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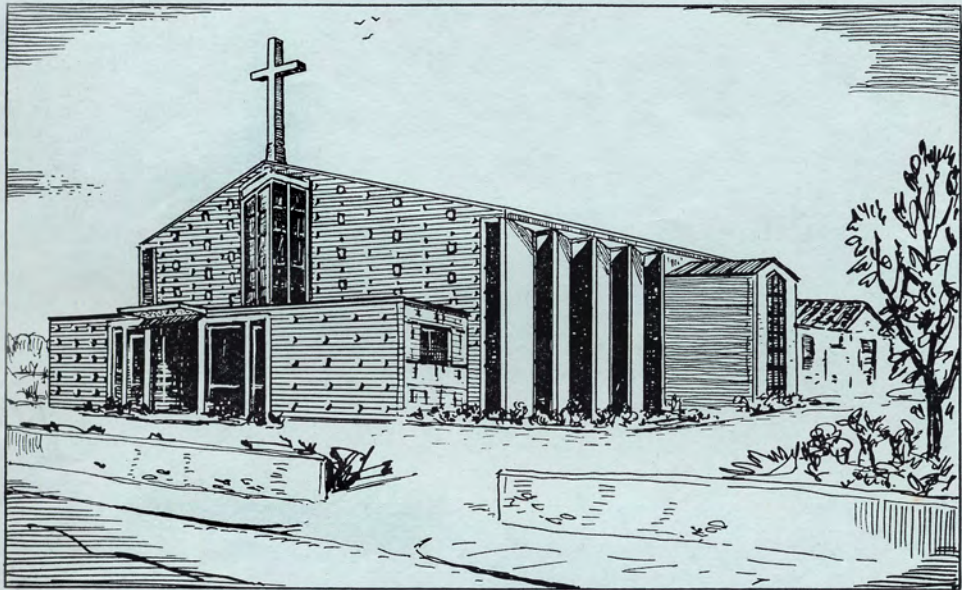
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My dear Friends,

A very happy and blessed New Year to you all from Mrs. Hayward and myself, and again we must say a warm "thank you" for all the kindly remembrances and greetings we received at Christmastide.

I have just looked up my letter for the magazine last January and I see that one of my concerns then was that our missions quota was increased from £775 to £900, and I appealed for an extension of our giving through the coloured envelopes. I am glad to say there has been an increase this year but we still have to take about £150 from Church accounts to meet our quota. Are you doing all you can to help the Church meet this solemn obligation?

We did have great hopes that our flatlets would be opened in the spring of 1971. Alas, we have met delay after delay from officialdom, and at time of writing haven't started yet. It seems a great pity that red tape should so hinder a purpose which has nothing but good in it. However I personally have every hope that we shall be in business well before the autumn.

I am sure we have all been very sorry indeed to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone will be leaving us after Jan. 17th, as they will be going to live near Tavistock. I have never known a more co-operative and sympathetic organist than Mr. Rathbone; his readiness to work with every part of the Church and his contribution to our weekly worship I shall sorely

miss. The choir as well as losing a choirmaster, are losing a pastor, for the care of Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone for members of the choir and their readiness to help other members of the Church with transport have been greatly appreciated. We give thanks for the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone in our midst and pray that every blessing may go with them into their new life.

As we begin this New Year we may have no striking new project to bring forward - let us realise instead that what we are already doing might be even more fruitful if we ourselves were more completely dedicated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Wallis Hayward.

### The Boys' Brigade

Our Company has been called upon to contribute/a £9 towards a large sum for strengthening the work of the Brigade in Guyana. We are anxious to fulfil this obligation without diminishing the effort we make each year for Missions, which usually amounts to about £8½. We are therefore running a Coffee Morning on Jan. 23rd, 10.30 to 11.30, with a bring & buy stall, and we therefore appeal for your support for this endeavour. Anything we raise over £9 we propose to add to the fund for equipping all our boys with a new cap which we are supposed to do by the end of next year.

Someone recently asked- when will the band appear. The boys and girls are working well to learn their instruments, but we have had several set-backs due to illness of instructors and this has inevitably delayed progress. One Sunday morning this year the Brigades will arrive for Church Parade with drums beating, trumpets sounding and colours flying.

### The Family

Mr. Scadding who regularly worshipped with us passed away at the great age of 92, and Mrs. Rees who formerly worshipped with us has also passed on.

/We...

We remember those who mourn.

Miss Harris has had to return to hospital for further surgery and our thoughts are very much with her and her sister.

Mrs. Willoughby has been very poorly.

Mrs. Offen is very ill at the time of writing.

Mrs. Stewart is home after her operation, so also is Mrs. Moyes and both are doing well.

We send a special New Year's greeting of loving thought to all of our people who are prevented by age or sickness from joining with us.

(See also page 8)

### From the Joint Secretaries

At the end of December Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Hughes of 26 Chatham Road will be leaving for their new home in Cornwall. Mr. Hughes, until the time of his departure one of our Deacons and a member of the Choir, and Mrs. Hughes have been faithful members of the Church since January 1951, and we shall miss them from our fellowship. We hope they will find success in their new venture and happiness in their new home.

May we remind members that the new visitation scheme will come into operation from the beginning of January, details of which were given in November 1970 Chronicle. We hope that everyone who has not given notice to the contrary will give their whole hearted support to make this scheme a success.

At the time of issue of this edition of the Chronicle we shall be at the gateway to a New Year and both of us extend to every member the wish that 1971 will be a happy and blessed year for them.

A.B.

E.B.

### From the Joint Secretaries' Desks.

Death: Miss D.H. Wright of Caledonia Nursing Home on 29th November.

Transfers: Mrs. W.A. Dunn to Sompting Congregational Church on 3rd December  
Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Richardson to Petersfield

Congregational Church on 3rd December  
Miss E.A. Powell and Mrs. J.E. Williamson to  
Lancing Methodist Church on 3rd December.

A.B.  
E.B.

Collections during November 1970

Loose Cash	£ 88. 5. 3
Envelopes (including £7.14.- for Missions)	<u>196. -. 9</u>
Total	<u>£284. 6. -</u>

Retiring collection for British & Foreign Bible  
Society 6th December 1970 amounted to £15.15. -

N.F.R.

Christian Aid

Mrs. Parker was beloved of us all and this was shown in the wonderful response to the suggestion that instead of flowers gifts of money might be given to Christian Aid. I received a total of £78.10.- in her memory and I know that this cause, which helps the hungry needy and distressed peoples throughout the world was very dear to her heart.

Many people have felt a call to give specially to East Pakistan and this cause has received £11.10.-.

Our regular giving in December was £29.13. -.  
I should like to thank everyone.

Marjorie Hayward.

Appreciation

At last we are off, and I should like to thank everyone for the kindness and the thoughtfulness that we have received during our stay here. I have been amazed by your care for us - it has helped us tremendously.

It surprises me how many people seem to come to our new village, or at any rate pass through it, it being en route from here to the Dartford tunnel. Our new address is - Sunny Bank, Shoreham Road,

Otford, Kent (Tel. Otford 3195). The house is on the A223,  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile past the Oast Restaurant, going towards London, and on the left hand side.

We should be delighted to see anyone at any time, though! as the house is dilapidated I've no doubt that for ages to come you will find us knee deep in brick dust or brandishing a paint brush. Nevertheless do call if you're near.

Rosemary Hull (nee Hayward)

### Junior Church

On Saturday January 2nd at 10.15 a.m. the young people of the Bible Class are holding a Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid. This is their first venture and I do hope church members will support it. There will be a bring-and-buy stall.

E. Dearsley.

### Youth Fellowship

At 9 p.m. on 27th November six young people from the Fellowship took part in a sponsored table-tennis marathon that continued until 9 a.m. on Sunday morning. The proceeds of this 36 hour marathon will be distributed as follows: two-thirds to Pakistan Relief Fund and one-third to the Western District (Sussex) Congregational Youth Forum.

At the time of writing this money has not been collected but it is hoped to raise about £40. Everyone who took part did very well and only a few fell asleep. The participants were: C. Byerley, J. Almond K. Razzell, P. Richardson, A. Sole and A. MacKenzie. We would like to thank the Church for the use of the halls.

The Western District Youth Forum New Year Rally will be held here on the afternoon of Sunday 31st January 1971, and will be based on the theme "Doubts and Certainties". The following Evening Service will be arranged and conducted by young people from this Church and will be based on "Belief".

Missionary Funds

Balance from 1969		£ 44.19.1
Takings 1 Jan-30 Nov.1970:		
Envelopes	£439.18. 2	
Other donations incl.		
Free Will offerings	147.16. -	
Refunds of Income Tax	38. 3. 5	
Boxes	2.17. 6	
Junior Church	21.13. 4	
Missionary Tea 31.10.70	12.14. 2	
Contribution from Church		
general funds	120. - . -	
	<u>£783. 2. 7</u>	
Less Stationery, etc.	<u>- . 7. 6</u>	<u>782.15.1</u>
		<u>£827.14.2</u>
Amount remitted direct by donors to		
C.C.W.M. H/Q & Sussex C. U.		<u>72. 9.7</u>
		<u><u>£900. 3.9</u></u>

Leprosy Mission

Many thanks to all who posted sixpennies in  
 phials. Total for half year £30. 9. -. Very good.  
 A H appy Year to you all.

G.H.D.

Flower Rota for January

3rd	Mr. and Mrs. F.L. de Pury
10th	Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Boyce
17th	Mr. C.S. Wood
24th	Mr. E.C. Bond
31st	Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Jones

K.W.



## Men's Fellowship

The Fellowship restarts on Tuesday 19th January with a talk on the fur trade by Mr.H. Bickerstaff. On 2nd February we are to visit Worthing Law Courts. We shall leave the Church by 2.20 to arrive 2.30 p.m. This visit was recommended by Ferring Men's Society,

On 16th February Miss Joan Warland will tell us about cruising down the Rhine and Moselle, with illustrations. Miss Warland will be remembered for her talk on Australia a couple of years ago.

We are fortunate to have been able to arrange for Rev. J.Newton Holder to relate some of his experiences when he travelled "20,000 miles in a Greyhound Bus". Mr. Holder spent some time in the U.S.A. and we can be sure of a lively and unusual afternoon on March 2nd.

Following this we have Canon Northridge of the British & Foreign Bible Society, and then our Easter Meeting.

On April 27th our A.G.M. and election of officers. As this business does not take up all the afternoon we are to have a talk by Mr. Emery on the Far East; his subject this time is to be "A Journey to Pekin".

We hope our programme will appeal to all men not otherwise occupied on a Tuesday Afternoon. We have one rule only, "Be friendly".

H.S.

## Women's Guild Fellowship

We welcome all women to our Fellowship at 3 p.m. on alternate Tuesdays. Our first meeting of the year is on January 12th, when our speaker will be Mrs. Edwards, wife of the Minister of Broadwater Baptist Church, and on January 26th we shall be holding our New Year Social commencing at 2.30 p.m.

M.S.

## Women's Guild Working Party

The Working Party re-commences its meetings on Tuesday January 5th 1971 at 2.30 p.m. You will be most welcome to join us each fortnight on Tuesday for

an informal afternoon of fellowship. If needlework or knitting are not your strong points we enjoy the friendship and it keeps us together for any little service for the Church we may be asked to undertake.

D.J.

### Christ and Freedom

This is the topic of a study group sponsored jointly by the Congregational and Presbyterian Church. A house group is to be formed in our area which is to meet at 14 Robson Road on Tuesdays the 9th and 23rd February and the 9th and 23rd March at 7.45 p.m.

This is both a contemporary and scriptural study and is recommended to all Christians who are concerned with what is happening today in man's quest for freedom in this, Christ's, world.

Mr. or Mrs. Ellis will be pleased to give any further details to those who are interested.

H.E.Ellis

### The Family

In writing of the family the passing of Miss D.H. Wright should have been included. And since then both Mrs. Offen and Miss Harris, after a very brave fight, have passed on.

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### The Girls' Brigade

We are pleased to report that our evening "With Christmas in Mind" raised the sum of £18 for the Housing Association. Our thanks to all who came and supported us and to all those who helped behind the scenes.

We hold our New Year Parties on the 5th January.

The 12th January is our Parents' Evening when awards are made. We shall be pleased to see anyone who cares to join us that evening.

M. Dobson.

Minister's Sermon - Matt.18:6 But if a man is a cause of stumbling to one of these little ones who have faith in me, it would be better for him to have a millstone hung round his neck and be drowned

Some weeks ago I found two small boys smoking at the back of the Church premises. There's not much I can do about it, no good trying to frighten them with talk of lung cancer, no good doing anything if their parents don't care, except to forbid it on Church premises. We know most boys have a shot at it at one time or another, some are put off smoking for life, and some once started never stop. I thought about those two lads, nice little fellows, and wondered if either of them would end up dying of lung cancer - I hate to watch people dying like that, it haunts me. Why should small boys want to smoke anyway? We know the answer - it's big, grown up, daring. I wonder who these boys were unconsciously copying, a father? a teacher? or might it have been a Church member? What would that person feel if at the end he had to watch cancer suffering? How would you feel if you gave someone his first cigarette and at the end watched him die? Am I my brother's keeper?

There are other types of addiction. Gambling is one. This is very difficult when a large part of the Church boasts about what it makes on football pools. If you talk to some people about this subject, they immediately ask "What do you do at your Church Bazaar?" I would define gambling as a game played with the sole purpose of making money, people do the opposite at a Church Bazaar. But what harm is there in an occasional flutter, or in a small weekly sum on football pools? Who is hurt by that? Some people spend far more on other forms of entertainment and no one worries. In the office where I once worked we always had a sweep on the Derby and Oaks, and everyone bet a few shillings on these two races; it was just a bit of fun and did nobody any harm. But there was a fellow in that office who was sacked - he was so obsessed with gambling that he was useless - the following Christmas we took a collection for his children. Did he start on the Derby in that office? Yes, of course he was a poor weak fool who should have controlled himself. Would Christ have called

him that? Or would He have called him "my brother"?

I was shocked to read recently that more people come to disaster through alcohol than through drugs. I think I should make my own position clear as some people misunderstand it. I am an absolute teetotaller, but of necessity not conviction, though I hope I would be the same if I had freedom of choice. There doesn't seem to me to be any reason why people should not sometimes have a drink, my own parents did and nobody suffered as a result. But what would a father feel if he set such an example and his son ended as an alcoholic. The only person 100 proof against alcoholism is the teetotaller. A person can go for years of their life only having an occasional drink and even in later life because of some particular strain become a drunkard or alcoholic, and it is tragic at any time of life. The question is not whether we can control ourselves but what influence our actions have on others. What if I have a drink at a wedding or dinner and some younger person follows my example, or doesn't like to be the only one who says "No thank you", and the end is disaster. Might it have been better for me if a millstone had been tied round my neck - those were the words of Jesus.

Of course it can be argued that there is no harm in moderation, but I believe all Christians should absolutely eschew anything that can lead to addiction in the lives of others. But why should we sacrifice harmless little pleasures because others are weak or foolish? What did Jesus think it worth while to sacrifice for you?

I wonder what would happen if I could write a letter to the Congregational Monthly saying that all the members of this Church- for the sake of their brethren, had pledged themselves to have nothing to do with any of the things which by addiction can bring disaster and death into other lives. What effect would it have on the Churches? How quickly would it get into the national press? I wonder how many lives might be saved in the end.

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Amberley Congregational Church.

We would like to thank all who helped in any way with our sale in November. Proceeds amounted to £35, and a donation from this was sent to the Pakistan Relief Fund.

On 2nd December the members of the Sisterhood gave a party for 'old folks'. Thanks to Mrs. Hayward and Miss Sharp, who helped entertain, the visitors had a lively afternoon.

We are sorry to announce that the visit from Goring Choir (mentioned in last month's magazine) has had to be cancelled.

Ladies please note - the Sisterhood will re-open on Thursday 14th January.

Preachers for January.

11 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

3rd Mr. Donnelly  
 10th to be arranged  
 17th " " "  
 24th Rev. W. Hayward  
 (United Service in  
 Congregational  
 Church)  
 31st Mr. B. Dyer

Rev. H. Casebow (H.C.)  
 Mr. Deffee  
 Mr. A. Hickford  
 United Service in St.  
 Michael's Church  
 Mr. Wm. Cory

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Church Calendar for January 1971

- Sat. 2 Junior Church Bible Class Coffee Morning  
10.15 for Christian Aid
- SUN. 3 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy  
Communion after Morning Service.
- Tues. 5 Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.  
Bible Study 14 Robson Road 7.30 p.m.
- Thurs. 7 Junior Church Teachers' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 10 Divine Worship 11 a.m. Revd. G. Robt.  
Lewis of Lancing Methodist Church, and  
6.30 p.m. the Minister.
- Mon. 11 Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. - Mr.  
Hayward.
- Tues. 12 Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Mrs.  
Edwards of Broadwater Baptist Church.
- Thurs. 14 DAY OF PRAYER 10.30 a.m. only.  
Missionary Committee 6.30 p.m.
- Sat. 16 Junior Church Parties
- SUN. 17 Divine Worship 11 a.m. the Minister  
6.30 p.m. Rev. Kenneth Tuffell - Week  
of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- Tues. 19 Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.  
Men's Fellowship 2.30 p.m. "The Fur Trade".  
Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 14 Robson Road.
- Sat. 23 Boys' Brigade Coffee Morning 10.30-11.45.
- SUN. 24 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy  
Communion after Evening Service.
- Mon. 25 Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. Cookery  
Demonstration - Miss Butler
- Tues. 26 Women's Guild Fellowship 2.30 p.m. New  
Year Social.
- Thurs. 28 Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 31 District Youth Rally at Goring - Divine  
Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. (Youth  
Service, 6.30).

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

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My dear Friends,

As I write this letter Mrs. Hayward and I are looking forward to going this evening to St. Mary's for the Induction of Rev. P. Bennett as Vicar. We pray that this new chapter in the story of St. Mary's will be most richly blessed.

On Sunday 21st February I am having my annual exchange with Rev. Roy Currie. Mrs. Hayward and I look forward to being with former friends again, and no doubt you will be pleased to welcome back Mr. Currie.

On Thursday 25th we shall commence our usual series of Lenten Services with St. Lawrence's at 6 o'clock each Thursday; the first service will be at St. Lawrence, then alternating with our own Church. Our subject this year will be Parables of the Kingdom and more details will be available later. We hope these Services will be well supported.

What a lovely thought that by the time February is over our mornings will be getting lighter and we shall be looking forward to the spring.

With kindest thoughts and best wishes to all,

Sincerely yours,

Wallis Hayward.

The Family

In the past few weeks Miss Fitzpatrick and Mr. Copeland have passed on to the Church Eternal, and Mrs. Hite has lost her father. We remember those

who mourn.

Mrs. Pepperdine has made splendid progress and will be home by the time this is in your hands.

Mr. Rushby had a fright when his wife was rushed off to hospital and we are glad she is making progress.

Mr. Dobson has had a little set-back and we hope he will soon pick up.

Mr. Roberts is home again and is making slow progress which we hope will be maintained.

Mrs. Webb has been very poorly and is now awaiting an x-ray.

We remember all members of the family who are prevented from worshipping with us.

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### Christian Aid

The giving for Christian Aid in January has included a special gift for East Pakistan from the Bible Class. Just before Christmas all the members of this class brought, as their Christmas giving, gifts suitable for sale at a Coffee morning. On the first Saturday in the New Year they prepared refreshments and a sales table and about 40 people were entertained. The result was the large sum of £10.14/- to which the Department added £3, making a total of £13.14. -. Not only are we very glad to receive this gift of money, but we are really thrilled to think that these young people are not only realizing that very many people in this world are suffering from hunger, homelessness and often hopelessness, but they are trying to do something about it. I have also received £11 from Miss Harris given to her in memory of her sister, who so courageously and cheerfully bore her long and distressing illness.

Our total altogether for January was £49. 3.-, for which I thank you all very much indeed.

Marjorie Hayward.

### Giving Thanks

Miss Harris writes, "I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the Fellowship for the kindness



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and prayers for my sister Gladys during her long illness and for me after her passing into Eternal Life".

Lilah Harris.

So many loving thoughts, gifts, flowers and prayers have surrounded me whilst I have been in hospital that I do not know how to say a big enough Thank You to you all. I know these helped in my good progress, so much so that now I am hoping to return home on 16th January. Friends, too, have been so very kind to Robert whilst he has been alone, so he joins with me in giving thanks.

Yours,

Greta and Robert Pepperdine.

### Missionary Funds - 1970

Balance 1 Jan.1970		£ 44.19. 1
Envelopes	£472. -. 2	
Other Donations	148.16. -	
Tax Refunds	38. 3. 5	
Collecting Boxes	5. 1.10	
Junior Church	21.13. 4	
Missionary Tea	12. 6. 8	
Direct to C.C.W.M.	71. 8. 7	
" Sussex C.U.	1. 1. -	890.11. -
		<u>£935.10. 1</u>
Remitted to Sussex C.U.	£827.14. 2	
direct to C.C.W.M.	71. 8. 7	
" Sussex C.U.	1. 1. -	<u>£900. 3. 9</u>
Quota £900 - Balance 31 Dec.1970	£35. 6. 4	

### Missionary Committee

A Coffee morning will be held on March 13th from 10.30 to 11.30 in aid of C.C.W.N. Please do your best to support us.

Christ and Freedom.

John Milton wrote "None can love freedom heartily but good men; the rest love not Freedom but license".

Do you help the unfortunate ones to bear injustice or do you attack the cause of that injustice?

What are the Facts?

Why should we care?

How can we help?

You are invited to join us in studying these questions on Tuesday 9th February at 7.45 p.m. at 14 Robson Road, the first of four meetings.

H .E.

Flower Rota for February

7th Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Hite  
 14th Mrs. A. Nie  
 21st Dr. and Mrs. S.P. Rea  
 28th Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Mercer.

Women's Guild Fellowship

On February 9th we shall welcome Mrs. F. Colsteren, one of our Church members, whose subject will be the "Latest Service of the Red Cross", and on February 23rd we are having "An Afternoon of Music" arranged by our Church Secretary, Mr. A. Birch, whose visit we enjoyed so much last year.

We invite any women who can to join us at our meetings on alternate Tuesdays.

M.S.

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Freewill Offering Envelopes

Will contributors, after Sunday 7th February next, kindly not use the present pennies and bronze threepenny pieces. Thank you.

N. Gregory  
F.W.O. Envelopes Treasurer.

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I thank Thee, God, that I have lived  
 In this great world and known its many joys;  
 The song of birds, the strong, sweet scent, <sup>of</sup>  
 And cooling breezes in the secret dusk, <sup>hay,</sup>  
 The flaming sunsets at the close of day  
 Hills, and the lonely, heathered-covered moors,  
 Music at night and moonlight on the sea,  
 The beat of waves upon the rocky shore  
 And wild, white spray, flung high in ecstasy:  
 The faithful eyes of dogs, and treasured books,  
 The love of kin and fellowship of friends,  
 And all that makes life dear and beautiful.  
 I thank Thee, too, that there has come to me  
 A little sorrow and, sometimes, defeat,  
 A little heartache and the loneliness  
 That comes with parting, and the word "Goodbye",  
 Dawn breaking after dreary hours of pain,  
 When I discovered that night's gloom must yield  
 And morning light break through to me again.  
 Because of these and other blessings poured  
 Unasked upon my wondering head,  
 Because I know that there is yet to come  
 An even richer and more glorious life,  
 And most of all, because Thine only Son  
 Once sacrificed life's loveliness for me -  
 I thank Thee, God, that I have lived.

Elizabeth Craven

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From the Joint Secretaries' Desks.

Deaths: Mrs. C. Offen on 14th December  
 Miss G. Harris on 15th December  
 Miss H.A. Fitzpatrick on 26th December  
 Mr. C.H. Copeland on 9th January.

Handbook Additions & Amendments

Add: Reed, Mr. & Mrs. B., 50 Boxgrove, Goring Green

Change of Address: Warland, ~~Mrs. K.G.~~ and Miss J.H.  
 to 63 Strathmore Road W.41514

Telephone: Ross, Mrs. F. Crawford, W.501531.

From the Joint Secretaries:

During the past month the passing of two former members of the Church was reported; Mr. G. Askew on 12th December and Mr. E.E. Deslandes on 13th December. Both were founder members and devoted workers in our Church during the period 1947-53.

Mr. Deslandes became a deacon when the Church was constituted and was responsible for starting the Bible Reading Fellowship. He also compiled the first Handbook. Mr. Askew came to the Church in 1949 and was Church Secretary from 1952-53 during the ministry of the Rev. H.M. Springbett, M.A. He, like Mr. Deslandes, did much to help us as a young and growing Church and we give thanks for their time of service in this Church.

Recently Mr. Martyn Redman qualified as an Associate Member of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants. We send him heartiest congratulations and best wishes for every success in his chosen profession.

A.B.

E.B.

Minister's Sermon - 2 Timothy 1:12 I know who it is  
in whom I have trusted.

We cannot be absolutely certain who wrote this letter or to whom it was addressed; it certainly contains the sort of advice one might give to a young Christian fairly near the beginning of the way, but the probability is that when the letter was written Timothy was not regarded so much as a young man but as an honoured leader of the Church.

One of the things which cannot escape any reader of the New Testament is the atmosphere of confidence and assurance in which it is written. So, our text, "I know who it is in whom I have trusted" - "I know". Many people can and do say, "I believe in God", but can anybody go further than that to say "I know"? There are of course many things in life of which we can say "I know", but can anybody do this in the spiritual realm? Some people think they are clever when they say, "You cannot prove the existence of God", but that is nonsense, you cannot in fact prove the existence of love at all - "prove" is the wrong word. You can assuredly know something in your own heart; what people really mean when they talk about proving God is that you cannot make anybody else know what you know in your own heart, you can only lead them on in the way by which they can make that discovery for themselves.

If others can say "I know in whom I have trusted" how can I come to such a knowledge? Broadly speaking there are two paths by which this knowledge may be attained. Some arrive at a knowledge of God through inward strife. This is best illustrated by the experience of Paul; he hated Christianity because he regarded it as a blasphemy, yet the more he learned of Jesus and the more he saw of the courage and steadfastness of Christians the more he was drawn to the Christian faith. This conflict began to be resolved on the Damascus Road - we may say "began" because we may be sure that through his life there were times when Paul had to wrestle with doubt. Don't let anyone be afraid or disturbed if they find their adherence to the Christian faith is sometimes disturbed by doubt - it is often true that faith is

strengthened by conflict with doubt.

Some people may find this idea of conflict strange, they have not experienced it. Such people, in a Christian atmosphere, have grown into the Christian faith as imperceptibly as they grew into manhood or womanhood; they have reached a conviction of the truth without any serious conflict with doubt. We said that fighting with doubt strengthens faith, can one have a full faith without that conflict. Indeed they can. Look at it in this way - a great oak tree is strengthened by having to stand against the wind, but equally it is strengthened by sending its roots down deep into the earth for sustenance. A faith may equally well be strengthened by a tireless quest for truth as by wrestling with doubt.

Last of all we must notice this, for this is fundamental to faith, the author does not declare "I know the truth of God" but "I know who it is in whom I have trusted" - his knowledge is not simply of what God has done, but is also due to the fact that he has endeavoured to live by the faith that was in his heart and it has been by putting that faith to the test and finding it true in his experience that he has come to the point at which he can say, "I know who it is in whom I have trusted" - "I know".

### Money Matters

Collections during the month of December 1970 -

Loose Cash	£ 69. 1. 6
Envelopes (including £3.18. - for Missions)	<u>158.11. 6</u>
	<u>£227.13. -</u>

Christmas Day Collection for Fen Place amounted  
to £11.15. 6.

N.F.R.

What kind of God?

What should be the Christian attitude to gambling? Does the end justify the means? Should money obtained by what many Christians would regard as dubious means be used for the work of the Church? Questions again raised by the wide publicity given to the winning of over £100,000 on Football Pools by a Roman Catholic priest, who stated that the greater part of the money would be devoted to his Church and to various worthy causes. He apparently sees nothing inconsistent with his religious beliefs in praying for a win every time he fills in his coupons, presumably in the hope that the Almighty might arrange results to coincide with his own estimates! What kind of God does he worship? Is this the God our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ came to reveal, or has the New Testament got it all wrong?

What is common to all gambling, whether it be on football pools, horse racing, sweepstakes, lotteries or premium bonds, is greed. It is the hope that for a small sum staked a large sum may be won and, let it be stressed, it is other people's money which is coveted. Undoubtedly "coveted" is not too strong a word, for the winner of the large prize receives from the many money for which he has neither done nor given anything in return.

The 10th Commandment states (Exodus 20:17) "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house ..... nor anything which is thy neighbour's". It is his neighbour's money that the priest has received. Should the 10th commandment not be deleted from the Decalogue in order to satisfy the conscience of the priestly pools punter?

It is alleged by some professing Christians that there is no harm in venturing a few shillings weekly on the Football Pools. Can this view be maintained other than on the assumption that covetousness, provided the stakes are small, is acceptable to God? (Incidentally, the priest staked not a few shillings but £10.10/-!) In this age of declining moral standards holding this view might well be followed by the claim that to steal a few shillings, or to indulge in adultery on a small scale is no longer sinful. If however certain

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forms of behaviour are reprehensible or immoral, and surely gambling, theft and adultery come under this heading, then such behaviour cannot be condoned on the grounds that it is indulged in in so-called moderation.

The priest is reported as saying that he did not think his pools activities would call forth censure from his bishop. One can but feel in these days of movements towards Church Union -- even towards the one great Church with the Pope as its head to which the Archbishop of Canterbury has stated he looks forward --- how wide is the divergence of views in the Churches, not only on matters of doctrine and Church order, but even on such admitted evils as gambling.

Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly; the way of the gambler is the very negation of everything for which Jesus stood, as it leads to a life, not abundant, but cramped, stunted and dominated by selfishness. Should not we as Congregationalists make our position on such matters perfectly clear, so that all may know that we hold steadfastly to the traditional Non-conformist attitude, which involves having nothing whatsoever to do with gambling in any form? In these permissive days is there not the need for us to be prepared to take this course however unpopular it may be with large numbers of our fellow citizens?

A.E. PEARN

### Monday Evening Fellowship

On 8th February the subject is "Samaritans", and on the 22nd February an evening of Slides by members for Holidays ideas.

W.R.



Amberley Congregational Church

For the last two years instead of the Christmas Toy Service our Sunday School children have saved their pennies and made up bags of sweets to give to the elderly folk in the village. Judging by letters received these were much appreciated by the recipients. It is nice to think our youngsters have this thought for others.

They themselves had a hilarious time at their party in January. After games of all kinds and a scrumptious tea they were each given a present from the Christmas tree. All Amberley must have heard the three cheers they gave for their leader, Mrs. Ruff!

Here is an item we think will interest many of our friends. On 16th February at 7.30 p.m. in the school-room Mr. Deffee will be showing a film of the Passion Play at Oberammergau - this should be really worth seeing. There will be no charge, but a collection will be taken to help defray expenses.

The Sisterhood opened with a talk by Rev. W. Hayward about happiness, that elusive state some folk think they can attain by possessing more and more of this world's goods. "Contentment was the greatest factor of all", he said. Ladies, if you are free on Thursday afternoons why don't you come along - the time 2.30 p.m.

Preachers for February

11 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

7th Mr. Roberts  
14th Mr. Appleton  
21st Mr. E. Lovett  
28th Mr. T. Baker

Mr. E. Cole  
Mr. B. Ball (H.C.)  
Mr. R.D. Cox  
Mr. C. Pardoe.

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Church Calendar for February

- Tues.2 Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.  
Men's Fellowship Visit to Law Courts, leave  
Church 2.20 p.m.  
Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 14 Robson Road
- Thurs. 4 Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 7 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy  
\* Communion after Morning Service.
- Mon. 8 Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. The  
Samaritans.
- Tues. 9 Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. "Latest  
Service of Red Cross" Mrs. Colsteren.  
"Christ & Freedom" Study Group 7.30 p.m.  
14 Robson Road
- Thurs.11 DAY OF PRAYER 10.30 a.m. only with Holy  
Communion.
- SUN. 14 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Church  
Parade at Morning Service.
- Tues. 16 Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.  
Men's Fellowship 2.30 p.m. "The Rhine &  
Moselle" (Illus.) Miss Joan Warland.  
Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 14 Robson Road
- SUN. 21 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy  
Communion after Evening Service - Revd.  
Roy Currie.
- Mon. 22 Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. Members'  
Slides for holiday ideas.
- Tues. 23 Women's Guild Fellowship "An Afternoon of  
Music" - Mr. A. Birch.  
"Christ & Freedom" Study Group 7.30 p.m.  
14 Robson Road.
- Thurs.25 Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.  
Lenten Service 6 p.m. St.Laurence's Church.
- SUN. 28 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- \* Sun.7th Youth Service, Assembly H all, 3 p.m.

Material for March Chronicle should be in  
by 14th February.

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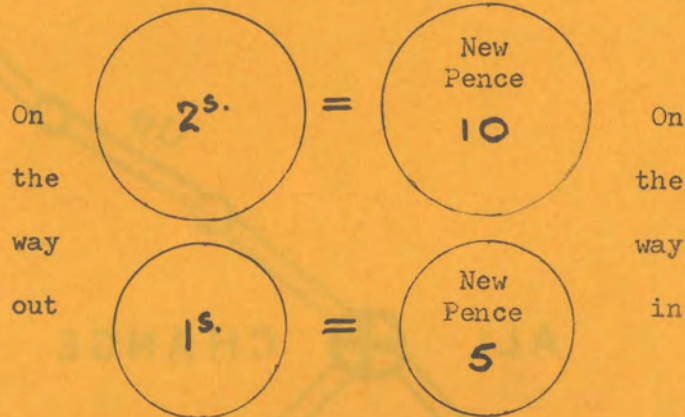
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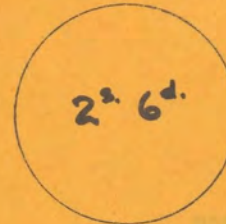
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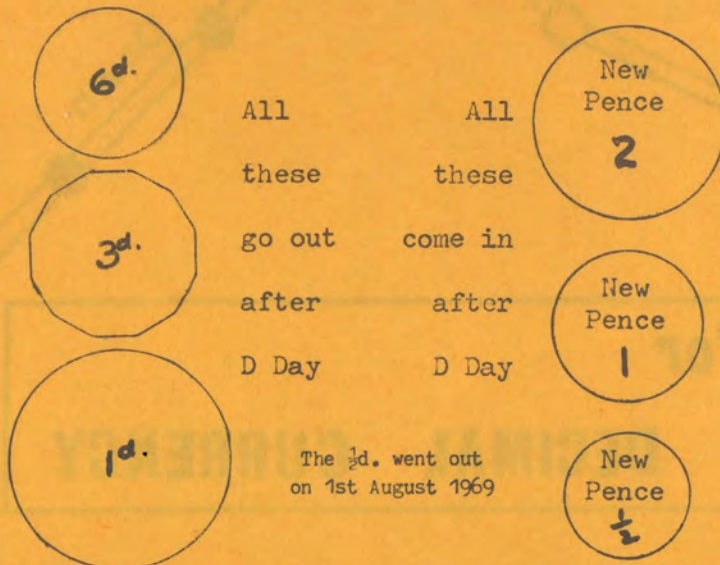
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10 New Pence + 5 New Pence = 3s.

Not down with one

10 New Pence = 2s.

The others.....



We suggest for giving.....

3 New Pence = 7.2d. in place of 6d.

2 New Pence = 4.8d. in place of 3d.

A New Penny = 2.4d.

A little New  $\frac{1}{2}$  Penny = 1.2d.

Giving in this currency should be UP

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My dear Friends,

How time flies! It seems only a week or two ago that we celebrated Christmas yet already we are in Lent. I rejoice that once again we have our united services with St. Lawrence's at 6 o'clock each Thursday evening, alternating between the two Churches, and this year our subject is "The Parables of the Kingdom". Full details of all these services are to be found on the leaflets in the vestibule.

Thursday, 18th March, will be our Annual Meeting of the Church & Congregation when all friends are invited to hear the reports of the Church officers on the past year's life and work. A cup of tea will be available from 7 p.m. and the Meeting commences at 7.30; we hope that many friends will join us that evening.

On Sundays in Lent I shall preach in the mornings on "Thoughts from John 14" and in the evenings on references by Jesus to "The Son of Man" as recorded in the Gospel according to St. Luke.

Warmest greetings to all,

Yours sincerely,

Wallis Hayward.

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The Family illness

After a short/ Miss Andrew has passed into Eternal Life. Our prayers and thoughts are with her mother.

Our thoughts and prayers have also been with Mr. A.B. Mercer in the passing of his mother, and Mrs. Marjorie West on the passing of her father.

Mr. H.A. Dobson is now in Southlands Hospital.

Miss Lock is making slow progress.

We are glad that Mrs. Pepperdine has got on so well, and also that Mrs. Webb is so much better.

Mrs. Hare is poorly with high blood pressure and we hope will soon be on the mend.

Mrs. Brown fell and broke her leg but is getting on well.

Miss Alexander has had several falls.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Edmonds on the gift of a great grandson.

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I would like to thank all kind friends for their thoughts and prayers at the time of my husband's death. One could not wish him to go on as he was and I'm truly thankful that he is at rest and free from all the cares of this world. I hope to answer all letters when the postal situation allows.

Edith Copeland.

From the Joint Secretaries' Desks.

Death: Miss G. Andrew of 146 George V Avenue on 14th February.

From the Joint Secretaries

This year the Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday, 18th March, at 7 for 7.30 p.m. A short time of fellowship, when light refreshments will be served, will precede the meeting. Reports on the life and work of the Church will be given by the Minister, Treasurer, Junior Church Secretary and the Joint Secretaries. We hope members of the Church and

congregation will attend if at all possible.

The Annual Church Meeting and election of Officers, Deacons and Church representatives will take place on Thursday, 1st April, at 7.30 p.m.

### Day of Prayer

Those who regularly attend the morning service will miss the presence of Gwen Andrew. Since its inception Gwen has faithfully come along, even in very bad weather, and lovingly prepared the table and the elements for Holy Communion. It was a service she enjoyed to perform.

D.W.

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### The Boys' Brigade

The officers and boys of the Company would like to thank all those who, on a wretched morning, came to support our Coffee Morning, and those friends who who being unable to come sent us a donation. The result was that we have been able to send our £9 to help the work in Guyana and set aside £5 towards the £40 we need to replace our uniform caps.

Will all friends please note Friday, 14th May, in their diary. On that evening we shall be giving a B.B. Display in the Boys' High School Hall. Our Guest of Honour and Inspecting Officer will be His Worship the Mayor, and the Mayoress has kindly consented to present the prizes and awards.

W.H.

### Missionary Committee

A Coffee Morning will be held on March 13th from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in aid of C.C.W.M. Please do your best to support us.

### Women's Guild Fellowship

We hope all women who can will join us and share in our fellowship and varied programme. On 9th March Miss D. Hutchinson will speak on the British & Foreign Bible Society, and on 23rd the Drama section of Goring Marine T.W.Guild will entertain us. M.S.

### Youth Council

On Sunday 31st January the young people of the Church were hosts to the West Sussex Congregational Youth Forum and were responsible for arranging the afternoon discussion and evening Service. Some 45 young people from Chichester, Sompting and Goring attended, the theme of the conference being "Doubts and certainties".

The afternoon session was led by the Rev. Alan Green from Pound Hill, Crawley, who suggested guide lines to open up discussion on two topics, whether a precise definition of a Christian was necessary and helpful and, if so, in what terms such a definition should be couched. There were differing view points with the majority feeling that such is the personal nature of commitment to Christianity that an absolute definition is not possible and although an absence of dogma can be perplexing, it was felt preferable to encourage the view that the individual must seek and find Christ on his own terms and in his own way.

The evening Service was a strong affirmation of certainty and faith in the Gospel of Christ as three young people, Prentice Templeton, Irene Tuley and Brian Dyer testified to their witness to their Master. The congregation could not help but be impressed by the sincerity and conviction of the speakers and the occasion was one of spiritual depth and experience for everyone who was there.

The organizing Committee of Chris Byerley, Prentice Templeton, Keith Razzell and John Almond are to be congratulated for the thoughtful preparation which led to the success of the day which may well have been a significant occasion for many of the young people present.

B.W.J.

### Bible Class

At the end of the February Church Meeting an invitation was given for you to view some of the work of the Bible Class during January. There were some wonderful pictures and diagrams, illuminated



psalms and poems. We are rather proud of the work the children are doing.

E. Popplestone.

Subjects week by week for discussion in January were 1. God is holy; 2 what is God like? 3. The God we reveal. Then followed expression work on the above. In one session the work showed great promise and the following week work was finished and each young person was asked to explain his or her own work. At this session we were delighted to have Mrs. Hayward with us.

Janet Luckin chose the following poem and illustrated it for her interpretation of the work:  
God knows no Strangers.

God knows no strangers He loves us all,  
The poor, the rich, the great, the small.  
He is a friend who is always there,  
To share our troubles and lessen our care.  
No one is a stranger in God's sight  
For God is love, and in His light  
May we too try in our small way  
To make new friends from day to day.  
So pass no stranger with an unseeing eye  
For God may be sending a new friend by.

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May I take this opportunity of thanking those who so kindly pass on Christmas cards, pictures and card-board to me. Please continue to do so.

E. Dearsley.

### Monday Evening Fellowship

On 8th March Mr. Kenneth G. Dice will talk about the N.S.P.C.C.

On the 22nd March we shall have a debate among our own members.

Congregational Forum Holiday Conference at The Hayes Swanick, Derbyshire, 21st - 27th August 1971.  
Information available from Mr. A. Birch.

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So we have said "Farewell" to the beloved Church with the Cross. Today we talk of nothing save the glorious evening we had last night. We were quite overwhelmed, and still are, by the generosity of your good wishes to us and by the gifts with which you showered us.

It is nearly six years since we first came to look at the Church and were so warmly welcomed at the door by Mr. Munday. I think it was that welcome which persuaded me to apply for the then vacant position of organist and choirmaster. That initial welcome has been multiplied time and time again during the years I have been privileged to serve the Church, and my wife and I thank you for all the support and affection extended to us, for never have we been so consistently happy as we have been at Goring.

"My" choir, for so I have always thought of them, have given and given and given again all that I have asked, and more, and have given us joy and happiness quite beyond our deserts.

If ever a Church should have a motto, the one I would choose for you would be - "Goring Congregational Church - the Church who cares." For that is what I have found it - the Church where its members care for one another, not only in sickness or in sorrow, but in the joys and pleasures so willingly shared, as was shewn last night when Choir members brought pictures of their holidays so that all might see them and have a running commentary on them (and what a glorious selection of pictures they were).

Last night I was able to thank some of the officers of the Choir, so I will not do so again now, but I would like to record the generosity of various members of the Church who have presented sets of anthems to the Choir. Mr. Fred Dearsley gave us that lovely setting of "Surely the Lord is in this place"; Mr. Wraight came with one in modern style which we sang just before Christmas; Susie Stredwick presented us with a full set of Stainer's "Crucifixion" in memory of Syd, and Phyl Parker, whom we all loved so much, gave us many anthems and

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also a set of "The Saviour" by Lloyd Webber which we enjoyed last Palm Sunday.

With our Minister I have enjoyed a great friendship - if, as he has said, I have co-operated with him, so has he with me. Very rarely is it that he is not able to find time to visit us at Choir Practice - a great help to a Choirmaster. May I tell you of a memory I shall cherish?

When there has been a wedding, or a christening, or a new member being received into the Church, at the end we hear Mr. Hayward say, "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord let the light of His countenance shine upon you, and be gracious unto you", and it always makes me feel that the Lord has indeed been gracious unto us whilst we have been with you. I am grateful that I have known Wallis Hayward.

Before I close I would like to express my very sincere appreciation of my deputy, Elwyn Jones. I could not have wished for anyone else and I thank him for all he has done.

So it is Goodbye to the Church in Shaftesbury Avenue.

May it always be "the Church who cares".

John and Paddy Rathbone

19 January 1971. -----

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart wish to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Church for their prayerful support and many enquiries and good wishes, also visits, etc., during Mrs. Stewart's stay at Southlands Hospital, and subsequent convalescence at home.  
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Flower Rota for March.

7th Mr. E. Popplestone  
14th Miss Brickenden and Miss Ryde  
21st Miss Gilby and the Misses E.W. and F. Lock  
28th Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Beale

K.J.W.

Minister's Sermon      The Power of Peace

We usually think of peace as the absence of something, of disturbance or noise, of fear or anxiety, perhaps pain; when any of these is removed we say, "Now perhaps we'll get a bit of peace". Let us try to realise that peace is not just the absence of what is unpleasant, but that it has a positive power.

We have no difficulty in realising the power of the opposite of peace. We know noise can be harmful to people, that fear can be paralysing, or can cause a person to lose control, and become panic. Anxiety is a negative force, anxious people lose some of the capacity to think clearly; misery too can make a person unequal to coping with life - loneliness can bring a person right down.

At one time when Jerusalem was threatened by an enemy there was panic in the hearts of the people - Isaiah's answer was "Keep quiet, have no fear" and at another time of national emergency he said, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength". In both cases peace is the answer to fear and anxiety, it is peace through faith and prayer, and it is peace that brings with it the positive power of strength.

Let us illustrate the power of peace with two examples from the life of Jesus. When he visited Nazareth the people were at first moved by his preaching in the synagogue, but then they began to say, "Who does he think he is, we know he's only one of us, the carpenter's son". Easily swayed like trees in a forest breeze they soon hustled Jesus out of the town and intended to push him over a cliff. Jesus simply turned and passed through them. This wasn't Jesus using some divine power against which the people were helpless - this was the power of peace, Jesus was absolutely unafraid. Or again, remember Jesus and His disciples caught in a sudden storm on the sea of Galilee, panic spread, Jesus was awakened, he stood up in the boat absolutely fearless and commanded the wind and waves to be quiet - that would have been to give way to the fear and faithless ness of the disciples and how would

that have helped them and prepared them for the trials of discipleship? No, when Jesus stood up in that boat he so quietened the fears of the disciples and strengthened their faith that it seemed to them as if the storm had suddenly quietened, but the quietness was within them. The strength of peace.

Peace is one of the most positive powers men can employ, that Christians should possess and should be able to use to help their fellow men. Christians should be men and women who live with the power of peace in their hearts, which doesn't mean they won't meet fear and anxiety, pain or sorrow, but it does mean they will not give way to them, indeed it is a sin for Christians to be worried, fearful or fretful people; the sign of faithlessness. Peace through faith and prayer is the conquest of fear or anxiety. This gift of peace through faith and prayer is not something given to us just for our own benefit, but that we may use it to help others, others who are troubled and unhappy but who may, through our example and teaching, find the way of peace.

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The late Miss Gwen Andrew

I have known Gwen for 22 years and during that time became very friendly with her and her mother and was often at their home and they at mine.

During the years of the building of our Church Gwen worked very hard at all the functions that were organised to help the fund of £36,000 required. When I recall those years I just wonder how she found time to help whilst she had so much to do at home.

She continued working for the Guild Sewing Party until the end. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. A true and faithful servant of her Church!

From one of her friends,

Cicely Nodes.

Christian Aid

Some people in England have returned Christian Aid covenants and Christmas appeal literature under the mistaken impression that Christian Aid subscribes to the World Council of Churches' controversial grants to "combat racism".

They have been informed that we did not give a penny towards these grants and that the only people to suffer by their decision to withhold donations are the poor and hungry overseas.

Christian Aid was invited to make a direct contribution to the Programme to combat Racism, but after consideration the Board concluded it would be against its practice to contribute to a fund the precise use of which the W.C.C. had not yet determined.

I hope this will set aside any fears that contributors may have had,

Thank you for your gifts amounting to £24.16. -.

Marjorie Hayward

Collections for January

Loose Cash	£ 80.15. -
Envelopes (including £4.11.6 for Missions)	<u>236.18. 6</u>
Total	<u><u>£317.13. 6</u></u>

Missionary Funds

For last year a further sum of £42.11.1 has been sent to C.C.W.M. H/Q, making a total of £942.14.10 donated by the Church, the quota being £900.

For the current year -

Balance from 1970	£35. 6. 4
Donated during January:	
Envelopes	41. 8. 7
Other donations	- .15. 9
	<u>£77.10. 8</u>
Less retained as Bank Bal.	<u>5. -</u>
Remitted to Dist. Treasurer	<u><u>£77. 5. 8</u></u>

S.A.K.

Christ and Freedom

We live in a generation of protest. Students demonstrate, workers strike, professional people lobby M.P.s, housewives march.

Justice provides the dyke behind which men can enjoy freedom. The Christian needs to have clear opinions both on the need to work against injustice and on the means of working. Even within a just society freedom is not complete without compassion.

H.E.

A Holiday in Canada

Mr. R.H. Briggs invites you to the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 18th March. He will show colour slides of some of the beautiful and interesting places he has seen in Canada and the U.S.A. (Montreal, Niagara Falls, the Rocky Mountains, Vancouver, New York - and much more!)

There will be a collection for the Housing Association.

Lent

At the cross roads where we find ourselves today, where we must decide where and to whom we want to belong for time and eternity, He hangs like a beacon on His Cross - a sign, a stirring sign that the way to life is still open, that He has opened it, that the acceptable time is still here, that the hour of visitation is not yet over, that the Father is still waiting for us.

Helmut Thielicke.

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- Tues. 2 Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.  
Men's Fellowship 2.30 p.m. "20,000 miles  
in a Greyhound Bus" Rev. J. Newton Holder.
- Thurs. 4 Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 7 Divine worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy  
Communion after Morning Service.
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N.S.P.C.C. - Kenneth G. Dice.
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Bible Society - Miss Hutchinson (slides)  
Collection.  
"Christ & Freedom" Study Group 7.30 p.m.  
14 Robson Road.
- Thurs. 11 Day of Prayer 10.30 a.m. only, with Holy  
Communion.  
"A Holiday in Canada" (illus.) 7.30 p.m.  
Mr. R.H. Briggs, in aid of Housing Assn.
- Sat. 13 Coffee Morning 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in  
aid of C.C.W.M.
- SUN. 14 Divine Worship 11 a.m. The Minister, and  
6.30 p.m. Revd. W.N. Clarke (British  
Sailors Society)
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Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 14 Robson Road
- Thurs. 18 Annual Meeting of Church & Congregation  
7 p.m.
- SUN. 21 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy  
Communion after Evening Service.
- Mon. 22 Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. Debate  
between members.
- Tues. 23 Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Drama  
Section of Goring Marine T.W. Guild  
"Christ & Freedom" Study Group 7.30 p.m.  
14 Robson Road.
- Thurs. 25 Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 28 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- Tues. 30 Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.  
Men's Fellowship 2.30 p.m. Easter Meeting.

Material for April Chronicle to be in by 14th March.

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My dear Friends,

When you receive this Easter will be almost upon us. It is becoming customary to wish folk a "happy Easter", but I would prefer to wish you a "blessed" Easter since, although the words mean the same in the end, "blessed" is more ecclesiastical and may help to remind us that the live joy of Easter-tide is not in the fact of a holiday but in the remembrance and celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, but as the cross would be incomplete without the resurrection, so the full meaning of the resurrection is only seen if we remember the cross. We shall find the blessedness if we take full advantage of the opportunities for worship which are prepared for us. On Maundy Thursday at 7.30 p.m. a United Communion at which Revd. Logan Armour will preach, and Good Friday morning a Service at 11 a.m. at which Revd. John Farrar will preside and preach.

At Amberley we shall have Communion on Good Friday at 9 a.m. and a Service of Readings and Music in the evening at 6.30. We shall be very pleased for friends from Goring to join us at both these Services. If I can help anyone with transport I shall be glad to hear.

On Easter Day we shall not have Church Parade but both morning and evening Services will be followed by Communion.

May I draw your attention to the Annual Meeting of the British & Foreign Bible Society at Shelley Road on April 20th at 7.30 p.m. At this meeting the finals of the Bible Quiz will be held.

I understand that several people have, not

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unnaturally, expressed concern that the Housing Association is now making no progress whatsoever. The delay has partly been due to the postal strike, but largely to ridiculous red tape which our M.P. Mr. Higgins has been trying to help us to cut. I feel sure that by the time you read this we shall have got to an end of negotiations, whichever way the die is cast the officers of the Association have plans for speeding up the processes as much as possible. I would like to emphasize that absolutely no blame attaches to the officers of the Association for any delay - in truth they deserve our sympathy for the frustrations they have suffered. I feel confident we shall be ready to receive our first residents by the autumn.

Again, a "blessed" Easter,

Sincerely yours,

Wallis Hayward.

### The Family

Soon after our last issue we heard of the passing of Mr. H.A. Dobson, and this week Mr. E.P. Evans has also passed on. For both these gentlemen what has been called death must have been re-awakening in the fuller presence of the Lord they have worshipped and served. We sustain those who mourn in our prayers.

Mr. Mabey is making slow progress following an operation.

Miss Lowman has also undergone an operation and we hope will soon feel much better.

Miss Lock has made a slight improvement.

Mr. Croydon has had a heart attack and we hope he will soon make progress.

Mrs. Hare is poorly again and is in her son's home

Mr. Roberts was very unwell after a fall but is a little better.

Mrs. Turton has also had a setback and we hope will be better.

Mrs. Brown hopes to convalesce at her daughter's.

Mr. and Mrs. Pooley have both been very unwell; we

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hope they will soon pick up strength.

We remember in our prayers all who are prevented enjoying the full fellowship and worship of the Church

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The family of the late Mr. H.A. Dobson would like to thank the many friends for the support of their thoughts and prayers during these last anxious weeks; also the many phone calls, letters and gifts of flowers were very much appreciated by us all.

M.D.

A warm "Thank you"

People who, like myself, have experienced, or are experiencing, a long vigil with no star of recovery to illumine the way, are deeply grateful for the letters, sympathetic concern and prayers of friends and well wishers.

I appreciate this opportunity to express the gratitude of my son and myself for these benefits. They both comfort and sustain.

Sincerely, I thank you all,

Bronwen Evans.

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Christian Aid

Our total for March, £11.9P, looks a low figure in comparison with the three preceding months, but this is accounted for by several annual gifts in December and January, also gifts in memory of friends who have passed on. Unfortunately the need for your gifts goes on and sometimes seems to be greater than ever. We, who try to work for this cause, do thank you for your continued interest and generous help.

Marjorie Hayward.

Flower Rota for April

4th	Miss L. Harris
11th	Miss I. Wingrove
18th	The Misses D. and J. Ragan
25th	Mrs. P. West and Mrs. F.E. Gilbert

K.J.W.

Missionary Funds

Balance from 1970	£35.31
Envelopes	82.53
Collecting Box	1.35
Other donations	79
	<u>£119.98</u>
Remitted to District Treas.	<u>112.03</u>
Bank Balance	<u>£ 7.95</u>

S.A.K.

From the Joint Secretaries' Desks

Deaths: Mr. H.A. Dobson on 25th February  
Mr. E.P. Evans on 10th March.

Christening: Adam Paul Skirton on 28th February.

Change of Address: Mr. & Mrs. J. Rathbone to  
24 Maynard Park, Bere Alston, Devon

Addition to Handbook: Mrs. Kemp, The Bungalow,  
Southdown Park Farm, Findon Road,  
Worthing.

From the Joint Secretaries

We shall be holding our Annual Church Meeting on Thursday, 1st April, at 7.30 p.m., at which election of officers, deacons, delegates and representatives will take place. Three members have been nominated for election as deacons; they are, Miss E.W. Fisher, Mr. S.D. Jaques and Mr. C.S. Stephens. Although there are five vacancies and only three candidates, an election is necessary as "To be elected the member nominated as Deacon shall receive the votes of over 50% of the Church members who have voted".

Members who are ill or have good reason for absence from the Church Meeting may obtain voting papers from Mr. A. Birch or Mr. E.C. Bond, to whom they should be returned by 7.30 p.m. on the day of the meeting,

The Church Handbook is in course of being revised prior to printing the 1971 edition. We shall appreciate notice of any changes or additions needed

for handbook entries. Where changes have already appeared in the Chronicle no further notification is required.

A.B.

E.B.

Goring (Sussex) Congregational Housing Assocn. Ltd.

Following letters from the Worthing Borough Council in June and July last year, in which it appeared they had agreed to help finance both the purchase and conversion of 18/20 Shaftesbury Ave. into flatlets for the elderly, we went ahead with buying these houses thinking our money worries had ended. The Bank came to our aid with a "bridging loan" to enable us complete purchase, and up to date we have received wonderful help from members and friends of the Church to the extent of £11,000, allowing us to reduce the loan to some £5,500.

Although all requirements of Borough and County Councils, Fire Precaution Officers and all the other Authorities have been met and the plans fully approved and passed in every respect by the Council, we have now been refused financial aid by the Department of Environment (formerly Ministry of Housing) because we have not provided enough toilets and the seven we have provided are not in the right places - they insist they must be inside the flatlets and not like your house and mine across the landing!

At a meeting in the London offices of the Ministry we were told to completely re-plan the scheme with a reduced number from 9 to 6 flatlets, each with its own bathroom (with W.C.) and kitchen and to submit our application again - such is officialdom. We lose 3 flatlets and have to prepare new plans for approval by all the Authorities concerned, which may take several months.

In the meantime we have had an interview with our M.P., Mr. Higgins, and although his first approach to the Dept. of Environment did not succeed in changing their views, Mr. Higgins is still trying on our behalf to obtain the necessary approval for a grant. Apparently other local housing associations have been able to finance their schemes without going to the Ministry for help and have avoided these onerous requirements, but we should need another

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000 to be in this position.

In view of the large number of those interested in our Association I have it proper to give a full description of the position.

A very pleasant evening was spent on the 11th March with Mr. & Mrs. Briggs with their illustrated talk on visits to Canada and the U.S.A.

Another date for your diaries is Thursday, 6th May, when we are to have a concert arranged by Mr. Robson Turton at 7.30 p.m. with the "New Orphills" Ladies Choir and Mr. Turton as "himself".

M.E. Jones Hon. Secretary  
9 Trent Road Worthing 42169.

### S.O.S.

Is there a lady or gentleman with a car who could help us with our transport problem in the Mayflower Club? We meet on Wednesday afternoons at the Friends Meeting House, 34 Mill Road.

Our Church's turn to run the club comes just once in every six weeks. We are responsible for fetching and taking home 2 members from the Blind Home and 2 other friends. That means collecting them at 2.30 p.m. and returning them at about 4.30.

Just once in 6 weeks - Can anyone help us in this service.

Thanking you,

G. Pepperdine  
W.43934.

### Situations Vacant

PIANIST REQUIRED - ability to play piano and accompany young singers an advantage, friendly atmosphere, hours favourable (one hour per week, three weeks per month), Hymn Book and piano supplied. Applications for this rewarding post to the Junior Church secretary NOW.

E. Popplestone.

## DOES YOUR CAR NEED WASHING?

Alwyn Brewer and Ruth Blackman, two members of our Girls' Brigade, will be at the Church from the 12th to the 16th April, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., ready to wash and dry your car for a charge of 25p. Coffee while you wait! It is their own idea to do this to raise money for our Guide Dog fund.

## Women's Guild Fellowship

On April 6th Mrs. Hayward will be showing us slides of the Oberammergau Passion Play, and on April 20th we have "Old Curiosity Shop", when some of our members will show and tell us about articles they possess (not necessarily antique) which have special interest for them.

All women are welcome.

M.S.

## Christ and Freedom

The commuting of the death sentences on the Basque Separatists and the Leningrad Jews were clear indications of the effect of world protest. If Moscow and Madrid are constrained by international opinion, who can say that Pretoria and Salisbury will ignore the world?

We in Goring help to form world opinion when we speak out against injustice.

"Is not this what I require as a fast:  
to loose the fetters of injustice, to  
untie the knots of the yoke, and set free  
those who have been crushed".

Isaiah 58:6 N.E.B.

H.E.

Worthing District Spring Rally - Will take place at

Shelley Road at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5th.  
Preacher will be the Rev. Alex Gilmore.



The Carpenter

See the back bent lovingly,  
Watch the skill of hand and eye  
Move for man's and ox's weal.

See the work of hand and brain  
Cut with saw and smooth with plane,  
Make together things of wood.

See the feet upon the shore,  
Hear the words of life outpour  
To the hungry multitude.

See the hands so quick to heal  
Bless the snack to make a meal,  
Lift the sick from beds of pain.

See the clear and steady eyes  
Fill'd with grief at accusers' lies;  
Ready now for sacrifice.

See the body stretched with pain,  
Skill of hand and eye now vain -  
Overcome by agony.

Look my soul, 'tis Easter morn,  
Broken body now has gone -  
Sacrifice transformed by Love.

Look you people, see and hear,  
The radiant form of God is near,  
Glorious vital Power for all.

M.S. Easter 1971.

The Minister's Sermon John 14:1 Ye believe in God,  
believe also in me.

We might have expected that this text would be the other way round, You believe in me, believe also in God - but we must remember that the disciples did believe in God before they met Jesus - this was true of all the contemporaries of Jesus; the difficulty for them was that to believe in Jesus they had to change their ideas about God, and this is one of the most difficult things for anyone to do. Our position would appear to be quite different because we come to a belief in God through our belief in Jesus. I would think it likely that the great majority of children first hear the name of Jesus through the Christmas story and all the loveliness and joy of Christmas associated with His name. After the Christmas story - stories about Jesus and stories of Jesus. Through these children become aware of God in the background without the slightest idea as to who or what God is, then the name of God becomes associated with 'Father'. For some the name 'Father' suggests goodness and love, but for some it must suggest unfaithfulness and cruelty, until fatherhood is recognised as some sort of ideal of goodness and love however much experience may seem to deny it.

Next we must realise that there is all the difference in the world between knowing Jesus and believing in Him. To believe in Jesus is to trust in Him, to trust in Him is to be committed to Him, and that means to accept and endeavour to live by His Gospel. When you really think about what this means you will find it is easier to believe in God than it is to believe in Jesus. If you believe in Jesus you must believe that God is absolute love and try to live by it. If you only believe in God and think you believe in Jesus, then you can believe as much or as little of what Jesus taught about God as suits your convenience.

Let history make my point - "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" wrote Newton, yet he could be captain of a slave ship - he believed in God, he thought he believed in Jesus, but he didn't think of Africans as men, he thought of them as uncivilised

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savages. I wonder what we would say if we realised that the coloured population in Goring was on the increase, what if one or two such families came to live in our road, what about the value of our property going down!

Do you know that in the Crusades Christian Knights sometimes snatched infants from the arms of women and holding them by the ankles dashed their brains out against the nearest wall or rock, quoting as they did Ps.137:9 "Happy shall be he that taketh and dasheth thy little one against the stones". They were there in the name of Jesus with the cross on their armour. If our country were involved in some future war, it would of course be a just war, otherwise we wouldn't be involved in it, would we tell young men it was their duty to fight and rail against those who called themselves conscientious objectors because they believed in Jesus? Time was when in the name of Jesus men tortured and burned each other because they were Roman Catholics, or because they weren't. Men committed atrocities because they said they believed in Jesus. I wonder how many Congregationalists are entirely without prejudice against Roman Catholics today, how many would sadly shake their heads, and perhaps even try to dissuade if a son or daughter proposed to marry an R.C., as if, truth to tell, they are not really Christians at all.

So it is possible to believe in God and think or say you believe in Jesus, but to believe in Jesus is to be committed to His Gospel, is to believe that God the Father is perfect love, that that love is equally for all men no matter who or what they are, and is to be the spirit in which we seek to live.

You believe in God, you say you believe in Jesus, that may mean a great deal or a very little - how you live shows what you really believe.

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Amberley Congregational Church

At a recent Sisterhood meeting we were very interested in a talk given by Mrs. Bell about her work in an Indian village school. We were delighted to hear that knitted blankets like those we send to Oxfam are really treasured by the girls and used in a number of ways. We could picture how attractive the brightly coloured blankets looked on the long row of beds in the school dormitory - and if any inducement were needed, we shall have this picture to spur us on with our knitting!

The 40th annual general meeting of the Sisterhood was held on 10th February. The President reported a very good year's work and praised the members' efforts in raising money for charity. The officers agreed to carry on their duties for another year. It is interesting to note that the number of members now is about the same as it was in 1930!

When Mr. Appleton came to conduct our Sunday morning service on 14th February, he and his family sang hymns, accompanying themselves on guitars. This appealed particularly to our young folk.

Rev. W. Hayward will be coming from Goring on Good Friday to conduct a Communion Service at 9 a.m. We hope as many as possible will attend.

On Wednesday 5th May at 8.30 p.m. there will be the Sisterhood Anniversary. This is usually the highlight of the year for us and those who remember hearing our soloist Mrs. Gowin who accompanies herself on the zither, will be pleased to hear she has promised to take part in the Service again this year. The speaker will be Miss Puddifoot and Mrs. Hayward will be in the chair. Tea will be served afterwards - so ladies don't forget the date.

Preachers for April11 a.m.

4th Mr. Appleton  
11th Mr. Roberts  
18th Mr. Ball  
25th Mr. Lovett

6.30 p.m.

Mr. Jackson  
Mr. A. Slater  
to be arranged  
Mr. W. Cory

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Church Calendar for April 1971

- Thurs. 1 Annual Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 4 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy  
Communion after Morning Service.
- Mon. 5 Monday Evening Fellowship Visit to  
Connaught Theatre.
- Tues. 6 Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m.  
Oberammergau Passion Play slides -  
Mrs. Hayward.
- Thurs. 8 Day of Prayer 10.30 a.m. with Holy  
Communion  
Maundy Thursday United Communion Service  
at Goring 7.30 p.m. Revd. Logan  
Armour.
- Friday 9 Good Friday - Morning Service 11 a.m.  
Preacher Revd. J. Farrar.
- SUN. 11 Easter Day - Divine Worship 11 a.m. and  
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after both  
Services.
- Thurs. 15 Missionary Committee 6.30 p.m.  
Junior Church Teachers' Meeting 7.30p.m.
- SUN. 18 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy  
Communion after Evening Service.
- Tues. 20 Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Members  
Afternoon.  
7.30 p.m. Annual Meeting of British &  
Foreign Bible Society at Shelley Rd.
- Thurs. 22 Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 25 Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.  
Preacher Revd. B.T. Holden, M.A.
- Tues. 27 Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.  
Men's Fellowship 2.30 p.m. "Journey to  
Pekin (1934)" - Mr. C.E. Emery.  
followed by A.G.M.
- Thurs. 29 Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Material for May Chronicle should be in by  
11th April.

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My dear Friends,

We are indeed glad to welcome as members of our Diaconate Miss E.W. Fisher, Miss L. Harris and Mr. C.S. Stephens, and pray that their service will be a joy to them and a blessing in the life of the Church

Now I must confess that I am baffled. We are a Church with a membership of over 300, yet we have three vacancies on the diaconate which remain unfilled despite the fact that the Nominations Committee approached over twenty members. At the same time we have not found anybody to undertake the secretaryship of the Bible Reading Fellowship, nor to represent the Church on the Chichester Diocesan Society for Family Social Work, nor the Worthing & District Council of Social Service. Why is this?

I cannot help wondering whether we always think of things in quite the right way. If we are asked to serve in some capacity within the Church or, as important, to represent the Church in some service in the community, then the first question we should ask ourselves is not whether we want to or not, or even whether it is convenient or not; our first question must be "Is this a call of Christ to me?" and it is only if we get the answer to that question right that we shall do right.

It would also be a very good thing if these few words served to remind all of us in any way engaged in the Church's life that we are so because we are so called.

With best wishes to all,

Wallis Hayward.

The Family

The sudden passing of Mr. W.G.Hite was a great shock to Mrs. Hite and Edward, but they were sustained by our prayers. Mr. Hite was a founder member of the Church, had served on the diaconate for 15 years and had been both assistant secretary and chief steward. We give thanks to God for his service.

We have also lost another of our elderly members in the passing of Mr. S.W.Woolven. Mr. Woolven has not been to the Church for some years, to his great regret, but when he was able he was always in his place.

Mr. Atkinson is in a Nursing Home and seems very poorly; we hope he will soon improve.

Mr. James has made good progress after his operation and we trust this will continue. Mr. James' enforced absence for a few weeks will help us to realise how much we owe to him every week.

Mr. F. Dearsley after a rather rough patch is now making good progress.

Miss Lowman is home again and has done very well.

Mr. Ellis is in hospital at present undergoing tests, and we hope his trouble will yield to treatment. \*\*

Mr. Croydon is making good progress, but Kevin was also ill at the same time as his father, and Mrs. Croydon has had a very tough time.

Mrs. Hare seems very poorly.

Miss Lock is making slow progress which we hope will be maintained.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all these and with all who are prevented from sharing in the Church's worship and fellowship.

\*\* Mr. Mabey is still very weak.

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Since writing the above Mr. Atkinson has passed into the Higher Life.

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We wish to thank everyone of the kind friends who supported us with prayers, loving thoughts and practical help during and after the sudden and unexpected passing of a dear husband and father. Also for the many letters and flowers.

We have been wonderfully sustained by the Fellowship of the Church.

Mabel Hite  
Edward and Mary.

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### Bells and Christian Aid.

Churches and Cathedrals throughout Britain are being asked to toll their bells at 2 p.m. on Sunday 16th May - the start of Christian Aid Week. The toll is to mark the Churches' concern for the millions dying through hunger - one a second! One a second, can you believe it? But it's true unfortunately. We in this town are planning many ways in which we can make or collect money. One we are going to try this year is a House to House collection during the week May 31st - June 5th. Each Church has been asked to collect from about 10 roads around their Church. Our roads are - Marlborough Road, Wellesley Avenue, Clive Avenue, Walpole Avenue, Elgin Road, Rosebery Ave., Melbourne Road, Melbourne Way, Marlborough Way, Barrington Road, Palmerston Road, Barrington Close, Robson Road, Trent Road, Shaftesbury Ave., West Park Lane.

If anyone can help in any, or part, of these roads I would be so glad of their help. If you can only promise to do a few houses this would be welcome. Remember one a second dying of hunger. Isn't this worth a little help?

I am very grateful for all the gifts I receive month by month and thank you for your loyal giving. This month's total was £24.35.

### Leprosy Mission

Will you please let me have all 6d. phials by May 16th whether full or not, as I now have the



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phials for 5p in exchange.

Annual General Meeting for Worthing Brnach of Leprosy Mission June 2nd at 2.45 p.m. St. Paul's Church. All friends will be welcome. Again thanking you for your kind support,

G.H. Dent.

Missionary Account

Bank Balance for 1970	£ 35.31
Envelopes	109.08
Other Donations	0.79
Collecting Boxes	1.95
Junior Church	0.28
Coffee Morning & Sale of work	25.50
	<u>£172.91</u>
Remitted to District Treas.	<u>172.41</u>
Bank Balance	<u>£ 0.50</u>

S.A.K.

From the Joint Secretaries' Desks.

Death Mr. W.G. Hite on 23rd March .

Handbook Additions:

Mr. & Mrs. M. West, Flat 4, 26 Marine Parade,  
Worthing.

Mr. & Mrs. F.A. Edis, 48 Cumberland Avenue -  
Telephone Number W.40186

Handbook Amendment

Mr. W.E. Richardson from 13 Shakespeare Road to  
Flat 4 Greena Court, Shelley Road.

A.B.  
E.B.

## Boys' Brigade

The Boys' Brigade, Junior and Company Sections, will be giving a Display on 14th May at 7.30 p.m. in the hall of the Boys' High School, our Inspecting Officer will be His Worship the Mayor of Worthing, Councillor P.H. Thomas, and the Mayoress, Mrs. Thomas, has kindly consented to present the prizes and awards.

Admission to this Display will be by programme, 10p, and we are looking and hoping for strong support from the Church.

Wallis Hayward.

It is not often that apologies have to be made for having too large a congregation but such was the situation at Amberley Church on 4th April where the Youth Forum were conducting the evening Service.

To facilitate the serving of refreshments, kindly arranged by Miss Ruff, at the conclusion of the Service, it had been necessary to anticipate the number attending, and this had been estimated at ten. With typical unpredictability fifteen young people eventually arrived at the Church, so it was necessary to apologise from the pulpit for the 50% surplus. One car load apparently were under the impression that Amberley was west of Chichester and no amount of acceleration was quite able to make up the time lost.

However it was a most enjoyable evening for young and not so young and a useful exercise in how to bridge the generation gap. Those taking part in the service were Alwyn Brewer, Christine Dowse, Anne Jackson and Mr. Brian Jackson. The Forum were very grateful to Chris Brierley, John Almond and Mr. Ted Winstanley for supplying transport.

B.W.J.

## Girls' Brigade    Jumble Sale

We are holding a Jumble Sale on the 1st July, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. in aid of our Guide Dog Fund. All 'jumble' you can find will be welcome.

M.D.

## An Appreciation of the late Mr. W.G. Hite

We met Mabel and Will Hite for the first time at an evening Service in Elm Grove in 1948. At that service in the announcements the Minister asked if any ladies were interested in the Working Party and if so please contact Mrs. Gowen. One of the deacons introduced me to her and I went to my first afternoon at Miss Bennett's house in Mill Road (now a block of flats). I sat next to Mrs. Hite senior who made me feel much at home, and she invited me to her home for tea and from that beginning a friendship sprung up which has lasted for 23 years and will now continue with Mabel, Edward and Mary. For many years Will worked hard for the Church and held many positions as Secretary and Deacon, etc. After my late husband retired from the G.L.C. and became Church Treasurer Will often assisted him.

One thing Will did for many years was to help sort out the Working Party accounts, taking the burden off Miss Stevenson, then Treasurer of the Working Party, and afterwards handing the accounts to the Church Treasurer. Our Church has much to be grateful for in his work. The pulpit in the Church was a gift from Mrs. Hite senior when the Church Hall was opened, and when the Church was opened in 1961 Will had the pulpit enlarged at his own expense.

For the last few years his health at various times was very indifferent, making it difficult for him to do much, but he always maintained his interest in the welfare of the Church. For his sake his passing was one we would all wish for, but the shock to Mabel and Edward was tremendous but as time passes we all wish them 'peace of mind'. This will come as many have experienced.

I am now quoting part of a letter from Harry Horsfall - "After we met you and Len we soon knew Will and Mabel at the Church services in Elm Grove and it was a pleasure to us that we remained friends until the time came for us to come back to Yorkshire. One thing I did admire about Will was the fact he wasn't a 'Yes' man but had opinions of his own and nothing made him deviate from these opinions once he

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had made up his mind".

For those who do not know Mr. Horsfall let me tell you he was a hard working Church member and the flower trough on the steps of the Rostrum was designed and given to the Church by his wife in 1961.

We, as a family, are deeply indebted to Will for all his interest and what he did for us in 1963 and particularly on October 23rd when he gave up his officework to come and stay with me.

From the Nodes family in memory of Will,

Cicely Nodes.

Sydney Wilfred Woolven - 19th May 1887 to 7th April

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In the death of Mr. S.W.Woolven on 7th April there passes from our midst a very gracious personality, and one who in no hackneyed sense was the perfect gentleman. His quiet, retiring manner did perhaps hide from some the brilliant brain which he possessed and the high quality of his business capabilities which resulted in his attaining the position of Local Director at the Lombard Street office of Barclays Bank; this too at a time when it was most rare for such appointments to be made from among those who had risen from "the ranks".

He was a life-long Congregationalist, but he always preferred to be regarded as essentially an Independent, thus stressing this aspect of Congregationalism, which greatly appealed to him, and he viewed with no enthusiasm proposals for Church Union which he could see as resulting in a weakening of the traditional Congregational witness.

Sydney Woolven will be much missed by his many friends, but he leaves behind a memory which is a very fragrant one.

A.E.P.

Women's Guild Working Party

A hearty invitation is given to all friends to come along on Tuesday 11th May, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. when we shall be holding a small Sale of Work and At Home.

There will be a short musical programme and one or two stalls of work done during the season, also a bargain stall of oddments.

We shall be glad of your support. The proceeds will be for the Housing Association.

D.B.J.

Sussex Congregational Union

Few are the occasions when members of the associated Congregational Churches of our District are able to "get together" as a family. One such opportunity will be Wednesday evening, May 5th, when we shall be meeting at 7.30 at Shelley Road for our Annual Spring Rally. We are looking forward this year to the visit of the Rev. Alec Gilmore, M.A., B.D., of West Worthing Baptist Church, and trust that as many of our folk as can possibly do so will join with us. Please also note in your diaries Wednesday, June 9th, when the Summer Missionary Rally of the District will be held at our own Church and will take the form of a Missionary Supper. Fuller details will be announced next month.

P.J.B.

Monday Evening Fellowship

10th May at 8 p.m. W.V.S. - Mrs. Lucas  
 24th May at 8 p.m. "Nothing can stop Brazil" -  
 Dorothy Vaughan.

All are welcome to both these meetings.

W.R.

Flower Rota for May

2nd Mrs. E.M. Townsend  
 9th Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Edmonds  
 16th Mr. & Mrs. T.A. Howe  
 23rd Mrs. R. Gowan  
 29/30th Mr. & Mrs. P.H. Thomas K.J.W.

Annual Meeting of Church & Congregation 18 March.

In presenting the Accounts Mr. N. Redman said 1970 had been an outstanding year as the debt of £6,230 on the Church buildings had been extinguished due chiefly to the falling in of the legacy from Miss L. Bennett. Apart from the legacy £7,852 had been received by the Church during the year ended 31st December 1970. Of this £1,733 had been given for outside causes. The consolidated Balance in Reserve and other Funds stood at £4,537 with all the building debt and interest free loans repaid. Mr. Redman said the Church could look back over the past years with thankfulness for the devotion and care of so many of its members. He noted with pleasure that both weekly offerings and givings to missions had increased during the year.

Mr. Popplestone was unfortunately indisposed and his report as Junior Church Secretary was read by Mr. Birch. He paid a tribute to the wonderful service given by the staff week by week. He said that three or four new teachers, ideally in the 20 to 30 age group, were needed. He issued an open invitation to members of the congregation to visit any of the Departments any Sunday morning to learn at first hand what was being done to introduce children and young people to the Christian way of life. He said that this year, after an interval of some time, 21 pupils were entering for the N.C.E.C. Scripture examination.

Mr. Eric Bond, joint Church Secretary, reported a total membership of 360 at 31st December. Ten new members had been received during the year, but the loss to the fellowship by death was again grievous and almost as great as in 1969 - 12 had passed to the fuller life. In addition 9 members had been transferred to other Churches. Of the founder members admitted into membership on 14th July 1947 only 8 now remained on the Church Roll. Mr. Bond referred to the very full life of the Church. He said that the Church Calendar shewed that the days in the year when the Church or Church organisations did not meet on the premises could be counted on one hand. He explained the new arrangements for visitation to be

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introduced in 1971 and he hoped this would mean a greater involvement of all the members of the Church and congregation.

Mr. Arthur Birch, joint Church Secretary, said that despite a great deal of hard work by the officers, Mr. Beale and Mr. N.F. Jones, of the Housing Association, things were moving slowly due to planning problems. However, those concerned were not discouraged and the energetic support given was both amazing and highly gratifying.

He paid a tribute to the Minister and Mrs. Hayward for their continuing devotion to the Church and its members. During the year Mr. Hayward had made over 600 visitations to the sick and elderly and had continued his thought provoking preaching week by week. Mr. Birch said the various Church activities were thriving well, due no doubt to the enthusiastic endeavours of their respective Secretaries, Leaders and Captains. He also said that we must thank the many willing helpers who perform those services for the Church which might otherwise be taken for granted, the ladies who prepare the Communion Service; those who assist the Catering Committee; the helpers with the Orders of Service, the Chronicle; leaders and staff of Junior Church; the choir and organist who add so much to the worship; and others who may have been quite unwittingly overlooked.

The Minister in his closing address said that from the pastoral point of view he remembered the past year as the hardest of his ministry as there had been much prolonged illness. Those who had been called to bear heavy burdens had found the thought, care and prayerfulness of so many of the Church members a constant source of strength to them. He referred to the part the Church had played with other Churches of all denominations in the Goring Friendship Centre and he was thankful for this Christian witness in the Goring area. He thanked God for another year in the life of the Church and prayed that we may all be the more worthy to follow wherever He may lead us in the coming years.

E.A.W.

Money Matters

Collections for first quarter of the year were:-

	<u>Loose Cash</u>	<u>Envelopes</u>	
Jan.	£ 80.75	£236.92	
Feb.	78.45	153.41	
Mar.	69.82	160.59	
Totals	<u>£229.02</u>	<u>£550.92</u>	including £11.22 for Missions.

Miss D.H.Wright who died last November left the Church £200 and the residue of her estate, and we have therefore received a further sum of £1500 on this account.

Mrs. P.M. Parker also remembered the Church in her will and a legacy of £250 has been received.

We remember both these friends with love and affection and give thanks for their gracious giving and thought for the work and life of the Church in coming years.

N.F.R.

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AMBERLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Our Minister must have had a busy day on Good Friday. He came from Goring for the 9 o'clock service and out again to be with us in the evening - not to mention a service at Gording. We greatly appreciated this.

All who attended the service of Passiontide music must have gone home with joy in their hearts. Lovely anthems and hymns were sung by choir and congregation. The Vicar of Amberley and Mr. Hayward led the worship and passages from the Bible were read by members of the congregation - a fitting end to a day of meditation on our Saviour's death.

Will members please note that the Sisterhood reopened on 22nd April when Mrs. Baker of Horshan was the speaker.

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Church Calendar for May, 1971

- SUN. 2 Divine Worship 11 a.m. followed by Holy Communion; 6.30 p.m. United Service, preacher Revd. H. Theobald.
- Tues. 4 Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. A.G.M.
- Wed. 5 District Rally at Shelley Road 7.30 p.m. Preacher Revd. Alec Gilmore, M.A., B.D.
- Thurs. 6 Concert in aid of the Housing Association arranged by Mr. Turton. The New Orphphills Choir.
- SUN. 9 Youth Sunday - Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Preacher the Minister.
- Mon. 10 Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. W.V.S. Mrs. Lucas. All are welcome.
- Tues. 11 Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m. Sale of Work and At Home.
- Thurs. 13 MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE 10.30 a.m. with Holy Communion.
- Fri. 14 Boys' Brigade Display at Boys' High School 7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 16 Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after Evening Service.
- Thurs. 20 Festival of Praise, the Assembly Hall 7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 23 Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Preacher Revd. J.H. Harris-Rees.
- Mon. 24 Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. "Nothing can stop Brazil" Dorothy Vaughan. All are welcome.
- Thurs. 27 Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Material for June Chronicle should be in by 16th May. Will contributors please endeavour to get material in by the due date.

Ed.

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My dear Friends,

No one could have been at the Assembly of the Congregational Church last Tuesday without being aware of the enthusiasm of the great majority of people there for the proposed union with the Presbyterian Church of England, to form the United Reformed Church. Several of those who spoke in favour of union admitted that they had at first been opposed to the acceptance of the proposed basis and that even now there were things about it with which they were not entirely happy. What I am sure for most people was the overriding consideration was the need of the whole Church in England for a new initiative towards unity, and the feeling that if we failed to accomplish what must be regarded as the most likely union between two denominations it would be a very serious blow to the whole cause of unity in this country. We have talked for years about unity and are thankful to God for what, by His Grace, has been achieved. Now, I believe, our two Churches are called to start forward again the movement towards unity which seems to have got so far and spent its energy. Of course there cannot be any progress unless we are prepared to pay some price for it; I hope and pray that we may all be led more and more fully to realise that the price we pay will be far out-weighed by the gain both to ourselves and the whole Church.

The Civic Service and Mayor's Sunday will this year be held on June 6th at 3 O'clock at St. Paul's Church and it is hoped that all Churches will be

well represented.

The District Missionary Rally will be held in our Hall on June 9th at 7.30 p.m., taking the form of a Hong Kong Supper and at which the speaker will be Miss Brameld; tickets are limited to 100 between all the Churches and will cost 25p.

Our most important function this month will be our own Church Anniversary on Sunday, June 20th, when our visiting preacher will be the Revd. Ronald Ward, B.D., of Eltham. This ought to be a day of real thanksgiving.

With best wishes to all,

Yours sincerely,

Wallis Hayward.

### The Family

Since the issue of our last magazine we have lost another of the very faithful members of the Church in the passing of Mr. C.H.C. Mabey. Whilst we give thanks for the deliverance that Mr. Mabey's passing brought to him, and for his love of Christ and His Church, our prayers remain with Mrs. Mabey.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Pearn has been poorly and is left very weak; we hope he will soon gain strength.

Mr. F. Dearsley is home again and making slow progress.

Mr. Ellis is also home and we hope soon to see him in his usual place.

We are very glad indeed to have Mr. James back - but please everybody see that he does no heavy work for the next few months.

Mr. Connor realises that he is faced with a long struggle to build up his strength.

### From the Joint Secretaries' Desks

Deaths: Mr. P. Atkinson of 74 Bruce Avenue, on  
18th April

Mrs. G.D. Dunn of 63 Boundstone Lane,  
Lancing, on 12th May

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Deaths, cont. Mr. C.H.C. Mabey of 119 Alinora  
Crescent, on 21st April  
Mr. S.W. Woolven, of 'Cotswold',  
Somerset Road, on 7th April.

Birth: To Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Hite of 17 Orchard  
Gardens, Westergate, Chichester, on 18th  
April, the gift of a son, Peter Howard.

New Members:

Admitted by transfer on 29th April -

Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Blackwood, 34 West Drive, Ferring,  
from Emmanuel Congregational Church, West  
Wickham

Mrs. D. Langridge, 7 West Drive, Ferring, from  
Walton-on-the-Hill Congregational Church.

Mr. & Mrs. B. Read, 50 Boxgrove, Goring, from  
Redhill Congregational Church.

Mrs. M. Rowe and Miss M. Rae of 14 Tamar Close,  
from Portslade Congregational Church.

A.B.

E.B.

Organist/Choirmaster

In response to our advertisements we have received an application for the post of organist-choirmaster. The applicant is a graduate in music of Bristol University and a trained teacher. It has been arranged that he will conduct the Choir Practice on 11th June and will play at the morning and evening Services on Sunday, 13th June. Subsequently this application will be considered by the Organist Appointment Committee and the Diaconate and a recommendation brought to the Church Meeting on Thursday, 8th July.

E.B.

Thanks

"To my friends, Please accept my very grateful thanks for your prayers, cards and the many flowers and visits I received during my stay in hospital and

convalescent home.

Hilda Lowman".

"I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Hayward and our friends at the Church for the wonderful way you have helped me during Cecil's illness.

I have been sustained in so many ways. Thank you all.

Eileen Mabey".

### Christian Aid

By the time this is in print Christian Aid Week will be over for this year so I cannot plead for any more workers. However I would like to thank those who have volunteered to do some roads for me. I would also like to thank those who have given specially for this cause this month, as well as those who give regularly - month by month. Our gifts for May amount to £31.90.

Marjorie Hayward.

### Missionary Account to end of April

	1971	1970
Bank Balance 1st January	£ 35.31	£ 44.95
Envelopes ...	138.32	151.01
Other Donations	24.31	43.23
Collecting Boxes	1.95	1.80
Junior Church ...	12.73	8.30
Coffee Morning 13/3/71	25.50	- -
Total to end of April	<u>£238.12</u>	<u>£249.29</u>

### Missionary Committee

There is to be a "Hong Kong Evening" on June 9th at 7.30 p.m. in our Hall. Supper to be served in Hong Kong style, and Miss Brameld late of Hong Kong will speak. This/..

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This is a District Meeting and therefore tickets are limited to 100 between the Churches, price 25p. Please obtain your tickets as soon as possible from any of the Missionary Committee, so that numbers may be obtained for catering purposes.

W.B.

Boys' Brigade

The officers of the Company would like to thank all members of the Church who supported the Company Display on Friday, May 14th, and thereby gave much encouragement to their work and to the boys.

W.H.

Girls' Brigade - JUMBLE SALE Thursday July 1st at  
6.30 p.m.

Please save your jumble. We need £80 to complete our target for a guide dog. We hope to make this a bumper sale, and we shall be grateful for what you can spare, and if you think it too good for jumble then it will go on our "Nearly New" Stall, which was a great success last year. For collection ring W.65593 or 41180. We shall start collecting about the middle of June.

Alwyn and Ruth did a grand job with the car washing, making over £10 for the guide dog. Some of the cars had never looked better, but considering the number of cars parked on Sundays at Church there could have been many more satisfied customers.

M.S. Dobson

Flower Rota for June

6th	Mr. and Mrs. N. Gregory
13th	Mrs. I. Kitto
20th	Church Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. F.L.Wills Mr. & Mrs. S.E. West
27th	Mrs. A.R. Hopkins

K.J.W.

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Thanks

It is difficult for me to express all I feel for the many kindnesses which have been shown to me during my illness.

I have missed the Church and all its friendship. But the Church has been brought to me by messages and flowers and the constant visit of Mr. Hayward, who has been a tower of strength to me.

My own family and nurse have been wonderful and I just hope I haven't worn them all out.

I thank God for renewed health and hope that I may before long be able to join again in the services. Thank you all so much for your prayers and kind messages.

Ethel W. Lock

Women's Guild Working Party

A most successful afternoon was held on Tuesday 11th May, when we were joined by a good number of friends. Tea and fellowship was enjoyed by all, and the Housing Association benefitted to the extent of £114.86. Thank you everyone who came and contributed to the afternoon.

We have one more meeting this session, on May 25th, just to say thank you to all who have helped to make the Working Party a success for yet another year, and to wish each and all a happy holiday, hoping we may start the winter session on 14th September in full force and with renewed enthusiasm.

D.B.J.

Special Thanksgiving for the 10th Anniversary of our new Church.

Notes for your Diary -

Sunday	September 5th	-	The Moderator
"	" 12th	-	Revd. Wallis Hayward
Thursday	" 16th	-	Day of Prayer
Saturday	" 18th	-	Social Gathering and Tea
			3 to 6 p.m.
			6 p.m. Organ Recital by

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Mr. Garvin Brown.  
 Sunday September 19th - Revd. C.C. Franks  
 Holy Communion after  
 both Services.

N.A. Dobson.

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Daily Rules for Inner Peace

The noise and scurry of the day,  
 Were present with him as he lay.  
 He tried in vain to close his mind  
 From vagrant thoughts of every kind.  
 The more he tried, the more they ran,  
 His only course was change of plan.  
 He prayed that God would show a way  
 Which he could practise day by day,  
 To keep a clam and even poise  
 Anid the scurry and the noise.  
 In prayer absorbed God's voice he heard,  
 But only in the silent word.  
 God said to him "This is the way  
 Which you can practise day by day  
 To keep a calm and even poise  
 Anid the scurry and the noise."

"Commence the day alone in prayer.  
 Relax at times just anywhere.  
 Tomorrow's cares leave for that day,  
 Completely trust Me all the way,  
 Keep thought and deed in harmony.  
 Fill heart and mind with charity.  
 My strength is yours; therefore be strong,  
 Uphold the right, resist the wrong.  
 Recount what I have done for you,  
 And what you can for others do."

His prayer not only found a way,  
 Which he could practise day by day  
 To keep a calm and even poise,  
 Anid the scurry and the noise;  
 His troubled thoughts it did efface  
 And closed his eyes in sleep's embrace.

Joseph Johnson (A former  
 Churchmember. E.M.)



Minister's Sermon There are many dwelling places in my Father's house, if it were not so I would have told you for I am going there on purpose to prepare a place for you.

This passage I suppose is one of the most loved in the whole Bible because of the assurance it gives about life. I have read these words to the dying and it has brought them peace. I have read them at funeral services and they bring comfort to them that mourn. Even when I felt the mourners knew precious little of the Gospel and certainly were not Christians I have thought that these words have given them a sense of quiet assurance, a re-assurance of the hope that this is not the end, that love is not vanquished and meaningless. These words give a strong ground for hope. But to us they bring more than hope, they bring absolute assurance. We know that death is vanquished, we know that life is eternal and we know it because we know that He who gave us the hope of these words changed hope to assurance by His own resurrection.

This is not all, however, to be said about this text. William Temple in his "Readings in St. John's Gospel" points out that these words do not only refer to a future life but have a very definite message for this present life. We must remind ourselves that life is one life. If there is eternal life, the life we have now is eternal, what is here is one phase of that life, in death we simply pass on to another.

The ground for Temple's argument is that the Greek word used and translated in A.V. "Mansion" and in other translations "rooms" can also mean "resting-places", "caravanseries", "shelters" or stages upon the road where travellers may rest, and he points out that it was, and still is the custom in the East where much travel is taken by groups along the road for a "dragoman" to be sent on ahead to prepare the next resting place. The name "dragoman" also meant interpreter and could be one who would be able to deal with any difficulties in a foreign land. So now we have a very rich understanding of this text.

There are many places of rest and refreshment ready for us upon the road of life, and He has travelled before us and prepared them for us. Many resting places! How thankful we are for them on a long journey. On the day to day journey of life we are bound to get tired - but weariness on life's journey is not only mental and physical but also spiritual, and if we did but realise it the spiritual tiredness is the deepest of all - over and over again people find they can bear much bigger physical and mental burdens than they had imagined possible if they are sustained spiritually. Fundamental to the ability to live life to the full are worship and prayer. Our church is one of God's resting places, one of His many mansions, the private place which is our place of prayer is another. I don't believe people can live a full life without these places. I am sure that with them we can have a strength for the journey that is greater than we could have realized.

Next - the resting place is there not simply that we may have points of rest and comfort, but that, being refreshed, we may go on with life's journey with new strength, new courage and new vision, and perhaps the new vision is the most important of all. Whilst travelling we are apt to be obsessed with the demands of the journey, but in the resting places we have time to think what the journey is all about, its meaning and purpose and end. And what we shall remember most of all is that we have the inspiration of the thought that Jesus has gone before us, there is no demand ever made upon us, no experience to face but that He understands. He has coped with it Himself.

It is in these resting places that we can remember that over and above all is the Father's love.

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### Council of Social Service

There will be no flag day this year, but instead there will be a Sale at Methold House at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, July 1st. Gifts will be welcome.

D. Bridger

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Amberley Congregational Church

Our church was quite full for the Sisterhood Anniversary and everything combined to make it a most enjoyable afternoon - even the weather was perfect. The speaker, Miss Puddefoot of Littlehampton, had chosen a text from the Song of Solomon, new to many of us, and her address was both interesting and helpful. Mrs. Godwin's solos, as always, were a delight. We just managed to pack everyone into the schoolroom for tea, and this very happy re-union was rounded off by friends rising to give us greetings from their respective churches.

We look forward now to the Church Anniversary which is to be held on Wednesday 14th July at 8 p.m. The Rev. R.D. Cox will be the speaker. We hope friends from the village and neighbouring churches will join us. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the schoolroom.

Preachers for June.

<u>11 a.m.</u>		<u>6.30 p.m.</u>
6th	Mr. T. Baker	Mr. Appleton
13th	Mr. Jewell	Rev. H. Rowse (H.C.)
20th	Mr. B. Ball	Rev. R.D. Cox
28th	Mr. E. Cole	Mr. B. Jackson.

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Special Weekend (page 6)

Would parents who have had sons or daughters married in our Church please let the undersigned have their home address, so that an invitation to our special weekend can be sent to them direct.

N.A. Dobson

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Church Calendar for June 1971

- Thurs. 3 Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 6 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy  
Communion after Morning Service.
- Mon. 7 Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m.  
Gardening for the smaller garden.  
Mrs. John Basingdale. All are  
welcome.
- Wed. 9 District Missionary Rally at Goring  
7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 13 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- Thurs. 17 Junior Church Teachers Meeting 8 p.m.
- SUN. 20 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.  
Church Anniversary - Preacher: Revd.  
R. Ward. Holy Communion after  
Evening Service.
- Mon. 21 Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. -  
Ramble  
Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 27 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.  
Preacher: Revd. E.C.D. Stanford.
- Thurs. 8 July - Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Note: Would any member of the congregation who  
has links with Bowes Park Methodist  
Church please get in touch with Mr. Birch,  
Joint Church Secretary.

Material for July/August Chronicle should  
be in by 13th June.

P.S. Westholme, Clive Avenue

Westholme Fair will be opened on 12th June at  
2.30 p.m. by Dr. and Mrs. Rooke. Teas, Cakes,  
various stalls.

J. Ragan.

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My dear Friends,

For some years it has been the custom of the Goring Churches to hold an Open Air Service on Goring front one Sunday afternoon in August. Last year for various reasons beyond our control this Service did not go at all well. The question has been asked by some Ministers as to whether we should continue to hold this service, and after a discussion it was decided to have one further try this year and then look at the situation again. We propose to alter the service this year so as to have more singing and less speaking and are appealing for support from all our choirs. I think it is true to say that none of the Ministers is entirely at home with an open air service, but we all feel that it is good for the Church sometimes to go out to make its witness. Really to do this we need the support of many of our people - probably you too are not too keen on this sort of thing, but will you please support us and help us to make the Church look like an institution that must be taken into account.

Elsewhere in this magazine will be mention of Gift Day on August 7th. Mrs. Hayward and I will also make that the occasion of our "At Home" when we invite all members of the Church and congregation to visit us at the manse, 140 George V Avenue, during the hours 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon or 3p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Committee set up to prepare for our

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celebration of the 10th anniversary of our beautiful church has done a splendid job of work and I urge everybody to make a note of the programme so that in September we may all give all the special occasions our full support.

Mrs. Hayward joins me in best wishes to all who will be enjoying a holiday before our next issue.

Warmest regards,  
Sincerely yours,

Wallis Hayward.

### The Family

Our thoughts and prayers have recently been with Mrs. Bridger in the passing of her husband.

We have also felt deep concern for Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull whose son died suddenly, aged 40, and for Mrs. Hopkins whose son, aged 44, has also suddenly passed on. In both these cases a widow and two children are left and our hearts and prayers go out to each family.

Mr. Roberts is now in a Nursing Home and is very poorly.

Mr. Pearn is still in hospital and we hope he will soon make progress.

Miss Downing is in hospital for an eye operation, which we hope will be entirely successful.

Mr. Howe's operation was delayed and we hope he will make rapid progress.

### Later

Mr. G.P. Roberts has passed on and our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Roberts. Mr. Roberts has really been a sick man since his coming to Goring, but we remember his devoted service for many years at the Hounsom Memorial Church and give thanks to God.

We have also expressed our sympathy with our good friend Revd. Harold Rowse in the sudden passing of his wife.

Mrs. Wraight has undergone an operation and we trust she will make a speedy recovery.

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From the Joint Secretaries

We anticipate that the 23rd edition of the Church Handbook will be available at the beginning of July. Please collect your copy from the Church vestibule and that of any member of the Church and congregation who is unable to collect their own. In addition please check the entry of your name, address and phone number and notify us of any amendments required.

Once again we are on the threshold of "Holiday time" and we wish you all happy times and journeying blessings".

A.B.  
E.B.

From the Joint Secretaries' Desks

New Member: Mrs. B. Chatfield of 50 Reigate Road on 3rd June by transfer from Clermont Congregational Church, Preston, Brighton.

Golden Wedding: Mr. and Mrs. R. Briggs, 1 Windermere Crescent, Goring.

Corrections:

New Members (June Chronicle) Mrs. M. Roe and Miss M. Roe, 12 Tamar Close, Durrington.

Birth (June Chronicle) To Mr. & Mrs. E.G. Hite on 18th April the gift of a son, Philip Lawrence.

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Christian Aid

I would like to thank those who collected for me in the House to House Collection. The amount collected was £31.

I would also like to thank all those who have given especially during these last few weeks for

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Christian Aid. During June I have been given £97.77. £8 of this was earmarked for the distress in East Pakistan.

Marjorie Hayward.

Missionary Account to end of May

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Bank Balance 1st January	£ 35.31	£ 44.95
Envelopes	173.97	199.36
Other Donations	24.31	43.23
Collecting Boxes	1.95	1.80
Junior Church	12.73	10.12
Coffee Morning 13.3.71	25.50	-
	<u>£273.77</u>	<u>£299.46</u>

Goring (Sussex) Congregational Housing Assocn. Ltd.

When the last article appeared the Association was awaiting the result of the intervention with the Department of the Environment by our M.P. Mr. Terance Higgins on our behalf, but this unfortunately did not help us to overcome the planning difficulties.

As soon as we had a final refusal to accept our original plans with 9 flatlets and housekeeper's flat we submitted to the Department of Environment a revised scheme providing the reduced number of 6 flats, but each unit will now have its own kitchen and bathroom with W.C., and there is an enlarged housekeeper's flat on the upper floor.

This new plan has already been approved by the Department of Environment and also in principle by the Worthing Borough Council. Although it means starting all over again for detailed planning approval it really looks as though our flatlets for the elderly, although reduced in number, may now be nearer, but it will be sometime still before we have final planning approval and all the detailed finance settled.

With a smaller number of flatlets but of a better



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standard the costs of the scheme will be higher, and this will mean higher rents than originally planned, but until we have the estimates of the cost of conversion it is not yet possible to indicate the rents which will have to be asked.

In the meantime we are still paying 8% interest on the bank loan of some £5,000 and need a continuation of all the help and support you can give. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday the 10th July at 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. and there will be a bring and buy stall. This will be the last event before the autumn so it is hoped to have a record attendance.

M.E. Jones Hon. Secretary  
9 Trent Road, Worthing  
42169.

### Flower Rota for July and August

<u>July</u>	4th	Miss A.E. Ebbutt and Miss E.W.Fisher
	11th	Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Pearn
	18th	Mr. V.H. Padfield
	28th	Mr. and Mrs. Stephens
<u>August</u>	1st	Mr. and Mrs. F. Dearsley
	8th	Mr. and Mrs. N.F. Redman
	15th	Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Cozens-Walker
	22nd	Mr. and Mrs. A. Birch
	29th	Mr. and Mrs. S.E.C. Jones

### B.R.F., I.B.R.A. and Focus - Membership for 1972

Will members of the above Fellowship requiring any alteration to their order, or any non-members who want to join, kindly let me know by the third week in August at latest.

(Miss) E. Shearmur  
2 Wycliffe Court,  
Southview Gardens  
Tel. W.47870

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Thank You all my dear friends for your very kind expressions of sympathy on the passing of my son. I have been much comforted and consoled in the knowledge that I have been upheld in the thoughts and prayers of so many of you.

Amy Hopkins.

### Monday Evening Fellowship

We shall hold our A.G.M. to elect a Secretary and Treasurer on the 5th July.

19th July we shall have an "Outing", possibly Brighton Theatre.

W.R.

### Girls' Brigade

Jumble Sale on 1st July at 6.30 p.m. in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. If you have jumble to be collected please ring, W.65593, W.41180 or W.40546.

M.D.

### 10th Anniversary of our new Church

Sunday	September	5th	-	The Moderator
"	"	12th	-	Revd. Wallis Hayward
Thursday	"	16th	-	Day of Prayer
Saturday	"	18th	-	Social gathering and Tea 3 to 6 p.m. 6 p.m. Organ Recital by Mr. Garvin Brown.
Sunday	"	19th	-	Revd. C.C. Franks Holy Communion after both Services.

The Minister's Sermon Acts 2:3 Suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind.

Our subject is "the suddenness of God" and the first thing we have to say about it is that there is no such thing as the suddenness of God. Suddenness comes into man's life because he acts on impulse or has to make up his mind on the spur of the moment or he is confronted by a totally unexpected situation, but God never acts upon impulse; He doesn't have to make immediate decisions and nothing catches Him unawares. This difference between man and God is that man lives in time and God dwells in eternity. Man cannot see a single moment beyond now; he thinks about and plans for the future but he can only do what he can do now. God's purposes are eternal. God knows no time, no past, present and future. His purposes are working out in eternity. Perhaps it will help us to understand this if we think of God's purposes as a mighty river flowing on its way to the sea, and of ourselves as drops of water in the river, here some drops go into an eddy formed by some obstruction in the water, and there some drift into what appears to be a stagnant pool, but the river flows on to its end. This also explains how men and even nations can refuse to work with God and frustrate His purpose, but it makes no difference to the flow of the river, though it makes all the difference in the world to the men or nations concerned.

The suddenness of God, there is no such thing, but it must often appear to us that there is because of our limitations of time and knowledge. The Bible is full of illustrations of this. Think of the call of Moses or Isaiah in the Old Testament and the call of the first disciples or the gift of the Holy Spirit in the New. There was a moment when these men were not called, then suddenly they were; there was a moment when there was no gift of the Holy Spirit, then suddenly therewas.

When welikened God's purposes to a mighty river and ourselves to drops of water in the river we

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omitted to notice the difference between ourselves and those drops, namely that we have freedom of choice and will. If we do not co-operate with God's purposes it is because we have decided not to. A sudden opportunity opens to us, a sudden call is heard, we are faced with what appears to be the suddenness of God and a response must be made to it, but is this fair of God, we may be caught unawares and respond differently from what we would if we had time to think.

Consider the instances we quoted of what appears to be the suddenness of God, and there<sup>are</sup> many others. Moses and Isaiah were both concerned for their people and no doubt praying for them. The first disciples had, without doubt, seen and been with Jesus before He actually called them. On the Day of Pentecost the disciples were expecting the gift of the Holy Spirit because it had been promised to them, and in the days of waiting they had come to understand the meaning of the cross and the resurrection. Thus in all these cases His servants were prepared for what appeared to be the sudden coming of God.

We live very busy lives and we cannot all the time be in a state of spiritual awareness in case a sudden call comes to us, but if in our life there is constant spiritual renewal, then it is infinitely more likely that we shall make the right response whenever the moment of what appears to be God's sudden coming is upon us.

It is the regularity as well as the devotion of our worship and prayer that is the means of our constant spiritual renewal.

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### Worthing Council of Social Service

Thursday, 1st July, Sale at Methold House 10.30a.m.  
The Council are in need of funds towards the building of the 'new' Methold House. Gifts in kind or money will be welcome.

D.B.

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Amberley Congregational Church

No news to report this month - just a reminder though that the Church Anniversary will be held on Wednesday, 14th July, at 8 p.m. We hope YOU will join us - come and help us make it a truly happy occasion. Refreshments after the Service.

Preachers for July.11 a.m.

4th Mr. Alan Gay  
11th Mr. Deffee  
18th Mr. A. Slater  
25th Mr. Roberts

6.30 p.m.

Mr. Puffett (H.C.)  
Mr. Donnelly  
Mr. A. Hickford Junr.  
Mr. Wm. Cory.

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To the artist Christ is the altogether Lovely One.  
To the architect He is the Chief Corner Stone.  
To the baker He is the Living Bread.  
To the banker He is the Hidden Treasure.  
To the biologist He is the Life.  
To the builder He is the Sure Foundation.  
To the doctor He is the Great Physician.  
To the farmer He is the Lord of the Harvest.  
To the florist He is the Rose of Sharon.  
To the geologist He is the Rock of Ages.  
To the jeweller He is the Pearl of Great Price.  
To the reporter He is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.  
To the oculist He is the Light of the World.  
To the preacher He is the Word of God.  
To the sculptor He is the Living Stone.  
To the statesman He is the Desire of All Nations.  
To the student He is the Incarnate Truth.  
To the theologian He is the Finisher of Our Faith.  
To the traveller He is the New and Living Way.  
To the toiler He is the Giver of Rest.  
To the sinner He is the Lamb of God that taketh  
away the sins of the world.

what is He to you?

(Taken from Sompung magazine).

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Church Calendar for July 1971

- Thurs. 1 Girls' Brigade Jumble Sale 6.30 p.m.
- SUN. 4 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. (Please note Holy Communion will take place after Morning Service 11th July). Preacher: Revd. J. Devereux.
- Mon. 5 Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m. A.G.M.
- Thurs. 8 Monthly Morning Prayer Service 10.30 a.m. with Holy Communion.  
Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- Sat. 10 Coffee Morning at Church Hall, 10.15, for Housing Association. Bring and Buy Stall.
- SUN. 11 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Church Parade. Holy Communion after Morning Service.
- Wed. 14 Amberley Church Anniversary 8 p.m.
- SUN. 18 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after Evening Service.
- Mon. 19 Monday Evening Fellowship "Outing".
- Thurs. 22 Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- Sun. 25 Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
- Thurs. 29 Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Church Calendar for August 1971

- SUN. 1 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.  
Preacher: Morning Service the Minister, Evening Service to be announced.  
3 p.m. Open Air Service Goring Sea Front (Aldsworth Avenue).
- Thurs. 5 Missionary Committee 6.30 p.m.
- Sat. 7 At Home and Gift Day at The Manse
- SUN. 8 Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
- Thurs. 12 Monthly Morning Prayer Service 10.30 with Holy Communion.
- SUN. 15 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after Evening Service. Cont. ...

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August Calendar cont.

- Sun. 22 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.  
Preacher Revd. R.P. Newell, M.A.
- Sun. 29 Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.  
Preacher Revd. G.W. Satchell.
- Sun. 5 September - The Moderator, Revd. D.A.  
Smith.

Material for September Chronicle should be  
in by 22nd August.

P.S. Congregational Church Players will be  
performing Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Trial  
by Jury' and 'H.M.S. Pinafore' at 7.30 p.m.  
at Shelley Road between the 12th and 17th  
July.

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My dear Friends,

It was a great joy to us all in July to welcome Mr. Richard Colbourn, B.A., as our organist and choir master. Already as a Church we realise that we are fortunate to have the services of so talented a musician, and we pray that God will richly bless Mr. Colbourn's ministry of music in our worship.

There is no need for me to say anything about the programme for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the opening of our Church, but I would like to express our appreciation of the work of the committee responsible for this excellent programme, and to urge upon all that all Services and occasions in this week should receive fullest support.

Some time ago a question in somebody's mind was brought to my notice and I preached a sermon to try to deal with the problem. A minister tries to plan his preaching over, say, a year to cover the many facets of our Christian faith and their application to daily life, but I should be very glad to hear of any friend who has a question or problem with which it would be helpful if I tried to deal. From the beginning of October I should be glad to deal with any questions or problems if friends would kindly write their request on a slip of paper and state whether the subject should be dealt with at a morning or evening Service. I will give a week's notice as to when a subject will be the theme of our thought together.

Let us make the month of September 2009



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such renewal and dedication that from it we go forward into a winter of advance in all our work.

Yours very sincerely,

Wallis Hayward.

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### The Family

Two families associated with the Church have recently been bereaved and we have offered sympathy to Mrs. Hancock and Valerie in the passing of Mr. Hancock, and Mrs. Connor and family in the passing of Mr. Connor.

Mr. F. Dearsley has been suffering a great deal of pain and we hope that treatment will soon bring him relief.

Mr. Pearn is home again and making steady progress.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pooley have been very poorly and we trust that their present holiday will prove beneficial to them.

Mrs. Waites has had some leg trouble which has kept her confined to the house.

Mrs. Gilbert has painful hip trouble and is awaiting the result of an X-ray; we hope she will be given some relief.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to:  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Richards on the birth of their daughter Deborah Caroline;  
To Mr. Keith Razzell on his engagement to Miss Lynette Grostate;  
To Mr. Alan Bond on his B.Sc. Hons. degree at London University.

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### Christian Aid

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the sum of £20 collected during July and August.

Marjorie Hayward.

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Missionary Account to 1st August

	1971	1970
Bank Balance 1st January	£ 35.31	£ 44.95
Envelopes	235.15	272.29
Other Donations	52.76	71.93
Collecting Boxes	1.95	1.80
Junior Church	20.40	13.42
Coffee Morning	25.50	-
	<u>£371.07</u>	<u>£404.39</u>

S.A.K.

Money Matters.

Collections for the Quarter ended 30th June 1971

Loose Collections	£244.25
Envelopes ...	<u>508.96</u>
Total	<u>£753.21</u>

Half Yearly Total -

Loose Collections	£ 473.27
Envelopes (including £21.32 for Missions)	<u>1,059.88</u>
	<u>£1,533.15</u>

Gift Day - The total sum received to date amounts to £375 and grateful thanks to all those who contributed to this excellent result. We give thanks to God for the moving of His Spirit in our hearts which enabled this sum of money to be given.

N.F.R.

Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Social Work.

This Association is holding a Rainbow Fair and Coffee Morning in St. Paul's Church Hall on Thursday 23rd September, 10 a.m. to 12.30., and our Church, with Shelley Road, are responsible for stocking a Groceries Stall. There is a poster in the Church vestibule, and gifts for the stall would be greatly appreciated; will friends please place their gifts

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in the box provided under the poster.

Admission is by ticket, price 6p including coffee, and Miss Fisher has a number of tickets for sale.

E.W.F.

### Women's Guild Working Party

The Working Party will re-commence on Tuesday, 14th September 1971 at 2.30 p.m.

Owing to the necessity to make changes this year the following is suggested.

Dr. Barnardoes knitting will be continued as before, and any interested knitters will be welcome.

Those not interested in knitting are asked to bring their own work or come along and have just a 'welcome cuppa' and a chat with a view to our all keeping together as a team, so that when need arises we may do our little bit to make a sale for the Housing Association a success. We hope to hold a sale in the Spring, but details will be given later.

One other interest will be the collecting of suitable garments for turning into children's oddments, which we know can be put to good advantage by the W.V.S.

Will you come and enjoy a happy two hours getting to know your fellow church members better? In a large Church like ours it is difficult, but here is the opportunity to meet on a social footing and you can be assured of a welcome.

D.B.J.

### Teaspoons

Have you too many? If so we should be very glad to have your surplus for church use before the Anniversary.

Thank you.

L.B.Reynolds

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Thanks

My wife and I wish to acknowledge with gratitude and appreciation the many expressions of sympathy we have received and the support of prayers offered for consolation in our recent bereavement. We very much regret our inability to reply to each and everyone.

Leslie Turnbull.

Mrs. Roberts and her daughter would like to thank the friends of Goring Congregational Church for their loving sympathy and the gifts of flowers to Mr. G.N. Roberts during the last months of his illness, also for their kindly visits.

L. Roberts.

Frances and I, through the medium of this journal, wish to express our deep appreciation to all those who by their prayers and kind communications have shewn so much kindness during the few weeks when I was laid aside, and we ask that you will please accept our deep gratitude and thanks.

Frances and Tom Howe

May we express to Mr. Hayward and to our fellow Church members and friends our grateful thanks and warm appreciation of their kindness shown during Arthur's recent illness and rather lengthy stay in hospital. Happily he is now at home (There's no place like it!) and making good progress towards recovery. The fact that we have been remembered in thought and prayer by so many has been a great source of comfort and encouragement during this trying time. Thank you all very much indeed.

Violet and Arthur Pearn.

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Monday Evening Fellowship

The Fellowship are involved with other Worthing Churches in a "Unity Fair" to be held at the Assembly Hall on Thursday September 23rd at 7.30p.m. Our stall will be a Country Market Stall. During the evening there will be a Fashion Show by Bentalls.

In this connection we are having a Coffee Morning on Wednesday September 15th in the Church Hall, when it is hoped many members of the congregation will come along and have a happy time together over a coffee and no doubt tell each other of their holidays, and also bring along tinned and packaged goods, home made jams, etc. We want to make our stall a 'Grand Affair'. Any fresh vegetables or flowers may be brought to the Church on Thursday, 23rd September in the morning.

The proceeds of the Fair will go to Worthing Charities, including 'Aid to the Crippled Child'.

We begin our Autumn Session on September 13th at 8 p.m. to finalise arrangements for the Unity Fair Stall., joining with us will be Holy Trinity Young Wives Group.

September 27th - Films on Guide Dogs for the Blind.

C.J.G.

Golden Wedding.

On 10th September 1921 at Rectory Road, Stoke Newington Congregational Church by Rev. C. Fleming Williams, Arthur Edward Pearn to Violet Elsie Walker.

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The Girls' Brigade.

We were delighted with the result of our Jumble Sale which added £63 to our Guide Dog Fund. Our thanks to all who helped us to achieve this splendid result.

The winter session re-opens on September 7th.

M.S. Dobson.

Goring (Sussex) Congregational Housing Assocn. Ltd.

I am sure many of our friends who have supported this project so generously and enthusiastically must be feeling depressed at the lack of progress. Had our original plans for 9 flatlets and a warden's flat (which had the approval of the Worthing Corp'n.) been passed by the Department of the Environment I have no doubt the flats would have been completed by now.

The delays due to bureaucratic control have been frustrating to the officers of the association, but we must look forward - not backward - and we are hopeful that all necessary permissions will soon be tohand for 6 small flats and one warden's flat, and we shall be able to go to tender for conversion. Once work starts I have no doubt the enthusiasm will be greater than ever.

In the meantime we are grateful to those who continue to support our financial appeal, especially to one from whom we recently received £150 and to four ladies who sent £5; both gifts were anonymous. Our sincere thanks for these gifts and also to those subscribers who have transferred their 5% Loan Stock to Donations or Interest Free Loans. We gratefully acknowledge the first quarterly sum of £50 from the church which, over the year, effectively halves our bank interest on approximately £5,000 at 8%.

Our next Coffee Morning will be in the hands of Mrs. Nodes and helpers and will be held on Wednesday, 20th October. (See page 10).

J.R.B.

The Minister's Sermon - Acts 26:29 I wish to God that not only you, but all those also who are listening to me today, might become what I am, except for these bonds.

Our subject is facing frustration. We all have to face frustration from time to time, sometimes we bring it upon ourselves, as when we have forgotten something of which we ought to have made a note. There are frustrations over which we have no control, little ones - the milk boiling over the moment our back is turned, or the head of screw splits when it is only half in. There are great frustrations - when we realise we are losing one of our faculties, failure in an exam for which we have worked hard, or disappointing progress in a job. Finally there are frustrations which come to us because of what other people do or say, and in addition Christians face the frustration of the deliberate distortion of the truth of the Gospel and unjust criticisms of both Church and Christians by non-christian people.

It may seem that our text has not much to say on this subject, but it is typical of the whole of Paul's ministry. Nobody has ever been possessed of a more burning urge to preach the Gospel to those who had not heard it than Paul, yet he was constantly frustrated in his labours; he met opposition everywhere he went; he suffered cruel persecution; he was shut up in prison. Surely there must have been times when he wondered why God allowed all this to happen to prevent his preaching the Gospel. What frustration Paul experienced from those who tried to compel his gentile converts to obedience to the Jewish law, and as if all this were not enough there was the thorn in the flesh. We do not know what was Paul's thorn in the flesh, but we do know that it interfered with his work and that he prayed that God would take it away.

In Paul we can see both how not to face frustration and how we may profit by it. After Paul was frustrated by Mark's return on the first missionary journey he refused to forgive him when Barnabas wanted to take Mark on the second journey.

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We know too that Paul could get angry when his converts disappointed him and on one occasion he wrote a stinging letter, which he later regretted because he was afraid it would make matters worse. But we also know that Paul learned by the frustration of the thorn in the flesh that God's grace was sufficient for all his needs. So we see that the way to face frustration is to refuse to allow that frustration to make us speak or act wrongly, but rather that we should so face it that we learn grace from it.

Let us look at Jesus. Think of the frustration He had to face - the fact that the people were more interested in what He did than what He said. The fact that His enemies called His good evil and accused Jesus of being a blasphemer because He did what He knew was God's work. How frustrating must His disciples have been - so slow to learn, refusing to accept His teaching about His messiahship, their pettiness and weakness.

We spoke of Paul having a burning desire to preach the Gospel, but Jesus believed that He was the Son of God and the Saviour of the world, yet He had to face and endure the utter frustration of the cross, but it is here more than in Paul that the Christian must learn how to face frustration, for Jesus turned the frustration of the defeat of the cross into the victory of the salvation of mankind.

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### Some Sayings

Busy souls have no time to be busy-bodies.

Though a man without money is poor, a man with nothing but money is poorer.



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An Appreciation of Mrs. M. Millward.

All her friends regret she has now left Worthing and our Church. We wish her every happiness in her new home.

For a very long time her health has been very indifferent and we all hope it will soon improve now that she will be living near her son.

She helped tremendously in all events held for bringing in money for our Church and for this we thank her. She had a lovely contralto voice and for many years was in the "Huddersfield Choir".

With best wishes from all her friends.

Cicely Nodes.

Mrs. Millward's address is now :

18 Park Road,  
Parsonage Farm, Burwell, Cambridge.

Goring Housing Association

A Coffee Morning will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday October 20th, 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall, also a "competition", the lucky one receiving a box of chocolates. Please will you do your best to attend as we wish to raise a fair sum of money for the Association.

Margaret Dobson, Hilda Lowman  
and Cicely Nodes.

Flower Rota for September

5th Mr. V.H. Padfield  
12th Mrs. W.E. Brown  
19th Miss K. Attkins  
26th Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Beale

Correction (July/August Chronicle)

July 18th - Mrs. D.E. Bridger - in place of  
Mr. V.H. Padfield.

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Amberley Congregational Church.

We have lots of visitors to our lovely village at this time of year, and we had great pleasure in entertaining a coach load of them to tea last month. They came from Mayfield in East Sussex, members of the Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Church. It was particularly enjoyable to see and chat over old times with the Minister's wife, Mrs. Macgregor Tutt (she hadn't changed a bit!). When Rev. Macgregor Tutt was our minister some years ago, Mrs. Tutt was the leader of our Sisterhood, so we had much to talk about. It was a perfect summer afternoon and Amberley was looking its best, a fact much appreciated by those who were able to take a stroll.

We shall soon be into autumn with one of our favourite church services - Harvest Festival. This year ours will take place on Sunday, 3rd October. The Rev. W. Hayward will conduct the evening service. Gifts of fruit or vegetables would be much appreciated.

Preachers for September.11 a.m.

5th Mr. B. Ball  
12th Mr. Jewell  
19th Mr. Kimber  
26th To be arranged

6.30 p.m.

Mr. A. Slater (H.C.)  
Team of young people.  
Mr. Donnelly  
Mr. B. Jackson.

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Church Calendar September 1971

- 5 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion after Morning Service.  
Preacher: The Moderator, the Revd. D.A. Smith.
- 12 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 13 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m.
- 14 Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.
- 15 Wed. Coffee Morning in Church Hall arranged by the Monday Fellowship in aid of Stall at the 'Unity Fair'.
- 16 Thurs. Monthly Day of Prayer 10.30 a.m. followed by Holy Communion;  
7.30 p.m. United Churches of Goring Service. Preacher The Revd. P.G. Filby, B.D.
- 18 Sat. 10th Anniversary and Thanksgiving for the opening of our new Church - see separate Order of Events.
- 19 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion to follow both Services.  
Preacher the Revd. C.C. Franks.
- 23 Thurs. Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 26 SUN. Harvest Festival - Divine Worship 11 a.m. (Family Service) and 6.30 p.m.
- 27 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m.
- 28 Tues. Women's Guild Working Party.
- 30 Thurs. Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Material for October Chronicle should be handed to Mrs. J.M. Jenkins by the 12th September. The editor expects to be away in September, and Mrs. Jenkins is kindly standing in.

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My dear Friends,

As I write this letter we are in the middle of the celebrations of the tenth anniversary of the opening of our Church. I hope we shall have a report written of these events for our next issue, at the moment I want to say only two things. First to express our gratitude to the committee responsible for this programme, to the ladies who have had a good deal of catering to cope with and especially to Mr. N. Dobson who has acted as chief organiser. The second thing is to commend to you all "Twixt Downs & Sea" the history of our Church which has been revised and brought up to date by Mr. H. A. Winterton, this booklet is available at 35p. per copy and I hope every family in the Church will have a copy.

At this time we have been looking back - if we look back with thankfulness we must go forward with stronger faith and deeper love.

On 5th October we commence our fortnightly sessions for Bible Study, meeting by the kind invitation of the Misses Redman at 14, Robson Road. This session our subject will be "Understanding the Old Testament" and we give a warm invitation to any friends interested to join us on October 5th at 7.30.

We rejoice with our friends at Littlehampton in the Induction of their new minister Rev. Bryan Jones on October 8th at 6.30 p.m., friends from Goring will be welcome at this Service. We pray God's richest blessing on this new ministry.

On. Oct. 17th our preacher at our Morning

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Service will be Canon J.G.R. Northridge, the District Secretary for the British and Foreign Bible Society. I have heard Canon Northridge speak on a number of occasions and know we can look forward to an interesting sermon that morning.

In the evening of 24th October we shall have a Youth Service arranged by the Youth Council.

Best wishes to all secretaries, leaders and workers at the beginning of this new session. May we all seek to make the life and witness of our Church a means of grace in the lives of many people.

Yours very sincerely,  
Wallis Hayward.

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### The Family

This month two of our members have suffered bereavement. We remember Mrs. Machen who has lost her father and Miss Thomas who has lost her brother.

Our thoughts are with both Mr. F. Dearsley and Mr. Pooley who are both suffering a good deal at this time.

Mrs. Gilbert is awaiting Xray and meantime unable to get about.

Mr. Pearn is much better but Mrs. Pearn has had an infection from which we hope she will soon have recovered.

Mrs. French is a little better and able to get up for a short while each day.

Mr. McLaren had to have a spell in a nursing home and we are glad he is now home again.

Mr. Cozens Walker has had an infection and we hope he will soon be better.

We warmly congratulate Mr. & Mrs. (Neē Pat Jones) Keith Tyson upon their marriage in August.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes also to Mr. Eric Bond and Miss Jane Stephens upon their recent engagement.

We also congratulate Mr. Brian Hughes upon his engagement - we have not yet learned the name of the happy young lady.

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We rejoiced with Mr. & Mrs. Pearn on the occasion of their golden wedding.

Miss Mary Dobson came of age (at the old fashioned rate) in August - our congratulations and best wishes.

We hear that Mr. Shilston is to be married in October and wish him and his bride-to-be every joy and blessing.

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### Christian Aid

Very many thanks to all who have given to this great cause this month. Our total for September was £11.82<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. M.E.H.

THE CHOIR invites you to a film slide show "A Trip to Turkey" in Aid of the Housing Association, at 7.45 p.m. in the Church Hall on Thursday, 7th October.

Mrs. Dobson, Miss Lomond and Mrs. Nodes invite you to a COFFEE MORNING, in aid of the Housing Association, which will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday, 20th October, from 10.15 a.m.

There will be a Bring and Buy and "Whit Elephant" stall. If you have anything suitable for this it will be appreciated and if you wish us to collect please contact one of us by 'phone. But please "No jumble or clothing".

### Flower Rota for October, 1971

3rd	Miss G.H. Dent
10th	Miss M.A. West
17th	Miss M. Curtis
24th	Mrs. G.L. Nodes & family
31st	Miss M. Hawke

K.J.W.

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The Minister's Sermon Joshua 4.7. When your children ask what these stones mean ye shall tell them.

I Peter 2.5 Let yourselves be built as living stones.

How quickly our sense of wonder evaporates. Do you remember when you first saw the T.V.? now we take it for granted and grumble about it. Do you remember when you first saw men on the moon, but it doesn't seem as wonderful now.

One of the bases of Jewish religion was the wonder of what God had done for His people. "He brought us up out of the land of Egypt" "He led us into the land of promise" - these acts of God showed how He cared for His People.

The wonder of what God had done for His people could diminish as quickly as any other wonder and therefore memorials were necessary to keep the people mindful of what God had done for them. Year by year they celebrated the Passover - the memorial of when God delivered them from Egypt. The deliverance from Egypt must have happened something over 3,000 years ago, but sincere Jews keep it still and it is not only a celebration but especially an occasion for teaching and remembering what God had done for His people.

When Israel crossed Jordan they built a heap of boulders. How soon it would be that some people had forgotten and others grown up who knew nothing about the crossing of the Jordan, when they asked what was the significance of this pile they were to be told - not about Joshua the leader, but what God had done.

Those who were concerned with the actual building of this Church are at this time remembering all that went into the work of building - the planning, the discussions, the faith and the love in the wonderful giving. You remember the great day when the first turf was cut, watching the building grow, and at last the moving dedication services. Many of us, however, came to the Church after all this excitement and wonder was over, we found a church ready and

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waiting for us and we rejoiced in its beauty. But whatever these walls say to us, surely whether we had a part in the building or not, it is not what persons did but what God did in this place, God who inspired all.

Standing at the back of the Church is a model of what a few years ago we planned as the completion of this set of buildings, a hall and rooms sufficient to meet all our needs. Today there are people who would tell us that to go ahead with these plans would be a complete waste of money, the time is coming when the Church won't be big enough to need such premises, indeed the time is coming when this beautiful Church will fall into disuse, for lack of worshippers. If this is true God was quite mistaken to inspire the building of the Church and to put it into the hearts of people so to give us to make it possible.

If these walls remind us of what God has done then surely we must have the faith to believe that He had a purpose in what He did and that that purpose will continue through the years. Can we possibly doubt that God's purpose in the building of a Church would not be that this should be a place to which people could come for the answers of the needs of their own spirits and then go out into the world as the ambassadors and witnesses of the Gospel.

A building is made of many bricks each making a part of the whole. A Church is made of a number of people, a Church is a living fellowship when its people are inspired by the Holy Spirit, only so can we know and fulfil God's purposes for this Church, then, "Let yourselves be built as living stones".

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SEPTEMBER MOON.

The Moon, serene and calm  
 spilling through Space a path  
 of bright silver  
 over a black sea;  
 yet losing no majesty  
 in bridging the miles between.

The Earth, all colour quenched,  
 silvered, enamelled, drenched  
 in light translucent;  
 a study in black and white -  
 etched on a vast Silence .....

I wrote these lines at the beginning of the second World War. I was deeply moved one night by the sheer beauty of moonlight superimposed upon the shore of a South Coast Town totally blacked-out against air-attack. Never since, for me, has the loveliness of the firmament so shown forth the Glory of God. But that was thirty years ago.

To-day due to the intrepid adventurings of Science, the Orb of Heaven (as the poets have called her) has been debunked! We know the moon to be arid and airless, dry and dusty, a windless wasteland, lifeless, dead. And yet, from the earth angle, it is still beautiful due, of course, to its capacity to reflect the light of the sun.

God grant that we, the imperfect ones, having small merit of our own, may shew forth the beauty of holiness in so far as our lives catch and reflect the light which emanates from the Son of God.

M.L.S.

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From the Joint Secretaries' Desk

Death - Mr. G.N. Roberts of 94 Sea Place on  
14th June.

Wedding - On Saturday 28th August, Miss Patricia  
Jones of 38 Trent Road to Mr. Keith  
Tyson of 47 Musgrave Gardens, Durham.

New Members

Mr. N. Allport of "Avallon" Marlborough Road,  
Goring by transfer from Streatham Congregational  
Church on 8th July

Mrs. J.F. McLeod and Mrs. E.R. Hodgess of  
2 Meadowside Court, Goring Street (Tele. W.501630)  
by transfer from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,  
Eastcote, Pinner on 29th July.

Transfers out on 8th July

Mrs. E. Watson of Flat 1, 22 Shakespeare Road,  
Worthing to St. Columbas Presbyterian Church  
Mrs. N. Dicker of 42 Winden Avenue Chichester to  
Southgate Methodist Church, Chichester.

Handbook ModificationsAdditions -

Miss J. Stephens, "Larksmead", 7 Arlington Ave,  
Goring (tele. W.43947)

Mr. & Mrs. P Bailey, 62 Arundel Road, Worthing  
(W. 63181)

Miss F. Gibson Flat 10, 24 Mill Road, Worthing  
Mrs. Kemp The Bungalow, Southdown Park Road,  
Findon. (W.61364)

Mr. & Mrs. R.F. Raper, Heathercroft, 49 Alinora Cres.  
Goring (W.44723)

Mr. C.S. Wood "Restawhile", Mulberry Lane,  
Goring. (W.501785)

Included in error

Miss A.L. Morton, 66 Robson Road, Goring

Amendments

Miss J.H. Warland "Seatoller" 63 Strathmore Rd.  
Worthing (W.41514)

Miss M.E. Heley to Mrs. P. Hewitt, 42 Parklands  
Ave. Goring.

Mrs. A.M. Aust now at 108 Sea Lane, Rustington.  
(Rust. 71519)

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21st Birthday

Miss M Dobson "Skyline", 11 Chute Ave,  
High Salvington in July. Congratulations  
and best wishes for many happy returns of the  
day from us all.

A.B.

E.B.

DORIS AND GORDON WRAIGHT wish to express their  
very real gratitude to all the friends at the  
Church whose many kindnesses and thoughtful help  
with transport contributed so much to a good  
recovery over recent weeks.

THE GIRLS BRIGADE.

We are sure that, like us, you will be delighted  
to know that we have reached our target for a  
Guide Dog for a blind person, the total to date  
is £259.03. This sum has been reached by various  
money raising efforts, a sponsored walk and car  
washing by the BRIGAders, Country markets and a  
Jumble Sale, at these events all members of the  
company took part. But a great deal of credit  
must go to the Miss Ragan's, who from May 1968  
packed and despatched over 2600 lbs of foil, we  
are very grateful for the help given from so many  
friends for their support in bringing foil each  
week, we hope you will continue to do this as we  
shall pass it on to a local Brownie pack, who have  
just started to collect. The photograph of "our"  
dog will be officially presented to us at our  
Parents evening on Saturday Dec. 4th. We hope  
you will book this date, and we shall look forward  
to seeing you.

M.S.Dobson.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

October 11th Bamix Food Mixer Demonstration  
 ,, 25th We are acting as "Host to the other  
 Churches who participated in the  
 "Unity Fair" when the cheques will  
 be presented to the appropriate  
 Charities.

I would like to thank Church members who  
 very kindly came along to our Coffee morning and  
 brought provisions for our Country Market Stall.  
 We would welcome any new members so  
 come along and join us.

C.J.G.

WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY

The opening meeting of the Working Party  
 was well attended and we were pleased to see new  
 friends and hope they will continue to enjoy our  
 Tuesday afternoons.

On October 12th Mrs. Wraight (Junior)  
 has promised to give us a little talk on Handicrafts  
 and show us some of the things she has been able to  
 do for Christmas. Come and enjoy a leisurely  
 afternoon with us!

D.B.J.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

October 5th. The Speaker will be Mrs. Harvey and  
 we are to have a film on the work of  
 Dr. Barnado's Homes.

October 19th This is our ANNIVERSARY SERVICE in  
 the Church. We have Mrs. Cyril Franks  
 as our Speaker, and soloist Joan  
 Harrison. The service will be  
 followed by tea in the Hall. All  
 ladies are very welcome to both  
 Service and tea.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship will recommence after the summer recess on Tuesday, 28th September, when Mr. Hayward will be the Chairman, pitting his wits against a brilliant team of Four Fellowship members in a game of "Twenty Questions".

On 12th October, we shall hear Miss Elizabeth Pannett's impressions of a visit to Mexico, illustrated by her own sketches.

R. F. H.

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Material for NOVEMBER Chronicle should be handed to Miss D. Walsh by Sunday, 17th October.

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AMBERLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

These days, we almost despair of filling our church with young people, so we were pleased and encouraged to have about thirty teenagers at our evening service on 12th September. They were young Congregationalists from Horsham, Crawley and Goring who had spent the weekend together - combining pleasure and social work. They spent most of the Saturday tidying up the gardens of two houses that are to be made into Old People's flats, they were given lunch by the ladies of Goring Church and held a barbecue in the evening - bedding down that night in Goring Church Hall. On Sunday they walked across the Downs from Worthing, having been supplied with packed lunches and ended up at Amberley, where we had arranged to entertain them to tea. A group of four of them conducted the evening service - very well it was done too! The lessons were beautifully read, there was an excellent short address, and two items sung by the Group (who came from Horsham), accompanying themselves on guitars and a harmonica. Slightly unusual perhaps, but not lacking in any way in reverence. Even the youngest of the lads seemed to enjoy the service (and surely we shouldn't be too solemn when we worship God!).

We hope that friends will remember that we are holding a small sale in November - this year to help with our missionary work. The date and time will be given next month - we know we can count on your support.

Preachers for October

	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.30 p.m.</u>
3rd ...	Mr. L. Knight	Rev. W. Hayward
10th ...	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Todd
17th ...	Mr. Deffee	Rev. H. Rowse (H.C.)
24th ...	Mr. Appleton	Mr. C. Pardoe
31st ...	Mr. T. Cole	Mr. Hickford (snr)

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Church Calendar October, 1971

- 3 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. Followed by Holy Communion. Preacher, The Minister 6.30 p.m. Preacher Mr. L.E. Knight.
- 5 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - Film on the work of Dr. Barnado's Homes.  
Bible Study Group at 14 Robson Rd. 7.30 p.m.
- 7 Thur. Junior Church Teachers Meeting 8 p.m.  
Film Show 7.45 p.m. "A Trip to Turkey" in aid of the Housing Assn. (The Choir)
- 10 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
- 11 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship -  
Bamix Food Demonstration 8 p.m.
- 12 Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.45 p.m.  
Handicraft Talk and Display.  
Men's Fellowship - "Mexico through a young artist's sketchbook"
- 14 Thurs. MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE 10.30 a.m. with Holy Communion  
SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING 7.30 p.m. at which the Moderator will speak.
- 17 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. Preacher Canon Northridge (Brit. & For. Bible Socy) 6.30 p.m. followed by Holy Communion  
Preacher The Minister
- 19 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - ANNIVERSARY -  
Speaker Mrs. Cyril Franks. 3 p.m.  
Bible Study Group at 14 Robson Rd 7.30 p.m.
- 20 Wed. Coffee Morning & White Elephant Stall
- 24 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.  
Youth Service Preacher The Minister
- 25 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m.
- 26 Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.45 p.m.  
Men's Fellowship - "Wrought Iron Work".
- 28 Thurs. Deacons Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 30 Sat. Coffee Morning 10.30 p.m. (Missionary Com.)
- 31 SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. Papua Centenary celebration and 6.30 p.m.  
Preacher - The Minister.

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My dear Friends,

Last evening we held our special Church Meeting at which our vote on entry into the United Reformed Church was taken. The voting was 98 for the proposition and 26 against, which means we had the required majority of 75% of those present and voting in favour, and will enter the United Reformed Church if it is formed. Since our first discussion on this subject we have all known that we were a divided Church. I am glad that differences of opinion have all the way through been courteously respected. Now we must believe that our decision was taken under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and we must ensure that as a fellowship we are united in that Spirit. If the United Reformed Church comes into being we shall be able to work within it for its unity and strength and share in the beginning of the building which we may hope will progressively grow through the union of other Churches with it.

I would like to thank all those who have given time and thought to the study of the Basis for Union in order to help the Church towards its conclusion.

Sincerely yours,

Wallis Hayward.

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The Family

After some years of handicap and suffering Mrs. D. Willoughby has passed to her rest, and we give



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thanks for her faith and life.

All who knew him were shocked by the tragic death of Andrew Perrett and our hearts have gone out to Mr. and Mrs. Perrett and Clive.

We commit all who mourn to the Father's comfort and care.

Mr. F. Dearsley has seemed a little better lately and has had less pain.

Miss Whorhirst is now in a Nursing Home to give her sister a bit of rest.

Mrs. Gilbert will be having some treatment which we hope will be helpful to her.

Mr. Pearn has had a relapse from which we hope he will soon make a good recovery.

Mrs. Holman now has to spend a good deal of time in bed.

Mr. Cozens Walker is better but must take special care for a while.

Mr. Pooley is still far from well.

Mr. Pringle is now in an Old People's Home in Putney - Royston House, Putney Hill, London, S.W.15. We hope he will be happy there.

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### The late Mrs. Dora Willoughby.

Very soon after becoming members of our Church both Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby became friendly with many members, and it was at the 'Canasta Parties' given by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison every Saturday evening to raise money for the electric organ for the Church Hall that we came firm friends. In those days Mrs. Willoughby was very active at the Working Party and was of great assistance at the annual bazaars. She was also pianist for three years for the Sunday School when the number of children attending was around 250!

During the war she suffered a great blow by losing her home in Andover when a Flying Fortress bomber crashed in the garden. Mrs. Willoughby was alone in the house - her husband being at business and her son, Bernard, in the army. The plane was on

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training flight so there were no bombs or Dora would not have survived; the house was completely wrecked by fire from the fuel tanks. What an appalling blow for her! In 1961 she had a stroke and was in a Nursing Home in St. Michael's Road for nearly 13 months. Afterwards she spent a time at home with a friend looking after her. But it was too much for the friend and she returned to a Nursing Home until she was admitted to The Priory. Whilst there she would come to the Garden Parties and also attended morning service at Church when the ambulance was available. But as the years passed she deteriorated and eventually was taken to Worthing Hospital, where after a few weeks she passed away. Knowing how she suffered her end was a happy release. But those who knew her will always remember her.

Cicely Nodes.

### The Boys' Brigade.

November 20th - 27th is known as B.B. Week, and through out the whole Brigade officers and boys collect funds which help both their own company and the work of the whole Brigade. As a Company we do not now make an individual appeal to all Church members, but we are deeply grateful to those friends who usually give us financial support and shall be very glad to receive contributions towards our funds. We too of course are having to meet increased costs.

On Saturday morning November 20th we shall hold a Coffee Morning, 10.30 to 12 o'clock, with Bring & Buy stall, and we hope that our many friends will support this occasion.

W.H.

### Leprosy Phials

Miss G.H. Dent asks all friends to let her have the phials (even if not full) by the third Sunday in November (21st) for the half-yearly contributions.

From the Joint Secretaries' Desk

Baptism: On August 8th Philip Lawrence Hite, son of Mr. & Mrs. E.G. Hite, 17 Orchard Gardens, Westergate, Chichester.

Deaths: Mrs. T.G. Willoughby of "The Priory", South Street, Tarring, 26th September.

Mr. Andrew Perrett of 8 Kelso Close, on 2nd October.

Handbook Addition: Miss G.I. Cooper, 168 Goring Road. W.41134.

Money Matters

Collections during the quarter ended 30 Sept.

1971: Loose Cash £266.75  
 Envelopes 556.13  
 Total £822.88 (including £11.25 for Missions)

and for the 9 months ending 30 Sept. 1971:-

Loose Cash £ 740.02  
 Envelopes 1,616.01  
 Total £2,356.03 (including £32.57 for Missions).

At this time last year the envelopes had provided £1,633.40, of which £43.17 was for Missions. There has therefore been a falling away of revenue from this source, which can be accounted for by removals, death or other reasons.

Giving by Envelopes forms the backbone of our finances, and to those who already use them we say, Thank you for your loyal support.

In these days we are constantly reminded that we are passing through a time of inflation, and the Church is not exempt from the impact of rising costs.

May we therefore appeal to those who do use the envelopes to examine the possibility of expanding their giving if at all possible? Even the addition of only two new pence per member per week would be most beneficial. Please give it thought. To those

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who do not use envelopes may we commend this method of giving and ask you to get in touch with Mr. N. Gregory for details? He will be most happy to give you any assistance.

N.F.R.

Missionary Account to 1st October

	1971	£1970
Bank Balance 1st. Jan	£ 35.31	£ 44.95
Envelopes	310.59	357.30
Other Donations	57.76	106.28
Tax Refunds (pending)		38.17
Boxes	4.21	2.88
Junior Church and B.B.	26.90	16.80
Coffee Morning	25.50	-
Adjustment	0.27	-
	<u>£460.54</u>	<u>£566.38</u>
Remitted to Sussex		
Congregational Union	£ 460.29	<u>£566.13</u>
Minimum Bank Balance	<u>£0.25</u>	<u>£0.25</u>

S.A.K.

South Africa

The United Nations Association invites you to a meeting in the Gordon Room, Town Hall, on Wednesday November 24th at 3 p.m., when Bishop Ambrose Reeves, formerly of Johannesburg, will speak on the EVILS of APARTEID.

The Bishop is an excellent speaker - the subject concerns us all.

M.M.R.

Christmas Cards

Charity Cards will be on sale in St. Paul's Church Hall on Thursday November 4th, 10.30 to 12.30. - Christian Aid; Save the Children's Fund; The Red Cross; The Refugee Home; U.N.I.C.E.F; Ockenden Adventure and Oxfam.

Coffee served, 5p.

M.M.R.

### Women's Guild Working Party

At the meeting held on 12th October we were pleased to see a record number of 65. Mrs. Wraight, Junr., gave us a delightful afternoon, and it was with admiration we viewed the toys she so skilfully makes. She almost made it sound easy to be a toy maker - but I wonder!

Our next meeting will be 9th November 2.30 p.m. in the large hall, and thereafter fortnightly; if you care to join us and bring your own work, or if you can help in some of our sidelines we shall be delighted. We have a sales table each week and the proceeds are for the Housing Association.

Are you new to the Church and district? - Here friends and fellowship await you!

D.B.J.

### Youth Fellowship

On September 10th a group of 10 young people arrived from Horsham, Crawley and East Grinstead to spend a weekend at our Church as part of a National exchange scheme.

On the Saturday they helped with the gardens of the houses in Shaftesbury Avenue belonging to the Housing Association, and in the evening a barbeque was arranged on the Downs to which our own young people were invited. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

On Sunday a party of about 25, made up of the visitors and some of our own youth, walked to Amberley Church where the Evening Service was conducted by the group from Horsham.

I should like to thank all the people who helped to make this weekend a success, especially Mr. B. Jackson, Mr. M.E. Jones and the ladies from Goring and Amberley who fed us so well.

John Almond

### Women's Guild Fellowship

Dates of Meetings are in the Church Calendar. Please note alteration for the 20th Nov. meeting.

CELEBRATION DAY - 10th Anniversary of Goring  
Congregational Church, Sussex.

Mr. Hayward read a letter from the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cozens Walker who lives in Seattle, U.S.A., in which she stated that she was the first member to be married in the New Church and she sent her very best wishes for the future of the Church.

Our very grateful thanks to Norman Dobson for the wonderful organisation of the occasion. Our Minister was Chairman and he put in a few witty remarks now and then. It was grand to hear Miss Thomas speaking in the Church once again - she has been a marvellous worker for very many years.

We were very interested to hear from Mrs. W. Hite her detailed account of the formation and life and work of the Church from 1940 - 1957. Also Mr. Wills for his description of the Building. Sarah Nodes told us she was the first child to be Christened in the new Church and that Philip Lawrence Hite was the last during these first ten years. She also mentioned that her grandfather, the late G.L. Nodes, was Church Treasurer during the building of the Church.

The new edition of 'Twixt Downs and the Sea' is extremely interesting and Mr. Winterton has given us a wonderful story.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Mercer for the very artistically decorated cake and the grand taste of it, and to Mrs. Hayward for the cutting of the cake. Last but not least our thanks to Mrs. Reynolds and her helpers for the lovely tea provided for 240 people - a very hard job.

After tea Mr. Robin Parker showed slides of the new building from the laying of the foundation stone, and then the organ recital by Mr. Gavin Brown was much appreciated.

Sunday the 19th The Rev. C.C. Franks of Purley Congregational Church drew a large congregation. His address to the children was very up to date. His subject being many questions on "What happened in 1961", and gradually leading to the opening of the new Church in that year. Mr. Franks has been described as being an expert on Children's Addresses.

This grand event in our Church life will long be remembered. To finish off the occasion Mr. and Mrs. Franks gave time after the Evening Service to stay an hour talking over a cup of tea to as many friends as possible.

All praise to those who did the floral decorations. The Church looked beautiful, and those who received the flowers afterwards must have been delighted.

Cicely Nodes.

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### I.B.R.A.

May I, on behalf of the Secretary of the I.B.R.A., express his very grateful thanks to those members whose generous response to the September 11th Appeal amounted to £5.50. I have a few copies of The Link, showing how your gifts are expended, to pass on to anyone interested. If unable to contact me at the Church, perhaps you would ring W.47870.

(Miss) E. Shearmur. Local Sec.

### Magazines 1972

Within the next week I shall be sending in my annual orders for 1972 for the "Congregational Monthly" and "Enterprise". May I please have the names of any new subscribers or cancellations before then.

M.L. Hawke.

### Christian Aid

The sum of £19.05 was received during October for this fund, and I would like to thank all of you who have given so generously.

Marjorie Hayward.

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Flower Rota for November.

7th	Mr. & Mrs. Pepperdine
14th	Mr. G. Brockis
21st	Mrs. S.C. Stredwick
28th	Mrs. F. Ross

K.J.W.

The Minister's Sermon Mark 5:34 Thy faith hath made thee whole.

The Jews at the time of Jesus did not think of a person, as we do, as being body, mind and spirit. We might say of a person that he is physically quite fit but his mind has gone, or vice versa. The Jews thought of a person as a unit, if any part of him was sick then he was wholly sick; thus to heal a sick person was to make him whole. The work of Jesus was making men whole and this must be the work of the Church today.

In the early days of foreign missions the one thing that mattered was what they called evangelisation, saving men from their paganism and superstitions and bringing them to Christ. Today we realise mission must be concerned with the whole man and missionaries are also concerned with medical work and education; in fact anything that concerns the wholeness of a man's life. A great deal of this sort of work is now done by Christian Aid; indeed I suppose that because of its greater resources Christian Aid is able to give more help to people than all the missions put together. Should we then stop giving to missions and give all we can to Christian Aid? I'm an ardent supporter of Christian Aid and believe it is doing a wonderful work in the world, but I am bound to say that under no circumstances must we allow what we give to Christian Aid to diminish what we give to missions. We must be concerned with the wholeness of men, which means their spirits as well as their minds and bodies. Spiritual work is work that Christian Aid cannot do by its very nature. Therefore the work of Christian mission is as important as it has ever been, if not more so, when we consider the needs of the world today.

But we must never talk about mission as though



it ~~were~~ something somewhere else and all we had to do was to give our bit to keep it going. If there is mission there and missionaries and money are needed there, as they are, then there is mission here and missionaries and money are needed here.

The spheres of healing and education have been taken out of our hands and men can imagine they can be whole without any spiritual need at all because they are physically and mentally provided for. But there cannot be the slightest doubt that there would be less physical and mental illness if there were more faith. Less mental illness, because if men have faith they are saved from the devastation of anxiety, fear and guilt. If there were more faith there would be less physical illness. This not to say all physical illness is due to faithlessness, to say so would be untrue and unchristian, but fear, anxiety and guilt can and do also have disastrous physical consequences on people's lives.

Our calling is to make men whole and if we are to do that we must bring them to a Christian faith. To do this we need first to show a vivid and vital faith working in our own lives, but we must not imagine that our having faith is enough, we must also preach about it as missionaries. We must realise that it is our business to try to bring our Christian faith to meet men's needs as they arise, that they may thereby discover the power of faith for themselves.

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Friends of Westholme, Clive Avenue

We hope you will be able to come to the Annual General Meeting, and bring others, to be held on Tuesday 2nd November at 2.30 p.m. at the Home.

More men and women willing to give a little of their time to help and cheer the residents, many of whom are badly incapacitated, are needed. Probably the greatest need is for more visitors. They will find a cordial welcome waiting them and will undoubtedly feel that bringing a little happiness to the residents is worth while.

J. Ragan.

Amberley Congregational Church.

It was decided at our last Church Meeting to hold Morning Services only on Sundays from 14th November to the last Sunday in March. Our last Evening Service this year will be a united one conducted by members of the Hassocks Churches Youth Group. We hope friends from St. Michael's Church will join in our worship.

We would like to thank all who sent gifts of fruit and vegetables for the Harvest Festival - the produce was given to Arundel Hospital and 'Amberley', the old folks' home at Littlehampton.

Please note - the date of the sale in aid of missionary work is Saturday, 27th November at 2.30 p.m.

Preachers for November.11 a.m.

- 7th - To be arranged  
 14th - Remembrance  
 Service at St.  
 Michael's.  
 21st - Mr. Lovatt  
 28th - Mr. Kimber.

6.30 p.m.

United Service Hassocks  
 Churches Youth Group.

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Church Calendar for November 1971

- Tues. 2 Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. Demonstration  
of Bamix Foodmixer  
Bible Study Group 14 Robson Road, 7.30 p.m.
- Thurs. 4 Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 7 Divine Worship 11 a.m. followed by Holy  
Communion, and 6.30 p.m.
- Mon. 8 Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m.
- Tues. 9 Women's Guild Working Party 2.45 p.m.  
Men's Fellowship 2.45 p.m.
- Thurs. 11 Monthly Prayer Service 10.30 a.m. with  
Holy Communion
- SUN. 14 Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
- Tues. 16 Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. "Work in  
our Borough" - Mr. J. Wilkinson  
Bible Study Group 14 Robson Road 7.30 p.m.
- Wed. 17 District Ministers & Deacons Meeting 7.30
- Sat. 20 Boys' Brigade Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12.
- SUN. 21 Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.  
followed by Holy Communion
- Mon. 22 Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m.
- Tues. 23 Women's Guild Working Party 2.45 p.m.  
Men's Fellowship 2.45 p.m.
- Thurs. 25 Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- Sat. 27 Amberley Church Sale
- SUN. 28 Divine Worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
- Tues. 30 Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m. "Dr.  
Barnardo's Homes" - Mrs. Searle  
Bible Study Group 14 Robson Road 7.30 p.m.
- Wed. Dec. 1 Bible Society Meeting 2.45 p.m. at  
Christ's Church Hall.
- Thurs. Dec. 2 Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- Sat. Dec. 4 Girls' Brigade Parents' Evening 7 p.m.

Material for December Chronicle should be  
in by 14th November.

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My dear Friends,

What a wonderful autumn we have enjoyed, and now all of a sudden we have been taken by surprise by the arrival of winter and with strong and bitter winds and a frost most trees have quite suddenly lost all their leaves. What has taken me even more by surprise than the sudden arrival of winter is the realisation that this letter is to be written for the December magazine. Mrs. Hayward joins me in wishing you all a happy and blessed Christmastide. By the kindness of the Deacons we shall be going after the Christmas Morning Service to our daughter's to join the family there, but the thought of you all also with loved ones or friends will be much in our minds and hearts. Sometimes I am asked if there is anybody associated with the Church who will be alone for Christmas; I shall be glad to hear of anybody so placed as I am sure it would be possible to find someone who would be glad to entertain such a person and transport could easily be arranged if necessary. If anyone would like me to find Christmas hospitality for them would they please let me know as early as possible.

Our Christmas Services will be as follows. We shall have a Family Carol Service on the morning of December 19th and the choir will also sing several carols at our evening worship that Sunday. On Christmas Eve we shall have our usual Service at 11.30 p.m. and on Christmas Morning a United Service with our Presbyterian friends at 10.30 a.m. On Boxing Day Sunday 26th we shall have a Morning

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Service only, at which the Preacher will be Miss Wenyon, warden of Lomas House and formerly a missionary in Africa.

On December 5th we shall take retiring collections for the British & Foreign Bible Society, and I trust all will give generously for this wonderful work.

The Sussex County Youth Rally will be held on our premises on December 5th and it is hoped that the young people will conduct the Evening Service.

Once again, every good wish and God's richest blessings to you all.

Sincerely yours,

Wallis Hayward.

### The Family

Mr. Pringle, a former member of the Church, has passed into the joy of reunion with his wife and relief from pain and suffering.

Mr. Pearn is again in Littlehampton Hospital and is very ill. (Mr. Pearn has since died, see page 8)

Mr. Pooley seems slightly better.

Mr. F. Dearsley has good and bad days but keeps wonderfully cheerful.

Mrs. Turton has been poorly again.

Mr. N. Redman has severely strained his back.

Mr. Hele is very unwell at time of writing.

Mrs. MacLeod is unwell and in a Nursing Home.

Mrs. Epps is concerned for her aging mother who lives with her.

For all these, and all those associated with us as a Church who are ill, disabled or aged, our prayers are constant.

Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Caroline Norris and David Barnett upon their engagement, and to Hilary and Graham Redman on the birth of their son, Edward Paul.

We also rejoice with those that do rejoice.

Mrs. MacLeod has since passed to the Higher Life.  
Mr. Hele has gone into hospital.

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Christian Aid

First of all I would like to thank all of you who responded so marvellously to our appeal for blankets. We received 52 at our Church. The response was great throughout Worthing and the total sent up to London from the town was 2,500. We hope that many refugees will find comfort from this effort.

The sum collected for November was £17.03, for which many thanks. It has been pointed out to me that I omitted to give you the result of the Harvest giving; this was £60.53. Our total for the year ending on 30th September 1971 was £487.78. This is truly generous giving and we hope you will feel rewarded by the thought that many hungry people have been fed and many cold people warmed.

M.E. Hayward.

Missionary Account of 2nd November (incl.)

	1971	1970
Bank Balance 1st Jan.	£ 35.31	£ 44.95
Envelopes	354.76	401.68
Other Donations	84.51	109.10
Tax Refunds	31.74	38.17
Boxes	4.21	2.87
Junior Church and B.B.	26.90	16.88
Coffee Morning 13 March	25.50	-
30 October	22.40	-
Missionary Tea 31 Oct.	-	12.71
Adjustment	0.27	1
Remitted to Sussex Cong.	586.60	626.37
Union . . . . .	<u>£586.35</u>	<u>£626.12</u>
Minimum Bank Balance	0.25	0.25

S.A.K.

From the Joint Secretaries

During the last few months we have lost track of a number of visitation booklets. Those members who are at present holding one of these booklets are asked to send it back to the deacon responsible - details of this are given at the front of the booklet.

Christmastide will shortly be with us again and we send greetings to all in the Fellowship of the Church with the sincere wish that each will receive every blessing at this season.

A.B.

E.B.

From the Joint Secretaries' Desks.New Members - by transfer on 4th November

Mr. & Mrs. D.E. Mooney of 34 Cleveland Road, from Heston Congregational Church.

Mr. & Mrs. E. Tilbury of 29 Courtlands Close (W.49455), and Mr. R. Tilbury of 6 Ely Close (W.65062) from Roberts Street Congregational Church, Hastings.

Transfer out

Mrs. A.M. Aust and Mrs. P.E. Langham to Rustington Presbyterian Church on 4th November.

Birth

To Mr. & Mrs. G.E. Redman of 27 Patching Close on 15th November the gift of a son, Edward Paul.

Baptism

On 14th November Deborah Caroline Richards, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Richards of 4 Lincett Avenue.

Handbook Additions

Mr. & Mrs. L.A. Clasby, 6 Cowdray Close W.45252

Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Hart, 4 Craddock Place, W.60376

Mrs. Lucas, 42 Strathmore Road

Mr. & Mrs. R.F. Raper, 49 Alinora Crescent W.44723

Mr. & Mrs. G. Ware, 70 Adur Avenue, W.62407.

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Handbook Amendment

Mr. D. Lawrence to 5 Compton Avenue W.41180.

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Flower Rota for December

5th Miss L.C. Thomson  
 12th Miss D.T.M. Ward  
 19th The Misses L.A. and M.M. Redman  
 26th ( Miss W. Smith and Miss Hedgcombe  
       ( Mr. & Mrs. E. Munday.

Very many thanks to all those who have so generously provided flowers to the Church during the year. I would also like to thank all those who have so willingly helped with the arranging and with the distribution of the flowers to the sick.

K.J. Winstanley.

Missionary Committee

The Coffee Morning on 30th October was not very well attended but we raised the sum of £25. The home made cake stall realised over £3, and sale of flowers £1.70. The Bring and Buy stall made about £15, and the offering at the door over £4.

Thank you very much to all those who supported and encouraged us.

F.A.H. & W.B.B.

Girls' Brigade - Open Evening

We are holding an Open Evening for parents and friends on Saturday December 4th at 7 p.m. Awards will be given, and the photographs of "our" Guide Dog will be officially presented to us. We shall look forward to seeing many of you that evening.

M.S. Dobson.

Monday Evening Fellowship

On October 25th 60 ladies from various Churches who had participated in the 'Unity Fair' on 3rd September gathered in our Church Hall. We heard



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from our speaker that 'Action for the Crippled Child' covered many aspects of crippling diseases not only for children but adults also. The money raised for 'Action' went direct to research and development in relieving pain. A cheque for £50 was handed over. A further two cheques for £35 each will be handed to Worthing & Southlands League of Friends.

Our Country Market Stall raised £19.29½, a very fine effort by our ladies, and I wish to thank all our members who gave and helped on our stall.

On November 8th we were joined by members from Bury Drive Young Wives at a social, when we had fun, laughter and games, and two quizzes by Mrs. Hayward. These certainly taxed our brains to the full. We ended with refreshments and a prayer of thankfulness.

On 6th December we shall end our Winter Session with a Christmas Dinner, which we ladies will thoroughly enjoy. Why? Because none of us will have had to 'Cook it'!

We in the Fellowship send best wishes to our Minister and his wife and members of our Church, "A Very Happy Christmas".

C.J.G.

### Housing Association

The officers of the Association, together with our architect and quantity surveyor, met the deputy town clerk of Worthing and his housing officials recently to try to discover ways and means whereby the £10,000 increase in the cost of converting 18/20 Shaftesbury Avenue into 6 small flats instead of the 9 flatlets originally proposed could be met and still keep rents at an acceptable figure. After a helpful discussion it was decided to await the result of the tenders from six contractors which should be received within the next two or three weeks, when the position will be reviewed. The need of some of the larger contractors to provide inside work for their staff during winter could result in lower tender figures.

In the meantime an approach has been made to the Department of Health and Social Security to

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find what help could be forthcoming to tenants if a rent in the region of £10 per week, inclusive of lighting, heating, hot water and with the provision of a full time warden, had to be charged. We await their reply.

J.R.B.

### Women's Guild Fellowship

On December 14th we shall have an afternoon of Christmas Carols and Readings, followed by tea.

Our next meeting will be 11th January.

G.A.K.

### The holy season of Advent

O Lord, we turn our faces like the wise men of old towards the star of Bethlehem and with willing hearts begin again our pilgrimage to the manger-child who is our King. Darkness and storm may not hinder us but our way is beset with other dangers. Mad haste will carry us far from His peace; the jangling noise of cheap pleasures will smother the sound of angel songs; and the corruptions of the market place will rub out our dreams and leave us without wonder or joy. Guard us against such evils, O God, and strengthen us in the patience of our pilgrimage so that when the night blossoms with glory and earth receives her King we shall be ready with heart and mind on tiptoe to rejoice with the heavens although few may welcome Him on earth. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

"While all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the midst of her course, thy almighty word leapt down from heaven from thy royal throne" (Book of Wisdom)

Mr. A.E. Pearn

By the death of Mr. A.E. Pearn on November 19th not only Goring Congregational Church but the Congregational Church in England and Wales has lost one of its outstanding layman.

On his retirement from Barclay's Bank, Holborn, where he had been Manager, in 1953 Mr. Pearn moved to Ferring and transferred his membership to Goring from Sutton Congregational Church where he had been Church Secretary. Almost immediately he was invited to succeed Mr. C.H. Cornwall, the first Editor of "The Chronicle". He carried out this task most ably for the next six years. He served for two separate terms of office as deacon and the Church benefitted by his experience and counsel. From the inception of the men's Fellowship he was Deputy Chairman for fourteen years.

Mr. Pearn was a lay preacher who gave unstinted service to the village churches of Sussex and preached in our own Church on several occasions. He was President of the Worthing Free Church Federal Council for the year 1966/7.

It is, however, in wider spheres that he will perhaps be most remembered. For 25 years he worked for the Schweitzer Hospital Fund, being sole Treasurer for ten of those years, and writing countless letters on its behalf.

He was indeed a prodigious letter-writer as not only personal friends but readers of the "Christian World", "British Weekly" and "Congregational Monthly" will readily acknowledge. For he had a burning zeal for Congregationalism and for what was known as "the Nonconformist Conscience" on such social evils as drink and gambling. Strongly supporting the work of the United Kingdom Alliance he was an ardent advocate of total abstinence (as opposed to temperance). As a life-long Congregationalist he believed that the denomination had its own distinctive witness within the Christian Church and opposed any scheme of union which appeared to diminish this under a cloak of

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Acts 17:26 He created every race of man of one stock to inhabit the whole earth's surface.

(Minister's sermon for United Nations Sunday - by request).

One of the conclusions which has in the past been drawn from the quaint little story of the tower of Babel in Genesis 11 is that it is God's will that there are divisions between the nations of the earth. I suppose there have always been people who, like the Jews of old, are convinced that they are in some way better than other peoples. We have the same belief in the world today - white people think themselves to be better than black, some Christians even preach that this is God's will; Jews believe themselves better than Arabs, in Northern Ireland Protestants believe they are better than Roman Catholics. So we could go on and speak of all the divisions amongst men, all of which are either the cause or result of some thinking they are better than others, all are in some form the equivalent of apartheid. Before we point a finger at anyone else let us be quite sure we are not guilty ourselves - how would we feel if we heard that a coloured family was buying the house next door? Do we feel superior to the communist, or the ignorant or the criminal or drug addict? All feelings of superiority of one class of people over another lead to injustice, and injustice is contrary to the will of God.

The aim of the United Nations is the achievement of such a degree of unity amongst men as to make it possible to outlaw war as a means of settling their disputes. Some people seem desperately anxious to point out the fact that the United Nations is a very long way from achieving this objective - as if it were possible to change the habits of nations over thousands of years in a single generation. Moreover U.N. is not simply trying to bring men to discussion rather than battle when they quarrel, but also by means of its special agencies to eliminate some of the injustices which might cause war.

When we realise this we cannot doubt that U.N.

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can be an instrument of God's purpose, but equally we must realise that U.N. alone will never be sufficient to achieve world justice and peace.

Many people will remember that between the two world wars there grew up an ever increasing demand for social justice in this country, the result of this was the creation of the welfare state. Many criticisms can be levelled against the welfare state and all of its provisions can be abused, but let there be not the slightest doubt that it is the finest and most just thing that has happened in this country.

You will remember also that between the wars some of those who preached the cause of social justice spoke as though the achievement of something like the welfare state would "build Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant land". Well, we've got our welfare state and with it increased crime and violence, addiction, abortion and the permissive society. No order of society, however just and good, will lead to righteousness without religion. Let religion go and morality will rapidly follow it.

So we have got to realise that U.N. for all its councils and good works will not bring justice and peace to the world unless there is a high standard of morality, and there will not be a high standard of morality in the world without the influence of Christianity. The influence of Christianity in the world is not dependent upon all nations becoming Christian; it is not dependent upon the number of Christians at all, but upon the quality of the Christianity of the few, for however few Christians are, if they are strong and faithful they can influence the life of a nation and therefore of the world. This means that each of us can have a share, by the grace of God, in world affairs.

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uniformity.

A man of high integrity and strong Christian character, fearless in face of opposition to stand up for unpopular causes, Mr. Pearn held the respect of all, and was the type of layman of whom a future generation may well say, as has been said of the great preachers, "There were giants in those days."

H.A. Winterton.

We rejoice with Mrs. Pearn that she and Mr. Pearn were able to celebrate their Golden wedding in September. We express to her the Church's sense of loss and our deep sympathy with her and her family.

H .A.W.

Mr. R.F. Pringle

Mr. A.F. Pringle died in a London Hospital on October 31st, just over a year after the death of his wife. He and Mrs. Pringle joined the Church in December 1962 and were very faithful members until eventually ill-health necessitated their removal to Fulham to the home of their nephew.

They were a very gracious couple, and Mr. Pringle had a great love for and interest in animals and birds.

H.A.W.

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Church Calendar for December 1971

- 1 Wcd. Bible Society Annual Meeting 2.45 p.m.  
Christ Church H all.
- 2 Thurs. Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 4 Sat. Girls' Brigade Open Evening for Parents  
and friends 7 p.m.
- 5 SUN. Divine worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Holy  
Communion after Morning Service
- 6 Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m.
- 7 Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.  
Pastoral Committee 7.30 p.m.
- 9 Thurs. Monthly Prayer Service 10.30 a.m. with  
Holy Communion
- 12 SUN. Divine worship 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
- 14 Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3 p.m.  
Bible Study 7.30 p.m. at 14 Robson Road
- 19 SUN. Divine worship 11 a.m. (Family Service)  
and 6.30 p.m.
- 23 Thurs. Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 24 Fri. Christmas Eve Service 11.30 p.m.
- 25 Sat. Christmas Day Service 10.30 p.m.
- 26 Sun. Divine worship 11 a.m. only - Preacher  
Miss P. Wenyon
- 30 Thurs. Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Material for January Chronicle should be  
handed in by 12th December.

## 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

### At Amberley

### DIVINE WORSHIP

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

Holy Communion as announced.