th May.

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My dear Friends,

What a splendid occasion our united Presbyterian Congregational Service was last Sunday evening; I am sure it was uplifting and inspiring to all present. Next Tuesday (May 16th) Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs and I will be at the Aseembly which will put the final seal on the determination to form the United Reformed Church, and on October 5th will attend the joint Assembly and Service that will bring the Church into being. As the Moderator reminded us so well last Sunday, when we reach that point we shall not have come to an end but to a beginning, from which the new Church will be built. What a privilege for us to share in this history making movement, something which will surely in the end bring strength and encouragement to the whole Church.

May I draw your attention to three special dates in June? On June 9th the British & Foreign Bible Society will hold a coffee morning in our hall, which I hope will be well supported.

On Sunday 18th our Morning Service will be conducted by the Revd. Donald Schofield, M.A., a missionary on furlough from Madagascar. The Evening Service that Sunday will be conducted by the Men's Fellowship and I shall be preaching.

On Sunday 25th June I shall be exchanging pulpits with the Revd. Ernest Varley, M.A., B.D., of Hassocks.

With greetings to all,

Sincerely yours,

Wallis Hayward.

The Family

Since our last issue we have lost two more members, Mrs. Bradley and Mr. Jaques. Mr. Jaques had served the Church as Deacon and Letting Secretary. We also record the passing of Mrs. Ralph who served for a while as a member of the choir. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Miss Downing has had heart trouble and is slightly better.

We are glad that Mr. Brockis is well enough to return home and hope he will keep well.

Miss Thomas is much better and we hope will soon be strong enough to get to worship.

Mrs. Gilbert is awaiting a vacancy in Heaton House where she will take up residence.

Miss Catt has been very poorly but is benefitting from osteopathic treatment and we hope will soon be much better.

Mr. Powell has had a bad time with bronchial asthma; we hope he will soon be much better.

Mrs. E.P. Evans has also got bronchial asthma, and we hope she will make a rapid recovery.

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Martin West on the birth of their son Nicholas James.

Taxi Service

We have found that to run a taxi service to the Church each Sunday would cost £100/120 p.a. even allowing for those coming by taxi contributing the equivalent of their bus fare. In view of this there is considerable doubt as to whether it is right to run such a service for those who are within reasonable distance of another Church. It has been decided, however, to run a taxi on the first Sunday morning of each month from the Preston area, this for an experimental period.

David the King

Our O.T. Bible Study brought us by the end of the session to the end of the Kingdom of Judah, and we noted the impact that the reign of David had

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upon Jewish history, resulting in the ideal for the Jewish people of a return of Davidic rule through a messianic descendant of David. We did not have time in our study to think of the fine qualities of David's character. I therefore propose to share this study with a wider congregation in a series of Sunday evening sermons as follows: May 28th - David and Jonathan; June 4th - David & Saul; June 11th - David & Mephibosheth; July 2nd - David & Uriah; July 9th - David & Nathan; July 16th - David & Absalom.

From the Joint Secretaries

In late September we shall be launching "Operation Outreach" to mark the 25th Anniversary of the founding of this Church and will be grateful for offers of assistance in connexion with the distribution of associated literature and the subsequent visitation. Please let Mr. Hayward, or us, know if you will be able to help.

The Group Social for districts 1 and 2 will now be held on Saturday, 17th June, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. Invitations will be sent out shortly, and if you live in districts 1 or 2 and have not received an invitation by Wednesday, 7th June, please notify Mr. Bond.

Deacons Committees for 1972-1973 are as follows:

<u>Pastoral</u>	<u>Finance</u>	<u>House</u>
E.C. Bond	N.F. Redman	C.S. Nodes
R.F. Hobbs	J.R. Beale	E.W. Fisher
E. Tilbury	N.A. Dobson	L. Harris
E.A. Winstanley	C.S. Stephens	A. Razzell

Fabric

C.J. Redman, J.S. Blackwood
E. Popplestone, R.A. Webb.

The first named member of each Committee is the Convenor of that Committee.

E.B.

R.A.W.

From the Joint Secretaries' Desks

Deaths: Mr. S.D. Jaques on 1st May
Mrs. Ralph on the 29th April.

Transfer: Mr. C. Perrett, formerly of 8 Kelso
Close, to Congleton Congregational
Church on 6th April.

E.B.
R.A.W.

Mr. S.D. Jaques

The Church has lost another faithful servant in the death of Mr. Jaques on May 1st.

He and Mrs. Jaques became members here by transfer from Winchmore Hill on the first Sunday in 1964. Mr. Jaques was soon in service as a Steward, and also as Letting Secretary in succession to Mr. Ellis. In 1967 he was elected to the Diaconate. He served the Church faithfully and well in all these three capacities until he had to retire on health grounds in 1971.

Mr. Jaques was a quiet, rather reserved man, never seeking the limelight, but he had a geniality and warmheartedness and will long be held in affectionate remembrance by his friends.

We express our sympathy as a Church to Mrs. Jaques.

H.A.W.

Christian Aid

I have had a wonderful response to my appeal for help in House Collection in Christian Aid Week. Two boys and a girl were quick to volunteer to put the envelopes in the houses and a large group of ladies have promised to meet me tomorrow afternoon and together we are going to collect them. The response this year has really heartened me and I'm hoping we shall receive a large sum to help combat some of the terrible suffering in the world.

I am also thrilled with the wonderful giving of the Church people. All through the year I receive

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faithful giving but in this special month of Christian Aid it has reached the really marvellous sum of £46.75. Thank you all for your continued help.

Marjorie Hayward.

Rotary Market

To help the target of £50,000 for the building of the new Methold House, Worthing Rotary Club is holding a Market at the Assembly Hall on Thursday, 6th July.

The Executive is responsible for the Grocery Stall, and a collection of goods for this will be made on Sunday, 2nd July, in the Church Porch. Please check your larders and bring along one item at least. Thank you!

D.E.B.

British & Foreign Bible Society, Worthing Auxiliary.

There will be a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on Friday, 9th June, in aid of the wonderful work this Society does. Bring and Buy Stall.

Sudan United Mission

Many of you, I hope, have seen the monthly notice on the Order of Service in Church inviting you to a time of prayer and fellowship in my home for this Mission.

The Sudan United Mission which was founded early this century operates in Nigeria, Tchad and Cameroon. British missionaries (teachers, doctors, nurses, vets, pharmacists, etc.) work in the Jos and Maiduguri areas of Central and North Eastern Nigeria, including a work on Lake Chad, where they have a floating operation theatre. It is an independent evangelical mission.

Personally I have been interested in S.U.M. all my life, through my father's sister who was a

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missionary, and latterly my brother and sister-in-law, who are now area representatives in Gloucester for S.U.M. As a Church we have a vital connexion with the work as Mr. and Mrs. J. Dearsley's son is the Field Secretary in Jos H.Q., where all major decisions are made and general management of S.U.M. conducted. Here in England H.Q. is at Sidcup.

The Mission is grateful for the financial support of the monthly offering from the Junior Church and from members in the congregation who also support the Mission in prayer.

My Prayer Meeting is by no means an isolated one, as dozens are held each month all over Britain, as far north as Kirkwall in the Orkney Isles and as far south as Penryn in Cornwall. Please come and find out more and join in this vital prayer support - 8 p.m. last Wednesday in each month, except December.

A.E. Stewart,
29 Palatine Road.

Flower Rota for June

4th Mr. V. Padfield
11th Mr. & Mrs. A. Cozens-Walker
18th Miss A. Ebbutt
25th Mrs. A. Hopkins.

K.J.W.

Goring (Sussex) Congregational Housing Assocn. Ltd.

The sale of the two houses in Shaftesbury Avenue has now been completed and with the benefit of the increase in house prices over the last two years we have been able to recoup the quite substantial expenses incurred in respect of architects fees, etc., in connection with the proposed conversions and to show a profit in excess

of £600.

The balance of over £12,000 is now being invested until such time as a suitable property, which has already been converted into flatlets, can be found. The search for such a property is being actively canvassed and in the meantime your continued support is confidently expected, as we shall be able to obtain a government loan for such an acquisition.

We would express our thanks to those ladies who organised the recent jumble sale and those responsible for the coffee mornings, as well as those friends who arranged the concert and film show.

J.R.B.

The Girls' Brigade

I'm sure that our many friends in the Church will be glad to know that at the end of our last session we entered the District Scripture Competition and won the shield.

The Explorers section	came 1st with 90
Juniors	1st with 90
Seniors	2nd with 90
Brigaders	1st with 68.

This gave us a total of 338 out of 400.

On May 6th twelve of us were lucky enough to spend a day in London. We had a conducted tour round the Houses of Parliament in the morning and in the afternoon attended the G.B. Rally at the Albert Hall. The display was excellent and we came away full of enthusiasm and new ideas.

On May 13th District P.E. Competitions were held in our own Church hall. We were unplaced with Explorers and Seniors but the Junior Girls came second in their class and we tied joint first with 1st Worthing to win the Brigader Cup. A good

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afternoon and evening enjoyed by everyone.

On June 10th we have a day's outing to Chessington Zoo to look forward to, and on July 6th we hope everyone will support our Jumble Sale. This is to be a special effort to open up a "Uniform Fund", and we hope that before too long all girls will be able to have new uniforms. If you have any jumble and would like it collected please telephone W.40546.

Jean Webb.

A Day in London- May 6th 1972

Today twelve members of 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade set out for London to go to the Rally at the Albert Hall. We left Durrington at 8.20 with our packed lunches and plastic macs. We were enjoying the wonderful scenery when someone said, "Where are we going to sit?". Mrs. Webb, our Captain, went quite red as she remembered she had left the tickets at home! At Victoria Mrs. Webb phoned home and the tickets were sent on the 10.33 train, and Mrs. Webb and Ruth received them at Victoria at 12 o'clock. Meanwhile we went to the Houses of Parliament and were shown round. It was very interesting and we learned many things. There were pictures in nearly all the rooms of royal families and famous people. Then we made our way to the Natural History Museum, where we saw many stuffed animals, plants and fossils. We looked round, bought postcards and had our dinner there.

Then we had to put on our hats and white gloves ready to go to the Albert Hall. We saw lots of other companies and the hall was almost full. We had fantastic seats in front of the organ. The rally began with the Guard of Honour and Fanfare of Trumpets. There was the assembly of colours all very well done and they marched perfectly in time. We all sang a hymn and had worship conducted by Rev. Dr. I. Morgan, M.A., B.D.. Then there were team games, netball, songs by the choir and lots of other items. One of the best "Dime Marches on" by

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1st Southend. The girls dressed in bright green tops, white skirts, white socks and plimsolls did marching and then formed into the shape of a clock with a large pendulum.

After the rally we had tea at Victoria and got the 7.10 train home after a very exciting day.

Submitted by two girls of the Company.

Monday Evening Fellowship

On the 8th May Mr. R.E. Rutherford came to speak of his vocation as a Prison Visitor. He felt that with retirement he must do something positive in giving a tithing of his "time" and so became a Prison Visitor. His talk was most interesting, giving little snippets regarding the reasons why some were in prison and these people he calls his 'friends' who were paying their debt to society. He finds mostly that being a 'good listener' is all they really need, someone who is not an official of the law to whom they can speak freely, and often by this a personal problem can be dealt with, surprisingly, by the law. It certainly is a worthwhile vocation, and we all had an enjoyable evening.

It was good to see two new faces - please if there are some who are still shy don't think twice about it, just come along and join us. For those I will repeat what the remaining programme is. We will have had Mrs. H.A. Worrall from the British Red Cross by the time this is printed, but on June 5th W.M. Bunyan on 'Health Foods'; June 19th A Ramble; July 3rd A.G.M. and an American Supper.

Our Summer Outing is on July 17th; this is giving a few problems but no doubt it will be resolved.

So once again - "Come and join us".

C.J.G.

Westhome, Clive Avenue,

Invite you to their Summer Fete on 24th June to be opened by Mrs. Cobby, O.B.E., at 2 p.m. Please come and support the Home by patronising the Many stalls.

Minister's Sermon Luke 17:21 The Kingdom of
Heaven is within you".

This text may also be translated "The Kingdom of Heaven is among you". Some have suggested that with these words Jesus meant that His coming to earth had inaugurated the Kingdom, which was on earth by His presence. But clearly from His teaching Jesus did not mean that the Kingdom would not be on earth after His ascension, and equally clearly the Kingdom does continue in men's hearts, so either way the text is translated for us it comes to mean the same thing.

The Gospels speak of "the Kingdom of God", "the Kingdom of Heaven", and sometimes Jesus speaks of "my Kingdom". There is of course only one Kingdom, however it is described. The word "Kingdom" in this context means exactly the same as it means anywhere else, "the area over which a King rules". We sometimes speak of Christian countries, and whilst we know that there is no such thing as a country over which God rules, we also know that there are countries in which Christian ideals and principles are not without influence, but Christian ideals and principles are in men's hearts, so again we come to the conclusion that God rules where, and to the extent that, His Spirit is in the hearts of men.

When we speak of the Spirit of God in our hearts we are immediately faced with tensions. We want to love and serve God, but we are people of this world and in two ways are constantly pulled away from the Kingdom. First there are within us by nature emotions or passions which work against the Kingdom within; it is natural for us to resent injustice for instance. In the second place we are involved in the world about us and cannot always be absolutely Christian. All Christians would nowadays say that war is unchristian, but what is to be done in Northern Ireland? Absolute honesty is certainly a Christian principle, yet we are all, at times, involved in dishonesties, even lies.

How far is the rule of God within us? Fully to answer this question we must look a little more deeply. What do we mean when we talk about our soul or the spirit of God in our heart? I suggest that

we shall be much nearer the truth if instead of heart and soul we talk about desire and will.

What is it that we really desire in life? Let us try to be absolutely honest with ourselves and face the secret of our own thoughts. What is it that we want more than anything else - is it Christ? What is our will? What are we really working to achieve? Again the necessity to be completely honest with ourselves, are we consciously striving after Christ-like-ness?

But this self-searching must not be discouraging. So let us finally remind ourselves of what an unspeakably wonderful thing it is that we, the people we know ourselves to be, can have the Spirit of God in our hearts, and it is a gift.

Our hearts, O God, are swept by a storm of distractions; turn as we will toward Thee, we think a thousand flickering thoughts that hide the glory of Thy holiness, lend us Thy Holy Spirit that strengthened by Thy might we may gather ourselves compactly in singleness of will to worship Thee, to seek Thee seriously, and to lift up our life for Thy judgment and mercy. Make our own need plain to us that we may not weary Thee and deceive ourselves by fretting about the shortcomings of others. Keep us near enough to Christ to understand how much we need Him and the fellowship of His forgiveness. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church Calendar June 1972

- 1 Thurs. Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
3 Sat. Group Social in Church Hall 4 to 6 p.m.
4 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Holy Communion after Morning Service
5 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. W.M.
Bunyan "Health Foods"
8 Thurs. Monthly Prayer Service 10.30 a.m. with
Holy Communion
9 Fri. Coffee Morning British & Foreign Bible
Society.
11 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. (Parade Service)
and 6.30 p.m.
15 Tues. Junior Church Teachers' Meeting 8 p.m.
17 Sat. Group Social in Church Hall 4 to 6 p.m.
18 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Evening Service arranged by Men's
Fellowship; preacher, the Minister,
followed by Holy Communion.
19 Mon. Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Monday Evening Fellowship - A Ramble
25 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Rev. Ernest Varley, M.A., B.D.
29 Thurs. Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.

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My dear Friends,

Our friends at Amberley are not having a very easy time at present and need all the encouragement we can give them. Such an opportunity will present itself on July 12th when the Church Anniversary will be held at 8 p.m. The preacher will be our good friend the Revd. Hugh Theobald, M.A., and our choir will be singing.

On 23rd July I shall be exchanging pulpits for the day with Revd. Bryan Jones of Littlehampton. Mr. Jones is a young man who has been at Littlehampton about nine months, and is certainly making an impression there.

Mrs. Hayward and I warmly invite all friends of the Church to visit us "at home" on Saturday July 9th either 10.30 a.m. to noon, or 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. This year our daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren will be staying with us, so it will be a really family occasion. This is also the day for the Church Gift Day, but the Treasurer will be communicating with you about that.

On Sunday morning July 9th, which will be the last Parade Service of the session, the ladies of the Church will present the Pageant "Love the Conqueror?" This pageant was written by Mrs. Hayward and produced by Mrs. Tilbury for the Sussex Women's Rally, and we shall look forward to sharing in it as a Church.

May all who go on holiday be richly blessed and may all who return from their holiday return renewed and thankful.

Yours sincerely,

Wallis Hayward

The Family

Our sympathy with Mrs. Halstead and her family in the passing of Mr. Halstead, and with Miss Miles in the passing of her sister.

Mrs. King has undergone an operation and is making good progress.

Miss Downing is a little better.

Mrs. Rosemary Fairbairn (nee Kitto) has made slight improvement but is still very ill.

Mr. Stanley West has had a slight spasm but is much better.

Mr. Shilston has been poorly and we hope he will soon feel stronger.

Both Miss Gay and her sister are far from well and life is very difficult for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are ceaselessly with all who are in any way prevented from sharing fully in our Church life.

Mrs. Jaques wishes to express her sincere thanks to the Church members for their sympathy, prayers and beautiful flowers sent during her husband's illness and passing.

Christian Aid

First of all I would like to express my gratitude to the 12 cheerful and willing helpers who assisted me in collecting £43.01 in the "House to House" Collection in Christian Aid Week. I was greatly encouraged and cheered. I also want to say "Thank you" for the sum of £27.30 so generously given by so many faithful givers.

Marjorie Hayward.

Pageant "Love the Conqueror?"

Our Pageant which we presented at the Rally of the women of the Sossex Congregational Union was very well received. We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Tilbury who gave a lot of her time and energy in

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producing this, and to the many others who helped with costumes, make-up and typing. At the request of quite a number of people and with the kind permission of the Minister and deacons of the Church we are giving this Pageant again on Sunday, July 9th, at the morning service when the older children will be present. We do hope you will find it helpful.

Marjorie Hayward.

Goring Housing Association

The Coffee Morning in aid of the above and held on May 13th raised the sum of £25.70. We thank all who came and bought generously from the "Bring and Buy" Stall, and to those who handed in money on the Sunday morning. This was very much appreciated.

Our thanks again from

Margaret Dobson, Hilda Lowman and
Cicely Nodes.

The next Coffee Mornings for this cause will be Wednesday 12th July arranged by Mrs. N. Gregory and Mrs. W.G. Hite; and Saturday 19th August arranged by Mrs. Cozens-Walker and Mrs. Reynolds.

Leprosy Mission

Very many thanks friends again for your kind gifts for this mission. The total for the last six months is £51.56; contributions from Church friends £33.9, the remainder from personal friends. As stated a few months ago I have to relinquish this work and thank you all for your support, and ask you kindly to help Miss Rowbottom who is taking it over and has been appointed by the Church, by taking your phials and making yourselves known to her.

G.H. Dent.

From the Joint Secretaries

It is hoped that the 24th edition of the Church Handbook will be available at the beginning of July. In previous years copies of the handbook have been put in addressed envelopes and placed in the vestibule for collection by members. Although many members have collected their copies in this way, the arrangement has not been wholly successful and, as reported at the May Church Meeting, we propose to make another arrangement.

Handbooks will be placed in the vestibule, as previously, but will not be put in envelopes or allocated to members in any way. Instead handbooks will be available for members' collection on the basis of one copy per household. Members unable to attend Church will receive their copy of the handbook by personal or postal deliveries.

As this will be the last issue of the Chronicle before September we take this opportunity of wishing all members Happy Holidays and journeying blessings.

E.B.
R.W.

From the Joint Secretaries' Desks.

New Member: Mrs. L. Getheridge of 2 Drake Avenue on 1st June by transfer from the City Temple, Holborn, London.

Transfer of membership to other Churches

Mrs. A.E. Pearn of 23 Eastergate Green, Rustington to Rustington Methodist Church on 1st June

Mr. & Mrs. G.R. Skirton of 5 Guildford Place, East Brazle Estate, Chichester, to Chichester Congregational Church on 1st June.

Handbook Additions:

Miss L. Callow, 74 Robson Road
Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Newell, 8 Ashurst Drive
Mr. A.E. Worster, 6 Keymer Crescent W.49978.

E.B.
R.W.

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Missionary Account
to 29th May

	1972	1971
Bank Balance 1st January	£ 61.01	£ 35.31
Envelopes	182.73	173.87
Other donations	12.56	24.31
Boxes	1.00	1.95
Junior Church	4.55	12.73
Adjustment	-.01	
Coffee Morning	-	25.50
	<u>£261.86</u>	<u>£273.67</u>
Remitted to Group Treasurer	<u>229.55</u>	<u>229.47</u>
Balance outstanding	<u>£ 32.31</u>	<u>£ 44.20</u>

S.A.K.

Sussex Congregational Union - Worthing District

Having sent to the St.Barnabas Home Appeal a cheque for £33.36, being a share of the offertory at our United Service at Shelley Road on May 7th, I have received the following letter from Dr.Gusterton:

"Thank you, indeed, for your very handsome donation to the St.Barnabas Home. Obviously judging by the size of your cheque there is great strength in unity. I only wish others could get as near to it as the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches. Do please thank all those concerned, from me personally. You will be pleased to know that, in spite of some building delays, it is still quite possible that we shall be ready to receive patients either by the end of December or at the latest the early part of 1973. I am much encouraged by your continued help and interest."

P.J. Biggs

B.R.F., I.B.R.A. & Focus - Membership for 1973

Will members requiring any alteration to their order, or any non-members who wish to join, kindly let me know by the end of August latest. Thank you.

(Miss) E. Shearnur,

W.47870 2 Wycliffe Court, Southview Gardens.

Bible Reading Fellowship

The Fellowship is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year, and several interesting events have been arranged for October to mark this occasion. The final event will be a Thanksgiving and Rededication Service in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 28th October at 5.30 p.m. Further particulars can be obtained from Miss E. Shearmur, 2 Wycliffe Court, Southview Gardens. W .47870.

Girls' Brigade

Despite the downpour in Worthing on June 10th, 39 members of our G.B. thoroughly enjoyed the day at Chessington Zoo. Rain on both journeys didn't dampen any spirits and we were indeed lucky that the weather remained fine during our time at Chessington. The circus provided an hour's good entertainment and the usual sing-song brought the day to a happy end just before 7.30 p.m.

Remember, remember the 6th of July
And hear our plea we humbly cry.
For on that day we hope to see
The start of new uniforms for our G.B.
So look out your jumble
Or give a donation.
Our thanks in advance
And in anticipation.

(W.40546)

Jean Webb.

Flower Rota for July & August

July 2nd	Mrs. D.E. Bridger
8/9th	Mr. and Mrs. R. Mayes
16th	Mr. and Mrs. Tilbury
23rd	Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Reynolds
30th	Miss D.M. Hedgecombe
August 6th	Mr. and Mrs. N.F. Redman
13th	Mrs. I. Kitto
20th	Mr. and Mrs. A. Birch
27th	Mrs. D. Langridge

K.J.W.

Monday Evening Fellowship

On Monday May 22nd Mrs. H.A. Worrall of the British Red Cross came along and gave an interesting talk highlighted by a coloured "talkie" film of every aspect of this organisation. Where ever there is a call for help the Red Cross are 'at the ready' and will do everything in their power to meet the many needs of our own town and district. Their uniform can be seen in all directions besides the vital positions being filled in our hospitals, Homes, meeting people off trains and conveying them to relations or Convalescent Homes and much other voluntary work. We would be in a sorry state without such people giving of their time so freely.

June 5th we had the pleasure of Miss W.M. Bunyan from our local Health Shop telling us of the importance of compost grown vegetables, natural foods and the good we could have if we but only ate a few of the many items that are available to us.

On July 3rd our A.G.M., and on July 17th the Outing will be to the Connaught Theatre.

May I wish everyone a Happy Holiday, and come back refreshed by this 'stepping aside' of one's usual routine.

We begin our Autumn Session on September 11th, when we will have a return visit by our Minister, this time telling us of their visit to Honolulu.

C.J. Gill

Goring Congregational Housing Assocn. Correction

In the penultimate paragraph in last month's Chronicle the word "unable" should be substituted for "able". The sentence should read: "The search for such a property is being actively canvassed and in the meantime your continued support is confidently expected, as we shall be unable to obtain a Government loan for such an acquisition."

J.R.B.

The Minister's Sermon - The Parable of the Sheep
and the Goats.

Most people if they were asked to say what this parable is about would say "judgement", which I suppose is the orthodox view. Personally I doubt whether Jesus ever talked about judgement and believe that what there is in the Gospels on the subject reflects the teaching of the Church influenced by other religions, rather than the teaching of Jesus. The reason for this is that the idea of judgement must be based upon fear, if there is nothing fearful in judgement it doesn't matter, it is meaningless. I do not believe that God uses fear "perfect love casteth out fear, there is no fear in love". In place of the judgement of God I would place the realisation of the truth of the self, and base this on the words of Jesus in John 3 "It was not to judge the world that God sent His Son into the world, but that through Him the world might be saved." "The man who puts his faith in Him does not come under judgement but the unbeliever has already been judged in that he has not given his allegiance to God's only Son. Here lies the test: the light has come into the world, but men preferred darkness to light because their deeds were evil."

If you learn to play the violin you may imagine you are pretty good until you hear David or Igor Oistrach play, and then you will know the truth.

This parable is not talking about judgement later on, it is talking about life here and now, how to live in and possess the Kingdom. If we ask how can we live in the Kingdom we are talking about our relationship with God through prayer and worship, this is what Jesus meant when He said "The Kingdom of God is within you."

There are occasions when we are conscious of a relationship with God through worship and prayer, when our hearts are conscious of God's spirit and blessing, but this is not always true, sometimes prayer seems dull and lifeless, and how can we know God's presence when we are involved in the hurly

burly of life?

In His earthly life Jesus identified Himself both with God and man, with God - "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father"; "The teaching that I give is not my own it is the teaching of Him who sent me." Jesus identified Himself with man, "Who-soever receives one such child in my name receives me"; "Anything you did for one of my brothers here you did for me."

As we have said, it is not always easy for us to realise our relationship with God, but we are in relationship with our fellow men all the time, but Jesus said what you have done for others you have done for me, and He is one with the Father. We are inclined rather to like this parable because we have cared for others and thus we have cared for God. We must also remind ourselves that the other side is also true, - the unkind, the thoughtless, careless, hurtful things we have done to others we have also done to God. Our whole relationship with our fellow men is our relationship with God.

Jesus supremely identified Himself with God and man, with you and me, in the institution of the Last Supper - my body broken for you - my blood shed for you. By receiving these His symbolic gifts we symbolise our desire to receive more of His spirit into our hearts, in His spirit we love and serve our fellow men more truly, in loving and serving our fellow men we enter and possess His Kingdom.

Amberley Congregational Church.

As from the beginning of July we shall be holding one service only on Sundays - at 11 a.m. The decision to do this has been reached very reluctantly because our membership has fallen to barely half a dozen. There is a real possibility of the Church having to close - and because we feel there are a few folk who would be sorry to see the end of the Congregational Church and Sisterhood in Amberley - we appeal for support. Just a few extra attendances at our Sunday morning service might make all the difference.

On a happier note - the Church Anniversary services will be held on Wednesday, 12th July, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. H.W. Theobald, M.A., from Worthing. Goring Congregational Church Choir will be there to lead the singing. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the schoolroom.

Preachers for July

2nd	Mr. T. Baker
9th	Mr. A. Slater (H.C.)
16th	Mr. L. Knight
23rd	Mr. B. Dyer
30th	Mr. A. Appleton.

Church Calendar for July 1972

- 2 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after morning service.
- 3 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship A.G.M. and American Supper 8 p.m.
- 6 Thurs. Jumble Sale in aid of Girls' Brigade Uniform Fund 6.30 p.m.
- 9 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. (Parade service with pageant) and 6.30 p.m.
- 12 Wed. Coffee Morning 10.15 - 11.30 a.m. for Housing Association. Mrs. N. Gregory and Mrs. W.G. Hite
Church Anniversary Amberley 8 p.m.
- 13 Thurs. Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
- 16 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after evening service.
- 17 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship Summer Outing.
- 23 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
- 27 Thurs. Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 29 Sat. Gift Day and At Home at the Manse, 140 George V Avenue. 10.30-12 and 3-4.30
- 30 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

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- 3 Thurs. Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 6 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after morning service.
- 10 Thurs. Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion 10.30 p.m.
- 13 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
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My dear Friends,

I have had so much to write this month on The United Reformed Church, the Worthing Group and Operation Outreach that I am not including the usual precis of a sermon.

On Sept. 3rd our organist and choirmaster, Mr. R. Colbourn, will give a short recital in the Church with a friend of his of organ and violin music. This promises to be a rich musical opportunity.

On Sept. 10th our preacher for the day will be the Revd. Richard Cox of the Billingshurst Group of Churches; former members of Sutton will particularly look forward to this occasion.

Our Harvest Festival will be on 24th Sept., when we shall again have token decoration in the Church and take a special thanksgiving offertory for Christian Aid.

The great event of this month will be Operation Outreach of which I have written elsewhere. Everyone can at least come to the Commissioning Service on Sept. 14th at 7.30 p.m. This is also the day of our Monthly Prayer Service in the morning, also everyone can pray for Operation Outreach without ceasing. If the Church is alive to Operation Outreach in prayer and work this can achieve more than we can possibly imagine - at least that is my faith and I hope many others share that faith.

With warmest greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Wallis Hayward.

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The Family.

During the past three months three more of our members have passed away - Mrs. Holman, Miss Dodd and Miss Harland. We give thanks to God for their love for Him and His Church, and commend those who mourn to His care.

We have also remembered Mr. McClaren whose grandson died as the result of a tragic accident.

Miss Lance is still in hospital and very weak. Mrs. Jaques is away caring for the family of her daughter who is very ill following a serious operation.

I have been able to visit Mrs. Rosemary Fairbairn in Stoke Mandevill Hospital; she has made slight progress and is very bright.

Mr. M. Jones expects to have undergone an operation by the time you receive this and we hope he will be well on the mend.

We are glad to see Mr. Stanley West back at worship; we hope he will continue to get stronger.

Mrs. Waites is still suffering with a very bad leg. Miss Catt has been having treatment for a bad back, which we trust will be beneficial.

Mr. N. Redman has also had more back trouble, which we hope will respond to treatment.

Miss Gay is still very poorly.

Miss Caroline Norris and Mr. David Barnett had a very unfortunate accident on the last day of their holiday. We hope they will soon recover from the after effects.

We remember in our prayers all who are prevented from sharing in our worship and prayers.

Miss E. Holman wishes to thank the Church members for their sympathy and prayers and beautiful flowers sent during her mother's illness and passing.

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Operation Outreach

Last year we celebrated the tenth anniversary of the opening of our Church with an excellent programme of events of special ^{help} and pleasure to ourselves. This year we celebrate the twentyfifth anniversary of the founding of our Church, and it was decided nearly a year ago that to celebrate this event we should not simply have services with a special preacher for our own edification, but that instead we should develop and carry out a plan to try to fulfil the function of the Church, hence Operation Outreach.

Many of us have taken part in visitation efforts and most of these seem to have very little value. Operation Outreach is not just a visitation campaign; it is first of all intended to give people some knowledge of our Church life, since many people have very little idea of what goes on within the fellowship of the Church. Many who know the outside of our Church have no idea how beautiful a place it is. Our intention is not first of all to get people to come to Church, but to give them an opportunity of knowing more of our life and experiencing something of our fellowship. The Pastoral Committee of the Diaconate has given a great deal of thought to the preparation of a brochure which will be distributed in the areas to be visited ahead of the visitors. The visitors will be given full details of the various activities of the Church and supplied with forms to record their reports. The invitation which we are sending out is an invitation to tea in the hall, and this will be an opportunity for those who respond to see and hear more of our Church.

I had hoped that we would be able to tackle four areas at once, but what we can do is dependent entirely on the number of visitors or pairs of visitors to respond to the call; our aim is to allot to each visitor or pair 20 houses as a maximum. To do two areas we need just over twenty and to do four areas we need about forty visitors or pairs - is this really beyond a Church of over 300 membership? Some people may feel that even with guidance and instruction they are unable to undertake any visiting

but we shall also need a few helpers to collate the information on the visitors' report sheets.

If we only have enough volunteers to do two areas this September we shall tackle the Crossways Estate and the area immediately south of the Church bounded by Shaftesbury Ave., Marlborough Road and Clive Ave.- in this event we shall hope to do the other two areas next September.

Before the visitation begins we shall ask the other Goring Churches to notify us of any of their members living on the roads in question, and afterwards we shall pass on to the Churches the names and addresses of any who claim to belong to their denomination.

Please determine that you will help with this effort and let either Mr. Bond or myself have your name now. The fact that you may have missed our preparation meeting need not deter anyone from taking part, and we shall repeat what is said then on the evening of 14th Sept., when the scheme will be launched; this will also be a dedication and commissioning service which we earnestly hope many people will attend.

W.H.

The United Reformed Church

It is now quite definite that the U.R.C. will come into being by the union of the Congregational Church in England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England on October 5th this year. On Oct. 5th there will be a United Assembly of the two Churches in the Central Hall, Westminster, at 10 a.m. and a Service of Thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey at 3.30 p.m. This Service will be televised on B.B.C. 2 and an edited version will be shown on B.B.C.1 at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning 8th October in the Seeing & Believing Programme.

At the first Church Meeting after October 5th the Church is asked to make several decisions with regard to its own life; these decisions concern the number of Elders the Church will have and the length of the term of their active service, and the Church will elect its officers after nomination by the

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Elders; finally the Elders have to report to the Church Meeting the means by which they propose to manage the finance and the property of the Church and these arrangements have to be approved by the Church Meeting. In view of the fact that the first normal Church Meeting after Oct. 5th would be Nov. 2nd., it has been decided to postpone the Church Meeting set for Sept. 28th until Oct. 12th, and we shall be glad if Church members will alter their diaries accordingly.

We hope to be able to arrange to show the edited version of the Service on Oct. 5th as part of our Morning Service on Oct. 8th, and this will mean starting that Service earlier than 11 a.m., but if this is possible adequate notice of the change will be given.

The name of our Church after Oct. 5th will be "Goring-by-Sea United Reformed Church".

All this concerns the practical arrangements with regard to the formation of the Church; what is essential is that we should realise that we shall be a new Church with a new outlook and new opportunities. The Church will be new if its formation is the occasion for a very real act of re-dedication by all its members.

W.H.

The Worthing Group

For the past few years the Worthing Group of Churches - Sompting, Shelley Road, Amberley, Littlehampton, Yapton and Goring - have formed the Worthing District of the Sussex Congregational Union. In the U.R.C. we shall be in the Sussex West District of the Southern Province, our Moderator will be the Rev. Vernon Lewis and our Province Clerk the Rev. E. Harries-Rees of Hove. This District of Sussex West will consist of 28 Churches and its Secretary will be the Rev. Robert Smith of Chichester.

At the last meeting of the Worthing District Executive it was decided that, if the Church Meetings are agreeable, we shall form the six Churches named above plus the Worthing and Rustington Presbyterian Churches into a fellowship, with a view to our meeting together, probably twice a year. With the

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much larger district of the U.R.C. whatever united meetings are held will have to be in different places in the District, one year say in Brighton and the next perhaps in Chichester or Bognor and only occasionally in Worthing. This means that fewer people will be prepared to travel to such meetings, and we hope that the continuance of the Worthing Group will give more of our people the opportunity for sharing the fellowship and inspiration of united services and meetings. Another reason for the continuance of our group is that Yapton for the present is not coming into U.R.C., but by this means we shall keep in fellowship with that Church and we hope may thereby encourage entry into U.R.C. at a later date.

The Worthing Group will not have any business meetings or commissioners, that will all be the function of Sussex West District, but the Ministers of the group will continue the Fraternal they have enjoyed together for some years past, and will act as a sort of Executive Committee for the group.

I am glad that our Church Meeting unanimously agreed with this suggestion.

W.H.

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Women's Guild Social Afternoon

This is the name of the late Women's Guild Working Party. As the opportunity of needleworking and knitting for money raising for church needs has greatly decreased owing to the cost of modern materials and changes in fashion, it was thought a greater need would be met by changing our weekly meetings into a more informal setting. We shall now meet each fortnight beginning on the 5th September 1972, 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. There will be knitting for Dr. Barnardo's available and easy sewing of useful articles, from the sale of which we hope to be able to help our own Girls' Brigade with the purchase of their new uniforms. Then there will be opportunity for chat and a cup of tea, and you will be welcome to bring your own knitting or needlework if you prefer, or if you like just come and share the happy fellowship we all enjoy. If you are lonely can we cheer you? If you are new to the district can we get to know you and will you help us? All are welcome! Come and join us!

D.B.J.

Women's Guild Fellowship

The Autumn Session of the Fellowship starts on Wednesday September 12th at 3 o'clock, when we hope to welcome all our present members and many new ones, to hear a talk from a member of the Salvation Army, with which our Church has happy association.

N.H.

Men's Fellowship

The autumn session commences on Tuesday, 19th September, with a contest of "One Minute, Please", when order among a Fellowship panel will be maintained by a chairman assisted by the rest of the Fellowship.

On 3rd October Mr. H.E. Cornell will show transparencies taken during his secondment of one

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year's duration to Bermuda.

We meet on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30 for 2.45 p.m.

R.F.H.

Boys' Brigade Jumble Sale

On behalf of the Brigade I wish to thank the lady or gentleman who so kindly put a cash note in a sealed envelope in my letter box. I have no idea who the person is but the enclosed in the envelope was handed to Mr. Stewart the same day and he asks me to thank the very kind person on his and the boys' behalf.

From a Church Member.

Housing Association

A Coffee Morning on Saturday, September 16th, 10.15 to 11.30 a.m., will be given by Mrs. Biggs and Mrs. E. Mabey.

Please help these ladies in their effort for the Association. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall.

Girls' Brigade

Our warm thanks to all those who helped in any way with our Jumble Sale, and to those who kindly sent a donation. The total received was £42.15, which has gone into the fund to buy new uniforms for the girls.

Please make a note of December 2nd when we hold our Open Evening and awards are presented to the Company. There will also be "Mini-Bazaar" for the Uniform Fund.

This year the Company are entering a float in the Rotary Parade on 28th August.

J. Webb

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Missionary Account to 1st August 1972

	1972	1971
Bank Balance 1st January	£ 61.01%	£ 35.31
Envelopes	261.07%	240.75
Other Donations	41.54%	52.76
Collecting Boxes	1.00	1.95
Junior Church	9.00	20.40
Coffee Morning	12.3.71	25.50
	£373.83%	£376.67
Remitted to Group		
Treasurer's date	£373.38	£370.82
Balance Outstanding	£ 10.25%	£ 5.85

S.A.R.

From the Treasurer

Collections during the six months to the 30th June were as follows:

	1972	1971
Loose Cash	431.12	473.27
Envelopes	1,087.60	1,038.56
	<u>£1,518.72</u>	<u>£1,511.83</u>

Gift Day I am pleased to announce that the total sum so far received by way of gifts now amounts to £441.70 and extend grateful thanks to all who gave so generously.

N .F.R.

.H.W

Christian Aid

I would like to thank, once again, all those who have remembered this cause during the holiday months of July and August. Our total for these two months was £26.25.

.M.H.

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From the Joint Secretaries

Deaths: Mrs. G.E. Holman on 12th July
 Miss E.F. Dodd on 27th July
 Miss E.M. Harland on 5th August.

Baptisms: On Sunday 30th July Nicholas James West
 of 102 Tarring Road;
 On Sunday 6th August Lisa Maria Lavoie
 of 40 Melbourne Road.

Birth: On 11th August to Mr. and Mrs. M.K. Redman
 of 10 Leighton Court, Dunstable, the gift
 of a son, Keith Ashley.

Membership: On 29th June -

Transfer In Miss M.E. Barnes, 23 Chute Avenue,
 from Harrow Congregational Church.

Transfer Out Mr. B. Hughes to Shoreham Baptist
 Church
 Mrs. F. Dearsley to Goring & Ferring
 Free Evangelical Church
 Miss C. Shillito to Shoreham
 Methodist Church.

In addition the following were removed from the
 list of members further to a letter asking whether
 they wished their membership with this Church to
 continue: Mr. R.S. Baker, Mrs. G. Fisk, Mrs. C.S.
 Flawn, Miss I.R. Grice, Mr. & Mrs. T. Emrys Hughes,
 Mr. G. Parsons, Mr. D. Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. S.
 Richardson, Mrs. J.E. Shade, Miss P. Terry, Mrs.
 P.J. Thomson.

Transfer In on 3rd August-

Miss M.C. Mann of 122 Alinora Crescent from
 Dorking Congregational Church.

Mr. & Mrs. R.H. Newell of 8 Ashurst Close, formerly
 members of the Methodist Church.

Handbook Additions:

Miss G. Newell, 8 Ashurst Close, Goring
 Mrs. A.M. Ridgwell, 51 Meadow Court, The
 Boulevard W.46249.

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Change of Address:

Mrs. F. Gilbert, now at Pentlands
Nursing Home, 40 Mill Road, Worthing.

E.B.
R.W.

Monday Evening Fellowship

We commence meetings on September 11th, when we welcome our Minister to recall for us his visit to Honolulu with his wife. We look forward to this.

September 25th - Mr. M.J. Watkins from Exclusive Interiors - so anyone interested in Home Decorating please come along.

October 9th - Miss D. Nobbin "So you think you know your Sussex". This should put us all on our mettle seeing if we do know about our own county.

October 23rd - "Current Affairs", which is an open evening and members discuss what has been printed in our daily newspapers or on radio.

November 6th - Mr. J. McGill, a Ford Prison officer, giving us some insight into the running of our country's open prisons.

November 20th - Mrs. P.H. Thomas "Her Year of Office as Mayoress". Many of you know Mrs. Thomas, so please come and hear her interesting talk.

December 4th - Christmas Dinner.

May I give all ladies an invitation to come to the Monday Evening Fellowship. We meet in the Cornwall Room at 8 p.m. fortnightly. Do try. I feel sure you'll enjoy yourself and we shall love having you.

Mrs. C.J. Gill

Flower Rota for September

3rd	Misses M. and L. Redman
10th	Miss E.W. Fisher
17th	Miss K. Attkins
24th	Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Beale - Harvest Festival.

K.J.W.

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Action Group for the Elderly - AGE

As promised at the last Church Meeting I have abstracted the following from a circular sent to me by Audrey Bilham, the group's liaison officer.

"Old people in Worthing have many pressing needs. Some of these can be met by the Council or by Government Departments, others by voluntary bodies. Yet the extent of the problem is vast, and means that some needs and some individuals are overlooked. Anxiety and despair are the result.

AGE is here to give practical help. We are not competing with any other organisation, but seeking to fill some of the gaps. To do this we need YOU. We need volunteers who will give practical help to one or two old people.

Largely, this means simple things like shopping, decorating, gardening, etc., but the relief and peace of mind given to old people is out of all proportion to the work done.

The needs are many - some are urgent. However little time you can spare, you can do something of great value to those you help.

AGE is a young group. We are prepared to be radical and flexible. You don't have to be young to help, however, all you need is the willingness to do everyday tasks cheerfully. If you can offer a car along with a little of your time, you will be especially useful.

Above all, we need to know about those who are lonely or in need of a helping hand. Have you an elderly friend or neighbour in this situation? AGE is here to help!

Get this message around the town. Offer your own services if you can".

CONTACT:- Margaret Paton, W.204031 or write to
Mrs. Lynn Denyer, 15 Wenban Road,
Worthing.

R. Webb.

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ONE MINUTE FOR GOD.

Westminster Abbey was crowded with sightseers, Americans, Japanese, Europeans from many countries, milling around, chattering in different languages.

As Big Ben struck the hour, a voice over the loud-speaker called for one minute's silence. Immediately the crowd responded and heard a prayer of gratitude for the sunny day, the beauties of the ancient building, and for the continuous worship in it down the centuries.

Then, like a giant whisper, many people joined in saying the Lord's Prayer.

It was an impressive minute of reverence and unity.

D.E.B.

Church Calendar, September 1972

- 3 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after morning Service.
Organ and Violin Recital in Church at 3p.m.
- 5 Tues. Women's Guild Social Afternoon 2.30-4.30.
- 10 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Richard P. Cox of Billingshurst.
- 11 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. "Honolulu" the Minister.
- 12 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Talk by member of Salvation Army
- 14 Thurs. Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Operation Outreach Commissioning Service 7.30 p.m.
- 17 SUN. Divine W orship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after evening Service.
- 19 Tues. Women's Guild Social Afternoon 2.30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship 2.45 p.m. "One Minute Please".
- 21 Thurs. Missionary Committee 6.30 p.m.
- 24 SUN. Divine Worship - Harvest Festival 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
- 25 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. Mr. M.J. Watkins from Exclusive Interiors.
- 26 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m.
District Council Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 28 Thurs. Junior Church Teachers' Meeting 8 p.m.

Material for October Chronicle should be in by 10th September.

The inauguration of

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and

The Presbyterian Church of England

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My dear Friends,

It was several months ago that I said I had drawn up Orders of Service so that we should have a different Order both morning and evening for the first four Sundays of the month. We shall revert to our present Order when we have a visiting Minister and on the fifth Sunday of the month when that occurs. There has been a delay in introducing these orders due to the holiday months, but we shall be starting on October 1st.

I believe that the worship of God is the reason for the existence of the Church and that this worship is what we have to offer to mankind and what mankind supremely needs, though many do not recognise this to be true.

In drawing up these Orders of Service I have had three principles in mind, first that there should be more congregational participation in our worship; secondly, that we should make fuller use of our excellent choir - music in worship means a great deal to a great many people, and thirdly, that since our congregation is far more inter-denominational than our congregations used to be our worship should be more broadly based to make more folk feel at home with us. At the same time it will remain true that half our services will be of simple congregational form.

I know that change is always unwelcome in some quarters; I am sure that some people will say that they don't like this or they don't like that. Please remember that to be stuck in a rut is disaster and that we must endeavour to cater for all not only for individual tastes.

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By the time you are reading this Operation Out-reach will be nearing the end of its first stage. Let no one endeavour to assess its value by counting heads, to do this would be faithless. At the preparation meeting held for the first stage, it was unanimously decided by those who had volunteered to do the visiting that we should go straight on to the second stage in October, and thus complete the whole operation this year. I am greatly encouraged by the interest in and support for this endeavour; whatever else it does it must be a strength to the inner life of the Church.

Now all our activities are once again in full swing - may those who are called to leadership in any sphere know the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and may they know too that all their work is supported by the prayers of us all.

Greetings to all,

Sincerely yours,

Wallis Hayward.

The Family

Miss Lance is still in hospital and very weak.

Mrs. Jaques' daughter is still very ill we are sorry to hear and our prayers are with Mrs. Jaques and all her family.

Mrs. Rosemary Fairbairn has had a bit of a setback but will, we are sure, soon improve again.

Mrs. Scudder and Mrs. Getheridge have both had a spell in hospital with heart trouble; they were each surprised to discover the other in a bed on the opposite side of the ward. They are both home now and doing well we are glad to report.

Mr. M. Jones is also home having done very well in hospital.

Mrs. Hite has had a fall and broken a bone in her foot.

Miss Downing is now having treatment which we hope will do her a lot of good.

Miss Dymott has been very poorly but is her usual bright self again.

Miss Wingrove is having a short spell in hospital

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and we **hope** she will quickly be well again.

Mrs. Marshall Snr. has been having more heart trouble **and** must rest completely.

Our **heartiest** congratulations and best wishes to Miss **Barbara** Stephens and Mr. Eric Popplestone upon their **engagement**.

Our **thoughts** and prayers are constantly with all our **members** who are prevented from sharing in worship **with** us.

Christian Aid

My **thanks** to you all for your continued interest in this **cause**. The sum collected for August and September was £9.75.

Marjorie Hayward

Missionary Account to 1st September

	1972	1971
Balances 1st January	£ 61.01½	£ 35.31
Envelopes	295.00½	269.70
Other donations	42.54½	57.76
Collecting Boxes	3.33	4.21
Junior Church	9.00	20.40
Coffee Morning 13.3.71	-	25.50
Miscellaneous	-	0.05
	<u>£410.89½</u>	<u>£412.93</u>
Sent to Group Treasurer	410.64	370.82
	<u>£ 0.25½</u>	<u>£ 42.11</u>

The British & Foreign Bible Society

"Give ye them to eat" - 2,000 years ago Jesus said these words to His disciples. He says them still to His followers today.

And **this** is what the Bible Society is all about as it **seeks** to provide the Bread of Life - the Word of God - **for** hungry souls all round the world.

Come and hear Mrs. J. N. D. Anderson speaking about this **great** work at the United Women's Rally in St

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Paul's Church Hall, Richmond Road, on Friday, 3rd November at 3 p.m. We, too, may play our part, and take a share in this vital task.

Now - have you made a Diary note???

From the Joint Secretaries' Desks.

Handbook Amendments:

Additions: Mr. & Mrs. D.E. Mooney - W.65447
Miss C.I. Stott. 58 Meadway Court,
The Boulevard, W. Worthing W.49631
Mr. C. Byerley - W.43108
Mrs. I. Mason, 5 Richmond Court,
Wykeham Road, Worthing.

Printers' Error The entry for Mr. & Mrs. D.W.
Stewart should be -

3 * STEWART, Mr. & Mrs. D.W., 29 Palatine
Road - W.43787.

A few copies of the Handbook are left. If you have not already collected your copy, please take one from the table in the vestibule of the Church - one copy for each household please.

E.B..
R.W.

Thanks

I am most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Hayward and all my friends in the Church for their kind thoughts and good wishes for my recovery during my recent illness. I feel much better now and am at home where I feel that in time all will be well.

Phil Scudder

Girls' Brigade

Many of you saw us and we are sorry if we didn't see you! I refer of course to Monday August 28th when we were placed 2nd in our class with our decorated float, "Beg, Steal or Borrow". What a day! And how thrilled we were with this result from our first ever entry. It was a happy and memorable day and in due course many photographs will no doubt be shown all around, and we do thank you very much for turning out to cheer us on our way.

J. Webb.

Housing Association

The last of the "Coffee Mornings" given by members of the Guild Fellowship during the last five months will be held on Saturday, October 14th, in the Church Hall from 10.15 to 11.30 a.m., and the hostesses will be Mrs. E. Townsend and Mrs. Joan Tilbury. Please support these ladies with their effort.

Cicely Nodes

Women's Guild Fellowship

Mrs. Hayward has kindly agreed to share with us her memories of her happy holiday in Honolulu at our meeting on October 10th.

October 24th is our Anniversary Service in the Church when the speaker will be Mrs. Fellett. We hope for a large attendance of members from our own and neighbouring Churches. Tea will be served after the service.

N.H.

Monday Evening Fellowship

When all the children are back to school we ladies in the M.E.F. begin our Autumn term as well.

We were delighted once more to have in our midst our Minister who entertained us with coloured slides of the holiday he and Mrs. Hayward had visiting their son and his wife and meeting for the first time their new grandchild in Honolulu. It was lovely to see through the slides another part of this world of ours. The scenery from the kitchen window of their appartment was a view many of us would I feel sure love to look out on to whilst peeling the potatoes! Glorious mountains bathed in sunshine day after day, and where Mrs. Hayward said one doesn't remark on the weather as in these isles of ours - for theirs is one continual summer.

It was good to see a 'new face' in Fellowship - there is room for more. So if anyone feels like venturing out on a Monday evening we give you an invitation, so please come along on October 9th at 8 p.m.

C.J. Gill

A new Publication for the new Church.

With the formation of the United Reformed Church in October a new monthly publication will be launched to replace Congregational Monthly, Presbyterian Outlook and C.C.W.M. Enterprise.

It will contain 32 pages and will make use of colour as far as possible. It will cover all aspects of the life of the new Church, including overseas concerns. C.C.W.M. will publish their last issue of Enterprise in December of this year.

This year's subscriptions for Congregational Monthly will cover the first two issues of the new publication, November and December.

The subscription rate for the new publication will be 75p per year.

I expect to receive order forms for the new

publication early in October. Unless I hear to the contrary I will then order for all present subscribers who take Congregational Monthly and/or Enterprise, and I look forward to receiving names of new subscribers.

May I also remind you that at the same time I shall be placing an order for the Prayer Fellowship Handbook, which I assume will be published as usual.

M.L. Hawke

Flower Rota for October

1st	Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Hoskins
8th	Mr. and Mrs. S.E. West
15th	Miss M. Curtis
22nd	Mrs. Broadhead
29th	Mrs. G.L. Nodes and family.

K.J.W.

Minister's Sermon Mark 5:19 Go home to your own folk and tell them what the Lord in His mercy has done for you.

It is not in the least surprising that the man who had been healed at Gadara wanted to remain with Jesus and enjoy the fellowship of the disciples. The world had been cruel to him, only Jesus showed him any compassion. Jesus knew that for this Gadarene to follow Him was not to give him comfort and security. His way led to the cross and for the disciples after Easter the acceptance of His mission in a hostile world and this was more than the man could face. Yet the Gadarene was not told that there was no mission for him. He was told to go home and tell his friends what God had done for him. Let us not imagine that this would-be disciple of Jesus was fobbed off with a very easy task; for him to tell his friends what God had done for him was difficult indeed and it requires very little imagination to realise the discouraging and cruel sort of thing people would be all too ready to say to him.

It is not surprising that we are sometimes tempted to remain contentedly in the fellowship of the Church. Here we have found the answer to the deepest needs of our lives through fellowship with God, here we are supremely at home in the fellowship of Christian men and women, like the man of Gadara we cannot think of anything better than to be with Jesus. As it was not true for the first disciples that to be with Jesus was the purpose of their discipleship, so it is not true for us. Mission is an essential part of the Church's life, a Church without mission must be a dying Church. When we say this we do not only mean that some members of the Church must be engaged in mission work, as with children and young people, or that there must occasionally be missionary efforts; mission must be the life of the Church and therefore it must be the life of all its members.

How often do we realise that our greatest opportunity for mission is frequently to be found on

our doorstep. Ordinary conversations should sometimes give us the opportunity of saying something like, "I believe", "the Gospel says" or "the Christian faith is?". How often when people tell us of their troubles, anxieties, sorrows or fears we have an opening to speak of our Christian faith. Of course it is not easy, of course we may be misunderstood or misjudged for declaring our faith, but what sort of cross are we prepared to take up? There is one thing that we can in all humility tell folk, for which there is no argument, and that is what the man of Gadara was told to tell, what God has done for us.

Well, what has God done for you? Have you ever told anybody about it? The man of Gadara was told "Go home and tell your friends what the Lord has done for you." And he did.

A Prayer

O Lord God, from troubled hearts in every land our prayers ascend unto Thee. Cut off from each other by hatred and contempt, divided by race and language, embittered by envy and pride, we lift our hands for gifts we cannot receive until we are at peace with one another and seek Thee together in common need. Bring us all in judgment before Jesus Christ our Lord, whose great love halted not before shame or death to forgive in perfect grace those who condemned Him. Bring us at last, lest we come to outer darkness, to kneel in knowledge of our need, and in such confession humbly to share with all men, in every condition of servitude and nature, the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Amberley Congregational Church

Sunday, 15th October is the date of our Harvest Festival and our Minister, the Rev. W. Hayward will conduct the service at 11 a.m. Following the modern trend we shall have token decorations and instead donate our gifts of money to the Missionary Society. The children will bring gifts of fruit and vegetables as usual and these, along with any others we may receive, will be sent to Amberley, the Home at Littlehampton. We extend a warm welcome to all our friends to come along and join us.

We have found that our young folk no longer wish to be known as Sunday School scholars but prefer to be members of a Junior Church - so with this in mind we are arranging with our speakers that our services on Sunday mornings be specially arranged to appeal to the young, instead of holding a Sunday School as such. This way we hope we shall increase our numbers, as we are sure this type of service will be enjoyed by all ages.

The Sisterhood has re-opened and we would like to welcome any ladies free on Thursday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. We occasionally have speakers, sometimes slides, quizzes and members' afternoons - and always welcome the opportunity to spend an afternoon a week with those who love The Lord. It would be lovely to acquire a few new members with new ideas perhaps!

Preachers for October

1st	Mr. L. Knight (H.C.)
8th	Mr. A. Slater
15th	Rev. Wallis Hayward (Harvest Festival)
22nd	Mr. Appleton
29th	Mr. Ball.

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Church Calendar October 1972

- 1 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after Morning Service.
Senior Fellowship at the Manse at 8 p.m.
- 3 Tues. Women's Guild Social Afternoon 2.30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship 3 p.m.
- 8 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Parades.
Youth Service at Assembly Hall 3 p.m.
- 9 Mon. Elders' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. "So you think you know your Sussex" Miss D. Nobbin.
- 10 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Mrs. Hayward
Bible Study 7.30 p.m.
- 12 Thurs. Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 14 Sat. Housing Assocn. Coffee Morning 10.15 - 11
Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Tilbury
- 15 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. Preacher Rev. Hugh Theobald, M.A., 6.30 p.m. the Minister
Holy Communion after evening Service.
- 17 Tues. Women's Guild Social Afternoon 2.30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship 3 p.m.
- 22 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 23 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. "Current Affairs".
- 24 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Anniversary Service - Mrs. Follett. Tea after service.
Bible Study 7.30 p.m.
- 26 Thurs. Elders' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 29 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
- 31 Tues. Women's Guild Social Afternoon 2.30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship 3 p.m.

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My dear Friends,

I am grateful for the expressions of appreciation I have received for the variations in our Order of Service. A further suggestion has been made that I should sometimes have "lay-readers" to read the lessons. Some of you know that I am always very guarded about this because of the importance I attach to reading of the word of God. It is wrong, I think, to treat the reading of scripture as an unimportant part of our worship that can be taken by anyone whether or not the reading is audible or intelligible. On the other hand we have some members of the Church whom I know to be very well able to read a lesson. I propose therefore to form a Guild of Lay Readers for those who have had experience as readers or for those who would like to share in our worship in this way and who are prepared to receive guidance and instruction in reading to make themselves able to share in public worship. The guild would hold occasional meetings for practice and mutual help. If you are interested would you please let me know.

Some time in December Clive Perrett and his wife Adie will be going to Papua to work for two or three years as teachers with C.C.W.M. Clive has grown up through our own Junior Church and he and his wife will be the first to go from our Church to the Mission Field. The Church Meeting has decided to help Clive and Adie with the gift of a New English Bible and £100. The treasurer will be glad to receive donations towards this sum, the balance of which will, if necessary, be made up from Church funds. Clive and Adie will be with us one Service before they

leave and we shall make that a Valedictory Service. Our most important gift will however be the assurance of our constant prayers for them.

We have agreed that the Worthing Group of Churches should continue as a Fellowship. In this connexion we have two important dates in November - on 8th the Ministers & Elders Meeting at 7 for 7.30 was to have been addressed by Dr. Charles Duthie but unfortunately he is ill. We have however been able to arrange for Revd. E. Harries-Rees, our Synod Clerk, to address the meeting, and in this we are fortunate. Our Group Missionary Rally will take place on 14th November at 7.30 and will be addressed by Revd. Bernard Thorogood, C.C.W.M. General Secretary. This too should make a very worth while evening. Both these meetings will be held at Shelley Road.

Owing to their impending removal to Pulborough Mr. Colin Redman thought it right to resign from the Diaconate, and Mrs. Redman as Junior Church Treasurer. We are very grateful to them both for their service with us and pray that they will be very happy in their new home.

Greetings to all,

Yours sincerely,

Wallis Hayward.

The Family

Our sympathy is with Miss Wingrove in the passing of her friend.

Miss Lance has had another operation and is much better.

Mrs. Heley is in a nursing home, not at all well.

Mr. Newell had to have a sudden spell in hospital and we are glad he is making good progress.

Mr. de Pury is not so well and our thoughts are with him and Mrs. de Pury.

Mr. Shilston underwent an operation and has made a remarkable recovery.

Miss Press has not been very well; we hope she will soon feel stronger.

Our heartiest congratulations to Rosemary and Brian Read on the gift of their son, Jason Matthew.

Christian Aid.

I have to thank this month all those who gave specially to this cause at the Harvest Festival. We topped all previous Harvest totals with the sum of £82.24. One Harvest gift gave me a great thrill. One of our young people, Chris Chatfield, grew and sold during the summer months radishes and lettuces. The result of this piece of service was £1.20, which was given as his harvest gift for Christian Aid.

Then, of course, there are my unfailing monthly givers who, without any reminding, give their promised gift on every first or second Sunday. October's total was £23.87. The need for help goes on but so does the giving, inspired by the thought that whoever gives to the hungry, the needy and the suffering gives to Christ Himself.

Marjorie H ayward

From the Treasurer.

Collections during the 9 month period ending 30th September 1972 were as follows:

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Loose Cash	£740.02	£679.57	Decrease £60.43
Envelopes	£1583.44	£1612.59	Increase £29.15.

The total sum received for Gift Day 1972 has now reached £620, and we are indeed very grateful and encouraged by this good result. Gifts for Christian Aid at the Harvest Service amounted to £82.24.

N .F.R.

Leprosy Mission

The half yearly collection of leprosy phials is now due, and I shall be grateful if you will let me have same not later than the third Sunday in November.

If you could put the phials in an envelope with your name on, this would be a great help to me. Many thanks.

May Rowbottom.

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Missionary Account to 5th October 1972 & 1971

	1972	1971
Balances 1st January	£ 61.01½	£ 35.31
Envelopes	334.55½	317.95
Other donations	53.49½	60.76
Income Tax Refunds	21.14	-
Collecting Boxes	3.33	4.21
Junior Church	9.00	26.90
Miscellaneous	-	0.27
Special efforts Coffee		
Morning 13.3.71	-	25.50
	<u>£482.53½</u>	<u>£470.90</u>
Remitted to Group Treasurer	482.28	460.29
Balances	<u>£ 0.25½</u>	<u>£ 10.61</u>

S.A.K.

Housing Association

Members of the Guild Social Afternoon thank all who so generously supported the Saturday Coffee Mornings, and we are delighted with the results and they are -

May	£25.70	
July	£17.00	
August	£28.25	
Sept.	£21.00	
October	£26.33	making a total of <u>£118.78.</u>

Cicely Nodes.

The British and Foreign Bible Society.

Friday 3rd November at 3 p.m. St. Paul's Church Hall - 10th Annual United Women's Rally and Gift Day. Speaker Mrs. J.N.D. Anderson, Traveller, Missionary, Translator. Light refreshments after the Meeting. Please come along and help this vital work.

(See also page 9)

From the Joint Secretaries Desks

Memberships Mr. A.E. Worster of 6 Keyner Crescent
transfer of membership from Penge
Congregational Church on 12th October.

Births:

On 16th September the gift of a son, Jason
Matthew, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Read of 50 Boxgrove
Goring Green.

On 13th October the gift of a son, Adrian Paul,
to Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Hite of 17 Orchard
Gardens, Westergate, Chichester.

Handbook Amendment

1 BARROW, Mr. and Mrs. L., 196 Goring Road
W.501882.

E.B.
R.W.

Thanks

Ivy Wingrove wishes to thank the Minister and
members for thoughts, good wishes, gifts and visits
during her enforced absence from home. She hopes
to be back in Church before the issue of the next
edition of the Chronicle.

I am delighted to be back in circulation after
5½ weeks off work with a lung infection. Thank
you for your kind thoughts, enquiries, flowers,
visits and phone calls, and sample of harvest fruit
in a lovingly decorated container from Junior
Church. All much appreciated.

Roy Webb

Girls' Brigade

On Saturday December 2nd at 7 p.m. we shall hope to see you at our Annual Awards evening, which will be followed by coffee and mince pies, and our Mini Bazaar. This is in aid of funds and also towards the Christmas party which our Brigaders will be giving to St. Bridget's, the Cheshire Home at Angmering. Tickets are available at 5p. each - which includes your coffee and mince pie! Come along and buy a cake, or a gift (or both)! Test your skill at "guessing the weight" of our cake, and purchase one of our hand-make calendars for 1973. December 2nd at 7 p.m. Look forward to seeing you then.

J.W.

Boys' Brigade

It would probably be true that if a drowning person cried "Help" too much spectators would ignore the cry on the basis that if the cry is heard more than once the person is not in all that desperate position and is only pretending any way. Which just leaves me crying "HELP".

We need a Junior Section Leader, a Bandmaster, a First Aid Instructor, someone to supervise a Hobbies & Crafts group, anyone who can do anything to interest and hold the boys, even somebody who could be "just there" on some evenings. We sometimes need transport on odd occasions to attend functions in the Battalion area.

A big "Thank you" to those who have been bringing newspapers, etc., to add to our pile. So far we have collected over 3 tons and the sale of it should yield about £15. If you experience any difficulty in bringing your old papers to the Church we would be pleased to arrange collection.

We are able to supply greeting cards and other Christmas requirements and can arrange for someone to call and take your order. It is also hoped to hold a Coffee Morning in November on either Saturday 18th or 25th, the dates that mark our Boys' Brigade Week efforts.

Thank you for your prayers and interest in our

endeavours to advance Christ's Kingdom among boys.

D.W.S.

Women's Guild Fellowship

At our meeting on November 7th at 3 p.m. Mr. Robert Cushing, J.P., will tell us something of his work as a Magistrate. As 'Law and Order' is very much in our news at the moment, we are looking forward to this talk.

Mr. Hobbs will show us his slides of South Africa on November 21st at 3 p.m., when he is assured of a warm welcome.

We welcome all women to our meetings.

N.H.

Monday Evening Fellowship

On 25th September we had Mr. M.J. Watkins from 'Exclusive Interiors' who gave an interesting talk on Home Decorations, telling us which colours to match in wallpapers, paints and soft furnishings; how to disguise a large wall and making a narrow room wider. Should anyone want help in any way over their decorating problems Mr. Walker is only too pleased to help, but he adds the final decision must be yours.

On October 9th Miss Doris Nobbins, one of our own members brought along her coloured slides of Sussex, and we had a little quizz-guessing where each slide was in our own county. We are certainly blessed living in such a beautiful county. It was lovely to have Mr. and Mrs. Wraight in our midst. Should anyone in the Church wish to come along to any evening when we have a subject of particular interest to you, don't hesitate - you will be very welcome. On 6th November we are having Mr. John McGill who is a Prison Officer at Ford Open Prison.

Mrs. C.J. Gill.

Missionary Committee

Please do come to our Coffee Morning on Wednesday, November 8th, 10.15 - 11.45 a.m. There will be small stalls for flowers and vegetables, also home made cakes, a Bring & Buy stall too, and a Gift Stall in anticipation for Christmas.

You will be very welcome and encourage us.

W.B.B.

Mayflower Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Mayflower Club will be held at the Friends' Meeting House, Mill Road, on Friday 10th November 1972 at 2.30 p.m. The Club is run by a Hostess and team from six Churches in the West Worthing district, including our own Church. If you feel interested to hear more of this work, which is a club run for the lonely in this district, please come along and join us at this Meeting.

D.J.

Women's Guild Social Afternoon

Are there any ladies who would welcome the opportunity of fellowship and time to chat and get to know fellow members in our Church? If so, do come along on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m., commencing 31st October.

We have had a good start to the season and the last meeting enjoyed a visit from our Girls' Brigade Captain which has stimulated our intention to help our own Brigade with new uniforms.

If you enjoy knitting we have an enthusiastic band of knitters who work hard with jumpers, cardigans, etc., for Dr. Barnardo's Homes. The wool is supplied and we do the knitting.

Alternatively bring your own sewing or knitting, or enjoy an easy afternoon and cup of tea and go home cheered and refreshed.

D.J.

Scriptures for the Olympics

Providing Scriptures for the many guests at the Olympic Games was the task assigned to the Bible Societies in Germany. The Bible Society in England and Wales sent along a consignment of 2,000 each of the Gospels of Mark and Luke in Today's English Version, and a variety of Bibles and Testaments in languages such as Italian, Spanish, Russian, Japanese, Turkish, Arabic, etc.

There were many opportunities to reach out to the Olympic guests from all parts of the world with the Word of God. The ecumenical Chapel in the Olympic Village was a meeting place for athletes and their coaches, and communication centres were located in the residential areas of Munich and surrounding cities. Camping grounds, youth meetings and a variety of other non-denominational activity, together with an interdenominational Service provided settings where Scripture distribution was carried out.

(Taken from "Word in Action 1972 No.3
and supplied by G.W.)

No sun - no noon
 No morn - no noon
 No dawn - no dusk and no proper time of day
 No warmth, no cheerfulness, no helping ease
 No comfortable feel in any member -
 No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees
 No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,
 November.

(Thomas Hood J.W.)

Minister's Sermon Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ.

First of all let us remind ourselves of the law of Christ., "Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself" - we do this by bearing one another's burdens. Those who help the sick or lonely, the bereaved or distressed, kindly folk always ready to give a helping hand, all these fulfil the law of Christ. If this is the case there are a great many people about who fulfil the law of Christ without thinking or caring anything about Him. You can be certain that almost invariably when anyone is in trouble a neighbour will come along to give a helping hand. What this says is that ordinary human kindness, of which there is a great deal in this world, fulfils the law of Christ. This seems to fit in with the parable of the sheep and the goats - "inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me". Do we forget also that inasmuch as we have done petty or mean or spiteful or dishonest things, inasmuch as we have had ill will or an unforgiving spirit towards one of the least of these, we have done it unto Him? We know that Christianity is something more than just human kindness. Are the things of which we have spoken really the burden of humanity? Most people experience illness or suffering at some time of life, but today a great deal of it is curable and for most of us for the greater part of life we are free from sickness. What about death? We know that at every moment of the day someone is dying somewhere and that sooner or later it must come to us all. Death only worries us for a while when it comes across our own threshold. We hear of a heavy death toll somewhere and say something like "how shocking" and think about something else.

What has been the real burden of humanity lately? Many are shocked by the Munich tragedy; racism in whatever form it occurs troubles many; the continued strife in Vietnam and Ireland is a burden on many a heart. What really troubles people in all

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these affairs is not so much that some people suffer and some people die, but the cruelty and wickedness of the hearts of men or, in Christian language, man's sin.

Bear ye the burden of human sin and so fulfil the law of Christ - but how do we bear the burden of human sin, isn't it only God who can do this? In what way, how is it true that Jesus bore the sin of world on the cross? One sin is the same wherever and whenever it occurs. Human cruelty, for instance, is the same in Vietnam, South Africa, Ireland or England, and basically all human sin is selfishness. Jesus suffered at the hands of human cruelty of Caiaphas or Pilate, but their selfishness was the same as all the world's selfishness, the same as yours and mine.

This selfishness Jesus utterly forgave, revealing the eternal undefeated love of God, for this He gave Himself that man may overcome his selfishness by the gift of His Spirit received into his heart. So, following Jesus, we are coping with human sin when we are forgiving towards our fellows, when by His grace no human evil is allowed to cause ill will in our hearts - this is the burden of Christ, by our sharing in it we fulfil His law.

Flower Rota for November.

5th	Mr. and Mrs. R. Pepperdine
12th	Mr. G. Brockis
19th	Mrs. S.C. Stredwick
26th	Mrs. Ross.

K.J.W.

The Weekly Envelope Scheme

There^{are}/at present some forty sets of numbered weekly envelopes of the Free Will Offering Scheme which are not in use (out of an annual order for 250 sets).

It would be of considerable help if the unallocated envelopes could be brought into use before the time comes in December to make a fresh issue for the year 1973.

The wide adoption of the use of this method of providing regular finance for the Church has proved to be of inestimable value to the Treasurer, enabling him to meet his recurrent obligations month by month on our behalf. It is of course entirely confidential and I alone hold the key which links names with numbers.

If you are not already enrolled in this scheme may I ask you please to give the matter your earnest and urgent consideration? (Contributions for Missions may, by arrangement, be included weekly and earmarked to meet your wishes).

Please ask me for a supply of envelopes for the remaining weeks of 1972. (Telephone 43947).

C.S. Stephens

Envelope Steward.

The Covenant Scheme

In the Income Tax year 1973/74 the effect of introducing the new unified system of Taxation with a basic rate of 30% will, if not modified in the meantime, have the effect of reducing the Church's income from the annual Tax recovery from £540 to £366 on the Deeds of Covenant which are at present in operation.

Furthermore, it is possible that some Sunscribers whose Income Tax liability hitherto has covered the Tax on their Covenanted Subscriptions will, by the increases in personal reliefs and allowances, be taken out of Income Tax altogether. (will any such who may be concerned about their

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position please consult their advisers - or me?)

However gratifying may be the diminution of personal Income Tax burdens, it becomes increasingly urgent for new Deeds of Covenant to be entered into if the Church's income is to be maintained even at its existing level. If, therefore you are financially in a position to do so will you please give this matter urgent consideration?

At the moment the total number of Convenanted Subscribers is not greater than forty out of a total membership of some three hundred and fifty. I am sure that we are not all so "Tax free" and there should be plenty of scope for a major increase in the adoption of the Covenant Scheme. The Treasurer will in coming days be needing our fullest support.

I shall be delighted to receive inquiries.
Please telephone: 43947.

C.S. Stephens

Covenant Secretary.

Church Calendar November 1972

- 2 Tues. Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 5 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after Morning Service
- 6 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. Mr. McGill Ford Prison officer.
- 7 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Mr. Robert Cushing, J.P.
Bible Study 7.30 p.m.
- 8 Wed. Ministers & Elders Meeting, Worthing Group, 7.30 p.m.
- 9 Thurs. Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
- 12 SUN. Remembrance Day Divine Service 10.55 a.m. (Parade Service) and 6.30 p.m.
- 14 Tues. Women's Guild Social Afternoon 2.30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship visit Lancing College
Worthing Group Ministers' Evening at Shelley Road 7.30 p.m.
- 19 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Revd. Derek Lindfield, Buckland; Holy Communion after Evening Service.
- 20 Mon. Elders' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Monday Evening Fellowship 9 p.m. "Her Year of Office as Mayoress" Mrs. Thomas
- 21 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Mr. Hobbs - slides of South Africa
Bible Study 7.30 p.m.
- 26 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 28 Tues. Women's Guild Social Afternoon 2.30
Men's Fellowship 2.30 p.m. "Honolulu" The Minister.
- 30 Thurs. Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Material for December Chronicle should
be in by 12th November.

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My dear Friends,

After months of planning and preparation Operation Outreach has been carried through. It would be quite wrong to look at what has been done and to try to measure it in terms of success or failure for this is impossible. What I do feel is that as a Church we should be thankful to God for the unquestionable fact that His blessing rested upon this endeavour, and all those who shared in it may certainly feel that on this they were indeed "workers together with God". For the rest, we must be content to leave all in God's hands.

Another profound cause for thankfulness has been the formation of the United Reformed Church. So far meetings of District Council & Provincial Synod have been concerned with laying the foundations of the structure of the Church at their different levels; this has not been very exciting work but it will only have to be done once, and I am quite sure that the result will be that in United Reformed Church local Churches will work in closer cooperation with each other and thereby help each other with inspiration and strength.

It seems as if the holiday season has hardly ended, indeed some folk are still away, but already we are thinking of Christmas. Elsewhere I have set out our Christmas programme.

Now, on behalf of Mrs. Hayward and myself, I wish you all God's richest blessings of joy and peace this Christmastide.

Yours sincerely,
Wallis Hayward

SERVICES

DIVINE WORSHIP

Sundays at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion: First Sunday in the morning

Third Sunday in the evening.

MONTHLY BUSINESS CHURCH MEETING

Thursday preceding First Sunday in the month at 7.30 p.m.

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Second Thursday in each month at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Holy Communion following morning session.

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The Family

In our prayers we have thought a great deal of Mrs. Jaques in the heavy burden she has been called to bear - we pray that she and the little family bereaved in the passing of her daughter may be upheld and comforted.

Miss Doreen Newman, who worshipped with us till her strength began to fail, died following major heart surgery. Our sympathy and prayers have been with Mrs. Newman and her family.

Miss Alexander has been poorly and has gone into a Nursing Home at 24 Selden Road.

Miss Good has not been very well but is better again; she will probably not be able to get to Church during the winter.

Miss Lance seems a good deal better.

Mrs. Rosemary Fairbairn has made some progress and is in good heart.

Mr. Geoffrey Spencer is in hospital for operation after ear trouble and we hope he will be given relief.

Miss Shearmur has undergone an eye operation and we hope she will eventually derive much benefit from this.

Miss Burns has been very poorly but is responding to medicine and we trust will continue to do so.

Our prayers and best wishes for Miss Barbara Stephens and Mr. Eric Popplestone who will be married at 12.30 on December 16th.

Christian Aid

I would like to thank all who have contributed to this cause during November. Our total was £26.75.

Marjorie Hayward.

Christmas Programme

December 12th 1 p.m. Inland Revenue Carol Service.

17th 11 a.m. Carol Service
6.30 p.m. Service with Carols

24th 11 a.m. Festival Service
6.30 p.m. No Service
11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

25th 10.30 a.m. Christmas Morning Service.

From the Joint Secretaries

The second stage of Operation Outreach came to an end with a tea in the Church Hall on Saturday, 28th October, when we were pleased to welcome about 25 visiting friends. We are grateful to all members of the Church for their support and in particular to those who undertook specific tasks in the operation.

In the near future the Pastoral Committee will be reconsidering the question of visitation within the membership of the Church and congregation, and will later be bringing recommendations to the Church Meeting. Members are asked to give this matter their prayerful consideration.

E.B.
R.W.

From the Church Secretaries' Desks.Handbook Amendments:

2 MORTON, Miss A.L., 66 Robson Road

3 BOUGHTON, Miss J., 65 Newtimber Ave. W.40813

Baptisms:

On 1st October, Julie Suzanne, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kirklove, 3 Rectory Walk, Sompting.

22nd October, Keith Ashley, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.K. Redman, 10 Leighton Court, Dunstable.
E.B./R.W.

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From the Treasurer

Members of the Church will doubtless remember that a donation was sent to the Sussex Congregational Union on the retirement of Mr. S.E. Graves as Treasurer and the Rev. Stanley A. Sheppard as Secretary. I have received the following letter by way of acknowledgment and thanks for our contribution.

"Our dear Friends,

We were both deeply moved at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sussex Congregational Union on 2nd October by the very kind tributes paid to us by the Rev. Wallis Hayward and Mr. R.E. Campling. It was exceedingly kind of them to invite the churches in the County Union to make gifts towards a presentation to us and we are greatly appreciative of the generous response and wish to express to your church our very sincere thanks. The presentation took the form of two garden chairs to Mr. Graves and a cheque for £206 to Mr. Sheppard.

It has been our pleasure to serve the County Union in our respective offices over the years and to assure you that we have found much joy and satisfaction in doing so. As the Incorporated Union has to operate for the time being we will endeavour to continue to render what further service is asked of us in the interests of the churches both those in the United Reformed Church and those non-uniting churches.

As there is no public occasion or news letter in which we can express our thanks will you please receive this letter as an expression of our gratitude.

With many good wishes and every blessing,
Yours cordially,

Scott Graves

Stanley Sheppard."

May I remind those who have not yet contributed to the Perrett Gift Fund that there is still time to do so and that I shall be most grateful to receive their gifts. I hope that many will respond, and take this opportunity to express their interest and

concern for this young couple who are unselfishly devoting their energies to the Mission Field overseas. If you have already sent your gift I extend my thanks for your contribution.

N.F.R.

Missionary Account - 1st Jan. to 31st Oct.

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
Balances 1st January	£ 61.01½	£ 35.31
Envelopes	369.00	354.76
Other Donations	53.49½	85.51
Tax Refunds	21.14	31.74
Collecting Boxes	3.33	4.21
Junior Church and B.B.	16.00	26.90
Coffee Mornings	-	47.90
Miscellaneous	-	-.27
	<u>£523.98</u>	<u>£586.60</u>
Remitted to Group Treasurer to 31st October	<u>£482.28</u>	<u>£460.29</u>
Balances 31st October	<u>£41.70</u>	<u>£126.31</u>

S.A.K.

British & Foreign Bible Society - Meeting at St. Paul's Church Hall on Friday 1st December at 2.45 p.m. Speaker: Rev. J.G. Weller, General Secretary Overseas, on That Astonishing Book - The Bible in Today's World. Time for questions. Chairman: the Rev. P. Bennett. Bring & Buy Stall. Light Refreshments.

To help the Society's funds used Postage Stamps, British or Foreign (preferably with a margin of about ¼ inch), also used coloured View Postcards can be handed to Mr. S.A. Kempster after Church services, or left at his address, 89 George V Avenue.

News of local U.R. Churches

Reading through the magazines published in November by our local U.R. Churches, we were interested to learn that St. Columba's were

celebrating the fact that almost 45 years ago the first Presbyterian services were held in Worthing above Mansfield's Music Shop, then situated in Montagu Street. The first service was conducted by three laymen and one laywoman, the latter playing a small organ. About 25 folk were present (but no minister), and we are told that on a subsequent occasion the offertory was solemnly taken up in a soap-dish, the more appropriate receptacle having been forgotten! In 1931 quite a small company entered the new Hall built on land in Heene Road, but by 1937, when the present church was completed, there were 300 members.

According to official statistics for our Province, the membership of St. Columba's is now 380, and this is some 20 more than that given for our own Church. In the new Sussex West District this membership figure is only exceeded by the Central Free Church, Brighton, who have 422 on their Church Roll.

P.J.B.

Flower Rota for December

3rd	Miss D.T.M. Ward
10th	Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Wills
17th	Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Stephens
24th	Miss W. Smith
31st	Miss M. Hawkes.

K.J.W.

Monday Evening Fellowship

We celebrated our 15th Anniversary by taking part in the Morning Service on October 22nd. This gave us great pleasure to do and I wish to thank those who took part.

On November 6th we had Mr. John McGill who gave a very interesting talk on his 20 years experience as a Prison Officer - in Liverpool, Albany I.O.W. and now at Ford, which is an Open Prison.

We in the Fellowship want to wish everyone a

C.J. Gill

J.W.

The smell - appetizing; the taste - delicious:

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the eaters - most patient, interested, helpful
and fair minded - as Juniors are!
The homecoming - safe, replete and happy.

"Cook" M.S.

Christmas

Lord, let me kneel before Thy miracle
- an infant in a stable
on a human mother's breast,
from all eternity Thine only begotten Son,
Thy Word from before beginning,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very
God,
of His own choice, of Thine own purpose,
made mortal man.

Prepare us, O Lord, by the grace of the Holy Spirit for the coming of Christmas, that we may lay away all unrighteousness, the ancient grudge, the bitter quarrel, the festering offence, until forgetful of ourselves our hearts are full of ready welcome, our hands are quick to serve, and our tongues are wise with understanding. Bring us to Bethlehem and bless us with that joy which the angels sing. Help us to stand in these holy days with such lively remembrances of Christ's birth that we may not be blind or deaf to Thy coming in our own time. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Minister's Sermon - God speaks through trouble.

It is not at all clear from the Book of Hosea what really was his domestic tragedy, that is whether or not Gomer was a temple prostitute before he married her. What does appear to be quite certain is that Gomer was unfaithful to Hosea after she had given birth to his children. The names of the children must reflect what was the earlier teaching of Hosea - the first was a boy Jezreel, the name of the place where Jehu slew all the descendants of Ahab because he practised false religion. The second child was a girl Lo-Ruhamah, meaning 'not loved', and the third another boy named Lo-Ammi, meaning 'not my people'. Because of her unfaithfulness Israel was no longer God's people and He would no more have mercy upon them. When Gomer forsook Hosea he knew he was entitled to divorce her; he would do this not through a court, but by stripping her naked and driving her out. The probability is that Hosea was human enough to intend to expose Gomer in his first grief and anger that she had left him, but when this passed Hosea knew he still loved his wife and would go to great lengths to win her back.

As Hosea thought about his own sorrow the thought occurred to him that Israel had treated God in the same way as Gomer had treated him, Israel had gone a-whoring with false gods. God loved Israel, but Israel was unfaithful, now God could cast Israel away, but if he, a mere man, still loved the woman who was unfaithful to him, how much more it must be true of God that His love for Israel must be greater than Israel's sin. The beauty of this little book is in Hosea's pleading with Israel on God's behalf.

One thought of Hosea's we cannot possibly accept. Hosea believed that Gomer's unfaithfulness was of God's purpose because He wanted to convey to Hosea His message. Hosea looked at the sad events of his life and asked, "Why has God done this?" "What is God saying to me through this?"

We cannot believe that any of the suffering and

sorrow of this world is of God's planning or purpose. Perfect love cannot devise suffering or sorrow. we may say of a man that "he was cruel to be kind"; you cannot imagine that that could be true of God. Man's love is imperfect and he is limited by time, but God's love is perfect and He has eternity in which to achieve His purpose. We cannot, like Hosea, ask "For what purpose has God done this to me?". "What is God saying to me through this?" What we must believe is that all human suffering is suffering to God. What we can ask ourselves is "What would God have me to do with this suffering or sorrow?" Always when we think about this subject we must come to the cross, and the first thing we must put out of our minds is the thought that the cross was in any way God's will. The cross was man's sin. What Jesus did with it was to make it the supreme revelation of God's love, an offering which God could use for the salvation of mankind.

In the face of suffering and sorrow we must not ask, "Why did God do this?", not even, "Why did God allow this to happen?" We must ask, "What would God have me to do with this?" "What is God saying to me now if I listen to Him?" At times of strain and stress we must not look in at our own feelings and needs. We must look up to God and seek to make our burden something He can use for His purpose.

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Church Calendar for December 1972

- 1 Fri. 2.45 p.m. British & Foreign Bible Society
Meeting at St. Paul's Church Hall.
- 2 Sat. 7.00 p.m. Girls' Brigade Annual Awards
and Mini-Bazaar.
- 3 SUN. 11.00 p.m. Divine Worship followed by Holy
Communion; 6.30 p.m. Divine Worship
- 5 Tues. 7.30 p.m. Bible Study
- 10 SUN. 11.00 a.m. Divine Worship - Parade Service
6.30 p.m. Divine Worship
- 12 Tues. 1.00 p.m. Inland Revenue Carol Service
2.30 p.m. Men's Fellowship Christmas
Meeting.
- 14 Thurs. 10.30 a.m. Monthly Prayer Service with
Holy Communion.
- 17 SUN. 11.00 a.m. Divine Worship - Carol Service
6.30 p.m. Divine Worship with Carols
followed by Holy Communion.
- 24 SUN. 11.00 a.m. Divine Worship - Junior Church
Festival Service
11.30 p.m. Divine Worship - Christmas Eve
Service.
- 25 Mon. 10.30 a.m. Divine Worship on Christmas
Morning.
- 31 SUN. 11.00 a.m. Divine Worship: Preacher Rev.
E.C.D. Stanford.
6.30 p.m. Divine Worship.

January

- 1 Mon. 7.30 p.m. Elders' Meeting.

N.B. There is no Church Meeting in
December.

Material for January Chronicle should be in by
17th December.