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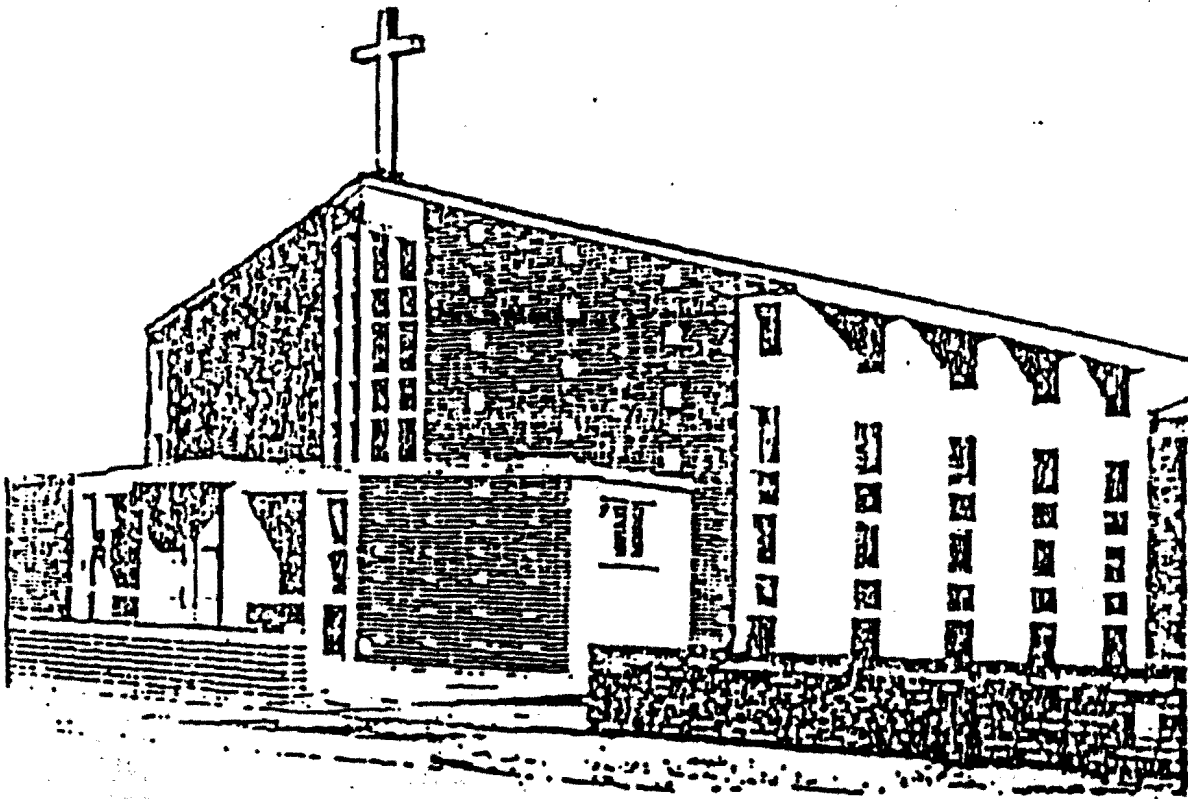
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*The*  
CHRONICLE



GORING  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SILAFESBURY AVENUE • WEST WORTING

**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES**

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

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

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

**PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS**

1 Mrs Pheniah Taylor	246523	6 Mrs Robin Bradley	240908
2 Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153	7 Mrs Bobby Hitchin	249580
3 Mrs Bett Swierk	243194	8 Mr Don Stewart	243787
4 Mrs Doreen Norris	503783	9 Mrs Irene Tuley	265319
5 Mr Geoffrey Dean	240376		

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:**

Ark Parent & Toddler Club	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Boys' Brigade	Mrs Jane Bond	244157
Choir Secretary	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Christian Aid	Mr Michael Ebeling	240448
Chronicle Editor	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Church Warden	Mr Leslie Montford	243698
Cradle Roll Secretary	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Flower Secretary	Mrs Bett Swierk	243194
Girls' Brigade	Mrs Eileen Heckels	248259
Junior Church Secretary	Mrs Margaret Craghill	873806
Leprosy Mission	Mrs Wilma Smith	821843
Lettings Secretary	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
Little Fishes Playgroup	Mrs Lily Collison	248861
Men's Fellowship	Mrs Sue Mitchell	531551
Publicity Officer	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Reform Magazine	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Serendipity Club	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Social Secretary	Mrs Janice Byerley	233330
Tear Fund and Tearcraft	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
The Bible Society	Mrs Irene Dearsley	690996
Traidcraft	Rev Ron Christopher	230330
Transport Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Women's Guild	Mrs Carol Webber	690334
World Mission Secretary	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	Mr Geoffrey Dearsley	690996
	Mrs Robin Bradley	240908

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Dear Friends,

By the time you read this it will be 1997. Christmas will have passed and we shall have remembered again with real joy the birth of Jesus, and again we shall have experienced that real sense of God with us. In his first letter to the churches, St John writes these words:-

"We write to you about the word of life, which has existed from the very beginning. We have heard it, and we have seen it with our eyes; yes we have seen it, and our hands have touched it. When this life became visible, we saw it; so we speak of it and tell you about the eternal life which was with the Father and was made known to us. What we have seen and heard we announce to you also, so that you will join with us in the fellowship that we have with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ." (1 John 1: 1-3)

Are these words not true for us as well as to the writer of this letter? We have again shared in the knowledge of Jesus coming into the world and making manifest the Word of Life. That is the joy of Christmas which will stay with us when presents are put to one side, the Christmas parties have all ended and the decorations are put away for another year. Jesus will still be with us; Jesus will make each day a day of celebration for all who share His fellowship.

So into 1997 and forward with a sense of celebration, a new year, a new challenge and new opportunities lie before God's people. "Every local church must ask itself why it exists at all; what is a church for?" This question was posed over 20 years ago by the then Provincial Moderators in their report to Assembly, and yet it is a question each church, indeed each organisation with every church, should ask itself on a regular basis. So ask yourself and try to give an answer which will be acceptable to Jesus, who is Lord of the church, and its organisations.

Part of the answer must be that we are here to celebrate, and to celebrate with joy, in a world that seems to have little to be joyful about. If Jesus is part of your life then you have much to celebrate, but too often we seem to forget this and become bogged down in the mire of daily living, allowing problems to just grow and grow until they pull us down. Yet we believe in Jesus and try to proclaim His love for the world, so why not show it through celebration, not only in our worship but in our lives. Surely in times of gloom and despair we should show something about the love we have found in Jesus. Nothing can do Jesus' love more disservice than a miserable, ill-tempered Christian. When the world looks for something different, can the followers of Jesus not offer this in the way we live?

No, we should not make 1997 the year of the pious religious smile (that's as bad often as the miserable Christian), but rather that the joy in our hearts should be on the outside as well as the inside. There will no doubt be difficulties and times of sadness as well as times when all goes well, and there will be times of great happiness. However we can face each day in the certain knowledge of Jesus who will be with us in every situation. What joy that brings to us. Once we show this simple joy we shall all live in celebration and perhaps show why the church is here.

Please continue to pray for us in 1997 - a new year filled with new opportunities.

Yours servants in Christ

Peter & Eileen Heckels

## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

DECEMBER 1st 1996

### NEW MEMBERS

Miss Janet Dean  
Mrs Grace Hope  
Miss Win Marriott  
Mrs Peggy Walker

Miss Cath Findlay  
Mrs Joyce Jordan  
Mrs Jean Mitten

Mr James Hope  
Mrs Isobel Kirk  
Mrs Annette Shand

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### CONGRATULATIONS

MR & MRS A CLEALL celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 5th 1996.

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### THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who sent cards, messages, flowers, and all the visitors I received during my recent stay in hospital. It is nice to know that so many people were thinking of me. With best wishes to you all.

*Betty Barnett*

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3 Mulberry Gardens, Goring-by-Sea My admission into membership of the church in December has given me this opportunity to offer my heartfelt thanks to many people, and for so many things. I want to thank Peter and Eileen for their unfailing support, for their truly uplifting prayers and sound religious instruction which I received whilst preparing for membership. I wish to thank members of the church in general, and my Church Elder, Robin, in particular, for all the healing thoughts and prayers which were offered on my behalf whilst I was seriously ill earlier this year. Finally, thank you for all the warmth and fellowship which I experienced each week at worship. I am truly proud and happy to have become a member of Goring United Reformed Church. God bless.

*Win Marriott*

3 Mulberry Gardens, Goring-by-Sea I wish to express my thanks to all members of Goring United Reformed Church for the love and support given to me when I became a member on December 1st 1996. It was a very moving experience for me. My special thanks to Peter, Eileen and Robin for their prayers, guidance and instruction which have been such a help to me. I appreciate all the warmth and fellowship which is so tangible at worship. God bless the Girls' Brigade for their welcoming message. Sincerely,

*Cath Findlay*

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Alfred and Alice Cleall wish to say thank you for the gift of a beautiful flower arrangement on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

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The residents of Hayward House wish to send their thanks to Goring United Reformed Church for the lovely potted plant received for Christmas.

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### NEWSHARE 1997

CWM was inaugurated in 1977, not 1997 as shown in December Chronicle. For further details please contact Mrs Phenia Taylor on 246523.

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

CHILDREN'S WORK a good District Party with 30 children held at Sompting.  
YOUTH WORK Resources Day on 22 February 1997 sharing for teachers and leaders with Wendy Walker. Advise Darryl Sinclair if any particular subject wanted.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Rev Dr. Ray Whittle is leading a party to Israel in March 1997 and is shortly going out to Zimbabwe again. The President prayed for him.
- b. District Elders Day Saturday 1 March 1997 at Central Hove with Ray Whittle.
- c. Buildings Advisory Panel seeks names of experts for Churches to use.
- d. SPIN - Bible studies for World Council of Churches Ecumenical Decade.
- e. Applications for consideration for General Assembly Representatives wanted.
- f. District handbooks are available.

The meeting closed with a hymn. Next meeting is on Thursday 20 February 1997.

Irene Tuley.

#### LETTER

I have received a letter from the Bible Society stating: 'Your wonderful gift of £810 is so gratefully received and will be earmarked for the KAZAKHSTAN and KIRGYZSTAN project of providing New Testaments and Kazak Holy Books. In an area of such poverty and despair these will offer a ray of light to those in distress. They will be able to read of our Lord's love for them in their own language. No price can be put on such comfort. Jesus paid the ultimate price for us all. With loving Christian greetings. Yours sincerely,

C. Wiseman (Supporter Services Supervisor)' PW

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#### CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WORTHING

Following a request from the Goring Clergy Fraternal, the group undertook discussion of the five-session studies included in the ecumenical booklet 'Called to be One'. The booklet was produced by Churches Together in England and intended for discussion by ecumenical groups during Advent, concluding with the production of a report for the County Ecumenical Officer. The discussions were of value to us all, giving each a greater insight into the structures and forms of worship in the various denominations represented.

January 1997 ushers in a number of ecumenical events in the Goring and Worthing areas, which include the following:-

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| January 5th         | A Joint Evening Service at St Richards CE from 6.00 pm  |
| January 19th - 26th | The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, including:-   |
| January 20th - 24th | Lunchtime Ecumenical Prayer Services from 12 noon - 1.00 pm at Bury Drive Methodist Church.   |
| January 22nd        | Ecumenical Service at Christchurch Road Baptist Church, Worthing, from 7.30 pm, including installation of Revd Michael Hoare, Vicar of St Mary's Church, Goring, as President of Churches Together in Worthing. |
| January 25th        | A Praise and Healing Service will be held in this Church from 7.00 pm which will be conducted by the Venerable Trevor Nash of the Acorn Healing Trust.  |

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### A FINANCE REPORT.

As I have only recently become Chairman of our church Finance Committee, it was with quite a lot of trepidation that I wrote, on the directions of the Treasurer and Committee, to 'Head Office' about our finances. Head Office means Tavistock Place, London, United Reformed Church Finance Department.

We had been asked earlier in the year to make our contribution to the M & M fund (Ministry and Mission) £44,000 for 1997. This equates to about £4 per church member per week, based on the membership at January 1996. What now follows is much of the report that I gave to the Church Meeting at the end of November.

Offertory in 1995 was £41,000 (that's money collected in Church on Sundays cash and envelopes)

in 1996 will be £35,000

Income tax rebates and hall rents amount to £10,400

Fairs and Sales £1050

Gift Day £4930

Total Income about £51,880

Payments for 1996 will be £36,000 for Ministry & Mission Fund  
£22,000 Insurance, Heating, Maintenance, Manse,  
Cleaning, 10% Mission Fund, etc.

Totals £58,000

which is £6120 less than our income.

This will not be quite as bad as it looks as money that was to be set aside in Organ Funds and Maintenance Funds, etc, will not be set aside - we can't afford to. That is, we can't afford to save for the future.

The Committee feels that it is important to explain and define the 10% Mission Fund.

Some while ago the Church Meeting said that we as a Church should tythe our giving if we expected our members to do this, and so now 10% of all offertory and all rents received from hall lettings in a given year, will be given to 'Mission' the following year (This also includes donations to charities).

For 1997 the budget for Mission will be £3670 i.e. £2000 as part of the M & M  
£1500 to Ruth Chatfield.  
£170 to other Mission work

In addition to all this, Junior Church and other organisations donate money to needy causes, along with the collection from the Christmas day service, and that collected during Christian Aid week.

By the way, in calculating our Budget for 1997, our Treasurer has had to budget for a deficit of £8,300; that is what he thinks our income will be short of what we need to spend by the end of 1997. Could you budget for a deficit in your business or home? We only can in the faith that our income will improve.

The message from the Committee to the Elders, to the Church Meeting, and to the Church is that we are hard up. Indeed we are **VERY HARD UP.**

Our income has suffered steadily over the past few years. We frequently mention the envelope scheme and covenanting. And many of our favorite church members and friends belong to one or other scheme, or perhaps neither - but they do the best they can with fixed finances - and to them I tender my apologies for writing in this way.

Do please join our envelope scheme if you possibly can. It means that you promise to make your contribution for every Sunday, even if you should be away, and that means a commitment that is very much appreciated by those of us who manage the purse strings. It's absolutely vital that we have a regular income, as everyone will realize.

You can imagine what Head Office said about the drop in the money we give them, from 44 to 32 thousand. If any bells were ringing it was the Lutine bell. The money we give to our Denomination is vital for paying our ministers, contributing to their pension schemes, running C.W.M. our Missionary Society, and making our place in the Christian world an important one.

We pray that this New Year will bring us all peace and happiness, and also a commitment to our Lord's work in this part of His world.

*Wilfred Rhodes*

## ?? MONEY ??

Q. 1 *What happens to the money that I put into the collection bag on Sunday?*

A. The offertory, made up of loose cash and money given in 'Free-will' envelopes is divided into three amounts which may vary from year to year. This year 56% will go to U.R.C. headquarters and will be used to pay Minister's salaries (including Peter's) and for administration; 34% will be used for the running of this Church; and 10% will be used for Mission and outreach.

Q. 2 *Why should I use a 'Free will' offertory envelope?*

A. Anyone who attends our church regularly can use 'Free will' envelopes. By using this scheme for your offertory the Church knows how much money will be coming in each week. It enables the giver to promise an offering even on the Sundays that they are absent. For more details see Mrs Audrey Ebeling (She sings in the Choir).

Q. 3 *What does 'Covenanting' mean?*

A. If you are a tax payer and promise to make regular gifts, the Church can obtain a tax repayment of about 30p for every £1 you give. For more details on this subject speak to Mr. Michael Ebeling, (& .....he sings in the Choir)

Q. 4 *What is Tithing?*

A. Over the centuries Church Members have been asked to contribute 10% of their income to the Church. The Bible has teaching on this aspect of our giving.

Q. 5 *Where can I read in Scripture, the relevant passages to help me understand my responsibilities?*

A. 2 Corinthians Chapters 8 & 9, (esp. Ch. 9 vs. 7 & 8) & there are others to which you may refer.

Q. 6 *What happens to the money that I put into the retiring collection plate after the service of Holy Communion?*

A. This money is put to one side to enable the Church to help people who are experiencing great difficulty or crisis.

Q. 7 *What happens to the money that is raised at the Church Gift Day, Craft Fayres, Coffee mornings, and Jumble Sales?*

A. Each year the Church meeting decides how to use this money in an appropriate way. This year it will go towards the deficit we have, as a result of reduced income, but it might be used for charitable purposes or a special project i.e. the new Church heating system.

Q. 8 *We give 10% of our Church income to Mission work -- 10% of what income?*

A. We give away 10% of the money collected as offertory at Sunday's services, and 10% of the money we receive from renting out our premises.

Q. 9 *Does the Church bear a financial responsibility for me?*

A. Yes. For each member of the local Church the Church's headquarters expects to receive £4.00 per week. This money is required of each Church to fund the Ministers' salaries and to administrate the Church at a national level. We look to our weekly offerings to cover these costs, (see Q. 1) It is known as 'The Maintenance of the Ministry Fund'.

Q. 10 *I give as much as I can; why do people think that I should give more?*

A. It is not for anyone to judge how much an individual should give, that is between them and the Lord, however it is the responsibility of the Church leaders to encourage people to review their giving.

Q. 11 *I still have questions unanswered, to whom should I speak?*

A. Speak to the Minister, the Church Treasurer, Mr Roy Gooderham, (& .....yes, you've guessed - he sings in the Choir too) or to any member of the Finance Committee whose name appears in the Church Handbook.

DEPUTY SECRETARY  
CHURCH FAMILY  
FABRIC  
FINANCE  
OUTREACH & EVANGELISM  
WORLD CHURCH MISSION

Mr Wilfred Rhodes  
Mrs Jane Bond  
Mr Matthew Smith  
Mr Wilfred Rhodes  
Mrs Sheila Gooderham  
Mr Geoffrey Dearsley

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### UNDER ONE HAT

#### Craft Fayre

Eileen and I would like to thank everybody who took part in the Coffee Morning and Craft Fayre on November 30th. Those of you who designed and printed posters and flyers; who distributed and advertised them; who set up stalls and the kitchen; who worked hard over the last few months to stock the stalls; those who helped in the kitchen and on the stalls on the day and last, but certainly not least, those who came and bought and enjoyed the fellowship. There was a very happy atmosphere during the morning and £615 was raised for Church funds.

Following the report from the Finance Committee at the November Church Meeting on the state of our church finances, it was decided to meet early in the year to plan fund raising events. The date has been fixed for Monday, January 6th. The time and place will depend on how many would like to join us. If you would like to be part of this group, or have any ideas to contribute, please let Eileen or me know.

#### Church Social

Just a reminder that the annual Church Social will take place on Saturday, January 18th in the Church Hall at 7 pm until 9.30 pm. Tickets are available from Robin Bradley, Audrey & Michael Ebeling and Roy and me.

#### Outreach & Evangelism

Last month's Chronicle told you about the Prayer Walk which is taking place. This is the beginning of our outreach to the local community. A map, one square mile, with the church at the centre, and a list of all the streets on the map, is on the vestibule notice board. All you need to do is to pray for the people in the houses as you walk down the street. There is no financial outlay, either from you or the church, and you are not asked to do it immediately. January is not a good time for slow walking. We just need a commitment that you will do it over the next few months - more than once if you can. Peter will have a get-together for any of us not sure how to go about it. Do ask anyone on the Outreach & Evangelism Committee if you have any queries. So please sign up.

The Fellowship Group which meets at 15 Harvey Road has as its topic for discussion this month 'A Biblical character who has influenced or inspired you in some way.' We meet at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, January 7th. You are warmly invited.

#### Rowland Singers Carol Concert

About 50 people came to hear the Rowland Singers perform their Traditional Carol Concert on December 11th. It was a very informal evening, and the audience joined in enthusiastically when asked. £75 was taken in the retiring collection, of which £25 goes to the Church. Many thanks to those who supported us, and especially to Graham and Paul Redman for masterminding the recording, Audrey Gerlach and team for providing the refreshments, and Peter who welcomed and encouraged us all.

*Sheila Gooderham*

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#### ALTERATION TO HANDBOOK

Misses Dudley and Hanson who now reside permanently at Linden Lodge Residential Home, 2 Tennyson Road, Worthing telephone Number is Worthing 233446.

# RUTH's CHAT

## (from the FIELD)

November 1996

Hello! I've now been back in Congo for a month, so it's time for an update on the situation here...

### GOOD NEWS!

\* Following the death of Gary Dawson in Congo earlier this year, God has now called a new Wycliffe team (Pauline from UK and Deseree from Jamaica) to work with the Teke people, taking over where the Dawson family left off! We are very pleased that from next Easter the house in Ngo will again be occupied and that preparations for Bible translation into Teke can continue.

\* Andrea's parents are now at the end of their month's visit to Congo and they have certainly been a blessing to us. After an initial week in Brazzaville, they travelled with us to Boundji to get a taste of village life. Many people came to greet them, bringing presents of chickens, papayas, mangoes, etc., and the local children provided an audience for Andrea's Dad as he set to work on



our garden - digging a small vegetable garden, building a gate, repairing the fence, planting trees, killing the chickens, etc! Meanwhile Andrea's Mum was busy in the house with sewing projects, washing curtains, cleaning, etc. The house and garden never

looked so good! We now have two solar panels on the roof which should give us a more adequate supply of electricity to run computers and lights. (However, we also still have bats in the roof, and unless we find a way to evict them, they will eventually cause our plywood ceilings to fall down!! Any suggestions??)

\*The day after our return to Boundji, Andrea's friend Pulchérie was baptised in the river. She and Andrea had been praying and reading the Bible together for a while. We were delighted that in our absence Pulchérie herself decided to be baptised, and also that we got back just in time to witness her baptism.



Natiki masumu  
Nalanda Yesu!\*

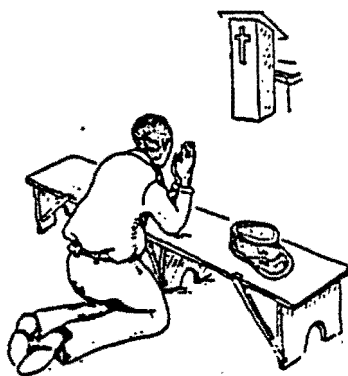
"Baptismal declaration:  
"I've abandoned my sins and I'm following Jesus!"

### BAD NEWS!

\* You may remember that whilst in England I asked particularly for on-going prayer for the Mboshi team: Louis, Henri-Camille, Andrea and myself. On our return we found out that our two Mboshi co-workers had not done any of the work which we had left them to do in our absence. We had carefully planned and discussed with them the weekly seminars they were wanting to hold in different churches, schools and neighbouring villages to present the Mboshi alphabet and sell our new reading and writing book. We were therefore quite discouraged to meet with them and hear their excuses.

\* We see that Henri-Camille is very busy with other activities and we are not at all sure we can count on him to give us the time and commitment necessary for translation work. We are also very sad that Louis and Marianne, who never married officially but insisted that the traditional ceremony was sufficient, are currently living separately and each is blaming the other for their broken relationship.

\* We arrived in Boundji to find Mama Anne, the lady to whom we pay our rent (the sister of our landlord) dying of liver cancer. She was a good friend and mothered us a little bit! Although she was an active Catholic, once the hospital in Brazzaville could do no more for her, she started wearing a piece of cloth around her arm as a protective "fetish" against the powers believed to be causing the illness. It was distressing to see her dying in much pain, and to wonder whether at the end of the day her "faith" really counted for anything.



### FUTURE PLANS

Andrea and I are now in Brazzaville trying to make plans for the coming months. In the light of the above discouragements, we have a number of questions as to how to proceed with our work:

Will people never do anything unless we are standing behind them all the time? Should we be looking for different people to join the team (e.g. someone speaking the southern dialect)? How many co-workers can we cope with in terms of supervising and training them, and giving them financial support? Is it more important to have co-workers who are linguistically and intellectually capable or who really love the Lord? If the latter, then where are such people in Boundji?

We also have technical questions: To what extent is it helpful to show tone with accent markers in written Mboshi? What kind of compromise do we need to make between the Boundji dialect of Mboshi and the southern dialects, so that both will consider it to be "their" language? If we are able to start translating some of Genesis next year, how do we go about setting up revision committees to check the draft texts and how can we prepare churches for using Mboshi Scriptures?

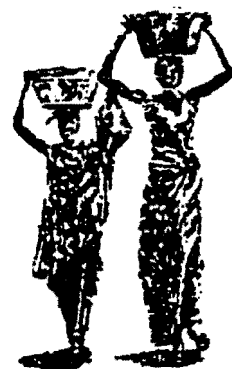
On a practical level, our truck has been fitted with some replacement parts from Germany and took us safely to Boundji and back, but on the way back down one of the wheels was over-heating and burnt out the inner tube. After that we had to stop every hour or so to sprinkle the wheel with cold water and let it cool down! We need to know God's timing for replacing the truck - whether to wait for a better second-hand truck to become available here, or to import a new truck from England, which would be an expensive business.

In all these things we really want to look to the Lord for HIS answers, and we are very grateful also for your prayers on our behalf.

We will return to Boundji at the beginning of December and have decided that this year we will stay in the village for Christmas and New Year, returning to Brazza around 10th Jan. for two weeks. (However, don't forget that mail still reaches us in Boundji! It just takes a bit longer.)

This letter also serves to wish you a Happy Christmas! God has drawn near to us in Jesus - what a reason for rejoicing!  
In Him,

*Ruth*



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**5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE**

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

**Staff:** Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley  
BN14 0BY (873806)

Lieutenant: Linda Gray  
Officer in Training: Lesley Hood  
Auxiliary Workers: Valerie Hayden; Hannah Honsa  
Amanda Nash; Janet Dean

Saturday, December 7th was the 'highlight' of our year - the **ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING AND DISPLAY**. Each Girl works towards a badge which is 4-fold, covering Spiritual, Physical, Educational and Service subjects. The Girls also receive a Service Award for Company attendance, and a Church Award if sufficient Sunday School/Church attendances have been made. Prize winners this year were:-

<b>EXPLORERS:</b>	The Rachel Brunton Cup for the Happiest Explorer -	<b>RACHEL BUCKLAND</b>
Progress		<b>KATIE BAXTER</b>
Junior Progress		<b>KATIE LAKE</b>
Senior Progress		<b>KATIE EASEY</b>
Brigader Progress		<b>KAREN JONES &amp; TONIA HALE</b>
Physical Shield		<b>DONNA SANDELL</b>
Spiritual Prize		<b>GENNA RICHARDSON</b>

The Girls worked very hard towards the **DISPLAY** part of our evening '**TOGETHERNESS**'. The **EXPLORERS**' item '**A BAND OF ANGELS**', with percussion and singing. The **JUNIORS** gave us Choral Speaking in three poems - and they learned every word - and showed us how to move with hoops. **SENIORS AND BRIGADERS** worked together to give us grace and agility with **RIBBON FLAIR**. We all came together for our **FINALE 'TOGETHERNESS'**, showing how we have pulled together this session to help the Company go from strength to strength. We sang two songs from '**THE LION KING**', reminding us of the crown on our **BADGE**, that **JESUS CHRIST** is our **KING** and **SAVIOUR**. The first song '**CIRCLE OF LIFE**', tying in with the hoops as performed with the **JUNIORS**, and in the **FINALE**, reminding us we are encircled in **GOD's** loving care, a love which has no beginning and no end, and the second song '**CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE?**'. Yes, we certainly could!!!

We would like to say **THANK YOU** to Rev Peter Heckels for helping us to move the chairs from the church, Geoffrey Redman for playing the organ and piano for us, Graham Redman for the microphone system, and last, but not least, Sean Nash, Amanda's husband, for directing our final item, and being such an encouragement to us all.

Lesley Hood has completed her written Officer's paper, and just has a few practical assignments to complete.

Please continue to pray for each and every Girl in our Company, and for all the Staff that we may be enabled to lead the Girls. Wishing you every blessing for 1997.

*Margaret Craghill* (Captain)

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**ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS**

**JANUARY 29th Wednesday** Speech therapy sessions in Church Hall 12.00 pm - 5.00 pm

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**ENQUIRY** Does anyone know where to find the tune **APSLEY**, to the hymn 'Holy, holy, holy' please? Will you please let Miss Phyllis Wheeler know.

## YOUNG PERSONS AT UNIVERSITY

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

Victoria CARRINGTON

Aberystwyth

David SIBLEY

North London University

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## LETTER

I have received the following letter from ECHO INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES LTD (ECHO) of Ullswater Crescent, Coulsdon, Surrey.

"Thank you very much for supporting our "knitting project" in 1996, and I confirm the knitted items received from you at Goring United Reformed Church. You will be pleased to know that "Convoy Aid Romania" was delighted to hear that we could offer them hand-knitted woollies when calling at ECHO to collect a box of syringes. This group, operating from the Cleveland area, continues to make frequent trips to Romania to help various orphanages. They reported that when delivering supplies in November, several hundred children were transferred from one place to another, and all of them were still in summer clothes. The Agency was, therefore, very keen to take as many boxes of knitted vests, tops and blankets as we could reserve for them. With kind regards and best wishes for a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year. Yours sincerely,

*S R M Littlefield* (Fund Raising Officer)"

ECHO stands for EQUIPMENT for CHARITY HOSPITALS OVERSEAS, and many charities, including Tear Fund, Christian Aid, United Mission to Nepal (Tansen), Council for World Mission, and The Leprosy Mission, buy supplies at the lowest possible prices for their work overseas. Many of the knitted vests and blankets are used for soft packing of the medical equipment before distribution. If you would like to knit for ECHO I have patterns for babies' and toddlers' vests. Squares for blankets should be about 5" x 5" or 6" x 6". Unpicked wool is acceptable. Please use bright double-knitting wool.

*Phyllis Wheeler*

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## DYNAMIC ENCOUNTER

A new book by Alan Stephens - £1.99 + 36p postage - Forward by Dr. Billy Graham.  
From: East Worthing Baptist Church, Pendine Avenue, Worthing, BN11 2NB. (Tel 206407/231388. Rev Alan Stephens writes in the West Sussex Gazette.

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## FEBA

Mallings will take place at FEBA offices on Monday, February 3rd - Tuesday, February 4th between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. Helpers are invited for an hour or so, or full day. Bring sandwiches - drinks provided. For more details please ring Jennie Ring (Tel 237281) Office address - Ivy Arch Road, Worthing.

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## EVANGELISM TODAY

I am taking orders for the above monthly paper which is informative, interesting and challenging. Not only evangelism, but Christian news from around the world, is included, together with book reviews and devotional items, etc. 50 pence per copy. Free sample copies on request.

*Phyllis Wheeler*

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**WORTHING STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)**

Jan 10 Christmas remembered  
 Jan 17 Pencil and paper games  
 Jan 24 15th Anniversary Party  
 Jan 31 Upstairs - Downstairs - Talk by Mrs Rose Dawson  
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**WOMEN'S GUILD**

President: Mrs Joan Finlay Vice-President: Mrs Ivy Berry  
 Secretary: Miss Audrey Gerlach Treasurer: Mrs Joan Burrage

On December 3rd we held our Christmas party. We were joined by Rev Peter and Mrs Eileen Heckels, and the Men's Fellowship. It was a most enjoyable afternoon. The entertainment was organised by Peggy Mott. Each member received a gift, made by Trudi Sanders - a yearly occurrence! The afternoon was rounded off with a special Christmas tea. Our Christmas Service was held on December 17th. Our new Session begins on January 7th at 2.45 pm in the Church Hall. We will be pleased to welcome new members from this date. Do please come along.

*Betty Hislop*

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**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Our first meeting in 1997 will be held at 2.45 pm on Tuesday, January 7th. It will be an open meeting when, amongst other things, we shall discuss the arrangements for subsequent meetings during the Spring Session.

Please note that we shall meet in the HARRIS ROOM instead of the East Hall. Access to this room is via the external door between the halls. Please come along and demonstrate your support. *Ian Hennell* (Hon. Secretary)

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The Ghanaian Chaplain from London will take part in our Sunday service on January 26th 1997.

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**SERENDIPITY**

Don't be bored on Monday night, January 20th. We are meeting in the Church Hall at 8.00 pm for BOARD GAMES. All ladies will be very welcome.

*Daphne and Janice*

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**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORTHING**

This year the service organised by the above will be held at WORTHING BAPTIST CHURCH, Christchurch Road, when Rev Michael Hore (of St Mary's, Goring) will be inducted as President for 1997. The address will be given by Rev David Taylor, who is South East Superintendent of the Baptist Union. Please try to support the occasion, and also join the 'time of sharing', with coffee after the service.

*Geoffrey Dean*

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**5TH WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE**

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

Thank you all for the support you gave us during our recent BB FUND RAISING WEEK. The Coffee Morning raised £201, and the Jumble Sale £210. Church Appeal envelopes and

parents' contributions enabled us to exceed our target of £500 and, with a few late contributions coming in, we are very happy with the results.

On Monday, December 16th, our Junior Section Boys held an open evening when several church friends and Boys' parents came along and gave their support. It was not a Command Performance, but nevertheless it went reasonably well. Thank you to Malcolm Nicholls and his friend, Tom Morley, with the help of Daniel and James Tilley, who devised the programme. Thank you to Paul and Geoffrey Redman, with the Leal twins, who gave us musical support. Thank you to Jenny Compton and Sue Nicholls for their noble support on the catering side. Thank you to our Chaplain, Rev Peter Heckels, for running the games. Thank you to Barbara Popplestone for keeping the boys in order! Most of all, thank you to the Boys who gave of their best. We had carols played on the chime bars, and then a mime of Elijah, complete with Boys as ravens (most amusing) and scenery with the fiery chariot. The evening closed with all participating in the singing of carols. The Juniors restart on Monday, January 6th and the Company on Friday, January 10th.

*Donald Stewart* (Captain)

**JUNIOR SECTION**  
 DEAN REYNOLDS  
 GAVIN READ  
 PATRICK SMITH  
 ADRIAN JONES  
 TIMOTHY AUSTIN  
 LUKE SCHROEDER  
 ALAN JOHNSON  
 JASON TILLEY  
 JAMES MOSELEY

**COMPANY SECTION**  
 ANDREW BROWN  
 STEPHEN HOOD  
 DAVID TILLEY  
 JODIE NORRIS  
 RICHARD BROWN  
 DAVID GREEN  
 JAMES HARRIS  
 DAVID HARRIS  
 MARK BYERLEY  
 MICHAEL GREEN  
 JAMES TILLEY

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**OFFICERS**  
 BRIAN WHITE  
 MALCOLM NICHOLLS  
 BARBARA POPPLESTONE  
 JENNY COMPTON  
 SUE NICHOLLS  
 DON STEWART

#### **RANUNCULUS FICARIA**

A short poem by Dorothy Violet Smith

How ardently we press at turn of year  
 to bid goodbye at last to winter's drear.  
 What joy to move from shadow into sun,  
 to glimpse spring's waking. On new glasses flung  
 a pool of celandine.

The purest joy to leave the town behind,  
 to drink the winds offspring, heady as wine!  
 Beneath slow-budding trees still winter-wise  
 an early miracle delights the eyes:  
 bright shining celandine.

Black bitter winter never willing goes,  
 and early lambs can lie beneath the snows;  
 wild gales can tear earth's tender plants apart,  
 frost's fingers kill, and ice can pierce the heart.  
 Courageous celandine!

Now melancholy to oblivion must go,  
 drowned in life's secret silent undertow.  
 The urgent need to live our life defines  
 as now beneath our feet so brightly shines  
 the darling celandine.

NB DVS is the Editor's elder sister, aged 84

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## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1997

2	Thu	New Year Vigil	7.30 am - 5.00 pm
5	Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Service of Holy Communion	11.00 am
		Evening Service	6.30 pm
6	Mon	Boys' Brigade      Anchor Boys	5.00 pm
		Junior Section	6.15 pm
7	Tue	Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship	2.45 pm
		Girls' Brigade	6.00 pm - 9.30 pm
9	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am - 11.30 am
10	Fri	Kestro Club	2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade      Company Section	7.15 pm
12	Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Family Service	11.00 am
		Evening Service	6.30 pm
13	Mon	Boys' Brigade - As above	
14	Tue	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close, Durrington	9.45 am - 11.45 am
		Girls' Brigade - As above	
		Worthing Sixth Form College Parent's Prayer Group	7.30 pm - 8.30 pm
16	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am - 11.30 am
		Praise & Prayer Meeting, Cornwall Room	2.30 pm - 3.30 pm
17	Fri	Kestro Club	2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade - As above	
18	Sat	Church Social in the Church Hall	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm
19	Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Family Service	11.00 am
		Service of Holy Communion with Healing	6.30 pm
20	Mon	Boys' Brigade - As above	
		Serendipity Club	8.00 pm
21	Tue	Men's Fellowship and Women's Guild	2.45 pm
		Girls' Brigade - As above	
23	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am - 11.30 am
24	Fri	Kestro Club	2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade - As above	
25	Sat	Prayer and Healing Service	7.00 pm
26	Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Family Service	11.00 am
		Evening Service	6.30 pm
27	Mon	Boys' Brigade - As above	
28	Tue	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close, Durrington	9.45 am - 11.45 am
		Girls' Brigade - As above	
29	Wed	ADA Speech Therapy Session	12.00 pm - 5.00 pm
30	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am - 11.30 am
		Praise & Prayer Meeting, Cornwall Room	2.30 pm - 3.30 pm
		Church Meeting	7.30 pm
31	Fri	Kestro	2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade - As above	

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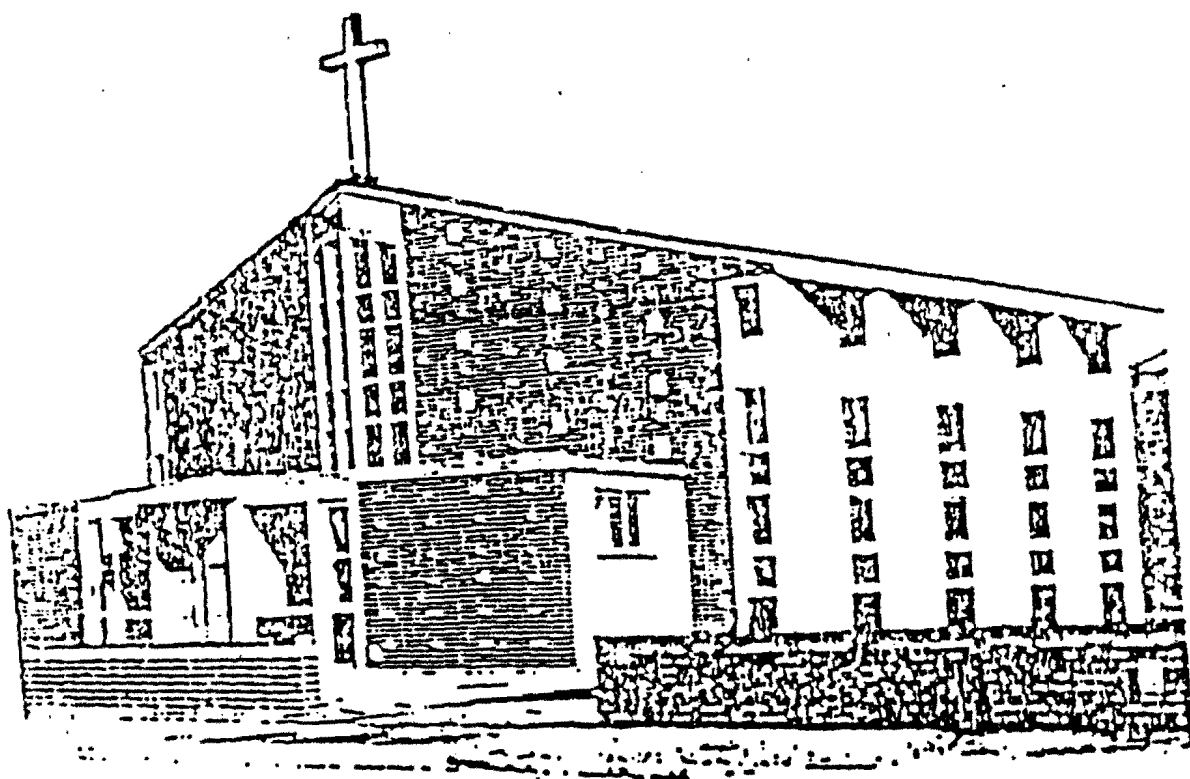
6	Thu	Day of Prayer with Holy Communion at 10.30 am	7.30 am - 5.00 pm
7	Fri	Kestro Club	2.00 pm
9	Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Service of Holy Communion	11.00 am
		Evening Service	6.30 pm

Please kindly inform the Editor if there is any incorrect entry

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GORING  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SILAFESBURY AVENUE • WEST WORTING

**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES**

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

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

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

**PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS**

1 Mrs Pheniah Taylor	246523	6 Mrs Robin Bradley	240908
2 Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153	7 Mrs Bobby Hitchin	249580
3 Mrs Bett Swierk	243194	8 Mr Don Stewart	243787
4 Mrs Doreen Norris	503783	9 Mrs Irene Tuley	265319
5 Mr Geoffrey Dean	240376		

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:**

Ark Parent & Toddler Club	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
	Mrs Jane Bond	244157
Boys' Brigade	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Choir Secretary	Mr Michael Ebeling	240448
Christian Aid	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Chronicle Editor	Mr Leslie Montford	243698
Church Warden	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Cradle Roll Secretary	Mrs Bett Swierk	243194
Flower Secretary	Mrs Eileen Heckels	248259
Girls' Brigade	Mrs Margaret Craghill	873806
Junior Church Secretary	Mrs Wilma Smith	821843
Leprosy Mission	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
Lettings Secretary	Mrs Lily Collison	248861
Little Fishes Playgroup	Mrs Sue Mitchell	531551
Men's Fellowship	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Publicity Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Serendipity Club	Mrs Janice Byerley	233330
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Tear Fund and Tearcraft	Mrs Irene Dearsley	690996
The Bible Society	Rev Ron Christopher	230330
Traidcraft	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Transport Officer	Mrs Carol Webber	690334
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
World Mission Secretary	Mr Geoffrey Dearsley	690996
Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	Mrs Robin Bradley	240908

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FEBRUARY 1997

Dear Friends

You have been hearing directly, at church meetings, and indirectly through our worship themes recently, of a desire to reach out as God's people into the area in which we are set. You will be aware of the first steps in such a movement, a challenge by our Lord, we believe, to pray for the streets where we live and around the church. You may or may not live within the identified area, a square mile, with the church at the centre, in which we will begin to work, but that should not prevent you from praying for your neighbours, for your street. You may pass through our currently identified area and be able to pray for one of the streets as you pass along, or you may be able to pray for a particular street each day even if you only pass along it occasionally. What is important is that we begin to surround this area, its homes, its people with prayer. Ideally people will regularly walk each street, praying as they go, supported by others in their homes giving time to prayer.

There is no need if you are walking the street to fall on your knees at every gate or door. There is no need to keep stopping and closing your eyes and putting your hands together. There is a need to pray in your heart, seeking God's blessing on the people - even if you do not know who they are - and listening to God who will lead you into the areas you should be praying for. The Holy Spirit is a wonderful prayer guide if only we will let Him direct us, and one of the joys of prayer walking and praying for people we do not know is that we are totally dependent on the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. I may want to tell God why I think my neighbour does not come to church, but in praying for the street God may show me I need to pray about something completely different.

We can do nothing without prayer, for this must undergird all we do in Jesus' name. Yet we must also recognise that prayer is not just about telling God what we want Him to do in any situation, nor is it about telling God how He must act to help us do what we want to do. Most of our prayer should be about listening to God and listening as He tells us what we must do. Maybe you will not be asked to pray each time you walk down the street; maybe you will be asked to praise and you may find yourself singing hymns praising God as you walk along, or playing praise tapes as you drive. Yet these acts too are part of the undergirding prayer as we bring the presence of God into this area.

Someone asked if I could print my sermon notes after the service when we started thinking about where God has placed us, and how like trees we need to be rooted in God's love. Someone else rang to share how God had encouraged her to see the situation in which she lives with new eyes and how her prayer-life is changing. I find it encouraging that God is using our worship to speak to people so positively. However, what I find more encouraging is that we are beginning to see where God wants us to go and what He wants us to do. This vision of reaching into our community cannot be done by one or two, but must be shared by us all, otherwise the vision will remain a dream and not become reality.

So please may I invite you in Jesus' name to share in the vision, sign up to pray for the streets around our church; we all have our part to play in the work of our Lord. To end with a quote from a song we often play in our car "Get on your knees and fight like a man."

Please continue to pray for us.

Your servants in Christ

Peter & Eileen Heckels

## News of the Fellowship

### Rest in Peace

Mrs Betty Hibbs died on December 26th 1996

Sidney George 'Brad' Bradley died on January 5th 1997 aged 85

Rev. Harold Springbett died on January 13th 1997

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### An Appreciation

My good friend Sidney 'Brad' has died. I had known him from April 1987, a few days after my wife died and I came to Goring United Reformed Church for the first time. Brad and I were in the same Army Corps - Royal Army Service Corps - and both in the Western Desert theatre of war between 1941 and 1942, but his job was far more dangerous than mine. He retrieved 'shot-up tanks' belonging to our side, and they were often booby-trapped with concealed grenades or primed live shells that had not been fired. He wore his campaign medals and ribbons with pride - he had earned them. I always found Brad a true friend, honest as the day is long, always willing to help others if he could. You will know that he did what he could for our Lord and others in our Church. When I drove my car with him as a passenger by my side I was on my best behaviour because he had been a driving instructor for most of his civilian life and had been driving for more than 60 years to my 56. I half expected him to say I needed more tuition. He was a good artist and had drawn a number of very good pictures that he showed me on several occasions. He was a good family man, and he and Roberta had been married for more than 44 years. He was a grandfather - Helen, his daughter, and Allen his son-in-law had given him two delightful grandchildren - Keely and Liam. I shall miss him tremendously for his friendship and humour amongst many other things.

*Leslie Montford*

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We have recently learned of the sudden death of Rev. Harold Springbett who died on January 13th 1997. Mr Springbett was Minister of this Church when it was Goring Congregational Church, from 1950 until 1953. We have sent our sympathy and love to his widow.

*H. & G. Redman*

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### Thanks

Norman Redman and family wish to express their heartfelt thanks for the many good wishes and enquiries during his recent stay in hospital and rest home. Your prayers and concern for his welfare in coming days are very much appreciated and provide a source of strength at this time of anxiety. God bless you all.

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Brenda Brunton has written to say thank you for all the prayerful support she has received during her time in hospital, and while her medication is being adjusted. At present time she does not wish to cause offence but asks 'No Visitors Please!' since lack of breath makes talking very difficult for her, but she hopes that she will continue to be uplifted by our thought and prayers. After another stay in hospital she is looking forward to being fit enough to join us in church again. She wishes us a Happy New Year and God's blessing.

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Mrs. Thelma Leader's telephone number is 230487

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### Easter Concert

The Rowland Singers will, once again, be giving an Easter Concert in our Church on Wednesday March 17th at 7.30pm. The choir will be singing 'Olivet to Calvary' by J.H.Maunders, and 'Magnificat' by John Rutter. Please note the date and further details will be in March Chronicle.

*Sheila Gooderham*

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

**Editor**

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## CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN GORING.

## 'CALLED TO BE ONE'

As reported in the December 1996 issue of the Chronicle this group has been reading and discussing the content and questions posed in the ecumenical booklet 'Called to be One', produced for discussion in Advent. The booklet reminded us Jesus prayed to His Father that all His disciples might be one, as He and the Father were one, 'so that the world might believe' (John 17:21). Although the early Christian churches strove to maintain their unity, as the second millenium began Eastern and Western churches divided from one another, and later, in the 16th Century, Catholics and Protestants divided. To the world at large the Christian churches had not always been good ambassadors for Christ's ministry of reconciliation. In the present century many of the churches have been trying to overcome their divisions so that they may be more credible when they preach gospel of reconciliation.

In the 3 meetings devoted to the group's consideration of the booklet we discussed jointly, and in groups of 2 or 3, our different forms of Worship, our denominational structures, preparations for membership, areas which we have in common, those where we differ, and possible ways forward to greater levels of unity. At the end of the last session a report was prepared by the Rev. John Sutcliffe and the Rev. Micahel Hore, based on the responses of the group to questions posed in the booklet. The report has been sent to the County Ecumenical Officer and is as follows:-

1. *What has your group resolved to do to encourage growth into closer unity in your locality? Are specific changes being recommended for any churches?*

- a. To continue doing what we are doing now, namely
  - i. prayer times during the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*.
  - ii. Occasional united services.
  - iii. Meeting for socialising and discussing differences.
  - iv. Bi-monthly services to worship together in the style of a particular church.
- b. For future development the group recommends
  - i. Occasional exchange of pulpits.
  - ii. An open-air service during the summer.
  - iii. *March for Jesus* / procession of witness
- c. The group did not think it appropriate to recommend any specific changes for any of the local churches.

2. *Do members of your group believe in organic union, looking for the end of separate denominations, or in unity in reconciled diversity, looking for closer working together of continuing distinct denominations? Is the latter a stage on the way to the former? Or do you have some other vision of unity?*

- a. The group believed in unity in reconciled diversity, particularly looking for things we can agree on and speaking up about them, while maintaining a mutual respect with regard to our differences.
- b. The group was divided on whether *unity in reconciled diversity* should be a stage on the way to *organic unity*.
- c. There was no other vision of unity that found consensus within the group.

3. *Does your group think it would be helpful for some (e.g. two or three) churches or denominations to take steps towards closer unity, even though other churches and denominations may not yet be ready to join them?*

Yes, if they thought it appropriate.

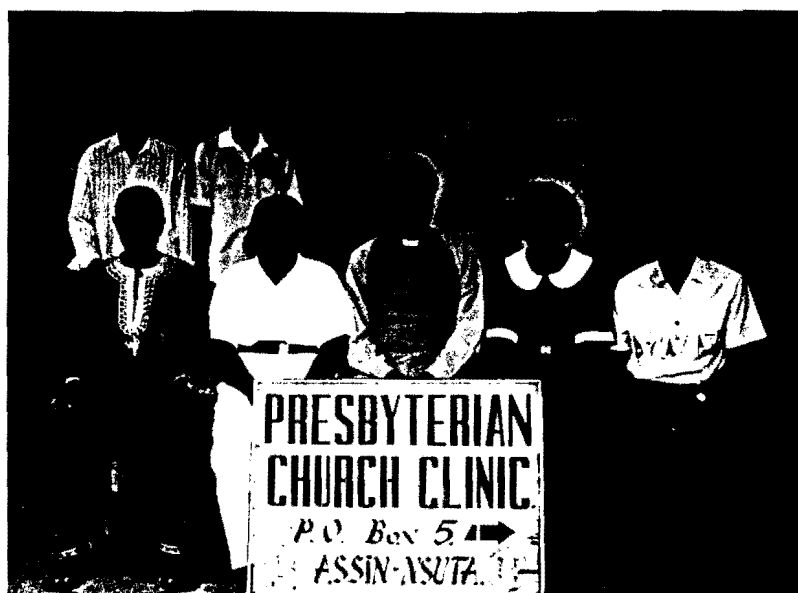
4. *Have you any other comments you would like to make?*

- a. We would like to suggest the encouragement of groups that are more local. Many of the *Churches Together* groups cover large areas. Our experience in *Christians Together in Goring* is that a group covering a relatively small area allows Christians and church leaders to get to know one another better, and this leads to deeper respect and more effective co-operation. Such a group can act as a catalyst for other local groups or even larger groups.
- b. The views expressed here generally represent the majority of thinking of the group and do not necessarily express the views of each individual member of it.

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## OVERSEAS MISSION GIVING in 1996

COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION			£ 2000
RUTH CHATFIELD	Personal Support	1500	
	Special Vehicle Gift	400	
	Girls Brigade	50	£ 1950
CHRISTIAN AID	Christmas Card	127	
	Coffee Morning & Concert	310	
	CA Sunday Envelopes	41	
	Gifts in Memory	105	£ 583
TEAR FUND	TF Sunday Envelopes	160	
	Disaster Response Fund	156	
	GAS Child Care Scheme	180	£ 496
THE BIBLE SOCIETY	Writeathon NT (P.Wheeler)		
	for Kazak Holy Book	820	
	BS Sunday Envelopes	80	£ 900
THE LEPROSY MISSION	Gifts from Members	374	
	Junior Church Blue Peter	40	£ 414
GHANA	Assin Nsuta Clinic	100	
	S.Nkrumah Bike Repairs	25	£ 125
ROYAL NATIONAL MISSION to DEEP SEA FISHERMEN	Gifts in Memory		£ 215
NEEDY CHILDREN	Boys Brigade Gifts to: Refugee Children in Zaire, Street Children in India Children's Education in South Africa		£ 75
GIDEONS	Women's Guild		£ 60
NAZARETH MISSION HOSPITAL, ISRAEL			£ 25
ACTION AID			£ 180
			<u>£ 7023</u>



The Hope Church at Assin Nsuta, Ghana thank us for our gift of £100 (see above) for the work of the Clinic. The photograph is of the Management Committee and staff including the pastor, senior nursing officer and midwife.

## Women's Guild

President Mrs Joan Finlay  
Secretary Miss Audrey Gerlach

Vice-President Mrs Ivy Berry  
Treasurer Mrs Joan Burrage

February 4	Mr. R. Puttock - Arundel Castle 'Behind the Scenes'
February 18	Mr. G. Toole-Mackson - 'The British Monachy.'
March 4	Mrs J Webb - 'Jean at her Best.'

All meetings begin at 2.45pm

The Christmas Service on December 17th was much appreciated by members and the Men's Fellowship. This was written mainly by Mrs. Peggy Mott, and told the Christmas story from the animals' point of view.

We re-commenced on January 7th with an open meeting. The pleasure members get from our meetings was apparent from the number of ladies willing to venture out in spite of the inclement weather. On January 21st we were entertained by Mrs. Irene Dearsley talking about her life in Nigeria.

*Betty Hislop*

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## Men's Fellowship

February 4	with Women's Guild
February 18	with Women's Guild
March 4	talk by Mr. Frazer Finlay

All meetings begin at 2.45pm

*Ian A. Hennell (Hon sec)*

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## Serendipity

Wednesday February 19th Ten Pin Bowling at Worthing Bowling Alley at 8.00pm. The cost will be £4.05 per person and covers one game plus the hire of shoes. If you would like to take part please give your name to Janice or Daphne by Monday February 3rd. Pay on the day. Transport available. All ladies will be very welcome.

Daphne Eames 268489 and Janice Byerley 233330

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## Action for Dysphasic Adults

February 26th Wednesday Speech therapy sessions in the Church Hall 12 to 5pm

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## Worthing Stroke Club (KESTRO)

Feb 7	What's my line?
Feb 14	Annual General Meeting
Feb 21	Quiz
Feb 28	Harriet & Herbert Hedgehog, talk with slides by Steve Harris

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## The Leprosy Mission

The total monies received during 1996 from members and friends of Goring URC amounted to £414.48. This includes £40 for Junior Church as result of the Nation-wide Blue Peter Appeal in December. Thank you to all supporters.

*Florrie Freeman*

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## F.E.B.A.

Mailings will take place at FEBA Offices on Monday February 3rd - Tuesday February 4th between 9am and 5pm. Helpers are invited for an hour or so or a full day. Bring sandwiches. Drinks provided. For more details please ring Jennie on 237281. Office address:- Ivy Arch Road.

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## Young Persons at University

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Victoria Carrington      Aberystwyth

David Sibley      North London

### Church Jumble Sale

A Church Jumble Sale, in aid of our Church Funds, is to be held in the Church Hall on **Saturday March 15th** at 2pm. If you have any JUMBLE, or know anyone who would be willing to pass on some JUMBLE, please let one of the Organising Committee members know - names below. Arrangements will be made for collection in due course.

Bett Swierk

Peter Mitchell

Graham Redman

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### Boys Brigade

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

Captain Don Stewart

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### 5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade

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

#### Staff:-

Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley, BN14 OBY (873806)

Lieutenant: Linda Grey

Officer in training: Lesley Hood

Auxiliary Workers:- Valerie Hayden, Hannah Honsa, Amanda Nash, Janet Dean

Brigade Week ~~commences~~ February 8th - Coffee Morning 10 to 12am  
Church Parade March 9th Service at 11am

Our session is now well under way, and we are preparing for our **Fund-raising** for Brigade Week. On Tuesday February 4th, we are holding a **Sponsored 'Jigsaw Sort'** at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for tea and biscuits, and Sponsor one of the Girls while they puzzle away.

We are holding a **Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale** on February 8th at 10am in the Church Hall. We hope to cover a large Girls' Brigade Badge with Five Pence Pieces, so please save your **Five Pence Pieces**, and help us to achieve this 'Goal'. In the afternoon we are hosts to the **West Sussex District Girls Brigade Competitions**. On the day our **Explorers** will be making percussion instruments, and then singing, accompanied by their freshly-made instruments. The **Seniors** will be designing Four sheets of wrapping paper. During the Company Meetings the **Juniors** will be decorating a *text* with scrunched tissue paper, and the **Brigaders** will be creating an original painted design on a ceramic tile. This will be a very busy day for all the Girls and Staff, so we hope you will support us with your prayers, and by attending the Coffee Morning.

We are trying to raise £300 to complete the purchase of New Uniform Skirts and Tunics. To date we have received £85 in donations. Thank you. We still have £215 to go! Our National fees are also due soon - £6.50 per Girl, £15 per Officer, and £3 per Auxiliary. The District fees are also due, making a total of £300 approximately. We will be grateful if you will support our **Fund-raising** and the Girls look forward to meeting you.

*Lieut. Linda Grey.*

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### A Paul and Silas Experience

A Liberian Staff member from Radio ELVA has had a 'Paul and Silas Experience'. His pick-up truck was forced off the road by oncoming traffic. He was taken to the police station and compelled to spend the night in gaol with 22 other 'law breakers'. When ELVA administrators arrived the next morning to obtain their friend's release they were greeted with strains of gospel choruses coming from the cell. 17 new converts were raising their voices in praise to their new-found Saviour! A follow-up visit the next day resulted in 5 more prisoners and 2 policemen also accepting the Lord. (Sudan Interior Mission report in the Christian Herald.)

The Paul and Silas story is in Acts 16.

## Fund Raising

At the meeting held on January 6th, at which 12 people were present, it was decided to hold three main fund-raising events this year.

1. A **grand Church Jumble Sale** on Saturday March 15th at 2pm in the hall, organised by Graham Redman.
2. A **Car Boot and Table Sale** on the Church car parking area and in the halls on the morning of Saturday June 7th arranged by Wilfred Rhodes.
3. A **Christmas Fayre** on Saturday November 29th arranged by Eileen Heckels and Sheila Gooderham.

In addition we are going to copy the parable of the 'Talents'. Anybody who wishes will be given a £10 note (to be signed for!) by March 1st and, at Harvest, we will ask for it back, hoping it will have produced 30fold, 50fold, 100fold and More! Rev Peter Heckles and Roy Gooderham will be dealing with this. During the course of the year Eileen Rhodes and Sheila Gooderham will organise some social events which we hope will bring in some more much needed money.

Wilfred Rhodes, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, put a Financial Report in January Chronicle about the state of the Church finances, which showed a budgeted deficit of £8,300 in our income for 1997, so unless we can increase our offerings substantially, we need to raise funds in other ways.

*Sheila Gooderham*

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### Churches Together in Worthing

Churches Together in Worthing, working in service with the local community to share the love of Jesus Christ, supply friendship lunches for older people consisting of nutritious 3-course meals.

Tuesdays	New Life Church Hall, Durrington West Worthing Baptist Church, Tarring
Wednesdays	St. Andrew's Church Hall, Ferring Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring Worthing Baptist Church, Central Worthing
Thursdays	St. Columba's Church Hall, West Worthing
Fridays	Offington Park Methodist Church, Broadwater Findon Valley Free Church, Findon

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### Wanted

The **Thrift Kabin** - the shop by Worthing Tabernacle - urgently needs bric-a-brac for sale. It is hoped to enable Dr Stephens Alfred in Shane - near Bombay - to purchase a property to be turned into Nurses' accommodation. The Tabernacle is only £1500 short of the asking price. The Thrift Kabin also provided the first ambulance. This is connected with Bethany Hospital which officially opens in February. Regarding the bric-a-brac please: deliver to shop, leave your name at the Welcome desk in the Church, take a plastic sack to be collected when filled or phone the office on 236542.

'Blessed is he who is kind to the needy' Proverbs 14-21

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### 'Think on these Things'

That is what Eileen Jordan has done over the years and now, in this beautifully written book she invites us to do likewise. There is much to prompt our thinking of the Greatness and Loving care of Jesus the Son, and God the Father. She also gives us suggestions for hymns and choruses relating to each chapter, and puzzles - with answers - to get the brain working. Eileen has dedicated so much of her time to writing, and with the help of her husband, Ron, producing this book. Having financed it herself she has already made a substantial gift to our Church from its sales, and intends to support Cancer Research with future sales. If you have not already read this book there is a treat waiting in store for you. Thank you, Eileen, for your dedication and generosity. May your talent be richly blessed.

*Joan Finlay*

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### A Poem Based on Isaiah Chapters 52/53

*How beautiful upon the mountainside  
do seem the feet of Him who gladly cried  
'Good Tidings', and declared the news of peace!  
Who publisheth Salvation far and wide!  
Behold My Servant shall deal prudently;  
He shall both honoured and exalted be;  
He shall be lifted high above the earth,  
then crucified - the object of men's mirth!  
His visage marred beyond belief, and lo!  
His form more than the sons of men below.  
So shall He sprinkle many with His blood,  
forgiveness and salvation to bestow.  
He hath no form nor comeliness, and ye,  
when ye shall see Him, shall not outwardly,  
see any beauty to desire in Him -  
He is despised, rejected utterly!*

*A Man of sorrow, and with grief acquaint!  
We hid our faces, for our hearts were faint.  
He was despised and we esteemed Him not -  
He bore our griefs and sorrows like a Saint!  
But for our sakes hath He our sins endured!  
Yet we esteemed Him stricken of the Lord!  
For he was bruised for our iniquities,  
and with His stripes are we to grace restored!*

**Joy Blackford**

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#### "Talents"

One of our fund-raising suggestions made for this year was that we have a "talent" scheme within our Church. No, you will not have to sing and juggle while balancing a jug full of water on your head! We were thinking more along the lines of the parable in Matthew chapter 25 where the master put his servants in charge of some of his wealth and returns to see how they used it.

The scheme would operate in this way:-

You can have £10 to use from March 1st until harvest celebration, September 28th, when you will be asked to return your £10 with any extra you have made. You can use your £10 to make something to sell, and then re-invest the money you make, repeating this as often as you wish, or you can invest your money in something that may take time to mature, e.g. seeds. Whatever you do will depend on your skills and how many people you can find to buy from you.

Or you may not need £10, but you could sing and juggle while balancing a jug full of water on your head as entertainment at a children's party for a fee, or even baby-sit or cut grass. Well you could advertise your talent and your fee and who can tell how much you could raise by harvest time.

Contact Roy Gooderham to register for your £10 or to advertise your talents.

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#### Snippets

##### Beacon School Project

It is hoped to found a Christian School as the Lord leads and provides. A Minister in Southwick is keen to host the School and would offer extensive outdoor facilities. This would involve the purchase of a property two doors from the church. The ground floor is at present used as a warehouse; the pleasant first-floor flat could be adapted for school use. The price quoted is £80,000. The matter is by no means settled, so please pray. Further information from Mr. M. Clark on Worthing 209868.

**P.W.**

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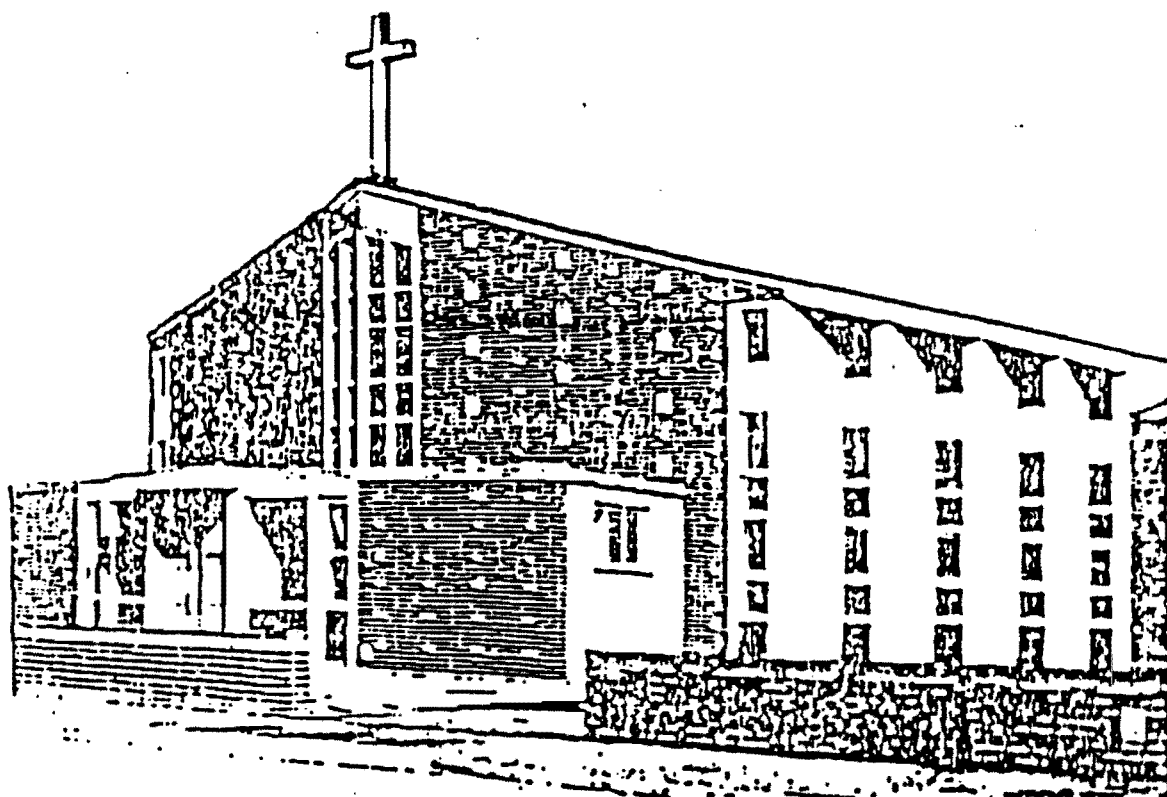
Good news! - the 'missing' trays have returned to their rightful home in the Church kitchen!

**Calendar for February 1997**

2 Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Service of Holy Communion	11.00am
	Evening Service	6.30pm
3 Mon	Feba Mailings to 4th	
	Boys Brigade - Anchor Boys	5.00pm
	Junior Section	6.15pm
4 Tue	Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship	2.45pm
	Girls Brigade	6.00pm to 8.30pm
6 Thu	Day of Prayer - Holy Communion at 10.30am	7.30am to 5.00pm
	Prayer & Praise	7.30pm to 8.30pm
	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am to 11.30am
7 Fri	Kestro Club	2.00pm
	Boys Brigade - Company Section	7.15pm
8 Sat	Girls Brigade - Brigade Week - Coffee Morning	10.00am
9 Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Service	11.00am
	Evening Service	6.30pm
10 Mon	Boys Brigade - as above	
11 Tue	Bible Study Group - 1 Arun Close Durrington	9.45am to 11.45am
12 Wed	Ash Wednesday - first day of Lent	
13 Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am to 11.30am
	Prayer & Praise meeting - Cornwall Room (Winter)	2.30pm to 3.30pm
14 Fri	Kestro Club	2.00pm
	Boys Brigade - Company Section	7.15pm
16 Sun	First Sunday in Lent. Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Service	11.00am
	Service of Holy Communion with Healing	6.30pm
17 Mon	Boys Brigade - as above	
18 Tue	Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship	2.45pm
	Girls Brigade	6.00pm to 8.30pm
19 Wed	Serendipity -10 Pin Bowling - see entry inside	8.00pm
20 Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am to 11.30am
21 Fri	Kestro Club	2.00pm
	Boys Brigade - Company Section	7.15pm
23 Sun	Second Sunday in Lent. Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Service	11.00am
	Evening Service	6.30pm
24 Mon	Boys Brigade - as above	
25 Tue	Bible Study Group - 1 Arun Close Durrington	9.45am to 11.45am
	Girls Brigade	6.00pm to 8.30pm
	Worthing V1th Form College P.P.G. - Little Chapel	7.30pm to 8.30pm
26 Wed	A.D.A. Speech Therapy Session	12.00pm to 5.00pm
27 Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am to 11.30am
	Prayer & Praise meeting - Cornwall Room (Winter)	2.30pm to 3.30pm
	Church Meeting	7.30pm
28 Fri	Kestro	2.00pm
	Boys Brigade - Company Section	7.15pm
<b>March</b>		
2 Sun	Third Sunday in Lent Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Service of Holy Communion	11.00am
	Churches Together in Goring - New Life at Goring First School	7.00pm
3 Mon	Boys Brigade - as above	
4 Tue	Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship	2.45pm
	Girls Brigade	6.00pm to 8.30pm
6 Thu	Day of Prayer - Holy Communion at 10.30am	7.30am to 5.00pm
	Prayer & Praise	7.30pm to 8.30pm
7 Fri	Women's World Day of Prayer	3.00pm and 8.00pm
	Kestro	2.00pm

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UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SILAFTESBURY AVENUE • WEST WORTHING

**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES**

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

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

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

**PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS**

1 Mrs Pheniah Taylor	246523	6 Mrs Robin Bradley	240908
2 Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153	7 Mrs Bobby Hitchin	249580
3 Mrs Bett Swierk	243194	8 Mr Don Stewart	243787
4 Mrs Doreen Norris	503783	9 Mrs Irene Tuley	265319
5 Mr Geoffrey Dean	240376		

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:**

Ark Parent & Toddler Club	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
	Mrs Jane Bond	244157
Boys' Brigade	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Choir Secretary	Mr Michael Ebeling	240448
Christian Aid	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Chronicle Editor	Mr Leslie Montford	243698
Church Warden	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Cradle Roll Secretary	Mrs Bett Swierk	243194
Flower Secretary	Mrs Eileen Heckels	248259
Girls' Brigade	Mrs Margaret Craghill	873806
Junior Church Secretary	Mrs Wilma Smith	821843
Leprosy Mission	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
Lettings Secretary	Mrs Lily Collison	248861
Little Fishes Playgroup	Mrs Sue Mitchell	531551
Men's Fellowship	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Publicity Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Serendipity Club	Mrs Janice Byerley	233330
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Tear Fund and Tearcraft	Mrs Irene Dearsley	690996
The Bible Society	Rev Ron Christopher	230330
Traidcraft	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Transport Officer	Mrs Carol Webber	690334
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
World Mission Secretary	Mr Geoffrey Dearsley	690996
Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	Mrs Robin Bradley	240908

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Dear Friends,

In a recent conversation with someone I shared that in our house we talked with God who was here as a real person. This seemed to be greeted with a mixture of two reactions, one which seemed to be 'so he should, he's the minister', tempered with a look that said 'I wonder if he's feeling all right - it may be the strain'. What I had hoped for was a reaction that said 'so what, so do I', but as this person was outside the church, I guess that was too much to hope for. Yet, was this reaction one that could even be expected among most people, even church people, in an age where God seems to have little place in the lives of most people. So where does God find a place in your life?

Now, if you are still reading, that's a step in the right direction, for at least you must be interested, but be honest with yourself, how real is God in your life? I'm not wanting to be negative, nor to suggest that everything you do should be centred around God, but that everything you do includes God - for this is what it means to let God into your life. He really must go everywhere with you, at home, at work, at play, not only in worship or your time spent in prayer or Bible study, but in all that you do. Once we accept this then we soon discover we can talk to God and we can expect God to talk to us. We can expect help with any problems we might have, and we can expect to have a fresh insight into God's powers.

Now, many people will ask, how can this be? It can only be because we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit, not something magical or mysterious which we cannot explain, but God's gift freely given to those who will receive Him into their lives. In 381 the Second General Council which met at Constantinople described the Holy Spirit as 'the Lord and Life-giver who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped together and glorified together'. The 'Life-giver' is a phrase I find helpful and encouraging as it reminds us of the fullness of life that can only be found when God is present. Jesus Himself says 'I am come that they may have life, and have it abundantly' (John 10:10) and this promise is still real for us after His death and resurrection through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Now I hope that you are still reading because this will come to you as Lent turns our thoughts towards our Lord. Lent for so many people is a time for giving things up. How much better to take something up, to increase God's place in all we do. All God asks is that you let Him into your life, even into the areas where, at the moment, you exclude Him, and leave the rest to Him. Don't forget though, that letting God into your life will transform it, as we have found, for the better, yet if enough of us are willing and prepared to do this then there will be a transformation in all we share. It's no use complaining that God does nothing for us if we do not let Him have complete control. The end of Lent reminds us so powerfully that Jesus has made the first steps, but the gift is only there when we move to take it.

Please continue to pray for our family as we value your support in this way.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter & Eileen Heckels

REMEMBER "UNLESS JESUS IS LORD OF ALL, HE IS NOT LORD AT ALL"

## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISM of Alicia and William Hamer on Sunday, January 19th 1997. The names of their parents and their home address are not known to the Editor at this time.

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### NEW MEMBERS

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFELY

We recently welcomed the following into Membership of our Church:-

Mrs Peggy Croydon, Mrs Joan Fordham, Mr David Henley, Mrs Eileen Henley,  
Mrs Karen Higgins, Mr Douglas Pullen, Mrs Audrey Pullen, Mrs Rosemary Terry.

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Miss Ethel Gilbey and Mrs E Ayling  
Darlington Court Nursing Home, The Leas, Littlehampton Tel: 850232  
Miss Nicola Craghill and Miss Tracey Matthewson  
6 The Terrace, Longshore, Deptford, LONDON SE8 3AU Tel: 0181 694 6811

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### THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to say a most sincere 'thank you' to everyone who, through cards, letters, flowers, visits, offers of help with transport, and prayer, has shown such love and support during these past few weeks.

It really has been a tangible expression of your love, and helped me more than words can express. Brad had hoped to become a church member when he had recovered from his hip replacement, but it was not to be.

However, with Peter's kindness and sensitivity, his leading of Brad's funeral service became a time of celebration of Brad's life and a witness to his faith, and I believe he became then, not only a member of Goring URC, but a member of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thank you Peter.

Sincerely, Robin Bradley

Thank you for all the cards, letters, phone calls, presents and parties, visits, flowers, love and prayers said on my behalf, when I reached the age of 90 on January 29th 1997. Flowers fade, but your words and love last for ever. Dulcie Jenkins

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### ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SERVICE

'TIME FOR TOTS' service at 9.30 am on SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd. Young Mums, Dads and Carers are asked to bring their little ones to our special short service on Palm Sunday, and join us for coffee afterwards in the Church Hall. G. Dean

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### SNIPPET

'From the liberality which says everybody is right, from the charity which forbids us to say anybody is wrong, from the peace which is bought at the expense of truth, may the good Lord deliver us.' (Prayer ascribed to Bishop J.C. Ryle.)

**5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE**

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

**STAFF:-** Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley,  
BN14 0BY Tel: 873806  
Lieutenant: Linda Gray  
Officer in Training: Lesley Hood  
Auxiliary Workers: Valerie Hayden, Hannah Honsa  
Amanda Nash, Janet Dean

**CHURCH PARADE** March 9th. Service begins at 11.00 am.

OUR WEEK was a great success! The coffee morning held on Saturday, February 8th in the Church Hall was well attended by parents and members of the church. We would like to thank you all for coming and supporting us.

We covered TWO LARGE BADGES and ONE MEDIUM BADGE with FIVE PENNY PIECES which totalled £50!

The GUILD OF FRIENDSHIP stall raised £16.

The coffee, tea and the rest of the stalls raised £168.24, making a grand total of £234.24!

Thank you, also, for the £21.45 raised through our envelopes in church.

The money for the JIGSAW SORT has still to come in (Feb).

On the afternoon of February 8th, at the West Sussex District Girls' Brigade Competition a good time was had by all. About 60 EXPLORERS and SENIORS attended with their OFFICERS and HELPERS. Our THREE EXPLORERS joined with TWO from 2nd Worthing Company, and came second with their HOME-MADE PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS.

Our JUNIORS came third with their SCRUNCED TISSUE PAPER BIBLE TEXT.

KIRSTY LAKE, from the SENIORS, got a SPECIAL MENTION for the imaginative DESIGN for her WRAPPING PAPER.

Once again, thank you all for supporting us, and wishing you every Easter blessing.

Lesley Hood

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**FEBA**

Mailings will take place at FEBA Offices on Monday, March 10th - Wednesday, March 12th between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. Helpers are invited for an hour or so or full day. Bring sandwiches - drinks provided. For more details please ring Jennie Ring Tel: 237281.

Office address: Ivy Arch Road, Worthing.

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**WORTHING STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)**

March 7	Card Bingo
March 14	Poetry - please
March 21	All day plus Jill's Fashions
March 28	Good Friday - No KESTRO

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**FUND RAISING - CALLING ALL COFFEE DRINKERS!** If you have any coffee jars with screw lids, size 4 ounce or 100 grams, would you please be kind enough to pass them to me for use for a fund raising idea I have. A white carrier bag in the church vestibule will, hopefully, be an ideal receptacle for them, if you cannot reach me. Bless you, and thank you.

Jean Webb

## THE NEW HOSPITAL CHAPEL

It was my privilege and pleasure to represent our Church at the Dedication Service of St Cuthman's Chapel in the new East Wing of Worthing Hospital. Worthing has waited twenty years for the completion of its hospital, and it was fitting that the Chapel, set in the heart of this fine new building, should be the first part to be officially opened, and on St Cuthman's Day. Officiating at the service were the Rev Martin Broadbent, Chairman of the London and South West District of the Methodist Church; the Right Rev Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Roman Catholic Bishop of Arundel and Brighton; and the Rt Rev Lindsay Urwin, Anglican Bishop of Horsham; also the three hospital Chaplains. It was a truly ecumenical service invoking the blessings of Almighty God on the Chapel that it may be a place of hope and healing and peace, and a place of prayer and support for the sick and those who care for them. We prayed that the Chapel be dedicated to the Glory of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and for the worship of God in praise and prayer, and for the celebration of the Holy Sacraments. We prayed for the giving of health and wholeness to all who are sick, of comfort to all who mourn, of strength to all who tend the sick and injured, of light to all who seek the way whatever their faith or belief.

The singing was led by the St. Botolph's choir and joyously we sang 'Our God Reigns', 'Jubilate, everybody, serve the Lord in all your ways', 'Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place', and 'Let there be love shared among us'. We were reminded that whenever we look to the interests of the sick and suffering and all those who work with them, we are co-workers with God whose Son came among us to heal and save.

When the new wing is fully opened do take the opportunity to visit the Chapel - this is only a taster - and, perhaps, learn more of St Cuthman, depicted in the Altar frontal and on a banner. 2 Chronicles 6 vv 18-21.

Eileen Rhodes

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## 5TH WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE

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

CAPTAIN: DON STEWART

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## SNIPPET

Bible Society works in China in co-operation with the China Christian Council (CCC) and has helped to establish the Amity Printing Company (APC). More than 2.6 million Scriptures were produced during 1995. The 10 millionth Bible was produced in July 1995 and this figure included more than 70,000 produced for export to Vietman, Laos, and Myanmar (formerly Burma). In January this year 'Bible-a-Month Club' funds were to be used to provide paper for the Amity Press. Members of the Club pledge themselves to give a minimum of £3 per month to provide Scriptures worldwide.

Phyllis Wheeler

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## THE WORLD ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES

Until I read the February issue of 'REFORM' I must confess that I was unaware that the United Reformed Church is a member of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. The WARC was founded in 1875, and it now has 199 member churches which link about 70 million Christians in 99 countries around the world. Moreover, it is estimated that there are about 550 Reformed Churches throughout the world, which means that the Reformed family is the third largest world communion after the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches.

The General Secretary of the WARC writes that it has the following contributions to offer the whole church:-

- the emphasis on the universal priesthood of believers
- the emphasis on Eldership

- our sense of responsibility for the political community, for the world, and our concern for world issues
  - our system of church government, and the way our church life is structured
- It is sometimes difficult not to be depressed by reports of declining membership and fewer ministers, so it should be a source of encouragement that the URC is a member of such a large world family of churches with shared beliefs.

**Michael Ebeling**

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### READ ALL ABOUT IT ..... !

May I tell you about something very special that happens in this church of ours, and which so many of you are missing?

It is THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE. I commend it to you wholeheartedly. The peace of our Lord is with us during that special hour, and those of us who attend derive so much joy and so many blessings, that my words could never do it justice.

Come and see for yourself on Sunday, March 10th! You'll be glad you did!

**Doreen Norris**

PS Should you need transport, it can be arranged.

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**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORTHING, WORKING IN SERVICE WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST, SUPPLY FRIENDSHIP LUNCHES FOR OLDER PEOPLE, CONSISTING OF NUTRITIOUS 3-COURSE MEALS.**

<b>TUESDAYS</b>	New Life Church Hall, Durrington
	West Worthing Baptist Church, Tarring
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	St Andrew's Church Hall, Ferring
	Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring
	Worthing Baptist Church, Central Worthing
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	St Columba's Church Hall, West Worthing
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	Offington Park Methodist Church, Broadwater
	Findon Valley Free Church, Findon

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### HOUSE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE

Another Working Party Day is to be held on Saturday, March 22nd 1997 from 9.15 am.

Anyone who would like to help will be most welcome. The church will provide some materials, but costs have to be kept to the minimum.

Items which need attention include:-

1. Re-fit and re-hang door on stage
2. Assist in moving furniture and effects on the stage
3. Redecorate walls of stage and Cornwall Room
4. Redecorate disabled toilet and Gents' Cloakroom (decorations were stained by water from burst pipe in loft). Repair cracks on walls and ceiling of Cornwall Room passage and Ladies' Cloakroom.
5. Fablon on glazed doors in Entrance Vestibule (Eric and Jane Bond)
6. Redecoration of other Cloakrooms
7. Repaint some of the markings on the perimeter road. White paint on doorsteps.
8. Repoint around echelon windows and windows of Gents' Cloakroom in Church Hall
9. Re-fix hat and coat hooks in Gents' Cloakroom
10. Trimming hedges and shrubs and clearing refuse from church grounds
11. Polish offertory tray (by Vestibule)
12. Clean gas cooker and oven

Volunteers may wish to inspect the extent of some of these repairs before March 22nd.

For further information, please contact any member of the Committee.

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**WOMEN'S GUILD**

**President:** Mrs Joan Finlay      **Vice-President:** Mrs Ivy Berry  
**Secretary:** Miss Audrey Gerlach      **Treasurer:** Mrs Joan Burrage

March 4      Mrs J Webb - 'Jean at her Best'

March 18      Easter Service

All meetings and services begin at 2.45 pm.

Mrs Irene Dearsley was our speaker at our meeting on January 21st. She gave us a lively description of the 20 years she and Geoffrey, her husband, spent in Nigeria doing the work of our Lord. Wearing African dress she showed slides of their time there - their wedding - their children - Companies of Girls' and Boys' Brigades - the schools and churches, all with which they were involved. One African in 5 lives in Nigeria, a vast country, and children walk 8 or 10 miles in order to attend school. Members enjoyed seeing the many pieces of African craft and photographs. Thank you, Irene, for giving us such an interesting and informative afternoon.

On February 4th Mr Roland Puttick spoke on 'Arundel Castle - Behind the Scenes'. For many years he was responsible to the late Duke of Norfolk for the smooth running of the castle and its 73 acres of grounds; for organising entertainment, dinner parties, etc., and ensuring that all guests, both royal and otherwise, were looked after. He spoke warmly of the late Duke - a man of few words but possessing a brilliant wit. As Premier Peer of the Realm, and as Earl Marshal, the late Duke organised all state occasions, such as the opening of Parliament, Coronations, etc. He was also a Knight of the Garter and Lord Lieutenant of the County of Sussex. Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, was the first non-royal lady to be given the Order of the Garter, at the Queen's request. Mr Puttick had many amusing stories to tell, and members, together with the Men's Fellowship, had a most entertaining afternoon.

Our numbers are growing - why not come and join us in the main church hall at 2.45 pm.      **Betty Hislop**

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**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

March 4      Talk by Fraser Finlay in the Harris Room

March 18      Easter Service with the Women's Guild

All meetings and services begin at 2.45 pm

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**SERENDIPITY CLUB**

Monday, March 17th at 8.00 pm. in the Church Hall. Sports Evening - Come and try a new SPORT or show us your SKILLS at BADMINTON, TABLE TENNIS, SNOOKER, DARTS. All equipment is provided. All ladies are very welcome.

**Daphne Eames (268489) and Janice Byerley (233330)**

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**ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS**

March 26th      Wednesday Speech Therapy Sessions in Church Hall 12 noon - 5.00 pm

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**YOUNG PERSONS AT UNIVERSITY**

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

**VICTORIA CARRINGTON - Aberystwyth**

**DAVID SIBLEY - North London University**

## NEXT of KIN FORM

You may be unaware of the existence of the "Next of Kin" form, - a handy little document which enables you to leave confidential information in the hands of the Minister. The information contained in the form includes those things which are useful for the Minister to know about at the time of death, and in the making of funeral arrangements, enabling him to take account of personal wishes.

If you would like such a form, please ask for one, either from the Minister or your Pastoral Elder.

## Church Jumble Sale

March 15th 2pm in the Church Hall is a day and time to remember.

Please come along on this day and support our church either by helping on the stalls or to mingle with those we trust will be coming in from 'outside the church'.

Do you have any jumble tucked away in a corner, in the loft or in the garage ?

If you have, or you know of somebody else who has, and would like to pass it on, please ring Bett, Peter or Graham who will be delighted to hear from you - there is not much time left now so please don't delay !

If you can lend a hand on the day then again please ring one of the people below - there will be sorting jumble in the morning ( lovely job! ), maybe some price tagging to do, helping on the stalls in the afternoon and tidying the hall afterwards. The committee is expecting that the busiest time will be between 2 - 3pm with the sale finishing by about 3.30pm. The hall should be tidy and back to normal by approx. 4.30pm.

Come and have some fun, it should be a good day for the Church and for us all.

Bett Swierk, 243194

Peter Mitchell, 531551

Graham Redman, 260568

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### JESUS IS ALWAYS THERE

As we approach Easter it is good to reflect on what Jesus means to us. For me one of the things that means a lot is that whatever I do, wherever I go, whatever mistakes I make, Jesus is always there, ready to help me to move on and grow in my knowledge of Him.

This is summed up in the following song words:-

For the joys, and for the sorrows - the best and worst of times,  
for this moment, for tomorrow, for all that lies behind;  
fears that crowd around me, for the failure of my plans,  
for the dreams of all I hope to be, the truth of what I am.

I love Jesus.

Someone once said that God sees us as He would like us to be ... but loves us as we are. May we all continue to move forward in our love and service for Him in the coming days.

Denise Elliott.

### ROWLAND SINGERS' CONCERT

On Wednesday, March 19th, at 7.30 pm the Rowland Singers will be giving one of the performances of their Easter Concerts in our church. The programme is 'Magnificat' by John Rutter and 'Olivet to Calvary' by Maunder, and the conductor, as usual, is Jacky Emery.

The soloists on this occasion are:-

Soprano	Anne Robinson
Tenor	John Watkins
Bass	Giles White
Organist	Francis Minchin

John Watkins has sung with the choir before, but the others have yet to let us hear the gifts God has given them.

Programmes containing the words of the works, and also of the congregational hymns will be available and there will be a retiring collection to offset the expenses of the concert (which is in excess of £100), and anything above that will be given to the church.

We hope you will come to support the choir and enjoy the programme.

Sheila Gooderham

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### NEW YEAR SOCIAL

On Saturday, January 18th about 75-80 people filled the hall for our annual New Year Social. The age range was from a few weeks to 90, and we catered for all age groups. It was lovely to see 'first timers' and family and friends of the church.

A great deal of fun was had by all, either as participants or watchers. It was good to see members of GAS and FURY present, and how generous it was of Kate to rescue the sweet from the flour pudding and let Wyn off the hook. There were team games, with prizes from the sweet box, and individual games with, yes, individual prizes. People let their hair down, and Irene found herself at one time confessing to being asleep in the sermon, and Malcolm made a cake for the cake stall. We enjoyed doing the 'Fuzzy Duck' and the 'Goring Gordons', and watching a sketch performed by Eileen and Wilf, with additional help. We found time to sit and eat our supper.

Although I introduced the evening, the planning was done by a team, and other help was called for on the night. So, thanks to Audrey and Michael, Eileen, Paul, Roy and to Richard for drawing a straight chalk line across the hall, and to all those who popped into the kitchen to help Roy with the washing up. After expenses were paid, £23.50 went to the church funds.

We finished the evening giving thanks to God for all His blessings to us and sharing the Grace together.

We have already booked the date for next year - Saturday, January 24th, 1998. We hope you will all be there.

Sheila Gooderham

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### FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 1997

Following on from the item in the February Chronicle which gave the dates for Fund Raising Events, Eileen Rhodes and I met to plan some social events for the church family and friends, which could also raise some money.

We have already had the New Year Social, and the next event is on Saturday, July 12th. Junior Church, instead of having an outing this year, propose having a BBQ on the beach, to include the whole church family. If a BBQ is not your thing you can bring your own food. The time, venue, cost etc will be made known in due course. The staff of Junior Church, with Janice and Chris Byerley, will be arranging this.

On the Saturday of harvest weekend, September 27th, we are proposing to have a Treasure Hunt, followed by a tea in the hall at which the prizes will be given to the winners. Do Goodchild has prepared many of these, which means you collect a map and a list of clues from the church, go to the venue and park your car, and just find the answers to the clues. Easy! I shall be assisting Do.

Lastly, on October 25th we shall have a tea, followed by a home-made concert. Those of you who went to Eastbourne during the vacancy will know what to expect. We hope you will come just the same! When Peter was presented with these ideas for approval he immediately offered to sing. We shall be looking out for other talent!

Please make a note of all these dates and any ideas for future activities will be welcome, so let me have them. Many thanks to those who have already done so. We have not forgotten them. There is always next year.

As you know, we can have £10 from the Treasurer, to increase by using our talents in buying and selling. Lily Collison is offering to do knitting for anybody – please contact her direct and I will make a certain number of skirts for either summer or winter – so see me if you are interested.

Why not submit your 'talents' via the Chronicle. How about driving people to hospital or an out of town supermarket, or doing shopping for them? Baby, child, granny-sitting? I have a list which I can lend anyone who would like some ideas.

Sheila Gooderham – Social Secretary

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### OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

At the January Church Meeting 3 items from the O & E Committee were presented to the members:-

1. We felt we would liked to take part in a Millenium Celebration. After all, it is the anniversary of our Lord's birth we are celebrating, but what shall we do? We have an opportunity to share with Churches Together in England who are planning a Pentecost Weekend, June 10/11th, with a Global March for Jesus on the Saturday and Sunday to be a nationwide day of Witness and Celebration. Locally we could link up with Churches Together in Worthing who have suggested a possible project – the renovation of St Paul's Church, and hosting a Prom Praise in the Assembly Hall given by All Souls', Langham Place. We could arrange something jointly with the Christians Together in Goring, or any project that the URC might suggest. We could do any combination of the above together, with something for ourselves. What would you like to do? Do let Peter, Hilary or any of the O & E Committee know and, by the way, it can happen any time during the year 2000 which is, as it happens, the year in which GURC would celebrate its Diamond Jubilee.
2. We understand from the Fabric Committee that the new Notice Board could be erected any time now, and the Committee has a responsibility for the notices to be placed on it. We wish to find a team of artistic people who would be prepared to help in the design and presentation of posters (both small and large), leaflets, etc. If your talents lie in this direction, do let any of the above know. We have some names already.
3. Our main item was for the Outreach we propose initiating for our area. To answer some questions raised to Committee members, we realise that we should have told the Church Meeting in November why we were proposing to have a Prayer Walk. Well, as you will know by now, we are, in faith, proposing, probably in the autumn, to visit houses in our immediate local area. This, we think, is best done in the form of a questionnaire, but firstly the preparation must be well done, and this we believe is done by prayer. We have selected the local roads to the church as our starting point, and we need to make sure the people in these roads are prayed for, so we are concentrating our efforts there. A list of these roads, together with the original list, are on the notice board in the vestibule. Please read Peter's letter in the February Chronicle again and sign up for one of these roads. It doesn't matter if someone else's name is already there. As we have heard "The power behind you is stronger that the task ahead" and "Attempt great things for God and expect great things from God". What greater encouragement do we need?

Sheila Gooderham – Chairman

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MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN (WORTHING AREA)**CPAS**FRIDAY 21 MARCH 1997

9.15 am. - 2.30 pm.

at ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, ANGOLA ROAD, EAST WORTHING

Theme: 'APPROACHES TO PRAYER'Choice of TWO WORKSHOPS

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| 1. MEDITATIVE PRAYER    | led by Rev Diana Whitwam of Guildford                          |
| 2. PRAYER IN THE FAMILY | led by Mrs Pip Goring of Findon                                |
| 3. INTERCESSORY PRAYER  | led by Mrs. Beth Clark of Worthing                             |
| 4. IGNATIAN PRAYER      | led by Canon Anne Long of the<br>Acorn Christian Healing Trust |

There will be a creche and bookstall. Drinks provided, please bring a packed lunch, Bible, notebook and pen. Charge £5.

ALL WELCOME. Application forms and full details from Irene Tuley.

**THE GIRLS' BRIGADE**

**UP TO DATE - RELEVANT -  
LIVELY - CHALLENGING -  
SEEKING TO MEET THE  
NEEDS OF GIRLS TODAY!**

As a Christian organisation, we meet in an atmosphere of fun and friendship, offering girls the opportunity to grow and develop in every aspect of life. The badge programme is four sided - spiritual, physical, educational and service and is aimed at four different age groups:-

<i>Explorers</i>	<i>5 - 8 years</i>
<i>Juniors</i>	<i>8 - 11 years</i>
<i>Seniors</i>	<i>11 - 14 years</i>
<i>Brigaders</i>	<i>14+</i>

As girls come up through the Company, they are encouraged towards various spheres of service and the older girls are often offered the opportunity to join in leadership training and to undertake the Queen's Award and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Through our four sided programme and extra activities such as camps, parades, competitions and other local events, our Aim is:-

To help girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and through self control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life.

Help us to achieve our Aim.

5TH WORTHING COMPANY  
GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
SHAFTESBURY AVENUE. GORING

You are warmly invited to share in a short service of Holy Communion in our church on Sunday 6th April 1997 at 3.00 p.m.

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

Transport can be provided if necessary.

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

Eileen M. Rhodes  
Tel:- Worthing 248263

Greetings from your house in the Lakes!  
THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - WINDERMERE  
CENTRE (015394) 44902

Is every space in your life taken up this year? If not, what about a few worthwhile days away? Can I encourage you, even tempt you, to good food, good company, peace, relaxation, inspiration, reflection, renewal, refreshment, prayer, new insights, or interesting creative activity?

As those who have been before know, these are things a visit to Windermere can involve - a good place to call home, with your own room, and full board, whatever your diet!

So how about a visit this year? Can I interest you in either

**\* a lively time 'Discovering the church'**  
with Rosemary Johnson - (February 10th to Feb 12th)

**\* or a few days retreat in Holy Week**  
( March 24th to March 27th)

**\* or a renewing week of Taize Spirituality**  
(Monday July 7th to Saturday July 12th)

*Not in the published programme, but back again by popular demand!*

**\* or Textures of the Kingdom**  
with Pam Pavitt's embroidery skills (July 14th to July 17th)

The centre is always there for you and yours. You can come and stay any time, if there is room, on a course or not. Last year our beds were slept in over 5000 times - and they are still ok, so why not give it a try - after all it is your house! Any churches or groups wishing to book for 1998/99 please contact us soon. In the mean time, I hope to welcome you,

kindest regards, Peter McIntosh (Director)

PS: Cost? £29.00 per night full board, but ask about grants if required.

**A POEM**  
by Joy Blackford

GOD (through Isaiah)

From all the living was Christ cut away,  
and who can now His generation say?  
For He was stricken for my people's sins,  
and with the rich when He had died the death!  
Because He did no violence, neither saith  
any deceit yet it pleased me thus  
to bruise Him, and I have Him troubleth!  
If ye shall ask your sins to be forgiven  
because He died for you, He hath not striven  
in vain, and He shall thus prolong His days  
but shall be satisfied that He hath given  
His life for many in their dire need  
to be redeemed, and bore their sins indeed,  
because He hath poured out His soul to death,  
and for transgressors doth He intercede!

The people repent!

Behold, we all, like sheep, have gone astray!  
We have turned everyone to his own way!  
On Him hath God our misdemeanours laid -  
He was oppressed, afflicted, yet did say  
No word in self defence when He was brought,  
as Lamb to slaughter, to the Judgement Court!

GOD (Through Isaiah)

Lo! He who grew up as a tender plant,  
soon as a root from dry ground shall ascend!  
Who is your Saviour Christ, your Lord and Friend!

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**SNIPPET**

'We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Phil. 3: 20)

"O let me live as if Christ died  
but yestertide  
and I had seen and touched His pierc'd side.

I would rejoice as one who knows  
how soon He rose  
to tread beneath His feet our unseen foes.

And I would work as if Heaven bright  
were now in sight;  
what if tomorrow bring that great delight!"

Anon (Quoted in 'Borden of Yale' by Mrs Howard Taylor)

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**MESSIAH**

WITH THE  
**SUSSEX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

CONDUCTOR  
**MARK ANDREW JAMES**

LEADER - SARAH PLUMMER

STELLA WOODMAN - SOPRANO

CHRISTINE RICE - ALTO

MICHAEL HART-DAVIS - TENOR

RICHARD EVANS - BARITONE

CHORAL DIRECTOR - DONOVAN BROWN

**ASSEMBLY HALL, WORTHING**

**GOOD FRIDAY, 28TH MARCH 1997, AT 7.30PM**



TICKETS £9.00, £7.50 & £5.00, CHILDREN £2.00  
 (WITH 10% DISCOUNT TO FRIENDS OF THE CHOIR).  
 AVAILABLE FROM THE PAVILION OR CONNAUGHT  
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FURTHER INFORMATION  
 OR TICKETS  
 FROM  
 EILEEN RHODES  
 248263

**BIBLE VENDING MACHINES** Vending machines in Tokyo department stores and railway stations frequently dispense pornographic magazines to passers-by. The Christian Literature Crusade in Tokyo decided to install a machine to dispense Christian books, magazines and Bibles at a cost of over 10000 dollars.

Since the CLC Bookstore is located on a busy street in a student district of Tokyo, the pedestrian traffic actually increases after the store closes. The results have been heartening. Within the first few months more than 1000 Bibles and New Testaments, in addition to other books, have been purchased by nocturnal customers. The CLC named the machine Nicodemus, after the night-time visitor to Jesus. (from The Evangelical Times, July, 1984).

1	Tue	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship	2.45 pm
		Girls' Brigade	6.00 pm - 8.30 pm
3	Thu	Day of Prayer (Holy Communion 10.30 am)	7.30 am - 5.00 pm
		Praise and Prayer	7.30 pm - 8.30 pm
		Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am - 11.30 am
4	Fri	Kestro	2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade - Company Section	7.15 pm
6	Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Service with Holy Communion	11.00 am
		Service of Holy Communion	3.00 pm
		Evening Service - Preacher - Norman Prattent	
		6.30 pm	

Please kindly inform the Editor if there is any incorrect entry

# WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(INTERDENOMINATIONAL)



The Christian women of Korea invite you  
to join them in worship. Local services  
will be held as follows:-

## FRIDAY 7 MARCH 1997 WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES

3 pm. BURY DRIVE METHODIST CHURCH, GORING

Speaker: Mrs. June Lane of O.M.F.

8 pm. GORING URC, SHAFTESBURY AVENUE

Speaker: Rev Lynda Hulcoop of Paraclete Ministries.

Refreshments after the evening service.

If anyone would like to sing in the choirs at either service  
please come to the rehearsals on Monday 3 March at 3pm or 7.30pm.

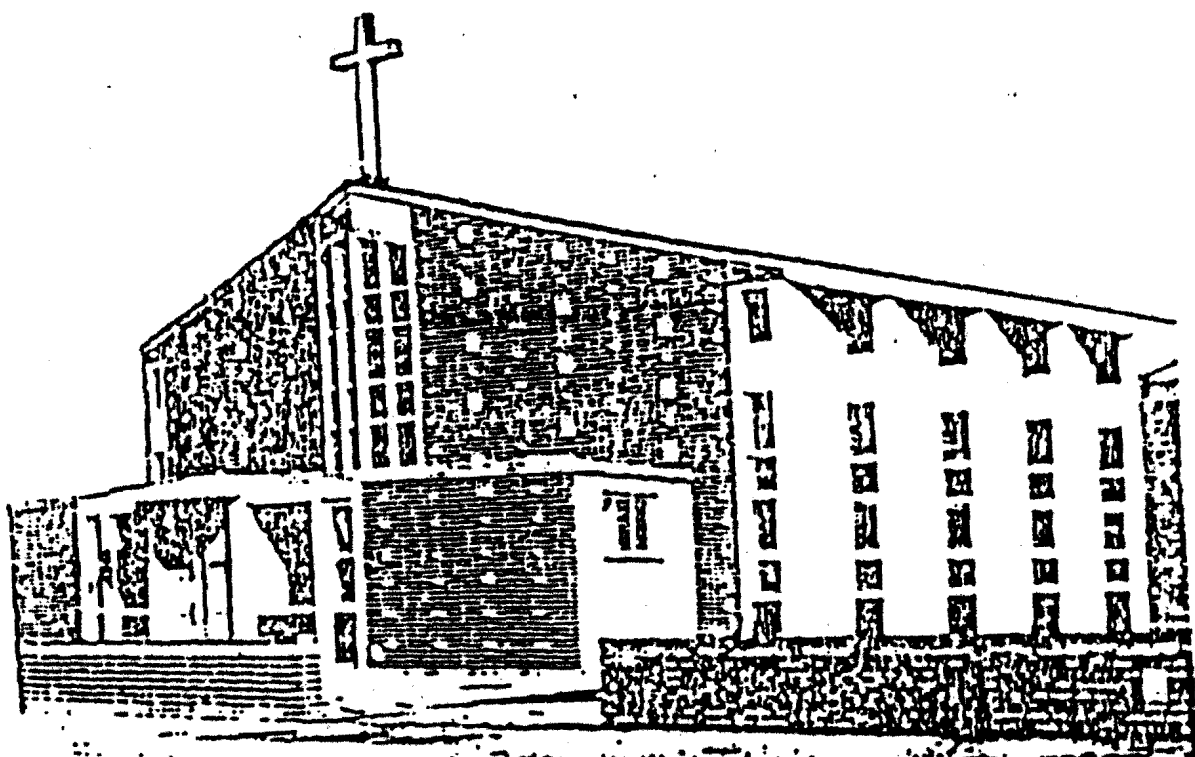
## CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1997

1	Sat	<b>T A L E N T S</b>	
2	Sun	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>	
		Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Service with Holy Communion	11.00 am
		No evening service in our church	
3	Mon	Boys' Brigade      Anchor Boys	5.00 pm
		Junior Section	6.15 pm
4	Tue	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship	2.45 pm
		Girls' Brigade	6.00 pm - 8.30 pm
6	Thu	Day of Prayer (Holy Communion 10.30 am)	7.30 am - 5.00 pm
		Praise and Prayer	7.30 pm - 8.30 pm
		Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am - 11.30 am
7	Fri	Kestro Club	2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade      Company Section	7.15 pm
		Women's World Day of Prayer Services	3.00 pm & 8.00 pm
9	Sun	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothers' Day</b>	
		Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Parades Service	11.00 am
		Evening Service	6.30 pm
10	Mon	Boys' Brigade - As above	
		FEBA Mailing days to 12th	
11	Tue	Bible Study Group, 1 Arun Close, Durrington	9.45 am - 11.45 am
		Girls' Brigade - As above	
13	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am - 11.30 am
		Praise & Prayer Meeting, Cornwall Room (Winter)	2.30 pm - 3.30 pm
14	Fri	Kestro Club	2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade - As above	
15	Sat	Jumble Sale, Church Hall from	2.00 pm
16	Sun	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	
		Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Family Service	11.00 am
		Service of Holy Communion with Healing	6.30 pm
17	Mon	Boys' Brigade - As above	
		Serendipity, Church Hall	8.00 pm
18	Tue	Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild	2.45 pm
		Girls' Brigade - As above	
19	Wed	Rowland Singers' Easter Concert in Church	7.30 pm
20	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am - 11.30 am
21	Fri	Kestro Club	2.00 pm
		Boys' Brigade - As above	
		CPAS, St Stephen's Church, Angola Rd, E. Worthing	9.15 am - 2.30 pm
22	Sat	Working Party Day from	9.15 am
23	Sun	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
		Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Time for Tots Service	9.30 am
		Family Service	11.00 am
		Evening Service	6.30 pm
24	Mon	Boys' Brigade - As above	
25	Tue	Bible Study Group, 1 Arun Close, Durrington	9.45 am - 11.45 am
		Girls' Brigade - As above	
26	Wed	ADA Speech Therapy Session	12.00 pm - 5.00 pm
27	Thu	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> - Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00 am - 11.30 am
		Praise & Prayer Meeting, Cornwall Room (Winter)	2.30 pm - 3.30 pm
		Church Meeting      ?	7.30 pm
28	Fri	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	10.30 am
30	Sun	<b>EASTER DAY</b> - (Clocks go forward 1 hour)	
		Service of Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Service with Holy Communion	11.00 am
		Evening Service	6.30 pm

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**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES**

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

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

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

**PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS**

1 Mrs Pheniah Taylor	246523	6 Mrs Robin Bradley	240908
2 Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153	7 Mrs Bobby Hitchin	249580
3 Mrs Bett Swierk	243194	8 Mr Don Stewart	243787
4 Mrs Doreen Norris	503783	9 Mrs Irene Tuley	265319
5 Mr Geoffrey Dean	240376		

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:**

Ark Parent & Toddler Club	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
	Mrs Jane Bond	244157
Boys' Brigade	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Choir Secretary	Mr Michael Ebeling	240448
Christian Aid	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Chronicle Editor	Mr Leslie Montford	243698
Church Warden	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Cradle Roll Secretary	Mrs Bett Swierk	243194
Flower Secretary	Mrs Eileen Heckels	248259
Girls' Brigade	Mrs Margaret Craghill	873806
Junior Church Secretary	Mrs Wilma Smith	821843
Leprosy Mission	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
Lettings Secretary	Mrs Lily Collison	248861
Little Fishes Playgroup	Mrs Sue Mitchell	531551
Men's Fellowship	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Publicity Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Serendipity Club	Mrs Janice Byerley	233330
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Tear Fund and Tearcraft	Mrs Irene Dearsley	690996
The Bible Society	Rev Ron Christopher	230330
Traidcraft	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Transport Officer	Mrs Carol Webber	690334
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
World Mission Secretary	Mr Geoffrey Dearsley	690996
Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro)	Mrs Robin Bradley	240908

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Dear Friends,

At the end of this month I shall be beginning a sabbatical period which will last until the beginning of September. During this time I am going to look at the teaching of children and young people within the church. There are some important issues facing us all in this area of our work and, in particular, I aim to talk with people about the best time to work with children and young people. For example, is Sunday morning the only time, or even the best time? I also hope to look at materials available and the sort of format we use, for example, should we have the controlled system of learning that we find in schools, or should we look at the more relaxed format we use at times, like holiday clubs? We also need to consider those who teach and work with our children and young people. How do we best resource them and what sort of teaching notes and materials are most suitable? Then, of course, there is the big question of how we encourage people to be involved in this work and what sort of training we can provide.

I have always been somewhat reluctant to spend too much time away from the church and the work into which God has called me, not because I believe I am indispensable, far from it, but because I believe that such time should produce something positive for the church as well as myself, and because it rarely seems the right time. I feel certain that the project I am undertaking will be a benefit to the church and I know that it can only be done by taking time out from the normal tasks which so easily fill my time. I am not, perhaps naturally, so sure about the timing, for although we will have done some of the preparation for our autumn 'Emmaus' programme, there are still things that need to be done in co-ordinating groups, but I know that this will be done most efficiently by others, and of course the normal running of the church's life will also go on. It is in this part of the decision to take the sabbatical that it has been so good to know that we have here an eldership who have been called and empowered by God and who will ensure that all continues without even the slightest ripple.

One of the things I shall miss, however, is the elections in July, and so I hope you will forgive me for mentioning them now. Nominations for our eldership will already have closed by the time you read this, but as the names of those standing become known, please pray for the people who are allowing their names to go forward and pray that God will guide us as we vote at the church meeting. We shall, of course, be seeking other officers and people to serve on our church committees and as nominations are again invited, careful prayer will need to be made so that the people God wants to serve are those we elect. The system of eldership and church committees, which allows us to do the work that God wants us to do, will only function properly when we get the right people in the right situation. These things are not just about what we want to do but where God wants us to be serving Him, for they are not about our glory but His. My prayer as we come to this time is two-fold and yet a single thought, that God will raise up men and women who acknowledge Jesus as Lord of their life and who recognise that they are called to serve here at Goring and make that their prime commitment to their Lord.

My return in September will see us beginning our outreach and our study groups; it will also see us as the only church in Worthing with a minister. We will indeed be challenged in our life and growth together, but these must be seen as opportunities for God to work, rather than burdens to weigh us down. Enjoy the summer even with the responsibilities it brings on you in July, that we be ready to serve our Lord in the autumn.

Please continue to pray for us and our family during this time; we are very conscious of the protection of your prayers as we stand firm in the Lord's work, despite the attempts of those forces to undermine what God wants to do. If you need to contact us during these months and feel you do not see us around, please do so through Hilary Redman.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter & Eileen Heckels

# NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

## REST IN PEACE

Mr Fred Marsh died on April 1st

### AN APPRECIATION OF OUR FRIEND FRED MARSH

Many tributes, many expressions of thanksgiving, have been made for the life of Fred Marsh, his character and his willing helping hand in so many ways among friends and neighbours, and within our church. I would like to add my own personal note of thanksgiving to those tributes. I do not forget the help and encouragement I received from Fred and Jean (the two were inseparable in their activities) during the active part of my Associate Ministry.

Especially when the Rev William Connelly was away in America on a sabbatical. The many lifts in their car in order that I might make a pastoral visit to one of our members. Then there were those summer children's clubs when we opened the church hall and waited to see if any children would come, to be overwhelmed by the numbers! Did we need a Noah's Ark? Fred produced one. The Apostle Paul speaks of the many gifts of the Spirit to be found within the church. Thanks be to God for those who have practical gifts in the use of the imagination and creative skills with their hands. Fred had such gifts and used them whether to make a cross or some visual aid for Junior Church or Children's Club. Fred set us an example that he offered his gifts to his Lord, and used them in the service of the church of which he was a beloved member.

*Ron Christopher*

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### CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

Mrs Jean Marsh has reverted to her BT number - 01903 266985

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### THANKS

Many thanks for all the cards, messages, phone calls and flowers I received during my recent stay in hospital, and on returning home. Your prayers and support have meant a great deal to me during this time.

*Joan Purkiss*

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### TEAR FUND ENVELOPES IN CHURCH

The total amount was £257. Thank you to all those who contributed so generously.

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### FEBA MAILINGS

Tuesday May 6th to Wednesday May 7th. Two days.

### FEBA RADIO ON AIR TO THE MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East, Sunday is a working day. People listen to their radios before leaving for work. One programme from Feba Seychelles they can tune in to every Sunday is 'From Darkness to Light', a series supported by several churches in the UK.

Programmes mainly comprise interviews, guests being asked how they became Christians. Last autumn one featured Moussa, a young Lebanese, telling how he came to Christ during

the war in Lebanon. Fatal told his story of addiction to cigarettes, drink and drugs and of how God rescued him from his misery through the influence of friends and the prayers and testimony of his sister.

Another programme had three people from different countries, one a Pakistani who found the Lord while in Scotland. Then there was the testimony of Kon Akij from Sudan. He came to Christ after corresponding with Feba staff and hearing God's word on the radio and at a local church.

Feba's extensive Arabic ministry was the focus for prayer on 'Feba Radio Sunday' on 27 April this year.

1997 also marks 25 years since Arabic broadcasts began from Seychelles on 5 March 1972. Now there are over 49 programmes each week on air.

This radio outreach was extended last autumn when Feba began transmitting Arabic programmes from a mediumwave station. The MW programmes in Arabic complement the shortwave service from Seychelles, reaching listeners in Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Egypt and north west Iraq.

FEBA Radio, Ivy Arch Road, Worthing BN14 8BX. Tel. 237281

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#### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IS MAY 11TH TO 17TH

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#### 5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

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

Staff:- Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley, BN14 OBY Tel: 873806  
Lieutenants: Linda Gray  
Lesley Hood  
Auxiliary Valerie Hayden, Hannah Honsa  
Workers: Amanda Nash, Janet Dean

PARADE SUNDAY - MAY 18th - 11.00am

As we are now starting our Summer Session I write to tell you a little about our forthcoming programme and events. On Tuesday, May 20th, between 6 and 8.30pm, we are holding a BRING AND BUY SALE in aid of the BLUE PETER LEPROSY APPEAL, in the church hall. Please come along and support us - everyone is most welcome.

We are privileged this session to have the St John Ambulance Service coming along to take our older girls for a First Aid Course which, I am sure, will be very useful to them.

We wish everyone a lovely summer and hope to see you on May 20th.

*A Member of the Brigade*

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#### WOMEN'S GUILD

President:	Mrs Joan Finlay	Vice-President:	Mrs Ivy Berry
Secretary:	Miss Audrey Gerlach	Treasurer:	Mrs Joan Burrage
May 13	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2.45pm		
May 29	THURSDAY - Outing with Men's Fellowship		

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

May 13      ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in Harris Room  
 May 29      THURSDAY - Outing with Women's Guild  
 All meetings and services begin at 2.45pm.

We look forward to seeing you.

*Ian Hennell*, Secretary

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**SERENDIPITY CLUB**

All ladies are very welcome. Daphne Eames 268489 and Janice Byerley 233330

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**ROWLAND SINGERS CONCERT ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 19th, 1997**

A big thank you to those who came to the concert on March 19th, held in our church, and we hope you enjoyed the evening. You will be pleased to know that the retiring offering brought in £116, and the programmes £12, so we are able to give the church funds the sum of £25. Thank you once again for your support.

*Sheila Gooderham*, for the Rowland Singers

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**REPORT FROM THE OUTREACH & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE  
 TO THE MARCH CHURCH MEETING**

At the last Committee Meeting we discussed our aims for 1997. We looked at a publication from the URC called '50 ways for 50 days'. We decided on three of the suggestions, two of which we have already initiated.

(a) 'Take a fresh look at your Notice Board.' We now have a new board, posters have been bought and are in place, and some are being prepared. We shall review these in about 6 months' time, so please let us have any comments about size, design, colour, etc., which might, through this publicity, put our church into people's minds - one way of outreach.

(b) 'Organise a door to door team to visit the neighbourhood around your church.' We have already started this by prayer walking the local roads, and we suggested that we start the visits in Roseberry Avenue. The Church Meeting was shown details of the proposed notice to inform people of our visit and also of the proposed questionnaire. The next step forward is to arrange a meeting with the people who wish to think about actually visiting the houses. Training will be given. All suggested names to Peter or me, please. The dates for the meetings have been arranged, and are on Monday, April 28th and Tuesday, May 13th, both at 7.30 pm in one of the church halls. Please carry on prayer walking the other roads, and include Roseberry Avenue if you can.

(c) 'Have an Open Air Songs of Praise'. We proposed the evening of Sunday, June 2nd as Geoffrey Dearsley is already booked to take the evening service then, and he has agreed co-ordinate the service.

**Millenium.** We proposed that at the July church meeting we elect a small committee to arrange what we shall do as a church to celebrate this occasion. Everybody, and each organisation, will be asked to submit ideas, and the committee will sort them all out and bring their suggestions to a future church meeting.

All proposals were agreed to by the church meeting.

*Sheila Gooderham*, Chairman

### MY TESTIMONY – MRS CHRISTINE SHARPE

On Sunday, March 16th, our coach stopped on the way to the river Jordan. At 11.10am, English time, we sang and worshipped to link you at Goring URC with us. This was a very special time for me as I knew friends were praying, and I felt very close to them. Bryan (Jupe) and I were baptised in the river Jordan at midday, English time, and I can't express the joy and privilege I felt walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ,. It was so wonderful to thank God for all He is doing in my life, and to wash away my past.

Six years ago, on Easter Sunday, I knew I wanted the Lord in my life. I thought everything would be wonderful from then on, but the devil had his hand firmly on me.

My family life was quite difficult. I had an elderly mother and three elderly aunts to care for, who demanded much of my time. I was Division Commissioner for Guides in Worthing, a job I found hard, as I am a person who just wants to stay in the background. I had completely lost my confidence, and at one time had great difficulty in even going out.

I had really good times praying with my daughter who kept me going.

One particular day I was praying with my daughter and her husband in their home, and asked the Holy Spirit to come into my life. It was then my life changed. I still had my problems, but I felt I could cope with them.

Over the next three years I lost my mother and three aunts, and I would have found life unbearable, but I knew God was there to help and strengthen me.

I have now finished Guiding, after 20 years, as I felt the Lord was calling me to Junior Church. The Lord is just so good to me. I have joined Lydia and pray regularly with my partner. I am now with a Bible Study Group which I enjoy.

With the Lord's help, I prayed for, and was given, a wonderful friend and I thank God every day for her love and friendship. I know now with her and the Lord I will never again feel lost or lonely, and I thank God so much for all He has done in changing my life.

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### MY BLESSINGS

My blessings are so many, my troubles are so few,  
                                   how can I feel discouraged when I know that I have You.  
 And I have the sweet assurance that I'll never stand alone  
                                   if I just keep remembering, I am Yours and Yours alone.  
 So, in this world of trouble, with darkness all around,  
                                   take my hand, Lord, and lead me till I stand on higher ground.  
 For anything, and everything, can somehow be endured  
                                   if Your presence is beside me, and lovingly assured.

(No name was shown under this poem, so must be taken as being anonymous)

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### YOUNG PERSONS AT UNIVERSITY

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

Victoria CARRINGTON	Aberystwyth
David SIBLEY	North London University

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## K A Z A K S T A N

Kazakstan together with Kyrgystan is benefiting from our Bible sponsorship. It became an independant state five years ago and has 17.2 million people, comprising 42% Kazak, 37% Russian 5% Ukrainian and 4% Germamn, plus thousands of Korean, scattered over a million square miles. A pastor from Korea arrived in the capital, Almaty, in 1990 and now there are many cell groups and the pastor preaches three times each Sunday to an ethnically diverse, large congregation. The church runs a 'Teen Challenge' drug rehabilitation programme.

This summer 22 members of four churches from overseas are forming a short term team to help in a daily vacation Bible School, youth camp, worship conference and marriage and family seminar and to run a mobile medical clinic. Please pray for Kazakstan and Kyrgystan.

Phyllis Wheeler

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## GREETINGS FROM BANGLADESH

Thank you so much for the Christmas card and letter with greetings from Goring U.R.C. I have got the money which you have sent for the sale of the cards I sent you. I have already given the money to the women's group who made the cards. They are very happy. My work is going fine. I still work for the women. We have about six hundred groups all over Bangladesh and each group has about 20 members. Our group members are Christian, Muslim and Hindus but we work for all of them without any hesitation. All of them are very friendly. In last week was Womens World Day of Prayer so we had a rally and many programmes; our Prime Minister has also attended some programmes because she is a woman. My son Angshu's birthday is on 4th. April so please pray for him so that he can get God's blessing through his life and he can serve for the people when he will grow up. My mother is still staying with us and looking after him. I remember you all. Please pray for us for our faith in Jesus Christ. All greetings and our love for you,

Mariam and James Talukder



## WORLD CHURCH &amp; MISSION



## G I V E I T B A C K

On our Tear Fund Sunday the theme 'GIVE IT BACK' was used very effectively to show some of the devastating effects that international debt has on some of the poorest people. For example, Zambia has one of the world's highest levels of international debt; £4.5 billion or £459 for every man, woman and child. Their government has been trying to cope with this but it has meant that farmers now often have an income of about £17 per year - medicine and school fees have to be paid for and consequently many children have had to stop going to school because of hunger and sickness.

We would like the Church to join in the JUBILEE 2000 PETITION, asking that the lending nations write off these huge, unpayable debts by the year 2000, so making the start of the new millenium a time of hope for the impoverished people of the world. Petition forms will be available in the church vestibule and main hall.

Our World Church & Mission Committee is also most grateful for your responsive giving in the TEAR FUND envelopes of £257.45 which we know will be well used to share the caring and love of Jesus.

I trust that you are finding the TEAR TIMES magazines of real interest and challenge and that they are still being circulated ! There are many ways of helping and if you would like to borrow the video or know more please do ask me.

Irene Dearsley, Tear Fund Secretary

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## GREETINGS FROM CONGO

Hello ! I've been trying to write to you for a while - - - Thanks very much for the great embroidered Christmas card produced in Bangladesh, with greetings from the church ! The church's gift of £400 when I left England has certainly been a major help in keeping our truck running since we got back and is very much appreciated. Please pass on our thanks.

We've had a busy past few months with various visitors in Boundji. My newsletter will give fuller news but the work is advancing slowly. I enjoy the linguistic challenge, although the spiritual challenge is the harder one ! The Mboshi church really lacks mature Christians.

News from across the river in Zaire is not good but we are not directly affected. We have our own elections this coming summer, so things could get 'hot' then.



God is in control !  
May he guide you in all you do !  
Blessings,  
RUTH

## Coffee Day

On Wednesday 14th May you are ALL invited to the manse for tea or coffee any time between 10.30am and 9.00pm.

This is your invitation, you need not make an appointment, just turn up and we can guarantee that there will be someone to greet you and give you refreshment. If you would like to come, and have transport problems, please let us know and we will arrange to get you here and, of course, home again!

This is a twofold meeting:-

- 1) Peter and Eileen would love to receive you in their home and....
- 2) This would be part of our talent scheme.

At this day we will have an assortment of crafts for you to buy or order if you wish (no pressure!). These will be on offer from some of our members who have taken up the £10 talent scheme to see how much they can make before Harvest. [The treasurer still has a number of £10 notes if you would like to participate. He would love to hear from you.] If you have anything that you would like displayed for order on this day please contact us. It's quite exciting waiting to see how ingenious people can be knowing the variety of talent that God has placed in our midst.

It is then hoped that you would have had such a wonderful time with us and enjoyed yourself so much that you would like to host a coffee morning/ afternoon tea in your area and invite your friends and neighbours. In this way they too can enjoy fun and fellowship and the opportunity to purchase some of our hand made gifts. This is also an opportunity for everyone to feel part of all that is going on; perhaps you have not been gifted in craft making but can make a great cuppa.... here is your chance! Perhaps you have a home and lots of friends and neighbours but are not able to cope with lots of tea making, that is also fine. I'm sure there are those around who would love to help you out. Where will this all end? How long is a piece of string? It's as big as we all wish to make it. Any queries (there is always something missed) do not hesitate to ring so that things can be clarified.

Peter and Eileen are looking forward to seeing you all on that Wednesday; we hope you will look forward to coming so that we may share together in fellowship.



## Christmas Fayre.

This will be held on Saturday November 29th 1997. Please put it in your diary now. The theme is obviously Christmas and we will have the usual stalls :-stationery, gifts, cakes, toiletries, jams and marmalade, pickles etc. This is an advanced notice so that we can get our thinking caps on and start work on anything in the long hot summer months ahead of us. Again any queries or questions please ring either Sheila (506452 ) or Eileen (248259) and we will endeavour to help. Watch this space for further information nearer the time.

### Church Greetings Cards

As part of our efforts to raise money from our 'Talents' we have made greetings cards using photographs of the interior of our Church. These will be on display in the vestibule from time to time, and can be ordered from either of us. Framed photographs are also available.

**Audrey & Michael Ebeling**

**SUNDAY, MAY 4TH AT 6.30 PM** - Churches together in Worthing United Service in our church.

**SUNDAY, MAY 18TH - PENTECOST** - A retiring collection will be made towards Bible gifts for Worthing Hospital New Chapel.

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### WORTHING STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)

May 2nd	'Breakaway' talk by Tracey Whittle from Guild Care
May 9th	Wordsearch
May 16th	Outing to Nymans Gardens
May 23rd	'Trial by Jury' talk by Mrs Eileen Heckels
May 30th	Painting

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### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Please note that the Outing will be on Thursday MAY 29th and not MAY 27TH as shown in our programme. Names of those coming are required as soon as possible, please.

*Ian Hennell* (Secretary)

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**THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15TH OF PREVIOUS MONTH.** Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule. Please do not leave it until the last day, and **DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES.** Thank you. Editor.

### 5TH WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE

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

CAPTAIN: MR DON STEWART

We will be holding our CAMP in our church halls during the week-end of MAY 2nd to 4th, and we invite anyone who wishes, to join us for breakfast on Saturday morning, May 3rd

*Don Stewart* (Captain)

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### SERENDIPITY CLUB

We are visiting FINDON POTTERY on MONDAY, MAY 19TH. Come along and see a potter at work, then have a go yourself.

The cost is £2.00 per person, which includes coffee. There is a showroom where purchases can be made.

MEET IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK AT 7.00 PM. Transport can be arranged.

If you are interested in taking part, please give your name to Janice or Daphne by MONDAY, MAY 12th.

*Daphne Eames, 268489 Janice Byerley, 233330*

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORTHING, WORKING IN SERVICE WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST, SUPPLY FRIENDSHIP LUNCHES FOR OLDER PEOPLE, CONSISTING OF NUTRICIOUS 3-COURSE MEALS.

TUESDAYS	New Life Church Hall, Durrington West Worthing Baptist Church, Tarring
WEDNESDAYS	St Andrew's Church Hall, Ferring Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring Worthing Baptist Church, Central Worthing
THURSDAYS	St Columba's Church Hall, West Worthing
FRIDAYS	Offington Park Methodist Church, Broadwater Findon Valley Free Church, Findon

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#### BIBLES FOR WORTHING HOSPITAL CHAPEL

Following my report on the dedication of St Cuthman's Chapel in the new east wing of Worthing Hospital (March Chronicle), you will be interested to learn that our church can be involved in helping to furnish the chapel. Local churches have been invited to help in this way to make the chapel a beautiful place of peace and hope and worship for all who may use it - patients, staff and visitors.

The Chaplain, the Rev Colin Kassell and I met and agreed that the chapel would benefit from pew Bibles - there are none at present in the 'old' chapel. I approached the Gideons who were more than willing to supply 10, plus 3 large print, modern version Bibles (in addition to the bedside locker Psalms and New Testaments for the new wards).

In order that our church may help towards the cost of these 13 new Bibles there will be retiring collections after the 11.00am and 6.30pm services on Whit Sunday, May 18th - surely a good day to spread the good news of the Gospel. I feel sure that as so many of us have associations with the hospital in one way or another that you will wish to give generously to the Gideons. Eventually it is hoped that gifts from local churches will be recognised in the new chapel.

*Eileen Rhodes* Tel. 248263

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#### CAR BOOT & TABLE SALE: June 7th.

**THIS IS A FIRST TIME EVER SALE !!!**

Tables will be allowed in the Main Hall, and cars on the East and North sides of the church drive. Space is limited.

Tables only must be pre-booked at a cost of £5.00, and are available preferentially to members and friends of the church.

Sellers may set up from 8.00 a.m. but those with tables must have removed their cars by 8.30 a.m. latest.

Buyers will be welcome from 9.00 a.m. at 20p each.

There will be no organised car parking available for Table Sellers or Buyers!!

Cars with be £5 and Vans £8.

**CUT THIS OUT, PASTE IT UP, AND COME!!**

**Tables must be booked by May 11th. and pre-paid, by telephoning - WORTHING 248263**

*Wilfred Rhodes.*

### SNIPPETS

No doubt that you can serve the Lord  
with gifts so small and few.  
Remember that the mighty oak  
was once a nut like you.

(Quoted in the Christian Herald)

If after church, you wait awhile  
Someone may greet you with a smile,  
But, if you quickly rise and flee,  
We'll all seem cold and stiff, maybe.  
The one beside you in the pew  
Is, perhaps a stranger too.  
All here, like you, have fears and cares,  
All of us need each others prayers.  
In fellowship we bid you meet,  
With us around God's Mercy Seat.

### THREE CHEERS!

'Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee' Luke 5: 17-20 (His Pardon).

'Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid' Mark 6: 45-51 (His Presence).

'Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world' John 16: 33 (His Power)

When Jesus said 'Be of good cheer', He always gave a reason for it. The first instance above, is the story of the paralysed man let down from the roof by his friends; the second tells of the Lord walking on the water to His disciples in the boat; the third is a reassurance to the disciples who would be facing tribulation without their Master's bodily presence. We, too, may be of good cheer, and for the same reasons.

### QUOTE FROM THE LATE DR F B MEYER

It is impossible to over-estimate the effect of a good man's prayers. They are as streams or trees which go on flowing and bearing fruit long after they originated. The legacy of a good man's prayers is of priceless worth. He may have long since passed to his rest, but God remembers him and answers them in blessing to the next generation.

### TORCH TRUST FOR THE BLIND

The Gospels (NIV) are now available in giant print, with hard cover. Matthew and Mark in one volume and Luke and John in one volume. Each priced at £3.50 for registered, partially-sighted people: £5.00 for unregistered. Also available with soft covers at £2.50 and £3.50.

Torch Trust for the Blind, Torch House, HALLATON, Nr Market Harborough Leics. LE16 8UJ

### BIBLE PLANT SEEDS

Bring the Bible to life - literally! Grow some of the fascinating plants mentioned in the Bible and learn about their significance. Four seed packets in one full-colour pack - flax, corianda, parable of the sower and flowers of the field - each with 20cm bed labels and full instructions. An ideal gift for gardeners or a project for Sunday schools in the church garden.

Pack size 21cm x 11cm. Price £4.95 + postage 15%. Ref PBS.

From: Bible Lands Trading Ltd., PO Box 50, High Wycombe, Bucks HP15 7QU.

### VIDEOS

Videos of Helen Keller School, Jerusalem. You can share in the school day, see children writing Braille and singing in Assembly, and hear the Principal speak of her Christian motivation and hopes. Please ring or write to Bible Lands Trading Ltd. (address as above) to borrow the video. There is no charge, but we hope you will watch it with friends, and encourage them to support the school's work too.

THE CHURCH THAT WOULD NOT DIE I have a video to lend called 'The Church that would not die'. This church in Romania was to have been pulled down by the Communists, but miraculously survived and Christianity is flourishing. A thrilling story! (Running time 20 minutes).

*Phyllis Wheeler*

Hold on my heart in thy believing  
 The steadfast only wins the crown;  
 He who, when stormy winds are heaving,  
 Parts with his anchor shall go down;  
 But he whom Jesus holds through all  
 Shall stand, though heaven and earth  
                     should fall.

Hold out! There comes an end to sorrow  
 Hope from the dust shall conquering rise;  
 The storm foretells a summer's morrow;  
 The Cross points on to Paradise;  
 The Father reigneth! Cease all doubt;  
 Hold on, my heart, hold out.

Anon

**MY WORD NOT VOID (Isaiah 55: 10 & 11)  
 YOUR LABOUR NOT IN VAIN (1 Cor. 15: 58)**

As the rain that cometh down  
 And the snow from Thee,  
 Watering the thirsty ground,  
 Spreading fruitfulness around,  
       So Thy Word shall be.

Bread for every hungry soul,  
 Seed for them that sow;  
       Word of rich fertility,  
 Doing that which pleaseth Thee;  
       Who its power can know?

So our labour not in vain  
       In the Lord shall be.  
 In His work let us abound,  
 Sow the living seed around  
       And 'believe to see'

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**FROM THE CHURCH MEETING - TIMES OF SERVICES**

After prior notice had been given, and after discussion, the Church Meeting voted on the proposition that the time of **Morning Worship be changed to 10.30 a.m.** The motion was carried by a majority vote. The meeting was similarly asked to vote on the proposition that the time of **Evening Worship be changed to 6.00 p.m.** This motion was also carried by a majority vote. **N.B. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1997**, and there will be a trial period of six months only until a review at the Church Meeting in March 1998.

## CALENDAR FOR MAY 1997

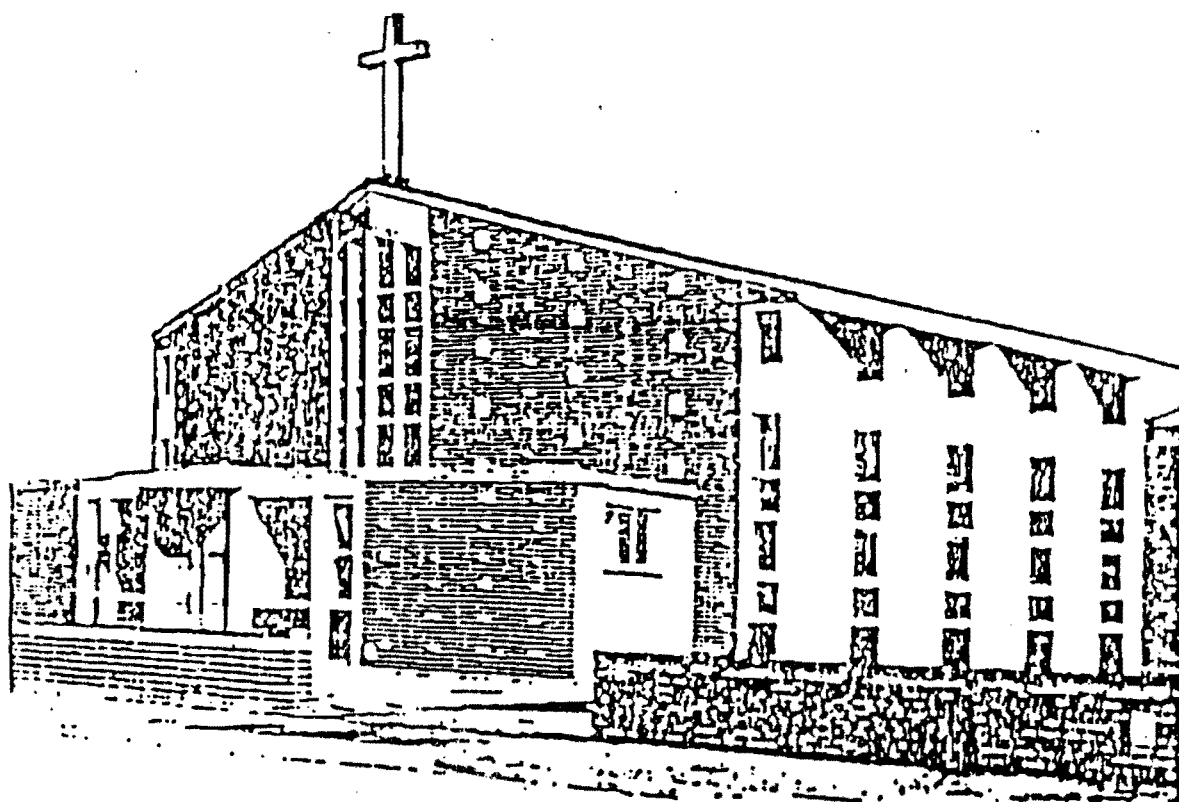
1	Thu	Day of Prayer (with Holy Communion 10.30 am)	7.30am- 5.00pm
		Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am- 11.30am
2	Fri	ADA Speech Therapy Session	9.00am- 1.00pm
		Kestro	2.00pm
		Boys' Brigade Camp in Church Hall to May 4th	
4	Sun	Holy Communion	8.00am
		Holy Communion	11.00am
		United Service in our Church CTG	6.30pm
5	Mon	Bank Holiday - Little Fishes Closed	
6	Tues	Girls' Brigade	6.00pm- 8.30pm
7	Wed	ADA - As above	
8	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am- 11.30am
		Praise & Prayer Meeting, Little Chapel	2.30pm- 3.30pm
9	Fri	ADA - as above	
		Kestro - As above	
		Boys' Brigade	5.00pm
		Anchor Boys	6.15pm
		Junior Section	
11	Sun	Christian Aid Sunday - Week 11-17 May	
		Holy Communion	8.00am
		Family Service - Christian Aid Speaker	11.00am
		Evening Service - Mr Simon Richards	6.30pm
12	Mon	Boys' Brigade	5.00pm- 6.15pm
13	Tue	Bible Study, 1 Arun Close	9.45am- 11.45am
		Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship - AGMs	2.45pm
14	Wed	ADA - as above	
15	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am- 11.30am
		Elders' Meeting	
16	Fri	ADA - as above	
		Kestro Club Outing	10.30am
		Boys' Brigade - As above	
17	Sat	Get together of Reps of URCs at Sompting URC	
18	Sun	Pentecost - Whit Sunday	
		Holy Communion	8.00am
		Parade Service	11.00am
		Healing with Holy Communion Service	6.30pm
19	Mon	Boys' Brigade - As above	
		Serendipity Club - Findon Pottery Visit	7.00pm
20	Tue	Girls' Brigade - BRING & BUY SALE	6.00pm- 8.30pm
21	Wed	ADA - As above	
22	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am- 11.30am
		Praise & Prayer Meeting, Little Chapel	2.30pm- 3.30pm
		District Council Meeting, Lewes Rd URC, Brighton	
23	Fri	ADA - As above	
		Kestro - As above	
		Boys' Brigade - As above	
25	Sun	Holy Communion	8.00am
		Family Service - Rev Peter Newell	11.00am
		Evening Service - Mr Richard Brunton	6.30pm
26	Mon	Bank Holiday - Half Term - Little Fishes closed to 30th Incl.	
27	Tue	Bible Study, 1 Arun Close	9.45am- 11.45am
28	Wed	ADA - As above	
29	Thu	Ark Parent & Toddler Club	10.00am- 11.30am
		Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship Outing	1.30pm
		Church Meeting	7.30pm
30	Fri	ADA - As above	
		Kestro - As above	
		Boys' Brigade - As above	
Sun JUNE 1		Holy Communion	8.00am
		Holy Communion - Rev Dennis Phippen	11.00am
		Evening Service - Rev Peter Dominy	6.30pm
7		CAR BOOT AND TABLE SALE	

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### SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

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

### CHURCH OFFICERS

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Church Secretary:	Mrs Hilary Redman, 5 Salvington Hill	260568
Treasurer:	Mr Roy Gooderham, 15 Harvey Road	506452

### CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1997.

3 Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Service of Holy Communion Rev. John Flack	11.00am
	Evening Service Rev. Norman Croft	
	Non-Stipendary Minister, Shelley Rd. URC	6.30pm
7 Thu	Day of Prayer (H/C at 10.30 am)	7.30am to 5.00pm
8 Fri	Coffee Morning St. Mary's C/E	10.00 to 12.00
10 Sun	Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Service Rev. Ron Christopher	11.00am
	Evening Service Mr. Bob Jackson	
	Hounsom Memorial Church. Hove.	6.30pm
17 Sun	Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Service Rev. John Titlow	
	Lewes Road URC, Brighton	11.00am
	Service of Healing with Holy Communion. Mr. Richard Tuley.	6.30pm
24 Sun	Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Service Rev. David Helyar	11.00am
	Evening Service Rev. Brian Wroe	6.30pm
26/27	Feba Mailing	
31 Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Service Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley	11.00am
	Evening Service Rev. John Flack	6.30pm

### SEPTEMBER

4 Thu	Day of Prayer (H/C 10.30 am)	7.30am to 5.00pm
5 Fri	Worthing Stroke Club Kestro	2.00pm
6 Sat	Action for Dysphasic Adults. Coffee Morning Church Hall	
7 Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00pm
	Service of Holy Communion Rev. Peter Heckels.	
	Elders' Ordination	10.30am
	Evening Service St. Mary's C/E with C. T. G.	6.00pm
8 Mon	Little Fishes term starts	8.30am
9 Tue	Women's Guild Speaker Mr. Norman Prattent	2.45pm
	Girls' Brigade	6.00 to 8.30pm
10 Wed	Rowland Singers Concert in our Church	7.30pm
11 Thu	Elders' meeting	
14 Sun	Service of Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Service	10.30am
	Evening Service	6.00pm
18 Tue	District Council Meeting	

### Church Greetings Cards

As part of our efforts to raise money from our 'Talents' we have made greetings cards using photographs of the interior of our Church. These will be on display in the vestibule from time to time, and can be ordered from either of us. Framed photographs are also available.

*Audrey & Michael Ebeling*

Dear Friends,

The holiday season means GOING PLACES. I hope those who have already had their holiday will have pleasant memories, and that those of us who anticipate holidays will find renewal of body, mind, and spirit.

THERE is always a thrill and interest in visiting historical places, great cathedrals like Durham and Chichester. Part of the thrill is to stand where historical persons have stood. In Westminster Hall people go everyday to stand where King Charles the First stood for trial. During my ministry in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, I became aware of Isaac Walton, Charles Lamb, and William Cowper, the poet. I walked where they walked. At Grasmere, in the Lakeland, I like to walk the paths that William Wordsworth walked, and read some of the verses he wrote; or sit in Dove Cottage, the home of Dorothy Wordsworth, and recall events in her journal. At Paphos, in Cyprus, in an ancient Greek Orthodox Church, I stood on the site on which Paul and Barnabas preached. If only you can stand where someone else stood, and see what he saw, and also what he thought, and think the thoughts again, it is even more interesting and moving. This is even more so when you walk the Way of the Cross in Jerusalem, or stand on the site of the garden of Gethesemane on the Mount of Olives, or sit quietly in the Garden of Resurrection.

On the third of July

I visited friends in the City of Bath and immediately thought of one of my favourite authors - Jane Austen - who walked its streets and visited the famous buildings, although she preferred to live in the country.

My friends took me to see Glastonbury Abbey which I had not before visited. There is a well laid-out Exhibition telling you the story of the Abbey, and the kind of life led by the monks of ancient times. What, however, remains with me, is the impression of the majestic remains of the Abbey, and in the silence the sense of this being Holy Ground, a place where God was present, and had been praised and worshipped. In the grounds is the winter flowering Glastonbury Thorn tree which is reputed to have come into existence after Joseph of Arimathea's arrival in Britain. A branch of the tree is cut and sent to members of the Royal Family at Christmas each year. There is a legend that Jesus was taken to Glastonbury:

"And did those feet, in ancient times,  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the Holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?"

We do not know. What we do know is that where and whatever the Sanctuary where prayer is made and God is worshipped and His Word proclaimed, His feet walk within the Sanctuary today. When I visit a Church, whether it be ancient, or modern, I can sense, from the atmosphere, whether those who worship there do so in spirit and in truth. May people who come into this Church immediately feel and know that JESUS IS HERE!

Ron Christopher.

## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

RON POWNALL

Irene House. Parkfield Road. Worthing. 208096

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## THANKS

My Dear Friends, I would like to say thank you all for your very kind thoughts and lovely flowers. I am improving every day, so I hope I shall be seeing you soon. My grateful thanks. God Bless. Ellen Francis.

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Geoffrey and Glen Dean would like to thank so many of you for the prayers, visits, cards, flowers and other support that you kindly gave during Geoffrey's stay in hospital, and recuperation. The loving Christian response has touched them deeply reflecting God's goodness and grace.

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## SOCIAL EVENTS.

THE GORING FRIENDS OF THE ST. BARNABAS' HOSPICE ARE HOLDING A COFFEE MORNING AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND ON FRIDAY AUGUST 8th  
10 am to 12 NOON. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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## ROWLAND SINGERS CONCERT SEPTEMBER 10th

As a change from our usual Concerts in the Church the Rowland Singers are performing in the Church Hall on Wednesday September 10th at 7.30 pm. The programme will consist of excerpts from 'SHOW BOAT' by Jerome Kern, and a 'CHORAL PORTRAIT' of some of his songs. The rest of the programme will consist of a variety of songs, both old and new. Tickets for this Concert will be available from the beginning of September, price £2.00 adults, and £1.00 child/student. After the choir's minimal expenses have been paid the balance of the proceeds will go to the Church. At present there are 8 Church members in the choir, so come along and support us as well as the Church.

Sheila Gooderham.

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Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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FEBA MAILINGS AUGUST 26/27..TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY.

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SNIPPETS. 'God is looking for some wicks to burn - the oil and the fire are free.' J. Hudson Taylor.

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

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

The story is told of a man who did not approve of foreign missions. He was visiting a strange church and found, to his consternation, that it was a Missionary Service, with a collection for missionary work. When the collector came to him with the plate, he whispered, 'I never give to missions,' 'Then you take something off the plate, sir. It's for the heathen,' whispered the steward. From 'The Friendship Book' 1982.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GORING

BRING AND SHARE ECUMENICAL LUNCH TO CELEBRATE  
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA  
at ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH. SEA PLACE, GORING. FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26th 1997  
from 12.30 to 1.30 pm

SPEAKER :- REV. DENNIS PHIPPEN.

ALL WELCOME

DRINKS PROVIDED

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORTHING.

This is to remind you that ONE WORLD WEEK 1997 is from OCTOBER 18 to 26, and is on the theme 'STRETCHING THE LIMITS'. As in previous years there will be a FAIR at ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HALL, Richmond Road, Worthing on SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th. His Worship the Mayor of Worthing should be attending, and it is hoped that our Church will fully support the occasion, and other events during the week. In the past we have supported a STALL at the FAIR and, if anyone feels led to repeat our involvement, I should be grateful to hear from them. Geoffrey Dean.

THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule. Please do not leave it until the last day, and DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES. Thank you. Editor

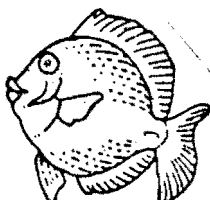
## LITTLE FISHES.

By the time you read this we will be on our 'Summer Holiday', but it won't be all holiday as there is a lot of planning to be done for next term. It hardly seems possible that we have just completed TWO School Years! At the end of July 22 of our 42 Children left us to start School in September, therefore we decided to have 2 leavers' concerts at the end of June - it was a very emotional time for us as we watched the Children we had known since we started (some since they were babies at the ARK) leave us.

One of the main highlights was to see the confidence some of them had achieved. This was especially true of one Girl who was so shy when she came to us 2 years ago she hardly spoke - this Girl stood up in front of all the parents and sang a solo!

We booked coaches to take 100 people - families and friends - to Drusilla's at the end of this term, and are taking names for 106 places for the Pantomime in December!

Although so many Children left this term we are almost fully booked again for September, and we constantly thank our Lord for His faithfulness to us, and His perfect timing for so many things during the last year. We value your continuing prayer support. SUE, DENISE AND VAL.



## JUNIOR CHURCH

A number of events have taken place since our last report, firstly our Junior Church Anniversary Service at which we were delighted to welcome Bernice Mitchell as our guest speaker. Our service was based on 'trust'. The children gave a small display of trust in each other. Bernice portrayed 'Blind Bartimaus' and how he trusted in Jesus and was healed. This was later followed by a quiz. The service finished with a time of praise.

Two of our children enjoyed the District children's event which was held at Coldwaltham, near Petworth. They took part in a super day which was well planned. The day included games in the morning, lunch, craft and a time of devotion in the afternoon. The devotion was based on trees, the children having to find places in the Bible where trees were mentioned. Then they made prayer leaves which were attached to the outline of a tree. The day finished with dinner in the evening after which our two very tired boys were picked up and taken home.

Our family barbeque/picnic was a success with around 60 people of various ages attending. The Lord was good to us and provided a lovely sunny afternoon. It was lovely to see so many of our Church family come together in fun, games and fellowship. Thanks to Chris Byerley for arranging the games and also to Wilf Rhodes for bringing along his 'Hi-Tec' barbeque. A lovely time was had by all.

As we approach the end of this term we have to say a heartfelt thank you to both Chris Sharpe and Jackie Parkinson who are both stepping down from their work in Junior Church, may the Lord bless you both in everything you do in the future. Both Chris and Jackie have been a valuable part of Junior Church and I know will be missed by both children and teachers alike.

With summer holidays fast approaching our thoughts and prayers go with each of our children and their families as they take breaks for the summer time. We will still be running as a Junior Church throughout the summer.

We are grateful for the continuing love and support shown to us by members of the Church family. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. When you pray will you please open yourselves to the Lord. Is He calling you to offer yourself to work with us in building up our team of teachers and helpers? Jesus said "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." - Luke 18 v. 16. Come and help us introduce the youngsters to the love of Jesus. If you do feel the Lord is speaking to you contact either myself or Peter - our numbers are in the handbook.

Wilma Smith.

# RUTH'S CHAT FROM THE FIELD

*Special Edition*

4 JULY 1997

## Special News Update from CAMEROON

**G**reetings from Yaounde, Cameroon! Andrea and I are well and we give thanks to God who is still in control, despite the terrible war which started in Congo on 5th June. On 17th June we drove out of Boundji across a high mountain plateau into neighbouring Gabon...

**June 5th:** After confrontations in two towns near Boundji between President Lissouba's men and Ex-president Sassou's "Cobra" militia, fierce fighting starts in Brazzaville. Both sides in this power struggle are heavily armed.

**June 6th:** We wake up to hear that the Cobras who control Boundji (Sassou is a Mboshi man) have commandeered most of the vehicles in town. However, our good old Daihatsu jeep is still outside our house!!

We could so easily have been woken at 4am by armed soldiers demanding our car keys! Cobras here are pillaging the houses of government people and are shooting in the air. Tension is high. All communication with Brazza is cut off. We pray for friends and colleagues in Brazza (including a Wycliffe mum about to give birth). The BBC tells us fighting is fiercest just where the Wycliffe centre is situated.

**June 7th:** At midnight an opportunist thief tries to break into our house. He threatens Andrea through an open bedroom window. We are able to shout for help and the man flees into the night.

**June 8th:** Two truck loads of Cobras leave Boundji for the next town (Owando), which is held by government forces. On the radio we hear that the French are evacuating foreigners from Brazza in the midst of heavy gunfire and mortar shells, and that there are many bodies lying in the streets. We wonder if our new centre has been pillaged or hit by a mortar yet.

**June 10th:** The Cobras have returned to Boundji, after killing a number of people in Owando. Rumours are spreading that soldiers from Owando are coming here to take revenge. Praise God that we can run to him with our fear!

**June 11th:** Two French development workers drive out of Boundji in a panic and head for the border with Gabon. (We could have travelled out with them, but wanted first to say goodbye to friends and pack up the house). After their departure we feel peaceful. A cease-fire has been announced in Brazza. We visit the Italian catholic sister in Boundji and encourage each other.

**June 12th:** The cease-fire in Brazza has not been respected. Truck loads of people fleeing Brazza are beginning to arrive in Boundji. Others are WALKING hundreds of miles to join their families in the north. We are gradually preparing to leave. We do not feel in danger and would like to stay, but we have no contact with the outside world and people will be anxious about us...

**June 13th:** Our neighbour has just received word that her brother-in-law has been killed in Brazza, and the women are wailing loudly. We know that many more have yet to receive similar bad news from Brazza. My church is having two days of prayer and fasting. Together we consider 2 Chronicles 7v14: "If my people... will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land." We know that many are praying, but that not all are putting their lives in order before God. We must make sure WE are right with Him!

**June 14th:** Some friends are telling us to leave for Gabon as soon as possible. There is a lull in fighting in Brazza, but no real solution in sight. We have the truck all loaded up when we hear that our colleagues Pauline and Deseree are still in their village (Ngo) and are trying to contact us! (We thought they had gone to Brazza before the war started.) So we decide to stay until Monday to try & talk with them by phone radio.

**June 15th:** I feel strongly that I should talk to a nominally Catholic friend, Guy, ("Glee" without the "l") about surrendering his life to Jesus. However, he is not at his house...

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**June 16th:** We speak to Pauline over a crackling radio. She & Deseree are fine but have been advised not to travel right now and they do not have much diesel... Guy comes to visit and we have a long talk. He has never understood that he can only save his life if he gives himself over to Jesus. We pray together and he does just that! New life in the midst of war and death - Praise God!

On the following day we really did drive out of Boundji, leaving Guy in the care of a Christian brother. We travelled across some deserted rough countryside but amazingly had no flat tyres or any other problems with the truck - nor with soldiers. The Congolese man who travelled with us was turned back at the border, as were refugees from Rwanda and former Zaire, but we were allowed through. On reaching the Gabonese town of Franceville (more than 250 miles from Boundji), we stayed there with missionaries for several days. We then flew to the capital, Libreville (just as well we had only taken essential luggage!) and later to Cameroon.

Already in Gabon we began to receive news via telephone, fax and E-mail of the missionaries who had been in Brazzaville. One family had everything looted from their house and left with just the shirts on their backs. The "mum" gave birth in Brazza and was evacuated the next day! Another family had bullets come through their roof, and most were stuck in their houses for several days until they could be safely escorted out by French military. One evacuation plane was shot at as it took off from Brazza, but got to Kinshasa safely. The stress was great, but so was God's protection and help!

We hear that Pauline and Deseree are still doing fine in Congo! However, two Congolese pastors have travelled up the Congo River by motorised dug-out canoe and then journeyed inland to their village, in order to bring them out to Kinshasa. We are praying for a successful conclusion to this rescue operation!

Our big concern now is for Congolese friends and colleagues who were in Brazzaville. Our Director, Larry, just wrote from Kinshasa that "we are hearing Brazzaville being blown to bits day after day". Many have fled into the countryside or been killed. If you are stopped at a road block and are from the "wrong" ethnic group you are likely to be shot. Shops have all been looted and food coming from Kinshasa is very expensive. Our two co-workers, Louis and Roch were in Brazza at the start of the war, as was the Mboshi student (another Guy) who became a Christian following our recent survey trip. WE HAVE NO NEWS OF ANY OF THEM.

Of secondary concern is our newly renovated Wycliffe centre, vehicles office equipment, computers, personal belongings, etc. left in Brazza. It is possible that everything is lost, and we may not be able to return for a

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while. As a Wycliffe branch we will have to rethink our whole strategy for Congo.

In the meantime, Andrea and I have been warmly welcomed by Wycliffe colleagues in Cameroon. From mid-July to mid-August we will help with a course training Cameroonians to analyse their own languages. We will stay in Cameroon for several months. Our director and some other Wycliffe Congo members are planning to come here for a while. The future is uncertain for us, but not for God!

## PRAISE GOD...

- For his help and protection for Andrea & me, and all the other missionaries.
- For Guy in Boundji who now wants to serve God for the rest of his life.

## PLEASE PRAY...

- For a lasting solution to the violent power struggle in Congo.
- For God to bring good out of evil and suffering in Congo at this time.
- For God's redirection for the Wycliffe Congo branch.

Thank you for your partnership in prayer for us and for Congo. If you wrote to me since mid-May - sorry! Please try again, using the address in Cameroon below.

In Him,

*Ruth*



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PS. We've just heard that Pauline and Deseree arrived safely in Kinshasa! (9.7.97 Fax)

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

Staff:- Captain: Mrs. Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley.

September re-opening 9th Tuesday 6 pm

President	Mrs. Ivy Berry	Vice-President	Mrs. Irene Dearsley
Secretary	Miss Audrey Gerlach	Treasurer	Mrs. Joan Burrage
Committee:	Mrs. M. Brown.	Mrs. L. Collison.	Mrs. B. Hislop.
	Mrs. P. Mott.	Mrs. T. Sanders.	Mrs. B. Saunders.
		Mrs. P. Walker.	

The first meeting of the AUTUMN Session is on September 9th at 2.45pm. The Speaker will be Mr. Norman Prattent. K.P.J.Mott.

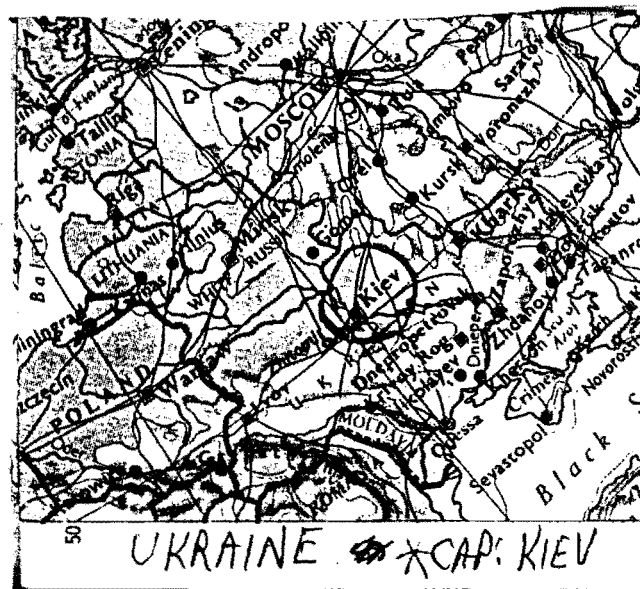
Church Flowers - Reserve Fund. Anyone wishing to donate money to the above fund may do so by giving it to Mrs. Carol Webber. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

Any money or cheques put in the Chronicle Box, and marked for the Flower Fund, will be handed by me to Carol. Leslie Montford.

### ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS (A. D. A.)

Just to remind you of our Coffee Morning on Saturday SEPTEMBER 6th in the Church Hall, 10 am to 12 noon. PLEASE COME. Lots of stalls, including Bring & Buy, Bottles/Tins, Books, Cakes, Plants, Bric-a-Brac, and a competition or two!! Entrance 30 Pence which will include your cup of tea or coffee!!!! SEE YOU THERE!!! Doreen Morris

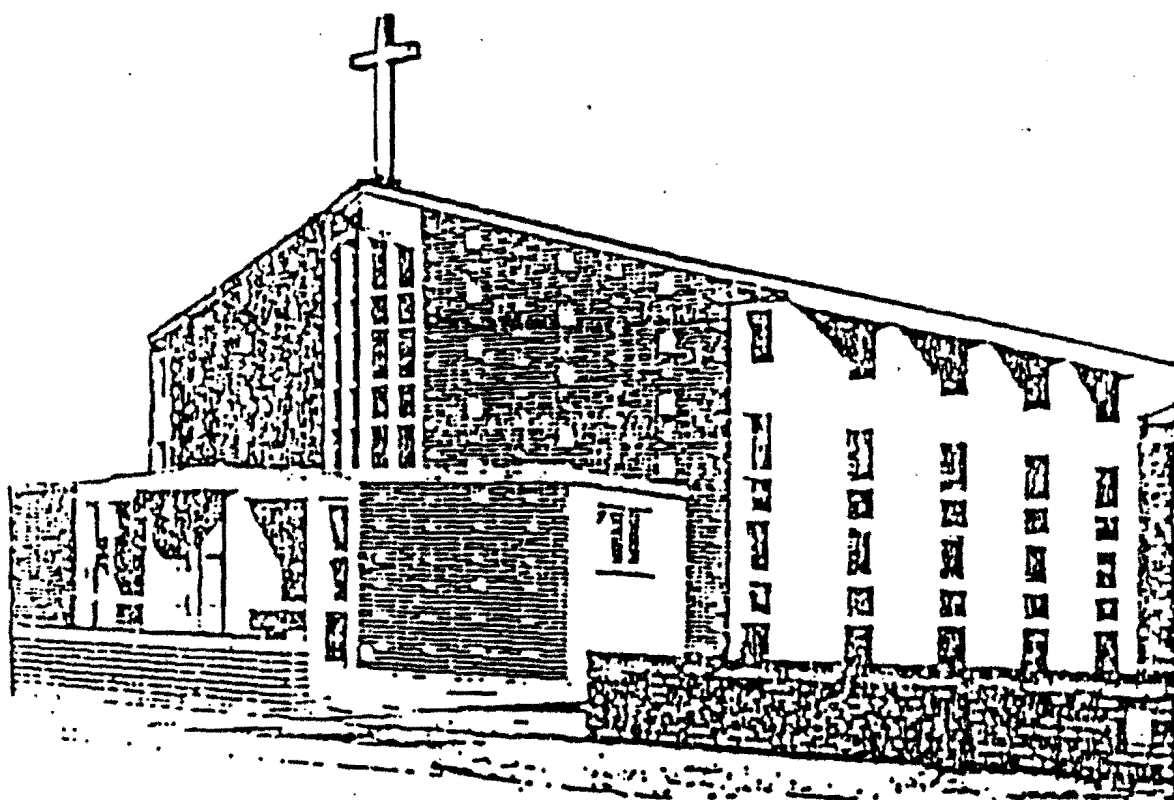
Serendipity Club	All ladies are very welcome.
Daphne Eames 268489	Janice Byerley 233330



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**NOTICE OF ELECTION RESULTS JULY 31ST 1997**

At the Church meeting held on the 31st of July we were glad to elect the following members to serve in many ways. All appointments will begin on September 1st 1997.

**Administrative Elder** Mrs Sheila Gooderham

**Pastoral Elders** Mr Norman Prattent  
Mrs Carol Webber

**Other appointments:**

<b>Church Members to</b>	<b>Church Family Committee</b>	<b>Outreach &amp; Evangelism Committee</b>
	Mrs Irene Kitto	Mr Geoffrey Dean
	Mr Richard Tuley	Mrs Irene Dearsley
	Miss Denise Elliott	Mrs Bobby Hitchin
	<b>House &amp; Fabric Committee</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>
	Mr Colin Nodes	Mrs Audrey Ebeling
	Mr Eric Bond	Mr Ken Irving
	Mrs Eileen Rhodes	Mr Graeme Gill

**World church & Mission**

Mrs Audrey Stewart  
Mrs Pheniah Taylor  
Mrs Barbara Popplestone  
Mrs Florrie Freeman (Treasurer)  
Mr Ian Hennel (Christian Aid)  
Mrs Irene Dearsley (Tearfund)  
Mr Norman Prattent (Bible Society Rep)

**Millennium Committee**

Mr Wilfred Rhodes  
Mrs Doreen Norris  
Miss Janet Dean  
Mr Graham Redman  
Mr Eric Popplestone  
Mr Peter Mitchell

**Bible Reading Notes Co-ordinator** Mrs Pheniah Taylor

**Transport Secretary** Mr Jim Hope

**Serendipity** Mrs Gaynor Anderson-Easey is to join Mrs Daphne Eames as a leader

**From January** U.R.C. Sussex West District Rep Mrs Hilary Redman  
U.R.C. Southern Provincial Synod Rep Mrs Hilary Redman  
Secretary for World church & Mission Committee (still vacant)  
Social Secretary to be confirmed

N.B. At the time of going to press two vacancies:

Secretary for the **World Church & Mission Committee**.

**C.T.G.** A co-ordinator for the monthly prayer letter for Christians Together in Goring. Details from Mrs Irene Tuley, or Mr Eric Bond.

## SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

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

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3 Mrs Bett Swierk	243194	4 Mrs Doreen Norris	503783
5 Mr Geoffrey Dean	240376	6 Mrs Robin Bradley	240908
7 Mrs Bobby Hitchin	249580	8 Mr Don Stewart	243787

**For more Information about other activities please enquire from:**

Ark Parent & Toddler Club	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
	Mrs Jane Bond	244157
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Christian Aid	Mr Ian Hennell	240560
Chronicle Editor	Mr Leslie Montford	243698
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Letting Secretary	Mrs Lily Collison	248861
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Publicity Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sue Nicholls	716521
Serendipity Club	Mrs Daphne Eames	268489
	Mrs Gaynor Anderson-Easey	784303
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Tear Fund & Tearcraft	Mrs Irene Dearsley	690996
The Bible Society	Rev Ron Christopher	230330
Traidcraft	Mrs Christine Sharpe	525239
Transport Officer	Mr J. Hope	248539
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
World Mission Secretary		
Worthing&District Stroke Club (Kestro)	Mrs Robin Bradley	240908

Dear Friends,

It is good to be back this month into a more normal routine than has been the case over the time of our sabbatical. The project we committed ourselves to has gone very well, even if not quite the way we thought at the time when we were planning, and we hope that the outcome will be seen in the life of the church as we seek to share the Good News of Jesus with children and young people over the next years. There will also be a document sharing some thoughts should anyone wish to read it. Please ask if you are interested.

Apart from our main concern, this time has given the opportunity to reflect on many things which crop up during the day to day experience of ministry. Perhaps the greatest joy of the sabbatical was the opportunity to create time and space to a project which so often gets too little of our time, the ability to concentrate on one aspect of ministry without any other time pressures which inevitably are around in the normal round of responsibilities. This whole aspect of time and ministry is something that really has struck home over the past few weeks.

There was once a time when the greatest pressure that the mail brought was a financial one. Not the bills that needed to be paid alone, but rather the fact that we, like most ministerial households, seem to get our fair share of letters appealing for financial help. We hear from Christian Aid or Tear Fund regularly, and especially when there is a disaster which needs to be met. We have appeals made for the homeless, the hungry, the young and the old. We could help drug rehabilitation groups or battered wives' groups, the needy at home and far away. The list is almost endless and arrives, not because we are very wealthy, nor because we are seen as a 'soft touch', but because each group hopes that they will persuade us of their cause and we in turn will persuade the church to share its resources with these worthwhile charities, all of which can make a very good case for us all to support them. Yet you and I know that there is a limit to how much can be supported and we must make some tough decisions on occasions, and equally, once you get more than two or three people together, someone will think it's the wrong decision. A long, long time ago our decision was to give our tithe, 10% of our income, to the church where we worshipped, and our gifts to a small number of charities who we feel an affinity with.

Now let us share with you what we see as a new pressure that the post brings almost every day. It is the pressure to give not our money, but our time. Almost every day there is an invite to go on one course or another. Why not spend a few days away learning the art of marriage counselling, or a week learning to deal with bereavement, come to lunch and hear about our hopes for the church, or come to our worship seminars over the next few Monday evenings. Recently there arrived an invite to circle any one of six days and choose am, pm or evening, with the promise that if there was enough interest, something could be 'fixed up'. Half days here and evenings there and suddenly there is no time left for anything else. Each and every opportunity would be time well spent, and anyone could make an excellent case for going on all these courses, but again some difficult decisions need to be made.

Part of the consideration given in deciding how to use our time in the sabbatical was, 'will it benefit us?' and 'will the outcome benefit the church?' These same considerations need to be given by us all as we see advertised around our buildings so many ways in which to spend our time away from the base in which God has placed us. Time is as valuable a gift, perhaps even more so, than our financial wealth, so it is vital we use it properly. The decision to give most of our available time to God means in the first instance, giving it to the work of the local church, and the opportunities to grow in the fellowship into which we are called. Over the next weeks, months, even years, there will be opportunities for all of us to use our time for the work here in Goring, but we need to commit that precious resource to the Lord's work here or else we will find that the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few because they are all busy elsewhere.

It's good to be back and to spend time with you all in the Lord's work.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter & Eileen Heckels

## News of the Fellowship

At 5pm on Saturday July 20th 1940 Leslie and I were married at Bowes Park Congregational Church, Middlesex.

It was a lovely surprise when on that date, fifty seven years later, Hilary brought, from the Members of the Church, a basket of flowers. Many thanks for these.

Despite the war separation we have been greatly blest over the years together, and we thank God for His loving care and goodness to us.

*Joan Burrage*

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Just a word of thanks for the beautiful flowers Irene Tuley brought to me on Monday - such a lovely surprise. They rejoiced my heart.

I have, during my incapacity, been ever mindful, and greatly appreciative, of the kind thoughts, love and prayers offered on my behalf through members of the church. I hope it will not be too long before I can return to worship once again.

I pray that God will bless and invigorate our church again, and give us all the spirit of wisdom within our Fellowship. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Again my grateful thanks and love.

*Elsie Marsh*

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A 'Time for Tots' Service has been arranged for Sunday morning **September 28th at 9.15am**. This is our Harvest Festival. We look forward to filling Goring United Reformed Church with Mums and Dads with their little children - Aunts and Uncles, Grandads and Grandmums too if they want to come at 9.15am for a short Service together to thank God for our little children.

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Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### Social Events

Remember the Tea and 'Home Made Entertainment' on **Saturday October 25th** in the Church hall? Already people have volunteered their services - well, they have been asked whether they will perform. We need instrumentalists, singers, actors, recitationists, monologists - individuals, pairs, trios, groups - **ANYBODY!** You will have a further reminder in September and, if necessary, a 'We want YOU' appeal in October.

**Social Secretary**

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### Serendipity Club

All ladies are very welcome.

Daphne Eames (268489) Gaynor Anderson-Easey (784303)

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### Churches Together in Goring

Bring and Share Ecumenical lunch to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Church of South India at St. Lawrence's Church, Sea Place, Goring on Friday September 26th 1997 from 12.30 to 1.30pm

Speaker:- Rev Dennis. Phippen

All welcome - Drinks provided

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### Churches Together in Worthing

This is to remind you that *One World Week 1997* is from October 18th to 26th and is on the theme 'Stretching the Limits'. As in previous years there will be a Fair at St. Paul's Church Hall, Richmond Road, Worthing on Saturday October 18th. His Worship the Mayor of Worthing should be attending, and it is hoped that our Church will fully support the occasion and other events during the week. In the past we have supported a Stall at the Fair and, if anyone feels led to repeat our involvement, I should be grateful to hear from them.

*Geoffrey Dean.*

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### 5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade

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

Staff:-

Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley, BN14 OBY (873806)

Lieutenants: Linda Gray. Lesley Hood

Auxiliary Workers:- Valerie Hayden, Hannah Honsa, Amanda Nash, Janet Dean  
September Autumn re-opening Tuesday 9th September 6pm

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### Young Persons at University

Please remember him as he seeks and strives to give the right balance to his studies and Christian activities. He may be out of our sight but not out of our minds, or the reach of our love. Please write to him if you can spare the time. Hilary will have his address. Please remember those at home who need your prayers.

David Sibley North London

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### Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)

Sept 5	Wordsearch
Sept 12	History of Scotland Yard - Talk by Mr Iain Donaldson
Sept 19	Outing to Dial Post - Autumn Colours - Cream Tea. 1.30pm
Sept 26	A Sense of Touch

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### Women's Guild

<b>President</b>	Mrs Ivy Berry	<b>Vice-President</b>	Mrs Irene Dearsley
<b>Secretary</b>	Miss Audrey Gerlach	<b>Treasurer</b>	Mrs Joan Burrage
<b>Committee</b>	Mrs M Brown	Mrs L Collison	Mrs B Hislop
	Mrs P Mott	Mrs T Sanders	Mrs B Saunders
	Mrs P Walker	Mrs P Taylor	

The first meeting of the Autumn Session is on **September 9th** at 2.45pm.  
The speaker will be Mr Norman Prattent.

*K.P.J. Mott*

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### Men's Fellowship

**President** Rev Ron Christopher **Chairman** Mr Tom Lyons  
**Secretary/Treasurer** Mr Ian Hennell **Committee Member** Mr Frazer Finlay

The first meeting of the Autumn session will be held on **Tuesday September 9th** in the Harris Room at 2.45pm, when we will discuss forthcoming arrangements.

Programmes will be available then, or can be found in the Church vestibule.  
Come along and enjoy an hour's fellowship - including a cup of tea!

*Ian Hennell (Secretary)*

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### Churches Together in Worthing

Churches Together in Worthing, working in service with the local community to share the love of Jesus Christ, supply friendship lunches for older people consisting of nutritious 3-course meals.

<b>Tuesdays</b>	New Life Church Hall, Durrington West Worthing Baptist Church, Tarring
<b>Wednesdays</b>	St. Andrew's Church Hall, Ferring Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring Worthing Baptist Church, Central Worthing
<b>Thursdays</b>	St. Columba's Church Hall, West Worthing
<b>Fridays</b>	Offington Park Methodist Church, Broadwater Findon Valley Free Church, Findon

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FEBA Mailings Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th September (3 days)

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

## Action for Dysphasic Adults (A.D.A.)

Just to remind you of our Coffee Morning on **Saturday 6th September** in the Church hall, 10am to 12 noon. Please come. Lots of stalls including bring and buy, bottles/tins, Books, Cakes, Plants, Bric-a-brac, and a competition or two!! Entrance 30 pence which will include your cup of tea or coffee! See you there!

### Speech Therapy sessions in the Church hall 9am to 1pm:-

Monday 29th September, Wednesday 1st October, Friday 3rd October, Monday 6th October, Wednesday 8th October, Friday 10th October, Monday 13th October, Wednesday 15th October, Friday 17th October.

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### Attention all Knitters

I have a large quantity of knitting wool to be sold in aid of the Leprosy Mission. It is mainly Arran and Double knitting, mostly darkish colours, and in varying quantities. Also some white Mohair, and other small amounts - and of well known makes.

Do come to my home - 72 Ripley Road - and look - or get further details from me.

*Florrie Freeman (248014)*

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### Convinced!

A Hindi professor went to workers of the India Bible Society to prove the Bible worthless, but in the course of conversation he was so convinced by the Good News that he bought a Bible for himself, and started reading it. Within days he had become a Christian.

### Trust in Him at all times - Psalm 62 v8

Trust Him when thy wants are many, trust Him when thy wants are few;  
and the time of swift temptation is the time to trust Him, too!

Trust Him when dark doubts assail Thee,  
trust Him when thy strength is small,  
trust Him when to simply trust Him  
seems the hardest thing of all.

Lucy A. Bennett. Hymn 151 'Hymns of Consecration and Faith'.

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

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### Flower Fund

Contrary to what you may have read in the last two issues of Chronicle the reserve flower fund is quite healthy. However, thank you to those who have responded, but as long as the weeks on the rota are filled then we have few problems. Please continue to look at the list in the vestibule and fill any gaps that may appear.

The flowers are greatly appreciated both at worship, and when they are received by people afterwards.

*Mrs Eileen Heckles (Flower Secretary)*

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**GORING GIFT DAY 1997.**  
**HARVEST SUNDAY 28th September.**  
**TARGET £6000**

At a recent Church Meeting it was agreed that a Gift Day should be held this year.

Two major works have had to be carried out on our premises:

Four new gas heaters in the East and West Halls have had to be replaced as they were actually leaking gas. This was done at the end of July at a cost of £3,700.

Earlier, serious flooding of the Cornwall Room corridor reminded us that further work to guttering and roof above was essential to preserve the fabric and stop the need to mop up and dry out carpets every time we get heavy rain. Unfortunately, when the Cornwall Room was built not sufficient thought was given to the future of the roof, and now we must spend £2,500 in order to be sure, we hope, of stopping further flooding.

So we are all asked to give as generously as we are able towards the Gift Day target of

**£6,000**

Please bring your gifts to our Harvest Service as a thank offering, and part of God's good gifts to us all and to His Church. Your visiting Elder will be pleased to call if you are not able to attend!!

Wilfred Rhodes.  
Finance Committee.

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

You are warmly invited to share in a short service of Holy Communion in our Church on Sunday 28th. September, 1997 at 3.00p.m.

The church will be decorated for Harvest Thanksgiving, and there will be a number of comfortable chairs available. Following the service, tea will be served in the hall. Transport will be provided if necessary.

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

Eileen M. Rhodes.  
Tel: Worthing 248263

Did you know that every month, on the first Thursday, Goring U.R.C. is open for prayer?

At 7.30 in the morning the door is opened and the Church is made available to anyone who would like to come in for a quiet time. At 10.30 a.m. there is a short service of Holy Communion. The door is closed at the end of the day, usually at 5.00 p.m.

It is only possible to make the Church available in this way if we, the people, are available to be present, too. It is best if two people can sit together in the Church, but of course as many as wish to come together may do so.

If you are able to come in and sit for half an hour or so, you are asked to add your name to the list which is made available in the vestibule on the preceding Sunday.

*If someone else has put their name at the time that you are available please write your name too.*

The Minister, Peter Heckels, prepares a sheet with suggested items for prayer throughout the day. People may come in and go out while you sit in the quiet; some from the Revenue building, shoppers passing, or mothers collecting their children from Little Fishes.

In order that this service is available to our local community we need your help. If you are still not sure if you should put your name on the list do not hesitate to speak to the Rev. Peter Heckels, Hilary Redman or any Elder.

We should be so glad of your help.

H. Redman, Church Secretary.

**FEBA.  
RADIO**

## GOD IS USING RADIO IN MOZAMBIQUE

FEBA Radio has been broadcasting to Mozambique for a long time in the national language, Portuguese.

Programmes presenting the Gospel include the evangelistic series Words of Life, Sound of Youth and News of Joy. A listener writes, "Your programmes have been very useful for me and comforting. They feed me spiritually."



Programmes like Talk in the Field and Voices of the Village also bring practical advice in growing food and basic health care.

### LISTENER TURNED BROADCASTER

Early in 1996, Bacar Casimba, a listener from a Muslim background, came to know the Lord through the Portuguese broadcasts. Feba's contact person in Pemba, Jose Icenco, heard Bacar's testimony. He encouraged him in his new found faith and introduced him to the Baptist Church he is now attending in Pemba, capital of Cabo Delgado, a Province in northern Mozambique.

Pastor Jemusse at the Baptist Church says that Bacar's doing well. Nowadays he does more than listen to radio. Towards the end of 1996 he began working for Radio Mozambique. He is now making programmes in Kimwani - a language spoken in Cabo Delgado.

FEBA Radio, Ivy Arch Road, Worthing BN14 8BX. Tel: 01903 237281.  
Web site: [www.feba.org.uk](http://www.feba.org.uk) Prayer Line 01903 237284 (outside office hours)

## THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

**UP TO DATE - RELEVANT  
LIVELY - CHALLENGING  
SEEKING TO MEET THE  
NEEDS OF GIRLS TODAY**

As a Christian organisation, we meet in an atmosphere of fun and friendship, offering girls the opportunity to grow and develop in every aspect of life. The badge programme is four sided - spiritual, physical, educational and service and is aimed at four different age groups:-

<b>Explorers</b>	<b>5 - 8 years</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>8 - 11 years</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	<b>11 - 14 years</b>
<b>Brigaders</b>	<b>14+</b>

As girls come up through the Company, they are encouraged towards various spheres of service and the older girls are often offered the opportunity to join in leadership training and to undertake the Queen's Award and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Through our four sided programme and extra activities such as camps, parades, competitions and other local events, our Aim is:-

To help girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and through self control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life.

Help us to achieve our Aim.

5TH WORTHING COMPANY  
GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
SHAFTESBURY AVENUE. GORING

## CHRISTIANS TOGETHER in GORING

### THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA

The Church of South India was inaugurated in Madras on 27 September 1947 and brought together the former Anglican, Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and other Reformed Churches in a new organically united Church. Bishop Lesslie Newbiggin, one of the first Bishops, remains active within the Southern Province of the United Reformed Church.

Today the Church of South India has 21 Dioceses each with a Bishop, presided over by the Moderator, Bishop Dandin, who attended various Church Assemblies including the URC General Assembly and the General Synod of the Church of England. The Church has 2.8 million baptised members, 10,114 congregations and 2,244 pastors.

CTG are holding an ecumenical BRING AND SHARE LUNCH meeting to celebrate the Church of South India's GOLDEN JUBILEE, at which the speaker will be Rev Dennis Phippen, a local Methodist Minister, who served for some years with the Church of South India.

Come and join us on FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 1997  
at ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH HALL  
from 12.30 - 1.30 pm.

Drinks are provided.

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The next combined evening service will be on Sunday 7 SEPTEMBER at 6 pm. at ST. MARY'S C.E. GORING.

CTG has now held two HEALING services which have been appreciated. It is hoped to hold the next healing service at BURY DRIVE METHODIST Church on MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 1997 at 7.30pm. We do hope that this service will be well supported.

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A "Communal Prayer Letter" is being produced by CTG so that all the 7 Churches can support each other in prayer. GURC is looking for someone to co-ordinate our requests. Anyone interested please speak to Hilary Redman.

Irene Tuley.

"I do not claim that I have already succeeded or have already become perfect, I keep striving to win the prize." Philippians 3 v 12.

For love of God I count as loss

My profit and my pride,

There's greater gain in knowing Christ

Than all the world beside.

For Christ has made me right with God,

His merit now is mine;

And faith alone joins me to Christ

By His supreme design.

C.M. Idle (Psalm Praise).

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "The law goes first, like the needle, and draws the Gospel thread after it." C.H. Spurgeon.

ROWLAND SINGERS CONCERT.

Those of you who have a taste for light music will enjoy the Concert to be given by the Rowland Singers on WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. The programme consists of excerpts from 'Show Boat' by Jerome Kern, together with a medley of some of his other songs called "Choral Portrait". There will also be folk songs, spirituals and popular pieces all performed in a light hearted manner. The tickets are available from Roy and me, or any other member of the choir, price £2. adult and £1. student/child. After the choir's minimal expenses have been paid the proceeds will go to the church. Please come and support the choir and identify the 6 church members - not 8 as in the August Chronical - sorry my fault.

Sheila Gooderham.

Outreach & Evangelism.

A Time for Tots service will take place on Harvest Sunday 28th September at 9.15am. - earlier than usual because of the change of the time of the Morning Service. Please encourage all you know who have small children, to come - perhaps bring them yourself.

Outreach to Rosebery Avenue.

As you know we are beginning our outreach to Rosebery Avenue this month where we shall deliver a note to say when we are coming and then follow up with a questionnaire. I think that every one of us who have felt called by God to take part in this 'doorstep' outreach wished He had chosen someone else, but we shall go out knowing that our confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit will enable us to put our fingers on the bells. Not all of us will be out on the doorsteps, we shall be backed up by people in the church praying for us during the time we are out. We know much prayer has been offered since the decision was made to attempt this type of outreach, so please continue 'praying fervently' as the Bible tells us to, not only for those taking part but for the people we shall meet; for receptive hearts; for those who Peter will visit as a follow up and for the people who will lead classes for those enquiring about the Christian faith. Remember that the Good News of the Gospel can only be spread by the people of God and we should not keep such good news to ourselves. This outreach to Rosebery Road is only the beginning.

The next roads we shall visit will be West Park Lane and Marlborough Road as far as Marlborough Way, so please join others in prayer walking these roads in preparation for our outreach there.

Sheila Gooderham - Chairman.

Social Events for 1997.TREASURE HUNT - Sat. 27th September - 2.30pm at the Church Hall.

For the July Chronicle I wrote what I thought was a clever rhyme about the Treasure Hunt. It was so good that it turned out as prose!! Anyway, come to the Church Hall and you will be given a map, and a list of clues in rhyme. You then go by car to ??? and see if you can identify the places, houses, notices, information etc. from the clues. You will be briefed before you go.

Treasure Hunt contd/

We ask that you bring some food for a faith tea (drinks provided) and that you pay 50p. per adult to cover our printing costs. Do bring the children-it is not far to walk-and their eyes are sharp. It can still be fun even if it rains!! Anyone who would like to come to join in the fellowship over tea is welcome - just let me know.

Do Goodchild is the brain s behind this event, and if it works well she has lots of other places for us to go to. So do come and support this first Treasure Hunt venture. By the way, there will be a 'small' prize for the winner.

G.U.R.C. CONCERT - Sat 25th October at 7pm. in the Church Hall.

Please note that this event will commence at 7pm. because we hope to have some young, young people there and with so many acts taking part we do want to be fresh for Sunday worship. Because of the organisational problems it has been decided not to have a family tea first. I am hoping that each church organisaion will have a representative(s) to perform plus all other talented people. Don't be shy in offering to take part and if you would just like to be a part of a group just let me know and I will fit you in. A choir is needed to perform two small items - not difficult - so do volunteer. Please let me know if you will be available - we will have some rehearsals from time to time and on the afternoon of the 25th Oct.

Sheila Gooderham - Social Sec.

WANTED

As I have been making marmalade as part of my involvment in the Talents scheme I have run out of jam jars. Please, please could anybody out there let me have some; size does not matter? They will be needed for the Christmas Fair. Please see Eileen's advertisement.

Sheila Gooderham

TALENTS

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*Audrey & Michael Ebeling*

The Christmas Fayre will soon be upon us and I hope you have been busy making and doing. There is still time though so don't think you can put away your thinking caps just yet! We need lots of different items to sell (crafts, marmalade, pickles, Christmas gifts etc. etc.) and the more we have to sell the more money we will make. Any queries ring Eileen (248259) or Sheila (506452).



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GIFTS

NOVEMBER 29TH

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*Audrey & Michael Ebeling*



- 1.9.97  
Barbara - bereaved and lonely
- 2.9.97  
John Selden First School and the results of their 'Ofsted' report.
- 3.9.97  
The Orchards County Middle School.
- 4.9.97  
Paul and Gill Courtney following the loss of their baby.
- 5.9.97  
Victoria - lonely and emotionally stressed.
- 6.9.97  
Plans for St. Richard's Alpha course to commence in the autumn and the Supper on 13 September.
- 7.9.97  
Desperate need for leaders for the children and youth work at St. Richard's.
- 8.9.97  
Renewal of commitment among all Christian people in Goring.
- 9.9.97  
Doreen - for peace of mind.
- 10.9.97  
That the Holy Spirit will move among all Christian people, especially here in Goring.
- 11.9.97  
Jane - following a miscarriage.
- 12.9.97  
Peggy after a bad accident and Bill who is tired and stressed.
- 13.9.97  
For the work of the home care teams from St. Barnabas and for all doctors and nurses who work to relieve the suffering of those terminally ill with cancer.
- 14.9.97  
Baby Angus and his parents.
- 15.9.97  
For Lee, Judith and David.
- 16.9.97  
For Jessie.
- 17.9.97  
For the homeless, and for the work among the homeless locally, especially for Worthing Night Shelter scheme.
- 18.9.97  
For anybody who suffers from any kind of mental distress.

If you want to have a prayer request included in the next prayer letter, or in future prayer letters, please pass your requests to Hilary Redman.

17 August 1997

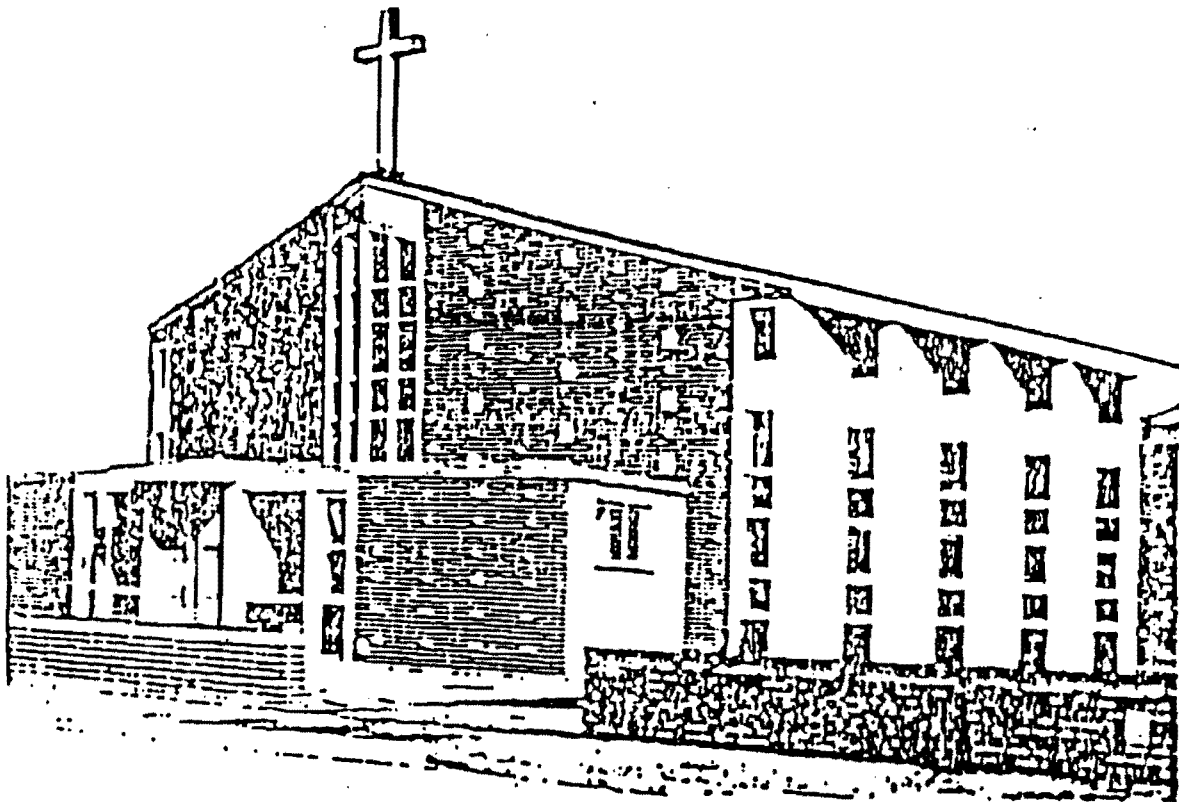
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|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| 4 Thu  | Day of Prayer with Mission Prayers, (H/C at 10.30am)                                                                  | 7.30am to  | 5.00pm   |
| 5 Fri  | Worthing Stroke Club                                                                                                  |            | 2.00pm   |
| 6 Sat  | Action for Dysphasic Adults Coffee Morning                                                                            | 10.00 to   | 12noon   |
|        | Rev Roy Parkington retirement Service, St Columba's URC                                                               |            | 3.00pm   |
| 7 Sun  | Service of Holy Communion                                                                                             |            | 8.00am   |
|        | Service of Holy Communion - Rev Peter Heckles                                                                         |            | 10.30am  |
|        | Evening Service - St Mary's C/E with CTG                                                                              |            | 6.00pm   |
|        | No Service at GURC                                                                                                    |            |          |
| 8 Mon  | Little Fishes Term Begins                                                                                             |            | 8.30am   |
| 9 Tue  | G.B. Autumn Session                                                                                                   |            | 6.00pm   |
|        | Women's Guild - Speaker Mr N.Prattent                                                                                 |            | 2.45pm   |
|        | Men's Fellowship in Harris Room                                                                                       |            | 2.45pm   |
| 10 Wed | Rowland Singers Concert at GURC                                                                                       |            | 7.30pm   |
| 11 Thu | Praise and Prayer meeting, Little Chapel                                                                              | 2.30 to    | 3.30pm   |
| 12 Fri | Worthing Stroke Club                                                                                                  |            | 2.00pm   |
| 14 Sun | Service of Holy Communion                                                                                             |            | 8.00am   |
|        | Family Service                                                                                                        |            | 10.30am  |
|        | Evening Service                                                                                                       |            | 6.00pm   |
| 16 Tue | Girls' Brigade                                                                                                        |            | 6.00pm   |
| 19 Fri | Worthing Stroke Club - Outing                                                                                         |            | 1.30pm   |
| 20 Sat | Christian Aid Event - St Symphorians. Food Fayre                                                                      | 10.30am to | 2.30pm   |
| 21 Sun | Service of Holy Communion                                                                                             |            | 8.00am   |
|        | Family Service                                                                                                        |            | 10.30 am |
|        | Healing with Holy Communion                                                                                           |            | 6.00pm   |
| 23 Tue | Women's Guild                                                                                                         |            | 2.45pm   |
|        | Men's Fellowship - Rowland Singers in Church                                                                          |            | 2.45pm   |
|        | Girls' Brigade                                                                                                        |            | 6.00pm   |
| 25 Thu | Praise and Prayer meeting, Little Chapel                                                                              | 2.30 to    | 3.30pm   |
|        | Church Meeting                                                                                                        |            | 7.30pm   |
| 26 Fri | Churches Together in Goring Lunch to celebrate the Church of South India's 50th Anniversary - at St Lawrence's Church | 12.30 to   | 1.30pm   |
|        | Worthing Stroke Club                                                                                                  |            | 2.00pm   |
| 27 Sat | Treasure Hunt - and Tea afterwards at GURC                                                                            |            |          |
| 28 Sun | Harvest Festival                                                                                                      |            |          |
|        | Holy Communion                                                                                                        |            | 8.00am   |
|        | Time for Tots                                                                                                         |            | 9.15am   |
|        | Family Morning Worship                                                                                                |            | 10.30am  |
|        | Afternoon Holy Communion Service                                                                                      |            | 3.00pm   |
|        | Family Evening Worship                                                                                                |            | 6.00pm   |
| 29 Mon | A.D.A. - Speech therapy                                                                                               | 9.00am to  | 1.00pm   |
| 30 Tue | Girls' Brigade                                                                                                        |            | 6.00pm   |

### October

|       |                             |           |         |
|-------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 Wed | Bible Study at 1 Arun Close | 9.15 to   | 11.15am |
|       | A.D.A. - Speech therapy     | 9.00am to | 1.00pm  |
| 2 Thu | Day of Prayer (H/C 10.30am) | 7.30am to | 5.00pm  |
| 3 Fri | A.D.A. - Speech therapy     | 9.00am to | 1.00pm  |
|       | Worthing Stroke Club        |           | 2.00pm  |
| 5 Sun | Service of Holy Communion   |           | 8.00am  |
|       | Service of Holy Communion   |           | 10.30am |
|       | Family Evening Worship      |           | 6.00pm  |

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## SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

|          |                                                         |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion                                          |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)              |
| 6.00 pm  | Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing) |

## CHURCH OFFICERS

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

## PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS

|                      |        |                       |        |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 Mrs Pheniah Taylor | 246523 | 2 Miss Audrey Gerlach | 501153 |
| 3 Mrs Bett Swierk    | 243194 | 4 Mrs Doreen Norris   | 503783 |
| 5 Mr Geoffrey Dean   | 240376 | 6 Mrs Robin Bradley   | 240908 |
| 7 Mrs Bobby Hitchin  | 249580 | 8 Mr Don Stewart      | 243787 |

**For more Information about other activities please enquire from:**

|                                        |                           |        |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Ark Parent & Toddler Club              | Mrs Sue Nicholls          | 716521 |
|                                        | Mrs Jane Bond             | 244157 |
| Choir Secretary                        | Mr Michael Ebeling        | 240448 |
| Christian Aid                          | Mr Ian Hennell            | 240560 |
| Chronicle Editor                       | Mr Leslie Montford        | 243698 |
| Church Warden                          | Mr Don Stewart            | 243787 |
| Cradle Roll Secretary                  | Mrs Bett Swierk           | 243194 |
| Flower Secretary                       | Mrs Eileen Heckels        | 248259 |
| Girls' Brigade Captain                 | Mrs Margaret Craghill     | 873806 |
| Junior Church Secretary                | Mrs Wilma Smith           | 821843 |
| Leprosy Mission                        | Mrs Florrie Freeman       | 248014 |
| Letting Secretary                      | Mrs Lily Collison         | 248861 |
| Little Fishes Play Group               | Mrs Sue Mitchell          | 531551 |
| Men's Fellowship                       | Mr Ian Hennell            | 240560 |
| Publicity Officer                      | Mrs Christine Sharpe      | 525239 |
| Reform Magazine                        | Mrs Sue Nicholls          | 716521 |
| Serendipity Club                       | Mrs Daphne Eames          | 268489 |
|                                        | Mrs Gaynor Anderson-Easey | 784303 |
| Social Secretary                       | Mrs Sheila Gooderham      | 506452 |
| Tear Fund & Tearcraft                  | Mrs Irene Dearsley        | 690996 |
| The Bible Society                      | Rev Ron Christopher       | 230330 |
| Traidcraft                             | Mrs Christine Sharpe      | 525239 |
| Transport Officer                      | Mr J. Hope                | 248539 |
| Women's Guild                          | Miss Audrey Gerlach       | 501153 |
| World Mission Secretary                |                           |        |
| Worthing&District Stroke Club (Kestro) | Mrs Robin Bradley         | 240908 |

Dear Friends

This month I would like to share with you a letter I have written to Rev. Tony Burnham, the General Secretary of the URC.

"Dear Tony

Having just returned from Sabbatical, I have been 'catching up' with all sorts of things in the life of our church, including the decisions of Assembly. I should, perhaps, state at the outset my opposition to the ordination of practising homosexuals and, therefore, I am opposed to accepting them for training for the ministry within the URC. Having experienced the need to minister to those in such a relationship, and to minister to families whose children live in such relationships, I would not wish to exclude anyone from the love of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. I also recognise that there are those who have difficulty in accepting my ministry as a remarried divorcee; however, it seems Scripturally clear that when we recognise that we have fallen short of God's standard, and repent, turning again to God, that we find the forgiveness and peace offered through the death of Jesus. This is not what I hear those who wish to seek ordination as practising homosexuals saying, rather they are arguing that such relationships are not sinful - a view I cannot support. For the church to ordain those who continue to live in such relationships, is to accept their argument that any loving relationship is what God intended. I find no support for this view in Scripture, indeed the opposite, and I hear Jesus saying 'do not sin again'.

This being the outline for my opposing this move, may I also express a further concern about the nature of the URC. I am a member of the URC because, although any human structures are flawed, I do believe that the conciliar nature of our church is a good way of discerning God's will as His people meet together in prayer under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I think that there will be clear guidance by the Holy Spirit and that the outcome of the vote for resolution 19 does not give this clear guidance. In any church meeting we seek a clear majority and certainly I would have interpreted such percentages as a need for further prayer and reflection had these been the results of a church meeting where I was in the chair. I recognise that we will not always be unanimous and I hope I would be the first to accept a vote that went against my understanding if it were clearly the will of God. This is not the case with resolution 19 and, therefore, I urge Mission Council to go back to resolution 18 and allow the church more time to seek God's will while retaining the position as it existed prior to the Assembly. We cannot allow too much time even if some think two years was long enough, it clearly was not.

I remain committed to the conciliar nature of the URC but I shall write and speak to oppose the ordination of practising homosexuals for the reasons I have outlined. My prayer will also be that we may, as a church, repent and turn again to the Lord living in faithfulness to the paths He laid out for us at the time of our union.

Your servant in Christ,

Peter"

## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

### ORDINATION AND INDUCTION OF ELDERS

Mr Norman PRATTENT; Mrs Sheila GOODERHAM; Mrs Carol WEBBER

### CHANGE OF ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Mrs M V DONNE, Drumconner Home, 13/21 Brighton Road, Lancing BN15 8RJ (753516)  
Mrs Jean MARSH, Hollywynd Rest Home, St Botolphs Road, Worthing (210681/236583)  
Mr R and Mrs E JORDAN from October 1st (245504)

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### THANKS AND APPRECIATION

I felt I must write a few words to say how strange it will seem without our brother organisation 'The BOYS' BRIGADE'.

I would personally like to thank Don Stewart for all his help and encouragement over the years in which I have been Captain of 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade. Not an easy task being Captain, is it Don? Is it rewarding? .... YES IT IS! It can be frustrating, and hard work, but yes, of course, it is rewarding when the young people give you a beaming smile and share their joys, their hopes, confide their sorrows. Watching them grow from young children to practising adults, and watch their personal awareness of our Lord grow, and blossom in their lives. I am sure we will see the fulfilment of the seeds sown in their lives, and over the years Don has been such an example of Christian love, caring, patience and steadfastness to so many boys who will look back with pleasure to their time in Boys' Brigade, and draw on the things, and standards, they have learned, and will be able to pass them on to their children.

Enjoy your retirement, Don, and have a well-earned rest.

May I please ask for each and every member of our church to continue praying for all the boys who have been through the Company, and for all young people today who have so many pressures from their peers and outside influences.

Please also pray that all leaders and helpers are given wisdom and guidance, but most of all for Don, who has given so much in this time of adjustment.

Margaret Craghill, 5th Worthing Company, Girls' Brigade. GURC

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Keep we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy church with Thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of mankind without Thee cannot but fail, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.

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### SOCIAL EVENT

#### SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER, 7PM - 'GURC'S EXTRAVAGANZA'

This is my last event as Social Secretary and the programme is filling up nicely, but there is still room for more, so do let me know if you wish to take part, or are prepared to have your arm twisted!

Don't forget we shall need an audience, so come early to get a good seat and be prepared to join in!!

Sheila Gooderham

**5TH WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE**

|                  |                      |                           |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>EXPLORERS</b> | <b>5-8 years</b>     | <b>TUESDAYS 6-7.15 pm</b> |
| <b>JUNIORS</b>   | <b>8-11 years</b>    | <b>TUESDAYS 6-7.45 pm</b> |
| <b>SENIORS</b>   | <b>11-14 years</b>   | <b>TUESDAYS 6-8.30 pm</b> |
| <b>BRIGADERS</b> | <b>14 plus years</b> | <b>TUESDAYS 6-8.30 pm</b> |

**STAFF:-**

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

**LIEUTENANTS:-**

**Linda Gray**

**Lesley Hood**

**AUXILIARY WORKERS:-**

**Valerie Hayden**

**Hannah Honsa**

**Amanda Nash**

**Janet Dean**

**CHURCH PARADE SERVICE and ENROLMENT - OCTOBER 12th at 10.30 am.**

We are so pleased to have Valerie (Hayden) back with us again, working with the EXPLORERS.

This is going to be a very busy session for us, so we have started back straight away with our badgework. This session is geared to preparing for our Display and Awards Evening which will take place on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th.

We hope to encourage the young BRIGADERS to work within the EXPLORER and JUNIOR Sections as part of their Young Leader Training.

**Linda Gray (Lieutenant)**

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**WOMEN'S GUILD**

|                   |                            |                        |                           |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>President:</b> | <b>Mrs Ivy Berry</b>       | <b>Vice-President:</b> | <b>Mrs Irene Dearsley</b> |
| <b>Secretary:</b> | <b>Miss Audrey Gerlach</b> | <b>Treasurer:</b>      | <b>Mrs Joan Burrage</b>   |

|                    |                     |                       |                       |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Committee:-</b> | <b>Mrs M Brown</b>  | <b>Mrs L Collison</b> | <b>Mrs B Hislop</b>   |
|                    | <b>Mrs P Mott</b>   | <b>Mrs T Sanders</b>  | <b>Mrs B Saunders</b> |
|                    | <b>Mrs P Taylor</b> | <b>Mrs P Walker</b>   |                       |

**October 7**      **Mr B J MacIlroy, Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen**

**October 21**      **ANNIVERSARY - Miss Kay Griffiths - Soloist: Mrs S Gooderham**

Both meetings start at 2.45 pm in the Church Hall, and will be joined by the Men's Fellowship. A collection will be taken at both these meetings.

We opened our Autumn Session on Tuesday, September 9th. Our Secretary, Miss Audrey Gerlach, introduced our new President, Mrs Ivy Berry, and welcomed us and two new members.

We were very happy to have our friend Mr Norman Prattent as our speaker for our first meeting. As usual we had a very interesting message, referring to the TV programme 'The day that changed my life'. Norman told us how God had changed his life, and the many challenges he has had to face - all with strength and power to go forward with the Lord. We all have many routes through life - we need to ask for daily wisdom and guidance to lead us aright. Thank you, Norman.

**Lily Collison**

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**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

|                             |                            |                  |                     |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>President:</b>           | <b>Rev Ron Christopher</b> | <b>Chairman:</b> | <b>Mr Tom Lyons</b> |
| <b>Secretary/Treasurer:</b> | <b>Mr Ian Hennell</b>      |                  |                     |
| <b>Committee Member</b>     | <b>Mr Frazer Finlay</b>    |                  |                     |

For October meeting dates see item above. Come along and enjoy an hour's fellowship - including a cup of tea!

**Ian Hennell (Secretary)**

### YOUNG PERSONS AT UNIVERSITY

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

David SIBLEY  
Kirsty CRAGHILL

North London University  
The Lodge, Church House Lane, Witley, Surrey

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORTHING, WORKING IN SERVICE WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST, SUPPLY FRIENDSHIP LUNCHES FOR OLDER PEOPLE CONSISTING OF NUTRITIOUS 3-COURSE MEALS.

|            |                                                                                                                      |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TUESDAYS   | New Life Church Hall, Durrington<br>West Worthing Baptist Church, Tarring                                            |
| WEDNESDAYS | St Andrew's Church Hall, Ferring<br>Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring<br>Worthing Baptist Church, Central Worthing |
| THURSDAYS  | St Columba's Church Hall, West Worthing                                                                              |
| FRIDAYS    | Offington Park Methodist Church, Broadwater<br>Findon Valley Free Church, Findon                                     |

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### WORTHING STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)

|            |                                                                   |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October 3  | 'Clangers, clappers and cluckers' slides and talk by Steve Harris |
| October 10 | Pencil and paper games                                            |
| October 17 | Methold House Choir entertain us                                  |
| October 24 | 'Who am I?' Twenty Questions                                      |
| October 31 | Play reading - Goring Women's Institute (Mrs Potten)              |

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### VISITATION

At the time of writing preparations have been made to start the visitation on Monday, 15th September to Rosebery Avenue. We propose to go out fortnightly so the next two will be on Monday, 29th September, and the final one for this year will be on Monday 13th October. The roads we shall be covering will be Marlborough Road to, and including, Marlborough Way, and West Park Lane. Please continue to pray for hearts to be receptive to our invitation to know more about the Christian faith and for the follow-up visits and possible Nurture Groups.

*Sheila Gooderham* (O & E Committee)

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### 30 DAYS' MUSLIM PRAYER FOCUS 1st January - 30th January 1998

Join with the millions of Christians around the world in prayer for the Muslim world during the month of RAMADAN, their annual time of prayer and fasting. A Prayer Guide is available giving helpful information for each day of the month. Should you wish to obtain a copy of the Prayer Guide, I shall be pleased to place an order. Price £1.50.

*G. Dearsley*

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### SNIPPETS

Three Christians are being held in police custody in SHAHADARA, Pakistan, accused of abduction and rape of Rahila, a young Muslim woman who has gone missing. Pastor Salim

Arthur, his son Reuben and Salima, a 22 year old woman, were arrested on June 21st, along with seven other members of the Pastor's family, who have since been released. Rahila, a former class-mate of Salima, had been attending Bible studies with her at the Pastor's home. When her family discovered her interest in Christianity they immediately arranged for her to marry a Muslim. At this point Rahila disappeared. It is thought that she may have run away to escape a marriage she did not want, or possibly to marry a different man.

Please pray for Rahila. If she has run away, pray that she will show herself for the sake of her friends. All the Christian families in the village, especially the Pastor's family, feel vulnerable to attack while she is thought to have been abducted. Pray for the three Christians in prison that the truth of the situation may be revealed, and that they will be released. (In a bulletin from 'The Barnabas Fund')

The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect. Elijah was the same kind of person as we are. He prayed earnestly that there would be no rain, and no rain fell for 3½ years. Once again he prayed and the sky poured out its rain and the earth produced its crops. James 5 vv 16b-18.

An item for our weekly Prayer Diary? A small boy's prayer: 'God bless the little lambs that have their wool cut off to make jumpers.' From a letter in a Women's Magazine.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH. Tomorrow is a post-dated cheque - Today is cash.

EGYPT. There has been increasing violence by Islamic militants against Christians, especially in remote areas. Pray about the lack of adequate protection by the authorities, and the failure of Muslim leaders to condemn the militants. Thousands of copies of the Jesus film and Prodigal videos were sold at the Cairo Book Fair in January. Pray that they may be shown often to families, friends and neighbours by those who purchased them. Many people, whether by accident or design, tune in to Christian radio broadcasts and newer media, like satellite television and the internet in Arabic. (From World Press News).

'I am poor and needy .... Thou art my help.' Psalm 40 v 17

'The sense of our poverty is the first step to our relief. It is the hungry whom God fills with good things. Human need acknowledged never appeals to God in vain. When we humbly and sincerely plead our poverty with Him, He will enrich us with the treasures of His Grace.' J. Brown Young

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I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.  
(Cecil Spring-Rice 1859-1918 Congregational Anthem 756)

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### TALENTS SCHEME

Although I have finished making marmalade as part of my contribution to the Talents' Scheme, I am continuing to make it to bring in some money to make things for the Fair in November. Half the cost of a jar of marmalade is profit. So let me know if you would like some. I will leave a list in the vestibule for you to put your name and quantity required.

Sheila Gooderham

## SERENDIPITY CLUB

All ladies are very welcome.

Daphne Eames (268489); Gaynor Anderson-Easey (784303)

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## LONELINESS

Loneliness is one of the most debilitating and devastating dis-eases experienced, I suppose, everywhere. Since coming south to live, however, it would appear to be of endemic proportions. There are times, may be many of them, when we do not feel as if we are in relationship either with Christ, or with other people, when for one reason or another, we feel totally and utterly alone.

Let me paint some pictures of loneliness:-

1. There is the loneliness associated with bereavement when someone precious and close to you is no longer there. That loneliness expresses itself in grief, numbness, bewilderment. There is a whole range of emotions - that of being left alone without intimate relationship - because of suffering experienced by the loved one - because of the unexpectedness of it - perhaps wrong relationships never put right. It is a physical, loneliness with many emotional expressions as well.

2. There is that devastating loneliness even when surrounded by people. In a crowd you can feel very much on your own. Everyone else is with someone, but you feel left out. Even when, to all intents and purposes, you are part of the crowd, may even be the life and soul of the party, but deep down you FEEL alone. Or again, maybe you really are alone, living in a situation which enforces that isolation on you. You wonder when anyone will contact, write or telephone you, or invite you out. Maybe you have even chosen that aloneness, but not the loneliness it produces. We can look at these pictures in a different way, for behind each of them are expressions of physical, emotional and spiritual loneliness. Physical loneliness is felt most deeply by those who live alone. There is no-one to talk to, and to share with when sickness and problems arise. Is it worth cooking a meal just for one? etc. Emotional loneliness afflicts everyone from time to time. There is also much we want and need to talk about, and share with another, but cannot bring ourselves to do so. People do not seem to have the time, or inclination, to understand. We feel hemmed in, with a great wealth of feeling struggling to get out - a desire to share things at a deep level, not just superficialities. There is the need to be understood. There is the need to love, and not to be misunderstood in that, as well as the need to BE loved and FEEL loved. Spiritual loneliness is greatest when we lose the awareness of God's presence. There is a great empty hole at the centre of our being, and there seems to be no meaning or purpose in life.

The answer to all these types of loneliness lies in GOD. How can we work through this desperation and come again into the fullness of relationships and wholeness which God intends for us? I would suggest four things:-

1. Experience His loneliness. Read Matthew Ch.20 vv 36-46 and Ch.27 vv 25-50) - the story of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane before His arrest, and then the crucifixion. We have never experienced real loneliness when we see loneliness in these terms. Jesus was at the greatest point of need as He prayed in the Garden, but even His closest friends could not keep awake to support Him. He was without human fellowship. Then on the Cross He was much more significantly separated from His Heavenly Father - 'My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?' That is total, and utter loneliness, to which we have never been subjected. Jesus understands how we feel. It is important that we enter into some of what He felt as He died for us. We shall never be as lonely as He was.

2. Allow Him to fill the hole inside. We must trust Him with our deepest thoughts, feelings and needs.

3. Let Him take away our fear of being alone. If we allow Jesus to fill that hole inside us we need not fear to be alone with Him. In fact, we must seek out such times. Aloneness is not the same as loneliness. Jesus sought solitude many times to be alone in prayer with His Father.

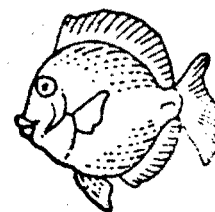
4. Let Him give us people. We are not made to live alone, and we need people to share our lives as Jesus had His disciples. Let God open us up to people - at Church - as neighbours - in our families - to others who also badly need such fellowship - perhaps through the telephone - a letter - or by a visit - and thus help to free others from THEIR lonely prisons. From Good News Bible: God has said 'I will never leave you, I will never abandon you' (Hebrews Ch.13 v 6). 'Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me.' (Psalm 23 v 4).

*Ella G Robertson* February 1988 Chronicle  
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### GORING LITTLE FISHES

Half Term Monday October 27th to Friday October 31st Incl.  
Term Ends Friday December 19th at 4.00 pm

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### BIBLE READING NOTES FOR 1998

It will soon be time to place an order for next year's Bible Reading Notes "WORDS FOR TODAY" and "LIGHT FOR OUR PATH". Most themes for 1998 will be based on the Revised Common Lectionary, and by the year 2000 it will be the most common used Lectionary worldwide, giving us linkage with other Christians in our daily devotions. Unless you tell me to the contrary, I will order for our usual subscribers. Cost for each is £3.99 for 1998. Also available, A Study Handbook - Finding our Way Together 1998 - For use in Groups. Price £4.99.

New subscribers most welcome, so please contact 246523 for details.

*Pheniah Taylor*

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### 'SUMMER SHOWTIME' CONCERT - THE ROWLAND SINGERS

Thank you to all those who attended the Concert on 10th September and we hope you enjoyed it. Many compliments have been received to say that you did. The little competition to find the 6 church members in the choir was made very hard because one, Marjorie Fallowfield, was on holiday, and not known to me at the time when items for the Chronicle had to be in. After our expenses were taken out the church received £46, plus £16 which we pay for hiring the hall. Watch this space for the date and time of the Carol Concert.

Sheila Gooderham

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### ACTIVE POWER 1998 PRAYER HANDBOOK

The theme of the 1998 Prayer Handbook reflects 'The Open Book', an initiative of Churches Together in England and The Bible Society, and has emphasis on stories which demonstrate many ways of opening the Bible.

I will order for our usual subscribers unless I am informed to the contrary. New subscribers welcome. You may contact me on 246523 should you wish to join, preferably before the end of October, or early November. The cost of this publication is £1.95.

A cassette is available with extracts from the Prayer Handbook, useful for the visually impaired and housebound. Cassette tapes cost £3.00.

*Pheniah Taylor*

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### PROVERBS

There once was a King called Solomon the Wise,  
Who wrote a long, long letter containing good advice  
to one of his sons, most probably his heir,  
who'd caused him a lot of anxiety and care.  
Like every dad, King Solomon was sure that not another  
in the whole world had suffered so, except perhaps his mother!  
The lad should have been punished more when he was young and pliable.  
They'd spared the rod and spoiled the child. Now he was unreliable!

Impatient with rebuke he drank and mixed with evil men.  
His mother grieved; his father bade him mend his ways, in vain.  
And then he had a good idea, he'd never had a better!  
He set down all his good advice in one long-drawn-out letter!  
It grew so long, became a book he could recite verbatim.  
And then when it was written, well, he 'threw the whole book at him'!

The longest letter e'er received (a little repetitious),  
it warned his son of dangers of a dallying delicious  
with harlots who would take his gold and give him foul disease,  
and blackmailers 'in at the kill' who then 'put on the squeeze'!  
How all of them were in 'the game', just out to get his money  
and steal his virtue, ruin him, with words as sweet as honey!  
(I hope he took the good advice his loving father gave,  
And never mingled any more with prostitute or knave!)

*Joy Blackford*

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### Churches Together in Worthing

This is to remind you that *One World Week 1997* is from October 18th to 26th and is on the theme 'Stretching the Limits'. As in previous years there will be a Fair at SHELLEY ROAD U.R.C. HALL FROM 10.00am to 1.00pm Worthing on Saturday October 18th. His Worship the Mayor of Worthing should be attending, and it is hoped that our Church will fully support the occasion and other events during the week. In the past we have supported a Stall at the Fair and, if anyone feels led to repeat our involvement, I should be grateful to hear from them.

*Geoffrey Dean.*

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## SUMMER CAMP AT FELPHAM

During the summer I spent 10 days as part of a Scripture Union Mission team at Felpham. Here is a brief outline of the week:

- Fri 8 August** – arrive and meet other team members over a meal
- Sat 9 August** – preparation day: discussing the programme, decorating the hall, Making props, rehearsing drama and songs, etc.
  - commissioning service in the evening led by Prayer Support team leaders
- Sun 10 August** – in pairs visit different local Church services and tell them about mission activities
  - afternoon outreach event on the Promenade (fast paced music and games)

### Mon 11 August to Fri 15 August

The mornings began at 8.15 a.m. with the whole team (35 people) meeting for an hour of praise, worship, prayer and Bible study. After that we divided into our smaller groups depending on the age we were working with: 5-10 year olds; 11-18 year olds; or adults, and went to our different venues.

I was working with the 5-10 year olds (with 15 other leaders) and was responsible for a group of 5 year olds. Our theme was "GO BANANAS" and we looked at 5 Biblical characters who trusted God and stood out amongst those around them: NOAH (Gen 6v9-22); GIDEON (Judges 6 and 7); ELIJAH (1 Kings 18v17-39); ZACCHEUS (Luke 19v1-10); and JEMIMA (Luke 7v36-50). The morning session was between 10.10 and 11.50 a.m. and included welcome and registration in small groups; then all together for singing, watching the video introducing the Bible character of the day, messy activity with quiz and watching drama; then back into small groups for drinks, discussion and activity on main teaching point for the day, craft; then all together again to review the day's teaching and give out notices; and finally back into small groups to go home.

On Thursday morning we had an appeal and 24 of the 70 children came and asked to become Christians. I was especially encouraged as 3 of my group of 6 asked me to pray with them.

The children arrived again from 2.10 to 3.15 p.m. for the afternoon sessions which were blocks of activities:- Potted sports; Tide fight with other age group teams; Praise party; Craft afternoon; and Fancy Dress party.

Each day after the children left we had "free time" for 1½ hours when we often went for walks to the beach, into town, and generally spent time together. Then after the evening meal we had our preparation time for the next day. This was spent reviewing the day, praying, studying the theme for the next day, and lots of cutting out for craft activities! We usually left the hall at approximately 8.00 p.m. whilst the teenagers were still meeting (they had morning, afternoon, and evening activities!).

On Friday evening there was a family Barn Dance and the hall was packed.

**Sat 16 August** – packing up, clearing away, cleaning, etc.

- afternoon outreach event on Promenade
- Family Quiz evening

**Sun 17 August** – team review of the week

- Worship together, with Communion
- lunch and return home

The weather was hot and sunny all week but on our outdoor events just enough cloud over came over to protect us from excessive heat.

I really enjoyed my week and can't wait for next year.

Denise Elliott

# THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

**UP TO DATE - RELEVANT  
LIVELY - CHALLENGING  
SEEKING TO MEET THE  
NEEDS OF GIRLS TODAY!**

As a Christian organisation, we meet in an atmosphere of fun and friendship, offering girls the opportunity to grow and develop in every aspect of life. The badge programme is four sided - spiritual, physical, educational and service and is aimed at four different age groups:-

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Explorers</i> | <i>5 - 8 years</i>   |
| <i>Juniors</i>   | <i>8 - 11 years</i>  |
| <i>Seniors</i>   | <i>11 - 14 years</i> |
| <i>Brigaders</i> | <i>14+</i>           |

As girls come up through the Company, they are encouraged towards various spheres of service and the older girls are often offered the opportunity to join in leadership training and to undertake the Queen's Award and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Through our four sided programme and extra activities such as camps, parades, competitions and other local events, our Aim is:-

To help girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and through self control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life.

Help us to achieve our Aim.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
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UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

'LET'S CELEBRATE'

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 18TH 1997  
5.30p.m.

AT  
ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH  
ST. MICHAEL'S RD./HEENE RD.  
WORTHING

'REQUIEM' by FAURE  
and SELECTED ANTHEMS

BY COMBINED CHOIRS OF THE  
SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT CHURCHES

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIAN AID

# WOMEN'S GUILD.

We enjoyed a very happy year of friendship and fellowship under the leadership of Mrs. Joan FINLAY. Our Guild continues to flourish, and it is encouraging to watch the enjoyment of members as they come together meeting by meeting. We try to keep a balance between 'just fun' and extending our knowledge of the work of others who care for the needs of people less fortunate than ourselves in the world today.

This year we have welcomed the Men's Fellowship joining us for those meetings where we have felt the topic might be of interest to them. This venture was approached with a measure of apprehension, as we were anxious not to lose our identity as a Women's Fellowship, but, happily, the arrangement seems to have worked out well.

We were grateful to Mr. Norman Prattent for kindly opening our Autumn Session on September 9th. His message was 'New Beginnings' which was particularly appropriate as we welcomed Mrs. Ivy BERRY as our new President at that meeting. Tuesday October 21st, at 2.45pm, is our GUILD ANNIVERSARY when we look forward to having a message from Mrs. Kay GRIFFITHS from St. Andrew's Church, Tarring, and Mrs. Sheila GOODERHAM as our soloist.

DO PLEASE JOIN US ON THAT OCCASION SO THAT, TOGETHER, WE MAY GIVE THANKS TO OUR LORD FOR HIS CONTINUED BLESSING ON THIS WORK.

As usual, tea will be available after the Service. Audrey Gerlach. Secretary.

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## ADVANCE NOTICE FOR ALL LADIES

### MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN CPAS DAY (Church Pastoral Aid Society)

Theme: "GROWING IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH"  
 Led by: John and Jan Gooding of CPAS, and Clare Wells.  
 At: Broadwater Baptist Church, Dominion Road, Worthing.  
 Time: 9.30 am - 2.30 pm. *FRIDAY 5-12-97*  
 Bring: Bible, notebook and packed lunch. Drinks provided.  
 Cost £5. There will be a Creche and a Bookstall. All welcome.

### URC DISTRICT WOMEN'S DAY (for next year's diary).

Theme: "THE BLESSINGS OF JESUS"  
 Led by: Mrs Chris Cox of Worthing  
 At: GORING URC.  
 Time: 10 am - 2.30 pm. *MON. 27.4.98*  
 Creche and Bookstall provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

Irene Tuley.

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1997

|    |     |                                                                               |                   |
|----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1  | Wed | Bible Study, 1 Arun Close                                                     | 9.15am - 11.15am  |
|    |     | ADA Speech Therapy Session                                                    | 9.00am - 1.00pm   |
| 2  | Thu | Day of Prayer with Mission Prayers<br>(Communion 10.30am)                     | 7.30am - 5.00pm   |
|    |     | ARK Parent and Toddler Club                                                   | 10.00am - 11.30am |
| 3  | Fri | ADA - as above                                                                |                   |
|    |     | Worthing Stroke Club                                                          | 2.00pm            |
| 5  | Sun | Service of Holy Communion                                                     | 8.00am            |
|    |     | Service of Holy Communion - Rev Peter Heckels                                 | 10.30am           |
|    |     | Evening Service                                                               | 6.00pm            |
| 6  | Mon | ADA - As above                                                                |                   |
| 7  | Tue | Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship Meetings                                     | 2.45pm            |
|    |     | Girls' Brigade                                                                | 6.00pm - 8.30pm   |
| 8  | Wed | ADA - As above                                                                |                   |
| 9  | Thu | ARK - As above                                                                |                   |
|    |     | Praise and Prayer Meeting, Cromwell Room                                      | 2.30pm - 3.30pm   |
| 10 | Fri | ADA - As above                                                                |                   |
|    |     | Worthing Stroke Club                                                          | 2.00pm            |
| 12 | Sun | Holy Communion                                                                | 8.00am            |
|    |     | Family Service - Parade & Enrolment Girls' Brigade                            | 10.30am           |
|    |     | Evening Service                                                               | 6.00pm            |
| 13 | Mon | ADA - As above                                                                |                   |
| 14 | Tue | Girls' Brigade - As above                                                     |                   |
| 15 | Wed | Bible Study, 1 Arun Close - As above                                          |                   |
|    |     | ADA - As above                                                                |                   |
| 16 | Thu | ARK - As above                                                                |                   |
|    |     | TEAR Fund Sale, Church Hall                                                   | 2.00pm - 9.00pm   |
| 17 | Fri | ADA - As above                                                                |                   |
|    |     | Worthing Stroke Club                                                          | 2.00pm            |
| 18 | Sat | Worthing One-World Week to October 26th<br>at SHELLEY ROAD U.R.C. HALL - Fair | 10.00am to 1.00pm |
| 19 | Sun | Holy Communion                                                                | 8.00am            |
|    |     | Family Service                                                                | 10.30am           |
|    |     | Evening Service - Holy Communion with Healing                                 | 6.00pm            |
| 21 | Tue | Men's Fellowship and Women's Guild                                            | 2.45pm            |
|    |     | Girls' Brigade - As above                                                     |                   |
| 22 | Wed | Blood Donors' Session, Church Hall                                            | 9.00am - 5.00pm   |
| 23 | Thu | ARK - As above                                                                |                   |
|    |     | Praise & Prayer Meeting, Cornwall Room                                        | 2.30pm - 3.30pm   |
| 24 | Fri | Worthing Stroke Club                                                          | 2.00pm            |
| 25 | Sat | Tea and home made entertainment, Church Hall                                  | 7.00pm            |
| 26 | Sun | Holy Communion                                                                | 8.00am            |
|    |     | Family Morning Worship                                                        | 10.30am           |
|    |     | Family Evening Worship                                                        | 6.00pm            |
| 27 | Mon | Half Term to October 31st - Little Fishes and<br>Girls' Brigade               |                   |
| 29 | Wed | Bible Study, 1 Arun Close - As above                                          |                   |
|    |     | ADA Meeting, Church Hall                                                      | 12.00pm - 5.00pm  |
| 30 | Thu | ARK - As above                                                                |                   |
|    |     | Church Meeting                                                                | 7.30pm            |
| 31 | Fri | Worthing Stroke Club                                                          | 2.00pm            |

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| 2 | Sun | Holy Communion                            | 8.00am          |
|   |     | Service of Holy Communion                 | 10.30am         |
|   |     | Evening Service                           | 6.00pm          |
| 3 | Mon | Little Fishes                             | 8.30am          |
| 4 | Tue | Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship Meetings | 2.45pm          |
|   |     | Girls' Brigade                            | 6.00pm - 8.30pm |

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| 5 | Wed | Blood Donors' Session                    | 9.00am - 5.00pm   |
| 6 | Thu | Day of Prayer                            | 7.30am - 5.00pm   |
|   |     | ARK Parent and Toddler Club              | 10.00am - 11.30am |
|   |     | Praise and Prayer Meeting, Cornwall Room | 2.30pm - 3.30pm   |
| 7 | Fri | Worthing Stroke Club                     | 2.00pm            |
| 9 | Sun | Remembrance Sunday - Holy Communion      | 8.00am            |
|   |     | Remembrance Service                      | 10.30am           |
|   |     | Evening Service                          | 6.00pm            |

### Speech Therapy sessions in the Church hall 9am to 1pm:-

Monday 29th September, Wednesday 1st October, Friday 3rd October, Monday 6th October, Wednesday 8th October, Friday 10th October, Monday 13th October, Wednesday 15th October, Friday 17th October.

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### Attention all Knitters

I have a large quantity of knitting wool to be sold in aid of the Leprosy Mission. It is mainly Arran and Double knitting, mostly darkish colours, and in varying quantities. Also some white Mohair, and other small amounts - and of well known makes.

Do come to my home - 72 Ripley Road - and look - or get further details from me.

*Florrie Freeman (248014)*

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OUR TEAR FUND EVENT

is on

THURSDAY 16th. OCTOBER

TWO SESSIONS 3.30pm - 4.30pm and 7.30pm - 9.00pm

There will be information available about TEAR FUND

TEARCRAFT items will be on sale

CATALOGUES will be available to make further purchases

In the evening a short TEAR FUND VIDEO will be shown

TEA & BISCUITS will be served at both Sessions

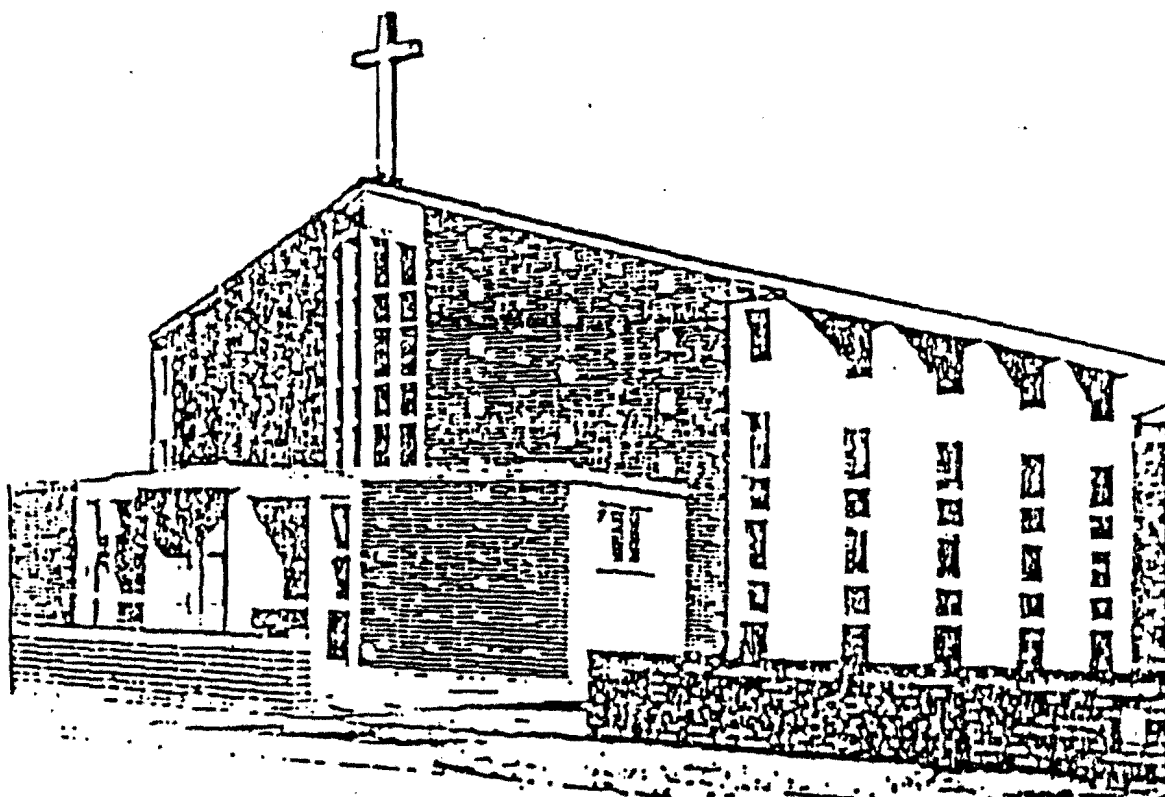
DO COME - YOU WILL ENJOY IT

Irene Dearsley

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## SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

|          |                                                         |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion                                          |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)              |
| 6.00 pm  | Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing) |

## CHURCH OFFICERS

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

## PASTORAL ELDERS' VISITATION AREAS

|                      |        |                       |        |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 Mrs Pheniah Taylor | 246523 | 2 Miss Audrey Gerlack | 501153 |
| 3 Mrs Bett Swierk    | 243194 | 4 Mrs Doreen Norris   | 503783 |
| 5 Mr Geoffrey Dean   | 240376 | 6 Mrs Robin Bradley   | 240908 |
| 7 Mrs Bobby Hitchin  | 249580 | 8 Mr Don Stewart      | 243787 |
| 9 Mr Norman Prattent | 240031 | 10 Mrs Carol Webber   | 690334 |

### For more Information about other activities please enquire from:

|                                          |                           |        |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Ark Parent & Toddler Club                | Mrs Sue Nicholls          | 716521 |
|                                          | Mrs Jane Bond             | 244157 |
| Choir Secretary                          | Mr Michael Ebeling        | 240448 |
| Christian Aid                            | Mr Ian Hennell            | 240560 |
| Chronicle Editor                         | Mr Leslie Montford        | 243698 |
| Church Warden                            | Mr Don Stewart            | 243787 |
| Cradle Roll Secretary                    | Mrs Bett Swierk           | 243194 |
| Flower Secretary                         | Mrs Eileen Heckels        | 248259 |
| Girls' Brigade Captain                   | Mrs Margaret Craghill     | 873806 |
| Junior Church Secretary                  | Mrs Wilma Smith           | 821843 |
| Leprosy Mission                          | Mrs Florrie Freeman       | 248014 |
| Letting Secretary                        | Mrs Lily Collison         | 248861 |
| Little Fishes Play Group                 | Mrs Sue Mitchell          | 531551 |
| Men's Fellowship                         | Mr Ian Hennell            | 240560 |
| Monday Club                              | Miss Jenny Compton        | 240219 |
|                                          | Mrs Bett Swierk           | 243194 |
| Publicity Officer                        | Mrs Christine Sharpe      | 525239 |
| Reform Magazine                          | Mrs Sue Nicholls          | 716521 |
| Serendipity Club                         | Mrs Daphne Eames          | 268489 |
|                                          | Mrs Gaynor Anderson-Easey | 784303 |
| Social Secretary                         | Mrs Sheila Gooderham      | 506452 |
| Tear Fund & Tearcraft                    | Mrs Irene Dearsley        | 690996 |
| The Bible Society                        | Mr Norman Prattent        | 240031 |
| Traidcraft                               | Mrs Christine Sharpe      | 525239 |
| Transport Officer                        | Mr James Hope             | 248539 |
| Women's Guild                            | Miss Audrey Gerlach       | 501153 |
| World Mission Secretary                  |                           |        |
| Worthing & District Stroke Club (Kestro) | Mrs Robin Bradley         | 240908 |

Dear Friends,

We discover with a manageable garden that we really quite enjoy gardening and the relaxation that goes with the work. As all you gardeners will know, gardening is like everything else, if you do the ground work properly, remove old roots, stones and weeds, then you save yourself time in the long run. Planning and preparation are essential if the joys which will come eventually are not to be spoilt by the unexpected or the overlooked problem which will raise its head. Of course, you do not want to pull everything out of the garden either, for it would be foolish to reduce your garden to plain soil so that you could start completely afresh. Where would the joy of seeing some hidden gems suddenly spring up come from? The work of those who have arranged the garden before should not be lightly discarded as we begin to mould and shape flower beds, bushes and other features, and certainly not until they have had a chance to make their impact on you. Perhaps, however, as you look at the garden there are things which need to be moved, and these must be transplanted with care and at the right time. There are things which will need to be pruned and maybe things which do need to be discarded. Then, of course, there are the new things to plant. Deciding where and when is very important and they must be tended with love and care.

There is, of course, one main problem in the planning and preparation of your garden, and that is that really in many ways it is an act of faith. Few flowers or shrubs look as good as they did in the catalogue, and what grows well in someone else's garden may struggle in yours. Then, of course, we are dependent on God to send the right amount of sun and rain, and at the right time, to help the garden grow, for without God's help all the preparing and planting, the planning and the working is in vain. St Paul reminds the church in Corinth that it is God who matters because He makes the plant grow and 'we are partners working together for God'.

Now all this is by way of introducing some thoughts on the proposed 'Worthing Area Ministry'. There can be little or no doubt that change is on the way and we need to be prepared and ready to take full advantage of the new opportunities which will be presented to us. By the time you are reading this, all the churches will have met and discussed the proposals and we will be exploring the outcome of those decisions. However, it is a good chance to look at our own church, our own part of the 'garden'. We will not dig up everything, but what do we feel needs to be pruned? What will need to be removed that new things can be planted and encouraged, and is there anything that needs to be moved to create new areas of growth. Remember, good planning and preparation are vital if the final result is to be as good as we wish.

Many people have asked what we think. Well, like many in the churches we have experienced both 'group ministry' (churches coming together) and 'team ministry' (working alongside other ordained ministers), and so we are not going into this with our eyes closed, as it were. There are, obviously, advantages and disadvantages for everyone, but if we all come in the power of the Holy Spirit then we shall see the Lord do great things. We began by saying that with a 'manageable' garden, gardening could be enjoyable, and the same is true in full-time ministry like everything else. One of the great advantages in Worthing is that there will be three full-time 'gardeners', their selection and how we use them will be vital, but so will the support and encouragement of each church member, for we will be a team together to ensure that the garden God plants here will bloom and flourish.

Please continue to pray for us and our family in these days.

Yours servants in Christ

Peter & Eileen Heckels

**Change of Addresses and telephone numbers**

4 Norman F Redman. Anondale Rest Home, 35 Downview Road 240120

9 Keith & Margaret Wiseman 53 Hollingbury Gdns Findon Valley BN14 OEB 877730

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**Thanks and Appreciation**

Arthur and Olive Birch thank everyone very warmly for their Harvest Festival gifts, and for the flowers they received for their 59th wedding anniversary. God Bless you all.

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Once again I would like to express my thanks to all those who supported me during my recent lengthy stay in a London hospital. Although being so far away I was reminded of your thoughts and prayers through my dear friend Jean with her daily packets to undo, by Doreen's and other's, letters and cards, and by the most beautiful flowers which brought great cheer from our Girls' Brigade. I was particularly touched by the continuing love and reassurance from our dear friends, Mary and William Connelly.

Unfortunately my treatment has not brought me much relief, and I am now learning to accept things as they are. I hope, one day soon, to be well enough to join you all at Morning Worship. God Bless.

**Brenda Brunton**

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After several weeks of not being able to come to church I think I walked into the Harvest afternoon service with new awareness. The immediate welcome, lovely flower arrangements, and the banners, made with such dedicated care and time given! All these things it is so easy to just take for granted.

Thank you, Peter, for the very special Service, and to those who provided a tasty tea afterwards - it gave us the opportunity to meet and talk to others.

A thank you to all who contacted, and prayed for me through difficult weeks.

Lastly, but no means least, thank you, Jane and Eric for always transporting me, and all those who do the same for others, every Sunday.

**Olive Jones**

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I would like to thank all those who have so kindly remembered me in their prayers, and have sent cards and flowers - also the kind enquiries and messages of encouragement sent through Mum, all of which have been appreciated and uplifting.

**Rosemary Kitto**

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As some of you may know, I have been through a rather rough patch, and I felt I wanted to say thank you, for your love and prayers. It was good to know that people were praying for me, and for their general support. It was also noted by my dear Parents, and they are better witnesses than I. I will always remember that. I will also be grateful for the messages I heard coming from our Church pulpit about being strong. The message I got, loud and clear, was when God told Joshua to be determined and confident, and to trust in Him, because He would always be with him. I took that as God speaking to me, too, and that really helped. While I thank God for His love, I thank you as a fellowship for being there for me, while I try to put the bad patch behind me. I won't forget your acts of kindness. Thank you and God bless you.

With love from **Janet (Dean)**

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I visit Mrs Gladys Hoy who is now living at Caer Gwent, Belsize Road. She is so pleased to have news of her Church friends and is very sorry, (due to her failing eyesight) that she is unable to write to you all, instead will you please accept this as a greeting from Gladys to all the fold who know her

**Doreen Norris**

P.S. Gladys has an appointment in November to see an eye specialist. We pray that he can do something to improve her sight.

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Almighty God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

|                 |                                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| David Sibley    | North London                                 |
| Kirsty Craghill | The Lodge, Church House Lane, Witley, Surrey |
| Geoffrey Redman | Chichester College                           |
| Lisa Jackson    | Reading University                           |

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### Action for Dysphasic Adults

We of the above group would like to thank all of you who supported our recent coffee morning. We were delighted. Our final total was £345, a remarkable achievement for a first effort. Thank you again. God Bless you all. Doreen Norris on behalf of A.D.A.

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### The Fruits of Believing

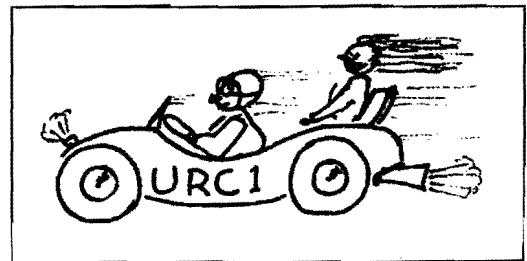
God is like a tractor pulling the trailer of Jesus. Ripe fruits in the trailer are the believers, brought there by the fruit pickers - our spiritual leaders. Rotten fruits are the non-believers, to be cast aside at the end of harvesting. Unripe fruits are those who want to believe, needing the hot-house of the Holy Spirit. The fruit of true life is found in believing. The fruit of true life is found in believing. Don't Vegetate! Let us become Fruits of God!

Written by the young people of Billingshurst U.R.C.

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### TRANSPORT

I know that many of you already bring others to Church in your cars. However, there is a need to have a reserve list of volunteer drivers to cover any future contingencies, particularly occasional trips to Church functions. I would be grateful if anyone willing to help in this way would please contact me.



*Jim Hope (248359)*

### Christians Together in Goring

The next Ecumenical Service will be held at English Martyrs Roman Catholic Church on November 2nd from 6pm.

Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held on Saturday November 8th from 9 to 9.30am at St. Mary's Church of England.

A Healing Service at Bury Drive Methodist Church on Monday November 10th at 7.30pm

A Social evening, by invitation, will be held at St. Laurence's Church of England on November 15th at 7.30pm. On Tuesday December 9th a Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held at Bury Drive Methodist Church from 7.30 to 8.30pm.

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### Social Events

#### Treasure Hunt

Forty adults and children enjoyed their time at Findon Village working out the answers to the clues. The first people arrived back at 4.45pm - the latest time being 5pm - and all made it. After a welcome drink the answers were given, and some people dared to argue with the 'proper' answers! The winners were the Heckles family who fully deserved their prize. We all agreed that this type of social event should be repeated.

Thanks were extended to Do Goodchild without whom this would never have come about.

After the expenses were paid £7.70 was given to the Church funds.

*Sheila Gooderham (Social Secretary)*

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On Saturday 18th October, there was a concert at St. Columba's to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the formation of the United Reformed Church. Twelve people from our church were part of a combined choir of over 50 singers from churches in the West Sussex District, including representatives from Bognor and Chichester. This very enjoyable event was supported by about eight members of our own congregation.

## THE MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Did you know that every month, on the first Thursday, Goring U.R.C. is open for prayer?

At 7.30 in the morning the door is opened and the Church is made available to anyone who would like to come in for a quiet time. At 10.30 a.m. there is a short service of Holy Communion. The door is closed at the end of the day, usually at 5.00 p.m.

It is only possible to make the Church available in this way if we, the people, are available to be present, too. It is best if two people can sit together in the Church, but of course as many as wish to come together may do so.

If you are able to come in and sit for half an hour or so, you are asked to add your name to the list which is made available in the vestibule on the preceding Sunday.

*If someone else has put their name at the time that you are available please write your name too.*

The Minister, Peter Heckels, prepares a sheet with suggested items for prayer throughout the day. People may come in and go out while you sit in the quiet; some from the Revenue building, shoppers passing, or mothers collecting their children from Little Fishes.

In order that this service is available to our local community we need your help. If you are still not sure if you should put your name on the list do not hesitate to speak to the Rev. Peter Heckels, Hilary Redman or any Elder.

We should be so glad of your help.

H. Redman, Church Secretary.

### ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN US

#### MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN CPAS DAY (Church Pastoral Aid Society)

Theme: "GROWING IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH"  
 Led by: John and Jan Gooding of CPAS and Clare Wells.  
 At: Broadwater Baptist Church, Dominion Road, Worthing.  
 On: FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 1997.  
 Time: 9.30 am - 2.30 pm.  
 Bring: Bible, notebook and packed lunch. Drinks provided.  
 Cost £5. There will be a Creche and a Bookstall. All welcome.

#### URC DISTRICT WOMEN'S DAY (for next year's diary).

Theme: "THE BLESSINGS OF JESUS"  
 Led by: Mrs Chris Cox of Worthing  
 At: GORING URC.  
 On: MONDAY 27 APRIL 1998.  
 Time: 10 am - 2.30 pm.  
 Creche and Bookstall provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

Further details from Irene Tuley.



- Where? Goring United Reformed Church Hall  
 When? Saturday 29th November 1997 10.00am-12.30 pm  
 What? Christmas gifts and stationery, preserves, sewing, knitting, plants, cakes, toys. Anything new and hand made that we can sell.  
 Who? Friends, family, neighbours, everyone, the more the merrier.  
 Why? To share fellowship and fun and raise money for our church funds.

## Special attraction ----- Visit Santa in his grotto

It is intended that we set up on the Friday evening from 7.00pm and would like all gifts (except cakes) to be at the church for this time please. If you are unable to get your contributions to the church could you please ring either Eileen or Sheila and we will arrange to collect. We will also need people to oversee the stalls on the Saturday and a list will appear in the vestibule nearer the time for willing people to sign!

If there are any queries please do not hesitate to ask—sometimes it is easier for those organising the event to think everyone knows the details but this is not necessarily the case! Please put this date in your diaries and come along to support us.

Eileen Heckels 248259 Sheila Gooderham 506452



**Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)**

|        |                                                                                                           |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov 7  | Christmas Craft afternoon with Mrs Jean Webb                                                              |
| Nov 14 | Talks and Slides about Royal Lifeboat Institute<br>Mr Jack Langridge                      Cards and Gifts |
| Nov 21 | Board Games - Do not be bored!                                                                            |
| Nov 28 | Bring & Buy Sale - Be ready for Christmas                                                                 |

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**Goring Little Fishes**

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|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Half Term | Monday October 27th to Friday October 31st inc. |
| Term Ends | Friday December 19th at 4pm                     |

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**5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade**

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

**Staff:-**

Captain: Mrs Margaret Craghill, 1 Vale Avenue, Findon Valley, BN14 OBY (873806)

Lieutenants: Linda Gray, Lesley Hood

Auxiliary Workers:- Valerie Hayden, Hannah Honsa, Amanda Nash, Janet Dean

**Display and Awards Evening in the Church on Saturday December 13th at 6.30pm**  
**Church Parade Service December 14th at 10.30am**

We are well into our Autumn Session now. As far as the **Explorers** are concerned they are busy preparing for the **Display** in December, which is more than can be said for Valerie and I. We are having it cushy this session as we have extra help from two of the older girls as they work for their badgework.

We operate a 'Love and Care Scheme' whereby if anyone is ill, or in any other need, or if a family has an addition, or a special birthday, they will get a card from the **5th Worthing Company Girls' Brigade**. Please bring anyone in need, or happy occasion, to **MY** attention so that I can send a card on behalf of our Company of Girls' Brigade. I would be glad of your co-operation in this matter.

If you do not yet know who I am, I usually sit in the middle row of the choir stalls, on the left hand side near the Pulpit, on Sunday mornings. Thank you. God bless you all.

**Janet Dean** (Auxiliary Worker)

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**A ROOF FOR CHRISTMAS IN UKRAINE**

Many of you will remember Richard Tuley sharing with us at a morning service in July about his visit to Ukraine with Revd. Brian Wroe who also spoke to us on a Sunday evening in August concerning the great needs in that country. The Reformed Churches are trying to share the Gospel and help people in a country with enormous economic problems. Poverty is reflected by the fact of 80% unemployment and yet the people are warm and very hospitable. They are keen to offer their skills and time but they lack money to buy materials where buildings are required. The pastor of the church in Nagyzolos, Bela Czironk, mentioned that their members are building a church in faith as money for materials is prayed in. They have an immediate need of £1,500 for roofing materials before the winter.

Our World Church & Mission committee has given £100 from its budget and also a further £500 has been forthcoming through our church. At our Church Meeting in September it was agreed that we make this need known in the hope that there will be others within our fellowship who would like to contribute to this project. If you would like to help provide a roof for the church at Nagyzolos for Christmas please pass on your gift to our treasurer, Roy Gooderham. The Lord will bring blessing through this act of fellowship with our needy brothers and sisters in the Ukraine.

Geoffrey Dearsley

### Active Power 1998 Prayer Handbook

The theme of the 1998 Prayer Handbook reflects 'The Open Book', an initiative of Churches Together in England and The Bible Society, and has emphasis on stories which demonstrate many ways of opening the Bible.

I will order for our usual subscribers unless I am informed to the contrary. New subscribers welcome. You may contact me on Worthing 246523 should you wish to join by early November. The cost of this publication is £1.95. A cassette is available with extracts from the Prayer Handbook useful for the visually impaired and housebound. Cassettes cost £3.00

*Pheniah Taylor*

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### Bookmarks for China

Scripture Union is calling on friends around the world to support a venture with gifts towards the production and distribution costs of one Million Bible Bookmarks for China.

In a joint venture with the China Christian Council, the world-wide family of Scripture Union is supplying Bookmarks to be inserted in Bibles produced by Amity Press in Nanning. Amity Press was set up by the China Christian Council and the United Bible Societies, and has already printed, and distributed, more than 15,000,000 Bibles in China.

The Scripture Union Bookmarks carry a range of cut-paper art designs on Biblical themes by Christian artist Fan Pu. Alongside the illustrations are prayers seeking God's help to understand and obey the Scriptures.

On the reverse the cards seek to encourage people to develop a regular habit of reading the Bible. Some feature the simple four-step method popularised by Scripture Union around the world. Others feature excerpts from the book 'How To Study the Bible', by China's much-loved Bishop K.H. Ting.

Donors giving \$200 (Australian Dollars), or more, will be given their own piece of beautifully crafted cut-paper art on a Biblical theme. This will be a constant reminder of a special link of fellowship with the Church in China.

To make a donation, or for further information, contact : Scripture Union Australia, PO Box 2915, Fitzroy D.C. Victoria 3065, Australia. Or you can contact : Scripture Union East Asia. P.O. Box 58, 46700 Petaling, Jaya. Selangor, Darul Ehsan, Malaysia.

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### Bible Reading Notes for 1998

It is time to place an order for next year's Bible Reading Notes - 'Words for Today' and 'Light for Our Path'. Most themes for 1998 will be based on the Revised Common Lectionary, and by the year 2000 it will be the most common used Lectionary world-wide, giving us linkage with other Christians in our daily devotions. Unless you tell me to the contrary, I will order for our usual subscribers. Cost is £3.99 for 1998.

Also available - A study handbook - 'Finding our Way Together 1998' - for use in Groups. Price £4.99. New Subscribers most welcome, so please contact 246523 for details by early November

*Pheniah Taylor*

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When you sat in your chair in Church today did you notice which way the hymn book and Holy Bible were on the shelf in front of you? Yes - their backs were towards you, weren't they. That was to stop their pages from picking up the dust and making them discoloured. Do you think you might leave them that way when you go out of Church? It doesn't take much just to put them back as you found them. Thanks.

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

### Carol Concert

The Rowland Singers will be giving a Carol Concert in our Church on **Wednesday December 10th at 7.30pm**. Please make a note of the place, time and date. Further details in the December Chronicle.

*Sheila Gooderham*

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|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>President</b> | Mrs Ivy Berry       | <b>Vice-President</b> | Mrs Irene Dearsley |
| <b>Secretary</b> | Miss Audrey Gerlach | <b>Treasurer</b>      | Mrs Joan Burrage   |
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|                  | Mrs P Mott          | Mrs T Sanders         | Mrs B Saunders     |
|                  | Mrs P Walker        | Mrs P Taylor          |                    |

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| Nov 4  | Mrs Mary Campling | Life in Windsor Castle      | 2.45pm |
| Nov 18 | Miss E Willcocks  | The Mildmay Mission History | 2.45pm |

On October 7th Mrs Irene Dearsley opened our meeting with devotions. In welcoming our speaker, Mr Macilroy, of the National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, she spoke of the high regard our much loved member, the late Mrs Ethel Dearsley, had for the work done by the Mission, so it was fitting that this had been our Project for the last year, in her memory. Mr Macilroy spoke of the plight of the men, made so much worse since the new regulations had been laid down on how much, and which, fish they were allowed to catch, and how 'wrong' fish had to be returned to the sea. The task of the Mission was to bring help and comfort to families in preparing them in the event of tragedy, and then to break the sad news that a loved one had been lost. He showed slides of men, at various Missions round the coast, enjoying a few days rest. A councillor is always on hand to help with personal problems, and a Chapel is there for their spiritual needs.

A cheque for £280 was handed to him, together with £60 from a collection. Mr Macilroy thanked the Guild for the generous donation, and for the concern shown for the Mission over the years.

*Betty Hislop*

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### Men's Fellowship

|                            |                                                                                                                                         |                         |                  |
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| <b>President</b>           | Rev Ron Christopher                                                                                                                     | <b>Chairman</b>         | Mr Tom Lyons     |
| <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> | Mr Ian Hennell(240560)                                                                                                                  | <b>Committee Member</b> | Mr Frazer Finlay |
| Nov 4                      | Harris Room - Video - The story of the channel tunnel (with film of Eurostar train journey from London to Paris covered in ten minutes) |                         |                  |
| Nov 18                     | Church Hall - with Women's Guild . Mildmay Mission - second instalment - Miss E Willcocks                                               |                         |                  |

We have one rule - Be friendly!

Subs £1 per session

*Ian Hennell (Secretary)*

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### Paraclete Ministry

Training Course in Pastoral Care 'Called to Care' in the Harris Room on November 4th, 11th, 18th and 21st from 9.30 to 11.30am

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### Churches Together in Worthing

Churches Together in Worthing, working in service with the local community to share the love of Jesus Christ, supply friendship lunches for older people consisting of nutritious 3-course meals.

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| Tuesdays   | New Life Church Hall, Durrington            |
|            | West Worthing Baptist Church, Tarring       |
| Wednesdays | St. Andrew's Church Hall, Ferring           |
|            | Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring         |
|            | Worthing Baptist Church, Central Worthing   |
| Thursdays  | St. Columba's Church Hall, West Worthing    |
| Fridays    | Offington Park Methodist Church, Broadwater |
|            | Findon Valley Free Church, Findon           |

### FEBA Mailing

Monday November 3rd to Tuesday November 4th

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|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|
| 1 Sat  | All Saints Day                                            |            |         |
| 2 Sun  | Service of Holy Communion                                 |            | 8.00am  |
|        | Service of Holy Communion                                 |            | 10.30am |
|        | C.T.G. Evening Service at English Martyrs Catholic Church |            | 6.00pm  |
| 4 Tue  | Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship                          |            | 2.45pm  |
|        | Girls' Brigade                                            | 6.00pm to  | 8.30pm  |
| 5 Wed  | Blood Donor Session Church Hall                           | 9.00am to  | 9.00pm  |
| 6 Thu  | Day of Prayer with Mission Prayers & H/C at 10.30am       | 7.30am to  | 5.00pm  |
|        | Ark Parent & Toddler Club                                 | 10.00am to | 11.30am |
|        | Praise & Prayer Meeting Little Chapel                     | 2.30pm to  | 3.30pm  |
| 7 Fri  | Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)                             |            | 2.00pm  |
| 9 Sun  | Remembrance Sunday                                        |            |         |
|        | Service of Holy Communion                                 |            | 8.00am  |
|        | Family Service                                            |            | 10.30am |
|        | Evening Service                                           |            | 6.00pm  |
| 11 Tue | Girls' Brigade                                            | 6.00pm to  | 8.30pm  |
| 12 Wed | Bible Study 1 Arun Close                                  | 9.15am to  | 11.15am |
| 13 Thu | Ark Parent & Toddler Club                                 | 10.00am to | 11.30am |
| 14 Fri | Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)                             |            | 2.00pm  |
| 16 Sun | Service of Holy Communion                                 |            | 8.00am  |
|        | Family Service                                            |            | 10.30am |
|        | Service of Holy Communion with Healing                    |            | 6.00pm  |
| 18 Tue | Girls' Brigade                                            | 6.00pm to  | 8.30pm  |
|        | Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship                          |            | 2.45pm  |
| 20 Thu | Ark Parent & Toddler Club                                 | 10.00am to | 11.30am |
|        | Praise & Prayer Meeting Little Chapel                     | 2.30pm to  | 3.30pm  |
|        | District Council Meeting, Hounson, Hove                   |            |         |
| 21 Fri | Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)                             |            | 2.00pm  |
| 23 Sun | Service of Holy Communion                                 |            | 8.00am  |
|        | Family Service                                            |            | 10.30am |
|        | Evening Service                                           |            | 6.00pm  |
| 25 Tue | Girls' Brigade                                            | 6.00pm to  | 8.30pm  |
| 26 Wed | Bible Study 1 Arun Close                                  | 9.15am to  | 11.15am |
|        | A.D.A. Meeting Church Hall                                | Noon to    | 5pm     |
| 27 Thu | Ark Parent & Toddler Club                                 | 10.00am to | 11.30am |
|        | Church Meeting                                            |            | 7.30pm  |
| 28 Fri | Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)                             |            | 2.00pm  |
| 29 Sat | Christmas Fayre Church Hall                               | 10.00am to | 12.30pm |
| 30 Sun | Advent Sunday St. Andrew's Day                            |            |         |
|        | Service of Holy Communion                                 |            | 8.00am  |
|        | Family Morning Worship                                    |            | 10.30am |
|        | Family Evening Worship                                    |            | 6.00pm  |

## December

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|--------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|
| 2 Tue  | Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship                |            | 2.45pm  |
|        | Girls' Brigade                                  | 6.00pm to  | 8.30pm  |
| 4 Thu  | Day of Prayer with Holy Communion at 10.30am    | 7.30am to  | 5.00pm  |
|        | Ark Parent & Toddler Club                       | 10.00am to | 11.30am |
| 5 Fri  | C.P.A.S. Day                                    | 9.30am to  | 2.30pm  |
|        | Worthing Stroke Club (Kestro)                   |            | 2.00pm  |
| 10 Wed | Rowland Singers Christmas Concert in our Church |            | 7.30pm  |
| 13 Sat | Girls' Brigade Display & Awards Evening GURC    |            | 6.30pm  |